

The Mendham Messenger

December 2022

Mayor's Update

Greetings Mendham Borough residents and businesses,

Winter and the holiday season is here! This is a great time of the year to get together with family and friends and there are multiple events that will go on in town this season so please sign up for our social media and Nixle for the latest news.

Help needed with reestablishing Mendham Borough

An interesting thing happened over the last nine or so months. It was very subtle at first and it seemed to just be an anomaly. Little by little Mendham Borough was disappearing from the internet and being replaced by Mendham Township. We all know that Mendham Township is an equally lovely town, but Mendham Borough has its own history and characteristics that set it apart and deserves to be known by its name. Not sure what I'm referring to? Google any business address in the Borough. Notice that the new address is for the Township. Search for the weather – same thing. I recently signed up for the Fedex app and it auto-populated my home address for the Township. Over this past year I started to hear from unhappy residents who were noticing the same thing. I have found that generally we are still listed as Mendham on search engines other than Google. However, since many websites feed from Google you will find the same result in these alternate search engines for specific sites. I have reached out to Google to no avail. I am now on a mission to regain our Mendham Borough standing. Our businesses deserve to be easily found, and our town heritage deserves its Borough label. I will continue to pursue whatever it takes to correct this issue but I come to my residents to say, if you are familiar with the technical aspects of this change and believe you can help, please email me at CGlassner@mendhamnj.org.

Who's Who in Mendham

We are very fortunate to have Dr. Marilyn Althoff serve as Chair of our Borough Board of Health.

Born and raised just outside of Baltimore, Maryland, Marilyn grew up in a rural town. She completed schooling, including medical school, all while in Maryland. She went on to complete her medical training in Emergency Medicine in Philadelphia. It was in Philadelphia where she and her

husband to be, Sam Redick, first met in 1981 at a party; this was the beginning of a life full of parties. Eventually they left Philadelphia and moved here to New Jersey where Marilyn would start her first job in Emergency Medicine at Morristown Memorial Hospital. Together they purchased their first home right here in Mendham. Marilyn and Sam raised their family here, having two children who attended our Mendham school system from Kindergarten through High School.

Marilyn has been an attending physician in the Morristown Hospital for 32 years. This kind of consistency is not a practice you usually see in the medical industry. As Chair of our BOE, Marilyn tells me that sitting on our Board gives her the opportunity to bring her skill set and volunteerism to help maintain and improve the health of our community. I asked her if she had any health words of wisdom. "With cold and flu season upon us, don't forget to stock up on all the essentials, should the sniffles or worse come for a visit. It's a good time of year to have extra tissues, soup, beverages, and whatever else you like to keep on hand when you are under the weather." Thank you Marilyn for that practical advice!

Happenings!

Reminder to register for our Holiday Home Lighting competition. You can find an entry application on our website.

Santa will be coming to the Phoenix House for pictures with our younger residents on Saturday, December 3, the day of the Holly Trail. Due to our overwhelming attendance last year, sign ups are required. You can also find this on our website.

First night of Hanukkah begins Sunday, December 18 this year. I've been asked to share that the Township will host their annual outdoor lighting. Additionally, as I do every year for Hanukkah, I will be personally decorating one of our mantels with blue and silver decorations to celebrate the holiday – stop by and take a look.

Remember to sign up to our social media, and to Nixle for alerts, at www.mendhamnj.org.

Sincerely yours,

Mayor Christine Serrano Glassner



Happy Holidays!

Wishing each of you a joyous holiday season. Visit the library to help you ease into the holidays: pick up a new cookbook for inspiration for your holiday meal; check out a wonderful new novel to escape for a few minutes; choose a jigsaw puzzle from our collection; grab some children's books to keep the kids busy and entertained. Don't forget we offer lots of online resources too, including downloadable books, movies, music, audiobooks and comics through Libby and Hoopla. Happy holidays from the library staff to you!



Monthly Programs

Book Club

Friday, December 16, 10 a.m. at the Library

Taste: *My Life Through Food* by Stanley Tucci

Yoga via Zoom

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.

\$5 per class. Sign up for a month at the library or call 973-543-4152.

Canasta

Thursdays, 10 a.m. at the Library

All levels of play are welcome to join this fun, lively group. Stop by the library on Thursday mornings to play, or call or email us to get on the list.

Social Bridge

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. at the Library

This group is for experienced players - come out and play!

Fletcher Art Gallery

West Morris Mendham High School Fine Arts department will be highlighting their advanced art students' work throughout the month of December in the Fletcher Gallery. Drop by and see these talented students' art!

December Adult Events

Holiday Wreath Making

Wednesday, December 7, 7 p.m.

Join us to make a beautiful holiday wreath with Jillian McFadyen of The Lillie House. All supplies will be provided. Donations are gladly accepted for this program. Please register to attend.



Holiday Sing-Along with 4th Graders

Tuesday, December 13 at 11:00 a.m.

All are welcome to get into the holiday spirit with us by singing holiday songs together with 4th grade students from Hilltop School. Following the singing enjoy cookies and coffee too! Please register for this program.

Holiday Vocal Performance and Sing-Along

Wednesday, December 14, 7 p.m.,

Hilltop House, 14 Hilltop Road

Celebrate the season together with West Morris Mendham High School's exceptional vocal group. Bring the whole family along to



enjoy some of your favorite holiday classics and end with a fun group sing-along! Please register to attend.

Cribbage

Tuesday, December 20, 6:30 p.m.

All levels are welcome to join this lively group—we will teach beginners how to play! Please register to attend.

In Stitches Knitting Group

December 2 and 16 at 1:00 p.m.

Come to the library to knit, stitch, crochet or hook with us! We welcome all levels to join this new group (we will teach beginners how to knit). Please bring your own materials.

The Library will be closed December 24-26 and December 31-January 2.

Did You Know?

We just received a fabulous selection of read-aloud books in our Children's room. You can choose from picture books, non-fiction books, or chapter books! These books are a wonderful addition to our collection to help new readers learn to read, gain confidence, follow along and enjoy listening to a great story. Kids love them! Come check one out today and see for yourself!



December Children's Programs

Babies and Books

*Fridays December 2, 9
10:30 a.m.*

Join us for a story, nursery rhymes, and playtime.



Toddler Sing-Along

*Every Monday (except
December 26) at 10:30 a.m.*

Join Miss Tina for some fun songs!

Holly Trail

December 3, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Stop by to pick up a special Holly Trail holiday themed craft for kids! All week long, search for the hidden Santa in the library.

Sew a Snowman (7+)

December 13, 3:30 p.m.

Join the fun to learn basic stitches and learn how to sew on a button as we make our own stuffed snowmen!



Ms. Marianne's Gingerbread House Workshop (Family)

*Wednesday, December 21,
3:30 or 4:45 p.m.*

Bring the entire family to decorate a gingerbread house together. All supplies are provided – one gingerbread house per family. There are two sessions for this event; please register for only one.



Mendham Teens Ugly Holiday Sweater Workshop Ages 12+

Wednesday, December 8, 6 p.m.

Bring Your Own Sweater or
Sweatshirt to Uglify!



Mark Your Calendars

Read to a Dog - Thursday, January 4 at 3:30 p.m.

Teen Program - Thursday, January 12 at 5:30 p.m.

Lunar New Year Celebration - Wednesday, January 18 at 3:30 p.m.

History of Superheroes - Wednesday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Mendham Borough Holly Trail

Mark your calendar for the annual Holly Trail, which takes place on Saturday December 3, 2022 all throughout Mendham Borough!

The Mendham Business Association has been the generous sponsor of the Mendham Holly Trail event for the past couple of decades. It started out intending to get residents and visitors out to support our local small businesses. Over the years there have been games, singing, performances by local artists, presentations and much more. Businesses that have a large candy cane display outside their shop will have an event for the public to attend. Here are just a few of the festivities that you can expect:

“Where’s Santa?” is happening again! Candy Cane buildings will have Santa somewhere on the premises. Find it and ask to have your Where’s Santa paper noted. Pictures with Santa will be at the Phoenix House again. Free copies will be available in the weeks to come.

The Snow Princess will be making a visit again, to Weichert Realtors, telling stories to young children with hot chocolate and ornament decorating.

Look for signs at the Shopping Center to purchase gifts from the giving tree. Proceeds go to helping a local food bank.

St Mark’s Church will have a scavenger hunt and a Winter Market.

Finally, the event everyone looks forward to, the Fire Truck with Santa arriving at the Gazebo in Mendham Borough park and the MBA lighting of the Christmas Tree at 4:30pm.

More details of events and times will be posted on our website for your convenience. www.mendhamnj.org.



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Borough Calendar for December 2022

Borough Holiday: December 23, 26 (Borough offices closed)

Holly Trail: December 3

Recycling: Thursdays December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Curbside Bulk Pickup: Mondays December 5, 12, 19, Tuesday 27

Borough Meetings: at the Garabrant Center unless otherwise indicated.

Council: 6 p.m. Wednesday, December 14; 7 p.m. Wednesday, December 21

ECOSST: 7:30 p.m. Monday, December 5

Board of Health: 7 p.m. Wednesday, December 7

Historic Preservation Commission:

7:30 p.m. Monday, December 19

Joint Land Use Board Meeting:

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 20

Recreation Meeting:

7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 15

Boro Schools Board of Education:

7 p.m. Tuesday, December 20; Hilltop Elementary School Cafeteria

Food Pantry Donations

Mendham Borough Library is proud to partner with the Chester Mendham Food Pantry. A donation bin is located in the back entrance of the library. Please donate non-perishable food items, hygiene products and reusable bags.

Chester Mendham Food Pantry



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