

# The Mendham Messenger

November 2013

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## Mayor's Message

Dear Residents and Business Owners:

The Mayor and Council recently submitted the Borough's 2013 Best Practices Worksheet to the State of New Jersey Department of Government and Local Affairs. This annual requirement is meant to ensure efficient operations and full transparency in local government. The worksheet is divided into sections concerning finance, personnel, emergency management and other municipal operations. It used by the state to determine how much financial aid each municipality receives each year. If a municipality scores below 80%, the state will withhold a percentage of that aid.

I am happy to let you know that the Borough of Mendham scored a 92% on this year's worksheet. This is a great score and validates the hard work which ensures our operations are efficient and transparent. Reports like this one are yet one more reason that Mendham Borough was named the best place to live in New Jersey. If you are interested in seeing the worksheet, you can find a copy in the Borough Clerk's office.

Our Department of Public Works, in conjunction with Tilcon Industries, completed the milling and paving project on Balbrook and Bliss Roads. Both roads were in need of repair and the reports from residents who live in those neighborhoods have been positive. Bids will soon be advertised to pave Mountain and Maple Avenues.

I would like to share a fall reminder from our Department of Public Works to please keep your leaves in your yard not in the street. Blowing them into the street increases the risk of clogging the Borough's catch basins which can back up storm water into the streets.

You will soon see our new Police Department SUV and the new DPW truck on the streets of the Borough. Both vehicles were needed to replace aging vehicles of a similar nature and were included in the 2013 municipal budget adopted earlier this year.

Improvements were recently made to the traffic signal in the middle of town. We shared the cost with the County of Morris and the project has resulted in improved timing of the light coming in from Mountain Avenue.

I am also very pleased to report that Administrator Sandman was successful in securing grant funding to purchase additional power generators for the Borough's wastewater facility and the Garabrant Center. With the generator, the Garabrant Center will now be able to serve as a neighborhood warming and charging center if long-term power outages were to occur again.

The Home School Association's Harvest Hustle was a success again and keeps growing each year. The Tourette Syndrome Association of New Jersey will be holding their annual walk in Mendham Borough during the month of November.

Best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving. We do have much to be thankful for.

Sincerely,

Mayor Neil Henry

## Dispose of Small Electronics & Batteries *News from the Environmental Commission*

Old cell phones (smart or otherwise) house phones, calculators, electric fans, toasters, laptops, microwaves and other defunct small appliances can now be recycled at the Department of Public Works on Ironia Road. According to Lisa Smith of the Mendham DPW, last spring's cooperative Small Electronics Recycling Day was such a success that they have placed a container, marked CLR SOLUTIONS at the DPW building next to the regular recycling bin. Residents may drop off old electronic/electric devices Monday through Friday, 7 am to 2:30 pm and Saturday from 8 to 2. This service is run by Chris Regan, a former Mendham resident whose dad still lives here. It is free of charge to residents and the municipality. All portable electronics, rechargeable batteries, computer towers, and anything with a plug will be accepted. Large items like TVs, computer cathode ray tube (CRT) monitors with glass screens, and refrigeration devices are not accepted.



### Old Batteries — To recycle or not?

Many of us aren't sure what to do about batteries. Regular alkaline batteries, such as AAA to D, no matter what size, go in your home trash. Rechargeable NiCad batteries should be recycled with your small electronics.



Mendham Borough

LIBRARY

# News from the Mendham Borough Library

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## Meet our New Children’s Librarian—Amanda Ort

Join us in welcoming Amanda Ort as the new Head of Youth Services. Ms. Ort previously worked in school libraries and has training in both teaching and librarianship. She recently graduated from Kutztown University receiving a Bachelor’s Degree in Library Science. Ms. Ort joined the Mendham Borough Library team in mid-October and she is already busy getting to know the children in our story times and reading clubs. She stated that she is looking forward to promoting an active children’s program. When not working with our kids and books, she also enjoys knitting and crafting.



## Notary Available at Library Now

Notary services are performed **FREE OF CHARGE**. Please call library to check on the notary’s availability. Notary service is on a first come first serve basis. Government issue photo id is required. The Library *will not provide witnesses*, and witnesses may not be solicited from other patrons of the Library. The Library Notary does not provide Notary service for wills. To ensure that all procedures are conducted properly, please check the website for additional information.

## 2013 Holiday Reading Program

Beginning December 1, younger children can participate in a month long Holiday Reading Program by logging in their reading hours at the library. Middle and High School readers can stop by the Teen Room and enter a weekly drawing for prizes. There will be a holiday party on December 20 for all participants. More details to follow on the library website, Facebook page and in the December Messenger.



*The Library will help celebrate the Holly Trail. Bring the kids in to decorate a gingerbread man. Saturday, December 7, 11 am - 1 pm*

## Three ways to find best selling books at the Mendham Borough Library



### Borough Best-Sellers

You’ve just heard that Nora Roberts has a new book out but don’t have the time to get to the library to place it on hold. Now you won’t have to worry – join the Borough Best Sellers and we’ll do it for you automatically. All you need to do is fill out a form letting us know the authors we should watch for you. The form will be available at the circulation desk. You can even specify if you want large type or audio-books. You can join or cancel at any time, with no charge ever. The Borough Best Sellers is only open to Mendham Borough cardholders.

### Hot Off the Press

Looking for the latest books? Look no farther than our Hot Off the Press Shelf located to the right of the stairs in the back room of the library. We’ll be keeping it stocked with the books we’ve received in the last two weeks. And that best seller from last month—fiction or non-fiction?? You can find those newer books on the shelves just across from the circulation desk.

### Borough Browsers

Located to the left of the top of the stairs, this select group of very popular books are not loaned to other libraries so our patrons have a better chance of being able to borrow them while still new. These titles are available to Mendham Borough Library patrons only and must be returned to the Mendham Borough Library only. They can be taken out for two weeks and cannot be renewed. If there are titles you’d like to see added to the Borough Browsers, please let us know.

### Inter-library Loan

And don’t forget that holds for *any* book that you want can always be placed by coming in and talking to the staff at the circulation desk, by calling or through the MAIN catalog on-line.

**Thanksgiving Weekend Hours**  
Wednesday, November 27 - 10 am - 3 pm  
Thursday & Friday, November 28 & 29 - closed  
Saturday, November 30 - 10 am to 2 pm

## New Acquisitions at the Library

### Books

<i>All Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion</i>	Fannie Flag
<i>Bake Like the Boss</i>	Buddy Valastro
<i>Beautiful Truth</i>	Colin McAdam
<i>Becoming Mr. October</i>	Reggie Jackson
<i>Birth Order</i>	Linda Blair
<i>Bully Pulpit</i>	Doris Goodwin
<i>Dust</i>	Patricia Cornwell
<i>Sins of the Flesh</i>	Colleen McCullough
<i>From the Mist</i>	Kiki Thorpe
<i>Ghost Gone Wild</i>	Carolyn Hart
<i>Gutbliss</i>	Robynne Chutkan
<i>Impulse</i>	David Lewis
<i>It's Just Not Fair</i>	Lee Austin
<i>Levels of Life</i>	Julian Barnes
<i>Loss of Innocence</i>	Richard Patterson
<i>Jeeves and the Wedding Bells</i>	Sebastian Faulks
<i>King of the Little Things</i>	Bil Lepp
<i>Mastering the Art of French Eating</i>	Ann Mah
<i>Mothers Who Can't Love</i>	Susan Forward Ph.D.
<i>Minimalist Parenting</i>	Christine Koh
<i>Minor Adjustment Beauty Salon</i>	A. McCall Smith
<i>October List</i>	Jeffery Deaver
<i>Run to You</i>	Rachel Gibson
<i>Sound of Things Falling</i>	Juan Gabriel Vasquez
<i>Stella Bain</i>	Anita Shreve
<i>Sum of All Kisses</i>	Julia Quinn
<i>Takedown Twenty</i>	Janet Evanovich
<i>This is the Story of a Happy Marriage</i>	Ann Patchett

### DVDs

*Family Tree: The Complete First Season*  
*The Hangover Part III*  
*The Heat*  
*The Newsroom*  
*We are the Millers*

### **Pottery Class with Shelly Rosen Howard** *Thursdays at 3:30 pm on November 7 & 21 and* *December 5 & 12, for kids in grades 4 to 8*

We are pleased to welcome back art teacher and potter Shelley Rosen Howard who will teach different pottery building and glazing techniques. The kids will have an opportunity to create one main piece and smaller pieces along the way. These classes are free but class size is limited so only those signed up can participate. Call or come in to sign up.

### **Fletcher Gallery**

Sandra Grifo Montimurro is a primarily self-taught artist, training briefly at the Yard School and at the Summit Art Association. Her preferred medium is acrylic and mixed media on canvas, and her primary work is interpretive abstraction.



Her most recently completed work was on display at Art Detour Phoenix in March 2011 and Art Detour Seattle, November 2011. Select works are also currently on display in the gallery at 622-624 Valley Road in Upper Montclair, NJ.

Sandra, who is also known to close friends and family as "Sacka", worked as a professional artist's model at "The Studio" of the Morris County Art Guild in Morristown, New Jersey and is also a certified massage therapist, adding another dimension to her creative output.

For more information about her work, contact Sandra Grifo Montimurro at [sacka1962@gmail.com](mailto:sacka1962@gmail.com) or visit her blog, "The Magdelene Diaries" at <http://magdelenediaries.wordpress.com>. If you would like to meet the artist in person, please attend the show's opening during the month of November, exact date still to be determined. Further information on the opening will be posted on the library website.

### **Mendham Borough Historical Society Meeting** *Tuesday, November 19 at 7:30 pm, Garabrant Center*

Dr. Frank Greenagel will present his program "Steeple Envy: A Fresh Look at the Churchscape of Morris County" at 8 pm. Although the topic is architectural history and the time-honored components of churches, it is also about the history of rivalry in civic and cultural leadership, material success and the covert competitive spirit of communities and congregations. Steeples and spires in Mendham, Morristown, Dover, and other NJ locations are included in this visual and narrated nonconventional presentation. A NJ resident, Dr. Greenagel is an author and university teacher. He is also the publisher of the *Academic American Encyclopedia*, the first digital/online encyclopedia in the world.



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## Borough Calendar for November 2013

### Curbside Bulk Pickup

Mondays, November 4, 11, 18 & 25

Recycle - Thursdays, November 14. No pick up on November 28 because of the Thanksgiving Holiday

**Borough Council Meeting** - at the Garabrant Center, 8 pm on Monday, November 4 & 18

**Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting** - at the Phoenix House, 8 pm on Thursday, November 14

**Planning Board Meeting** - at the Garabrant Center, 8 pm on Tuesday, November 12

**Board of Adjustment** - at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Wednesday, November 6

**Environmental Commission** - at the Phoenix House, 8 pm on Thursday, November 21

**Recreation Commission** - at the Phoenix House, 7:30 pm on Wednesday, November 13

**Historic Preservation Commission Meeting** - at the Phoenix House, 7:30 pm on Monday, November 18

**Board of Education Meeting** - in the Hilltop School Cafeteria, 7:30 pm on Tuesday, November 19



**CASINO NIGHT**  
**6 - 11 pm, Saturday, November 9**  
**Mendham Borough Fire Dept.**  
**24 East Main Street, Mendham**

Enjoy a night of casino-style games, food, and drinks and raise funds for the Mendham Borough Fire Department. Tickets are \$50 in advance and \$60 at the door.

### **Brookside Community Club Holiday Boutique** *Saturday, November 23, 2013, 9 am - 3:30 pm* **Brookside Community Club**

There is free admission to this annual fair featuring a variety of gift items for the upcoming holidays. Vendors will be offering clothes to fit American Girl Dolls, hand painted silk scarves and jackets, photo cards, jewelry, Mendham Township Blankets, jeweled santas and angels, Christmas ornaments, lighted Christmas trees, journals and much more.

