

The Mendham Messenger

December 2020

Mayor's Update

Dear Resident and Business Owner,

Important update to our Recycling and Bulk Pickup waste services:

Our team has been busy putting together a new bid package for release, allowing us to provide bulk and recycling pickup services. This package was released and advertised in accordance with State requirements. Although the State requires bids on most services to be available for 30 days, any solid waste services are required to be publicly available for a minimum of 60 days. The 60-day period will end on December 28th, at which time the bids will be opened. With the end of the year fast approaching, there will be no time to waste. Council will convene a Special Meeting on **December 30th** to pass a resolution to authorize a new contract. There is a possibility that there will be a pause in service for the first couple of weeks in January. We are working on a plan to avoid this circumstance and will keep you apprised of a backup plan for recycling and any changes to our current services depending on outcome of proposals received. Stay tuned...

Year in review – Farewell 2020:

This has certainly been a year for the books. There was a time back in early spring when we were doubting our ability to get many accomplishments completed in town this year. Despite the pandemic shutdown and loss of power for a week, our Mendham Borough team continued to strive for the very best for our town. Here are just a few of our accomplishments from 2020:

Botti Pavilion completed!

We can't thank the Botti family enough for their wonderful donation to our soccer fields. Any of us parents who have spent time watching our athletes know that this park has long been in need of bathroom facilities. This well thought out pavilion will also provide our active park users kitchen facilities. We look forward to a ribbon cutting and appreciation ceremony with the Bottis sometime in the new year.

Tennis courts completed!

Due to Covid-19, this project was delayed. Just when it looked like we would never see tennis in Mendham again, our contractor completed the painting and marking of the courts and our tennis players were able to take advantage of a warm dry fall and enjoy multiple

games. We will have a formal ribbon cutting and town welcome of our new courts in the early spring of 2021.

Firehouse bay doors installed!

With the installation of new bay doors replacing the original doors that were more than 30 years old, our fire engines are ready for winter. Just as our firefighters are looking forward to warmer bays, we are looking forward to cost savings in our energy bills.

New Website!

Our new Mendham Borough website is up and operating. If you haven't visited our site you can get there through this link www.mendhamnj.org. We like our new look and Lisa is frequently putting up photos of our town for all to enjoy. Like any website, it is a work in progress, so please check back for updates and ongoing improvements.

Scott Farm Improvements!

A great big thank you goes out again to the St. Joseph Youth Ministry. They didn't have to travel far this year to bestow their kindness and hard work on a grateful community. Our chicken hutches are ready for roosting, our yard is neatly fenced, and our Mountain Valley Pond information kiosk is repaired. Now all we need is a town chicken club.

That is just a sampling. For a full list of the many accomplishments visit my Mayor's page on our website.

Holiday Happenings!

Mendham Borough will host its annual Holiday Home lighting competition. Please visit our website for entry application.

On December 5th Santa will be outside at the Phoenix House so take a drive or walk by and wave to Santa. See our calendar for more information.

The first night of Hanukkah is December 10th. We are looking forward to the lighting of the Menorah. Finally, please remember to support our local businesses this holiday season. They will need our help over the long winter now more than ever.

Sign up for our email blasts to keep informed about any additional holiday events that are added to the calendar.

Wishing you and yours a healthy and happy holiday season!

Sincerely yours,

Christine Serrano Glassner, Mayor



Mendham Borough
LIBRARY

News from the Mendham Borough Library

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

New Virtual Monthly Adult Program

What's Cooking with Chef Theresa

Virtual International Cuisine Series

Co-hosted with Roxbury Library

December 2020: India: Butter Chicken

**Date: Tuesday, December 1st from 4:00pm - 5:00pm
via Zoom**

Break out your apron and cook along with Chef Theresa from Jeremiah's Catering, as we explore favorite recipes from around the world.

This month we will celebrate **cuisine from India** as Chef T teaches us how to make **Butter Chicken**.

Like to cook? Join us for **Chef Theresa's International Cuisine Series**. Ingredient list will be posted at least a week before each session.

Register online or by calling the library at 973-543-4152 and the Zoom link will be sent to you the day before the event.

Upcoming Cooking Events:

January 12, 2021 Morocco: Chick Pea Tagine

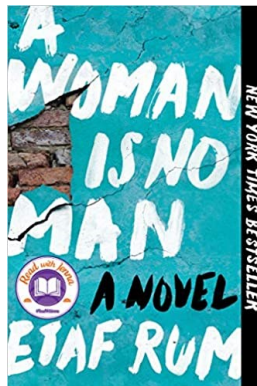
February 9, 2021 China: Scallion Pancakes

March 9, 2021 Ireland: Irish Soda Bread Biscuits

Mendham Borough Library's Morning Book Group

Our diverse and lively Book Club meets once a month at 9:30 am from September to June. They read a variety of books throughout the year: fiction, literature and non-fiction, classic and modern. Copies of each month's selection are available at the library.

Friday, December 18th @ 9:30 am
Location: The Garabrant Center -
4 Wilson St, Mendham
December Book:
A Woman is No Man
By: Etaf Rum



December Kids Programs

Toddler Sing-Along
returns (on ZOOM)

Live, Mondays at 10:30am

Have you missed singing with Miss Tina? She has missed singing with you. While we can't all come back together in the building right now, we can all come together and sing on Zoom.

Register at our website to join us. Only those who register for the program will receive the link/password for our program that week.



Crafternoon at Home
(ages 5+)

Pick up a craft kit at the Library (at the desk or through Curbside service)

*Crafts may require use of home supplies like glue, markers, crayons, scissors, etc.

that are not able to be provided by the Library.* Printed instructions along with the home and included supplies list will be in each kit.

December 7th-12th : No Sew Snowmen

December 14th-19th: No Melt Snowballs

December 21st-23rd: Beaded Snowflake

December 28th-31st- New Years Craft



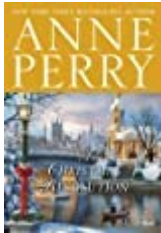
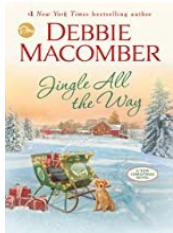
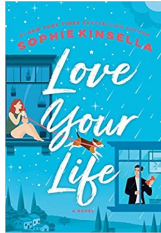
Crafts-to-go (Ages 3+)

Pick up an easy, all-in-one craft kit from the library. A new craft each week is available at our check-out desk and through our curbside service. Each week's craft will be announced Monday on our Facebook and Instagram pages!



New Books & DVDs

Fiction

<i>A Christmas Resolution</i>	Perry, Anne	<i>The Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop</i>	Flagg, Fannie
<i>A Song for the Dark Times</i>	Rankin, Ian	<i>Three Women Disappear</i>	Patterson, James
<i>And Now She's Gone</i>	Hall, Rachel Howzell	<i>Troubled Blood</i>	Galbraith, Robert
<i>Attack Surface</i>	Doctorow, Cory	<i>What You Wish For</i>	Center, Katherine
<i>Confessions on the 7:45</i>	Unger, Lisa	<i>You Betrayed Me</i>	Jackson, Lisa
<i>Inside Story</i>	Amis, Martin		
<i>Jingle All the Way</i>	Macomber, Debbie		
<i>Leave the World Behind</i>	Alam, Rumaan		
<i>Love Your Life</i>	Kinsella, Sophie		
<i>Shadows in Time</i>	McElwain, Julie		
<i>Shakeup</i>	Woods, Stuart		
<i>Silent Bite</i>	Rosenfelt, David	Non-Fiction	
<i>Snow</i>	Banville, John	<i>Everything Beautiful in Its Time</i>	Hager, Jenna Bush
<i>The Forgotten Daughter</i>	Goodman, Joanna		
<i>The Midnight Library</i>	Haig, Matt	Large Type	
<i>The Sentinel</i>	Child, Lee	<i>A Time for Mercy</i>	Grisham, John
<i>The Stationery Shop</i>	Kamali, Marjan	<i>Hideaway</i>	Roberts, Nora
<i>The Thursday Murder Club</i>	Osman, Richard	<i>The Vanishing Half</i>	Bennett, Brit



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

Mendham Fire

Department's Jingle Ball Jackpot 50/50 Fundraiser

The Mendham Borough Fire Department is excited to announce the [Mendham Fire Department's Jingle Ball Jackpot, a 50/50 fundraiser](#) that

will put some much-needed funds in the department's bank account, and hopefully bring some Big Bucks and excitement to the community.

To participate, go to the [Mendham Fire Department website](#), and fill out the information. Tickets are \$5 each (plus a small convenience fee). Once you've purchased your tickets, they will send your raffle ticket numbers to you by email.

Fifty percent of the proceeds go to the winner and 50% goes to the Mendham Fire Department, who will be using the money raised for new equipment and



ensuring that they are prepared and ready for the next call. Tickets will be on sale through the morning of December 20. The drawing will be held at the Mendham Firehouse, located at 24 East Main Street in Mendham on Sunday, December 20 at 7 pm. The winner does not need to be present, and no substitution of the offered prize may be made. Visit mendhamfd.org/jackpot for more information.

2020 Mendham Borough Fall Foliage Photo Contest

Congratulations to Gina F. for submitting the winning photo in the 2020 Fall Foliage Photo Contest. The photo was taken along Patriots Path and showcases beautiful fall colors in Mendham Borough!

Thank you to all who participated. All the photos will be showcased on Mendham TV!



Borough Calendar for December 2020

Curbside Bulk Pickup - Monday, Dec. 7, 14, 21 & 28

Recycle - Thursdays, December 3 & 17

Borough Council Meetings - at the Garabrant Center,
8 pm on Wednesday, December 9 and Thursday,
December 17

Board of Adjustment - at the Garabrant Center,
7:30 pm on Tuesday, December 1

Board of Health - at the Garabrant Center,
7:00 pm on Wednesday, December 2

ECOSST - normally at the Garabrant Center,
7:30 pm on Monday, December 7, now on Zoom.

Historic Preservation Commission - at the Garabrant
Center, 7:30 pm on Monday, December 21

Planning Board Meeting - at the Garabrant Center,
7:30 pm on Monday, December 14

Recreation Meeting - at the Black Horse Pub, 1 West
Main Street, 6:30 pm on Thursday, December 17

From The Green Corner

Last year's Styrofoam
Recycling Day was
such a great success
that the

Environmental
Commissions of both
Mendhams are
holding it again this year!

We know Styrofoam is great packing material but it's
hard to get rid of as it never degrades and lasts forever
in landfills and waterways, harming wildlife and the
environment. Now you can dispose of all that leftover
holiday Styrofoam with a clear conscience.. Take it to
the Mendham Department of Public Works on Ironia
Rd. on Saturday, January 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Carolynn Budd of the DPW has arranged for a big
rolling dumpster to whisk it to a recycler in Fairfield.
No egg cartons or food trays, please.

