

The Mendham Messenger

March 2012

Mayor's Message

Dear Residents and Business Owners:

With extreme winter weather staying away from our region to date, we have begun work on the restoration of the Tranquility Garden located at 34B East Main Street. Driving or walking by the garden, you may notice that the DPW has removed the fence for power washing and repair. Community volunteer Chris Nicholson is assisting with the project and working with a landscape architect to create a layout of the entire garden. Eagle Scout candidate Matt Marino and members of the Mendham Garden Club will also be assisting as we move further into the project and prepare to reopen the garden later in 2012.

Borough Administrator Ellen Sandman and DPW Secretary Lisa Smith recently attended the first social media seminar held at the Morris County Police Academy. The training provided during this seminar will enhance communication to our residents in emergency and nonemergency situations. Ellen and Lisa will attend two more classes later in the spring after which the Borough will be able to provide information on Facebook and Twitter.

Our Office of Emergency Management Coordinator, Tom Berenbak, continues to work towards submitting all necessary paperwork for any reimbursement due the Borough from damage caused by the two major fall storms. Paperwork is complete for Hurricane Irene. Tom is now working on the required reimbursement applications for the infamous Halloween 2011 snow-storm.

Mike Monahan and volunteer members of the Mendham TV Board have begun production on a TV show to help residents improve preparations for major storms like Hurricane Irene and the Halloween snow storm. Mike and his group hope to begin to air the program on Mendham TV (Channel 22 for Verizon subscribers, Channel 29 for Comcast subscribers) sometime in March. Please watch the Observer Tribune for dates and times.

Former Mayor Michael Ackerman will be honored on March 9 with a Mendham TV "Mendie" for his years of community service. The evening will be hosted

by Mendham TV and will be held in the auditorium of the Sisters of Christian Charity on Bernardsville Road. For more information and tickets, please contact Ellen Sandman or me.

Police Chief John Taylor has announced his plans to retire effective July 1, 2012. John has served in law enforcement for 29 years (20 with Mendham Borough) and is looking forward to spending more time with his family. Please join me in thanking Chief Taylor for 20 years of service to the Borough of Mendham! The Mayor and Council have now begun the selection process to replace Chief Taylor and will be choosing our next police chief from within the department. Eligible candidates for promotion to the rank of Chief of Police include: Police Sergeants Pasquale Libertino, Patrick McNichol and John Camoia. The Mayor and Council would like to have Chief Taylor's replacement named by May 1, 2012 in order to ensure a smooth transition.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Mayor Neil Henry

Geese Management in Mendham

The Mendham Borough Environmental Commission would like to help residents with private ponds rid themselves of geese for sanitary purposes. The feces left by geese, in addition to being messy, are polluting our waterways, including India Brook – a Category 1 trout stream. Commission members will treat the eggs of nesting geese during the first two weeks of April, so they will not hatch. The geese then, with no goslings to nurture, will leave in May to molt their feathers in Canada, and hopefully not return in the fall. This procedure is in keeping with those employed by the national organization, Geese Peace, www.geesepeace.org, the last two years at the pond on Mountain Ave. If you would like to have any nesting geese on your property so treated, please call the office of Borough Administrator, Ellen Sandman, 973-543-7152.





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LIBRARY

News from the Mendham Borough Library

10 Hilltop Road 973 543-4152 mendhamboroughlibrary.org

The Mendham Borough Library is 100 ~ Help us celebrate!

Across the country, libraries plan special events for National Library Week, April 8-14, but this year we want to celebrate for the whole month of April!! While the library has existed in various forms since 1797, it was 100 years ago that we were formed into the Mendham Library Association and started our book collection in a small room at nearby St. Mark's Church.

To honor that important anniversary, we are challenging every household in the borough to come in and visit the library during April. Tell everyone you know to stop in and check us out. We will track our progress by keeping a guest book and marking each home on a large map of the Borough. We will also be giving away prizes and holding special events to encourage residents to come check out the library. Look for more details in the next Messenger, on our facebook page and on our website, www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org.

Celtic Harp Performance

Thursday, March 8 at 7 pm

Just in time for St. Patty's Day, Faye Fishman will perform her repertoire of Celtic Melodies. She has two Celtic (lever) harps and a small concert (pedal) harp. The program will include some descriptions of the melodies and discussion about the Celtic harp. Sign up today for this very special evening of Irish music and refreshments.

Children's Special Programs

Community Family Night

Wednesday, March 14, 6:30 - 8 pm, all ages welcome!

Celebrate Mendham's no homework night by joining the kids at the library for popcorn and a fun family movie.

Fun with Food: Shamrock Cookies

Friday, March 16 at 3:30 pm

Pot O'Gold Craft

Friday, March 23 at 3:30 pm

Annual Spring Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 31 at 11 am sharp

Join us for our annual egg hunt followed by a fun spring craft. The hunt will begin PROMPTLY at 11 am. Please register by Monday, March 26 for this event.



New Travel Books!!

Come check out our new collection of travel books. We've searched for the best books from a variety of sources to help you find your way around our big world.

The Cheap Bastard's Series

Guide to Las Vegas

Guide to New York City

The DK Eyewitness Travel Top 10 Series

Beijing, Boston, Chicago, Montreal & Quebec City, Naples & Amalfi Coast, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, South Africa, New Orleans, Paris, Scotland, Vancouver & Victoria, Venice.

Fodor's

Around Paris With Kids, Around Washington, D.C. With Kids, Los Angeles: with Disneyland & Orange County, Walt Disney World With Kids 2012: with Universal Orlando, Seaworld & Aquatica.

Frommer's

2012 Florida, Chicago, New York City 2012, New York City With Kids, Philadelphia & the Amish Country, Toronto

Fun With the Family: Hundreds of Day Trips with Kids

Pennsylvania and Virginia

Lonely Planet

Regional Guide New England and Washington, DC City Guide

Fletcher Gallery

In March, the Gallery will feature the works of Hilltop Elementary and Mountain View Middle School students. We are thrilled to showcase the tremendous talent of our Borough kids!

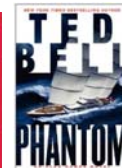
Mendham-Chester On Line

Look for Mendham Borough Library event listings on the new, local website, Mendham-Chester Online, a complete guide to our community with event listings, announcements, message forums, classifieds, real estate listings and blogs from local residents.

Be the first to know what's happening by checking out www.MendhamChesterOnline.com.



New Acquisitions at the Library



Keep An Eye Out For

<i>The Innocent</i>	David Baldacci	4/17
<i>Stolen Prey</i>	John Sandford	5/14
<i>Unnatural Acts</i>	Stuart Woods	4/24
<i>The Witness</i>	Nora Roberts	4/17

Books

<i>An American Spy</i>	Olen Steinhauer	3/13
<i>Another Piece of My Heart</i>	Jane Green	3/13
<i>Arcadia</i>	Lauren Groff	3/13
<i>Betrayal</i>	Danielle Steel	3/27
<i>Blue Monday</i>	Nicci French	3/1
<i>The Book of Lost Fragrances</i>	M. J. Rose	3/13
<i>Born to Darkness</i>	Suzanne Brockmann	3/20
<i>Carry the One</i>	Carol Anshaw	3/6
<i>Cat's Claw</i>	Susan Wittig Albert	3/6
<i>Chasing Midnight</i>	Randy Wayne White	3/6
<i>The Dog Who Danced</i>	Susan Wilson	3/13
<i>Don't Put Me In, Coach</i>	Mark Titus	3/6
<i>Drift</i>	Rachel Maddow	3/27
<i>Elegy for Eddie</i>	Jacqueline Winspear	3/27
<i>Fall from Grace</i>	Richard North Patterson	3/20
<i>Force of Nature</i>	C. J. Box	3/20
<i>Gilly Salt Sisters</i>	Tiffany Baker	3/14
<i>The Good Father</i>	Noah Hawley	3/20
<i>Guilty Wives</i>	James Patterson	3/26
<i>Hitlerland</i>	Andrew Nagorski	3/13
<i>Hush Now, Don't You Cry</i>	Rhys Bowen	3/13
<i>Imagine</i>	Jonah Lehrer	3/13
<i>Monday Mornings</i>	Sanjay Gupta	3/13
<i>Mudwoman</i>	Joyce Carol Oates	3/20
<i>The New Republic</i>	Lionel Shriver	3/27
<i>A Partial History of Lost Causes</i>	Jennifer Dubois	3/20
<i>Phantom</i>	Ted Bell	3/20
<i>The Pioneer Woman Cooks</i>	Ree Drummond	3/13
<i>Poison Flower</i>	Thomas Perry	3/6
<i>So Pretty It Hurts</i>	Kate White	3/20
<i>Some Assembly Required</i>	Anne & Sam Lamott	3/20
<i>Stay Close</i>	Harlan Coben	3/20
<i>The Thief</i>	Clive Cussler	3/6
<i>Wild</i>	Cheryl Strayed	3/20

Audio-Books

Adult	
<i>11/22/1963</i>	Stephen King
<i>1Q84</i>	Haruki Murakami
<i>I've Got Your Number</i>	Sophie Kinsella
<i>Private Suspect #1</i>	James Patterson
<i>Thinking, Fast and Slow</i>	Daniel Kahneman
Juvenile & Young Adult	
<i>Chime</i>	Franny Billingsley
<i>OK for Now</i>	Gary Schmidt
<i>The Scorpio Races</i>	Maggie Stiefvater
<i>The Strange Case of the Origami Yoda</i>	Tom Angleberger

Large Print

<i>Death Comes to Pemberley</i>	P.D. James
<i>The Litigators</i>	John Grisham

DVDs

<i>A Dangerous Method</i>	3/27
<i>The Descendants</i>	3/13
<i>Footloose</i>	3/6
<i>Game of Thrones</i>	3/6
<i>The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo</i>	3/20
<i>Happy Feet 2</i>	3/13
<i>In the Land of Blood and Honey</i>	4/3
<i>Jack & Jill</i>	3/6
<i>The Lorax</i>	2/14
<i>Melancholia</i>	3/13
<i>The Muppets</i>	3/20
<i>My Week with Marilyn</i>	3/13
<i>The Rum Diary</i>	2/14
<i>The Three Musketeers</i>	3/13
<i>Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy</i>	3/20
<i>Young Adult</i>	3/13

Video Games

<i>New Super Mario Brothers (Wii)</i>
<i>Donkey Kong Country Returns (Wii)</i>

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Borough Calendar for March 2012

Curbside Bulk Pickup

Mondays, March 5, 12, 19 & 26

Recycle - Thursdays, March 8 & 22

Borough Council Meeting - at the Garabrant Center,
8 pm on Monday, March 5 & 19

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

Board of Adjustment - at the Garabrant Center,
7:30 pm on Tuesday, March 6

Environmental Commission - at the Phoenix House,
8 pm on Thursday, March 15

Recreation Commission - at the Phoenix House,
7:30 pm on Wednesday, March 14

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting - at the
Phoenix House, 7:30 pm on Monday, March 19

Board of Education Meeting - in the Hilltop School
Cafeteria, 7:30 pm on Tuesday, March 27

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

Mendham Borough Historical Society Meeting Tuesday, March 27 at 7:30 pm, Garabrant Center

Harry Carpenter, president, of the Washington Association of New Jersey, will present a program focusing

on the North Jersey American Revolution Round Table (NJARRT), the North Jersey Civil War Round Table (NJCWRT), and the Washington Association of New Jersey (WANJ). He will speak about the activities of these organizations, the great generals of the Civil War and the Revolution, Washington and the Continental Army, and the National Park Service affiliation at Morristown. Mr. Carpenter offers opportunities to participate in the area history of our country and the planned Children's Museum & Education Center. The public is invited to this free program.

Hints from the Mendham Garden Club

It is time to start thinking about our spring and summer gardens. In Mendham, catmint is the new daffodil. What else can we choose that is colorful, needs minimal care and is not food for the deer? Consider Cushion Spurge (*Euphorbia polychroma*). It presents chartreuse bracts topped with tiny bright yellow flower clusters. Bloom time is long and its foliage is colorful into fall. It will look great in mixed borders. For more ideas see Ruth Rogers Clausen's "50 Beautiful Deer-Resistant Plants" which is available at the Mendham Borough Library. Visit our website at www.themendhamgardenclub.org.



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