

# *The Mendham Messenger*

September 2021

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## Mayor's Update

Dear Residents and Business Owners,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a relaxing and fulfilling summer and that the new school year is off to a great start.

### Summer Wrap-up:

In case you were away all summer and missed our town activity, our team was engaged in taking care of business and keeping Mendham Borough looking its finest.

Jeff Cooper and our DPW team brought us 19 new benches throughout our parks. They finished up the landscaping of our new tennis courts, which have been getting a lot of use. They also did a great job in working with the contractor who paved 7 roads through our capital budget and Dean Road via a Local Aid Grant.

Joyce Bushman and Lisa Smith have overseen a continued revamping of our [www.Mendhamnj.org](http://www.Mendhamnj.org) website. If you haven't visited in a while, log on and take a tour around. They have streamlined and organized our site to make it more user-friendly and easier to find what you need to do business with the town.

Thanks to Bruce DiBisceglie and the Recreation Department, we had the return of all of our summer recreation activities. Summer camp was sold out every week, and outdoor movies, our band series, and the Labor Day parade returned.

Also, a special thanks to Nathalie Masse and Melissa Wojcik who volunteered and ran our first ever "Yoga in the Park" program. When I first spoke with our resident yoga instructors I asked if they would step up and run four sessions. Due to the heat we had to cancel our first sessions, but they carried on and were so pleased with the turn-out of residents coming out to stretch and downward dog with them that they extended our program and continued all summer. Keep an eye on our announcements as we are working towards offering indoor yoga this fall. Thank you both, Nathalie and Melissa!

Finally, applause are due for Chief Camoia and our PD team for the orchestration of our elaborate road detours during the New Jersey American Water and Morris County pipe replacement project. It was a challenge for all who had to drive the detours, but especially for having to design and continually adjust to the changing construction needs. These major infrastructure projects are not fun, but critical for the maintenance and improvement of our services. Our team will continue to work with the county as this project is completed likely next spring and the area of replacement on Main Street is repaved. We will be certain to be posting notices on Nixle.

### Historic Mendham:

We are always working to maintain and highlight Mendham Borough's historic character. Our latest additions to these efforts include a new About Mendham & History page at the bottom left of our home page. This is just the beginning of more additions to our website. We hope you can be a part of this project. If you have any noteworthy old photos, brochures, or programs from days gone by that would help people know the old Mendham, please share with us. We have also recently applied to the Morris County Historic Marker program for a variety of historic markers to highlight some of our older properties in town. Help us keep Mendham's history alive and share with us your knowledge.

I will finish with my monthly reminder that if you have not signed up for our notices on Nixle please visit our [www.Mendhamnj.org](http://www.Mendhamnj.org) site and look for the Nixle icon to the left of the home page. Planning on doing some work on your home and need approvals? Sign up on our Construction Department page for an account through our SDL Portal where you can expedite all of your permit needs quickly.

Enjoy September!

Sincerely,

Christine Serrano Glassner  
Mayor, Mendham Borough

## What's Cooking with Chef Theresa—Virtual International Cuisine Series

(Co-hosted with Roxbury Library)

September 2021: China: Sweet and Sour Pork  
**Tuesday, September 14th from 4:00pm - 5:00pm via Zoom.** Ingredient list will be emailed a few days before each session. Register online or by calling the library. The Zoom link will be sent to you the day before the event.

## Cribbage

**Wednesday, September 22nd @ 6:30 pm**

Come join us at the library for an evening of cribbage for new and seasoned players. Cribbage is a card game traditionally for two players, although it can be played with three or four players. Players move through a succession of hands, accumulating points through two scoring stages (the play and the show). Cribbage was created in the 17th century in England. It was a common pastime for submariners during World War II. If you have a cribbage board, please bring it with you!



## Weekly Adult Programs

**Bridge**, Wednesdays at 10 am  
**Canasta**, Thursdays at 10 am  
**Knitting Advice**, Fridays 10-12 pm  
**Yoga**, Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8:30 am via Zoom



## Did you love listening to audio books in your car on your long trips, but your new car doesn't have a CD player?

We can help you enjoy road trips again! Stop in at the library and learn how to download audio books on your smart device (phone/tablet/iPad) and then play them in your car through your car's radio system. Call the library for more information. Appointments recommended but not required.

## Mendham Borough Library's Morning Book Group begins September 24th. New Members are Always Welcome!

Our diverse and lively Book Club meets once a month at 9:30 am at the Garabrant Center from September to June. They read a variety of books throughout the year — fiction, literature and non-fiction, classic and modern. Copies of each month's selection are available at the library. If interested, contact the library for more information. The following books are planned for the Fall:

September 24th:

*Cutting For Stone* by Abraham Verghese

October 22nd:

*A House In The Sky* by Amanda Lindhout

November 19th:

*This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger

December 17th:

*The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen

## A Big Thank You to the Gulley Family!

The Mendham Borough Library would like to thank the Gulley Family. Kate, Madeline and John all hosted a lemonade stand and donated the money they earned to the library. We purchased three books and placed a book plate in each book for each child.



### New Adult Fiction

<i>An Ambush of Widows</i>	Abbott, Jeff	<i>Strange Flowers</i>	Ryan, Donal
<i>An Irish Hostage</i>	Charles Todd	<i>Suburban Dicks</i>	Nicieza, Fabian
<i>Barefoot in the Sand</i>	Chamberlin, Holly	<i>Such a Quiet Place</i>	Miranda, Megan
<i>Billy Summers</i>	King, Stephen	<i>Summer on the Bluffs</i>	Hostin, Sunny
<i>Blush</i>	Brenner, Jamie	<i>Sunrise by the Sea</i>	Colgan, Jenny
<i>Choose Me</i>	Gerritsen, Tess	<i>Survive the Night</i>	Sager, Riley
<i>Dog Eat Dog</i>	Rosenfelt, David	<i>The Bone Code</i>	Reichs, Kathy
<i>Dream Girl</i>	Lippman, Laura	<i>The Bullet</i>	Johansen, Iris
<i>Fallen</i>	Castillo, Linda	<i>The Cellist</i>	Silva, Daniel
<i>Falling</i>	Newman, T.J.	<i>The Eagle's Claw</i>	Shaara, Jeff
<i>Ghost Blows a Kiss</i>	Hart, Carolyn	<i>The Forest of Vanishing Stars</i>	Harmel, Kristin
<i>Hairpin Bridge</i>	Adams, Taylor	<i>The Getaway Girls</i>	MacDonald, Dee
<i>Hostage</i>	Mackintosh, Clare	<i>The Godmothers</i>	Aubray, Camille
<i>How Lucky</i>	Leitch, Will	<i>The Heathens</i>	Atkins, Ace
<i>It Ends With Us</i>	Hoover, Colleen	<i>The Hotel</i>	Kelley, Pamela
<i>It Happened One Summer</i>	Bailey, Tessa	<i>The Idea of You</i>	Lee, Robinne
		<i>The Invisible Husband of Frick Island</i>	Oakley, Colleen
<i>It's Better This Way</i>	Macomber, Debbie		Lustbader, Eric Van
<i>Landslide</i>	Wolff, Michael	<i>The Kobalt Dossier</i>	Sullivan, Mark
<i>Learning to Speak Southern</i>	Cook, Lindsey Rogers	<i>The Last Green Valley</i>	Michaelides, Alex
<i>Love For Beginners</i>	Shalvis, Jill	<i>The Maidens</i>	Denton, Lauren K.
<i>Malibu Rising</i>	Reid, Taylor Jenkins	<i>The One You're With</i>	Harris, Zakiya Dalila
<i>Night, Neon</i>	Oates, Joyce Carol	<i>The Other Black Girl</i>	Heller, Miranda Cowley
<i>Nightbitch</i>	Yoder, Rachel	<i>The Paper Palace</i>	Benedict, Marie
<i>Nine Lives</i>	Steel, Danielle	<i>The Personal Librarian</i>	Davis, Sara
<i>Of Women and Salt</i>	Garcia, Gabriela	<i>The Scapegoat</i>	Reid, Taylor Jenkins
<i>One Last Stop</i>	McQuiston, Casey	<i>The 7 Husbands of Evelyn Hugo</i>	Patterson, James
<i>Pack Up the Moon</i>	Higgins, Kristan	<i>The Shadow</i>	Mallery, Susan
<i>President's Daughter</i>	Clinton, Bill	<i>The Stepsisters</i>	Jackson, Lisa
<i>Project Hail Mary</i>	Weir, Andy	<i>The Third Grave</i>	Klingborg, Brian
<i>Reunion Beach</i>	Multiple Authors	<i>Thief of Souls</i>	Jance, J.A.
<i>Santa's Sweetheart</i>	Dailey, Janet	<i>Unfinished Business</i>	Bartz, Andrea
<i>Someone to Cherish</i>	Balogh, Mary	<i>We Were Never Here</i>	Phillips, Susan Elizabeth
<i>Song of Achilles</i>	Miller, Madeline	<i>When Stars Collide</i>	Guillory, Jasmine
<i>Stargazer</i>	Hillerman, Anne	<i>While We Were Dating</i>	

## Tails and Tales!

### Highlights from the Library's Summer Reading Programs

This year's summer reading program was a huge success. The library had:

- 96 registrants for the children's reading program
- 17 registrants for the teen program (reading 79 books)
- Over 100 sign-ups for the adult reading program
- 200+ children's crafts distributed
- 1,770 tickets (1 ticket for each day of reading) entered by the children for the 19 prizes awarded!

### **Congratulations to all our Youth and Adult Summer Reading Raffle Prize Winners!**

Congratulations to our Teen Summer Reading Prize Winners!

- Breanna B.
- Brianna S.
- David B.

### **Tails and Tales Writing Contest**

Congratulations to our winner Anna C. who won with her story *The Sly Fox*!



Congratulations to our Adult Summer Reading Raffle winners:

- Beth Bierals
- Rachael Simpson



Congratulations to our Kids Summer Reading Prize Winners!

- Alex H.
- Anna C.
- Brielle M.
- Catie C.
- Colleen M.
- DJ C.
- Gordon B.
- Kate G.
- Kayleigh S.
- Lexi O.
- Maggie B.
- Mary P.
- Mia S.
- Reilly B.
- Ryan A.
- Sadie B.
- Sunny D.
- Vito C.
- Zack S.





## KIDS' FALL PROGRAMS

Phone: 973-543-4152 or visit our website at [www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org](http://www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org)

### Toddler Sing-Along

*Starting Aug. 30th, Mondays at 10:30am, Outside (weather permitting)*

Join Miss Tina for some fun songs outside!

We ask all participants to remain socially distanced during this program.

As this program is outside, we ask those interested to sign up through the link on our website or social media pages, so we can notify you if we need to cancel the program due to weather.



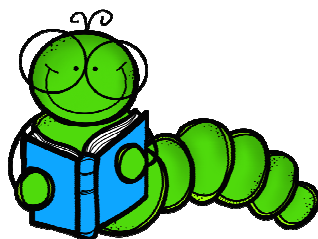
### Wiggly Bookworms

*Starting August 31st, Tuesdays 10:30am Outside (weather permitting)*

Shake and Wiggle with Miss Tina as we sing and dance to some movement based songs!

We ask all participants to remain socially distanced during this program.

As this program is outside, we ask those interested to sign up through the link on our website or social media pages, so we can notify you if we need to cancel the program due to weather.



## KIDS' FALL PROGRAMS (CON'T)

### Read to a Dog

*Tuesdays, Sept. 14th and Sept. 28th at 3:30pm*

We are so excited to welcome back our therapy dogs. So that we may do this as safely as possible, we will be setting up time slots. Please sign up for your time slot online through the link on our website, or social media pages. *Masks will be required (for those 3+) during this program, per the request of Creature Comforts, the therapy dog company we work with. Also please remember to bring a book or 2 to read to the puppies. If you plan to grab one from our collection, please come a couple of minutes before your time slot to do so.*



### Crafternoon at Home & Crafts-To-Go

Choose from one of our 2 crafts each week. Pick up a craft kit at the Library (at the desk or through Curbside service). Crafternoon kits may require use of home supplies like glue, markers, crayons, scissors, etc. that are not able to be provided by the Library. Craft-to-Go kits will be all peel and stick. Crafts will be announced on our Instagram and Facebook Pages at the beginning of the week.

### Saturday Sing-Along

*Saturday Sept. 25th 10:30am, Outside (weather permitting)*

Join Miss Tina out on the grass for a special weekend sing-along!

As this program is outside, we ask those interested to sign up through the link on our website or social media pages, so we can notify you if we need to cancel the program due to weather.

### Visit us at the Mendham Food Truck & Music Festival

*October 2nd, Rain date Oct. 3rd, at 11am-4pm*

We are so excited to be part of this wonderful event again. Visit our table for some fun little Take Home craft kits and more!!!!

### *A Friendly Reminder*

*Please do not use Library parking lot for Hilltop School drop off or after-school pick up. We need our limited spaces for library patrons. Thank you!*





## SCHIFF NATURE PRESERVE

### Events at Schiff Nature Preserve

Please see a complete list and register online at [www.schiffnaturepreserve.org](http://www.schiffnaturepreserve.org) or call [973-543-6004](tel:973-543-6004).

#### Sunday Morning Fitness Hike

**September 5, 2021 (Sunday) 8:00-10:00 am**

Join us for a brisk 5-mile hike over varied terrain across Schiff Nature Preserve. Hikers meet at McVickers Brook parking lot at 239 Pleasant Valley Road, Mendham. Vaccinated dogs on leash are welcome. Free to members. Non-member fee is \$10. This program is an all weather event with the exception of thunderstorm or extreme wind chill temperature warnings. In the event of a cancellation, advance registration will ensure you receive a weather cancellation notice within 24 hours of the program start time. Advance registration and payment is required 24 hours in advance. Guests are asked to have face coverings on their person.

#### Critter Cove Story Time

**September 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th (Tuesday) 10:00-11:00 am**

*Schiff Natural Lands Trust & Schiff Nature Preserve*  
339 Pleasant Valley Road, Mendham, 07945

Intended for our youngest stewards ages 3-5 with an adult, join a naturalist for outdoor story time and songs. Meet at the Nature Center and then head up to Critter Cove to celebrate nature. This program is an all-weather event to be held entirely outside; with the exception of thunderstorm or extreme wind warnings. Children and parents are to attend together. Member fee is \$5/person. Non-member fee is \$8/person. Advance registration is required 24 hours in advance. In the event of a cancellation, advance registration will ensure you receive a weather cancellation notice within 24 hours of the program start time. Vaccinated guests need not wear masks, but please have on hand. Unvaccinated guests are asked to wear masks.

#### Music in the Woods - Pyrenesia featuring Alex Ratus

**September 19, 2021 (Sunday) 4-6 pm**

Looking to be in nature AND enjoy some live music? Schiff's Music in the Woods is an outdoor event in the

#### Music in the Woods- (Con't)

Amphitheatre. Backer Farms food truck will be on site offering snacks (hot dogs, chicken tenders, hummus, hand cut fries, donuts, popcorn) and more!! Grab a pillow for stadium bench seating comfort, and wear comfortable walking shoes for the 20 minute walk up into the beautiful woods of the preserve. We will enjoy a wonderful afternoon of music and community featuring Pyrenesia- featuring Alex Ratus; a gypsy-swing-jazz-folk quartet based in the beautiful river town Lambertville, NJ. Combining original compositions with the Django Reinhardt tradition of gypsy jazz, Eastern European and klezmer melodies, and anything else that swings, Pyrenesia delivers a foot-stomping, dress-swirling, hand-clapping experience to lift spirits and transport listeners to a musical landscape as vast as the Pyrenees mountains are high.

Advance ticket purchases are required. No walk-in ticket sales. Parking is limited, so carpooling is strongly suggested. Fully vaccinated guests, please have masks in hand. Unvaccinated guests are asked to wear masks. Plan to arrive at 3:30 pm to hike to the Amphitheatre. All ages. Member fee is \$20. Non-member fee is \$25. Proceeds from ticket sales directly support Schiff and the musicians. This event will occur shy of rain or thunderstorms. Refunds will automatically be processed in the event of a cancellation.

#### Volunteer Day @Schiff

**September 25, 2021 (Saturday) 9-11 am**

Please join Schiff for a day of land stewardship activities at 339 Pleasant Valley Road. Each Volunteer Day provides the community an opportunity to work side by side with Schiff staff and Board members in a variety of hands-on projects. Depending on the season, we may be removing brush and vines from trails, removing invasive species, conducting building repairs, restoring fences and bridges, or raking out the Native Garden. Volunteers (16 and under with a parent, please) are encouraged to dress in weather appropriate attire, wear hard toe shoes, bring sunscreen and bug spray, and bring a beverage and snack in a backpack for hands free walking. Fully vaccinated volunteers are asked to have a mask on hand for when social distancing is not possible. Unvaccinated volunteers are to wear masks. Please bring your own gloves. Tools owned and provided by Schiff will be cleaned before and after use and should not be shared that day between volunteers. Volunteers may bring and use their own tools if they prefer.

## Be Bear Safe

“Black bear sightings and incidents across the state, in general, have declined for the past few years, especially as we reduce the number of bears overall and people better understand how to coexist with them,” said Dave Chanda, director of the State Division of Fish and Wildlife. “However, in some areas of the state where bears have been far less common, residents may be alarmed to encounter bears. We urge people to be cautious when encountering bears, but there is no need for alarm.”



You can reduce the risk of interactions with bears by taking a few simple steps. Most important, do not feed bears, intentionally or unintentionally. Bears that learn to associate food with people, their homes and living areas and can become nuisance bears that forage in neighborhoods looking for easy sources of food. It is illegal to intentionally feed black bears in New Jersey and punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000. But a more common problem is unintentional bear feeding by homeowners. Secure your trash and eliminate obvious sources of food, such as pet food on decks, easy-to-reach bird feeders, or food residues left in barbecue grills. In areas regularly frequented by bears, livestock and beehives should be protected with properly installed electric fences.

The following tips can help:

- Use certified bear-resistant garbage containers if possible and wash garbage containers frequently with a disinfectant solution to remove odors. Put out garbage on collection day, not the night before.
- Avoid feeding birds when bears are active.
- Immediately remove all uneaten food and food bowls used by pets fed outdoors.
- Clean outdoor grills and utensils to remove food and grease residue. Store grills securely.
- Do not place meat or any sweet foods in composts.
- Remove fruit/nuts that fall from trees in your yard.
- Properly installed electric fencing is an effective way of protecting crops, beehives and livestock.
- If you encounter a bear, remain calm and do not run. Make sure the bear has an escape route. Avoid direct eye contact, back up slowly and speak with a low, assertive voice.

Report bear damage, nuisance behavior or aggressive bears to the Wildlife Control Unit of the DEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife at (908) 735-8793. During evenings and weekends, residents should call their local police department or the DEP Hotline at (877) WARN-DEP.

To learn more about avoiding problems with black bears visit: [http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/bearfacts\\_education.htm](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/bearfacts_education.htm) and [http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/bearfacts\\_avoid.htm](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/bearfacts_avoid.htm) For more information on the Christie Administration's Comprehensive Black Bear Management Plan, visit: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/fgw/bearpolicy10.htm>

## Deer Management Program

The Mendham Borough Police Department will again be overseeing the Deer Management Program for the 2021-22 season. This will start in September and end in February. This program helps reduce potentially dangerous motor vehicle crashes that involve deer, and it also 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 Kruger at [kruger@mendhamnj.org](mailto:kruger@mendhamnj.org) or 973-543-2527 ext. 1850

## From the Green Corner: Draining your pool, chlorine can kill aquatic and wildlife

For homeowners who have an in-ground or above-ground pool, here are some eco- friendly guidelines.

- ◆ Dechlorinate by allowing the water to stand for 7-10 days
- ◆ Drain the water directly onto the grass of your yard.
- ◆ Drain the pool slowly to allow it to be absorbed into the ground and to prevent erosion and ponding.
- ◆ Maintenance discharges from swimming pools such as filter backwash and acid wash should not be discharged into the storm water sewers

Did you know?

- ◆ High levels of chlorine in pool water can kill wildlife, fish, crayfish and other aquatic animals.
- ◆ Salt water swimming pools use salt to make chlorine. The resulting chloride can also harm or kill wildlife.
- ◆ Stormwater drainage systems go directly into our streams and ponds. Let's reduce erosion and pollution; follow the guidelines and Mother Earth will be happy!

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**Borough Calendar for September 2021**  
**Labor Day Parade—Monday, September 6 @**  
**10 am on East Main St & Mountain Ave., at**  
**the Gazebo**

**Curbside Bulk Pickup—Tuesday, September 7 and**  
**Mondays, September 13, 20 & 27**

**Recycle - Thursdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30**

**Board of Health - at the Garabrant Center,**  
**7:00 pm on Wednesday, September 1**

**Borough Council Meetings - at the Garabrant Center,**  
**7 pm on Thurs., September 9 and Mon., September 27**

**Joint Land Use Board - at the Garabrant Center,**  
**7:30 pm on Tuesday, September 21**

**ECOSST - at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on**  
**Wednesday, September 8**

**Historic Preservation Commission - at the Garabrant**  
**Center, 7:30 pm on Monday, September 20**

**Recreation Meeting - at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm**  
**on Thursday, September 16**

**Join the Battle, Beat the Bug! Stomp out the**  
**Spotted Lanternfly!**

Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) is a serious invasive pest with a healthy appetite for our plants and it can be a significant nuisance, affecting the quality of life and enjoyment of the outdoors. The spotted lanternfly uses its piercing-sucking mouthpart to feed on sap from over 70 different plant species. It has a strong preference for economically important plants and the feeding damage significantly stresses the plants which can lead to decreased health and potentially death.

As SLF feeds, the insect excretes honeydew (a sugary substance) which can attract bees, wasps, and other insects. The honeydew also builds up and promotes the growth for sooty mold (fungi), which can cover the plant, forest understories, patio furniture, cars, and anything else found below SLF feeding.

If you see a Spotted Lanternfly, help us Stomp it Out! Please visit <https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/pi/prog/pests-diseases/spotted-lanternfly/>

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