

The Mendham Messenger

September 2014

Mayor's Update

Dear Residents & Business Owners:

I hope that you all enjoyed your summer and are now preparing to head into the busy fall season. Our fall begins with several community events including the annual Labor Day Carnival, sponsored by the Pastime Club, and the Labor Day Parade, sponsored by the Borough of Mendham. We are hoping that you are also planning to come out to participate in the Harvest Hustle 5K Run and the Mountain View School Eighth Grade Family Fun Fair on Saturday, September 27.

Councilman Andrus, Councilwoman Daily, Interim Administrator Casey and I have spent much of the summer screening applicants for the borough administrator position. While we received many resumes, the group was able to cull the list down to six and, as of this writing, have reduced it down to a final list of three. All of the finalists are well qualified and each would bring a unique set of skills to our municipal government. Having three finalists gives the mayor and council the opportunity to make a considered choice which will benefit the borough for years to come. The finalists are scheduled for interviews with the search committee and the best two will be brought to the full borough council for further discussions. After I receive feedback from the council, the administrator appointment will be submitted for approval by the borough council. I hope to have an administrator in place by the end of September.

The mayor and council have also identified final candidates for the position of tax collector and part-time secretary in our police department. I hope to have the tax collector in place by September 2 and the police secretary on board by the middle September.

Have you noticed mark out stakes at various intersections along Mountain Avenue? They have been put in place by our engineering department as part of the reconstruction and road paving project on Mountain Ave. Curb cuts are required as part of the ADA act and are also required of those municipalities (like Mendham Borough) that are applying for grants.

Dr. Ross Haber of Millstone has been selected by the Mayors of the Mendhams and Chesters to conduct a feasibility study exploring the advantages and disadvantages of various re-configuration options for the West Morris Regional High School District. Dr. Haber has already held an initial meeting with the Mayors and expects to complete his work by late January or early February of 2015.

Once again a special thank you to this year's Grand Marshall of the Labor Day Parade, Dave Crotsley. Dave is a long-time resident of town and has spent countless hours with the Mendham Fire Department and serving as Superintendent of Public Works. Congratulations Dave, the recognition is well deserved.

Sincerely,

Neil Henry
Mayor

The 2014 8th Grade Family Fun Fair Mountain View School

100 Dean Road, Mendham
Saturday, September 27, 2014

11 AM to 3 PM



50/50 Raffle / Bake Sale / Refreshments
Bucket and Silent Auctions / Games and Crafts

Proceeds benefit the Class of 2015's
8th Grade Trip to Washington, DC

Please join us after the
Harvest Hustle for food and fun!

Questions?
Please contact Elise Lam at
hoodoos@verizon.net



Mendham Borough
LIBRARY

News from the Mendham Borough Library

10 Hilltop Road 973 543-4152 www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org

An Evening with Friends

*Saturday, October 25
7 to 9 pm*

*A cocktail party with music
hosted by
Bill & Donna Stack*

\$75 donation per person

*Tickets & information available
at the Mendham Borough Library*

Adult Programs for September

Please register for these programs by coming in or calling.

How to Houseplants

*presented by Sterling Horticultural.
Thursday, September 18 at 7 pm*

Learn how to successfully prepare houseplants as you transfer them inside for the winter and how to keep them healthy once they are inside. Slides and hand-outs will address specific plants and their care and merits. Please join us for this informative presentation by Marc E. Zukovich.



Perks for Seniors

*Presented by Joe Robbins
Friday, September 19 at 1 pm*

“Perk” is a common abbreviation of “Perquisite” which has several meanings including: a right reserved exclusively by a particular person or group. The number of senior perks continues to grow along with the senior population. From a vendor’s or service provider’s perspective, a senior perk is a marketing or communication tool. From a senior’s perspective, they can definitely be worth seeking or requesting. Unfortunately, many senior perks are not obvious if we don’t search for them or ask for them. Mendham senior Joe Robbins will share information about the “perks” you may be missing and hopes to perhaps learn of other “perks” that you may have discovered.

Yoga at the Mendham Borough Library

Yoga classes will begin again this fall with 8:30 classes on Tuesday *and* Thursday mornings taught by Karen Lonergan. Classes will only be held if there are enough sign ups. The cost for either 8-week session is \$40; the cost for both is \$80. Drop-ins are welcome for an \$8 fee per class. The Tuesday session will run from September 9 to October 28 and the Thursday session will run from September 11 to October 30. Sign up at the library. Payments and 2014 Release Form due at sign up.

How you can help. . .

Help make the library party a great time for all by supporting this important fundraiser.

Local businesses can help the event by donating an item for the silent auction or advertising in the commemorative program. Such corporate sponsorship ranges from \$25 to \$200 based on ad size. The ads must be submitted by October 4 either camera ready or by email in either MS Word or Publisher. For more information, please contact Director Jan Perrier at jan.perrier@mendhamboroughlibrary.org.

We are also looking for people to prepare hors d’oeuvres or desserts and to set up before or assist during the event. Please stop in the library to sign up to make food or call Jan at 973 543-4152 if you are interested in helping.



Wednesday Computer Classes

Join us at 1 pm. For Mendham Borough Library cardholders only. Please call the library for more information or to register.

September 3: iPad & iPhone for Beginners



September 10: Zinio- FREE Digital Magazines

Learn to download current magazines to your tablet. You need to bring your tablet to class. If using an iPad you need ISO 6.0 or higher.



September 17: Free Apps for the iPad

Learn about the latest and greatest FREE apps for your iPad. Apple ID password needed.



September 24: Using Google Drive

Google Drive is a cloud storage service that allows you to store documents, photos, videos, and more online. From Drive, you can also use Google Docs, Google Sheets, and other applications to create and edit various types of files.



Check out our repaired roof

Many patrons have already noticed how nice the front of the library is looking. With the help of a grant from the A.P. Kirby, Jr. Foundation we were able to do some much needed repairs to our slate roof. Included in the project were the restoration of the building's built-in copper gutters and downspouts, flashing replacement and repairs to the slate roof. Also installed were new copper snow guards on the front and back roofs. Working with J. Wilson Enterprises, we made sure all repairs were historically accurate.



A Friendly Reminder

Please do not use the Library parking lot for Hilltop School drop off or after-school pick up. We need our limited spaces for library patrons. Thank you!



Fizz ,Boom, Read!! Highlights from the Library's Summer Programs

What do rockets, catapults, ice cream, soda and mini-volcanos have in common? They were all the subjects of science experiments conducted this summer at the Borough Library's Wednesday Science Club in July. Focusing on the nation-wide summer reading theme of science with its slogan, *Fizz, Boom, Read*, the Borough Library also held live animal shows with *Rizzo's Reptiles* and *Eyes of the Wild*, conducted chemistry experiments in the cemetery and held an eggstronaut competition.



Daniel Malikov, David & Ian Braun



Staff member
Drew Douglas

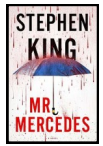
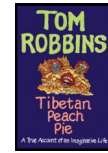
The Summer Reading Programs resulted in many reading hours for all of the adults, teens and elementary school children who took part. Reading countless books, 83 kids logged 1,500 hours of reading and enjoyed coming in for their weekly prizes and the end of the season ice cream and prize party. Our 20 teen participants read a total of 60 books. Our adult readers turned in 79 reviews of the books they most enjoyed and were then entered to win weekly prizes. We also hosted 206 campers from the Mendham Day Camp for weekly craft and story hours throughout the summer.

Thanks to everyone who participated and kids don't forget to sign up for our Winter Reading Challenge. More information about this program will be posted in *The Messenger* and on our website.



Eyes of the Wild

New Acquisitions at the Mendham Borough Library



Fiction Books

One Plus One
The Son
Invisible
Eden in Winter
The Leftovers
The Lost Island
All Things Murder
The Directive
Tibetan Peach Pie
Landline
The Awakening of Miss Prim
China Dolls
The Complete Works of William Shakespeare
The Girls of August
The Heist
A Perfect Life
The Catch
The Vacationers
A Wedding in Provence
Miracle in a Dry Season
Act of War
The House on Mermaid Point
The Beekeeper's Ball
Delancey
Swan Point
Cut and Thrust
Queen of Hearts
Shots Fired
9 Lives to Die
Wayfaring Stranger
The Dead Will Tell
Seagrass Pier
Power Play
A Colder War
Texas True
For All Time
The Truth about the Harry Quebert Affair
Midnight in Europe
The Silkworm
Take Me Home
Fast Track
Fallen Too Far
Top Secret
Driving with the Top Down
I am Pilgrim
Deserves to Die
Remains of Innocence
The Queen of the Tearling

Jojo Moyes
 Jo Nesbo
 James Patterson
 R. North Patterson
 Tom Perrotta
 Douglas Preston
 Jeanne Quigley
 Matthew Quirk
 Tom Robbins
 Rainbow Rowell
 N. Fenollera
 Lisa See
 William Shakespeare
 Anne R. Siddons
 Daniel Silva
 Danielle Steel
 Taylor Stevens
 Emma Straub
 Ellen Sussman
 S. Loudin Thomas
 Brad Thor
 Wendy Wax
 Susan Wiggs
 Molly Wizenberg
 Sherryl Woods
 Stuart Woods
 Rhys Bowen
 C. J. Box
 Rita Mae Brown
 James Lee Burke
 Linda Castillo
 Colleen Coble
 Catherine Coulter
 Charles Cumming
 Janet Dailey
 Jude Deveraux
 Joel Dicker
 Alan Furst
 Robert Galbraith
 Dorothy Garlock
 Julie Garwood
 Abbi Glines
 W.E.B. Griffin
 Beth Harbison
 Terry Hayes
 Lisa Jackson
 J. A. Jance
 Erika Johansen

Sight Unseen
Born of Fury
Mr. Mercedes
The City
You Should Have Known
The Home Place
My Paris Kitchen
California
Dear Daughter
Chinese Cooking for Diamond Thieves
Before We Kiss
Designated Daughters

Non-Fiction Books

Animal Madness
Plan Your Estate
Hard Choices
Boycraft: Loads of Things to Make For and With Boys
Small Engines and Outdoor Power Equipment
Scalia: A Court of One
The Romanov Sisters
Help Your Kids with Computer Coding
American Birding Association Field Guide

Books on CD

6th Extinction
All The Light We Cannot See
The Arsonist
China Dolls
Colder War
Ghost Ship
Mr. Mercedes
One Plus One
The Silkworm

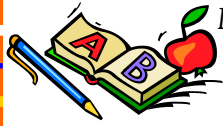
James Rollins
 Anthony Doerr
 Sue Miller
 Lisa See
 Charles Cummings
 Clive Cussler
 Stephen King
 Jojo Moyes
 Richard Galbraith

DVDs

300: Rise Of An Empire 3D
The Amazing Spider-Man 2
An American Girl: Isabelle Dances into the Spotlight
Bad Words
Boardwalk Empire: Season 4
Endless Love
Heaven Is For Real
Joe
Labor Day
Masters of Sex
Noah
The Other Woman
Stalingrad
Transformers: Age of Extinction
Winter's Tale



KIDS' FALL PROGRAMS



Please sign up for the following programs by calling or stopping into the library.

Phone: 973-543-4152 or visit us at 10 Hilltop Road, Mendham NJ

www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org



Weekly Programs

Toddler Sing-A-Long
(beginning September 8)

Mondays at 10:30 am

Ms. Mary is back to play guitar and lead our littlest patrons in song and play.

Afterschool Book Groups (beginning the week of September 15)

Mondays 3:15 pm

1st & 2nd graders

Tuesdays 3:15 pm

Kindergarten Kids

Wednesdays 3:15 pm

3rd & 4th graders

Thursdays 2:00 pm

Pre-K

3:30 pm

Middle School Book Club



Special Programs

Back-to-School Bingo with cool prizes

Friday, September 12 at 3:15 pm

Celebrate the return to school with a fun game of BINGO. Open to all ages.

Family Movie Night: *Muppets Most Wanted*

Wednesday, September 17 at 6 pm

Come along on a perilous journey with the ever-popular Muppets. Drinks and popcorn are provided; open to children of all ages.

Teen Movie Night: *Divergent*

Wednesday, September 24 at 6 pm

Beatrice Prior must make a choice that will change her life forever. Which part of her will she choose her selflessness or her courage? Come watch and see what she chooses at the library. Drinks and popcorn will be provided. Movie is rated PG-13.

Fairy Tale Fair

Saturday, October 4 at 10:30 am

Knights and Princesses from all around are invited to come in their best royal dress for our grand fair. We will enjoy a special visit with Queen Elsa from Disney's *Frozen* who will lead everyone in fun and games. Space limited. Preference given to Mendham Borough residents.

Monthly Programs

Lego Club

First Meeting: Saturday, September 20 at 12 pm

Bring your imagination and the library will supply the Legos. Build different Lego creations with all your friends! This popular group for all ages meets the third Saturday of every month.

Teen Library Council

First meeting: Wednesday, October 1 at 6:30 pm

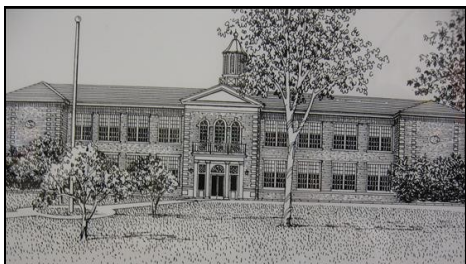
For middle and high school students. Have fun discussing and previewing new books and planning activities. Volunteer opportunities also available to the group throughout the year. The group will meet the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

Knitting Club

First meeting: Friday, October 10 at 3:30 pm

Always wanted to know how to make your own beautiful scarves and hats? Learn how on the second Friday of each month at 3:30 pm. Open to those in 3rd grade up.

News from the Mendham Borough Schools



Superintendent's Message

The beginning of another exciting and productive school year is here and there is no better way to begin than with state recognition for the dedication and hard work of our school community. It is with great excitement that I share that the NJ Department of Education has designated Hilltop and Mountain View Schools as "Reward Schools" once again for the 2013-2014 school year. Hilltop is being recognized for High Growth and Mountain View is being recognized for High Achievement.

In addition, Hilltop is being recognized as one of only 23 Exemplary Title I Schools receiving a one-time monetary award of over \$26,000. It is through the commitment and hard work of our students, support of their parents and the unwavering dedication of our administration and staff that we continue to pursue and achieve excellence. Here are some highlights of what's been recently accomplished in the district:

- The repair and increased security to the Window Wall at Hilltop paid in part through the successful application and receipt of an ROD Grant.
- The use of capital reserve funds for a much needed refurbishment of the Mountain View roof.
- The completion and adoption of a District Strategic Plan that will guide the work of the Mendham Borough School District over the next four years.
- Technology upgrades in the district infrastructure as well as increased internet bandwidth in both buildings and the purchase of more than 215 new computers consisting of laptops, desktops and Chromebooks to support 21st century learning.
- The development of new 21st Learning Skills courses at Mountain View: *Intro to Google and Digital Citizenship*, *Intro to Digital Authoring Tools*, *Advanced Audio and Video Production* and *Global Collaboration and Communication*.
- Hiring of a part-time school counselor for Hilltop School to promote social and emotional learning.

I would also like to welcome Mr. James Rollo as Business Administrator and Board Secretary. Mr. Rollo has experience as a high school computer science and social studies teacher. He served as the Director of Technology in the Bernards Township School District in Basking Ridge for eight years before also becoming the Assistant Business Administrator in 2012. Mrs. Carol Dacey will join him as the Assistant Business Administrator. I look forward to working with Mr. Rollo to develop efficient financial practices that will support strong fiscal management while preserving our outstanding PK-8 educational programming.

Mendham Borough Schools' Home School Association continues to be a vital link between parents and our schools. Their fundraising and outreach efforts are deeply appreciated by the district. HSA events will be posted on the school website, www.mendhamboro.org, where you will also find a direct link to their newly designed website. I encourage you to check in periodically to see how you can participate in events through the year.

Our district staff has been working all summer to ready the schools for opening day. We look forward to greeting our students and families on Thursday, September 4.

My goal is to continue the tradition of excellence in the Mendham Borough schools. I invite parents and community members to become involved and reach out to me at any time with questions, comments and suggestions.

Mitzi N. Morillo, Ed.M.

morillo@mendhamboroschools.org

6th Annual Harvest Hustle & Kids' Fun Run *September 27 from 8 - 11 am*

The Mendham Borough HSA invites everyone - serious runners, joggers and walkers - to come out in support of Mendham Borough Schools and the Sergeant Richard Morales Scholarship Fund with a beautiful walk/run through our historic borough.

Join us for this USATF-certified course, plenty of prizes, awards, race expo and fun for the family. Activities kick off at 8 am in Mendham Borough Park on Mountain Ave. Visit mendhamboro.org for details, scan the QR code or register at <https://harvesthustle.sites.runsignup.com/register/>



Be Bear Safe

“Black bear sightings and incidents across the state, in general, have declined for the past few years, especially as we reduce the number of bears overall and people better understand how to coexist with them,” said Dave Chanda, director of the State Division of Fish and Wildlife. “However, in some areas of the state where bears have been far less common, residents may be alarmed to encounter bears. We urge people to be cautious when encountering bears, but there is no need for alarm.”

You can reduce the risk of interactions with bears by taking a few simple steps. Most important, do not feed bears, intentionally or unintentionally. Bears that learn to associate food with people, and their homes and living areas, can become nuisance bears that forage in neighborhoods looking for easy sources of food. It is illegal to intentionally feed black bears in New Jersey and punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000. But a more common problem is unintentional bear feeding by homeowners. Secure your trash and eliminate obvious sources of food, such as pet food on decks, easy-to-reach bird feeders, or food residues left in barbecue grills. In areas regularly frequented by bears, livestock and beehives should be protected with properly installed electric fences.

The following tips can help:

- Use certified bear-resistant garbage containers if possible and wash garbage containers frequently with a disinfectant solution to remove odors. Put out garbage on collection day, not the night before.
- Avoid feeding birds when bears are active.
- Immediately remove all uneaten food and food bowls used by pets fed outdoors.
- Clean outdoor grills and utensils to remove food and grease residue. Store grills securely.
- Do not place meat or any sweet foods in composts.
- Remove fruit/nuts that fall from trees in your yard.
- Properly installed electric fencing is an effective way of protecting crops, beehives and livestock.
- If you encounter a bear remain calm and do not run. Make sure the bear has an escape route. Avoid direct eye contact, back up slowly and speak with a low, assertive voice.

Report bear damage, nuisance behavior or aggressive bears to the Wildlife Control Unit of the DEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife at (908) 735-8793.

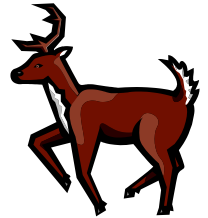


During evenings and weekends, residents should call their local police department or the DEP Hotline at (877) WARN-DEP.

To learn more about avoiding problems with black bears visit: http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/bearfacts_education.htm and http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/bearfacts_avoid.htm For more information on the Christie Administration's Comprehensive Black Bear Management Plan, visit: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/fgw/bearpolicy10.htm>

Deer Management Program

The Mendham Borough Police Department will again be overseeing the Deer Management Program for the 2014 season. This will start on September 13 and end in February. This program helps reduce potentially dangerous motor vehicle crashes that involve deer and it helps prevent the damage that deer cause to landscape and agriculture. Archery hunters will be stationed in some municipal parks and also on participating private properties throughout Mendham Borough. Most hunting will take place during dusk and dawn. If you would like to have your property evaluated for the possibility of joining this program, please contact Detective Christopher Irons at 973-543-7827 or irons@mendhamnj.org.



Talk on the Stanley Brothers: Inventors of the Stanley Steam Car at Mendham Historical Society Meeting *Tuesday, September 23 at 7:45 pm* *at the Garabrant Center*

Join Sarah Stanley for her talk on *The Stanley Twins: Inventors of the Stanley Steam Cars and More*. This slide-illustrated program will highlight the Stanley twins' lives, achievements, family, and connections to Chatham, NJ, beginning in 1867 including their photography, steam cars and the Stanley Hotel in CO. Ms. Stanley is the great granddaughter of inventor Francis E. Stanley and has a passion for early American history. The Stanleys run and maintain a collection of early American cars, 1899 to 1931, including three Stanley Steam Cars and an early electric car. The public is invited; parking and program are free.



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Borough Calendar for September 2014

Curbside Bulk Pickup—Tuesday, September 2 & Mondays, September 8, 15, 22 & 29

Recycle - Thursdays, September 4 & 18

Borough Council Meetings - at the Garabrant Center, 8 pm on Tuesday, September 2 & Monday, September 15

Board of Adjustment - at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Thursday, September 4

Open Space Advisory Committee - at the Phoenix House, 7 pm on Thursday, September 11

Planning Board Meeting - at the Garabrant Center, 8 pm on Monday, September 8

Recreation Meeting - at the Phoenix House, 7:30 pm on Wednesday, September 10

Environmental Commission - at the Phoenix House, 8 pm on Thursday, September 18

Historic Preservation Commission - at the Phoenix House, 7:30 pm on Monday, September 15

Board of Education - in the Hilltop School Cafeteria, 7:30 pm on Tuesday, September 23

Schiff Nature Preserve

Schiff Nature Preserve is our town's greatest hidden gem! You can reach our Nature Center and main parking lot at 339 Pleasant Valley Road ~ just at the junction of Union School House and Mosle Roads. We have more than 14 miles of marked trails for hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding. Check out our online calendar at www.SchiffNaturePreserve.org to view upcoming events. October programs include:



Environmental Book Group Meeting

Tuesday, October 21, 7-8:30 pm

We will discuss *Saving the Great Swamp: The People, the Power Brokers, and an Urban Wilderness* by Cam Cavanaugh.

Volunteer Day

Sunday, October 26, 9 am-noon.

We'll provide the tools and you provide the help to tackle lots of practical projects across our Preserves, including storm cleanup, trail maintenance and marking, garden maintenance, and the like.

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