

The Mendham Messenger

May 2016

Mayor's Update

Dear Residents & Business Owners:

The Mendham Borough Council and Mendham Borough School Board held a joint meeting on April 4 to discuss the de-regionalization study completed last year by Ross Haber and Associates. It was a good meeting and the interaction between the two boards and members of the public was engaging and respectful.

The two boards agreed to meet again by the end of the school year to decide if they want to pursue a public referendum on the dissolution of the existing district.

This referendum would only be a first step in the process of a potential dissolution and would provide residents of Mendham Borough an opportunity to vote on one of the two options that were the subject of the Haber study.

Under option one, West Morris Mendham High School would become a limited purpose regional high school including students from the Mendhams and Chesters. The current local K-8 districts would remain the same. The projected initial savings in the tax levy apportionment under this option is \$5 million.

Under option two, the Mendhams and Chesters would consolidate to form a new K-12 regional school district. The districts would no longer have independent K-8 Boards of Educations or Central Administrative Offices. The projected initial savings in the tax levy apportionment under this option is \$3 million.

It was concluded that the current quality of education would remain the same with both these options. Washington Township would become a K-12 district under both scenarios.

The process to achieve a potential dissolution would require several additional steps. To approve the dissolution of a regional school district, there must be an affirmative vote in a majority of the individual constituent districts (3) AND a majority of the overall votes cast in the entire regional district. The County Superintendent also needs to evaluate the advisability

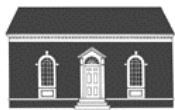
of a request to dissolve a limited purpose regional school district. Before a request can be submitted to the County Superintendent, the local governing bodies must first take official action by adopting a resolution to file a petition to dissolve the regional school district. This petition must be adopted by the majority of the Boards of Education in the constituent municipalities AND a majority of the governing bodies of the constituent municipalities.

Given this statutory requirement, it is imperative that the Borough Council and the Mendham Borough School Board work together in deciding to file a dissolution petition. Jointly, they are now considering if it is in the best interest of the Mendham Borough taxpayer to bring this matter to a public referendum. If the two boards cannot agree, Mendham would lose their place at the table if Mendham Township, Chester Township and Chester Borough decided to move forward with the referendum.

Please help us make this decision by continuing to review all of the material on this issue. You can click [here](#) if you are online or visit our Borough Website where the information is located in the bar on the left in the Mendham Area Schools tab under the label Regional Educational Advisory Committee. As soon as a second meeting between the Borough Council and the School Board is scheduled, the date, time and location will be published so members of the public can attend and express their opinions on this matter. It is critical that we hear from you as we work towards a decision in this complicated matter. You can also send us your thoughts by emailing written comments to Margot Kaye at mkaye@mendhamnj.org. Your comments will be distributed to both the Borough Council and School Board.

Sincerely,

Neil Henry, Mayor



Mendham Borough
LIBRARY

News from the Mendham Borough Library

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

From Great Estates to Public Gardens

Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30 pm

Did you know that Mendham is driving distance from hundreds of world class gardens and most of them are free to visit? Just in time for the blooms to start, this presentation by Master Gardener Bill Moran will feature slides picturing these hidden, horticultural gems. You will also learn what's special about each garden and where they are located. From the best pocket size plots to multi-acre arboretums, this presentation will help you find some great spring afternoon destinations. This presentation is free and light refreshments will be served. Please sign up by calling 973-543-4152 or stopping in the library.



Programs for Kids

Knitting Club

Friday, May 6 at 3:30 pm, 2nd grade and up

Family Movie Night

Norm of the North

Wednesday, May 18 at 6 pm, all ages

Movie snacks provided. Parents please plan to enjoy the movie with your children.

When a real estate development invades his Arctic home, Norm and his lemming friends head to New York City, where Norm becomes the corporate mascot to bring down the company and protect his homeland



Lego Club

Saturday, May 21 at 12 pm, all ages

Device Advice

Wednesday, May 4, 18 & 25 from 1 to 3
Special Evening Edition - May 11 from 6 to 7:45 pm

Please bring your iPad, iPhone, Android phone, laptop, or even fitbit to get some help using your digital device or learn what great things it can do. We can help you install free apps for E-books, audio-books and E-magazines or just answer your questions. You may need the password for your App Store on your device. This service is drop in, no registration is required.

Coloring for Adults - Kentucky Derby Style

Tuesday, May 17, 6:30 to 7:45 pm

Celebrate the anniversary of the first running of the Kentucky Derby with coloring, mint juleps, pecan pie and, of course, big hats. We've discovered a treasure trove of horse and hat coloring pages and are hoping that you'll come dressed in your best hat for the occasion. The Derby may already have been run but our fun is just beginning. The Library will provide the coloring pages, pens, pencils, beverages and dessert. This event is limited to adults 21 years +.



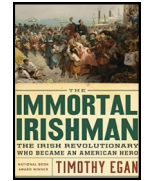
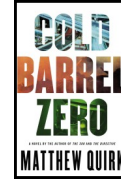
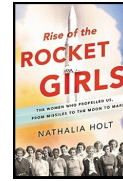
Get Ready, Get Set for an All New Summer Reading Program

Summer Reading will be all new this summer starting with our annual summer reading kickoff program at the end of June. We will be joined by Sciencetellers, a fun, fast-paced performance with on-stage experiments and stories that help kids experience the power of science. Sign up for summer reading to receive your ticket to this exciting, free show at the Brookside Community Center at 4 pm on Tuesday, June 28.

Another big change this summer is our new kids raffles for prize baskets. These themed baskets will include something for everyone from movie lovers to sports fans to craft fanatics. Look for all the details in the June Messenger and on our website next month.



New Books & DVDs



Non-Fiction

<i>Immortal Irishman</i>	Timothy Egan	<i>Only Ever You</i>	Rebecca Drake
<i>Insight Guides Caribbean Ports of Call</i>	Insight Guides	<i>Swans of Fifth Avenue</i>	Melanie Benjamin
<i>Lust and Wonder</i>	Augusten Burroughs	<i>The Short Drop</i>	Matthew Fitzsimmons
<i>A Mothers Reckoning</i>	Sue Klebold	<i>The Summer before the War</i>	Helen Simonson
<i>Rise of the Rocket Girls</i>	Nathalia Holt	<i>Translation of Love</i>	Lynne Kutsukake
<i>Thinking Person's Guide to America's National Parks</i>	Robert Manning	<i>Twisted River</i>	Siobhan MacDonald
<i>The Traumatized Brain</i>	Vani Rao	<i>The Waters of Eternal Youth</i>	Donna Leon
		<i>What We Find</i>	Robyn Carr

Fiction

<i>14th Colony</i>	Steve Berry
<i>America's First Daughter</i>	Stephanie Dray
<i>As Time Goes By</i>	Mary Higgins Clark
<i>Blue</i>	Danielle Steel
<i>Cold Barrel Zero</i>	Matthew Quirk
<i>Darkness</i>	Karen Robards
<i>Dig Too Deep</i>	Amy Allgeyer
<i>Dominion</i>	John Connolly
<i>The Dress</i>	Kate Kerrigan
<i>Family Jewels</i>	Stewart Woods
<i>Flawless</i>	Heather Graham
<i>Fool Me Once</i>	Harlan Coben
<i>Glory over Everything</i>	Kathleen Grissom
<i>Killer Reunion</i>	G. A. McKevevtt
<i>The Life We Bury</i>	Allen Eskens
<i>Lilac Girls</i>	Martha Hall Kelly
<i>Most Wanted</i>	Lisa Scottoline
<i>No Safe Secret</i>	Fern Michaels
<i>Now and Again</i>	Charlotte Rogan

Books on CD

<i>Brush of Wings</i>	Karen Kingsbury
<i>Few of the Girls</i>	Maeve Binchy
<i>The High Mountains of Portugal</i>	Yann Martel

DVDS

<i>The Big Short</i>	arrived
<i>Concussion</i>	arrived
<i>Daddy's Home</i>	arrived
<i>Elementary Beginner Level Yoga</i>	arrived
<i>Hero Quest</i>	arrived
<i>In the Heart of the Sea</i>	arrived
<i>Joy</i>	5/13
<i>Lady in the Van</i>	arrived
<i>Norm of the North</i>	arrived
<i>Sisters</i>	arrived
<i>Star Wars: The Force Awakens</i>	arrived



Project Graduation Tricky Tray

Thursday, May 5, 2016,

West Morris Mendham High School

Mendham High School's annual Project Graduation Tricky Tray takes place Thursday, May 5, 2016, 65 E. Main St.

Doors open at 6 pm with the calling beginning at 7:30 pm. Exciting prizes for all interests and ages. Also a 50/50 & Prom Raffle. Bring your friends and be a lucky winner!

Please visit www.mendhamprojectgraduation.com for more information or to make a donation to Project Graduation 2016. Thanks for your support!



Balloons in June!!

A wonderful tradition to congratulate our 2016 Mountain View School Graduates



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

Email kday1533@gmail.com or call Kathy Day at 973-543-4154.

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Borough Calendar for May 2016

Curbside Bulk Pickup - Mondays, May 2, 9, 16, 23
& Tuesday, May 31

Recycle - Thursdays, May 12 & 26

Borough Council Meetings - at the Garabrant Center,
8 pm on Mondays, May 2 & 16

Board of Adjustment - at the Garabrant Center,
7:30 pm on Tuesday, May 3

Environmental Commission - at the Phoenix House,
8 pm on Thursday, May 19

Historic Preservation Commission - at the Phoenix
House, 7:30 pm on Monday, May 16

Open Space Advisory Committee - at the Phoenix
House, 7 pm on Thursday, May 12

Planning Board Meeting - at the Garabrant Center,
7:30 pm on Monday, May 9

Recreation Meeting - at the Phoenix House,
7:30 pm on Wednesday, May 11

*Borough Offices, Recycling Center &
Mendham Borough Library will be closed on
Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day.*

NEW – Look up your taxes online

Mendham is offering a new online tax service for its residents. Have you ever lost your tax bill? Or just wanted to check on your taxes when the office is closed and you just can't find the bill? Now you can obtain this information by visiting taxlookup.njtown.net/propertytax.aspx?cd=1418.

If you have other tax questions, please contact Karen Ferrone at kferrone@mendhamnj.com.

Celebrating Mendham's Emergency Services

National Emergency Services Week is May 15-21, 2016 and this year's theme is "EMS Strong: Called to Care." Let's take this time to honor the dedication of those who provide day-to-day lifesaving services on the front line and to recognize the leadership and the volunteer members of the Mendham First Aid Squad. Thank you and your families for your time and efforts.



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