

# *The Mendham Messenger*

April 2012

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## Mayor's Message

Dear Residents and Business Owners:

The Mayor, Council, and Borough employees have been very busy during the last several months on a number of important projects.

Work has progressed on the Borough's 2012 municipal budget, which we hope to introduce during the next few weeks. As of this writing, the Borough Council's Finance Committee is reviewing the capital budget requests submitted by department heads and determining next year's projects. In considering these capital projects, the finance committee must strike a balance between borrowing (or not borrowing funds) while continuing to pay down our debt. More information on the budget will be available on our website as we move forward.

During the month of April, the Police Chief's Promotional Committee will interview applicants and make a recommendation to the Borough Council on a successor for retiring Police Chief John Taylor. The Council's Public Safety Committee will review the potential promotion of a patrolman to the rank of sergeant and continue considering the replacement of our existing ladder truck in consultation with the Borough's Fire Department.

The Borough Council's Personnel Committee is in the process of performing our annual review of all public employees. They will also begin evaluating resumes and proposals from candidates to serve as our engineering and zoning officers.

The Borough's summer camp will have a new director as Nancy Morales has decided not to return this year. Amanda Sherwin, Nancy's assistant for many years, has been chosen to fill this important role. On behalf of the entire Borough, I would like to thank Nancy for her years of service as our camp director.

Our Ad-Hoc Committee on Shared Services has been meeting monthly with members of the Mendham Township Committee and administration to identify and possibly implement new shared service agreements. The consistent dialogue has kept discussions on track towards completing some of these ideas.

With the help of resident volunteer Adam Slutsky, we have confirmed that the NJDEP has received our application for grant money to help build our loop trail

and other recreational trails. We will also be applying for a NJ American Water Environment Grant, which would provide \$10,000 for an innovative program that helps protect any watershed.

I continue to meet with all of the mayors of each municipality that is a member of the West Morris Regional High School District. Our goal is to conduct a meeting in April with members of our local Boards of Education to further discuss possible funding formula changes and the parameters of a potential feasibility study on the district's configuration.

On a final note, NJ American Water will be flushing the fire hydrants in the Borough this spring. The process will begin on April 23 and will end on May 4.

As always, please contact me or Ellen Sandman, Borough Administrator, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Neil Henry, Mayor*

## Get to Know MASH

Are you a senior or disabled adult looking for affordable housing? Is your parent or relative ready for a change but still wants to live independently?

Mendham Area Senior Housing (MASH) provides housing to seniors and disabled adults in Mendham Borough. We have 40 one-bedroom apartments for income eligible applicants.

MASH also provides transportation services for all seniors or disabled adults in Mendham Borough and Township. Our MASH vehicle brings riders to medical appointments, grocery stores, and senior clubs every week-day. We have weekly exercise and yoga classes, BINGO, movie afternoons, and monthly birthday parties. Our staff is here for assistance Monday to Friday from 9 am to 3 pm.

***MASH needs you!*** Help support these important community members by joining us now during our annual membership drive. An annual MASH membership is just \$10 a year and any additional contribution is tax-deductible. Please send all membership applications and donation checks to: **Mendham Area Senior Housing, One Heritage Manor Drive, Mendham, NJ 07945.**

For more information, call 973 543-2666 or visit [www.mashnj.org](http://www.mashnj.org).



Mendham Borough

LIBRARY

# Celebrating 100 years of books for the Borough

10 Hilltop Road

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[mendhamboroughlibrary.org](http://mendhamboroughlibrary.org)

## Celebrate the Borough Library's Centennial!

Help us commemorate 100 years of bringing books to the Borough by joining us for one of our many special events in April. Since the 1912 start of the Mendham Library Association, the Borough Library has been a central meeting place in our small town holding events and providing books, newspapers and other resources for our residents. To honor that important anniversary, we are inviting every household in the Borough to come and visit the library during April. Tell everyone you know to stop in and check us out for one of the following activities or events.

### ◆ Sign the Giant Map of Mendham

Mark off your house on a giant map of Mendham and receive a coupon for a free DVD rental from the library.

### ◆ Children's Art Contest

Create a picture of your favorite thing about the library or living in Mendham and bring it to the library before Saturday, April 21. All art work will be featured in the Fletcher Gallery the last week in April and grand prizes will be awarded in four different age categories (3 to 5, 6 to 8, 9 to 11, and 12 and up). Stop by the library for details.

### ◆ Enter weekly and final raffles

This is your chance to win four tickets to the American Museum of Natural History each week *and* to win our awesome final prize basket. You must have a library card to enter these raffles so come in and get a card today!

### ◆ Coffee with the Friends of the Mendham Borough Library

*Tuesday, April 10 at 10 am* Come join in a conversation on the state of ebooks and libraries. Also, see how you can help the library and sign up for our newest event – Dine Out Mendham, small dinner parties with special cuisines to benefit the library.

### ◆ Library Open House & Conversation with Mayor Neil Henry

*Thursday, April 26 at 7 pm* Join the Mayor for an update on Borough happenings and our final raffle prize drawing. The Mayor will also award prizes for the children's art contest at this event (see above for more details).

Look for reminders about these events on our website, [www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org](http://www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org) and on our Facebook page.

## April Children's Programs

### Special Spring Break Activities

**Arts & Crafts Day** *Tuesday, April 3 from 11 am to 3 pm*

Join us for a variety of projects at different arts & crafts stations in the Children's Room. There will also be a lanyard craft for older kids in the teen room.

**Lego Club** *Thursday, April 5 from 1 to 2 pm*

Have fun building with your friends. We provide the Legos ~ all ages welcome! Registration recommended.

### Chess Club

*Thursday, April 12 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm*

Learn new tips, improve your game and have fun playing with other students. Hosted by instructor Marty Sobin for children in grades 3 to 8. Registration required.

### Kids Movie Night

*Tuesday, April 17 from 6 to 8 pm*

Put on their pjs and drop off the kids for snacks and the movie *Hop*. Registration required by Friday, April 13 for children ages 5+.

### Fun with Food ~ Spring Cookies

*Friday, April 20 at 3:30 pm. Registration required.*

### Spring Bingo

*Friday, April 27 at 3:30 pm. Registration required.*

### The Fletcher Gallery

The Gallery will feature the varied work of local artist Dolli Botnick. The 98-year old artist discovered her passion for painting later in life. She is also a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and a former real estate agent.

## New Acquisitions at the Library



### Keep An Eye Out For

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| <i>11<sup>th</sup> Hour</i>   | James Patterson       | 5/7  |
| <i>The Proposal</i>           | Mary Balogh           | 5/1  |
| <i>The Sins of the Father</i> | Jeffrey Archer        | 5/8  |
| <i>Stolen Prey</i>            | John Sandford         | 5/14 |
| <i>Porch Lights</i>           | Dorothea Benton Frank | 6/12 |

### Books

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|---|------------------------|------|
| <i>Afterwards</i>                               | Rosamund Lupton        | 4/24 |
| <i>The Apple Orchard</i>                        | Susan Wiggs            | 4/24 |
| <i>The Beginner's Goodbye</i>                   | Anne Tyler             | 4/3  |
| <i>The Big Cat Nap</i>                          | Rita Mae Brown         | 4/3  |
| <i>The Book of Madness and Cures</i>            | Regina O'Melveny       | 4/10 |
| <i>Capitol Murder</i>                           | Phillip Margolin       | 4/3  |
| <i>Come Home</i>                                | Lisa Scottoline        | 4/10 |
| <i>Crystal Gardens</i>                          | Amanda Quick           | 4/24 |
| <i>Daiquiri Dock Murder</i>                     | Dorothy Francis        | 4/11 |
| <i>Death Comes Silently</i>                     | Carolyn Hart           | 4/3  |
| <i>Dorchester Terrace</i>                       | Anne Perry             | 4/17 |
| <i>Drop Dead Healthy</i>                        | A. J. Jacobs           | 4/10 |
| <i>Farther Away: Essays</i>                     | Jonathan Franzen       | 4/24 |
| <i>Giant George</i>                             | Dave Nasser            | 4/10 |
| <i>Gypped</i>                                   | Carol Higgins Clark    | 4/3  |
| <i>The Innocent</i>                             | Dave Baldacci          | 4/17 |
| <i>Last Will</i>                                | Liza Marklund          | 4/10 |
| <i>Let's Pretend This Never Happened</i>        | Jenny Lawson           | 4/17 |
| <i>The Lifeboat</i>                             | Charlotte Rogan        | 4/3  |
| <i>The Limpopo Academy of Private Detection</i> | Alexander McCall Smith | 4/3  |
| <i>The Lost Years</i>                           | Mary Higgins Clark     | 4/3  |
| <i>Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake</i>          | Anna Quindlen          | 4/24 |
| <i>Making Babies</i>                            | Anne Enright           | 4/2  |
| <i>Martha's American Food</i>                   | Martha Stewart         | 4/24 |
| <i>More Than You Know</i>                       | Penny Vincenzi         | 4/3  |
| <i>My Happy Days in Hollywood</i>               | Garry Marshall         | 4/24 |
| <i>Ninety Days</i>                              | Bill Clegg             | 4/10 |
| <i>Paris in Love</i>                            | Eloisa James           | 4/17 |
| <i>Prague Fatale</i>                            | Philip Kerr            | 4/12 |
| <i>Sacre Bleu</i>                               | Christopher Moore      | 4/3  |

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| <i>The Shoemaker's Wife</i>  | Adriana Trigiani   | 4/3  |
| <i>Angel of the Dark</i>     | Sidney Sheldon     | 4/3  |
| <i>Sunrise Point</i>         | Robyn Carr         | 4/24 |
| <i>Trickle Down Tyranny</i>  | Michael Savage     | 4/3  |
| <i>True Sisters</i>          | Sandra Dallas      | 4/24 |
| <i>Unholy Night</i>          | Seth Grahame-Smith | 4/10 |
| <i>Unnatural Acts</i>        | Stuart Woods       | 4/24 |
| <i>What Doesn't Kill You</i> | Iris Johansen      | 4/17 |
| <i>The Witness</i>           | Nora Roberts       | 4/17 |

### Audio Books

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| <b>Adult</b>             |                  |
| <i>Believing the Lie</i> | Elizabeth George |
| <i>Killing Lincoln</i>   | Bill O'Reilly    |
| <i>Taken</i>             | Robert Crais     |

### Large Print

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| <i>The Hunger Games Trilogy:</i>                      | Suzanne Collins    |
| <i>Hunger Games, Catching Fire, &amp; Mocking Jay</i> |                    |
| <i>Victims</i>  | Jonathan Kellerman |

### DVDs

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| <i>A Mile in His Shoes</i>                  | 1/10 |
| <i>The Adventures of TinTin</i>             | 3/13 |
| <i>Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked</i> | 3/27 |
| <i>Carnage</i>                              | 3/20 |
| <i>Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close</i>  | 3/27 |
| <i>Hop</i>                                  | 3/23 |
| <i>Immortals</i>                            | 3/6  |
| <i>The Iron Lady</i>                        | 4/10 |
| <i>Like Crazy</i>                           | 3/6  |
| <i>Martha, Marcy, May, Marlene</i>          | 2/21 |
| <i>Mission: Impossible Ghost Protocol</i>   | 4/17 |
| <i>Neverland</i>                            | 3/13 |
| <i>The Mighty Macs</i>                      | 2/21 |
| <i>War Horse</i>                            | 4/3  |
| <i>The Way</i>                              | 2/21 |
| <i>We Bought a Zoo</i>                      | 4/3  |

### **Mendham Borough Historical Society Meeting** *Tuesday, April 24 at 7:30 pm, Garabrant Center*

Eric Sletteland, a Pitney family member and current resident of the Pitney Farm, will discuss this historic property which is one of the oldest in Mendham. Mr. Sletteland, a member of the Pitney Farm Transition Committee, will review it's future and share historic photos, artifacts and memorabilia.

### **Discounts on Museum Tickets**

Show your Mendham Borough Library Card at the Liberty Science Center and receive \$3 off admission. Spring Break is a great time to get out and enjoy our local museums!



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## Borough Calendar for April 2012

### Curbside Bulk Pickup

Mondays, April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Recycle - Thursdays, April 5 & 19

**Borough Council Meeting** - at the Garabrant Center,  
8 pm on Monday, April 2 & 16 and 6 pm on Monday,  
April 23

**Planning Board Meeting** - at the Garabrant Center,  
8 pm on Monday, April 9

**Board of Adjustment** - at the Garabrant Center,  
7:30 pm on Tuesday, April 3

**Environmental Commission** - at the Phoenix House,  
8 pm on Thursday, April 19

**Recreation Commission** - at the Phoenix House,  
7:30 pm on Wednesday, April 11

**Historic Preservation Commission Meeting** - at the  
Phoenix House, 7:30 pm on Monday, April 16

**Board of Education Meeting** - in the Hilltop School  
Cafeteria, 7:30 pm on Tuesday, April 24

### Cosma Park Clean Up

*Saturday, April 21 from 10 am to 1 pm*

Bring your buckets, rakes and gloves and meet at  
the Lake Drive Trailhead. Student volunteers will be  
awarded service points. Join the Borough Environment  
Commission in keeping Mendham beautiful. For more  
information email [lorraine.felber@gmail.com](mailto:lorraine.felber@gmail.com).

## Sweatshirt Sale



Mendham Junior Woman's Club is selling sweatshirts to raise  
money for the AED - Play it Safe campaign

\$35 - includes optional name printed on back  
**Available in navy or red for youth and adult.**

For more information please call Jenna at  
973-479-5558 or email [jfr@pinchsitters.com](mailto:jfr@pinchsitters.com)

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