

# The Mendham Messenger

December 2019

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## Mayor's Update

Dear Resident and Business Owner,

Winter and the holiday season is upon us! It's been a busy year here in Mendham with Council approving expenditures for major maintenance needs to our wastewater treatment facility as well as new tennis courts. Meanwhile, our Administration has been finding savings through streamlining of our phone system, qualifying our public buildings for an energy efficiency program, and arranging for new energy-efficient garage doors for our emergency services buildings. Now it's time to relax a little, fill your kitchen with the smells of warmed baked goods and slow cooked meals, start up a fire and make some special memories with family, friends and your pets.

## Happenings

There will be a lot going on in December that you won't want to miss.

For the first time to my knowledge we will be lighting up our "Crown Jewels". For years I heard our former historian, Charlie Topping, tell about how Mendham was the last town in New Jersey to still have its original four cornerstone buildings. Now I can't personally attest to that, but we can celebrate our center of town, nonetheless. The owners of the Black Horse Restaurant, Grant Homes and Robinson Drug Shop will join the Phoenix House in a warm glow of lights showing off their historic prominence in town.

Get ready for the Holidays, Mendham Seniors!! A special Christmas holiday luncheon and show will take place Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Huntington Hills Playhouse. It will be an extravaganza of music, singing and dancing; just the right event to get you in the jingle bell state of mind. For more information and tickets please contact Mary Cillo at (201) 400-7222.

This past October we were visited by a resident of the Township to share with us about a group of families purchasing a large display Menorah. They want residents to know that they will host The Mendhams' first Menorah lighting at Borough Park on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30PM. They welcome you all to bundle up and come join your neighbors for this first

annual event.

## Who's Who in Mendham

Bruce Dibisceglie has been Mendham's Director of Recreation 17 years. Over these years he has brought his own expertise and personality to our program of fun. What was once a simple department of managing field use has grown into entertainment for all in town.

Bruce has been a special education teacher for 17 years, and teaches technology, music, Spanish and business. He has an undergrad degree from Rutgers in business administration and marketing and a master's in information technology from Stevens Institute. Clearly, never one to just sit around, Bruce was also a soccer coach and referee for high school teams for years. In his youth he toured with a rock band around the US and Canada.

As you can see from his background, Bruce relied on his skills and expanded our outdoor entertainment over the years to include drive-in movies, summer band series, food truck festival and summer day camp. His list of contributions to our town goes on and on.

Bruce tells me that the Mendham community has impressed him over the years and that the work never feels tired or old because of the enthusiasm and help that residents, staff and the Recreation Committee members bring to the party.

Speaking of party, come say hello to Bruce and his lovely wife Kathy as they serve up hot cocoa as they have done for years together at the MBA annual tree lighting in Borough Park.

Thank you for a wonderful year, Mendham!

Warmly,

Christine Serrano Glassner  
Mayor

**Holly Trail** - The Mendham Business Association and Recreation Department will once again sponsor the Holly Trail on Saturday, December 7th. Go to [mendhambusiness.com](http://mendhambusiness.com) or [mendhamnj.org](http://mendhamnj.org) for more information.





Mendham Borough  
LIBRARY

# News from the Mendham Borough Library

10 Hilltop Road 973-543-4152 [www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org](http://www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org)

## For Kids in December

*Programs are for all ages unless otherwise noted.*

*\*Denotes registration required.*

### Toddler Sing-Along

Mondays @ 10:30 am

### Kindness Club—Ages 5+

Mondays, December 2-16th @ 3:30 pm

Color cards and make crafts to send over to our friends at MASH and Holly Manor.

### Creative Writing Circle—Grades 5+\*

Wednesday, December 4th & 11th @ 3:30 pm

### Baby Playtime

Fridays @ 10:30 am

### Maker Space: Snow\* - Ages 5+

Thursday, December 5th @ 3:30 pm

Join us as we make cotton ball snowmen and our own fake snow out of just 2 household ingredients.

### Holly Trail Crafternoon

Saturday, December 7th @ 10:30 am—1:30 pm

Come in from the cold for some holiday cheer and color your OWN winter mini tote bag. Our library will be a favorite stop this year on the Holly Trail.

### Family Gingerbread Workshop\*

Wednesday, December 18th @ Session 1, 3:30—4:30 pm or Session 2, 5:00—6:00 pm

In this special Edible Art event families will come together to build and decorate a beautiful and delicious gingerbread home. Space is extremely limited.

### Fun Food Workshop\* - Ages 5+

Thursday, December 12th @ 3:30 pm

Join us for some winter food fun with our Shoprite Dietician Ms. Stacie!

## 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Graduation

Saturday, December 14th @ 11:00 am

Our yearly 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten ceremony to celebrate those who have completed the 1,000 books and those that are halfway there. Parents and grandparents invited to attend those honored.

### Read to a Dog

Thursday, December 19th @ 3:30 pm

### New Year's Eve Party\* - Ages 6 and under

Tuesday, December 31st @ 11:00 am

Celebrate the New Year with us as we count down to noon. Join us or a story, craft, music and more.

## Adult Programs in December

### Women's Heart Health

Friday, December 6th at 1 pm

Margaret Erath is a

Community Educator with WomenHeart: the National Coalition for Women Living

with Heart Disease. She will be presenting on the impact of heart disease on women. Margaret is a heart disease survivor. She will share her personal journey with heart disease, and provide information about symptoms, prevention, statistics, and support. Contrary to popular belief, heart disease will impact more women than all cancers combined! Come learn more about this important issue. Sign-up required.



### Holiday Fraud

Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30 pm

Fraud is a huge topic as its happening not only to the elderly but everyone. Michael Caruso from Peapack Gladstone Bank will be discussing Holiday fraud and what you can do to protect yourself. Space is limited. Sign up today!



## Annual Hilltop Christmas Concert - December 15th

Hilltop Presbyterian Church will present its Annual Christmas Concert on Sunday afternoon, December 15, 2019 at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary. Adults: \$15, students: \$10.

This concert has been a full house in the past, so don't delay! Call the church office for more information at [973-543-4012](tel:973-543-4012) ext 10.

## New Books & DVDs

### Fiction

<i>A Bitter Feast</i>	Crombie, Deborah
<i>A Book of Bones</i>	Connolly, John
<i>A Christmas Gathering</i>	Perry, Anne
<i>A Cruel Deception</i>	Todd, Charles
<i>An Irish Country Family</i>	Taylor, Patrick
<i>Blue Moon</i>	Child, Lee
<i>Christmas Shopaholic</i>	Kinsella, Sophie
<i>Final Option</i>	Cussler, Clive
<i>Find Me</i>	Aciman, Andre
<i>Free Me</i>	Ash, Kimberley
<i>Galway Girl</i>	Bruen, Ken
<i>Kiss the Girls and Make Them Cry</i>	Clark, Mary Higgins
<i>Minute to Midnight</i>	Baldacci, David
<i>Not the Girl You Marry</i>	Christopher, Andie J.
<i>Nothing to See Here</i>	Wilson, Kevin
<i>Olive Again</i>	Strout, Elizabeth
<i>Someone to Remember</i>	Balogh, Mary
<i>The Chocolate Shark Shenanigans</i>	Carl, JoAnna
<i>The Dearly Beloved</i>	Wall, Cara
<i>The Family Upstairs</i>	Jewel, Lisa
<i>The Floating Feldmans</i>	Friedland, Elyssa
<i>The Guardians</i>	Grisham, John
<i>The Last Widow</i>	Slaughter, Karin
<i>The Long Call</i>	Cleeves, Ann
<i>The Old Success</i>	Grimes, Martha
<i>The Starless Sea</i>	Morgenstern, Erin
<i>The United States of Trump</i>	O'Reilly, Bill
<i>The World that We Knew</i>	Hoffman, Alice
<i>Twice in a Blue Moon</i>	Lauren, Christina
<i>Twisted Twenty-Six</i>	Evanovich, Janet

### DVDs

<i>47 Meters Down</i>	<i>The Avengers Endgame</i>
<i>Crawl</i>	<i>The Lion King</i>
<i>Hobbs and Shaw</i>	<i>Toy Story 4</i>

### Non-Fiction

<i>A History of New York in 27 Buildings</i>	Roberts, Sam
<i>A Warning</i>	Anonymous
<i>Blowout</i>	Maddow, Rachel
<i>Christmas Teatime</i>	Hoffman Media
<i>How to Raise a Reader</i>	Paul, Pamela
<i>Inconspicuous Consumption</i>	Schlossberg, Tatiana
<i>Little Book of Jewish Sweets</i>	Koenig, Leah
<i>Martha Stewart's Cookie Perfection</i>	Stewart, Martha
<i>Me Elton John</i>	John, Elton
<i>Talking to Strangers</i>	Gladwell, Malcolm
<i>The Body: Guide for Occupants</i>	Bryson, Bill
<i>The Other Side of the Coin</i>	Kelly, Angela
<i>The Way I Heard It</i>	Rowe, Mike
<i>Things My Son Needs to Know About the World</i>	Backman, Fredrik
<i>Three Days at the Brink</i>	Baier, Bret
<i>Threebirds Renovations</i>	Cayless, Erin

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*Happy Holidays*



**\*\* Library Holiday Hours \*\***  
**Closed December 24th, 25th,**  
**26th and January 1st**  
**Open December 31st 10–1 pm**

## **Borough Calendar for December 2019**

**Holly Trail, Tree Lighting & Holiday Concert** - at the Gazebo Borough Field, 3:45 pm on Saturday, December 7th

**Curbside Bulk Pickup** - Monday, December 2, 9, 16 & 23

**Recycle** - Thursdays, December 5 & 19

**Borough Council Meetings** - at the Garabrant Center, 8 pm on Wednesday, December 11

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

**Board of Health** - at the Bowers Building 7:00 pm on Wednesday, December 4

**ECOSST** - at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Monday, December 2

**Historic Preservation Commission** - at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Monday, December 16

**Planning Board Meeting** - at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Monday, December 9

**Recreation Meeting** - at the Black Horse Pub, 1 West Main Street, 7:30 pm on Thursday, December 19

## **TREP\$ Jolly Holiday Market**

Do your holiday shopping and support the students at Mountain View Middle School

Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8:00 p.m.

TREP\$ (short for enTREPpreneur\$) is an HSA-sponsored after-school enrichment program for kids in grades 4-8, teaching kids all they need to know to build their own business. They do everything from brainstorming ideas, to setting prices and creating the final product. They create an ad, develop a sales pitch and launch their product. Months of hard work culminates at the TREP\$ marketplace, which is open to all! What a great place to do your holiday shopping and support our youngest entrepreneurs!

## **Hilltop Church "Lunch With Friends"**

Hilltop Church is inviting anyone who would like a home cooked meal to come to *Lunch With Friends* on Wednesday, December 11th at 12:00 at Hilltop House 14 Hilltop Rd. Mendham. Doors open at 11:00. Lunch With Friends is held the second Wednesday of each month.