

The Mendham Messenger

December 2013

Mayor's Message

Dear Residents and Business Owners:

The Mayor, Council and Borough Administration have been busy this month recruiting to fill some important positions. We were looking for candidates for land use coordinator, technical assistant to the construction official and part-time secretary in the police department. Administrator Sandman received many resumes from highly skilled individuals and we completed a number of interviews. We are pleased to announce that we plan to offer these positions to qualified candidates by year's end and will make the announcements at the appropriate time. We are confident that our new employees will help continue our long-standing tradition of excellence.

On the flip side, we are losing two very valuable employees. Diana Callahan, our land use coordinator, is retiring. And Emily Wood, our technical assistant to the construction official, is also retiring to return to the classroom to further her education. Please join me in thanking both Diana and Emily for the professionalism they both brought to their work in Mendham.

Our Department of Public Works asks that I remind all residents to refrain from dumping leaves into the street. Placing leaves in the street increases the risk of clogging the borough's catch basins which can back up during storms.

Work has begun on our 2014 municipal budget. As in previous years, our goal as we enter the budget planning phase is to deliver the best service possible at the best possible value. More information will be available on the budget as we move through the process.

Mendham Borough continues to take the lead in seeking proposals for a school district study. This examination, by qualified professionals, will explore what it would mean to our communities to reconfigure the entire K-12 system in both Mendham and Chester creating a stand-alone high school for those four communities. Solicitation for proposals will be complete by December 11 and consultant selection will be complete by February. I continue to encourage each one of you to continue to educate yourself on this important issue.

Please remember that the overnight ban on street parking for the winter months is now in place until April. Also, please support all of our businesses during the Holly Trail which is sponsored by the Mendham Business Association and will take place on Saturday, December 7.

Best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season!.

Mayor Neil Henry

Holly Trail 2013

Saturday, December 7

The Mendham Business Association and the Borough Recreation Department invite you to join us on the Holly



Trail for a variety of fun events throughout the day. Please check the Borough website for a complete listing. The tree lighting will take place at 4 pm in the Gazebo at Borough Park. The Mountainview Middle School Chorus and Band will perform carols and seasonal music followed by hot chocolate and donuts provided by the Recreation Department.

News from the Health Department

- ◆ Flu Shots
- ◆ Reduced-cost radon kits

The Bernards Township Health Department serves Mendham Borough and other local towns. It is located at 262 S. Finley Ave. in Basking Ridge.

The Health Department's last flu shot clinic will be on Wednesday, December 4 from 4 - 6 pm at the Bernards Township Health Department. It is **by appointment only** for those 4 years old through adult. To schedule an appointment, please call 908-204-2520. The cost is \$20 for residents and \$30 for non-residents. Shots are free for those with a valid Medicare Part B card. Participants should consult with their doctor before receiving the vaccine. This service is provided by the Visiting Nurse Association of Somerset Hills.

Radon kits are for sale to homeowners for \$10 per kit while supplies last. Kits can be picked up at the Health Department.





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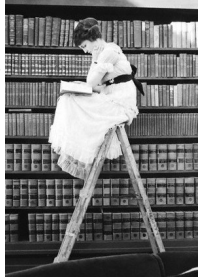
LIBRARY

News from the Mendham Borough Library

10 Hilltop Road 973 543-4152 mendhamboroughlibrary.org

BECOME A FRIEND OF THE MENDHAM BOROUGH LIBRARY

Did you know that the library has had a fundraising group for over 100 years? Originally called the Book and Thimble Club, it was an integral part of creating our current library. We are looking for some new friends to become part of this tradition and keep the Mendham Borough Library strong by:



- * Raising funds for resources, collections and services.
- * Building awareness about Library programs.
- * Contributing to Mendham's cultural & educational well-being.

The Friends welcome ideas that interest you so let us know what other activities, programs or events you would like to help plan. Membership is for all of 2014.

JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE MENDHAM BOROUGH LIBRARY

I would like to help with:

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| Fundraising _____ | Publicity _____ |
| Book Sale _____ | Membership _____ |
| Special Events _____ | Executive Board _____ |

Membership Levels

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| Senior Citizen \$10 _____ | Individual \$15 _____ |
| Family \$25 _____ | Sponsor \$50 _____ |
| Benefactor \$100 _____ | Donation _____ |

Does your company provide matching gifts? _____

Members will be thanked in our annual listing in the Messenger. Please let us know how you would like your name to appear.

Street Address _____

Town, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Online Access to Consumer Reports

Would you like to find reviews of products you plan to purchase this holiday season ~ or any time, for that matter? With your library card, you can read *Consumer Reports* articles from the comfort of your home. First go to the Mendham Borough Library home page: <http://www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org> and then follow this path:

- Click on "Online Resources" located on the ribbon with Search MAIN catalog.
- Click on "Magazines on line" located in the Magazines and Newspapers Databases section and enter your library card number. And Click login.



- Click on [Access Consumer Reports](#) from MasterFILE database.

You can now view a particular issue of Consumer Reports or search for articles on your topic. Happy Holiday Shopping!

Learn about the Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act

A discussion with Katherine Woodfield Hermes Wednesday, January 15 from 7-9 pm

Come learn about the new laws from the author of *Don't Buy that Health Insurance: Become an Educated Health Care Consumer*. She will discuss the basic policies in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the changes to Medicare. She will also outline who will qualify for health insurance subsidies.

Katherine has an MBA from Penn State University and has spent the last two decades working in health-care and insurance. Please call to register.

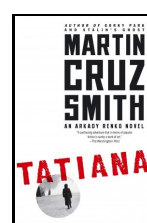
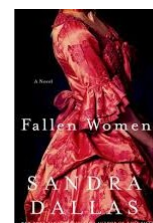
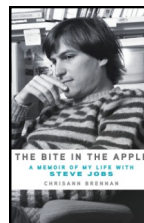
Fletcher Gallery

The Gallery will feature the paintings of Mendham resident Leina'ala Schwartz in December. Her oil paintings capture light and color in a variety of settings.



Leina'ala will hold an opening reception on Thursday, December 12 from 6 to 8 pm. For more information about her paintings, please visit her website at <http://www.namakanigallery.com>.

New Acquisitions at the Library



Books

<i>Confidence</i>	T. Chamorro-Premuzic
<i>Cooking at Home</i>	Culinary Institute of America
<i>Fallen Women</i>	Sandra Dallas
<i>Grain Brain</i>	David Perlmutter
<i>It's Never too Late</i>	Dallas Clayton
<i>Paying for College without Going Broke</i>	Kalman A. Chany
<i>Purgatory</i>	Ken Bruen
<i>Red Sky in Morning</i>	Paul Lynch
<i>Sense and Sensibility</i>	Joanna Trollope
<i>Simple Dream</i>	Linda Ronstadt
<i>Tatiana</i>	Martin Cruz Smith
<i>The Bite in the Apple</i>	Chrisann Brennan
<i>The Trident</i>	Jason Redman
<i>The Valley of Amazement</i>	Amy Tan
<i>When Will the Heaven Begin?</i>	Ally Breedlove
<i>White Fire</i>	Preston & Child

Books on CD

<i>Mad About the Boy</i>	Helen Fielding
<i>David and Goliath</i>	Malcom Gladwell
<i>Fifteen Minutes</i>	Karen Kingsbury
<i>Identical</i>	Scott Turow
<i>Keep it Pithy</i>	Bill O'Reilly
<i>Me Before You</i>	Jojo Moyes
<i>The Men Who United the States</i>	Simon Winchester
<i>One Summer</i>	Bill Bryson
<i>Storm Front</i>	John Sandford
<i>Sycamore Row</i>	John Grisham

Large Type

<i>Command Authority</i>	Tom Clancy
<i>Dust</i>	Patricia Cornwell
<i>Identical</i>	Scott Turow
<i>Innocence</i>	Dean Koontz
<i>Killing Jesus</i>	Bill O'Reilly
<i>The Spymistress</i>	Jennifer Chiaverini
<i>Starry Night</i>	Debbie Macomber
<i>Sycamore Row</i>	John Grisham
<i>Tip and the Gipper</i>	Chris Matthews

DVDs

<i>Before Midnight</i>	<i>Elysium</i>
<i>Kick-Ass 2</i>	<i>The Mortal Instruments</i>
<i>Planes</i>	<i>R.I.P.D.</i>
<i>The Smurfs 2</i>	<i>Thomas: King of the Railway</i>
<i>Turbo</i>	<i>2 Guns</i>
<i>The Wolverine</i>	<i>The World's End</i>
<i>We're the Millers</i>	

Holiday Hours and Closures

Tuesday -Thursday, December 24-26 *closed*
 Tuesday, December 31 *10 am - 2 pm*
 Wednesday, January 1 *closed*

2013 Holiday Reading Program

Beginning December 1, younger children can participate in a month long Holiday Reading Program by logging in their reading hours at the library. Middle and High School readers can stop by the Teen Room and enter a weekly drawing for prizes. There will be a holiday party on Friday, December 20 for all participants.



Visit the Library on the Holly Trail

Come out of the cold and into the Mendham Borough Library while on the Holly Trail on Saturday, December 7. Children can decorate a cookie and make a holiday card from 11 am to 1 pm.

1st and 2nd grade combine Reading Groups

Starting December 2, we are combining our 1st grade and 2nd grade reading group into one group. The reading group sessions will be held every Monday at 3:15 pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Winter Break Family Scavenger Hunt

December 27 to January 3, anytime, all ages

Come in and complete a scavenger hunt throughout the library. Forms will be available at the circulation desk, and the hunt can be completed any time that week. The family who finds the most clues will receive a special prize.



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Borough Calendar for December 2013

Curbside Bulk Pickup

Mondays, December 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Recycle - Thursdays, December 12 & 26

Borough Council Meeting - at the Garabrant Center,
8 pm on Monday, December 2, 16 & 23

Planning Board Meeting - at the Garabrant Center,
8 pm on Monday, December 9

Board of Adjustment - at the Garabrant Center,
7:30 pm on Tuesday, December 3

Environmental Commission - at the Phoenix House,
8 pm on Thursday, December 19

Recreation Commission - at the Phoenix House,
7:30 pm on Wednesday, December 11

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting - at the
Phoenix House, 7:30 pm on Monday, December 16

Board of Education Meeting - in the Hilltop School
Cafeteria, 7:30 pm on Tuesday, December 17

Holiday Closures at the Borough Offices

Wednesday & Thursday, December 25 & 26

Wednesday, January 1

Hilltop Church Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 15 at 4 pm

The Hilltop Sanctuary Choir will be joined by the 80 voice Jefferson High School Special Chorus both under the direction of James Wynne. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. Seating is limited, please call the Church Office for availability at 973 543 4012.

Mendham TV has Video on Demand



Did you miss the Labor Day Parade, the 2013 WMMHS Graduation Ceremonies or our important film, *Unforgettable! Are You Prepared?*, about Hurricane Sandy and it's impact on Mendham? View these programs and dozens more including high school sports games, the WMRHSD Community Tech Summit and programs presented at the Mendham Borough and Township libraries whenever you would like. Go to www.MendhamTV.org on your computer, smart phone or tablet and find our TV library under the VOD tab. Mendham TV can be viewed on Verizon FIOS channel 22 and on Comcast channel 29. For the broadcast schedule see www.MendhamTV.org.

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