

# The Mendham Messenger

October 2014

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## Mayor's Update

Dear Resident and Business Owners,

It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Richard A. Merkt as our new Borough Administrator.

The Borough Council and I felt that Rick had the extensive background in both the private and public sector that we sought for this position. Rick, who has resigned from the Mendham Township Committee as well as the Republican Committee, will begin his new role on November 1.

Rick has served as a vice president, general manager, general counsel and director of human resources at three companies, two privately held and one publically traded. These firms were in the automotive, high technology and medical devices industries. His experience includes administration, budgeting, strategic planning, and regulatory compliance responsibilities.

As an elected official, Rick has been a member of the Mendham Township Committee since 2011 and served as township mayor in 2013. Rick also was a member of the New Jersey General Assembly and chief administrative officer and deputy attorney general and special assistant for the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety.

Rick graduated from Yale University with a BA in liberal arts and from Fordham University with a JD. He earned a certification from Rutgers University in public management and a masters in governmental administration from the University of Pennsylvania. He is also a member of the Certified Public Managers Society of New Jersey.

Rick will hit the ground running. He will: follow up on corrective actions from the 2013 audit; set a schedule for the FY 2015 budget; review and update employee job descriptions as well as the employee handbook; and create a multiyear pro forma to support future planning and budgeting.

Rick and his wife Suzanne live in the Brookside section of Mendham Township. Please join me in welcoming him to Mendham Borough.

Karen Ferrone was hired as our new part-time tax collector and began her employment with Mendham Borough on September 2. Karen also serves as the tax

collector in Green Township and is a member of the Chester Borough Council.

The Borough Council approved funding for a new in-line patrol vehicle for the Police Department. Work has been completed on the curb reconstruction, milling and paving of Maple, Park and Mountain Avenues.

Sincerely,

Neil Henry, Mayor

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## Cosma Lake: A Canary in a Coal Mine

This summer the city of Toledo, Ohio could not drink the water due to toxic levels caused by thick mats of algae. The algae growth was the result of heavy fertilizer use at local farms.



Poisonous algae can be found in large and small bodies of water from the Chesapeake Bay to the small ponds of Cape Cod. Barnegat Bay's increase of jelly fish has been attributed to over-development. As people plant lawns and use fertilizers the increase of nutrients flowing to the bay creates a toxic soup.

Here in Mendham, we have our own canary in a coal mine; Cosma Lake, on Maple Avenue, is totally green with algae. Cosma's water flows to India Brook which empties into the North Branch of the Raritan River and finally drains into the Raritan Bay and Atlantic Ocean.

What caused this algae growth? The storm water infrastructure runs from as far away as the Black Horse Inn to parts of the neighborhood surrounding the lake. Fertilizers flow into the stormwater drains and empty into the lake creating an environmentally destructive soup bowl of green algae.

All of Mendham Borough's stormwater flows directly to a stream somewhere. Residents can help by limiting fertilizer use or changing lawns to ground coverings. Why not create an interesting rock garden with plants or mosses or a meadow filled with wildflowers? There are many ways to limit the use of fertilizers. Let's all start somewhere.



Mendham Borough  
LIBRARY

# News from the Mendham Borough Library

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

*An Evening  
with Friends*

*Saturday, October 25  
7 to 10 pm*

*Cocktails \* Music \* Auction  
Hors d'oeuvres \* Dessert*

*\$75 donation per person*

*Tickets & information available  
at the Mendham Borough Library*



## Funding college without going broke

7 pm on Tuesday October 14 or Thursday October 16

Mike Velasco, noted college expert, will give you the inside scoop on how to send your kids to the school of their dreams without going broke; how to triple your eligibility for aid; and how to find scholarships or grants. Do you want to:

- ◆ Pay for college with less money out of your pocket;
- ◆ Finance a private school for less than a state school;
- ◆ Pick the colleges that will give you the most money;
- ◆ Learn seven strategies to afford your dream college.
- ◆ Make a plan *right now* if your child is in high school.

Mike will share the insider secrets that your guidance counselor doesn't know. Admission is free but seating is limited. Call the library at 973 543-4152 to reserve a seat.

## Programs for Young People

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

### **Chess Club:** Thursday, October 9 at 6:30 pm

Open to children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up. Learn how to play chess with instructor Marty Sobin who will introduce new tips and tricks to improve your game.

### **Knitting Club:** Friday, October 10 at 3:30 pm

Always wanted to know how to make beautiful scarves and hats? Learn how on the second Friday each month at 3:30 pm. Open to those in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade up.

### **Movie Night:** Wednesday, October 15 at 6 pm

Join the library staff to watch Disney's *Million Dollar Arm*. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Parents must stay with their children.

### **Lego Club:** Saturday, October 18 at 12 pm

Come make friends and create your own LEGO creations. Legos are provided by the library.

### **Halloween Festival:** Friday, October 24 at 3:30 pm

Get a head start on Halloween at the library! Check out our spooktacular celebration with fun activities including a costume contest and costume parade!



## Win a Year without Library Fines . . .

*But only if you come to our fundraiser*

### **Silent Auction including:**

- ◆ Luxurious House in St. Croix for 10 to 12
- ◆ Tickets to the Devils
- ◆ & a library basket with a card for One Year without Library Fines!!

### **Can't make it but want to help??**

- ◆ Sign up to make a dessert or appetizer
- ◆ Donate an item for the silent auction

More information, call Jan Perrier at 973 543-4152.

## Fletcher Gallery

The Gallery features the paintings of life-long Mendham resident **Lynn Eberenz** for September and October. Her oil paintings capture the transcendent beauty and emotion of light and colors — whether in a traditional still life, a natural landscape, or a more abstract expression. For more information, please visit her website at [www.lynnartstudio.com](http://www.lynnartstudio.com)



## New Books & DVDs

### Non-Fiction

*The Bigs* Ben Carpenter  
*Daring My Passages* Gail Sheehy  
*Decoding the New Consumer Mind* Kit Yarrow  
*Ending Back Pain* Jack Stern  
*Fabio's Italian Kitchen* Fabio Viviani  
*In the Kingdom of Ice* Hampton Sides  
*The Roosevelts* Geoffrey Ward  
*Smart Cookie* Christi Farr Johnstone  
*A Spy Among Friends* Ben Macintyre  
*Working Stiff* Judy Melinek

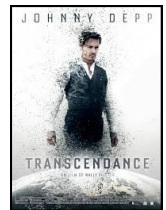
### Fiction

*2 A. M. at The Cat's Pajamas* Marie-Helene Bertino  
*The 6<sup>th</sup> Extinction* James Rollins  
*Adultery* Paulo Coelho  
*Big Little Lies* Liane Moriarty  
*Bittersweet* Colleen McCullough  
*The Blood of an Englishman* M. C. Beaton  
*Blood on the Water* Anne Perry  
*The Bone Clocks* David Mitchell  
*The Book of Life* Deborah Harkness  
*Breakwater Bay* Shelley Noble  
*Close to Home* Lisa Jackson  
*Don't Look Back* Gregg Hurwitz  
*The Drop* Dennis Lehane  
*Edge of Eternity* Ken Follet  
*An Event in Autumn* Henning Mankell  
*The Eye of Heaven* Clive Cussler  
*Eyes Only* Fern Michaels  
*Fatal Conceit* Robert Tanenbaum  
*Festive in Death* J.D. Robb  
*The Golem of Hollywood* Jonathan Kellerman  
*Haunted* Randy Wayne White  
*Her Last Whisper* Karen Robards  
*Heroes Are My Weakness* Susan E. Phillips

*Honeymoon Hotel* Hester Browne  
*The Hundred-Foot Journey* Richard Morais  
*An Italian Wife* Ann Hood  
*The King's Curse* Philippa Gregory  
*Lisette's List* Susan Vreeland  
*The Long Way* Louise Penny  
*Love Letters* Debbie Macomber  
*Lovely, Dark, Deep Stories* Joyce Carol Oates  
*The Magician Land* Lev Grossman  
*Mean Streak* Sandra Brown  
*Murder 101* Faye Kellerman  
*One Kick* Chelsea Cain  
*Personal* Lee Child  
*Private Down Under* James Patterson  
*Queen Bee Goes Home Again* Haywood Smith  
*The Rosie Project* Graeme Simsion  
*Small Blessings* Martha Woodrooff  
*Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good* Jan Karon  
*Son of No One* Sherrilyn Kenyon  
*Stone Mattress* Margaret Atwood  
*Support and Defend* Mark Greaney  
*An Unwilling Accomplice* Charles Todd  
*We Are Not Ourselves* Matthew Thomas

### DVDs

*Angriest Man in Brooklyn*  
*Barbie and the Secret Door*  
*Blended*  
*Captain America: The Winter Soldier*  
*Draft Day*  
*God's Not Dead*  
*Legends of Oz: Dorothy's Return*  
*Sabotage*  
*Thomas & Friends: Tale of the Brave-The Movie*  
*Toy Story of Terror*  
*Transcendence*  
*The World Wars*



## Bringing the Library to MASH

We are pleased to announce a new program to make the library experience and resources available to all residents of Mendham Area Senior Housing (MASH). Courtesy transportation to the library was discontinued for residents and we didn't want this valuable community to miss out.

Residents can request books and audio books or they can ask a librarian to choose according to their interests. Items will be delivered weekly by staff and volunteers and can be returned in the new book drop conveniently located in the housing community room.



## Wednesday Computer Classes

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

**October 1: iPad & iPhone for Beginners**

**October 8: Free Apps for the iPad**  
Apple ID password needed.

**October 22: Learn Zinio—FREE Digital Magazines**



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## Borough Calendar for October 2014

**Curbside Bulk Pickup** - Mondays, October 6, 13, 20 & 27

**Recycle** - Thursdays, October 2, 16 & 30

**Borough Council Meetings** - at the Garabrant Center,  
7 pm on Monday, October 6 and 20

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

**Recreation Meeting** - at the Phoenix House,  
7:30 pm on Wednesday, October 8

**Planning Board Meeting** - at the Garabrant Center,  
8 pm on Tuesday, October 14

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

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

## Chili Cookoff

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual HSA Chili Cookoff is scheduled for Sunday, October 19, 2014, so put this fun, family event on your calendar now! This event also features a bonfire, a corn maze and a cake contest for kids.



## Prevent Falls

Did You Know...falls are preventable and are a major risk for older people in our community. People who fall are 2-3 times more likely to fall again. Let's reduce this problem by looking around our homes, businesses or public buildings and making the necessary adjustments.

## Hilltop Church Consignment Sale

**Saturday, October 18 from 9 am - 3 pm**

Find your treasure at Hilltop Church. We are looking for vendors who will make 70% of all sold items. Vendors, please register early as we are only offering space for 50. To register, all consignors must email [leeballard82@gmail.com](mailto:leeballard82@gmail.com). All electronic devices offered for sale must be in working order and clothing should be clean and seasonal. There will be tools, sheet music, costume jewelry, silver and traditional sale items. We cannot accept books or old TVs. For more information go to [www.facebook.com/HilltopChurchConsignmentSaleMay31st2014](http://www.facebook.com/HilltopChurchConsignmentSaleMay31st2014), email Lee, or call Marilyn Willett at 973-543-2092.

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