



Message From the Mayor



As summer begins to wind down, I hope everyone has had the opportunity to enjoy all that makes Mendham Borough such a wonderful place to live. With Labor Day just around the corner, I encourage everyone to take time to relax, spend

time with family and friends, and reflect on the hard work and dedication of those who help make our community strong.

I invite everyone to join us for our annual Labor Day Parade and Carnival, one of Mendham Borough's most cherished traditions. This community celebration brings together neighbors, families, local organizations, and visitors for a weekend filled with hometown pride, entertainment, and fun. I look forward to seeing everyone there as we celebrate together.

Home Improvements in the Historic District

Do you live in or own a commercial property within the Mendham Borough Historic District? If you are planning exterior improvements, renovations, or alterations to your home, building, or property, please remember that approval from the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) may be required before work begins.

Properties within the Historic District contribute to the unique character and charm that make Mendham Borough such a special place to live and work. Because the Historic District is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, certain exterior projects must be reviewed to ensure they preserve the architectural integrity and historic appearance of our community. The Historic Preservation Commission is a volunteer board of Borough residents that reviews applications and works collaboratively with property owners. The Commission strives to make the review process as straightforward and accommodating as possible while preserving the character of our historic downtown. Before beginning any exterior project, please visit the Historic Preservation Commission page on the Borough website for information on application requirements, design guidelines, and meeting schedules.

Supporting Sustainability and Open Space

I am pleased to share that the Environmental Commission, Open Space and Shade Tree (ECOSST) have successfully secured a \$1,500 grant from the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) to promote recycling education and awareness throughout our community. I extend my sincere appreciation to the members of ECOSST for their dedication, initiative, and hard work in obtaining this grant and advancing environmental stewardship in Mendham Borough.

In addition, the Borough has been awarded \$20,000 through this year's Highlands Council grant program to update our Open Space Plan. This important planning effort will help guide the preservation of our natural resources, parks, and open spaces while ensuring that Mendham Borough remains a vibrant and sustainable community for future generations.

Coming Next Month: Mendham Fest!

Mark your calendars for Mendham Fest 2026 on Saturday, October 3, 2026, at Borough Park. The festivities begin at 12:00 p.m. and will feature great food, live entertainment, activities for all ages, local organizations, and plenty of family fun. Whether you're a longtime resident or new to the community, Mendham Fest is a wonderful opportunity to gather with friends, neighbors, and local businesses while celebrating everything that makes our Borough special.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our community. I wish you and your family a safe, enjoyable Labor Day weekend, and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming community events.

All The Best,

Mayor James "Jim" Kelly



Messenger Digital Notifications

Scan the QR Code to receive digital notifications about the Mendham Messenger.



Need to Report a Code Concern?

Use the QR code to access the online form to report a code enforcement concern.



Get Your Tickets!

Dancing Under the Stars

Saturday, September 26 from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Put on your dancing shoes and join us for our fall fundraiser! This special evening will feature the live band, *Invited Guests*, dancing, hearty appetizers, cocktails, a silent auction and basket raffle at a beautiful home



in Mendham Borough. Tickets cost \$125 each. Scan the QR code or visit us at mendhamboroughlibrary.org to reserve your spot.

March with the Library in the Labor Day Parade

Monday, September 1, 9:30 a.m. meet; 10:00 a.m. parade starts

Plan to meet us in front of the post office to march in the parade! Everyone is welcome. Please wear red, white, and blue and look for our big pick up truck (donated for the day from Maplecrest Ford).



Tremendous Thanks

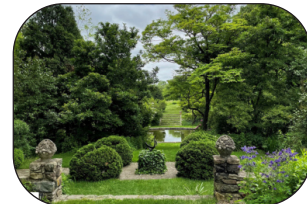
Thank you to the Friends of the Mendham Borough Library and the community for your support of our Book Sale! We had hundreds of books to sell thanks to your donations. Many volunteers came to help us sort books, store them, and put them on display for the sale. And thank you to everyone who came to shop our sale and purchased books. All proceeds from the sale will go to support the many programs and services that we offer to the public.

September Adult Programs

Rutgers Master Gardener Speaker Presentation: From Great Estates to Public Gardens

Wednesday, September 16, 5:30 p.m.

Join us for an engaging, illustrated lecture by Mendham resident and Certified Master Gardener Bill Moran. Presented by the Rutgers Master Gardeners Speakers Bureau, this presentation explores how New Jersey's sprawling, historic private estates evolved into the stunning public arboretums we enjoy today. Drawing on his experience as a guide for regional treasures like Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Willowood Arboretum, Bamboo Brook, and Greenwood Gardens, Bill will share the rich history, diverse plant designs, and hidden local gems waiting to be discovered.



Art in Chocolate

Wednesday, September 30, 6:00 p.m.



Indulge your sweet tooth as Linda Sharland, artisan chocolatier and owner of Art in Chocolate, shares the secrets behind her exquisite creations. This special presentation includes a guided tasting of her edible works of art!

Adult Crafting Club: Key Chain/Bag Charm

Monday, September 21, 12:00 p.m.

Our adult crafting club is back for fall! Join us to create a custom key chain/bag charm with beautiful beads and charms. This program is sponsored by a grant from Morris Arts.



Mendham Borough Library will be closed on Saturday, September 5 and Monday, September 7

Did You Know?

The Mendham Borough Library has a 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program. All you have to do is sign up, read to your children, fill out a reading log, pick out a rubber duckie for every 25 books read, and then join us for the 1,000 books before kindergarten celebration!



September Children's Programs

Toddler Sing-Along (0-4 years)

*Mondays, September 14, 21, 28
(Closed September 7), 10:30 a.m.*

Join us for some fun songs!

Babies and Books (0-4 years)

Fridays, September 4, 11, 18, 25

Join us for a story, nursery rhymes, and playtime.

CD Weaving Dreamcatchers (7+)

Wednesday, September 2, 3:30 p.m.

Make a beautiful new dream catcher out of an old CD, while learning to weave.



Crazy Collage Bookmarks

Tuesday, September 15, 3:30 p.m.

Create your own bookmarks out of scrapbook paper, stickers, and more.



Zoophoria

Brookside Community Club

Wednesday, September 23, 4:00 p.m.

Snakes, Lizards, Toads, Oh My! Come meet amazing animal friends as we learn how together we can make a difference for these creatures. Sponsored by Clean Communities.



Watercolor

Spiderwebs (5+)

Tuesday, September 29, 3:30 p.m.

Create some colorful, spider web art, with watercolors and oil pastels.



TAG (Tween Advisory Group) **Teen Backpack Charms (10+)** *Wednesday, September 9, 5:30 p.m.*



Create your own charm out of beads and more to start off your school year in style.

**Please register for all
Mendham Borough Library
Events at
www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org.**

Monthly Programs

Yoga via Zoom

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.

\$5 per class. Sign up by the month at the library.

Beginners Mahjong

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

Instruction is available on the first Tuesday of the month.

Social Bridge

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

For experienced players.

Mahjong

Wednesdays, 1 p.m.

For experienced players.

Canasta

Thursdays, 10 a.m.

For experienced players

In Stitches

Friday, September 4 & 18, 1 p.m.

All levels welcome!

Coloring Club

Monday, September 21, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a fun drink and creative coloring with friends!

Book Club

Friday, September 25, 10:30 a.m.

The Girls Who Grew Big
by Leila Mottley

Kindle Books

The Library has Kindle Books available to check out. Each Kindle is pre-loaded with over 100 best-selling titles. Every month we add the top best-sellers to the Kindles so the list of great books continues. All you need is a library card to check out one of our fabulous Kindle books. The following books (and many others) are currently available on our Kindles:

The Calamity Club by Kathryn Stockett

Dolly All the Time by Annabel Monaghan

Land by Maggie O'Farrell

London Falling by Patricia Keefe

Mad Mabel by Sally Hepworth

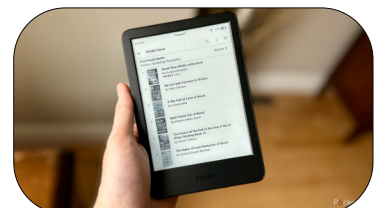
Theo of Golden by Allen Levi

The Things We Never Say

by Elizabeth Strout

Whistler by Ann Patchett

Yesteryear by Caro Claire Burke



Summer Reading Winners

Congratulations to our winners, and to all our participants who read so many books over the summer!



Coming Up

MendhamFest--Sat., Oct. 4;

Look for us for a fun craft!

Tween Bedazzled Lip Balm - Wed., Oct. 7, 5:30 p.m.

Boo-Bash - Wed., Oct. 28, 4 p.m.

Learn Mahjong with Mrs. Mahjong NJ -

Wed., Oct. 14, 6:30 p.m.

Intermediate Mahjong with Mrs. Mahjong NJ -

Wed., Oct. 21, 6:30 p.m.

Explore Norway - Wed., Oct. 28, 6:30 p.m.

The History of Applejack Distilling -

Wed., Nov. 11, 6:00 p.m.

Mediumship and Angel Messages -

Thurs., Nov. 19, 6:00 p.m.

Holiday Carols - Wed., Dec. 9, 6:30 p.m.

From the Mendham Borough School District

Building the Future: Mendham Borough School District's Vision Takes Shape Through Summer Construction

Throughout the summer, construction crews have been hard at work transforming district facilities as Mendham Borough moves forward with the voter-approved improvements made possible through the 2025 bond referendum.

From the rising walls of the new Performing Arts Center to modernized learning spaces and infrastructure improvements throughout the district, this summer marks an exciting milestone in a long-term vision to provide exceptional educational opportunities for current and future generations of students.

The projects now taking shape are the direct result of the community's investment in its schools through the successful 2025 bond referendum. By taking advantage of significant state aid and careful long-range planning, the district is addressing critical facility needs while creating innovative spaces that support the evolving ways students learn, collaborate, create, and perform.

A New Home for the Arts

The most visible sign of progress can be seen at Mountain View Middle School, where construction continues on the district's highly anticipated Performing Arts Center addition.

Since breaking ground earlier this year, crews have made substantial progress on the structure that will soon become a centerpiece for both the school district and the



Mendham Borough community.

Designed to support music, theater, public speaking, assemblies, and community events, the new Performing Arts Center will provide students with opportunities that were previously limited by existing facilities. The addition will feature a professionally designed performance stage, modern theatrical lighting, advanced sound systems, and a flexible

instructional space capable of supporting music education, rehearsals, and more.

The new facility represents much more than a performance venue. It will serve as a gathering place where students can develop confidence, creativity, leadership, and communication skills while showcasing their talents before classmates, families, and the broader community.



The Performing Arts Center also reflects the district's commitment to providing educational opportunities that extend beyond traditional academics, recognizing the important role that the arts play in developing well-rounded learners prepared for success in life.

Creating Modern Learning Environments

While the Performing Arts Center is the largest construction project underway, significant improvements are taking place throughout the district.

At Mountain View Middle School, a brand-new sixth-grade science laboratory designed to provide students with enhanced opportunities for hands-on STEM instruction was completed. The updated learning space will allow students to conduct experiments, collaborate on projects, and engage with science through interactive experiences that reflect today's instructional practices.

Another important project at Mountain View focuses on a total replacement of the school's roof. While less visible than other improvements, the new roofing system represents a critical investment in preserving the building, improving energy efficiency, and protecting educational spaces for years to come.

Reimagining Learning at Hilltop School

Hilltop School also experienced exciting changes this summer.

The school's library media center was transformed into a modern, flexible learning environment designed to better meet the needs of today's elementary learners. Rather than serving solely as a traditional library, the renovated space will support research, creativity, and independent learning while providing flexible furniture and updated resources that can adapt to a variety of instructional activities.

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The redesigned media center reflects the district's belief that learning environments should evolve alongside educational practices, creating welcoming spaces where students can explore new ideas, work together, and develop lifelong learning skills.

Expanding Opportunities Through Outdoor Learning

Beyond the referendum-funded projects, Mendham Borough School District recently received another exciting investment in its students and community.

Hilltop School was awarded a \$63,700 Local Recreation Improvement Grant through the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to create a new music-themed inclusive playground.

The playground has been thoughtfully designed to provide an engaging outdoor environment where children of all abilities can learn and play together. Featuring inclusive play equipment inspired by music and movement, the space will encourage physical activity, creativity, social interaction, and imaginative play while ensuring accessibility for every child.

Unlike many school playground improvements that primarily serve students during the school day, the new playground is intended to become a valuable community asset, offering local families an inviting destination outside of school hours.

The project complements the district's broader

vision of creating learning environments that extend beyond classroom walls while strengthening connections between the schools and the community they serve.

Investing in Students for Generations to Come

Every project underway and completed this summer reflects the district's commitment to maintaining high-quality educational facilities while planning responsibly for the future.

By completing much of the construction while students are away for the summer, the district is minimizing disruptions to instruction and ensuring that improvements can be integrated into daily school life as efficiently as possible.

"Each phase of construction brings us one step closer to providing our students with learning spaces that reflect the excellence of our educational programs," said Superintendent Dr. Mitzi Morillo. "We are grateful for our community's continued support and patience as these important projects take shape. The improvements under way today will benefit Mendham Borough students for decades to come."



Attention All Car Enthusiasts!

If you own an antique or a convertible car and would like to participate in this year's Mendham Borough Labor Day Parade, please contact recreation@mendhamnj.org

Event Details:

Date: Labor Day (Monday, September 7, 2026)

Time: Line-up starts at 9:00 AM, Parade begins at 10:00 AM

Location: Heritage Manor Drive and Tempe Wick Road, Mendham, NJ



Save the Date for MendhamFest!

The Borough of Mendham will host its Annual Mendham Fest on **Saturday, October 3**. Explore the variety of food, crafts, family fun, and music at Borough Park in the center of Mendham. Enjoy the inflatables, Giant Jenga, Connect Four, and other yard games. Dine on an array of food from your favorite local restaurants and food trucks and enjoy the live music! The day wouldn't be complete without local arts and crafts vendors, and a beer garden provided by the Borough Fire Department streaming the top Saturday afternoon football and baseball games!



FOOD ~ BEER ~ MUSIC ~ FAMILY FUN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

NOON TO 6 PM | FREE ENTRY



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Mendham, NJ 07945

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Borough Events in September 2026

Borough Offices will be CLOSED on Monday, September 7.

Borough Meetings: held at the Garabrant Center unless otherwise indicated.

Council: 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 9,
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 23

ECOSST: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 8

Historic Preservation Commission: 7:30 p.m. Monday,
September 21

Joint Land Use Board: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday 15

Board of Health: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 17

Recreation Committee: 7:30 p.m. Thursday,
September 17

Borough Schools Board of Education:

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 22; Hilltop Elementary
School Cafeteria

Recycling: Thursdays, September 3, 10, 17, 24

Curbside Bulk Pickup: Tuesday, September 8, Mondays,
September 14, 21, 28

Pastime Club Annual Labor Day Carnival

The Club's annual Labor Day Carnival is a large-scale event, featuring rides, games and food. carnival runs from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening. On Labor Day, the Mendham Labor Day Parade marches up Main Street ending at Borough Field. carnival is open from mid-morning through 9:15 p.m., at which point the mayor will draw the winning ticket for the 50/50 raffle and the fireworks show begins.

Tickets for the raffle are \$10, and last year's winner took home XXXXX. The Club's share of the proceeds are used to fund youth athletics in the community.



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