

The Mendham Messenger

January 2015

Mayor's Update

Dear Residents & Business Owners:

On behalf of the borough council and all borough employees, I would like to wish you all a very healthy and happy New Year.

I would also like to welcome John Andrews to the borough council. John was elected this past November and replaces long-time Councilman Lou Garubo who decided to step down from the council after 27 years. John is very enthusiastic about serving on the council and I am sure he is all set to roll up his sleeves and get started. He is an active member of the Pastime Club and has served for many years on the borough's recreation committee. John is also a devoted member of the Mendham First Aid Squad. He recently finished an orientation session with Administrator Merkt on all aspects of borough government. Welcome aboard John!

The council accomplished quite a bit during 2014. Among our most important actions, we amended the property maintenance ordinance, completed a major road paving project on Maple, Mountain and Park Avenues, adopted a balanced budget (which included a slight increase in taxes allowing us to keep all services in place) and hired a new borough administrator to help us navigate through 2015 and beyond. A detailed review of our 2014 accomplishments and a list of our goals for 2015 will be outlined in my February 2015 *Mendham Messenger* column.

A big thanks to Borough Clerk Maureen Massey who retired at the end of 2014. Maureen was our clerk and registrar for the past ten years and was a loyal supporter of the mayor and council. She did a terrific job maintaining our minutes and OPRA requests, not to mention keeping track of our banner requests, liquor licenses and all of our marriage and death certificates. I wish Maureen the best of luck for a healthy and happy retirement. As of this writing, our search for a new clerk is nearing completion as the field of qualified candidates has been narrowed down to two finalists. I am hopeful that I will appoint one of these finalists as our new clerk in January after one final interview is concluded and background checks are completed.

Also, please join me in welcoming Carolyn Mazzucco to the borough staff. Carolyn was hired to work as a part-time secretary in the police department.

Please remember to check this issue of *The Mendham Messenger* or our website for details on the 2015 Christmas Tree Bonfire which is organized by the Mendham Borough Fire Department.

Finally, if you are interested in serving as a volunteer on one of our boards, please call the borough administrator and leave your contact information with him. There are presently openings on the Board of Adjustment, Environmental Commission, Board of Health and Open Space Committee. Volunteering for any of these committees is a great way to give back to our community. Please consider helping out.

Sincerely,

Neil Henry, Mayor

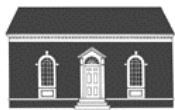
Help Wanted ~ Day Camp Counselors

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 2015. Returning counselors will be contacted in May 2015 and do not need to re-interview.

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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.

Start the New Year Right Wellness Workshop

*with Dietician Jessica Guarnieri and
Certified Coach Andrea Ruchelman
Thursday, January 22 at 7 pm*

Join Jessica Guarnieri, dietitian with ShopRite of Greater Morristown, and Andrea Ruchelman Kao, owner of Run to 1 Coaching, as they present their workshop *Revolutionize Your Health - A Realistic Approach to Reaching and Maintaining Your Goals*.

Learn how to create a life-long strategy of healthy habits like:

- ◆ Easy meal planning – whether at home or on the go;
- ◆ Reading food labels—the how’s, what’s and why’s;
- ◆ Mindful eating and conscious food choices;
- ◆ Banishing all or nothing behavior, the diet mentality;
- ◆ And fitting exercise into a busy life.

About our Presenters:

Jessica Guarnieri, RD is the in-store registered dietitian at ShopRite of Greater Morristown. Jessica is a lively, encouraging dietitian who brings a nutrition counseling and healthy lifestyle education background to her counseling. Her goal is to help you learn how to lead a fulfilling, healthy lifestyle by making small, manageable changes!



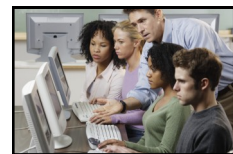
Andrea Kao, CPC, ELI-MP, CCPDS and owner of Run to 1 Coaching is an energetic, motivating, certified professional coach who hopes to help people realize that they are greater than they know. Andrea assists her clients by empowering them to reach their potential and perform at levels they never believed possible.



Computer Classes at the Library

*iPad & iPhone for Beginners
Wednesday, January 14 at 1 pm*

Especially for iPad users: bring your iPad and learn how to make the most of it! At this user-friendly class, learn about iPad features, plus how to use library resources with your device. *Internet skills are required.*



Free Apps for the iPad

Wednesday, January 21 at 1 pm

Learn about the latest and greatest FREE apps for your iPad. You will need to know your Apple ID password for this class.

Introduction to Zinio

Wednesday, January 28 at 1 pm

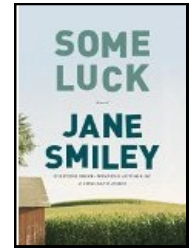
Learn to download current magazines to YOUR own tablet or iPad. You must bring YOUR tablet, iPad or laptop to the class.



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.

*Library Closed
Monday, January 19
in honor of
Martin Luther King Jr. Day*

New Acquisitions at the Mendham Borough Library



Fiction

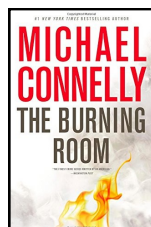
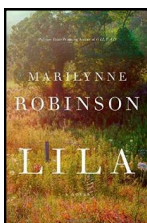
<i>Full Force and Effect</i>	Mark Greaney
<i>The Pearl That Broke Its Shell</i>	Nadia Hashimi
<i>Elizabeth is Missing</i>	Emma Healey
<i>Revival</i>	Stephen King
<i>Redeployment</i>	Phil Klay
<i>Ordinary Grace</i>	William K. Krueger
<i>Woman with a Gun</i>	Phillip Margolin
<i>Everything I Never Told You</i>	Celeste Ng
<i>A String of Beads</i>	Thomas Perry
<i>The Slow Regard of Silent Things</i>	Patrick Rothfuss
<i>Some Luck</i>	Jane Smiley

Non-Fiction

<i>Holiday Cookies</i>	Chicago Tribune
<i>Being Mortal</i>	Atul Gawande
<i>Midnight in Siberia</i>	David Greene
<i>@War</i>	Shane Harris
<i>The Great Reformer</i>	Austen Ivereigh
<i>The Secret History of Wonder Woman</i>	Jill Lepore
<i>The Best Place Today</i>	Lonely Planet
<i>The Best in Travel 2015</i>	Lonely Planet
<i>Yes Please</i>	Amy Poehler
<i>Gardens in Detail</i>	Emma Reuss
<i>Scribe: My Life in Sports</i>	Bob Ryan

Audiobooks

<i>The Burning Room</i>	Michael Connelly
<i>Gray Mountain</i>	John Grisham
<i>Winter Street</i>	Elin Hilderbrand
<i>No Hero</i>	Mark Owen
<i>The Long Way Home</i>	Louise Penny
<i>Lila</i>	Marilynne Robinson
<i>Nora Webster</i>	Colm Toibin



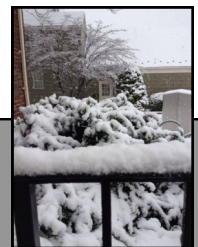
DVDs

1,000 Times Good Night
Boyhood
Elsa & Fred
The Equalizer
Frozen Sing A Long
The Hundred-Foot Journey
Into the Storm
Left Behind
Maze Runner
Mom's Night Out
Skeleton Twins
Snowpiercer
St. Vincent
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
They Came Together
What If
When Calls the Heart: Rules of Engagement
When the Game Stands Tall
Wish I Was Here



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.



Kids Programs - Winter 2015

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

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Beat the Winter Blues Holiday Reading Party

Friday, January 2 at 1 pm

Wrap up the Holiday Reading Program with a special party. All kids who participated in the reading program are invited to celebrate and enjoy special snacks and prizes.



The Ducks have ARRIVED! To help kick off our new program 1,000 Books before Kindergarten

Encourage early literacy skills for kids pre-K and younger with 1,000 Books before Kindergarten, a fun, easy new library program. Every time you read with your little one or they listen to a story, record it. You can record it in a special reading log or using an online app for iPhone. You can even include that favorite book that you both have memorized for as many times as you read it. Once the log is complete, bring it to the library and your child can pick a rubber duck from our pond! While 1,000 books sounds big, it's really not. Reading just one book each night for a year gets you one-third of the way to this important goal.



For more information, visit the [1,000 Books before Kindergarten website](#). You can pick up a reading log at the library. You can download the [1,000 Books App](#) by clicking the link and you can print more reading logs from the website as you need them.

No Parking Zone

We know its very tempting but please DO NOT use the Library parking lot for Hilltop School pick up. It has become an increasing problem and library patrons have been unable to use the limited spaces available for them.

MONTHLY



NEW! Crazy 8's Math Club

Saturday, January 31 at 10:30 am for K to 2nd grade

This new program will make math fun with games like Toilet Paper Olympics and Glow in the Dark Geometry. There is a limit of 15 kids each session so make sure to sign up!

Learn to Knit for Kids

Friday, January 9 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 2nd grade up. We'll get started with something small and move on to bigger projects in the months to come.



Chess Club

Thursday, January 15 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.



Family Movie Night

Wednesday, January 21 at 6 pm

The Boxtrolls are here! Join the staff of the library for our feature presentation. Movie snacks will be provided. Parents please plan to stay with your children.



Lego Club

Saturday, January 17 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.



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WEEKLY

Sing-A-Long

For toddlers ~ Mondays at 10:30 am

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



Pre-K Book Group

Thursdays at 2 pm

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

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

What's New on our Bookshelf?

Books

<i>The Ghost and Max Monroe Case #1</i>	<i>The Magic Box</i>	L.M. Falcone
<i>Dawn Of The Clans</i>	<i>The Blazing Star</i>	Erin Hunter
<i>The Contract</i>		Derek Jeter
<i>Minecraft Essential Handbook</i>		Stephanie Milton
<i>MineCraft Construction Handbook</i>		Matthew Needler
<i>BirdCatDog</i>		Lee Nordling
<i>House Of Robots</i>		James Patterson
<i>Dork Diaries Tales From A Not-So-Happily</i>	<i>Ever After</i>	Rachel R. Russell
<i>Sisters</i>		Raina Telgemeier
<i>Waiting Is Not Easy</i>		Mo Willems

New Magazines for Kids in 2015

Highlights for Kids
National Geographic for Kids
Sports Illustrated for Kids

What you don't know about the Chester Food Pantry

Food insecurity affects every community across the U. S. including our own. And while food banks fill up at this holiday season, they still might not have



what they need. Here's a few facts about food insecurity that you might not have considered.

- ◆ One third of NJ residents do not earn enough to pay their rent and pay for adequate food.
- ◆ One-third of the state's *employed* residents live below the poverty line.
- ◆ Seniors are particularly vulnerable to living below the poverty line.
- ◆ A number of these same people also have dietary restrictions so high sodium, high sugar foods are an additional problem.
- ◆ 1 in 5 NJ children experience food insecurity.
- ◆ Food stamps can't be used to buy important household items like toilet paper and soap.

According to Jacki Spinelli, who started and helps maintain the Chester Food Pantry for the last 12 years, providing the right food for families is more than just tossing some cans in a bag. She has a thoughtfully created set of guidelines to help ensure that families eat well and healthfully. To that end, these items are the best to donate:

- ◆ Bags of apples, oranges and potatoes.
- ◆ Canned vegetables like potatoes, spinach, peas, carrots and corn;
- ◆ Canned or frozen meats like chicken, fish and spam;
- ◆ Dried or canned fruit without extra syrup;
- ◆ Cans of beef stew, chili, hash and chowder;
- ◆ Low sugar cereal like Cheerios & oatmeal;
- ◆ Peanut butter or any nut butters and jelly;
- ◆ School snacks like juice boxes, granola bars, applesauce, cookies and crackers;
- ◆ Hygiene products like soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, chapstick, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, toilet paper and paper towels.

Chester Food Pantry is located at 100 North Road, Highlands Ridge Park, Chester. Work hours are every Wednesday from 9-11 am. For help or information please call (908) 879-2548. More information about the pantry and other collection sites can also be found on their [Facebook page](#).

News from the Superintendent of Mendham Borough Schools

Dear Mendham Borough Community,

As we begin the New Year, I would like to share some good news and important information about our school district.

Our recent refinancing of \$6.5 million in bonds first issued in 2001 will save Mendham Borough taxpayers more than \$778,000 over the next twelve years thanks in part to a perfect AAA from Standard & Poor's. This is the highest rating possible on Standard & Poor's rating scale and the first time the School District has applied for a bond rating. That review credited the Board of Education's sound financial position, conservative fiscal practices and very strong wealth and income levels within the Borough, along with extremely strong property values.

Sherry L. Tracey, managing director of Phoenix Advisors and the district's financial advisor shared, "However, the district deserves credit for its sound management practices. Savings like this are not possible without a strong bond rating and AAA is as high as you can achieve." Standard & Poor's currently rates only 11 other NJ School Districts with this rating.

I also would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Alice Boushie, who has given generously of her time to serve as a member of our Board of Education since 2009. Ms. Boushie has served on the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee, the Policy Committee, Personnel Committee and the Curriculum and Instruction Committee during her time as a board member. We would like to acknowledge her dedication to our students and thank her for contributing to the excellence of the Mendham Borough School District.

We also welcome Mr. John Jennings to our Board of Education. He will be sworn in at the Board of Education's Reorganization Meeting on January 6. Please continue to visit our website www.mendhamboro.org for upcoming events.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2015.

Mitzi N. Morillo, M. Ed.
Superintendent



Annual Christmas Tree Bonfire Celebration

*Sunday, January 11
Borough Park at 6:30 pm*

Don't miss this fun annual event for the whole family. Join your neighbors for holiday music, hot chocolate and one last toast to the holiday season.



To further assist borough residents, the Mendham Fire Department will pick up trees and bring them to the pile at Borough Park. *The pick-up service is open to borough residents only.* Residents who wish to have their tree picked up can go to www.mendhamfd.org/trees and fill out a form along with making a donation to the Mendham Fire Department. Residents who fill out forms must have their trees curbside by 9 am on Sunday, January 11. For more information on the event, log on to www.mendhamfd.org/trees.

Mendham Fire Department has been serving the local community since 1905. Its membership has always been, and still is, comprised of volunteers from the local community. Serving and protecting roughly 5,000 people living in an area of six square miles, the department responds to an average of 150 calls per year. For more information, visit www.mendhamfd.org.

Nine Rules of Wilderness Survival

*Monday, January 19 from 10:30 to noon
at Schiff Nature Preserve*

Meet live rescue dogs and learn from New Jersey's Search & Rescue team members the Nine Rules for Survival if you get lost in the woods, what to do when someone else gets lost, how to prepare to help, and what to take with you when you hike. The program is free for Schiff members; nonmembers pay \$12 per person. Go to www.schiffnaturepreserve.org to register online.



2015 Mendham Borough Recycling Schedule

Every Other Thursday



January 8 Thursday - Recycling 22 Thursday - Recycling	May 14 Thursday - Recycling 28 Thursday - Recycling	September 3 Thursday - Recycling 17 Thursday - Recycling
February 5 Thursday - Recycling 19 Thursday - Recycling	June 11 Thursday - Recycling 25 Thursday - Recycling	October 1 Thursday - Recycling 15 Thursday - Recycling 29 Thursday - Recycling
March 5 Thursday - Recycling 19 Thursday - Recycling	July 9 Thursday - Recycling 23 Thursday - Recycling	November 12 Thursday - Recycling 23 Monday - Recycling (before Holiday) 26 Thanksgiving Day (No Collection)
April 2 Thursday - Recycling 16 Thursday - Recycling 30 Thursday - Recycling	August 6 Thursday - Recycling 20 Thursday - Recycling	December 10 Thursday - Recycling 24 Thursday - Recycling



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Collection Dates
Holiday-No Collection

If you have any questions, concerns, complaints (or compliments), please call the Department of Public Works at 973-543-6535***If there are problems with your recycling collection please call us BEFORE 10:00 AM on the morning following collection day***

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Phoenix House
Mendham, NJ 07945

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Permit No. 35

Borough Calendar for January 2015

Curbside Bulk Pickup -

Mondays, January 5, 12, 19 & 26

Recycle - Thursdays, January 8 & 22

Borough Council Meetings - Annual Reorganization Meeting on Tuesday, January 6 at 7 pm at the Mendham Borough Fire House and 1st regular meeting on Monday, January 19 at 8 pm at the Garabrant Center

Board of Adjustment - at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Tuesday, January 13

Open Space Advisory Committee - at the Phoenix House, 7:30 pm on Thursday, January 8

Planning Board Meeting - at the Garabrant Center, 8 pm on Monday, January 12

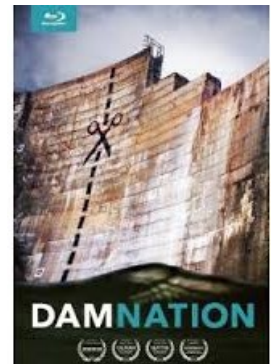
Recreation Meeting - at the Phoenix House, 7:30 pm on Wednesday, January 14

Historic Preservation Commission - at the Phoenix House, 7:30 pm on Monday, January 26

Come Watch Award Winning Documentary

Thursday, January 20 at 7:30 pm
Auditorium, West Morris
Mendham High School

DamNation is the story of an environmental movement to reclaim natural landscapes and ecosystems by taking down many of our country's antiquated and under-performing dams. With majestic cinematography, this film "moves through rivers and landscapes altered by dams, but also through a metamorphosis in values, from conquest of the natural world to knowing ourselves as part of nature" says an IMDB review. The presentation is free but donations for the school's Environmental Club are appreciated. Suggested donation is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.



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