



THE MENDHAM MESSENGER

The Newsletter for Mendham Borough

January 2023

Letter From the Mayor

Dear Mendham Borough Residents and Business Owners,

Happy New Year to you all! We say farewell to a terrific year, where life resumed a more open feel, and head into a new year with lots of promise waiting for us. January is a great time to sit and reflect, make plans, and set goals for the future. I hope you and your family have great adventures in store in 2023.

Looking back

Here are just a few of our accomplishments from last year.

- ◆ With the help of a crew of volunteers we completed the first cleanup of our new open space area behind the Methodist Church. Lots more work on that property to come in the new year.
- ◆ We received a planning grant from our Morris County Commissioners and the Historic Preservation Trust Fund. This is the first step towards the restoration of the red barn on Mountainside Rd. at our Scott Farm/Cary Barn.
- ◆ The continued upgrading of our Water Reclamation Facility and related sewer system.
- ◆ Installation of a new Department of Public Works equipment facility.
- ◆ We handed out hundreds of reusable shopping bags to help our residents with the new state shopping bag requirements.
- ◆ We held our first re-branded fall festival, "Mendham Fest."
- ◆ We created a new Facebook account and added Instagram to our social media offerings.
- ◆ We had our first successful visit from the DMV Mobile Unit thanks to Assemblywoman Aura Dunn.

Reminders

New to our town? We are at 2 West Main Street in the Phoenix House. For permits and construction needs visit the Bowers Building right next door across the parking lot. For tax and sewer bill payments in person visit Bowers on Monday or Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Outside of those days and times come to the Phoenix House during regular business hours.

You can find us at www.mendhamnj.org. Once there, sign up for email alerts by clicking on the green envelope icon or Nixle on the left side of the page. You can also find us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. You will find our Council Meeting schedule and our Committee and Board meeting schedules on our calendar. Council meetings start at 7 p.m., but the Mayor is usually there at 6 p.m. for residents that would like to meet in person. Please email me so I know to expect you, or ask for a meeting time that works with your schedule: cglassner@mendhamnj.org.

Our Fire Department asks that if you have a hydrant on your property, help our DPW and Fire Department out and clear it of

snow. With a building fire every minute counts.

Who's Who in Mendham

New First Aid Captain for 2023

We are so fortunate in Mendham Borough that we have a volunteer First Aid Squad, along with compassionate neighbors who serve us all. I am happy to announce the swearing in of our new Captain, Cliff Straub. Cliff and his family have been residents of the Borough for about 47 years. Throughout this time he's had some busy years serving his community, either as a member of the Juvenile Conference Committee, as an Usher and active member of St Joseph Church, and much more.

Cliff grew up in East Orange where he met his wife, Lesly, in high school. Little did he know that this young romance would continue throughout his life, and Lesly would become his HTH (Home-Town-Honey). After high school, Cliff attended Upsala College in East Orange where he studied accounting and finance. He would later join Ernst and Young as a CPA. This was the beginning of a long career in finance and one that would expand to a number of finance firms as an auditor and CFO, in both public and private firms.

Like so many families Cliff and his wife moved their family here for the school system, as well as the open space this beautiful town offers. They found Mendham through an invitation to a friend's house. Cliff said to himself, "This is the place for me!" and a week later he and Lesly had purchased the home he still lives in today. The four children they raised would go on to give them 12 grandchildren.

When Cliff is not saving lives with our First Aid Department, he is busy going to sports games and activities to watch his grandchildren, as he did with his own children. It was retirement that brought Cliff to our Squad, when he decided to become an EMT. When he is not serving his community, Cliff tells me that he loves to fish and admits to a golf game that is a work in progress, but what golf game isn't?

Want to know how you can get involved? Stop in on a Sunday morning and say hello to Cliff and our crew, they are always happy to greet our residents.

What to expect from Animal Control

Through a shared service arrangement with neighboring towns, the Borough uses Animal Control Solutions for our animal issues. Contact them at (908) 722-1271. You can find the specific services they offer on our website, but in short, you should call them for loose or stray cats and dogs, or injured domestic animals. Boarding fees may apply.

Should you encounter a deceased deer on public property, Morris County is responsible for removal of all deceased deer from all municipal and county roadways. All deceased deer and rabid or injured animal notifications can be made to the Mendham Borough Police non-emergency number, 973-543-2993, or to mbpd@mendhamnj.org. Please provide an accurate description of the location of the deer carcass.

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Happy New Year!

Wishing you a wonderful, happy and healthy new year in 2023! Please stop by the library to check out some of the new things we have happening at the library. Keep a look out for our Kindles, read-aloud books and launchpads for children, and upcoming hybrid programs.



Join Us for a Sherlock Holmes Murder Mystery

Saturday, February 4, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
at the Mendham Borough Library

Grab your spyglass and prepare yourself for a live comedy "whodunit" style murder mystery show featuring

The Riddlesbrood Theater Company. Audience participation and interaction is encouraged. Get your tickets soon as space is limited. This event is for adults only. Wine and light snacks will be served. Ticket price is \$50 per person and is 100% tax deductible. Scan the QR code to register.



January Adult Programs

Winter Landscape Paint & Sip

Wednesday, January 11, 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy a glass of wine while you make your own winter landscape painting, with step-by-step instructions from artist Lynne Tenten. \$10 fee per attendee. Please register to attend and pay at the library.



Cribbage

Tuesday, January 17, 6:30 p.m.

Beginners always welcome! Join us for this fun and dynamic game!

History of Comic Book Superheroes

Wednesday, January 25, 7:00 p.m.

Ever wonder how superheroes have stayed so popular? Join us for this lecture as we look at how our favorite comic book heroes came about and why new generations continue to love them! Please register to attend.



Coming Soon...

We will have Kindles available for you to check out. Each Kindle will be pre-loaded with many bestsellers



for you to enjoy reading at home, on the go, waiting for appointments, or while you are traveling. Every month we will add three new bestselling titles to the Kindles so that they are always current and full of great new reading material.

Monthly Programs

Yoga via Zoom

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.

\$5 per class. Sign up for a month at the library.

Social Bridge

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. at the Library

For experienced players. Come out and play!

Canasta

Thursdays, 10 a.m. at the Library

All levels of play are welcome to join this fun, lively group.

Book Club

Friday, January 27, 10 a.m. at the Library

Sparks Like Stars by Nadia Hashimi

Did You Know?

Mendham Borough Library offers Health Connect bags full of books, DVD's and pamphlets that you can check out to learn more about certain health conditions. We have partnered with Atlantic Health System to get important health information which has been recently updated. Topics include: Alzheimer's Disease, Autism, Breastfeeding, Bereavement/Grief, Caregiver Health, Healthy Weight, Heart Health, Hospice/Palliative Care, and Mental Health. Check out a bag today!

January Children's Programs

Toddler Sing-Along

Every Monday at 10:30 a.m. (except January 2nd & 16th)

At the Library

Join us for some fun songs!

Babies and Books

Fridays, January 6 & 13, 10:45 a.m.

(First 2 Fridays of the month)

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



Read to a Dog

Thursday, January 5, 3:30 p.m.

Come build reading confidence while sharing a story with a new furry friend.

Lunar New Year Celebration

Wednesday, January 18, 3:30 p.m.

Join us for a story, game, and craft as we celebrate and learn about Lunar New Year.



Art Journals

Ages 7+

Wednesday, January 25, 3:30 p.m.

Create and design your own fun journal with washi tape, old book pages, and more. All supplies provided by the library.

Take-Home Crafts

A new craft is available every week! Pick up in the library or curbside.



TAG (Teen Advisory Group)

**Vision Boards and Journals
Ages 12+**

Thursday, January 12, 5:30 p.m.

Inspire your 2023 as we create a visual reminder of our goals, dreams, and intentions, along with a journal to help keep us motivated throughout the year.

Go to www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org to register for all our programs!

Coming Up

**The Morris Canal:
Northern New Jersey's Water Highway**

Wednesday, February 8, 7:00 p.m.

TAG Teen Group: Cake Wars

Thursday, February 9, 5:30 p.m.

Lego Club

Wednesday, February 15, 3:30 p.m.

Book Club

Friday, February 24, 10:00 a.m. at the Library

The Beauty of Dusk by Frank Bruni

Fletcher Gallery

In January come to our Fletcher Gallery to see original artwork by Hilltop Christian Nursery School students.

Pet License Renewal

It's that time of the year...time to renew our furry friends' pet licenses. If you currently have a cat and/or dog, licensed renewal letters will be sent out at the end of December. Renewals are due on January 31, 2023. Once the renewal paper is received, the pet's 2023 license and tag will be mailed out in 7-10 days. If you have a new pet this is the time to obtain a license.

One mandatory item when renewing or registering your pet is a current Rabies Vaccination Certificate. If your pet receives a Rabies Vaccination during the year

please be sure to send a copy into the Borough Clerk.

The Borough is working hard to institute an online Pet Licensing Portal. The portal will allow residents to renew, register, upload their pets' Rabies Vaccination Certificate and make payment online. Keep checking the Borough website for updates.



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Borough Meetings in January 2023

Borough Holiday: January 2
Borough Meetings: at the Garabrant Center
unless otherwise indicated.

Council: 7 p.m. Friday, January 6 (Reorg.
Meeting at the Firehouse); 7 p.m.
Wednesday, January 18

ECOSST: 7:30 p.m. Monday, January 3
Board of Health: 7 p.m. Tuesday, January
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Historic Preservation Commission:
7:30 p.m. Monday, January 16

Joint Land Use Board:
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 17

Recreation Committee:
7:30 p.m. Thursday, January 19

Boro Schools Board of Education:
7 p.m. Wednesday, January 25; Hilltop
Elementary School Cafeteria

Recycling: Thursdays January 5, 12, 19, 26
Curbside Bulk Pickup:
Mondays January 2, 9, 16, 23

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To report animal cruelty issues, please contact Humane Law
Enforcement Office, Ptl. Joseph Kennedy at 973-543-2993*1842,
or kennedy@mendhamnj.org.

Coming up...

Saturday, January 7th is Styrofoam Recycling Day and there
are specific rules to follow. In order for the Styrofoam to be
recycled it must be clean and free from tape, labels, label
residue, and markings of any kind including ink or markers. If
your Styrofoam contains any of this you can cut it off or throw in
your regular trash.

That's our report for January. Thank you all for reading and have
a wonderful 2023!

Warm regards,
Christine Serrano Glassner
Mayor



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