

# The Mendham Messenger

September 2012

## Mayor's Update

Dear Residents & Business Owners:

I hope you all have had a great summer and are prepared for a busy fall. Mendham celebrations traditionally begin in September with our Labor Day parade and carnival. They continue with the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Fair & Harvest Hustle later in the month. In October local bluegrass band Hub Hollow will be featured at a special fundraising party for the Borough Library. In November, the Borough Fire Department will hold their Second Annual Casino Night. And the season's special town activities will conclude with December's Holly Trails and the Borough Park tree lighting. Dates and details for these events will be featured in the Messenger.

The summer was busy for the Mayor and Council and for members of the administration and our various department heads.

On July 2, Officer Pasquale G. "Pat" Libertino was appointed and sworn in as our new Chief of Police. On July 16, Officers Joseph Pirello and Brian Hostler were appointed and sworn in as our new police sergeants. All three individuals are deserving of their respective promotions. Chief Libertino promises to keep a high profile with the residents in town and encourages you to stop by police headquarters should you have any questions or concerns. Although the department has lost one person with the retirement of Chief Taylor, there will be no new additions. Chief Libertino believes the department can adequately serve the community at its present staffing level.

Our administration continues to work on improving the basketball and tennis courts later this year. We have been meeting with members of the Mendham men's basketball program to provide additional input into the basketball court improvements.

An amendment to our sign ordinance is expected to be introduced during September. Community input on banners was received in June and July and was very much appreciated. In conjunction with the introduction of our amendments, I hope to have a final resolution to the banner issue and how we propose to proceed. More information on this will be following in future editions of the Messenger.

We continue to meet monthly with officials of Mendham Township to develop and implement shared service ideas. Many ideas have been discussed and we continue to work on several which, if finalized, could be beneficial to both communities.

If you would like to keep updated on the latest activity of the Mayors' Regional Educational Advisory Committee, please visit our website and click on the tab on the home page called "Mayors Regional Educational Advisory Committee." Of particular interest is the link called "Process to Change Funding Formula, Potential Dissolution and Potential New Regionalization (Configuration) of School District." This link details the process involved in any potential dissolution and reconfiguration of a new school district. The goal of the Mayor and Council is to provide you with *all* pertinent information related to this topic. Should you have any additional questions on this issue, please feel free to contact me or any council member at any time.

Bid specifications were completed for the purchase of a new ladder truck. The bids were composed to allow us to secure competitive bids from more than one company and thus ensure that we get the best piece of equipment for the right price.

I would like to thank Mendham Little League for their \$1,500 donation to help augment the budgeted funds for the upkeep of our baseball fields.

Sincerely,

*Neil Henry, Mayor*

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**2ND ANNUAL  
CASINO NIGHT**



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2012  
MENDHAM BOROUGH FIRE DEPARTMENT**

*Casino Games & Prizes  
Food & Fun to Raise Funds  
for Mendham's Volunteer Fire Department*



Mendham Borough  
LIBRARY

# News from the Mendham Borough Library

10 Hilltop Road 973 543-4152 [www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org](http://www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org)



## A Chance to Win an E-Reader

Visit six local libraries during the month of September and you might win an Apple iPad™, a Google Nexus 7™, or a Barnes & Noble Nook™.

Did you know that your library card can be used at all of the libraries in Morris County that are part of the Morris Automated Information Network (M.A.I.N.)? A month-long contest is meant to introduce you to some of the other libraries in our area.

It's called Passport to Imagination: Around M.A.I.N. in 30 days, and here is how it will work:

- ◆ Pick up your Passport at our library starting on September 1. Please note that your card must not have unpaid fines over \$5 or be blocked for any reason. One passport per player.
- ◆ Collect stamps on your "Passport" by bringing it to the desk at the participating neighboring libraries, along with your valid library card.
- ◆ Once you've collected six (6) passport stamps from different libraries, leave your "passport" at any participating library, and it will be entered in the grand prize drawing.

Lost your library card? We can replace it for a nominal fee of \$3. Don't have a library card, we can sign you up for free! The contest begins on September 4, 2012, and passports will be distributed, stamped and collected until September 30, 2012. More information, including a full list of rules, regulations and eligibility, is available at [www.mainlib.org/passport.html](http://www.mainlib.org/passport.html).

Through books, innovative programs, digital media, film, music, storytelling and classes, your library works to bring knowledge and culture to your fingertips. Here's your chance to see how libraries in your surrounding communities work together towards this common goal. This program will take place during National Library Card Sign-Up Month, and is made possible by participating libraries in the Morris Automated Information Network.



**Around M.A.I.N. in 30 Days**

**COCKTAILS &  
MUSIC BY HUB HOLLOW**

**TO BENEFIT  
THE MENDHAM BOROUGH LIBRARY**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13 AT 7 PM**

**HOSTED BY  
KATIE JONES & DAN SCHREIBMAN  
33 HILLTOP ROAD, MENDHAM, NJ**

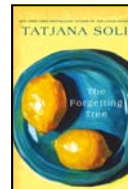
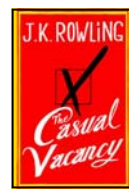
**\$50 DONATION PER PERSON**

**TICKETS & INFORMATION  
AVAILABLE AT  
THE MENDHAM BOROUGH LIBRARY**

## Looking for a few good volunteers

Help make the library party a great time for all by joining in the planning at our next Friends meeting in September. Please check the library website for the date. We are also looking for people to help prepare hors d'oeuvres and desserts and to help before and during the event. Please call Pat Charney at 973 543-4152 if you are interested in helping with the planning or by making food for this party.

# New Acquisitions at the Mendham Borough Library



## Watch For

Mad River	John Sandford	10/2
Dick Francis's Bloodline	Felix Francis	10/2
Live by Night	Dennis Lehane	10/2
The Perfect Hope	Nora Roberts	11/6
Flight Behavior	Barbara Kingsolver	11/6

## Books

Black Dahlia & White Rose	Joyce Carol Oates	9/11
The Casual Vacancy	J. K. Rowling	9/27
The Cutting Season	Attica Locke	9/18
Delusion in Death	J. D. Robb	9/11
The Edge of Nowhere	Elizabeth George	9/4
Father Night	Eric Van Lustbader	9/18
A Fool's Gold Christmas	Susan Mallery	9/25
The Forgetting Tree	Tatjana Soli	9/4
Gone	Randy Wayne White	9/4
Hiss and Hers	M. C. Beaton	9/18
I Shouldn't Be Telling You This	Kate White	9/18
I'd Like to Apologize to Every Teacher I Ever Had	Tony Danza	9/11
Love Anthony	Lisa Genova	9/25
Low Pressure	Sandra Brown	9/18
Mirage	Clive Cussler	9/18
NW	Zadie Smith	9/4
The Oath	Jeffrey Toobin	9/18
Robert B. Parker's Fool Me Twice	Michael Brandman	9/11
Robert Ludlum's The Janus Reprisal	Jamie Freveletti	9/11
San Miguel	T.C. Boyle	9/18
Severe Clear	Stuart Woods	9/18
Telegraph Avenue	Michael Chabon	9/11
This Is How You Lose Her	Junot Diaz	9/11
The Time Keeper	Mitch Albom	9/4
The Unfaithful Queen	Carolly Erickson	9/18
A Wanted Man	Lee Child	9/11
Winter of the World	Ken Follett	9/18
The Yellow Birds	Kevin Powers	9/11
Zoo	James Patterson	9/3
That Used to Be Us	Thomas Friedman	9/5

## Audio Books

Drop Dead Healthy	A.J. Jacobs
Gone Girl	Gillian Flynn
I Hate Everyone- Starting with Me	Joan Rivers
I, Michael Bennett	James Patterson
The Language of Flowers	Vanessa Diffenbaugh
Summerland	Elin Hilderbrand
The Fallen Angel	Daniel Silva
The Next Best Thing	Jennifer Weiner
Wicked Business	Janet Evanovich
Wild	Cheryl Strayed

## DVDs

Battleship	8/28
Best Exotic Marigold Hotel	9/18
Cabin In The Woods	9/18
The Dictator	8/21
Disneynature Chimpanzee	8/21
The Five-Year Engagement	8/28
Girl in Progress	9/11
Headhunters	8/28
Dr. Seuss' The Lorax	8/7
The Lucky One	8/28
Marvel's The Avengers	9/25
The Pirates! Band of Misfits	8/28
Think Like a Man	8/28
Boardwalk Empire: The Complete Second Season	8/28
What To Expect When You're Expecting	9/11

## Video Games

### Wii

Cooking Mama: Cook off  
Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa  
Spider-man: Shattered Dimensions

### Xbox 360

BioShock 2  
Batman Arkham Asylum  
Iron Man 2  
Captain America: Super Soldier

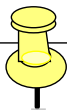
## *A Friendly Reminder*

Please do not use the Library parking lot for Hilltop School drop off and pick up. We need our limited spaces for library patrons. Thank you!



# Fall Hours

Monday	9 am ~ 8 pm
Tuesday	10 am ~ 8 pm
Wednesday	9 am ~ 8 pm
Thursday	10 am ~ 8 pm
Friday	9 am ~ 4 pm
Saturday	10 am ~ 4 pm
Sunday	closed



## Programs for Youth at the Mendham Borough Library

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR THE FALL 2012

*Please register for all library programs by coming in or calling 973 543-4152.*

#### **Chess Club**

For kids in 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Join chess instructor Marty Sobin and learn new tips, improve your game and have fun playing with friends. This group meets one Thursday evening a month beginning in October.



#### **Lego Club**

Bring your imagination and the library will supply the Legos. This popular group meets one Saturday a month. The first meeting will be held on Saturday, September 15 from 1 - 2 pm. All ages welcome!

#### **Apple Note-Holder Craft**

Friday, September 14 at 3:30 pm

#### **Back-to-School Bingo with cool prizes**

Friday, September 21 at 3:30 pm



### REGULAR PROGRAMS FOR THE FALL

*Starting the week of September 10*

#### **Teen Group**

**First meeting: Wednesday, September 12 at 6:30 pm**

For middle and high school students. Have fun discussing and previewing new books and planning activities. Volunteer opportunities also available to the group throughout the year. The group will meet the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

#### **Sing-A-Long**

**For toddlers ~ Mondays at 10:30 am**

Songs for our littlest library patrons.

#### **Preschool Story Time**

**Thursdays at 2 pm**

Join us for a story and a fun craft.

#### **Book Clubs**

<b>Mondays</b>	<b>3:15 pm</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> graders</b>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>3:15 pm</b>	<b>Kindergarten Kids</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>3:15 pm</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> graders</b>
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>3:15 pm</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> graders</b>
	<b>3:30 pm</b>	<b>Middle School Book Club</b>

## Adult Lectures Planned for Fall

Mark your calendar now for a variety of lectures and talks this fall at the Borough Library. We hope we will have something for everyone to learn and enjoy. All talks are free and open to anyone who is interested. So bring your friends to learn a little something new, enjoy some light refreshments and share in a night out in Mendham. Please register for these programs by visiting or calling the library at 973 543-4152.

### **E-Book Demonstration—Back by Popular Demand Thursday, September 20 at 7 pm**

Join us for an E-Book demonstration night hosted at the library and run by Mike Skara of the Chatham - Madison Adult School. In addition to basic information about these new devices, Mike will demonstrate how to download E-Books from our library website to your E-Reader. Please bring your E-Reader if you have one. Registration required for this program.

### **Get Started in Genealogy**

**Thursday, October 25 at 7 pm**

Please join Peggy Lake Oswald to learn how to begin researching your family's history. Peggy has been researching genealogy for 15 years and started with her own family tree. She has expanded her research to include most families in the Morris County area and other surrounding counties. She is also the Mendham Borough archivist at the Mendham Borough Library.

### **Conquer Clutter**

**Thursday, November 29 at 7 pm**

Professional organizer Linda Anders will help residents conquer clutter. This particular program is focused on management techniques for the many piles of paper that accumulate and frustrate. Learn how to stop wasting time looking for important documents among stacks of statements and discover ways to tame all of school papers brought home by kids.

## Yoga at the Mendham Borough Library

Yoga classes will begin again this fall with 8:30 classes on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The cost for either 7-week session is \$30; the cost for both is \$60. Drop-ins are welcome (for a \$5 fee per class), but only at the start of the session if the "subscribed" participants do not attend. The Tuesday session will run from September 11 to October 23 and the Thursday session will run from September 13 to October 25. Sign ups at the library start on September 4. Payments due at sign up.

## Highlights from the Library's Summer Programs

Summer was busy at the Mendham Borough Library with reading programs for kids and adults and many other fun activities. For the kids, we kicked off the summer with another visit from Dom Rizzo of Rizzo's Reptiles. Dom shared the stage with snakes, lizards and other creatures during two shows in the Brookside Community Club. This popular event was sponsored in part by the Morris County Clean Communities Program and was organized for the fourth year by the Mendham Borough and Township Libraries. Other popular summer programs included a visit from a dog and trainer from the Seeing Eye, a Paws + Program where kids read to a certified therapy dog, the Lego Club, and our two Craft Afternoons.



The Summer Reading Programs resulted in many happy reading hours for all of the adults, teens and elementary school children who took part. Reading countless books, the kids logged hundreds of hours of reading and enjoyed coming in for their weekly prizes and the end of the season ice cream party. Our teen participants read a total of 141 books. Our adult readers turned in 66 reviews of the books they most enjoyed and were then entered to win weekly prizes. Congratulations to our winners – Jocelyn Juhasz, Mariah Woodridge, Janis Slutsky and Eileen Lupo. Thanks to everyone who participated and kids don't forget to join in again during our Winter Reading Challenge. More information about this program will be posted in *The Messenger* and on our website.



*Lydia Dobson*



*Nicole, Gia and Cole Geary*



*Kevin Jamer*

### New Interim Superintendent for District

Since July 1, 2012, Dr. Thomas F. Butler has been serving as Interim Superintendent for the Mendham Borough Schools as a replacement for Dr. Janie Edmonds, who retired in June. Dr. Butler retired in 1994 from the Chester School District after 14 years as Superintendent of Schools. Since then, he served districts in the northern and central parts of the state as Interim Superintendent. This is the sixth Morris County district in which he has served as Interim.

This fall the Board of Education will restart the search for a permanent replacement for Dr. Edmonds. While Dr. Butler has a contract for the 2012-13 school year, depending on the success of the search process, there could be a new Superintendent beginning in January. If the search is not fruitful, he is prepared to complete this school year and stay beyond if needed.

During his time in the position, he will function as would a permanent Superintendent. Dr. Butler believes that the only way to operate is to become totally involved in the educational and cultural life of the school district. You will see him at a wide variety of activities and events throughout the year.

This September a number of changes have been implemented to improve program options for our students. At Mountain View Middle School, students will have greater flexibility in scheduling choral and instrumental classes, and in arranging their schedules for the Chinese Language program. Also at Mountain View, there is a greater emphasis on technology applications in the Media Center Program via a new "Information and Communication Technology" curriculum adopted by the Board of Education last spring.

There have been a number of technology upgrades in the infrastructure at both schools this summer that will provide faster service and increased capacity. Outdated computers have been replaced and, via the support of the Home School Association (HSA), more SMART Board technology has been added in the classrooms. The HSA deserves kudos for their ongoing efforts in providing financial support for the schools in helping to expand technology usage in the classroom.

One final change this year is the move of the Pre-School program from the Mountain View Middle School to the Hilltop Elementary School because of the availability of space at Hilltop.

Please feel free to contact Thomas F. Butler Ed.D Interim Superintendent of Schools at the Hilltop School if you have any questions or comments.

### Support the Borough Schools on September 29

September 29 will be a big day in Mendham - challenge yourself at the Mendham Borough HSA's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Hustle 5K & Kids' Fun Run followed by the Mountain View 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Fun Fair. Be sure to come out, support the Mendham Borough school community and enjoy the day's festivities.

#### *4<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Hustle & Kids' Fun Run Borough Park, 8 - 11 am*



Returning for its fourth year, the Mendham Borough HSA, together with Gold Sponsors Maplecrest Ford, Verizon, Accenture and American Financial Resources, Inc., will host the Harvest Hustle 5K and Kids' Fun Run. The Kids' Fun Run begins at 8 am with medals for all participants, followed by a USATF-NJ sanctioned 5K run/walk with awards for the top three finishers in each age group, top three teams and top Mendham residents. Refreshments, custom race shirts, race bag goodies and a race expo are planned. Race proceeds benefit the health and fitness goals of Mendham Borough Schools and scholarships in honor of Mendham Boro Police Sergeant Richard V. Morales. To register for the race, visit [harvesthustle.sites.runsignup.com](http://harvesthustle.sites.runsignup.com). Become our Fan on Facebook!

Sponsorship opportunities are still available, including a business directory "Race Journal." For as little as \$25 you can list your business, and there are additional advertising opportunities available. The new "Race Journal" will be given to all race participants, (over 500 last year), and the Mendham Boro school families. It's a great way for local families to support our local businesses. For more information, please contact Race Co-Director Amy Johanson at (973)876-0881 or [adjohanson@verizon.net](mailto:adjohanson@verizon.net).

#### *The 2012 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Fun Fair Mountain View School, 11 am - 3 pm*

Mark your calendars now for the annual Eighth Grade Family Fun Fair, which will be held at Mountain View Middle School on Dean Road from 11 am to 3 pm on September 29. The theme for this year's fair is "Under the Sea." It will feature new games and activities for all ages, silent and bucket auctions, a 50/50 raffle and festival food. This long-standing Mendham event helps raise money for the class of 2013's Eighth Grade trip to Washington D.C. For more information, visit [www.mendhamboro.org](http://www.mendhamboro.org).



# Making a Difference in Mendham

by Laurie Felber

One evening, while walking on the Franklin Parker trail, I saw an owl silently diving down towards its prey. Then just as swiftly, it flew away in a streak of brown and white. Nothing was heard but all was seen. This was nature at its rawest and rarely seen.

Owls need small rodents to prey on. Rodents need nuts and berries to eat. The bushes need the rodents to spread their seed. Various birds need these seeds as well. They are all interdependent. When development occurs, people plant trees that are not indigenous. Hidden in cargo, stowaway insects and viruses escape into the new world, quickly reproducing and then wreaking havoc upon our forests. This is not a new phenomena, but today we are all more aware of the dire implications caused by the growth of these encroaching species.

All creatures including people need a diverse environment to survive. If a certain species of oak doesn't produce acorns, another species will. Some bushes produce fruit in only dry weather and conversely others during a wet season. This creates different cycles of producing fruit, nuts and berries. Migrating wildlife as well non-migratory will be attracted to these food sources thereby ensuring their survival. This is called bio-diversity.

The Mendham Borough Environmental Commission is currently reintroducing native shrubbery and trees in the Cosma Park area. Thirty years ago, Cosma Park was a cornfield, and then it was bought by the school board for building a new school. Now it is being transformed into a protected area for native species. Many of the black cherry trees are diseased. The wineberry bush (Chinese) and bittersweet vines (English) are rampant. Thankfully, the Mendham Borough Environmental Commission received a grant for \$500, from the Somerset Hills Garden Club, for the purpose of planting native species in this area.

Early May, after a neighborhood clean-up of the park, Dave Sharkey of the Shade Tree Commission, and Laurie and Ron Felber, Mendham Borough Environmental Commission members, planted blueberry, witch hazel, and gray birch in a small section of the tract. The Department of Public Works assisted with enclosing the new plantings with deer fencing.

Next year, the two commissions plan to continue clearing the area of bittersweet vine, barberry, and wineberry. On the outer rim, the commissions plan to plant native tree species that will bring a variety of nuts to the wildlife. We hope to transform this forgotten area into

a demonstration garden to teach younger generations about native New Jersey's woodlands before the over abundance of deer and the pressures of development upon its wildlife.

*Encountering the owl was a reminder of the fragility of life. It is important for us all to become stewards of this earth, no matter how large or small, we can make a difference.*



Mendham Borough Residents Dave Sharkey & Ron Felber



## Deer Management Program

The Mendham Borough Police Department will again be overseeing the Deer Management Program for the 2012 season. This will start on September 10 and end in February. This program helps reduce the potentially dangerous motor vehicle crashes that involve deer, and it helps to prevent the damage that deer cause to the surrounding landscape and agriculture. Archery hunters will be stationed in some municipal parks and also on participating private properties throughout the Borough. Most hunting will take place during dusk and dawn. If you would like to have your property evaluated for the possibility of joining this program, please contact Patrolman Irons at 973-543-2527, ext. 24 or [irons@mendhamnj.org](mailto:irons@mendhamnj.org).

## Mendham Borough Historical Society Meeting

Following a summer break, the Mendham Borough Historical Society will resume meetings on Tuesday, September 25 at 7:30 pm at the Garabrant Center.

At 8 pm, Ray LeMasters will present the program "Hackettstown Remembered Through Postcards." The talk features Mr. LeMasters well-known collection of historical and modern era postcards. LeMasters' postcards progress through all forms of photography and presentation, including modern tech. A native of Hackettstown, LeMasters is an author and life member of the Hackettstown Historical Society. Guests are invited to bring postcards to share after the program. The public is invited to join us for this free program.



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## Borough Calendar for September 2012

**Curbside Bulk Pickup**—Tuesday, September 4 & Mondays, September 10, 17 & 24

**Recycle** - Thursdays, September 6 & 20

**Borough Council Meetings** - at the Garabrant Center, 8 pm on Tuesday, September 4 & Monday, September 17

**Board of Adjustment** - at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Wednesday, September 5 & 12

**Open Space Advisory Committee** - at the Phoenix House, 6 pm on Thursday, September 13

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

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

**Environmental Commission** - at the Phoenix House, 8 pm on Thursday, September 1

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

**Board of Education** - in the Hilltop School Cafeteria, 7:30 pm on Tuesday, September 4 & 25

## MASH: Get to Know Us!

Mendham Area Senior Housing (MASH) provides transportation to seniors and disabled adults living in the Borough and Township.

Mondays Chester Library's Lunch 'n' Learn  
or Mendham Seniors Meetings  
Tuesdays Chester ShopRite  
Fridays Chester ShopRite  
or Cedar Knolls Wal-Mart

Come ride with us! Call 973.543.2666 for more information about this program.

Mendham Area Senior Housing (MASH) provides affordable housing to eligible seniors and disabled adults. Visit [www.mashnj.org](http://www.mashnj.org) or call 973.543.2666.



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