

The Mendham Messenger

December 2015

Mayor's Update

Dear Resident and Business Owners,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Helen Cleary, who is both a resident and long-time borough employee, for her diligent work over 25 years as the Borough's Administrative Assistant in the recreation, tax assessment and health departments. Helen was the glue that held these departments together and enabled them to run at a high level of efficiency. Please join me in wishing Helen and her husband Bob best wishes for a long and prosperous retirement!

The Morris County Open Space Committee has recommended approval of a grant to Mendham Borough to acquire a portion of the Scott Farm. The Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders are set to act on this in the very near future and, if they follow the recommendation and approve the action, the Borough will make every effort to close on this property by the end of the year. Our plan is to transform this property into an area for passive recreation extending our current trail system for all of our residents to enjoy.

A public hearing on the new religious campus zone to encompass the Sisters of Christian Charity will be held at the December 7 Borough Council meeting. All are welcome to attend to express their opinion.

We have started to prepare the 2016 municipal budget. The Council and I will be holding a public budget workshop session on Saturday, December 5 at 9 a.m. in the Garabrant Center to review the budget submissions from our department heads.

We continue to consider how to ensure snow removal from town sidewalks at the request of several residents. 70 percent of respondents in an informal survey taken earlier this fall were not in favor of requiring snow removal from our sidewalks. As a result, the Borough Council's public safety committee is still studying how to address this concern. They are considering a joint initiative that would combine a resident-helping-resident approach with some help from the Department of Public Works particularly on sidewalks adjoining and/or leading up to our schools.

Borough Administrator Merkt and I met recently with members of the Mendham Borough Board of

Education for an informal discussion about the West Morris Regional High School District Feasibility Study prepared by Ross Haber and Associates. During the meeting, I suggested that the Mayor and Council meet publicly with the local school board for further discussions about the potential plans. As you know, any action the Borough Council takes on this matter needs to be in lock step with the local Board of Education and, as of this writing, this joint public meeting is still under consideration. In the meantime, I believe both elected bodies need to hear from you, the taxpayer, about your thoughts and conclusions after reading the Haber report. If you want to share comments on this matter with the Council and me, please email nhenry@mendham-nj.org. A copy of the Haber report can be found on the Borough website under the Mayors' Regional Educational Advisory Committee tab. A copy of this report and/or an electronic links can also be secured from the Borough Clerk, Margot Kay.

In other news, I am happy to report that work on the new roof at our firehouse has been completed. We also continue to work with the Borough of Chester on streamlining the costs of court security as well as assisting them in consulting on the management of their wastewater facilities.

Best wishes for a Happy Holiday season.

Sincerely,

Neil Henry

Mayor

Free Blood Pressure Screening

The Visiting Nurse Association of Morristown holds blood pressure clinics in the Community Room at Mendham Area Senior Housing the first and third Thursday of every month from 9:30-10:30 am. These clinics are free and open to ***all*** residents of Mendham Borough and Mendham Township.





Mendham Borough
LIBRARY

News from the Mendham Borough Library

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

Funding College Without Going Broke

Thursday, December 10 at 7 pm

Mike Velasco, noted college expert, will give you the inside scoop on how to send your kids to the school of their dreams without going broke; how to triple your eligibility for aid; and how to find scholarships or grants. Do you want to:



- ◆ Pay for college with less money out of your pocket;
- ◆ Finance a private school for less than a state school;
- ◆ Pick the colleges that will give you the most money;
- ◆ Learn seven strategies to afford your dream college.
- ◆ Make a plan right now if your child is in high school.

Mike will share the insider secrets that your guidance counselor doesn't know. Admission is free but seating is limited. Call the library at 973 543-4152.

Library Cookie Swap

Saturday, December 5 at 12 pm

The weather outside is frightful, but sharing cookies can be so delightful! Tired of the same old holiday cookie recipes? Want to sample a cookie before making a whole batch? Come to the Library Holiday Cookie Swap, meet neighbors, and enjoy new recipes and cookies for the holidays.



Here's how it works:

- 1) Choose what cookie you would like to bake, call the library to register and "claim your cookie."
- 2) Make two dozen cookies to share and a dozen for sampling for a total of three dozen cookies.
- 3) Bring copies of your recipe to share and a container to bring your cookie assortment home.

Call 973 543-4152 to register for this yummy event.

Can You Donate?

The Library is looking to expand our travel book selections. Please consider donating only those books that are in good shape and published after 2014.



For Kids in December

Programs for all ages unless otherwise noted. Space is limited and sign ups are a must. Please do so on our website or by calling 973-543-4152.

Chess Club

Thursday, December 3 at 6:30 pm
Open to those in 3rd grade and up.



Knitting Club

Friday, December 4 at 3:30 pm
Open to those in 2nd grade and up.



Holly Trail

Saturday, December 5, 11 am to 1 pm

Bring your kids out of the cold and into the Mendham Borough Library to decorate a cookie and make a holiday card.



Family Night: Gingerbread House Workshop

Monday, December 7 at 6:30 pm

Take some family time to create your own gingerbread house with help from Marianne Ciffer of Edible Arts. Supplies will be provided by the library. Open to Mendham Borough families only. Pre-registration is required.



Late Night @ the Library: Chocolate Fest

Friday, December 11, 7 to 10 pm

Open to kids in 3rd to 8th grade

Indulge your inner chocolatier with chocolate fondue, trivia and games. Space is limited so make sure to sign up today!



Family Movie Night: Minions

Monday, December 16 at 6 pm

Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Parents must stay with their children.



Lego Club

Saturday, December 19 at 12 pm

For information on our weekly book clubs for kids, toddler sing-a-long and storytimes, please visit www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org

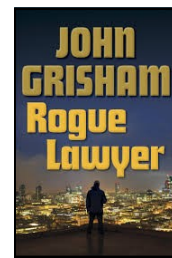
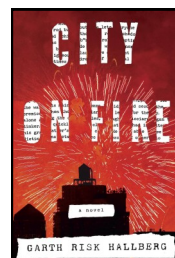
New Books, DVDs & Audiobooks

Non-fiction Books

1944 FDR and the Year That Changed History
 Jay Winik
 50 Years, 50 Moments
 Jerry Rice
 The Age of Clinton
 Gil Troy
 Apple Watch and iPhone Fitness Tips and Tricks
 Jason R. Rich
 Atmosphere of Hope
 Tim Flannery
 Baking with Less Sugar
 Joanne Chang
 Big Magic
 Elizabeth Gilbert
 The Complete America's Test Kitchen TV Show Cookbook
 Find a Way
 Diana Nyad
 The Gratitude Diaries
 Janice Kaplan
 Happy Cooking
 Giada De Laurentiis
 How to Catch a Russian Spy
 Naveed Jamali
 Lafayette in the Somewhat United States
 Sarah Vowell
 The Last of the President's Men
 Bob Woodward
 Lights Out
 Ted Koppel
 Lonely Planet Cuba
 Lonely Planet
 M Train
 Patti Smith
 Magic Soup
 Nicole Pisani
 Family Reference Atlas of the World
 National Geographic
 The Truth
 Neil Strauss
 The Ultimate Obamacare Handbook (2015-2016 Edition)
 Kimberly Amadeo

Fiction Books

All the Stars in the Heavens
 Adriana Trigiani
 An Irish Doctor in Love and at Sea
 Patrick Taylor
 A Banquet of Consequences
 Elizabeth George
 Beastly Bones
 William Ritter
 The Best of Enemies
 Jen Lancaster
 Born of Betrayal
 Sherrilyn Kenyon
 Candy Corn Murder
 Leslie Meier
 The Capital of Late Comers
 Nina Nenova
 Career of Evil
 Robert Galbraith
 The Chocolate Falcon Fraud
 JoAnna Carl
 Christmas Bells
 Jennifer Chiaverini
 City on Fire
 Garth Risk Hallberg
 The Clasp
 Sloane Crosley
 Crimson Shore
 Preston & Child
 The Crossing
 Michael Connelly
 Corrupted
 Lisa Scottoline
 Dashing through the Snow
 Debbie Macomber
 Depraved Heart
 Patricia Cornwell
 Fates and Furies
 Lauren Groff
 Foreign Affairs
 Stuart Woods
 Ghost to the Rescue
 Carolyn Hart
 The Golem of Paris
 Jonathan Kellerman
 The Grave Soul
 Ellen Hart



Hidden Vices
 Hill Country Greed
 Host
 Inside the O'Briens
 Keep the Home Fires Burning
 Killing Monica
 The Lake House
 Little Black Lies
 Marry Me at Christmas
 My Brilliant Friend
 Nantucket
 Parchment and Old Lace
 Playing with Fire
 Robert B. Parker's The Devil Wins
 Rogue Lawyer
 Saturn Run
 The Secret Chord
 See Me
 Shopaholic to the Rescue
 The Survivor
 The Theory of Death
 A Window Opens
 Winter Stroll

C. J. Carpenter
 Patrick Kelly
 Robin Cook
 Jane Green
 Harrod-Eagles
 Candace Bushnell
 Kate Morton
 Sharon Bolton
 Susan Mallery
 Elena Ferrante
 Nan Rossiter
 Laura Childs
 Tess Gerritsen
 Reed Farrel Coleman
 John Grisham
 John Sandford
 Geraldine Brooks
 Nicholas Sparks
 Sophie Kinsella
 Kyle Mills
 Faye Kellerman
 Elisabeth Egan
 Elin Hilderbrand

Audiobooks

The Fateful Lightning
 The Governor's Wife
 The Jefferson Rule
 The Jezebel Remedy
 The Little Paris Bookshop
 The Nature of the Beast
 The Survivor
 Winter Stroll

Jeff Shaara
 Michael Harvey
 David Sehat
 Martin Clark
 Nina George
 Louise Penny
 Kyle Mills
 Elin Hilderbrand

DVDs

Barbie & Her Sisters in the Great Puppy Adventure
 Beverly Hills Christmas
 Christmas Tail
 Mad Max: Fury Road
 Max
 Mr. Holmes
 Pixels
 Shaun: The Sheep Movie
 Thomas and Friends: Tales on the Rails



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Borough Calendar for December 2015

Curbside Bulk Pickup - Monday, December 7, 14, 21 & 28

Recycle - Thursdays, December 10 & 24

Borough Council Meetings - at the Garabrant Center,
8 pm on Monday, December 7, 21 & 28

Board of Adjustment - at the Garabrant Center,
7:30 pm on Thursday, December 1

Environmental Commission - at the Phoenix House,
8 pm on Thursday, December 17

Historic Preservation Commission - at the Phoenix
House, 7:30 pm on Monday, December 21

Planning Board Meeting - at the Garabrant Center,
8 pm on Monday, December 14

Recreation Meeting - at the Phoenix House,
7:30 pm on Wednesday, December 9

Elder Programs in Mendham

Come Ride With Us!

Mendham Area Senior Transportation transports senior and disabled residents in Mendham Borough and Mendham Township to medical appointments and

food shopping. Towns served are Basking Ridge, Bernardsville, Cedar Knolls, Chester, Denville, Harding, Mendham Borough, Mendham Township, Morristown, Morris Plains, Morris Township, Mount Freedom, Parsippany, Randolph, Whippany and the Veterans Hospital in Lyons. Rides to other Morris County towns in Morris County will be considered as the schedule permits.



Memory Café – New at Hilltop Church

First Thursday of each month from 2 - 3:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall of Hilltop House

Memory Café is a national organization of volunteer groups who gather once a month to provide fellowship, refreshments, interactive fun and appropriate programming for people experiencing memory loss and their caregivers. Anyone interested in learning more or registering, please contact Cathy Malman at 973-543-0161 or malmanfamily@verizon.net

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