

The Mendham Messenger

July/August 2015

Mayor's Update

Dear Residents & Business Owners:

As we head into the summer months, I would like to update you on the status of many Mendham projects managed by the Mayor, Borough Council and Borough Administrator:

- **New Jersey American Water Main Installation**
This project is complete except for permanent repaving which is scheduled for October. A letter was sent to the county engineer urging that curb-to-curb repaving be required to restore West Main Street to its prior condition.
- **IT Review & Consolidation**
A June consultant meeting was held and a plan for IT improvements is now scheduled to be received by the Mayor and Borough Council by July 13.
- **Firehouse Improvements**
The bid for the roof replacement was advertised and opened on June 17. The contract will be awarded on July 20. Several bay heaters in the firehouse are scheduled for replacement in September.
- **Sisters of Christian Charity Proposal**
The Planning Board began a master plan amendment process on June 8; the proposed amendment is scheduled for discussion at the July 13 Planning Board Meeting.
- **Financial & Tax System Upgrade**
MSI Inc. demonstrated financial and tax software on June 9. An analysis of competing offerings is underway and a recommendation is due to the Mayor and Council by July 13.
- **Employee Compensation**
The salary range ordinance and 2015 salary resolutions have been adopted.
- **Risk Manager**
The Safety Committee Meeting was held on June 11. JIF insurance coverage renewal process begins in July. The 2015 elected official training will be conducted in October.
- **Personnel Manual Review**
Comments were received from the borough attorney on June 4. The Borough Council is set to adopt the revisions on June 15 or July 13.
- **Employee Job Descriptions**
The administration has begun reviewing job descriptions and is scheduled to complete this task during the summer months.
- **Phoenix House Review**
Attic storage and file clean-out is scheduled for July.
- **County Open Space Grant Application**
The Open Space Grant application is being prepared and the filing is due by June 19. Mendham officials met with the staff at the County Parks Commissions to enlist their support and contacted MCMUA about potential partnership in transaction. We also walked the subject property with an appraiser.
- **Master Plan Re-examination**
Planning Board Chair Richard Kraft has appointed a subcommittee to begin the review process early.
- **Land Use Assistant**
Carolyn Mazzucco is training in land use boards and functions in preparation for assuming board and commission secretarial duties later this summer.
- **Fire Ordinance Update**
The public safety committee is still considering detailed comments on a proposed ordinance amendment submitted by the fire department. Details will be shared once they are finalized.
- **COAH**
Compliance Declaratory Judgment action is due to be filed by July 8.
- **New Ambulance Acquisition**
The Borough joined the Houston-Galveston Area Council Inter-local Agreement. A purchase order for a new ambulance will be issued before June 30.
- **Fixed Generator Purchase**
The Office of Emergency Management is verifying that financial resources for the purchase of a generator for the Garabrant Center may be eligible for FEMA reimbursement.

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Mendham Borough
L I B R A R Y

News from the Mendham Borough Library

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

Dear Neighbor,

For more than a century, the Mendham Borough Library has been a vibrant part of Mendham life, growing with our community from a small collection in one room to an annual circulation of over 40,000 items. We continue to work hard to keep up with changing needs and technology, expanding our offerings to include free eBooks, downloadable magazines, audio books, and foreign language learning resources.

But more than technology and books, the library also offers a sense of community, learning, and growth with programs for all ages – from toddlers to seniors – including, story-time, art displays, movie nights, computer and iPad classes, yoga, and more. Many long-term and returning residents have fond memories of the library and we hope our newer residents will enjoy the same experience.

Unlike many community libraries in our area, the Mendham Borough Library is NOT a municipal library and therefore does not automatically receive a portion of your tax dollars for support. While the library does receive meaningful funds from the Borough of Mendham through municipal aid, it is unfortunately not enough to cover all of our operating expenses. A large portion of the library’s funding comes from donations from individuals and companies in the community. We rely heavily on the generosity of Borough residents to bridge the gap.

Thanks to your past gifts we have been able to meet that challenge and continue to respond to community needs. We hope you’ve noticed that the books, materials, and programs the library offers have expanded significantly over the past few years. This is a direct result of your valuable support.

Our goal is to have something to offer every resident of Mendham. Your generous tax-deductible contribution will help us meet that goal, and keep our community library strong.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Moore
President, Board of Trustees

P.S. – Make sure to go to www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org to learn more about current happenings at the library, upcoming events, or to check out materials. You can also donate online.

MENDHAM LIBRARY MEMORIES

A borough librarian recently received a phone call from a former resident who lives in Tennessee. He was looking for information on businesses that he remembered from his childhood here in the 1970s. While talking, he mentioned how well he remembered our library – the smell of the books, the friendly help of the librarian – and he expressed the hope that the library was still building such fond memories. Your donation will help us continue these traditions of service and community for another generation of Mendham’s kids.



Making new memories, current patrons Karl Maurer and his grandfather Bill Maurer.

Friday Movie Matinees at the Library



Enjoy Friday Movie Matinees with films portraying extraordinary people. Get out of the heat downstairs in the Fletcher Room to watch a movie on our new big screen television. Free drinks and popcorn will be served.

A Beautiful Mind on Friday July 10 at 2 pm

A 2001 American biographical film based on the life of John Nash, a Nobel Laureate in Economics.

American Sniper on Friday July 17 at 2

This 2014 American war drama was directed by Clint Eastwood and is based on the life of U.S. Navy SEAL Chris Kyle.

Argo on Friday, July 24 at 2 pm

Based on real events, this dramatic thriller chronicles the life-or-death covert operations to rescue six Americans which unfolded behind the scenes of the Iran hostage crisis.

Sign up today by coming in to the library or by calling 973 543-4152.

Kids' Summer Programs

Please sign up by calling 973-543-4152, stopping in or visiting www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org. Programs open to all ages unless otherwise noted.



Special Programs

P.A.W.S. for Reading

Wednesdays, July 8 & 15, 2 & 6 p.m.
10-minute time slots to read to certified therapy dogs.

Late Night @ the Library: Friday, July 10, 7–10 p.m.
Come use your CSI skills to solve a mystery crime scene. Open to 3rd grade and up.

LEGO Club: Monday, July 13, 2 p.m.
Bring friends and work together on LEGO masterpieces.

Touch the Music: Monday, July 20, 2 p.m.
Learn about composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and try playing some of his instruments!

Family Movie Night: Wednesday, July 22, 6 p.m.
Watch *Spy Kids* with friends & family.

Family Scavenger Hunt: Saturday, July 25, 10 a.m.
Think you know our town? Here's a chance to explore Mendham as a family.

Sciencetellers Program: Tuesday, July 28, 2 p.m.
Learn the science of superheroes with the Sciencetellers.

Reading Program Prize Party: Friday, July 31, 2 p.m.
A special party for all Summer Reading participants!

Weekly Programs: until July 31

Super Storytime Weds, July 1, 22 & 29 @ 2 p.m.

Tween Craft Club Thursdays @ 2 p.m.
(4–8 grade), (not held on July 16)

2015 Summer Reading - Read & Win Prizes

Read, or be read to, for at least one hour each week. Record your times at the library, take home a weekly prize and join in a summer party on July 31.

Week 2: June 28 - July 4

Week 3: July 5 - July 11

Week 4: July 12 - July 18

Week 5: July 19 - July 25

Week 6: July 28 - July 31

Unmask: Middle & High School Reading

Stop by the Teen Room and enter weekly prize drawings for every book you read and record. Prizes will be awarded until July 31 including: iTunes gift cards, candy, back packs, and \$5 off your fines.

2015 LIBRARY ANNUAL APPEAL

Yes, I want to help the library.

- \$10 _____ purchases a children's book
 \$25 _____ buys a magazine subscription
 \$50 _____ pays the monthly water bill
 \$100 _____ buys two years of an HBO series
 \$200 _____ pays for a children's performer
 \$300 _____
 Other _____

Enclosed is my tax deductible
contribution of \$_____.

Make checks payable to:
Mendham Borough Library.
Make your gift count even more
with a company match!

A Big Thanks

To the Friends of the Library for our new tables and chairs in the Fletcher Room. This modular system allows us to use the room in all sorts of new and interesting ways for groups of as few as two people and as many as twenty.



Bring Us Your Gently Used Books - The August Book Sale is Back

The library will be accepting donations of gently used books, audio-books and DVDs from August 1 to 8 for sale during our annual book sale. The sale will run from August 17 to August 31 in the Fletcher Gallery downstairs in the library. Stop in and check out a great selection of used items culled from your libraries and the library's collection. The sale includes all kinds of books, including children's picture books, junior fiction, adult fiction and non-fiction. It will also include selected audio-books and DVDs.

Children's Non-fiction Collections

This summer help your children get a head start on their Core Reading skills with our new non-fiction series. We've expanded our collection to include new books on planets, astronomy, natural disasters, Native American tribes, the wonders of the world, colonial times and biographies of artists like Leonardo, Monet, Cezanne and Picasso.



Health Screenings Scheduled

Skin Cancer Screenings are scheduled for local residents who are not currently under the care of a dermatologist. The screenings will be conducted by a board certified dermatologist and will include a full body exam and prevention information. The screening will take place at Fellowship Village on Tuesday, July 28 from 2 to 6 pm and Monday, August 3 from 3 to 7 pm. The suggested donation is \$10. Pre-registration and more information is available by calling (908) 204-2520 or visiting www.bernardshealth.org.

Have little ones who love the outdoors?

Sign them up for Raritan Headwaters Association's summer day camp, where their morning will be filled with exploration, creativity and plain old fun at Fairview Farm Wildlife Preserve in Bedminster.

Red Squirrels Nature Day Camp (ages 4-6): July 6-10

Honey Bees Nature Day Camp (ages 3-4): July 27-31

Science in Nature Day Camp (ages 6-10): August 3-7

RHA's Nature Day Camp provides an opportunity for children to explore, create and play in a vibrant outdoor setting, gaining a strong appreciation for nature and lessons in how to protect their natural environment. Children discover wildlife, habitats, adaptations, plants, insects, birds, and more through field activities, stories, crafts and hands-on projects. Each camp session has a teacher-to-child ratio of 1:4. For more information and to register, contact Lauren at ltheis@raritanheadwaters.org or 908-234-1852 x314.

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You will find a listing of our summer activities in the Messenger and on the borough's website. We have two Wednesday night movies and four Sunday evening concerts scheduled in the park near the Gazebo throughout the summer. I encourage you to attend some of these events as it is a great way to keep in touch with neighbors and friends.

You'll also find information about the Pastime Carnival and the Mendham Borough Labor Day Parade in this newsletter. The Carnival is scheduled for September 5-7 and will conclude with its annual 50-50 drawing and fireworks on the evening of Labor Day.

Best wishes for a safe and healthy summer!

Sincerely,

Neil Henry
Mayor, Mendham Borough

Solutions for Stormwater Pollution

Easy Things You Can Do
Everyday to Protect Our Water

A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste: you name it, and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it. By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.



www.cleanwaternj.org



Contact information

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit www.njstormwater.org or http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dwq/msrp_home.htm

Additional information is also available at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Website: www.epa.gov

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water Quality
Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control
Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program
(609) 633-7021

As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.

Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides

- Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.
- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to apply it correctly.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local water bodies, and the water is not treated.
- If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.
- Use natural or less toxic alternatives.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.



Keep pollution out of storm drains

- Municipalities and other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets reminding people that storm drains are connected to local water bodies.
- Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.



Clean up after your pet

- Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules.
- An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.
- Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law. And remember to:
 - Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes;
 - Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet; and
 - Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.



Don't feed wildlife

- Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.
- Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.

Don't litter



- Place litter in trash receptacles.
- Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.
- Participate in community cleanups.

Dispose of yard waste properly

- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
- If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.
- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.



Summer in the Park 2015

by the Mendham Borough Recreation Department

Movies at the Gazebo

Wednesday, July 1 at 8:30 pm *The SpongeBob Movie*
(Rain date–July 8)

Wednesday, July 29 at 8:15 pm *The Lego Movie*
(Rain date–August 5)

Concerts at the Gazebo

Selected Sundays from 7 to 9 pm

July 5 *Carnaby Street - 60s Pop/Rock Hits*

July 12 *Larry Stevens - Pop/Rock Hits*

July 26 *Kimon & The Prophets - Blues/Rock*

August 2 *British Invasion Tribute*

Rain date for July 5 & 12 concerts is July 19.

Rain date for July 26 & August 3 concerts is August 9.

Mendham Summer Camp

Don't miss out on Mendham's awesome annual summer camp in Borough Park. Mendham Day Camp welcomes school-aged children from the Mendhams. Sessions from 9 am to 12:30 pm each weekday are held for 6 weeks starting on June 29 and finishing the week of August 3 for children in Kindergarten to 6th Grade. Weekly themes this year include Outrageously Olympic Week, Water World Week, Game Show Mania Week and Seriously Scientific Week. Activities will include field day competitions, waterslides, visits from the fire truck, home-made ice cream making and an end-of-the-summer talent show. For more information and signups, visit www.mendhamboroughdaycamp.com.



Labor Day Weekend

The annual carnival and parade are in the planning stages now. The carnival is set to begin on Friday, September 4 in Borough Field. The parade will begin on Monday, September 7 at 10 am from the corner of Cold Hill and East Main Street. The Grand Marshal for this year's parade is Lou Garubo and the theme is "Thank You Pastime Club for 100 Years." If you are interested in joining in the parade, please contact Bruce DiBesceglie, Director of Recreation at bruce@mendhamnj.org.

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Borough Calendar for July 2015

Curbside Bulk Pickup

Mondays, July 6, 13, 20 & 27

Recycle - Thursdays, July 9 & 23

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

Borough Council Meeting - at the Garabrant Center,
8 pm on Monday, July 13

Environmental Commission - at the Phoenix House,
8 pm on Thursday, July 16

Historic Preservation Commission - at the Phoenix
House, 7:30 pm on Monday, July 20

Open Space Advisory Committee - at the Phoenix
House, 7 pm on Thursday, July 9

Planning Board Meeting - at the Garabrant Center,
8 pm on Tuesday, July 14

Recreation Commission - at the Phoenix House,
7:30 pm on Wednesday, July 8

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8 pm on Monday, August 17

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House, 7:30 pm on Monday, August 17

Planning Board Meeting - at the Garabrant Center,
8 pm on Monday, August 10

Recreation Commission - at the Phoenix House,
7:30 pm on Wednesday, August 12

Town Offices will be closed

Friday, July 3 and Monday, September 7.

Leaves & Grass Clipping Disposal Suggestions

It's best for your lawn to leave the clippings on the lawn after cutting. If you would rather bring them to the Department of Public Works you can drop them off Monday to Friday from 7 am to 3:30 pm and Saturday 8 am to 3 pm. Leaves are also accepted at the Public Works facility at 37 Ironia Rd. Do not mix grass clippings/leaves with branches and brush or with household garbage. Grass clippings and leaves will not be picked up at your home. Do not leave grass clippings/leaves at the curb. *Contractors are NOT allowed to dispose of this material at this site. They may dispose of the material at the County Disposal Facility in Mount Olive.* If you have additional questions, you can call the Department of Public Works at 973 543-6535.