



Message From the Mayor



I hope everyone is enjoying the arrival of autumn. October is a beautiful time in Mendham Borough, with crisp fall days, colorful foliage, Mendham Fest and Halloween festivities and the Fall Foliage Photo Contest. There are many opportunities to enjoy everything our community has to offer, and I encourage everyone to get outside and enjoy the changing season.

I am pleased to announce that Acting Captain and Officer in Charge Patrick McNichol was officially appointed Chief of Police at the September 23, 2026, Borough Council meeting. Please join me in congratulating Chief McNichol and wish him continued success in his new role.

Chief McNichol is a 29-year career officer with the Borough of Mendham Police Department. He has served as Officer in Charge of the Department for the past two years and has done an exemplary job. We greatly appreciate his commitment to the Mendham Borough Police Department and look forward to his continued leadership and service to our community.

I would also like to share two important planning initiatives that will help guide the future of Mendham Borough.

The Borough was awarded a \$15,000 Grant from the Highlands Council to develop the required Highlands Planning Area Master Plan Element, Re-examination Report, and Highlands Plan Conformance Ordinance. I am pleased to report that the Borough Joint Land Use Board adopted the Highlands Master Plan Element and the Reexamination Report at its August 18th meeting. The Council adopted the Plan Conformance Ordinance at its September 23rd meeting.

The Highlands Plan Conformance Ordinance helps the Borough protect important natural resources, including open space, water resources, forests, environmentally sensitive areas, and historic character, while providing a framework for appropriate future development. Additionally, incorporating the Highlands Element into the Borough's Master Plan helps identify appropriate areas and planning strategies for addressing the Borough's state-mandated affordable housing obligations

while taking into consideration environmental constraints and the character of our community.

The Borough also greatly appreciates the leadership and dedication of Eric Arena, Chair of the Environmental Commission, Shade Tree Commission, and Open Space Committee (ECOSST), as well as the support of the commission members, for their work in moving forward the update of the Open Space Plan Element of the Borough's Master Land Use Plan.

The Borough was awarded a \$20,000 Highlands grant to complete this project. Updating the Borough's Open Space Plan will help evaluate existing open space, identify future open space preservation and recreational opportunities, and establish priorities for protecting the community's natural resources.

We are also looking forward to Mendham Fest on October 3, 2026. Mendham Fest is a wonderful opportunity for residents, families, local organizations, and businesses to come together and celebrate our community. I encourage everyone to come out, enjoy the festivities, support our local businesses and organizations, and spend time with friends and neighbors. Events like Mendham Fest showcase the strong community spirit that makes Mendham Borough such a special place to live, work, and visit.

As Halloween approaches, I encourage everyone to enjoy the holiday while keeping safety a priority. Parents and motorists are reminded to use extra caution, particularly during the evening hours, when children will be out trick-or-treating throughout our neighborhoods.

I hope everyone has a safe, happy, and beautiful October and takes the opportunity to enjoy the fall season.

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.



From the Library

Thank You!

Tremendous thanks to all who attended Dancing Under the Stars fundraiser, and to our gracious hosts, Robin and Scott Hoffman. The night was truly special with delicious food and drinks, flowers, and an incredible band. We are grateful for the support and could not operate the library without your continuing commitment.

Library Spotlight

Stop by the library to see gorgeous flowers each week! Russell Gatzke grows incredible flowers and designs unique and beautiful floral displays for us every week. Thank you Russell for sharing your flowers with us – they brighten our days and bring smiles to our faces!



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, October 2 & 16, 1 p.m.

All levels welcome!

Coloring Club

Monday, October 19, 6:30 p.m.

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

Book Club

Friday, October 23, 10:00 a.m.

Homegoing

by Yaa Gyasi

October Adult Programs

Learn Mahjong: Beginner Workshop with Mrs. Mahjong NJ

Wednesday, October 14, 6:30 p.m.

Join Mendham's very own certified instructor Tracy Budnik for a hands-on beginner workshop.



Intermediate Mahjong: Pro Tips & Tricks Workshop with Mrs. Mahjong NJ

Wednesday, October 21, 6:30 p.m.

Tracy Budnik returns to dive into live table play featuring real-time coaching, personalized strategy advice, and expert guidance every step of the way!

Land of the Midnight Sun: Explore Norway

Wednesday, October 28, 6:30 p.m.

Pack your bags for an enchanted trip to Norway! Enjoy a traditional Norwegian cocktail as adventure photographer Chris McCormack guides us on a journey through Norway's most spectacular landscapes (must be 21 or older to attend).



Adult Craft Club – No-Sew Pumpkins

Monday, October 19, 12:00 p.m.

Create your own festive pumpkin in this hands-on workshop.



Fletcher Gallery

Visit the Fletcher Gallery in October to view a showcase of local artists, featuring murals created by Arts Council High School Liaison Julia Sun and West Morris Mendham High School art students.

Mendham Borough Library will be closed on Monday, October 12.

Did You Know?

You can stop by our front desk and play "Miss Betty's Guessing Game," named in memory of Betty Steidler. Betty was a beloved library volunteer for many years and started this guessing game for our patrons. Simply guess the number of candies in the container and whoever comes the closest wins the candy and the unique container! Pictured here is one of our recent winners.



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

October Children's Programs

Toddler Sing-Along (0-4 years)

Mondays, October 5, 19, 26 (Closed October 12), 10:30 a.m.

Join us for some fun songs!

Babies and Books (0-4 years)

Fridays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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

Fire Safety Fun



Wednesday, October 7, 4:00 p.m.

Mendham Borough Fire Station

Meet a fireman, explore the fire trucks, and enjoy a slice of pizza as we learn about fire safety.



Halloween Pokemon Drawing Workshop (6+)

Tuesday, October 13, 3:30 p.m.

Learn how to draw your favorite Pokemon with a spooky twist.



Dia de los Muertos Masks (5+)

Wednesday, October 21, 3:30 p.m.

Learn about the Day of the Dead as we make our own Sugar Skull inspired masks.



Boo-Bash

Wednesday, October 28, 4 p.m.

Wear your costumes and join us for some Halloween fun out on our Outside Learning Patio. Play some spooky games and get a glow in the dark temporary tattoo!



TAG (Tween Advisory Group)

Bedazzled Lip Balm (9+)

*Wednesday, October 7,
5:30 p.m.*

Add a little sparkle to your life as we bedazzle Vaseline lip balms.



From Mendham Boro Recreation

S'Mores and Stories!

On Friday, October 23rd, gather at Botti Pavilion to celebrate Halloween with s'mores around a campfire.

This is a free event, suitable for children of all ages. S'mores materials will be provided by the Mendham Borough Recreation Department.



From Mendham Area Senior Transportation (MAST)

Breaking News! Mendham Area Senior Transportation Office has a new phone number:

973-544-1207

When you have to get from "Here to There," please call the office at our new phone number.



Mendham TV Is Now Available On Your Favorite Streaming Services

Missed a broadcast? Great news! Mendham TV is now available on your favorite streaming platforms: Apple TV (users first need to scan the QR code and download to their computer); Apple iOS; ROKU; Google Play Store; and Amazon Fire TV. Of course, you can continue watching Mendham TV on Verizon Ch. 22 or Comcast Ch. 29 as well as on our website, www.mendhamtv.org.

Watch from your phone, tablet, or smart TV on your schedule and stay connected to the local stories that matter most. Mendham TV—now available anytime and anywhere! Happy streaming!



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Borough Events in October 2026

Borough Offices will be CLOSED on Monday, October 12, in observance of Columbus Day.

Saturday, October 3: Mendham Fest

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

Council: 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 7,
Wednesday, October 21

ECOSST: 7:30 p.m. Monday, October 5

Historic Preservation Commission: 7:30 p.m. Monday,
October 19

Joint Land Use Board: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 20

Recreation Committee: 7:30 p.m. Thursday,
October 15

Borough Schools Board of Education:

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 27; Hilltop Elementary
School Cafeteria

Recycling: Thursdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Curbside Bulk Pickup: Mondays, October 5, 12, 19, 26



**MENDHAM
Fest**

FOOD ~ BEER ~ MUSIC ~ FAMILY FUN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

NOON TO 6 PM | FREE ENTRY

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