

The Mendham Messenger

September 2013

Mayor's Update

Dear Residents & Business Owners:

If we can't reach you, we can't alert you.... That is the slogan for our marketing campaign for the Citizen Alert Notification Program in Mendham Borough. Sgts. Patrick McNichol and Brian Hostler have been busy putting the final touches on the public relations aspect of this program which is set to launch this fall.

This new campaign is the final part of our emergency notification program which we began working on immediately after Hurricane Sandy. Through voluntary sign ups, this system will notify residents of emergencies and other alerts via land line, cell phone or email. For further details, please watch for a banner in the center of town in early September and October which will let you know how you can sign up.

The Mayor and Council will conduct a public hearing at their second September meeting on a new ordinance to allow small wind energy systems as a permitted accessory use within the Borough's 5-acre residential zones and solar panels as a permitted accessory use in all zones. Councilman Sharkey and members of the Planning Board have worked hard to bring this ordinance amendment before the Mayor and Council.

There will also be a public hearing that evening on an ordinance which will provide for the acquisition of one pickup truck with a plow which will be used by our Department of Public Works.

It is never too early to begin working on our 2014 budget! Administrator Sandman is in the process of gathering information from our Emergency Services Departments on their phone and internet needs. Ellen is working to streamline these services so that additional savings can be achieved.

The Mayor and Council will soon hear plans from the organizers of the Walk Thru Mendham which benefits the New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome. This walk is now scheduled for November 23. And don't forget to watch for details on this year's Harvest Hustle and 8th Grade Family Fun Fair which will be held on October 5.

Congratulations to Nick Witczak who I appointed, with consent of the Council to serve as Deputy Office

of Emergency Management Coordinator. Congratulations are also in order to resident Philip Hettinger who recently became an Eagle Scout and Matt Marino who completed his Eagle Scout project at our Tranquility Garden location. Why not stop by and check out Matt's finished product!

Sincerely,

Neil Henry, Mayor

Deer Management Program

The Mendham Borough Police Department will again be overseeing the Deer Management Program for the 2013 season. This will start on September 14 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.

Save the Date!! October 19 Consignment Sale at Hilltop Church

Offering clothing, jewelry, accessories and home furnishings, this sale will include 50 consigners with a wide variety of items. Sale hours are from 9 am to 3 pm at Hilltop House. Drop off is on Friday, October 18 from 3 to 7 pm. Consignment split is 70% to the consigner and 30% to Hilltop Church. More information can be found at facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/HilltopChurchConsignmentSaleOct192013> or contact lee-ballard82@gmail.com.





Mendham Borough
LIBRARY

News from the Mendham Borough Library

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

Pennies for Potholes

**Raising funds for the repair
of the library driveway & parking lot**



**Don't let this happen at the
Mendham Borough Library**

**Join us for a Progressive Dinner
at three historic homes to raise funds for this renovation
Saturday, September 21 at 6:30 pm for \$65 per person**

**Cocktails: Anne and Richard Moore
67 West Main Street**

**Dinner: Deborah and Lawrence Stryker
34 West Main Street**

**Desserts: Mindy Leonardelli
32 West Main Street**

RSVP

by Saturday, September 14. Space is limited.

Happy to join you!

Here is our donation of \$65 per person for ___ guests.

Can't join you but we would love to help fill a pothole:

_____ \$ 250	_____ \$ 100
_____ \$ 50	_____ \$ 25
_____ Other	

Please send our thank you to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

For party updates and info:

Email: _____

Phone: _____

New Library Hours

<i>Monday</i>	<i>10 am ~ 8 pm</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>10 am ~ 8 pm</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>10 am ~ 8 pm</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>10 am ~ 8 pm</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>10 am ~ 5 pm</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>10 am ~ 2 pm</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>closed</i>

*Mendham Borough Archives are now available by
appointment only. Please call the library to schedule
a visit with Peggy Oswald, archivist.*



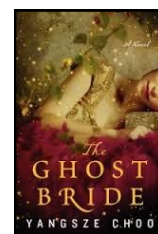
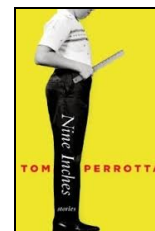
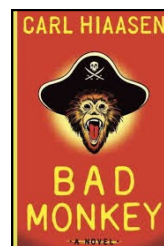
Around M.A.I.N. in 30 Days

Back by popular demand, MAIN's Passport to Imagination contest will be held again this year, during September. To participate in the contest, a library card holder must first obtain a MAIN "passport" from their home library and then visit five other MAIN libraries where the passport will be stamped. Card holders who complete this series of library visits will be entered into a contest to win an Apple iPad 3, Google Nexus 7 or Kindle Paperwhite. The contest will be held from September 1 through September 30.

Through books, innovative programs, digital media, film, music, storytelling and classes, your library works to bring knowledge and culture to your community. Here's your chance to see how libraries nearby work together towards a common goal: to send your imagination on a trip around the world.

This program will take place during National Library Card Sign-Up Month. It is made possible by participating libraries in MAIN - the Morris Automated Information Network - a consortium of 36 public libraries and the Morris County Library.

New Acquisitions at the Mendham Borough Library



Books *

*estimated
release date*

<i>The Aftermath</i>	Brook Rhidian	
<i>Any Duchess Will Do</i>	Tessa Dare	
<i>Beloved Enemy</i>	Eric Lustbader	
<i>Bones of the Lost</i>	Kathy Reichs	
<i>A Brother's Honor</i>	Brenda Jackson	
<i>The Childhood of Jesus</i>	J. M. Coetzee	
<i>Claire of the Sea Light</i>	Edwidge Danticat	
<i>The Daughters of Mars</i>	Thomas Keneally	
<i>Deadline</i>	Sandra Brown	
<i>Deceived</i>	Randy Wayne White	
<i>Dissident Gardens</i>	Jonathan Lethem	
<i>Doctor Sleep</i>	Stephen King	
<i>Enon</i>	Paul Harding	
<i>The Final Cut</i>	Catherine Coulter	
<i>The Ghost Bride</i>	Yangsze Choo	
<i>Hold On My Heart</i>	Tracy Brogan	
<i>Killing Jesus</i>	Bill O'Reilly	
<i>Levels of Life</i>	Julian Barnes	
<i>The Longings of Wayward Girls</i>	Karen Brown	
<i>Love at First Sight</i>	Lori Wilde	
<i>Lover Be Mine</i>	Nicole Jordan	
<i>The Lowland</i>	Jhumpa Lahiri	
<i>MaddAddam</i>	Margaret Atwood	
<i>The Mayan Secrets</i>	Clive Cussler	9/3
<i>Never Go Back</i>	Lee Child	9/3
<i>Nine Inches</i>	Tom Perrotta	9/3
<i>One Day in Apple Grove</i>	C. H. Admirand	
<i>The Remarriage Blueprint</i>	Maggie Scarf	9/3
<i>Revealing Us</i>	Lisa Renee Jones	9/10
<i>Run to You</i>	Rachel Gibson	9/10
<i>Second Watch</i>	Judith A. Jance	9/10
<i>The Secret Life of Lady Julia</i>	Lecia Cornwall	
<i>Someone</i>	Alice McDermott	9/10
<i>Songs of Willow Frost</i>	Jamie Ford	9/10
<i>Southern As a Second Language</i>	Lisa Patton	9/17
<i>A Spoonful of Sugar</i>	Brenda Ashford	
<i>Stroke of Midnight</i>	Olivia Drake	
<i>Styxx</i>	Sherrilyn Kenyon	9/17
<i>The Sweet Spot</i>	Laura Drake	
<i>Swimming in the Moon</i>	Pamela Schoenewaldt	9/17
<i>W Is for Wasted</i>	Sue Grafton	9/24
<i>The Wedding Gift</i>	Marlen Suyapa Bodden	9/24
<i>Weekends with Daisy</i>	Sharron Kahn Luttrell	9/24

Audio Books

<i>Bad Monkey</i>	Carl Hiaassen
<i>A Beautiful Day</i>	Elin Hilderbrand
<i>The Best Man</i>	Kristan Higgins
<i>The Heist</i>	Janet Evanovich
<i>Kennedy's Last Days</i>	Bill O'Reilly
<i>Salt Sugar Fat</i>	Michael Moss
<i>Second Honeymoon</i>	James Patterson

Large Type Books

<i>The Heist</i>	Janet Evanovich
<i>Second Honeyman</i>	James Patterson
<i>A Week in Winter</i>	Maeve Binchy

DVDs

<i>After Earth</i>	10/8
<i>Boardwalk Empire: The Complete Third Season</i>	
<i>Despicable Me 2</i>	on order
<i>Epic</i>	8/30
<i>Fast & Furious 6</i>	on order
<i>Homeland: Complete Second Season</i>	9/20
<i>Iron Man 3</i>	10/4
<i>Now You See Me</i>	9/13
<i>Olympus Has Fallen</i>	
<i>Shadow Dancer</i>	
<i>Star Trek: Into Darkness</i>	9/10
<i>Super Buddies</i>	9/9
<i>The Big Bang Theory: Complete Third Season</i>	9/20
<i>White House Down</i>	on order
<i>World War Z</i>	9/17



*items with no date were released in August

Kids Programs - Fall 2013

WEEKLY

Starting the week of September 16

Sing-A-Long

For toddlers ~ Mondays at 10:30 am

Mary Kornick returns to play guitar and lead our littlest library patrons in song and play.



Fun with Food & Books

Thursdays at 2 pm

Join us for a story and a fun craft.

book clubs for kids



Mondays	3:15 pm	2 nd graders
Tuesdays	3:15 pm	Kindergarten Kids
Wednesdays	3:15 pm	3 rd & 4 th graders
Thursdays	3:15 pm	1 st graders
	3:30 pm	Middle School Book Club

MONTHLY

Teen Group

First meeting: Wednesday, October 2 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.



First Meeting:
September 21 from 1 to 2 pm
Join us once a month in the children's room for a massive lego build – create your own masterpiece or join together with friends. You bring the imagination and we'll supply the legos.

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!



Adult Programs - Fall 2013

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 some time out in Mendham. Please register for these programs by visiting or calling the library at 973-543-4152.

The Big Band Era with David Aaron Friday, September 20 at 1 pm

David Aaron, a band leader in New Jersey since the 1970s, will talk about the development and demise of the Big Band Era. Listening to recorded and live music, the audience will learn about big band leaders, both famous and lesser known from the 30s to the 50s. Come enjoy the music of Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Count Basie, Will Bradley, the Dorsey Brothers, Artie Shaw, Vaughn Monroe, Duke Ellington and others. This program is free so stop by or call the library to sign up.



Teaching Children Social Skills Thursday October 17 at 7 pm

Faye Rogaski will discuss “teaching social skills” to kids in the digital age. Her book, titled *socialsklz*, has been featured on the Today Show and in Parents Magazine. “Making eye contact, engaging in conversation, and active listening don’t come naturally to children (or some adults), yet they’re expected to be able to master those skills early in life. This is precisely why I began the *socialsklz*:-) program.”

Yoga

Yoga classes will begin again this fall with 8:30 classes on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The cost for either 8-week session is \$40; the cost for both is \$80. Drop-ins are welcome (for a \$5 fee per class) if there is room. The Tuesday session will run from September 10 to October 29 and the Thursday session will run from September 12 to October 31. Sign ups at the library start on August 26. Payments due at sign up.



Summer Programs at the Mendham Borough Library

The Library was buzzing with friends and fun activities for readers of all ages throughout the summer months. 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 a show at the Hilltop Elementary School, which was sponsored in part by the Morris County Clean Communities Program and was organized jointly with the Borough and Township Libraries. In mid-July, we added a new animal program called Eyes of the Wild who turned our own library into a mini zoo with a very noisy Macaw, a wallaby, a hedgehog, a miniature goat and other exciting animals. Other summer programs included a garden tea party, the ever popular Saturday Lego Club, and weekly craft hours and sing-alongs. Finally, we partnered with the Mendham Day Camp who sent over 130 of the younger campers for an hour of stories and crafts once each week.



Adding to all that summer traffic were the over 200 participants in our Adult, Children's and Teen Summer Reading Programs. With weekly prizes to be won, 70 kid participants recorded over 1,200 reading hours this summer helping to keep their skills sharp in the months outside of school. Our 45 teen participants read a total of 95 books. Our 70 adult readers were entered to win weekly prizes for their book reviews. Congratulations to the winners – Beth Bierals, Tracy Wade, Dana Rollins and Eva Scharfenberg. 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.

Recycling Depot News

Brush Pick Up

The Borough Brush Removal Program is for the homeowner's convenience to assist in seasonal tree maintenance and storm damage to trees. It is not for use by private contractors.

Guidelines for pick up

- ◆ Please place brush piles on the curb with cut ends facing the road in the same direction. Do not place brush in the road. If limbs are too long, place them parallel to the curb.
- ◆ Stack in an orderly fashion, not tied in bundles and no larger than six inches in diameter.
- ◆ Branches will be picked up within a week of calling in the location; we cannot schedule an exact day.

Items not allowed: Stumps, root balls, roots, lumber, brush larger than six inches in diameter, metal of any kind, posts, clippings, dirt, grass, flowers, weeds, plants, leaves or any type of household garbage. Brush cut or trimmed by contractors.

Book Recycling

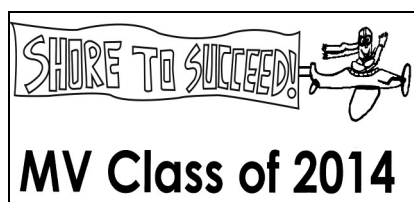
The Department of Public Works now has a Book Drop Box at the Recycling Center at 37 Ironia Road. All books in **good, readable condition** are accepted including hardcover, paperback and textbooks. DVDs, CDs and video games are also accepted.



The department cannot accept VHS tapes, encyclopedias, magazines or any water damaged, moldy or unusable books.

News from the Mendham Borough Schools

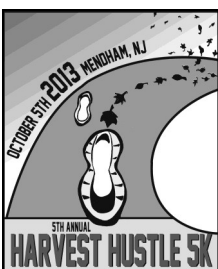
8th Grade Fair
October 5
Shore to Succeed!
Mendham Strong!



Please save the date! Mountain View's 8th graders are hosting Mountain View School's Family Fun Fair on October 5 from 10 am to 3 pm. All are welcome to join the fun!

This year's theme is "Shore to Succeed! Mendham Strong!" The fair will feature games, prizes, home baked goods, lunch foods and more. There will be a 50/50 raffle, a bucket sale and a silent auction. All proceeds of the fair will benefit the Class of 2014's 8th Grade Trip to Washington, D.C.

We hope to see you there! For more information please contact 8thgradefair14@gmail.com.



Runners and Walkers Wanted for 5th Annual Harvest Hustle

The Mendham Boro HSA invites the community to hustle around town in the 5th Annual Harvest Hustle 5k and 1 Mile Kids' Fun Run. This community event raises funds for the students of Mendham Borough schools and supports the Richard V. Morales Scholarship Fund. Individual and team awards will be given, and all Fun Runners receive a medal. Lots of activities, raffle prizes and giveaways await all participants. Please visit mendhamboro.org for details and registration instructions.

Superintendent Report

Many newsworthy changes have taken place in the school district over the last few months. These changes have set the stage for an exciting and successful year in our schools.

On May 20, 2013, Mrs. Mitzi N. Morillo began as the new Superintendent of Schools. She took the reins from Dr. Thomas Butler, who served as Interim Superintendent during the 2012-13 school year. The district is grateful for the dedication and experience that Dr. Butler brought to Mendham. Mrs. Morillo had the opportunity to meet students, staff, parents and community members through a variety of end-of-year activities and events. She looks forward to continuing the tradi-

tion of excellence in the Mendham Borough Schools and invites parents and community members to become involved and reach out to her with questions, comments or suggestions. She can be contacted at morillo@mendhamboroschools.org.

Mountain View Middle School welcomed new leadership over the summer. After extensive interviews with many qualified candidates, the Board of Education unanimously and enthusiastically appointed Mr. Charles Seipp as the best person to lead Mountain View into the future. Mr. Seipp served as Principal of Westwood Regional Middle School in the Westwood Regional School District in the Township of Washington (Bergen County), for five years. He also brings experience as a middle school science teacher and as a middle school and high school teacher of mathematics. He served as an Assistant Principal in the Westwood Regional Jr./Sr. High School, grades 7-12 and also as an Assistant Principal in the Brookside Upper Elementary School grades 5-6. This experience, as well as his enthusiasm and extensive background in technology innovations in education, make him an ideal leader for our students and teachers.

The importance of innovations and technology is a focus for the district as a whole. Many new systems have been implemented which will make communication with parents and the public run even more smoothly. The Honeywell Instant Alert System has been added, making district contact with families more efficient should emergencies occur. The system enables the district to leave phone messages and send text messages and emails. The school website is undergoing an update facilitate communication. Look for changes as the year progresses. The Genesis Student Information Management System is another change which will make the sharing of information between the schools and parents more effective. The continued addition of student laptops and SMART Boards in classrooms will bring the benefits of technology in education to all grades across all subjects and cover all areas of interest.

Mendham Borough School's Home School Association continues to be a vital link between parents and our schools. Their fundraising and outreach efforts are deeply appreciated by the district. HSA events will be



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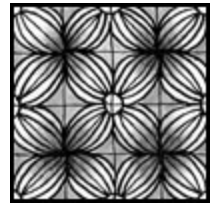
posted on the school website, www.mendhamboro.org. Check in periodically to see how you can participate in events though out the year.

District staff has been working hard all summer to make sure the schools are ready for opening day on September 9. One symbol of the improvements put in place is clearly visible to all – the golden, glowing, renovated cupola that sits atop Hilltop School. Both inside and out, Mendham Borough School District is well prepared for a rewarding and productive school year.



Mendham Borough Historical Society

The Mendham Borough Historical Society resumes meetings on Tuesday, September 24, at 7:30 pm, in the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, in the Borough. The evening's program, *The Art of Zentangle*, will be presented at 8 pm by Mimi Topping. The audience is invited to participate in this easy-to-learn, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Based on an ancient art form, the unique Zentangle experience employs repetitive, simple steps without preconceived results. No tech, no program – just you and your simple tools! Mimi Topping, a Bedminster resident, is a certified Zentangle teacher who presents the art program at various NJ venues. Program and parking are free; material for the evening provided.



The Green Corner

Mendham Borough Environmental Commission News



You might be wondering just what an Environmental Commission is and does. The Mendham Borough Environmental Commission (MBEC) is a municipally-appointed advisory branch of local government. It's concerned with all aspects of our area's environment, natural and human-created, from road safety and new development to water resources and open space. The all-volunteer MBEC works closely with the Borough Council, Planning Board and Department of Public Works (DPW). It conducts local environment-related projects such as stream cleanup and seminars on composting, tree care and geese control.

DID YOU KNOW....

A Class One trout stream runs right through Mendham Borough? To celebrate Earth Day in April, the MBEC sponsored a cleanup of India Brook and its tributaries. Local anglers can thank all the plastic-bag-toting helpers.

Small Electronics Recycling Day on May 11, 2013 was a smashing (well, recycling) success! At DPW headquarters on Ironia Rd. volunteers from both the Mendham Borough and Township ECs collected, among other items with plugs: 2,493 pounds of computer towers, 2,331 pounds of printers and 10,010

pounds of television sets. (The average car weighs 4,000 pounds.) The total weight of items collected was 21,811 pounds, more than 10 tons!! As items were unloaded, some donors were heard yelling, "It works. It still works!" What a country.

DID YOU KNOW...

About the Cosma Natural Area? This 13-acre wooded tract on the Borough's west side was purchased in 1971 by the Mendham Borough Board of Education as a future school site. It proved unsuitable and in 2003 was permanently leased to the Borough as a public natural area. Residents may enjoy strolling, birding, hiking a grassy loop trail or a pack-in, pack-out picnic. The Borough DPW is helping clean up previously dumped debris and improve the entrance on Cosma Place. Last May a group of 20 Mountain View School students helped MBEC volunteers and DPW staff plant native species trees purchased with a grant the MBEC received from the Somerset Hills Garden Club. Dedication of a new welcome sign will take place soon.

You can find the Cosma Natural Area by heading west on Main St, across the road from the soccer field, turn right onto Lake Drive, one block long. Make a left onto Cosma Place, a short road that ends at the tract entrance.

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Mendham, NJ 07945

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Permit No. 35

Borough Calendar for September 2013

Curbside Bulk Pickup -Tuesday, September 3 &
Mondays, September 9, 16 & 23

Recycle - Thursdays, September 5 & 19

Borough Council Meetings - at the Garabrant Center,
8 pm on Tuesday, September 3 & Monday, September 16

Board of Adjustment - at the Garabrant Center,
7:30 pm on Wednesday, September 4

Open Space Advisory Committee - at the Phoenix
House, 6 pm on Thursday, September 12

Planning Board Meeting - at the Garabrant Center,
8 pm on Monday, September 9

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

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

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

Board of Education - in the Hilltop School Cafeteria,
7:30 pm on Tuesday, September 24

Join the Mendham Garden Club

The Mendham Garden Club needs new members!
Join this enthusiastic group of gardeners and help beautify your community. The members care for the Phoenix House Garden and the Oak Tree Triangle on Cold Hill Road. In addition, they create fresh pine wreaths for the town buildings at holiday time. Tours of members' gardens, occasional lectures and field trips make the club interesting and enjoyable. Join and have fun!

Visit themendhamgardenclub.org or call Susie Lambert at 973-543-6318.



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