

The Mendham Messenger

March 2014

Mayor's Update

Dear Resident and Business Owners,

With March now upon us, can spring be far behind?

I would like to start this month's message with a special thanks to our Department of Public Works and Superintendent Ken O'Brien. Ken and his department have demonstrated how good they are by clearing our streets this winter despite having one snowstorm after another dump more snow on us. Proper planning by Ken has resulted in a very efficient operation of our Public Works Department this winter.

The administration, with guidance from our finance sub-committee, continues to pull together budget numbers so that we can introduce our 2014 municipal budget by the middle of March. Once numbers have been solidified, I can share them with you as well as put them on our website.

After several requests, the Borough Council will be reviewing our ordinance on outdoor dining. Councilman Sharkey will be leading the effort to consider amending this law.

Our recreation committee is in the process of putting finishing touches on the 2014 field usage schedule and will soon be planning our summer day camp program.

The public safety committee continues to work well with our appropriate first response agencies. I recently appointed Nick Witczak to serve as Mendham Borough's new Director of the Office of Emergency Services. Nick has built a very impressive resume in Emergency Management while a student at the University of New Haven. I am quite confident that he will offer fresh ideas on managing future emergencies. His presence during events like Hurricane Sandy will provide cohesive operations for all first responders during Borough-wide emergencies and will provide better relief efforts.

The Borough of Mendham received proposals from two prospective consultants to conduct our high school reconfiguration feasibility study. Meetings have been held with the four other communities who are participating with us in this project. As of this writing, both consultants have been invited to answer questions

from the multi-town sub-committee. Once clarification has been received, the sub-committee will be in a better position to decide which consultant will receive the contract and move forward with the study.

In closing, I would like to remind all of you to assist during future snowstorms by shoveling your sidewalk and removing cars from the street. Additionally, you can help our fire department by shoveling out fire hydrants which are located on your property.

Sincerely,

Neil Henry, Mayor

Protect our Local Headwaters

Did you know that the waterways in the Borough are the headwaters, or starting point, of three major NJ rivers, the Passaic, the Raritan and the Whippany? These pristine streams have been classified as Class One, meaning they're pure enough to nurture fish and other aquatic life.

But how long will these streams remain pure? The biggest culprit is storm water runoff, from buildings, paved surfaces, and agriculture which all ends up in the streams. This winter's heavy snowfalls have increased our already stressed waterways.

So what can we do to solve this problem? To start, stewardship is cheaper than remediation and small steps help. We can limit snowmelt salt, monitor fertilizers and pesticides, take oil and automotive waste to disposal sites and pick up dog waste. We can divert rainwater from roofs for use in watering gardens by installing rainbarrels and by planting rain gardens.

Anyone interested in attending a workshop to learn about rain barrels and rain gardens should contact Laurie Felber, Environmental Commission Chair, at lorraine.felber@gmail.com.





Mendham Borough
LIBRARY

News from the Mendham Borough Library

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

Adult Education

Please come in or call to sign up for these programs.

iPad for Beginners

Wednesday, March 12 at 1 pm

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

Free Aps for the iPad

Wednesday, March 19 at 1 pm

Learn about the latest and greatest aps – you will need to know your Apple ID password for this class.

Spring Gardening with Bill Moran

Wednesday March 19 at 7 pm

Learn all the steps to rejuvenate an old garden or create a new one from scratch. The talk will be accompanied by photographs of new annuals and perennials and pictorials of each step in the gardening process. Mr. Moran will discuss how to purchase healthy plants and he will cover how to plan a vegetable garden with three growing seasons, from mid-March into early January.



Buying and Selling Online

Friday, March 28 at 1 pm

EBAY, Amazon, Craig's List, Yahoo! Shopping, Overstock.com and PriceGrabber.com - the list is long and growing! Come learn why and how to shop online with local expert Joe Robbins who will discuss possible buyer concerns, seller reliability, product quality, privacy, and safety when buying and selling online.

Safe Computing

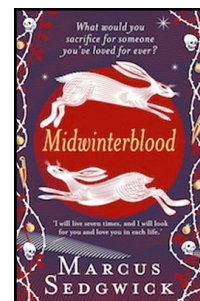
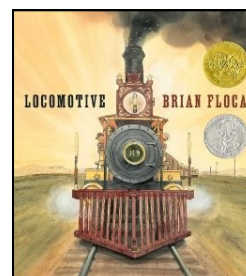
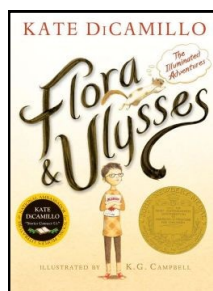
Friday, April 25 at 1 pm

Why learn about safe computing? What is at risk? These and other question about computer safety will be discussed in this timely and informative program by Joe Robbins.



Programs & Books for Young People

2014 Newbury, Caldecott & Printz Prize Winners



Please come in or call to sign up for these programs.

St. Patrick's Day Bingo

Friday, March 7 at 3:15 pm,
for kids from pre-K to 4th grade

Try your luck at Bingo and win special prizes.

Divergent Party

Wednesday, March 12 at 6 pm

Celebrate the release of Divergent The movie. Find your Faction and play Faction specific games. Open to middle school and high school students.



Science Club

Tuesday, March 11 from 4:30-5:30 pm
for kids from 1st to 5th grade

Come explore the world of science through fun experiments with instructor Sammy Rizzuto.

Chess Club

Wednesday, March 19 at 6:30 pm

Open to children 3rd grade and up.

Family Movie Night

Wednesday, March 19 at 6:30 pm

Help celebrate Family Community Night by watching Disney's new classic *Frozen*! Snacks and drinks provided. Open to all ages but parents must stay with their children.



New Books & DVDs

Books

Annihilation
Carthage
Cell
Confessions of a Wild Child
The Counterfeit Agent
Dept. Of Speculation
Do or Die
Glitter and Glue
Hunting Shadows
Jaded
Lost Lake
Orfeo
Private LA
Raising Girls
Ripper
Saints of the Shadow Bible
The Secret of Raven Point
Snapshot
That Old Black Magic
The Dead in Their Vaulted Arches
The Monuments Men
The Pound a Day Diet
The Wind Is Not a River
Under the Wide and Starry Sky
What Nora Knew
Wily O'Reilly Irish Country Stories
Worthy Brown's Daughter
Younger

Jeff Vandermeer
Joyce Carol Oates
Robin Cook
Jackie Collins
Alex Berenson
Jenny Offill
Suzanne Brockmann
Kelly Corrigan
Charles Todd
Anne Calhoun
Sarah Allen
Richard Powers
James Patterson
Steve Biddulph
Isabel Allende
Ian Rankin
Jenn Vanderbes
Lis Wiehl
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Rocco Dispirito
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Linda Yellin
Patrick Taylor
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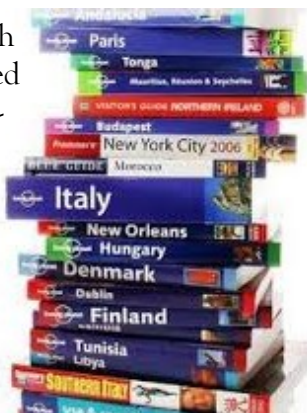
DVDs

About Time
A Case of You
The Counselor
Don Jon
Free Birds
In A World
Runner Runner
Sherlock Season 3

All is Lost
Closed Circuit
Dallas Buyers Club
Escape Plan
Fruitvale Station
Last Vegas
Rush

Travel Books Updated

Plan your next vacation with one of the books in our updated travel collection. Thirty brand-new guides from Frommers, Fodors, National Geographic, Rick Steves and Lonely Planet can help you figure out your next destination - Ireland or Alaska, the Caribbean or the Galapagos.



March/April Yoga Sign-ups!

One-hour classes begin promptly at 8:30 am.

Other details are:

- ◆ Tuesday sessions from March 4 - April 29. (9 classes)
- ◆ Thursday sessions from March 6 - April 24. (8 classes)
- ◆ The cost is \$45 for Tuesday session or \$40 for Thursday session or \$85 for both sessions.
- ◆ Drop-ins (\$8/class) will be permitted if there is room.
- ◆ 2014 Release Form must be filled out.

News from the Mendham First Aid Squad

Ways to prepare in a medical emergency

You have recognized a medical emergency and dialed 9-1-1.

Typically, the Mendham police equipped with AEDs and oxygen will arrive first, followed shortly by members of the Mendham First Aid Squad (MFAS). MFAS provides the ambulance and Basic Life Support (BLS), and we never charge for our services.



Depending on circumstances, paramedics may also be sent to the scene. Paramedics receive a higher level of training and are in direct contact with the emergency room doctors. They may begin medical interventions right on the scene like you were already in the emergency department. The 9-1-1 dispatcher may also coach you through some basic actions prior to the first responders' arrival.

First responders will ask you to provide important information about the patient if the patient is unable to answer for themselves. Such information may include details of the medical emergency, the patient's date of birth, medical history, allergies and medications. MFAS recommends that everyone document this information on a *File of Life* card that can be kept on your refrigerator like a magnet. *File of Life* cards are free and available at the squad building on Sundays from 9:30 - 11:30 am or Robinson's Drug Store.

Ways you can help first responders at your house:

- House is easily identifiable - house numbers in place and lights on.
- Driveway is accessible and free of other cars.
- Contain pets as they can sense something is wrong.
- Keep the information mentioned above available.

When people are upset it is difficult to remember things like phone numbers. Have a system in place to contact immediate family, relatives or neighbors. The police and squad are there to help but we need your reference information to move forward.

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Borough Calendar for March 2014

Curbside Bulk Pickup - Mondays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Recycle - Thursdays, March 6 & 20

Borough Council Meetings - at the Garabrant Center,
7 pm on Monday, March 3 and 17

Board of Adjustment - at the Garabrant Center,
7:30 pm on Tuesday, March 4

Planning Board Meeting - at the Garabrant Center,
8 pm on Monday, March 10

Recreation Meeting - at the Phoenix House,
7:30 pm on Thursday, March 13

Historic Preservation Commission - at the Phoenix
House, 7:30 pm on Monday, March 17

Seventh Annual Mendies

Friday, March 7 from 6:30 to 10:30

At the Sisters of Christian Charity

Come join Mendham TV at their annual fundraiser for dinner, dancing to the Abu Cymbal band, silent auction and, of course, the Annual Best of Mendham Awards. Tickets are available for \$50 at Lakeland Bank, Provident Bank, Wicker Basket, Brookside Post Office, and the Borough and Township Offices.

Open Bowling at Pastime Lanes

The Pastime Lanes has open bowling every Friday night starting at 6 pm. The lanes are also available for birthday and adult parties. Call (973) 543-6631 to book a party. Our new website is www.mendhampastimelanes.com.



Mendham Borough Historical Society Tuesday, March 25 at 7:30 pm at the Garabrant Center

Linda Barth will present the program "A History of Inventing in NJ: From Thomas Edison to the Ice Cream Cone." Most people are familiar with Edison and Menlo Park but many other inventions and innovations are the product of the Garden State. Barth's program will explore groundbreaking, useful, fun, and even silly inventions and their NJ roots. Ms. Barth is Executive Director, League of Historical Societies of NJ. She is the author of six books and a contributor to

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