

The Mendham Messenger

May 2013

Mayor's Message May 2013

Dear Residents and Business Owners,

During the February 19 meeting of the Mayor and Council, resident Brian Cavanaugh requested that the Borough Council budget \$10,000 towards a school feasibility study. This is the first step needed in pursuit of dissolving the West Morris Regional High School District and forming either a new K-12 school district of the Mendhams and Chesters or creating a new regional high school district (grades 9-12) of the Mendhams and Chesters. The Council did agree to set aside \$10,000 for a feasibility study in 2013.

There were at least six meetings during 2012 where the public had the opportunity to learn about this issue and express their opinion. I hope that many of you took advantage of these public meetings. If you did not, I would encourage you to start to research this issue as you, the voter, could be asked to vote on a dissolution and a new high school configuration. Please do your homework and become familiar with all of the facts.

For starters, I would like to share with you an outline summary of the state statutes relative to changing the tax allocation method of a regional high school district as well as what is needed to dissolve the West Morris Regional High School District. If you have any questions on this issue or you need further clarification, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

*Neil Henry
Mayor*

SUMMARY OUTLINE: State Statutes to Change School Funding Allocation

PROCESS TO CHANGE TAX ALLOCATION METHOD

- ◇ Only the regional board of education can authorize a referendum
- ◇ Regional district can authorize a referendum to change to the following:
 - ◆ 100% pupil enrollment
 - ◆ Any combination of pupil enrollment or Property method
- ◇ To pass, referendum must be approved by a majority of voters in each constituent district

PROCESS TO DISSOLVE AND THEN CREATE A NEW REGIONAL DISTRICT

- ◇ (1) Feasibility study completed
- ◇ (2) Request to Executive County Superintendent to investigate
 - ◆ Individual boards and municipalities decide
 - ◆ Dissolution requires a majority of K-8 boards (3 of 4) AND majority of municipalities (3 of 5)
 - ◆ Each must pass a resolution requesting investigation and advisability report
- ◇ (3) Executive County Superintendent
 - ◆ Initial meeting
 - Within 21 days, she must hold a meeting with constituents to discuss process
 - ◆ Advisability report
 - Issued within 60 days of request or receipt of feasibility study, whichever is later
 - Non-binding
 - Informational only

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- ◇ (4) Petition to Commissioner of Education
 - ◆ What is being requested? Authorization to conduct a referendum on the dissolution of regional district with specific requested reconfiguration following dissolution
 - ◆ Must be filed within 30 days after receipt of Superintendent report
 - ◆ Petition must be filed by at least a single community (i.e., the board and municipal council from one town)
 - ◆ Other boards and/or municipal councils may also simultaneously file petition
 - Within 15 days of filing the petition, any other board of municipal council may file an answer in opposition or support
- ◇ (5) Board of Review
 - Commissioner will convene the Board of Review within 15 days after answers are filed
 - ◆ Board of Review will determine whether to authorize a referendum to put the issue before the voters
- ◇ (6) Referendum
 - ◆ If the Board of Review grants the petition and authorizes the referendum, a date will be selected for referendum
 - ◆ Governing bodies will work with County Superintendent to draft the referendum question
- ◇ (7) Outcome of Referendum
 - ◆ How does it pass?
 - Dissolution: Must pass by a majority of overall votes in entire regional district (i.e., all 5 towns) AND it must pass by a majority of votes in a majority of the “constituent districts”
 - ◇ Since Chester is a consolidated district, the regional is made up of 4 constituent districts
 - ◇ The vote must pass in 3 of the 4 districts
 - Creation: Requires a majority in each district wanting to join. In the Chesters, the vote must pass by a majority in all of Chester Borough and Chester Township combined (without regard to municipal boundaries)
 - ◆ What happens if it does not pass?
 - The passage of a referendum on creation would have to be contingent on passage of a referendum on dissolution – in other words, if the voters do not approve dissolving the district, there can be no creation of a new district
 - However, the passage of a referendum on dissolution need not be contingent on passage of a referendum to create a new district. In other words, the law permits a regional district to be dissolved even if no new regional is created in its place. Prior to the referendum, the Board of Review would have to decide what will happen if no new regional is created. There are two options: 1) make dissolution contingent on the creation of a new regional, in which case, dissolution would not occur if the vote on creating a regional did not pass; or 2) do not make dissolution contingent on the creation of a new regional, in which case the following will happen by operation of law:
 - ◇ Mendham Borough and Washington Township will take ownership of the buildings situated in their communities and each will become separate K-12 school districts. Their respective K-8 boards of education would expand into K-12 boards with responsibility for the education of all children in their towns K-12.
 - ◇ Chester and Mendham Township would have to make arrangements to educate their high school students via sending-receiving agreements.

Mendham Borough Historical Society News
Tuesday, May 28 at 7:30 pm, Garabrant Center

Joe Macasek presents his program, “*The Morris Canal – Its History & Preservation.*” His narrated and visual presentation relates the story of this 102-mile canal, completed in 1831, and built across the NJ Highlands to transport anthracite coal from PA to the NY market.

He also describes the Canal’s rebirth via the ongoing NJ Greenway project as preserved space and a recreation corridor. Artifacts will be displayed. Macasek is a resident of Morristown who is interested in history. He is a graphic designer of historic exhibits and member of the Greenway project.



Mendham Borough Board of Education Update

Spring is finally here! It's been a long winter and the Mendham Borough Schools and the BOE have been busy. A few highlights:

At the March 19 meeting, the Board of Education approved the appointment of Mrs. Mitzi N. Morillo as Superintendent of Schools, effective May 20, 2013. A resident of Flemington, NJ, Mrs. Morillo is a veteran educator with varied experience as an elementary administrator and teacher. For the past five years she has served as the principal of the Adamsville Elementary School in the Bridgewater-Raritan School District. Prior to that position, she was K-6 grade principal and supervisor of instruction in the West Amwell School District. Mrs. Morillo has a master's degree in Educational Leadership from the College of New Jersey, a master's degree in Instruction from the University of Texas and a bachelor of science degree in Biology from the University of Puerto Rico. We are excited for Mrs. Morillo to join us later this month!

The budget for 2013-14 maintains all current programs and services with no increase in the operating budget tax levy. Class sizes will be maintained, and the budget provides for upgrades in technology as well as capital improvements at each school. Please look on the district web site for more detailed information.

Both Hilltop and Mountain View Schools were recognized by the NJ State Department of Education as "Reward" schools, a designation for schools who have consistent distinguished performance. Only 57 schools received this recognition out of the thousand plus in the state. Also, our two schools were among only seven recognized in Morris County. Thanks to our principals and teachers who work so hard each and every day to challenge the students to aim high, and to the parents and community for their continued support.

Finally, please note that the school calendar has been revised due to emergency snow closings. The last day of school will now be Friday, June 21, and Mountain View graduation will be on Thursday, June 20.

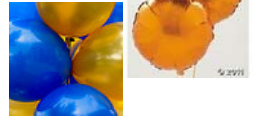
Middle School Girls Volleyball Clinic June 27-28 from 9 am to 12 noon

A two-day clinic for girls entering 6th to 9th grade run at Mendham High School by Mendham coaches and players. The program is \$60 and focuses on the skills needed to play high school volleyball: ball control, serving, passing, blocking, foot skills and game play. To sign up, go to the athletics tab at www.wmmhs.org. For info, please contact Andrea Chasin 908-391-6100 or chasinfamily@yahoo.com.



Don't forget BALLOONS in JUNE

Congratulate your favorite graduates of Mountain View's Class of 2013



Please visit www.mendhamboro.org for a Balloons in June order form.

Questions? Email MVballoons@gmail.com or call Donna Alpert at 973 543-4501 or Alison D'Agostino at 973 543-6155.

Department of Public Works

OPEN HOUSE

May 11, 2013 from 10 am to 2 pm

- Equipment will be on display
- Facility will be open for viewing
- Photo Essay of the team at work

LEARN HOW MUCH
THE DPW DOES FOR MENDHAM

HOT DOGS, DRINKS, COOKIES
Recycling Center at 37 Ironia Road

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY

OPEN TO ALL MENDHAM BOROUGH &
MENDHAM TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

May 11, 2013 from 9am-1pm
Borough Public Works, 37 Ironia Road

SHRED DAY INFO

Examples of items you may bring for on-site shredding include: bank statements, medical/insurance forms, retired tax forms, receipts, personal files. Staples and paper clips need not be removed. Shredded paper will be recycled.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING INFO

* Acceptable items for electronic recycling include: Desktop & Laptop Computers (hard drives erased by Don Jon Recycling), Small Electronics, Copiers, Hardware, Printers, Monitors, Small Household Appliances, Tape Recorders & Radios, Typewriters & Fax Machines, *****TVs of All Kinds*****

* Unacceptable items include: Washers, Dryers, Stoves, Air Conditioners, Refrigerators, Freezers

*Limited pickup service for the disabled available. Please call 973 543-6535 before May 6.

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Mendham Borough

LIBRARY

News from the Mendham Borough Library

10 Hilltop Road 973 543-4152 mendhamboroughlibrary.org

Tell Us What You Think on Library Survey

The Mendham Borough Library is conducting a survey to see how we are doing in providing materials and services to our town. This is your chance to make your voice heard: let us know what you think we can do better.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey below: we would really like to hear from you. If there is not enough room for you to fully share your thoughts, you can call us or add an extra sheet of paper. If you prefer, you can fill in the survey online at <http://svy.mk/15jgFTx> or through our facebook page or website. We hope you will encourage all your neighbors and friends to fill one in and provide us with valuable feedback.

1. How often do you come into the library?

- Several times a week
- Once a week
- Once a month
- 6 to 12 times a year
- Never

2. If you don't use the library, what would draw you here?

3. How do you use the library?

	rarely	sometimes	often
To browse and borrow books	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To browse and borrow movies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To read newspapers/magazines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To pick up ILL materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For programs and events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To work or study	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To use the computers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For printing or copying	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Which materials do you use?

	rarely	sometimes	often
Fiction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nonfiction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mysteries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Romance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Large Print	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children's Books	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Young Adult Books	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Audiobooks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Magazines/Newspapers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult DVDs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children's DVDs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ebooks through Overdrive	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Which parts of the Messenger do you read?

- The Mayor's Column
- Borough Calendar: recycling & meeting information
- Meeting & Event Notices from local organizations
- Meeting & Event Notices from the library
- List of New Acquisitions at library

6. Which parts of the library website do you visit?

- Homepage
- MAIN Catalog page
- Events & Program page
- Calendar & Hours page
- Online Resources page
- Friends of the Library page

7. How can we improve the library?

Please check all that apply.

- Add small desks or workspaces
- Add more comfortable seating areas
- Improve our book collection
- Improve accessibility to bestselling books
- Other – please describe here:

8. Which fundraising events would you like to attend?

Please check all that apply

- Cocktail Party
- Cocktail Party with music
- Holiday House Tour
- Garden Tour
- Fashion Show
- Concert for the library
- Barbeque for the library
- Other—Please describe here:

9. How would you like to help the library?

Please check all that apply.

- Volunteer with a fundraising event
- Chair a fundraising event
- Become a member of the Friends of the Library
- Volunteer at the library
- Help with flower gardens

If you would like to be contacted by library staff to discuss the library, join the Friends, or help with fundraising events, please provide your name and number here.

New Acquisitions at the Library

Books

<i>And the Mountains Echoed</i>	Khaled Hosseini	5/21
<i>Any Duchess Will Do</i>	Tessa Dare	5/28
<i>Archipelago</i>	Monique Roffey	5/28
<i>Big Sky Summer</i>	Linda Lael Miller	5/28
<i>The Blossom Sisters</i>	Fern Michaels	4/30
<i>The Bookman's Tale</i>	Charlie Lovett	5/30
<i>Bunker Hill</i>	Nathaniel Philbrick	4/30
<i>A Chain of Thunder</i>	Jeff Shaara	5/21
<i>Cronkite's War</i>	Walter Cronkite IV	5/7
<i>The Cuckoo's Calling</i>	Robert Galbraith	4/30
<i>Dead Ever After</i>	Charlaine Harris	5/7
<i>A Delicate Truth</i>	John Le Carre	5/7
<i>Frozen in Time</i>	Mitchell Zuckoff	4/23
<i>How to Pray When You're Pissed at God</i>	Ian Punnett	4/30
<i>A Hundred Summers</i>	Beatriz Williams	5/30
<i>Inferno</i>	Dan Brown	5/14
<i>Looking for Me</i>	Beth Hoffman	5/28
<i>Murder As a Fine Art</i>	David Morrell	5/7
<i>NOS4A2</i>	Joe Hill	4/30
<i>Once upon a Tower</i>	Eloisa James	5/28
<i>On Sal Mal Lane</i>	Ru Freeman	5/14
<i>The Ophelia Cut</i>	John T. Lescroart	5/7
<i>The Outsider</i>	Jimmy Connors	5/14
<i>Pirate Alley</i>	Stephen Coonts	5/14
<i>The Powers</i>	Valerie Sayers	4/30
<i>Red Moon</i>	Benjamin Percy	5/7
<i>Red Sparrow</i>	Jason Matthews	5/7
<i>Shattered Trident</i>	Larry Bond	5/7
<i>Silken Prey</i>	John Sandford	5/7
<i>The Star Attraction</i>	Alison Sweeney	5/14
<i>Stolen</i>	Daniel Palmer	4/30

<i>The Stranger</i>	Camilla Lackberg	5/1
<i>True to the Law</i>	Jo Goodman	5/7
<i>Visitants</i>	Dave Eggers	5/21
<i>We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves</i>	Karen Joy Fowler	5/30
<i>A Wedding in Springtime</i>	Amanda Forester	5/7
<i>You Are One of Them</i>	Elliott Holt	5/30

Large Type

<i>Dangerous Refuge</i>	Elizabeth Lowell
<i>Mom & Me & Mom</i>	Maya Angelou

Audio Books

<i>About Average</i>	Andrew Clements
<i>The Burgess Boys</i>	Elizabeth Strout
<i>Inferno</i>	Dan Brown
<i>Middle School</i>	James Patterson
<i>Six Years</i>	Harlan Coben
<i>The Weed that Strings the Hangman's Bag</i>	Alan Bradley
<i>Whiskey Beach</i>	Nora Roberts



DVDs

<i>Bubble Guppies: On the Job!</i>
<i>Cirque de Soleil—Worlds Away</i>
<i>Gone with the Wind</i>
<i>The Guilt Trip</i>
<i>Hitchcock</i>
<i>LEGO Ninjago: Master of Spinjitzu—Season 1</i>
<i>Nova—Earth from Space</i>
<i>Parental Guidance</i>
<i>Ripper Street</i>
<i>Silver Linings Playbook</i>
<i>Veep: Season 1</i>



May Programs at the Library

Please call or stop by the Library to register for the following events – 973 543-4152.

Teen Group

Wednesday, May 1 at 6:30 pm

Join our discussion of new books, plan new programs and learn about volunteer opportunities at the library. The group will enjoy pizza and celebrate Cinco de Mayo at our next meeting.



Spring Craft for Kids

Friday, May 17 at 3:30 pm

Stop by the Children's Room and be creative with a fun spring craft!

The Fletcher Gallery will feature the work of student artist Sasha Malikov in May.

Considering Getting a Dog?

Thursday, May 9 at 7 pm

Before you go the shelter or call a breeder, learn what you need to know about finding the right dog to fit in your family. Plenty of Paws' dog selection consultant, Gail Freilich, will discuss the do's and don'ts of getting a dog.



Butterflies, Birds and Blooms

A talk by Master Gardener Barbara Katz

Friday, May 31 at 1 pm

Learn how to attract butterflies and birds to your yard by planting a "pollinator garden." Just by growing the right plants, we can provide a haven for butterflies and birds and encourage them to flourish in our gardens.

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Phoenix House
Mendham, NJ 07945

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Borough Calendar for May 2013

Curbside Bulk Pickup

Mondays, May 6, 13, 20 & 27

Recycle - Thursdays, May 2, 16 & 30

Borough Council Meeting - at the Garabrant Center,
8 pm on Monday, May 6 & 20

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

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

Environmental Commission - at the Phoenix House,
8 pm on Thursday, May 16

Recreation Commission - at the Phoenix House,
7:30 pm on Wednesday, May 8

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting - at the
Phoenix House, 7:30 pm on Monday, May 20

Board of Education Meeting - in the Hilltop School
Cafeteria, 7:30 pm on Tuesday, May 28

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

Mendham Police Fishing Contest

Sunday, May 5 from 10 am to 2 pm

At Mountain Valley Park on Mountain Ave.



Bring your pole and bait down to the pond and join us for the fun and fishing at our 7th annual contest! The pond will be stocked with 385 trout in all different sizes and species, including rainbow trout, golden trout and monster trout. There will be free t-shirts, hot dogs, potato chips, soda, water, coffee, donuts AND prizes and trophies for 1st to 5th place for children under 16.

Contest Rules

1. Fishing contest is free and open to any child under 16 years old! State law requires anyone from 16-69 to have a fishing license.
2. Contestants must sign in before fishing.
3. No lures or 3-prong hooks (for safety). If caught using a lure or 3- prong hook you will be asked to leave.
4. Each person fishing may keep up to 6 trout.
5. Every trout kept must be at least 9 inches long.
6. Winners will be determined by the Mendham Police. They will base their decision on: length, weight and type of fish and contestant age. Their decision is final!

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