

# The Mendham Messenger

April 2015

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## Mayor's Update

Dear Residents & Business Owners:

I hope that you have survived the winter of 2015; it was a long one. I urge all of you to enjoy the spring by coming out, walking our neighborhoods and trails as well as enjoying a little league baseball game at Borough Park. You can also volunteer to help our neighbors over at the Schiff Land Trust in their partnership with the Raritan Headwaters Association to clean up the river along Union School House Road or participate in Schiff's Environmental Film Festival during the month of April. You can call Borough Clerk Margot Kaye for further details on any of these activities.

The Department of Public Works worked hard and efficiently to insure our roads were plowed, salted and treated so that they were safe for motorists during the winter. Thanks for a job well done.

The Borough Council is completing the 2015 budget so that we can introduce it at an April council meeting. Please check the Borough website for council agendas and budget details once it is introduced.

While there are several important projects under consideration for 2015, the top priority has become replacing the roof on the fire house before it becomes a more costly project for the Borough. We are currently assessing the cost of a new roof and a time table has been put together on the public bidding of this project.

The Borough has contracted with TR Business Solutions to review our IT system and provide recommendations on how to bring it up to date. Upgrades will include new software in the Borough offices to improve internal efficiencies. The review will also help determine if we are getting the biggest bang for our buck from our current IT vendors.

The Council's Land Use Sub-Committee has reviewed a request for an overlay zone from the Sisters of Christian Charity. Their recommendation to the council was to authorize our planner and engineer to assess the proposal and report back on next steps.

Negotiations continue with our PBA local on a new contract. As of this writing, a counter-offer has been made and I expect an answer to this counter-offer to be delivered soon.

I also expect to have a final feasibility report on the

regional high school issue from Ross Haber Associates in the next few weeks. Mr. Haber was unavoidably delayed in completing this report on the originally expected schedule.

The Recreation Committee has been busy producing the 2015 Recreation Handbook which will be completed and distributed this spring.

Best wishes for a warm and enjoyable spring season!

Sincerely,

Neil Henry, Mayor

## Rotary Club Spring Antiques Show

*Saturday, April 18 from 10 am to 5 pm*

*Sunday, April 19 from 11 am to 4 pm*

*At West Morris Mendham High School*

Admission is \$7 (\$6 with discount card)

Parking is free and lunch is available. More

information at <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/4065>

This year's show includes more than 40 dealers from New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Delaware and Pennsylvania and offers automobile collectibles from the late 1800s through the early 1900s, early American and Victorian furniture, Lionel trains, stoneware, rare books and prints, 19<sup>th</sup> century vintage prints, porcelain, jewelry, Majolica, Roseville, Daltons, linens and more.

The show will also include a bake sale run by two Mendham High School junior to raise money for a volunteer trip. They will be visiting Costa Rica to rebuild homes and work with low income families.



## Events at Schiff Nature Preserve

*339 Pleasant Valley Road, Mendham*

*Registration required at [www.schiffnaturepreserve.org](http://www.schiffnaturepreserve.org)*

**Volunteer Stream Cleanup** *Saturday, April 18*

**Kids Nature Discovery Day** *Saturday, April 18*

9:30-11 am, \$10 members / \$15 non-members. Kids under 6 with caregiver, ages 6+ may be dropped off

**Sunday Morning Fitness Hike** *Sunday, April 19*

8 am, free for members / \$10 non-members

**Wild & Scenic Film Festival** *Sat/Sun, April 25-26*

\$15 for members or 4 for \$40 / \$20 non-members



Mendham Borough  
LIBRARY

# News from the Mendham Borough Library

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

## Programs for Kids

### *Step into a Story*

Back by popular demand, Step Into a Story is here again! You are invited to visit any of the 27 Morris County libraries that are offering special prizes and activities and decorating sections of their children's areas as favorite children's stories. Mendham Borough will celebrate Seuss with a scavenger hunt. For more a complete list of participating libraries and more information, please go to [www.florhamparklib.org/stepintoastory](http://www.florhamparklib.org/stepintoastory)



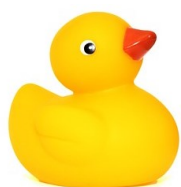
### *Knitting Club*

Friday, April 10 at 3:30 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and up

### *Magic & Mayhem: Late Night at the Library*

Friday, April 10 from 7 to 10 pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Join us for a special night with magician Mark Zacharia! Enjoy his show and learn some magic tricks yourself. Space is limited so sign up today!



### *Turtle Dance Music for Toddlers 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Kick-off Concert*

Saturday, April 11 at 10:30 am  
pre-k kids and younger

Join us for an interactive dance party with all sorts of songs from children's classics to Broadway tunes. Turtle Dance Music features music and movement for kids of all ages.

### *Annie at the Library*

Wednesday, April 15 at 6 pm, all ages

Movie snacks provided. Parents please plan to enjoy the movie with your children.



### *Lego Club*

Saturday, April 18 at 12 pm, all ages

### *Right Plant, Right Place, Right Effect The three Rs for a Successful Garden With Master Gardener Gail Di Domenico Thursday, April 16 at 7 pm*

Learn how to avoid garden bloopers and make the most of the conditions in your yard. Gail will discuss hardiness zones, soil pH and conditions, light exposure, plant characteristics, features and attractions. Information on trees, shrubs, perennials, vines, ground covers, bulbs and annuals will be provided, along with many photos and suggestions. Whether you are hiring a professional or doing it yourself, planting an expensive tree or a tiny annual, it pays to know how to protect and increase the value of your landscape investments. Proper selection and techniques can save time, money, and labor and add to gardening enjoyment. Call the library today to register. 973 543-4152.



### *Save The Date Wednesday, May 27 at 7 pm An Evening of Sinatra!*

We will sip champagne, as we celebrate the music and the man with this lively presentation about the life of this great singer.



### **Chester Food Pantry**

The Chester Food Pantry is accepting your free frozen items from Shop Rite and other stores if you are not going to redeem them for yourself. The food pantry is open on Wednesdays from 9 to 11 am and is located at 100 North Road, Chester. If you can't stop by during that time, please call Jacki at (908) 879-2548 to make other arrangements. The food pantry uses these items to help over 50 families in Chester and Mendham with their supplemental food needs.



## Selected New Books & DVDs

### Non-Fiction

*Dead Wake* Erik Larson  
*Food Truck Road Trip* Kim Pham

### Fiction

*The Accidental Empress* Allison Pataki  
*All the Old Knives* Olen Steinhauer  
*The Assassin* Clive Cussler  
*Captivated By You* Sylvia Day  
*Cold Betrayal* J.A. Jance  
*Double Fudge Brownie Murder* Joanne Flunke  
*The Edge of Dreams* Rhys Bowen  
*Empire* John Connolly  
*Endangered* C.J. Box  
*The Fifth Gospel* Ian Caldwell  
*The First Bad Man* Miranda July  
*Get What's Yours* Laurence J. Kotlikoff  
*The Girl on the Train* Paula Hawkins  
*Hush, Hush* Laura Lippman  
*Impasse* Royce S. Buckingham  
*In Plain Sight* Fern Michaels  
*Last One Home* Debbie Macomber  
*Lethal Beauty* Lis Wiehl  
*The Lost Child* Caryl Phillips  
*The Magic of Ordinary Days* Ann Howard Creel  
*Mightier Than the Sword* Jeffrey Archer  
*Mrs. Grant and Madame Juliet* Jennifer Chiaverini  
*New Uses for Old Boyfriends* Beth Kendrick  
*NYPD Red 3* James Patterson  
*Prodigal Son* Danielle Steel  
*The Reluctant Midwife* Patricia Harman  
*Secrets of the Nanny Whisperer* Tammy Gold  
*The Whites* Harry Brandt  
*World Gone By* Dennis Lehane

### DVDs

*Birdman*  
*Ida*  
*Interstellar*  
*Kelly & Cal*  
*Outlander: Season One*  
*Still Alice*  
*The Two Faces of January*  
*Wild*



## Free Seedlings for Mendham Borough

Free tree seedlings will be available for Mendham Borough residents as a part of the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign. This program is helping communities replace trees damaged or destroyed by Superstorm Sandy.



From 8 am to 3 pm Monday, April 20 through Friday, April 24, residents can pick up tree seedlings at the Mendham Borough Department of Public Works, 37 Ironia Rd. Available on a first-come, first-served basis, the seedlings will come with instructions on how to store, care for, and plant them. They will also include guidelines to determine where to plant a tree considering it's eventual full-grown size. Residents should plant the seedlings within two days after pick-up in order to prevent the roots from drying out. The goal of the Tree Recovery Campaign is to distribute over 500,000 tree seedlings to NJ residents. When properly planted and maintained, trees can improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood or business district, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants, and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits. If you have any questions please contact Lisa Smith 973-543-6535 dpw@mendhamnj.org

## Mendham Borough Historical Society

**Tuesday, April 28 at 7:45 pm, Garabrant Center**

Architectural historian/preservation consultant Clifford W. Zink presents "*The Roebling Legacy*" - a classic American saga spanning the continent for over 200 years. The Roeblings built the Brooklyn Bridge and were instrumental in the engineering of the GW and Golden Gate bridges. Among their many achievements, John A. Roebling & Sons Co. produced wire rope products that helped shape today's modern life, provided jobs and created the USA's "first sports car." Their buildings in Trenton have been repurposed for modern-day uses and the town of Roebling houses a museum. Clifford Zink is an author and recipient of several awards including the John A. Roebling Award from the Society for Industrial Archaeology. Program/parking free; public invited. Presentation funded by Horizons Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council on the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information about Horizons Speakers Bureau, visit <http://njch.org/programs/hsb/>.

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## Borough Calendar for April 2015

### Curbside Bulk Pickup -

Mondays, April 6, 13, 20 & 27

Recycle - Thursdays, April 2, 16 & 30

**Borough Council Meetings** - at the Garabrant Center,  
8pm on Mondays, April 6 & 20

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

**Recreation Meeting** - at the Phoenix House,  
7:30 pm on Wednesday, April 8

**Planning Board Meeting** - at the Garabrant Center,  
8 pm on Monday, April 13

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

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

*Borough Offices and Recycling Center will be  
closed on Friday, April 3 for Good Friday.*

**Don't forget BALLOONS in JUNE!!**  
Congratulate your favorite graduates  
of Mountain View's Class of 2015!

Please visit [www.mendhamboro.org](http://www.mendhamboro.org) for a  
Balloons in June order form.

Questions? Call Laura Coutts at 973.543.8866 or  
Susan Skuraton at 973.543.1873.



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