

The Mendham Messenger

November 2014

Mayor's Update

Dear Residents and Business Owners,

The borough has been faced with an increasing number of properties placed into foreclosure or abandoned. Many of these properties are unsafe, unhealthy and unsightly. Because of this, the borough council introduced an amendment to the property maintenance code ordinance at its October 2 meeting.

The amended ordinance will provide both the authority and the mechanism to ensure that all properties within the borough are properly maintained. If properties are not maintained, the Borough will have the ability to correct the problems at the property owners expense. The ordinance also provides provisions for an independent appeal process. The ordinance requires that vacant properties be registered with the town and that contact information be provided for these properties should the borough need to require any corrective actions. Given the growth of this problem, the council feels that these requirements are necessary and useful ordinance provisions.

The mayor and council are considering installing an emergency telephone outside of police headquarters soon. This phone would provide a direct line to the Morris County Dispatch Center and would provide emergency assistance during non-business hours at police headquarters. While there is a pay phone outside the building, this does not provide quick and easy access to the dispatch center. We feel that we can provide better public safety service and are hoping to complete this project promptly.

The board is reviewing an ordinance to provide separate merit payments in special recognition of service for employees at the top end of their established salary guide. If awarded, such bonuses would not be considered part of the employee's base salary and would not continue in any future year.

Our administrative staff has prepared an analysis considering potential benefits of merging the Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board. This idea is preliminary and will be given much thought and deliberation by the mayor and council before any

changes are implemented.

Office of Emergency Management Coordinator Nick Witczak is seeking volunteers to join the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Basic training will be held on the weekend of November 21, 22 and 23. The CERT team will assist the OEM and the community when a disaster occurs. All training and equipment will be provided. For information, please or email Nick at MendhamBoroughOEM@gmail.com or call him at 973-922-0782. Additional information is posted on the borough's website and on the Borough's Emergency Management Facebook page.

With cold weather around the corner, winter overnight parking regulations are officially in effect from November 1 through April.

In closing, please know that November has been declared Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month in the borough. Best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving! There is much to be thankful for.

Sincerely,

Neil Henry, Mayor

Events at Schiff Nature Preserve

Advance registration at www.schiffnaturepreserve.org

Nature Exploration for Kids

Thursday, November 6 from 9 am-noon

No school means all play! Our program will get you out trekking Schiff's trails while playing games along the way. Ages 6+. Indoors in case of rain.

All About Owls

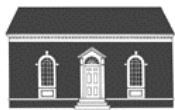
Friday, November 7 from 10:30-11:30 am

Looking for something fun to do with the kids during NJ Teacher's Convention? Come to Schiff Nature Preserve and meet a live owl with experts from The Raptor Trust.

Early Morning Fitness Hike

Sunday, November 16 at 8 am

Join us for a brisk 5-mile hike over varied terrain on the trails of Schiff. Meet at Schiff's McVickers Brook Preserve parking lot at 239 Pleasant Valley Road.



Mendham Borough
LIBRARY

News from the Mendham Borough Library

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

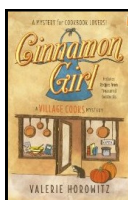
Local authors talk about their books and how they got published Thursday, November 20 at 7 pm

Want to learn about the process of writing and how to get published? Four local authors, of different book genres, will engage in a lively conversation about their books and their journeys to publishing.

Cinnamon Girl: A Village Cooks Mystery

by Valerie Horowitz

Cinnamon Girl is the first in a series of mysteries set in fictional Mendham/Chester area. Valerie Horowitz is a life-long cookbook lover and works in publishing.

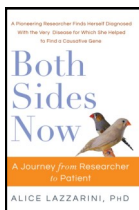


Both Sides Now

A Journey from Research to Patient

by Alice Lazzarini

Dr. Lazzarini was a leading researcher in the field of genetics and Parkinson's disease when she was diagnosed with this difficult illness herself. Her story is both inspiring and informative.

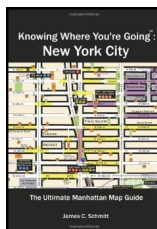


Knowing Where You're Going:

New York City

by James Schmitt

"This colorful NYC guidebook takes an innovative approach to exploring America's number one travel destination with a highly visual map-based format" says Amazon. Mr. Schmitt's book is currently the best seller in "New York City Travel Books."



Pharm House:

A Pharmaceutical Mystery

by Bill Powers

A thriller set in today's international pharmaceutical industry. Mr. Power's book has been selected as a 2014 National Indie Excellence Award Finalist in the medical mystery thriller genre.



Programs for Young People

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

Regular Monthly Activities

Chess Club — Thursday, November 13 at 6:30 pm

Knitting Club — Friday, November 14 at 3:30 pm

Lego Club — Saturday, November 15 at 12 pm

Thanksgiving Bingo — Friday, November 21 at 3:15 pm

Special Activities

Maleficent

Wednesday, November 19 at 6 pm

Join the library staff to enjoy this new Disney classic. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Parents must stay with their children.



Come rescue Madeleine and Waldo

Tuesday, November 6 to Saturday, November 8

Who are hiding in the library during our scavenger hunt. Forms will be available at the circulation desk, and the hunt can be completed any time during NJ Teacher Convention.

Holly Trail 2014

Saturday, December 6 from 11 am to 1 pm

Visit the library to decorate cookies and holiday cards on this special day in Mendham.

2014 Holiday Reading Program

Monday, November 24 to Friday, December 19

The Holiday Reading Program is almost here!! Elementary school children (and younger) can join in by logging 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 Monday, December 22 for all participants.



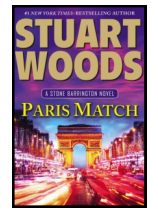
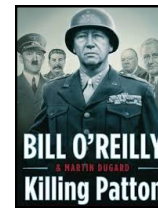
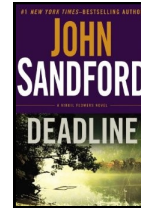
New Books & DVDs

Non-Fiction

<i>Happy Belly</i>	Nadya Andreeva
<i>Killing Patton</i>	Bill O'Reilly
<i>The Mayor</i>	Richard Riordan
<i>Plant This Instead!</i>	Troy Marden
<i>Relaxation & Stress Reduction Workshop</i>	Lawrence Shapiro
<i>Step by Step Kids Birthday Cakes</i>	Karen Sullivan

Fiction

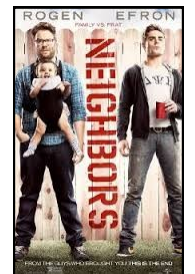
<i>Agatha Christie Monogram Murders</i>	Sophie Hannah
<i>Burn</i>	James Patterson
<i>Christmas Bouquet</i>	Sherryl Woods
<i>Deadline</i>	John Sandford
<i>To Dwell In Darkness</i>	Deborah Crombie
<i>Full Measure</i>	Jeff Parker
<i>Ghost Wanted</i>	Carolyn Hart
<i>The Golden Hour</i>	Todd Moss
<i>Gossamer Ghost</i>	Laura Childs
<i>Gray Mountain</i>	John Grisham
<i>High Divide</i>	Lin Enger
<i>Infinite Sea</i>	Rick Yancey
<i>Irish Doctor in Peace and at War</i>	Patrick Taylor
<i>Leaving Time</i>	Jodi Picoult
<i>The Lost Key</i>	Catherine Coulter
<i>Love Song</i>	Elizabeth Lowell
<i>Mr. Miracle</i>	Debbie Macomber
<i>Norah Webster</i>	Colm Toibin
<i>The Old Deep and Dark</i>	Ellen Hart
<i>Paris Match</i>	Stuart Woods



<i>Quilt for Christmas</i>	Sandra Dallas
<i>The Ship of Brides</i>	Jojo Moyes
<i>Shopaholic to the Stars</i>	Sophie Kinsella
<i>Sidney Sheldon's Chasing Tomorrow</i>	Tilly Bagshawe
<i>Silent Sister</i>	Diane Chamberlain
<i>Sudden Light</i>	Garth Stein
<i>The Perfect Witness</i>	Iris Johansen
<i>Wicked Ways</i>	Lisa Jackson
<i>Winter Street</i>	Elin Hilderbrand
<i>The Zone of Interest</i>	Martin Amis

DVDs

<i>Disneynature Bears</i>
<i>Earth to Echo</i>
<i>How to Train Your Dragon 2</i>
<i>Live Die Repeat</i>
<i>Maleficent</i>
<i>Mr. Peabody & Sherman</i>
<i>Neighbors</i>
<i>The Million Dollar Arm</i>
<i>The Prince</i>
<i>The Roosevelts: An Intimate History</i>
<i>Transformers: Age of Extinction</i>
<i>X-Men: Days of Future Past</i>



Late Fall Yoga Classes

Yoga classes are continuing this fall with 8:30 classes on Tuesday *and* Thursday mornings taught by Karen Lonergan. The cost for Tuesday's 8-week session is \$40; the cost for Thursday's 6-week session is \$30, and for both it is \$70. Tuesday classes run from November 4 to December 30 and the Thursday session from November 6 to December 18. Drop-ins are welcome for an \$8 fee. Call today to see if there is still room in these popular classes.

Special Library Hours for Thanksgiving

Wednesday: Closing at 2 pm
Thursday & Friday: Closed
Saturday: 10–2



Wednesday Computer Classes

Join us at 1 pm & please register for the class. For Mendham Borough residents only.

November 5: iPad & iPhone for Beginners

Learn about iPad features and how to use it to connect with the library. Internet skills required.

November 12: Ask the Tech Guru

Questions about your iPad or other device.

November 19: Free Apps for the iPad

Apple ID password needed.

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Borough Calendar for November 2014

Curbside Bulk Pickup -

Mondays, November 3, 10, 17 & 24

Recycle - Thursday, November 13 & *Monday, November 24*

Borough Council Meetings - at the Garabrant Center,
8 pm on Monday, November 3 and 17

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

Recreation Meeting - at the Phoenix House,
7:30 pm on Wednesday, November 12

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

Environmental Commission ~ at the Phoenix House,
8 pm on Thursday, November 20

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

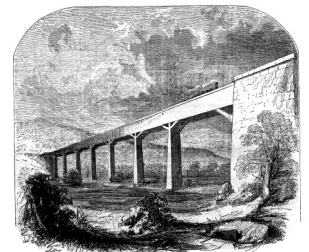
*Borough Offices will be closed on
Tuesday, November 11 for Veteran's
Day and on Thursday & Friday,
November 27 & 28 for Thanksgiving.*



Mendham Borough Historical Society

Tuesday, November 18 at 7:30 pm
at the Garabrant Center

Join us for Joe Macasek's presentation on "*The Rockaway Valley Railroad - The Rock-A-Bye Baby.*" In 1888, Somerset County farmers and businessmen built the Rockaway Valley RR. The train was built to capitalize on a new upscale crop - *peaches* - that needed a smooth ride to market from White House Station to Morristown's Watnong Station. With bad design and poor roadbed construction, cars often lurched and it became known as Rock-a-bye Baby! Despite financial disaster, the RR had a long life even to today as the Patriots' Path route recreation trail. Mr. Macasek pursues a life-long interest in local NJ history and industrial archeology. He is an author and he serves on the Morris County Heritage Commission. Open to the public; program/parking free.



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