

The Mendham Messenger

January 2014

Mayor's Update

Dear Residents & Business Owners:

Best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year!

As with all municipalities in New Jersey, the New Year brings the annual reorganization of the borough government.

This year I would like to welcome Dr. Veronica Daly and Mr. David Sharkey to their second terms as members of the Borough Council. Both Dr. Daly and Mr. Sharkey donate a significant amount of their time and have been highly valued council members in their first terms. They are truly instrumental in helping me maintain the high quality of life in Mendham.

Chris Nelson will become the new Fire Chief of the Mendham Borough Fire Department in 2014. Chris is a long-time resident of Mendham Borough and worked his way up to this position from line officer. He was a very responsive Assistant Fire Chief and worked closely in that role with the Mayor, Council and Administrator Sandman. Please congratulate Chris on his new role when you see him around town and thank outgoing Fire Chief Rich DeNicola for his fine work in this same position.

The new Captain of the Mendham Borough First Aid Squad is Jim Hendren. A long-time volunteer of the squad, Jim will provide the quality leadership needed on first aid calls. Nice job Jim and thanks also to former Captain Paula Oswald for her devoted efforts in leading the squad during the last two years.

Please join me in welcoming Ms. Margot Kaye to the Borough administration. Margot is our new Land Use Coordinator and comes to us from the Township of Harding where she served as Secretary to the Planning Board. Many different members of the Borough administrative team were a part of the hiring process. Many thanks to: the Borough Council; Administrator Ellen Sandman; Dick Kraft, Chair of the Planning Board; Bryan Seavey, Chair of the Board of Adjustment; and Michael Zedalis, Chair of the Historic Preservation Committee. We are all very excited to have Margot on board and are looking forward to working with her.

Cynthia Duhaime, who was the assistant to the Land Use Coordinator, has been transferred to the Police Department as a part-time secretary. I am confident that Cynthia will continue to serve our residents just as effectively as she has in the Borough Offices.

Patricia Fischer, our part-time zoning officer, has become a full-time borough employee with her appointment as the Technical Assistant to the Construction Code Official. Pat will also continue to serve as our zoning officer. The full-time hours will certainly afford Pat more flexibility in the Construction and Zoning Office.

We hope to have the Mountain Valley Park open for ice skating this winter. Please monitor our website for the status of skating at the pond.



Sincerely,

Neil Henry, Mayor

Help Wanted ~ Day Camp Counselors

The Mendham Summer Day Camp is looking for enthusiastic, accountable, responsible people to join our team as camp counselors. Experience with caring for young children is preferred. Please submit a letter requesting a position no later than February 28 to: Bruce DiBisceglie, Recreation Director, 6 West Main St., Mendham, NJ 07945.

First time applicants will be contacted for an interview in March 2014. Returning counselors will be contacted in May 2014 and do not need to re-interview.



Sherry Sutton

Check out page 5 for an article and more pictures about Maggie Doyme's talk and visit to the Mendham Borough Library shortly before Thanksgiving.



Mendham Borough
LIBRARY

News from the Mendham Borough Library

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

Adult Learning at the Library

Start the New Year by taking a class at the library.

Please sign up for the following programs by stopping in or by calling the library.

The Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act: What does it mean for you?

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 policies and changes to healthcare and medicare that have resulted from the legislation commonly called ObamaCare. Katherine will also outline who will qualify for health insurance subsidies. Our speaker has spent the last two decades working in healthcare and insurance and has an MBA from Penn State University.



Knitting Workshop

with Karen Bailey

January 23 & 30, 10-11:30 am

Always wanted to knit? Come to the library in January to learn.

Local knitting guru Karen Bailey is offering two sessions to get you started on the basics. In lesson one, you will learn the knit stitch and in lesson two, the purl stitch. If you already know how to knit, you are still warmly welcomed. Please bring your own knitting needles and yarn.



Winter Yoga

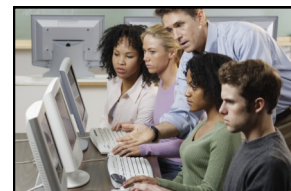
The January and February session of yoga will start on January 7, 2014. Tuesday classes will run from January 7 to February 25 and Thursday classes from January 9 to February 27. The cost is \$40 per session or \$5 per class, and drop ins are welcomed. Stop in at the library to find out more information or to sign up. Space is limited.

Computer Classes at the Library

Computers 101

Wednesday, January 8 at 1 pm

This is the class for the true computer novice. Elements of a computer workstation, including the keyboard, monitor, hard drive, USB disk and mouse will be covered. Students will be instructed on how to operate a mouse.



Introduction to MS Word Processing

Wednesday, January 15 at 1 pm

(Experience using a mouse is a prerequisite.) Learn how to create, open, save and close a document.

Introduction to Zinio

Wednesday, January 22 at 1 pm

Learn to download current magazines to YOUR own tablet or Ipad. You must bring your own reader (tablet or Ipad) to the class.



Web Based Email

Wednesday, January 29 at 1 pm

(Experience using a mouse is a prerequisite.) You will set up your own free web based email account and practice sending and receiving email. This class is for people WITHOUT an email account.

In the next few months look for classes in Excel and E-readers. 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. Some prior mouse experience is required for some classes.



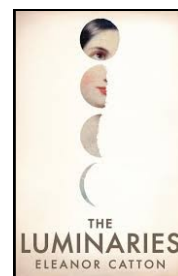
New Acquisitions at the Mendham Borough Library

Books

Robert Ludlum's <i>The Bourne Retribution</i>	Eric Lustbader
<i>A Christmas Hope</i>	Anne Perry
<i>The Circle</i>	Dave Eggers
<i>Command Authority</i>	Tom Clancy
<i>Cries of the Lost</i>	Chris Knopf
<i>Dark Witch</i>	Nora Roberts
<i>Deadly Catch</i>	Michael E. Helms
<i>Double Down: Game Change 2012</i>	Mark Halperin
<i>Forget Me Not</i>	Fern Michaels
<i>The Gods of Guilt</i>	Michael Connelly
<i>Hunted</i>	Karen Robards
<i>Innocence</i>	Dean Koontz
<i>Innocent Blood</i>	James Rollins
<i>The Insider's Guide to Colleges 2014</i>	Yale Daily News Staff
<i>King and Maxwell</i>	David Baldacci
<i>Knitting for the Absolute Beginner</i>	Alison Dupernex
<i>The Last Cowboy: A Life of Tom Landry</i>	Mark Ribowsky
<i>The Luminaries</i>	Eleanor Catton
<i>Never Laugh as a Hearse Goes by</i>	Elizabeth Duncan
<i>The People Code</i>	Taylor Hartman
<i>The People in the Trees</i>	Hanya Yanagihara
<i>The Reason I Jump</i>	Naoki Higashida
<i>River Cottage Veg</i>	
	Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall
<i>The Sports Gene Inside</i>	David Epstein
<i>The Supreme Macaroni Company</i>	Adriana Trigiani
<i>Things That Matter</i>	Charles Krauthammer
<i>Vicious</i>	V. E. Schwab

Audiobooks

<i>The Gods of Guilt</i>	Michael Connelly
<i>Hunted</i>	Karen Robards
<i>Innocence</i>	Dean Koontz
<i>King and Maxwell</i>	David Baldacci
<i>The Longest Ride</i>	Nicholas Sparks
<i>The Supreme Macaroni Company</i>	Adriana Trigiani

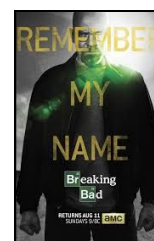


Young Adult Books

<i>The 100</i>	Kass Morgan
<i>Allegiant</i>	Veronica Roth
<i>The Dream Thieves</i>	Maggie Stiefvater
<i>House of Hades</i>	Rick Riordan
<i>It's Just Not Fair</i>	C. Lee Austin
<i>The Lord of Opium</i>	Nancy Farmer
<i>Mitchell Goes Bowling</i>	Hallie Durand
<i>The Sacrifice</i>	Charlie Higson
<i>Scaredy Squirrel Prepares for Halloween</i>	
	Melanie Watt
<i>Steelheart</i>	Brandon Sanderson
<i>Towering</i>	Alex Flinn

DVDs

Breaking Bad: The Final Season
Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa
Homeland: The Complete Third Season
Only God Forgives
Paranoia
Red 2
Spectacular Now



New Magazines in 2014

Bloomberg BusinessWeek
Forbes
Gentlemen's Quarterly
HGTV "Gift Magazine"
Mens Health
Sports Illustrated
Time Magazine



Snow Closings at the Library

If the Mendham Borough School District is on a delayed opening, the Library will open at 11 am. If the schools are closed for the day, please call the library for updated information.



January Closings

The Library will be closed on Wednesday, January 1 for New Year's Day and on Monday, January 20 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Kids Programs - Winter 2014

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

MONTHLY



NEW – Learn to Knit for kids

Second Friday each month at 3:30 pm

Always wanted to know how to make your own beautiful scarves and hats?

Learn how on the 2nd Friday of each month at 3:30 pm. Open to those in 3rd grade up. We'll get started with something small and move on to bigger projects in the months to come.

NEW – Family Movie Nights

January 15 at 6 pm

Join the staff of the library as they show a new movie each month. Movie snacks will be provided. Parents must stay with their children and the movie title will be available at the library.



Chess Club

January 16 at 6:30 pm

Open to children 3rd grade and up. Come learn how to play chess with instructor Marty Sobin who will introduce new tips and tricks to help improve your game.

Teen Group

First Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm

For middle and high school students. Have fun discussing and previewing the books you are reading right now. Pizza will also be provided. Volunteer opportunities also available to the group throughout the year.

Lego Club

Third Saturday of each month from 12 to 2 pm

Join us once a month in the children's room for a massive lego build – create your own masterpiece or work on one with friends.

WEEKLY

NEW – Books for Babies

Thursdays at 10:30 am

Attention babies 6 months to 24 months old (and their mothers, fathers and caretakers)!

We are starting a new program to have fun and help develop your little one's literacy. Bring your baby in for a story, some finger plays and rhyming games. Open to all babies and their caregivers. Siblings are also welcome.



Sing-A-Long

For toddlers ~ Mondays at 10:30 am

Open to all toddlers, join Mary Kornick as she teaches songs for everyone to play and sing along.

Pre-K Fun with Food

Thursdays at 2 pm

Open to all children in pre-kindergarten. Join us for a story and a fun craft involving food.

book clubs for kids



Mondays	3:15 pm	1st & 2 nd graders
Tuesdays	3:15 pm	Kindergarten Kids
Wednesdays	3:15 pm	3 rd & 4 th graders
Thursdays	3:30 pm	Middle School Book Club

Let us know what you think!!

Is there a program you think would be great for the library? Email children's librarian Amanda Ort at amanda.ort@mendhamboroughlibrary.org or stop in to tell us about your suggestion or idea.

No Parking Zone

Please do not use the Library parking lot for Hilltop School drop off and pick up. Our limited spaces are for library patrons only.



Maggie Doyne visits the Mendham Borough Library

On Tuesday, November 26, the Library was buzzing with friends, new and old, who came to hear Mendham's own Maggie Doyne talk about the orphanage and school that she founded in Sakhet, Nepal eight years ago. During a gap year after graduating from West Morris Mendham High School, Maggie visited a small town in war-ravaged Nepal. Barely a year later, she returned and used her life savings to build a home for the community's orphaned children called the Kopila Valley Children's Home and School. To fund these initiatives, she also founded the BlinkNow Foundation. Now, she is the legal guardian to 42 children and runs a top rated school for 330 of the region's most impoverished kids. She and two of Kopila's children, Nisha and Kabita, stopped by the library to share some stories and their gratitude to our community for helping to found their school and home.

Maggie and her two daughters spoke to a packed crowd of local families about life in Nepal. The girls sang the Nepalese national anthem and spoke about how they were enjoying trying all different kinds of food in the United States. Nisha, the first child that Maggie adopted, is here to attend school at Peck and live with a local family. Kabita is also living locally with a different family. After the talk, Maggie and the girls visited with their new friends and shared mango juice and some Nepali snacks. For more information about the BlinkNow Foundation and the

Kopila Valley Children's Home and School, please contact Ruth at Ruth@blinknow.org.



Mendham TV Winter Program Highlights

Snuggle up with a blanket and watch new programs such as *Holly Trail 2013*, *Death by Moonlight*, based on a notorious 1833 murder trial in Morristown, and ***EMERGENCY!!!***, a program that follows the local Emergency Medical Services and Fire Departments as they participate in a major emergency situational drill. With our free online Video on Demand service, view these programs and dozens more including recent Mendham High sports games, the WMRHSD Community Tech Summit, 2013 programs from the Borough and Township libraries and the 2013 parades. www.MendhamTV.org, can be accessed from any computer, tablet or mobile device. Click our VOD tabs for our free complete library offerings.

Finally, with the winter storm season here watch **Unforgettable! Are You Prepared?** This special recalls the behind-the-scenes activities surrounding Hurricane Irene and the 2012 Halloween storm as recounted by Mendham's public safety officials. More importantly, our town experts and local insurance, tree and equipment experts advise citizens about preparing for future storms.

Mendham TV is your Mendham community access TV station. For the current broadcast schedule see www.MendhamTV.org Mendham TV can be viewed on Verizon FIOS channel 22 and on Comcast channel 29.





2014 Recycling Schedule

Mendham Borough

Every Other Thursday



January						
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January
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 23 Thursday Recycling

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 20 Thursday Recycling

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August
 7 Thursday Recycling
 21 Thursday Recycling

September
 4 Thursday Recycling
 18 Thursday Recycling

October
 2 Thursday Recycling
 16 Thursday Recycling
 30 Thursday Recycling

November
 13 Thursday Recycling
 24 Monday Recycling*

December
 11 Thursday Recycling
 22 Monday Recycling* before Holiday

September
 27 **Thanksgiving Day**
No collection

October
 25 **Christmas Day**
No collection

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*Make-up collection date for holiday is on Monday prior to holiday.

News from the Superintendent of Schools

As we begin the New Year, I want to share our progress developing a strategic plan for the Mendham Borough School District. Over thirty participants from our school community joined us at the first of three meetings. At this initial meeting, I shared three primary goals in developing this plan. They are:

- ◆ To embrace a spirit of continual growth and improvement by collaborating with representatives from diverse elements of our school community;
- ◆ To create an educational vision that directs, motivates and inspires us to work together for the common good of all students in the Mendham Borough School District;
- ◆ To ensure that the best interests of our students are paramount to any decision or goals identified throughout this process.

Our group work and follow-up discussion centered on the district's strengths, accomplishments and some challenges we may be facing. As a new member of our school community, it was impressive, albeit not surprising, to hear about our district's strengths and accomplishments from such a varied group of stakeholders. It reinforced a sense of pride in being part of such an excellent school system. Our next two meetings will focus on the vision and expectations for

our schools and the objectives necessary to design our future. I look forward to sharing more information about these meetings on our website, www.mendhamboro.org, and during a final presentation to the Board of Education in the spring.

I also would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs. Raechelle Raimondo to the Board of Education. She will be sworn in at the Board's Reorganization Meeting on Tuesday, January 7. Mrs. Raimondo will be taking the seat of Mr. Michael Craver, who has given generously of his time to serve as a Board member since 2010. Mr. Craver was the Co-Chair of the Curriculum and Instruction Committee, a member of the Policy Committee, and Chairman of the Superintendent Search Committee. We would like to acknowledge his dedication to our students and thank him for contributing to the excellence of the Mendham Borough School District.

Please continue to visit our website for valuable updates and information about our schools throughout the rest of the school year. Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2014.

Mitzi N. Morillo, M. Ed.



The Green Corner *Mendham Borough Environmental Commission News* NEW ENTRANCE TO TEMPE WICK RESERVE



Mendham comes through again for the environment. Here's the story of how a recent partnership between the township environmental commission and some kids and teachers at the high school has resulted in more open spaces and trails for everyone to enjoy.

Members of Mendham High School's Environmental Club, led by teachers Bruce Taterka and Nicole Paulin, recently planned to clean up an old dump in the Tempe Wick Reserve, a 51-acre mix of fields, woods and wetlands off Tempe Wick Road. This land was purchased in 1997 by Mendham Township as open space; the tract is part of what used to be Franklin Farms, a 200-acre estate owned by

Governor Franklin Murphy, who served from 1902 to 1905. But the cleanup crew was having trouble completing the job because there was a 10-foot wide stream with steep banks blocking the way.

Two members of the Mendham Township Environmental Commission, Ralph Rhodes and John Schmerler, fixed the problem by building a wooden footbridge over the stream, providing access to the site. Let the cleanup begin! Now people on the Borough side who want to walk in the unspoiled woods can get there from the cul-de-sac at the end of Franklin St. instead of having to tramp through the open fields off Tempe Wick Rd., Rhodes said.

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Mendham, NJ 07945

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Permit No. 35

Borough Calendar for January 2014

Curbside Bulk Pickup - Mondays, January 6, 13, & 27
& Tuesday, January 3

Recycle - Thursdays, January 9 & 23

Borough Council Meetings - Annual Reorganization Meeting at 7 pm on Tuesday, January 7 at the Mendham Borough Fire House and 1st regular meeting on Monday, January 20 at the Garabrant Center

Board of Adjustment - at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Tuesday, January 7 & 14

Open Space Advisory Committee - at the Phoenix House, 7 pm on Thursday, January 9

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

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

Historic Preservation Commission - at the Phoenix House, 7:30 pm on Monday, January 27

Join the Mendham Garden Club

We hope you enjoyed the lovely wreaths we placed on all the town buildings for the holidays. We especially want to thank Chris Nicholson of Hidden Pond Tree Farm for his very generous donation of the beautiful greens we used to fabricate the wreaths.

The Mendham Garden Club is recruiting new members. For more information call Susie Lambert at: 973-543-6318 or email at susie.lambert@gmail.com.
Happy 2014!



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