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Letter From the Mayor



Dear Residents and Businesses:

As November starts the Thanksgiving Season, this is a time of year when we pause to appreciate our community, reflect on the many things for which we are thankful, and recognize those who have made sacrifices on behalf of others.

Honoring Our Veterans

On **November 11**, we will observe Veterans Day and honor the men and women who have served our country. I encourage residents to take a moment to recognize the veterans in our community and thank them for their service and dedication.

Our **Hometown Heroes Banner Program** provides another meaningful way for Mendham to recognize local veterans and honor their service to our country.

The Pastime Club will also be hosting its annual **Veterans Day event on Friday, November 6, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM**. This is another great opportunity for our community to come together, honor our veterans, and show our appreciation for their service and sacrifice. I encourage residents to attend and help make this a special evening for the veterans in our community.

India Brook Stream Restoration Project Partnership

The Borough and the Joint Environmental Commission, Opens Space Committee and Shade Tree Commission (ECOSST) is proud to continue its ongoing partnership with the Hacklebarney Chapter of Trout Unlimited and announce a comprehensive, multi-year stream restoration project along India Brook. The restoration initiative will span from the gravel circle to Patriots' Path.

Hacklebarney Trout Unlimited is providing $50,000 in funding to launch the project, ensuring this significant environmental investment comes at no cost to the Borough or its taxpayers.

The multi-year initiative focuses on vital floodplain and stream restoration to repair severe erosion, improve local water quality, and protect critical cold-water ecosystems. Key components of the project include:

- Stream and Floodplain Restoration: Reversing environmental degradation caused by severe storm flooding.
- Habitat Rehabilitation: Stabilizing stream banks and removing invasive plant species and debris.
- Native Revegetation: Planting native trees, shrubs, and grasses to establish a resilient riparian buffer.

We would like to thank Hacklebarney Trout Unlimited for this significant investment in our natural resources and an excellent opportunity for the Borough to work collaboratively with Trout Unlimited. We look forward to seeing this project move forward and to sharing the positive impact of this restoration effort with our community.

Thank You to Our Community and First Responders

As we celebrate the Thanksgiving Season it is also a good time to thank the many residents, volunteers, Borough employees, first responders, and members of our community organizations who give their time throughout the year to make Mendham Borough a wonderful place to live. Much of what makes Mendham special comes from residents working together and taking pride in our community.

Thank you to our sponsors and everyone who helped make the Harvest Hustle and Mendham Fest a great success! Also thank you to the citizen Recreation Committee for their work on the Botti Field new playground equipment and the Pastime Club's generous donation.

Thanksgiving Food & Supply Drive

As Thanksgiving approaches, I encourage residents to help support local families by participating in our Thanksgiving Food & Supply Drive benefiting the Chester-Mendham Food Pantry.

DPW – 37 Ironia Road 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Residents are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items and essential household supplies. Every donation helps make the Thanksgiving Season a little brighter for families in our community. For more information about the Chester-Mendham Food Pantry and current donation needs, please visit https://www.chestermendhamfp.com.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I would like to wish all our residents a happy, healthy, and safe holiday. I hope everyone has an opportunity to spend time with family, friends, and neighbors.

With Gratitude,

James R Kelly

Mayor James R. 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

Did You Know? MAIN Libraries is now Pillar Libraries



On October 5, 2026, Main Library Alliance officially changed its name to Pillar Libraries, a.k.a. PILLAR (Partners In Libraries, Lending, And Resources).

Why is Main changing its name?

The name Main Library Alliance is an update of Main's original name, the Morris Automated Information Network (MAIN). While we're enormously proud of our roots in Morris County, our service area now includes libraries in seven New Jersey counties. The new name offers an opportunity to reflect our expanded service area.

Why Pillar Libraries (PILLAR)?

The name Pillar Libraries emphasizes the organization's role in supporting and uplifting public libraries. The name also has many other positive associations: Just as multiple pillars work together to support a structure, member libraries collaborate to make the alliance strong. Libraries are pillars of their communities. Pillars are built to last, and whatever changes come our way in the years to come, the organization will too—and so will our name. Scan the QR Code for more details.

Library Spotlight

This month we celebrate and give thanks to Kira Neuman, Kathleen Skiff, and the Friends of the Mendham Borough Library. Our Friends help us in countless ways; they bring lunch to the library during National Library Week; they are spokespeople for our library spreading the word about programs and events; they make our book sale possible by sorting, organizing and helping sell thousands of donated books; they honor and bring cheer to the staff; and do so much more. It is truly great to have Friends. Thank you to all of the Friends of the library for all that you do!



November Adult Programs



Sip and Learn: The History of Applejack Distilling in New Jersey

Wednesday, November 11, 6:00 p.m.

Explore the rich history of New Jersey's applejack distilling with Dismal Harmony Distillery owners Bob and Karen Dillon and author James Malchow. Discover the origins of applejack and taste samples of Dismal Harmony's award-winning liqueurs. Copies of *New Jersey Cider and Applejack* will be available for purchase. Book sales benefit the Ralston Cider Museum. **Must be 21 or older to attend**

Mediumship & Angel Messages: An Evening with Rosemarie Rubinetti-Cappiello

Thursday, November 19, 6:00 p.m.



Join Rosemarie Rubinetti-Cappiello, author of *Speaking from Spirit*, for an enlightening evening on mediumship. Learn how to recognize signs from passed loved ones as Rosemarie shares insights and delivers live spirit connections for select audience members.

Adult Craft Club: Tea Blending Workshop

Thursday, November 19, 12:00 p.m.



Join Morris County Park Commission Senior Historic Program Specialist Alexsandra Simakowicz for a hands-on herbal tea blending workshop. Sip fresh herbal tea while creating your own custom blend to take home. Sponsored by a grant from Morris Arts.

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
Fridays, November 6 & 20, 1 p.m.
All levels welcome!

Coloring Club
Monday, November 16, 6:30 p.m.
Join us for a fun drink and creative coloring with friends!

Book Club
Friday, November 20, 10:00 a.m.
A Change of Habit
by Sister Monica Clare

Mendham Borough Library will be closed on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, November 26, 27, and 28.

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

November Children's Programs



Toddler Sing-Along (0-4 years)

Mondays, November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for some fun songs!

Babies and Books (0-4 years)

Fridays, November 6, 13, 20 (Closed November 27), 10:30 a.m.

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



Chocolate Chip Cookie Sewing Workshop (7+)

Wednesday, Nov 11, 3:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of sewing as we make cute Chocolate Chip Cookie stuffies.

Pigeon Party

Tuesday, November 24, 3:30 p.m.

Join us for a Pigeon Story and craft. Attendees will be entered into a drawing to win tickets to The Growing Stage's production of "The Pigeon Gets A Big Time Holiday Extravaganza!"

Painting Together Workshop: Snowmen (7+)



Wednesday, December 2, 5:30 p.m.

Enjoy time as adult and child work together to create snowman paintings Sponsored by Morris Arts.

TAG (Tween Advisory Group)

Teen Mini Canvas Painting (9+)

Wednesday, November 18, 5:30 p.m.

Create a mini masterpiece using stencil and paint pens!

Thank you to our Wonderful Community

Our "Dancing Under the Stars" fundraiser was a tremendous success thanks to so many. Thank you to everyone that attended our event; thank you to Roxiticus Golf Club for hosting our fundraiser; and thanks to the following individuals and businesses who generously donated items to go into our auction baskets. We are incredibly grateful to be a part of such a wonderful, strong and supportive community.

The following individuals and businesses generously donated items for our auction baskets: Alstede Farms ◆ Angela London ◆ Annie's Playhouse ◆ Aoyama ◆ Aysun Malta Salon ◆ The Bar Method ◆ Bistro Seven Three ◆ Bloom Salon ◆ Breakaway Prep ◆ Cafe Azzurro ◆ Celebrity Cigar Smoke ◆ Centercourt Morristown ◆ Chef Fredy's Table ◆ Chester Meat Market ◆ The Country Mile ◆ Craft Hair Salon ◆ Crayola Factory ◆ Dante's Ristorante ◆ Douglas B. & Janine Yancho Swenson ◆ Elements Massage ◆ Eileen Hoffman ◆ F. Gerald New ◆ Fiddler's Elbow Country Club ◆ Firm Body Fitness ◆ Frank's Pizza ◆ Gary's Wine & Marketplace ◆ Glassworks Studios ◆ Jacqueline Hinshaw ◆ J.A. Morey Artisan Chocolate ◆ Jessica Reilly ◆ Jennifer Perry ◆ John MacCarter ◆ The Library Mom ◆ Lynn Eberenz ◆ Marilyn's Cafe ◆ Mathnasium ◆ Mendham Creamery ◆ Mendham Day Camp ◆ Mendham Exxon ◆ Mendham Garden Center ◆ Mendham Movement ◆ Mendham Mud ◆ Morris Animal Inn ◆ The Mueller Family ◆ The Murray Firm, LLC ◆ NY Giants ◆ NY Jets ◆ NY Red Bulls ◆ Pizza Pub ◆ The Russo Family ◆ Rutgers Athletics ◆ Serene Beauty Concept ◆ Sorrento Pizza ◆ South + Pine ◆ South Street Gardens ◆ Stirling Tavern ◆ Studio MD ◆ Sunny Nails ◆ Tons of Toys ◆ Two-Six Photography ◆ Wicker Basket ◆ Wine & Whiskey Country ◆ Wyndham Hotels & Resorts ◆ The Zervigon Family

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From Mendham Borough Department of Public Works

Happy Fall, Mendham Borough!

With the fall season here and the recent storms, the DPW would like to remind residents of the Boroughs' Brush Removal Program guidelines. We are here to provide residents with this wonderful service for seasonal tree maintenance and storm damage, so we ask that a few simple guidelines to be followed for the safety of our workers.

- Piles must be stacked in an orderly fashion
- No whole trees
- Branches not larger than 6 inches diameter
- No excessively large piles
- No brush cut, trimmed or stacked by contractors
- No stumps, root balls, roots, lumber, firewood, bamboo, leaves, or wooden fence posts.

As a reminder, residents are welcome to drop off grass clippings (not from contractors/landscapers), and leaves at the DPW lot in designated areas.

For the complete guidelines and more information please visit the website at www.mendhamnj.org.

Borough of Mendham Shade Tree Commission

2026 Annual Fall Foliage Photo Contest

Send your Borough of Mendham Fall Foliage photos for your chance to win a tree, of your choice, to be planted in front of your home, and published on the Borough website! Be creative but remember the main subject should be trees. Photos must be of a local Borough of Mendham location and labeled with name of the location and photographer's name.

Email photos to: dpw@mendhamnj.org. Contest ends November 15, 2026. Judges: Shade Tree Commission.

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Borough Events in November 2026

Borough Offices will be CLOSED on Wednesday, November 11, and Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27.

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

Council: 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 4; Monday, November 16

ECOSST: 7:30 p.m. Monday, November 2

Historic Preservation Commission: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 18

Joint Land Use Board: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 17

Recreation Committee: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, November 19

Borough Schools Board of Education:

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 17; Hilltop Elementary School Cafeteria

Recycling: Thursdays, November 5, 12, 19, Friday, November 27

Curbside Bulk Pickup: Mondays, November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30



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