

# The Mendham Messenger

June 2015

## Mayor's Update

Dear Resident and Business Owners,

The adopted 2015 municipal budget has some slight increases that overall will keep our borough running smoothly for the next year.

The adopted 2015 tax rate slightly increased by 0.006 percent to 0.444 per \$100 of the assessed value of a home. That means an average home in Mendham Borough will see an increase of 1.37% or \$42.26.

The sewer utility budget has been decreased by \$6,262 totaling \$1,925,607 for 2015. Salary and benefits for Borough workers have been allocated: Police (51%), Department of Public Works (27%), Administration (13%), professionals (7%), and all others 2%.

Our Borough continues to move forward on a number of other projects and improvements.

- ◆ The New Jersey American water main installation along Main Street should be completed by June 1. The final re-paving is scheduled for October.
- ◆ Borough Engineer Paul Ferriero and Borough Planner Chuck McGroarty continue to work on a proposed zoning overlay for the Sisters of Christian Charity.
- ◆ The Council's Personnel Committee has discussed revisions to the employee handbook and will provide recommendations to the full council for its consideration and adoption.
- ◆ The Mendham Borough Recreation Booklet has been distributed to borough residents. Hiring for the summer camp has been completed. Registration for camp is down slightly and it correlates with a small drop in school enrollment.
- ◆ The Environmental Commission recently held a very successful clean up of Patriot's Path along the Raritan River.
- ◆ Our review of the Borough's IT system has been completed. The results will be discussed by the Borough Council for further action.

- ◆ Administrator Merkt and the finance staff have had three meetings with financial software vendors. A vendor will be selected soon.
- ◆ Carolyn Mazzucco, part-time police secretary, will be expanding her role over the next few months as part-time planning and zoning administrator.
- ◆ Mendham Borough has been selected to receive funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Fiscal Year 2015 Municipal Aid Program for roadway improvements on Orchard Street. The amount of the funds totals \$150,000.
- ◆ A resolution was adopted by the Council urging our congressional delegation to pursue necessary changes to the HUD regulations to allow community development bank grant funding to be used to update the American Legion and VFW posts.

As we head into June, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of you who have graduated (or will graduate) from college or high school this spring.

*Sincerely,*

*Neil Henry  
Mayor*

## Sign Up for Mendham Borough Day Camp



Kick off your child's summer fun with our own local camp in Borough Park and at the Mendham Racquet Club. Current summer adventures include field day competitions, waterslides, visits from the fire truck, home-made ice cream making and an end-of-the-summer talent show. Registration forms and information, can be found at <http://www.mendhamdaycamp.com/> Send your completed four pages and any allergy action plans (if applicable), along with payment to: Recreation Department, Att: Bruce DiBisceglie, Recreation Director, 6 West Main St., Mendham, NJ 07945.



Mendham Borough  
LIBRARY

# News from the Mendham Borough Library

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

## New Books & DVDs

### Non-fiction Books

*2600 Phrases for Effective Performance Reviews*  
Paul Falcone

*Better Than Before*  
Gretchen Rubin

*Days of Rage*  
Bryan Burrough

*Designing and Planting a Woodland Garden*  
Keith Wiley

*Essential Perennials*  
Ruth Rogers Clausen

*Eyewitness Travel Top 10 Sydney*  
Steve Womersley

*Frank: A Life in Politics*  
Barney Frank

*The China Mirage*  
James Bradley

*Icebox Cakes*  
Jean Sagendorph

*The Lost Ravioli Recipes of Hoboken*  
Laura Schenone

*The Quartet Orchestrating*  
Joseph J. Ellis

*The Residence Inside*  
Kate A. Brower

*The Road to Character*  
David Brooks

*The Wright Brothers*  
David McCullough

*When Parents Part*  
Penelope Leach

### Fiction Books

*14<sup>th</sup> Deadly Sin*  
James Patterson

*A God in Ruins*  
Kate Atkinson

*A Good Place to Hide*  
Peter Grose

*Beach Town*  
Mary Kay Andrews

*Born of Defiance*  
Sherrilyn Kenyon

*Day Shift*  
Charlaine Harris

*Death Wears a Beauty Mask and Other Stories*  
Mary Higgins Clark

*Don't Go Home*  
Carolyn Hart

*The Forgotten Room*  
Lincoln Child

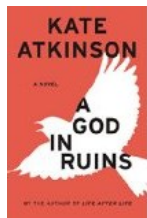
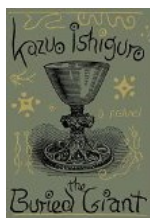
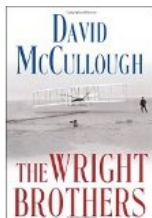
*The Glassblower*  
Petra Durst-Benning

*Gathering Prey*  
John Sandford

*How to Start a Fire*  
Lisa Lutz

*Jack of Spades*  
Joyce Carol Oates

*Ming Tea Murder*  
Laura Childs



*Perfect Match*

*Robert B. Parker's Kickback*

*Solitude Creek*

*The American Lady*

*The Buried Giant*

*The Fall*

*The Guest Cottage*

*The Memory Painter*

*The Sound of Glass*

*Trauma*

*Your Next Breath*

Fern Michaels

Ace Atkins

Jeffery Deaver

Petra Durst-Benning

Kazuo Ishiguro

John Lescroart

Nancy Thayer

Gwendolyn Womack

Karen White

Michael Palmer

Iris Johansen

### DVDs

*American Sniper*

*Barbie in Princess Power*

*Black or White*

*Cake*

*Call the Midwife: Season 4*

*Fifty Shades of Grey*

*McFarland, USA*

*The Newsroom: Season 3*

*Night at the Museum Secret of the Tomb*

*Paddington*

*Scooby-Doo! 13 Spooky Tales: Surfs Up Scooby-Doo!*

*The Spongebob Movie: Sponge Out Of Water*

*Taken 3*

*The Tomb*



## Advice on your Device Special Computer Class in June Mondays from 11 am to noon

Bring your mobile device (smartphone, tablet or e-reader) to a class for advice on installing apps and answering other questions. We can help you with the library's apps for e-books, downloadable audiobooks and e-magazines all for free. Your gadget must have the basic setup done (out of the box, set up, passwords entered, charged and know the basics) before you come to class and you may need the password for your App Store. This class is drop in and registration is not required.

## Kids' Summer Programs

Please sign up by calling 973-543-4152, stopping in or visiting [www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org](http://www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org). Programs open to all ages unless otherwise noted.



### Special Programs

**Rizzo's Reptiles at Hilltop Church Fellowship Hall**  
Tuesday, June 23 @ 12:30 p.m.

Meet lizards, frogs, snakes, and special wildlife guests.

**Super Hero BINGO:** Friday, June 26, 2 p.m.

**Super Hero Academy:** Tuesday, June 30, 2 p.m.

Exercise your super hero skills and learn how to defeat some of the world's greatest villains!

### **P.A.W.S. for Reading**

Wednesdays, July 8 and 15, 2 and 6 p.m.

10-minute time slots to read to certified therapy dogs.

**Late Night @ the Library:** Friday, July 10, 7–10 p.m.

Come use your CSI skills to solve a mystery crime scene. Open to 3rd grade and up.

**LEGO Club:** Monday, July 13, 2 p.m.

Bring friends and work together on LEGO masterpieces.

**Touch the Music:** Monday, July 20, 2 p.m.

Learn about composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and try playing some of his instruments!

**Family Movie Night:** Wednesday, July 22, 6 p.m.

Watch *Spy Kids* with friends & family.

**Family Scavenger Hunt:** Saturday, July 25, 10 a.m.

Think you know our town? Here's your chance to explore Mendham as a family and enjoy a cool snack afterwards.

**Sciencetellers Program:** Tuesday, July 28, 2 p.m.

Learn the science of superheroes with the Sciencetellers.

**Reading Program Prize Party:** Friday, July 31, 2 p.m.

A special party for all Summer Reading participants!

### Weekly Programs: June 23<sup>rd</sup>– July 31<sup>st</sup>

**Super Storytime** Wednesdays @ 2 p.m.

**Tween Craft Club** (4th –8th grade) Thursdays @ 2 p.m.

### 2015 Summer Reading - Read & Win Prizes

Read, or be read to, for at least one hour each week. Record your times at the library, take home a weekly prize and join us for an end of summer party on July 31.

Week 1: June 22 - June 27 / Week 2: June 28 - July 4 /

Week 3: July 5 - July 11 / Week 4: July 12 - July 18 /

Week 5: July 19 - July 25 / Week 6: July 28 - July 31

### Unmask: Middle & High School Reading

Stop by the Teen Room and enter weekly prize drawings for every book you read and record. Prizes will be awarded from June 22 until July 31 including: iTunes gift cards, candy, back packs, and \$5 off your fines.



## Adult Summer Reading Program Events

Escape the ordinary by joining our adult summer reading program with talks, movies and book review raffles all celebrating and exploring heroes, superheroes, extraordinary people, places and activities.

The kickoff event features a talk on Super Foods by Nicole Ort Moke, Manager of Ort Farms.

In July, enjoy Friday Movie Matinees with films portraying extraordinary people. Get out of the heat in the Fletcher Room and watch a movie on our new big screen television with free drinks and popcorn. Movies will be shown on July 10, 17 and 24 at 2 pm.

Back by popular demand this summer, you can also participate in the library's Book Review Raffle. Read or listen to any book, complete a review sheet and fill out an entry form for a chance to win a weekly prize and a chance at the grand prize. This raffle will run June 22 through July 31. Share what you have read and learn about other great summer reads.



### Powerhouses of the Plant World

*Talk by Nicole Ort Moke, Manager of Ort Farms*

*Wednesday, June 17 at 7 pm*

Want to know how to power up your diet with super foods, those nutrient powerhouses that pack large doses of antioxidants, polyphenols, vitamins, and minerals? Come to the kickoff event for our adult summer reading program and learn about the fruits and veggies that contain mega-doses of these micronutrients, what health benefits they offer, and how to fit them into your diet. You will also have a chance to enjoy some tasty samples of recipes. Call 973-543-4152 today to sign up and learn how to reduce the risk of chronic disease and live healthier for longer.

### Calling all artists!!

The Fletcher Gallery is looking for artists to display their work for the months of July, September and November. Please contact Marcy Blumers at [marcy.blumers@mendhamboroughlibrary](mailto:marcy.blumers@mendhamboroughlibrary) if you are interested or have questions.

### New Canasta Group in September

The library would like to start a Canasta group and is looking for a volunteer to teach beginners this fall. If you are interested in teaching or playing, please call the library at 973-543-4152.



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## Borough Calendar for June 2015

**Curbside Bulk Pickup** - Mondays, June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

**Recycle** - Thursdays, June 11 & 25

**Borough Council Meetings** - at the Garabrant Center,  
8 pm on Monday, June 1 & 15

**Board of Adjustment** - at the Garabrant Center,  
7:30 pm on Thursday, June 4

**Environmental Commission** - at the Phoenix House,  
8 pm on Thursday, June 18

**Historic Preservation Commission** - at the Phoenix  
House, 7:30 pm on Monday, June 15

**Planning Board Meeting** - at the Garabrant Center,  
8 pm on Monday, June 8

**Recreation Meeting** - at the Phoenix House,  
7:30 pm on Wednesday, June 10

## Hilltop Church History Tour & Lunch

The Deacons of Hilltop Church will give a guided tour of Hilltop Church, the graveyard and Hilltop House (the manse) and a visit to The Second Presbyterian Church Manse at 9 Hilltop on June 7 after church services. The history will cover the church beginnings through the 1950s. The total tour will take about 1 1/2 hours and will begin at 11:15 am. A lunch will follow in Hilltop House. Tickets are available from Marilyn Willett by calling 973-543-2092 or writing at [willetstation@gmail.com](mailto:willetstation@gmail.com) beginning May 20. The tickets are \$5 for the tour and \$10 for the tour and lunch. Children under 14 are free and ticket sales are limited to 120.



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