

The Mendham Messenger

February 2015

Mayor's Update

The following comments were delivered by Mayor Neil Henry at the 2015 Reorganization Meeting which was held on January 6, 2015.

Dear Residents & Business Owners:

I would like to wish you all a very happy new year and thank the voters of Mendham Borough for electing me to my third four-year term as mayor. It is a job I enjoy for various reasons and I could not do it without the help of members of the Borough Council, all of our hard-working borough employees and our committed volunteers who donate their time to the community as members of the various boards, commissions and committees that make up our local government. I would also like to extend a special thanks to my wife, Leslie, who has been supportive of me in my role as Mayor and my newly adopted career in public administration as Township Administrator in Long Hill Township.

2014 was a very busy year in Mendham Borough. The Borough Council adopted a balanced municipal budget. We amended our property maintenance ordinance which now enables us to enforce property maintenance regulations on abandoned properties while placing a bigger financial risk on property owners for not caring for their properties. We completed a major curb reconstruction and paving project on Maple, Mountain and Park Avenues. We saved a significant amount of money by contracting with Blue Diamond Disposal to collect our curbside recyclables beginning in 2015.

Key personnel moves were also completed in 2014. Ellen Sandman moved on to become Township Administrator in Parsippany and was replaced by our new Borough Administrator, Richard Merkt. Rick, who is no stranger to the Mendham area, has been with us since November 1 and has quickly organized to move us forward in 2015 and beyond. Borough Clerk Maureen Massey retired at the end of December and we are presently searching for her replacement. I am also happy to report that our first year contracting with the Borough of Chester to use their court has been a success and that the transition has been flawless.

I would like to extend a special thanks to our emergency first responders who include the police department, fire department, first aid squad and office of emergency management. It should be noted that Chief Libertino, Sergeants Camoia and Pirello and Detective Irons were recently cited by the Morris County prosecutors for assisting in bringing a quick resolution to the recent safety threat at Mendham High School. Sergeant McNichol and Officers Barnes and Farry also helped in this investigation. The next Community Emergency Response Team Training Class will be held on March 6, 7 and 8 and I encourage all interested residents to sign up. For more information, please call our OEM Coordinator Nick Witczak at 973-922-0782.

2015 will be another interesting year in Mendham. We are committed to delivering another balanced budget for the Borough that will continue to provide our accustomed level of service. The Mayor and Council will hear a proposal from representatives of the Sisters of Christian Charity for a new overlay zone on their property. This is a major request from a planning and zoning perspective and will require much thought and deliberation before any decisions are made. Administrator Merkt and the Personnel Committee will address personnel matters including a review of the personnel manual and the employee job descriptions. We need to assess our salary ordinance to insure our salaries are comparable to the market salaries. Negotiations will continue in the early part of

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Mendham Borough
LIBRARY

News from the Mendham Borough Library

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

A Break for Busy Moms

A night to reconnect and re-center

with Gail Krietzer

Thursday, February 26 from 7–8:30 pm

Join Gail Krietzer, local mom and inventor of My Dashboard Planner, for an interactive workshop on our universal state of busyness. We'll explore innovative ideas and insights for change. Bring your friends and help us explore the following topics.

Why are we all so busy?

What are we actually doing with our time?

What is holding us back?

How to feel better about our choices?

How to take more control of our lives?

This evening is about connecting with other moms and learning practical tools for self-empowerment. Don't miss this opportunity to do something that will benefit YOU and your family. To register for this program, come in or call 973 543-4152.

Computer Classes at the Library

Class size is limited so registration for each class is required. Classes are open to anyone, 18 years or older, who is a Mendham Borough Library cardholder.

iPad & iPhone for Beginners

Wednesday, February 4 at 1 pm

Bring in your iPad or iPhone and learn how to make the most of them!

Free Apps for the iPad

Wednesday, February 11 at 1 pm

You will need your Apple ID password for this class.

Ask the Tech Guru

Wednesday, February 18 at 1 pm

Have questions about your iPad, iPhone, tablet, reader or other device? This is the class for you. Bring your device and your questions and we will try to get you the answers.

New e-book Lending Service

Starting in February the library will provide a new easier to use e-book and audiobook lending library. The 3M Cloud Library service simplifies the checkout and transfer processes by adding these options to the [MAIN online catalog](#). To begin reading, you simply download the app, enter your library card number and select the titles of your choice from the collection. 3M has agreements with a range of publishers and offers e-book titles not available through our current e-book service, OverDrive. Because e-books will now be part of the MAIN catalog, it will be quicker and easier to find and check out digital items.



The 3M Cloud Library app will be available for download in February from the [iTunes Store](#), [Google Play](#), and the [NOOK Apps Storefront](#). 3M e-books are compatible with PCs, iPads, iPhones, iPod Touch, NOOK Tablets, Android devices, and Kobo, Sony and NOOK e-readers. Using these devices, you can browse, check out and read e-books all without leaving the 3M Cloud Library app. The service is not compatible with most Kindle models, but Kindle Fire users may opt to sideload the Android version of the 3M Cloud Library app to their devices.

Learn How to Download Free E-books

Wednesday, February 25 at 1 pm

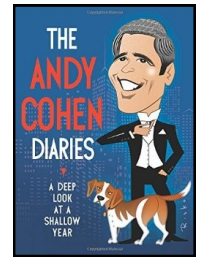
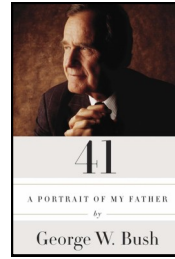
Learn how to use the library's new 3M Cloud Library to download e-books to your own device. The 3M cloud supports all devices except e-ink Kindles.

New TV in the Fletcher Room

Check out our new 47 inch flat screen TV downstairs. We look forward to using it for movie nights and other computer based activities. We are also currently broadcasting penguin and polar bear web cams – come in for a sneak peak.

*Library Closed Monday, February 16
in honor of Presidents' Day*

New Acquisitions at the Mendham Borough Library



Fiction

<i>Honor Above All</i>	J. Bard-Collins
<i>As Chimney Sweepers Come To Dust</i>	Alan Bradley
<i>Uncle Janice</i>	Matt Burgess
<i>Bonita Avenue</i>	Peter Buwalda
<i>Amnesia</i>	Peter Carey
<i>Scorched Eggs</i>	Laura Childs
<i>The Empty Throne</i>	Bernard Cornwell
<i>The Boston Girl</i>	Anita Diamant
<i>Suspicion</i>	Joseph Finder
<i>Let Me Be Frank With You</i>	Richard Ford
<i>Die Again</i>	Tess Gerritsen
<i>Saving Grace</i>	Jane Green
<i>Assassination Option</i>	W. E. Griffin
<i>The Girl on the Train</i>	Paula Hawkins
<i>Rain on the Dead</i>	Jack Higgins
<i>Cold Cold Heart</i>	Tami Hoag
<i>The Language of Hoofbeats</i>	Catherine R. Hyde
<i>Saint Odd</i>	Dean Koontz
<i>Trust No One</i>	Jayne Ann Krentz
<i>Station 11</i>	Emily St. John Mandel
<i>Hush</i>	Karen Robards
<i>A Fine Summer's Day</i>	Charles Todd
<i>Dogwood Hill</i>	Sherryl Woods
<i>Insatiable Appetites</i>	Stewart Woods
<i>The Storified Life of A.J. Fikry</i>	Gabrielle Zevin

Non-Fiction

<i>41 A Portrait Of My Father</i>	George W. Bush
<i>Lady Catherine, the Earl and the Real Downton Abbey</i>	Countess of Carnevon
<i>The Andy Cohen Diaries</i>	Andy Cohen
<i>Teenagers 101</i>	Rebecca Deurlein
<i>Eyewitness Travel Mexico</i>	Kindersley Dorling
<i>Downton Abbey Rules for Household Staff</i>	
<i>As You Wish</i>	Cary Elwes
<i>How to Travel the World on \$50 a Day</i>	Matt Kepnes
<i>Conversations with Major Dick Winters</i>	Cole C. Kingseed
<i>Princeton Review Cracking the SAT</i>	Geoff Martz

You Can't Make This Up
Raising Passionate Readers
Lonely Planet Mexico
Money: Master the Game
The Best in Travel 2015
Yes Please
Gardens in Detail
Scribe: My Life in Sports

Large Type

The Burning Room
All the Light We Cannot See
The High Divide
Bitter Greens
Dollbaby
Hope to Die
Mrs. Hemingway

Books on CD

Flesh and Blood
Sharp Objects
Some Luck

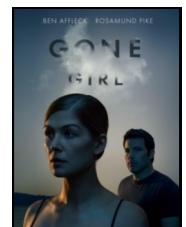
DVDs

22 Jump Street
Boardwalk Empire Season 5
Downton Abbey Season 5
Dumb & Dumber To
Fury
Game of Thrones: Season 4
Gone Girl
Masterpiece: The Manners of Downton Abbey
Pride
The Judge
The Theory of Everything
A Walk Among the Tombstones

Al Michaels
 Nancy Newman
 John Noble
 Tony Robbins
 Lonely Planet
 Amy Poehler
 Emma Reuss
 Bob Ryan

Michael Connelly
 Anthony Doerr
 Lin Enger
 Kate Forsyth
 Laura Lane McNeal
 James Patterson
 Naomi Wood

Patricia Cornwell
 Gillian Flynn
 Jane Smiley





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Thank you to the many individuals and businesses that support the Mendham Borough Library. Your donations make all the difference. Without them we would not be able to provide books, movies, magazines, on-line services, and special programs for the residents of Mendham. We have made every effort to be accurate with this list but apologize if there are any omissions or mistakes. Many thanks to our anonymous donors and those who would rather not be listed; we are truly grateful because your gifts help the library remain an important part of our community.

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Kids Programs at the Library - February 2015

Please come in or call to sign up for the following programs.

Valentine's Extravaganza



Saturday, February 7 at 1pm, open to all ages.

Celebrate the holiday of hearts by making cards for friends and family and trying your luck at a special game of bingo with prizes.

Chess Club

Thursday, February 12 at 6:30 pm for children 3rd grade and up.

Instructor Marty Sobin will introduce new tips and tricks to improve your game.



Knitting Club

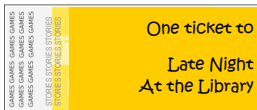
Friday, February 13 at 3:30 pm for girls and boys in 2nd grade and above.



NEW!! Late Night at the Library

Friday, February 13 from 7 - 10 pm for kids in 3rd to 8th grade

Here's your chance to stay late at the library. Have you ever wanted to roam the stacks after we are closed? Join us to play spooky games, tell stories and watch a movie. Space is limited so make sure to sign up today!



Alexander and the Terrible, No Good, Very Bad Day



Wednesday, February 18 at 6 pm for all ages.

How bad was your last bad day? Come see how Judith Viorst's classic children's book about an 11 year old's day gone wrong is brought to life on our new big screen TV in the Fletcher Room. The movie features Steve Carrell and Jennifer Garner. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Parents please plan to enjoy the movie with your children

LEGO Club

Saturday, February 21 at 12 pm, all ages welcome.



Dr. Seuss's Birthday Party

February 27 at 3:30 pm, open pre-K to 4th grade.

Dr. Seuss would be 111 this year and we are celebrating his birthday with a party! Join us for games, crafts and special treats and come dressed as your favorite Dr. Seuss character.



NEW!! Crazy 8's Math Club: Making Math Fun



Saturday, February 28 at 10:30 am for Kindergarten to 2nd grade

The library is planning some math fun to brighten up a cold winter Saturday. We will explore numbers in new ways with games and activities like Toilet Paper Olympics, and Glow in the Dark Geometry. There is a limit of 15 kids per session so make sure to sign up!

Fourth Annual Casino Night
Saturday, February 21 from 6 to 11pm
To benefit the Mendham Fire Department

The Mendham Fire Department will hold its fourth annual Casino Night fundraiser to raise money for the all-volunteer department. The event will be held at MFD's firehouse, located at 24 East Main Street in the heart of Mendham Borough.



Open to anyone 21 and over, the party will feature casino-style games, food, drinks and the opportunity to bid on and win prizes such as sports tickets, products and other local business packages and experiences. Tickets for the event are \$55, and all proceeds go directly to the MFD operations. This year's event kicks off a series of activities that will help the department celebrate its 110th anniversary.

For more information and to purchase tickets in advance or learn more about sponsorship, log on to www.mendhamfd.org or contact Tony Telloni at Tony.Telloni@mendhamfd.net.

Low cost well water testing available

Borough residents have an opportunity for low cost well water testing. Please see the chart below for additional information. If any resident wishes to have their water tested (recommended to be done annually) or if you have any questions please contact lorraine.felber@gmail.com.

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the year to insure a fair and equitable settlement on a labor contract with our local PBA.

Other items on the agenda for 2015 include road paving, high school feasibility studies and shared services. I would like to see a continuation of last year's paving project by identifying additional roads to be paved in 2015 and beyond. It makes more sense financially to pave in phases rather than try to play catch up all at once. I look forward to completing the feasibility study on the reconfiguration of the West Morris Regional High District and working with the mayors from Mendham Township and the Chesters on how we will move forward once the study is completed. As for shared services, we will continue to remain open minded on any cost sharing opportunity that may present itself with our neighboring communities.

In closing, I can assure you that the Borough of Mendham is in excellent shape, both financially and also from a quality of life perspective. Our government remains fully transparent and I continue to encourage all of our residents to participate in any way possible to maintain the Mendham community that we all enjoy and value.

Sincerely,

Neil Henry, Mayor

Test	Reasons to Test	Possible Sources
Total Coliform and Fecal Confirmation Included in Basic Kit- \$60.00	Recommended by HC Health Dept. to test annually. Cloudy water. Recurrent gastrointestinal complaints from people drinking water.	Cracks in well casing, faulty seal or seepage near well. Septic system problems. Storm runoff.
Nitrate Included in Basic Kit	Cloudy water Recurrent gastrointestinal complaints from people drinking water. High levels are harmful to infants and pregnant women.	Cracks in well casing, faulty seal or seepage near well. Septic system problems. Seepage from fertilized land.
Iron- \$15.00	Discoloration of laundry or plumbing fixtures, rust stains. Bitter or metallic taste.	Naturally occurring deposits. Industrial wastes.
Manganese- \$15.00	Discoloration of laundry or plumbing fixtures, rust stains. Bitter or metallic taste.	Naturally occurring deposits. Manufacturing and agricultural runoff.
Lead- \$25.00	Can cause physical or mental development problems in infants or children. Kidney problems or high blood pressure in adults. Harmful to pregnant women and children.	Corrosion of household pipes, fittings, solder. Soft water may be more corrosive.
Arsenic- \$35.00	Can cause increased risk of cancers, gastrointestinal ailments, diabetes and cardiovascular impacts.	Naturally occurring deposits. Wood preservative.
Volatile Organics (62 chemicals)- \$95.00	High levels can cause liver, nervous system disorders, irregular heartbeat, high blood pressure, anemia and cancer.	Underground storage tanks, gas stations, landfills, hazardous waste sites, and septic systems.
Pesticides (18 chemicals)- \$135.00	High levels can cause birth defects, cancer and damage to the nervous system.	Farm, golf course, residential runoff.
Radon- \$75.00	Exposure to radon in drinking water can lead to lung cancer. Can be ingested or inhaled as gases are released from the water into the air.	Naturally occurs, produced by the breakdown of uranium in soil, rock and water. Can enter the home through well water.
Gross Alpha- \$75.00	Exposure to gross alpha emitters in drinking water can lead to lung cancer. Can be ingested, or inhaled as gases that are released from the water into the air	Erosion of natural deposits of minerals that are radioactive, may emit alpha radiation, which can enter the home through well water

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Borough Calendar for February 2015

Curbside Bulk Pickup -

Mondays, February 2, 9, 16 & 23

Recycle - Thursdays, February 5 & 19

Borough Council Meetings - Monday, February 2 & Tuesday, February 17 at 8 pm at the Garabrant Center

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

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

Recreation Meeting - at the Phoenix House, 7:30 pm on Wednesday, February 11

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

Historic Preservation Commission - at the Phoenix House, 7:30 pm on Monday, February 23

*Borough Offices & Recycling Center
closed February 16.*

Learn How to be Heart Healthy

A message from the Mendham First Aid Squad

February is American Heart Month. Learn about your risk for heart disease and stroke and stay “heart healthy” for yourself and loved ones. Take a pledge to prevent heart disease by monitoring your blood pressure, getting cholesterol checked, eating a healthy diet, maintaining a healthy weight, exercising regularly, not smoking, limiting alcohol use, managing diabetes and managing medications. Also check out a class on CPR. If something should go wrong, learn what to do while you wait for 911 responders to arrive. It is one of the best gifts you can give yourself and your community.



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