

The Mendham Messenger

February 2013

Mayor's Reorganization Message 2013

The address below was delivered at the January Borough Council Reorganization Meeting. It is the Mayor's annual review of the state of our Borough and outlines the administration's plans for the coming year.

The Borough Council and I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. A lot has happened and much was accomplished during 2012. Here are some of the highlights:

- A municipal budget with a zero percent increase and a sizeable pay down on our debt.
- An upgrade in our financial rating from Double A to Double A Plus. This is a major accomplishment because many New Jersey towns were downgraded.
- The passage of the long awaited amendment to our sign ordinance.
- The promotion of Pasquale Liberto to the office of Chief of Police and the promotion of Brian Hostler and Joseph Pirello to the rank of Sergeant.
- The completion of an agreement with the Sisters of Christian Charity to operate a shelter during natural disasters.
- A successful brush pick-up program by our Public Works Department that went above and beyond the normal parameters of our daily program.
- A glowing review from the State of New Jersey on our Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- The expansion of our summer day camp which is run by our Recreation Department.
- The continued analysis of borough operation costs. In 2012, we discovered our engineering costs were competitive, resulting in the reappointment of our engineer. We also recognized that zoning costs were high, resulting in the hiring of a new part-time zoning officer.

As we begin 2013, it is critical to note that we can't rest on the successes of 2012. Our administration must continue to find creative ideas on how to control taxes and provide the services expected despite the ongoing difficult economic times.

In 2013, the Borough Administration plans to:

- Adopt a cost effective budget that will also require new borrowing, something we haven't done in

many years. The borrowing will provide the necessary funds to repave a number of roads in the borough. Further delay on this project may increase the need to re-engineer these roads, adding additional expense.

- Produce an analysis of salary comparisons to insure our salaries are competitive with other municipalities.
- Prepare to nominate the updated Mendham Historic District to the NJ State Review Board for Historic Sites at the March 2013 meeting so the district may become part of the state historic register.
- Reassess our recycling costs late in 2013 so that we are sure the taxpayer is getting the best value from the MUA.
- Review our accounting and payroll systems for cost efficiency.
- Review our response to Super Storm Sandy to determine areas of improvement. A primary area of concern is communicating with Borough residents during short and long term power outages. We will also work with the Sisters of Christian Charity to fine tune how the shelters operate during emergency situations.
- Continue discussions with neighboring municipalities on program sharing to reduce costs. A Mayor's Council, with members from local towns (Mendham Township, Mendham Borough, Chester Township, Chester Borough, and Washington Township) will meet regularly to continue these discussions. I look forward to our first meeting which is scheduled for later this month.

In closing, I would like to say it is a privilege and honor to serve as Mayor. I would like to thank the members of the Borough Council for serving with me as we continue to work as a solid cohesive group for the benefit of the entire Mendham Borough community. I would also like to thank all of our employees, residents and volunteers for making Mendham Borough a great place to live.

Best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Mayor Neil Henry



Mendham Borough

LIBRARY

News from the Mendham Borough Library

10 Hilltop Road 973 543-4152 mendhamboroughlibrary.org

Learn about Chinese Culture

Friday, February 22 at 1 pm

Join us for a presentation on Chinese culture, its grace, wisdom and virtues, as interpreted by the Shen Yun Performing Arts Company. In this slideshow and audio presentation, you will journey from ancient China to the modern country of today and gain a better understanding of China and the Shen Yun cultural group. To register, please stop by the circulation desk or call 973 543-4152.

Children's Special Programs

Teen Group

Wednesday, February 6 at 6:30 pm

Help plan programs and discuss new books, plus enjoy pizza, refreshments and a mini Mardi Gras celebration at our February meeting.

Lego Club

Saturday, February 16 from 1 to 2 pm

Have fun building your own Lego creation with friends. We provide the Legos, you provide the imagination! All ages welcome.

Dr. Seuss Birthday Party

Friday, March 1 at 3:30 pm

Come one and come all to celebrate Dr. Seuss!! Join us for stories, a craft and birthday cake for everyone. Please register by Wednesday, February 27.

The Library is closed Monday, February 18 for President's Day.



Magician Brian Richards entertained over 60 children at the Mendham Borough Library on Friday, December 21. Thanks to the Mendham Borough Recreation Department for sponsoring this magical show.

2012 Annual Fund

Listing continued from the January 2013 Messenger.

Many thanks to the following additional donors.

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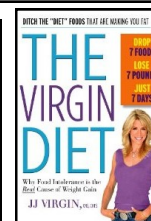
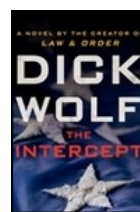
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Yoga at the Mendham Borough Library

Sign ups for yoga classes will begin on February 11. Classes will begin on Tuesday, February 26 and Thursday, February 28. They will be held at 8:30 am and led by Peggy Hynes on Tuesdays and by Karen Lonergan on Thursdays. Please contact the library for more information.

New Acquisitions at the Library



Keep An Eye Out For

<i>Burgess Boys</i>	Elizabeth Strout	3/26/2013
<i>Starting New</i>	Debbie Macomber	3/26/2013
<i>Wanderer</i>	Robin Carr	4/2/2013

Books

<i>7 Years Younger</i>	Good Housekeeping	1/1/2013
<i>Above All Things</i>	Tanis Rideo	2/12/2013
<i>The Autumn Bride</i>	Anne Gracie	2/5/2013
<i>Back to You</i>	Robin Kaye	12/31/2012
<i>Benediction</i>	Kent Haruf	2/26/2013
<i>Birthdays for the Dead</i>	Stuart MacBride	2/19/2013
<i>The Blood Gospel</i>	James Rollins	1/8/2013
<i>Calculated in Death</i>	J. D. Robb	2/26/2013
<i>Deadly Stakes</i>	Judith A. Jance	2/5/2013
<i>Enemy of Mine</i>	Brad Taylor	1/15/2013
<i>The Fifth Assassin</i>	Brad Meltzer	1/15/2013
<i>Footprints in the Sand</i>	Mary Jane Clark	1/8/2013
<i>The Girls' Guide to Love and Supper Clubs</i>	Dana Bate	2/5/2013
<i>Gods and Beasts</i>	Denise Mina	2/26/2013
<i>Gun Machine</i>	Warren Ellis	1/1/2013
<i>Harvest</i>	Jim Crace	2/12/2013
<i>A Higher Call</i>	Adam Mako	12/19/2012
<i>Insane City</i>	Dave Barry	1/29/2013
<i>The Intercept</i>	Dick Wolf	12/26/2012
<i>The Laird's Choice</i>	Amanda Scott	12/18/2012
<i>The Last Runaway</i>	Tracy Chevalier	1/8/2013
<i>The Lost Art of Mixing</i>	Erica Bauermeister	1/24/2013
<i>Making Habits, Breaking Habits</i>	Jeremy Dean	1/1/2013
<i>Me Before You</i>	Jojo Moyes	12/31/2012
<i>Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker</i>	Jennifer Chiaverini	1/15/2013
<i>Once Again a Bride</i>	Jane Ashford	2/5/2013
<i>Out of the Black Land</i>	Kerry Greenwood	2/5/2013
<i>Out of Warranty</i>	Haywood Smith	1/22/2013
<i>Pound Foolish</i>	Helaine Olen	12/27/2012
<i>The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks</i>	Jeanne Theoharis	1/29/2013
<i>Secrets of an Organized Mom</i>	Barbara Reich	2/26/2013
<i>Shouting Won't Help</i>	Katherine Bouton	2/19/2013
<i>Speaking from Among the Bones</i>	Alan Bradley	1/29/2013

<i>The Storyteller</i>	Jodi Picoult	2/26/2013
<i>Suspect</i>	Robert Crais	1/22/2013
<i>Touch & Go</i>	Lisa Gardner	2/5/2013
<i>Until the End of Time</i>	Danielle Steel	1/29/2013
<i>The Virgin Diet</i>	J. J. Virgin	12/4/2012
<i>Wash</i>	Margaret Wrinkle	2/5/2013
<i>A Week in Winter</i>	Maeve Binchy	2/12/2013
<i>The World Until Yesterday</i>	Jared Diamond	12/31/2012
<i>X Marks the Scot</i>	Victoria Roberts	2/5/2013

Audio-Books

<i>The Black Box</i>	Michael Connelly
<i>Dark Places</i>	Gillian Flynn
<i>Flight Behavior</i>	Barbara Kingsolver
<i>The Forgotten</i>	David Baldacci
<i>Hex Hall</i>	Rachel Hawkins
<i>Kinsey and Me</i>	Sue Grafton
<i>The Last Runaway</i>	Tracy Chevalier
<i>The Mark of Athena</i>	Rick Riordan
<i>Notorious Nineteen</i>	Janet Evanovich
<i>The Racketeer</i>	John Grisham
<i>Twelve Tribes of Hattie</i>	Ayana Mathis
<i>War Horse</i>	Michael Morpergo

DVD

<i>Too Big to Fail</i>
<i>Tooth Fairy 2</i>
<i>Top Gun (WS Collector's Edition)</i>
<i>Total Recall (2005 Special Edition)</i>
<i>Tower Heist</i>
<i>Treasure Buddies</i>
<i>Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (Special Edition)</i>
<i>Tyrannosaur</i>
<i>Vow</i>
<i>W.E.</i>
<i>Walking Dead- Season 1</i>
<i>Wallace & Gromit's World of Invention</i>
<i>Wanderlust</i>
<i>War Horse</i>

Did you know . . .

That the library has a diverse selection of documentary and non-fiction DVDs available. This collection ranges from Myth Busters episodes to Ken Burns' series on the National Parks to exercise videos by Jillian Michaels. A staff favorite is a recent documentary called

Jiro Dreams of Sushi. This is the story of 85-year old sushi master Jiro Ono and his singular obsession as he creates sushi worthy of the top Michelin Restaurant Guide rating of 3-stars. Jiro's love of his work provides a compelling portrait of a world both foreign and fascinating.



Borough Calendar for February 2013

Curbside Bulk Pickup

Mondays, February 4, 11, 18 & 25

Recycle - Thursdays, February 7 & 21

Borough Council Meeting - at the Garabrant Center, 8 pm on Monday, February 4 & Tuesday, February 19

Planning Board Meeting - at the Garabrant Center, 8 pm on Monday, February 11

Board of Adjustment - at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Tuesday, February 5

Environmental Commission - at the Phoenix House, 8 pm on Thursday, February 21

Recreation Commission - at the Phoenix House, 7:30 pm on Wednesday, February 13

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting - at the Phoenix House, 7:30 pm on Monday, February 25 (tentative)

Board of Education Meeting - in the Hilltop School Cafeteria, 7:30 pm on Tuesday, February 26

Meeting dates & times can be found on the Borough website, www.mendhamnj.org.

Calling all Medicare Recipients

Mendham Area Senior Housing (MASH) invites you to join us our free presentation on all things Medicare on Wednesday, February 13 at 10 am. A representa-

tive of the State Health Insurance Program (S.H.I.P.) will provide free, confidential assistance with:

- ◆ Selecting supplemental insurance for costs not covered by basic Medicare
- ◆ Understanding the HMO option (Medicare Advantage)
- ◆ Selecting the lowest cost drug plan
- ◆ Medicare appeals procedures
- ◆ Various services provided by Medicare

Please call **973-543-2666** for more information or directions to MASH.



Kids Clothes Consignment Sale

Saturday, March 9 from 9 am - 3 pm at Hilltop House

Drop-off: Friday, March 8 from 3 - 8 pm

Pick-up unsold items: Saturday, 3 - 5 pm

Hilltop Church is running a consignment sale for childrens' clothing and adult and childrens' sports equipment. Clear the clutter!! 70% of the proceeds will go to the consigner and 30% to the Deacons of Hilltop Church. This sale is open to anyone who wishes to sell or buy items. Items must be clean and in good condition. Please label each article with the assigned consignment number, size, gender and price. All items not picked up after the sale will be donated. Please email deborahalombardi@gmail.com if you would like to get involved or with questions.