

The Mendham Messenger

December 2021

Mayor's Update

Dear Resident and Business Owner,

This year feels like it went by too fast now that we are turning the page to December on our calendars.

Guess what's happening in December?

Mark your calendar for the annual Holly Trail, which takes place on Saturday December 4, 2021 all throughout Mendham Borough! The Mendham Business Association has been the generous sponsor of the Mendham Holly Trail event for the past couple of decades. It started out intending to get residents and visitors out and supporting our local small businesses. Over the years there have been games, singing, performances by local artists, presentations and much more. Businesses that have a large candy cane display outside their shop will have an event for the public to attend. Just a few of the festivities that you can expect are:

- For the two weeks leading up to the December 4th events, there will be a "Where's Santa?" happening. Candy Cane buildings will have Santa's Picture somewhere on the premises and when found just ask someone there to sign your Where's Santa paper. Participants can win *Mendham Bucks** when the completed paper is returned to Mendham Jewelers.
- There will be Santa and cookies at the Phoenix House with pictures taken by a photographer who will email free copies to the children's parents.
- Weichert Realtors has the Snow Princess telling stories to young children with cookies and hot chocolate for all.
- Candy Cane stores will have a box where your name can be entered with the possibility of winning more *Mendham Bucks** at the tree lighting.
- Look for signs at the Shopping Plaza to purchase gifts from the giving tree. Proceeds go to helping a local food bank.
- St Mark's Church will have a scavenger hunt and more.
- Finally, the event everyone looks forward to, the Fire Truck with Santa arriving at the Gazebo in Mendham Borough park and the MBA lighting of the Christmas Tree at 4:30pm.

More details of events and times will be posted on our website for your convenience. www.mendhamnj.org

*What are *Mendham Bucks*? A special MBA currency that can be used in any MBA participating Mendham business.

Important seasonal messages to note:

Snow season is coming and our volunteer fire fighters who protect our town could use some help. If you have a fire hydrant on or near your property, lend a hand and help keep it clear of snow and debris. When they are called out to an incident, every minute matters. If they must take time to locate and uncover a hydrant, they are losing precious minutes and not focusing on their mission at hand: protecting you and your family. Want to find out more information or get involved? Stop by at the fire department off Main Street next to the Audi on a Sunday morning and find out

how you can be a part of your community.

A reminder that overnight on-street parking is prohibited from November 1 through April 15 from 2:00am till 6:00am. Help keep our streets clear during these winter months so our DPW can keep our streets clean of snow. If you find you are having a vehicle problem and can't move your car from the street, call the Police Department at (973) 543-2527 and speak with the dispatcher; they will be able to advise you.

Mendham is a walking town! Our residents love their morning jogs, their afternoon dog walks, and their evening strolls. If you have a sidewalk on your property, please do your best to keep it clear of snow and impediments. In particular, if your sidewalk is a pathway for our students to get to school remember that many of our students walk to school and a cleared sidewalk is the safest way to do that. Your community thanks you for your consideration.

Who's Who in Mendham

When our Borough students are walking along those snow-cleared sidewalks, who have we long counted on to make sure they are protected as they cross the intersection? No other than Wayne LeBlond! It's hard to believe but Wayne has been providing safe passage for the smallest of our adventurers for over 18 years. Wayne is another one of our long-time residents who made Mendham home with his family in 1975.

Although he spent his career days in the chemical marketing and sales industry, he has spent more of his time contributing to our Mendham way of life. Over the years Wayne has volunteered on a variety of committees including: serving as coach and a Board member on the Mendham Soccer Club (before it was West Morris Soccer Club), 1985 Labor Day Parade Chair, member of the Recreation Committee, member of the Environmental Committee, 15 year volunteer for Mendham Borough Library, not to mention 8 year Mendham First Aid Squad member with 120 calls alone this year. Wayne's wife Merry tries to tell him to sit back and take a breather, which he does but after a few minutes he's back up and at it. He tells me that out of all the roles he has played seeing the kids everyday is his favorite and makes him smile. He so enjoys seeing the kids that he wishes more would walk more often so he could have more customers to cross safely.

Next time you are walking or driving by during crossing guard time give Wayne a wave and thank him for keeping our crosswalks safe. Thank you to all of our residents and businesses who have helped make this a wonderful year here in Mendham! See you next year.

Sincerely,

Christine Serrano Glassner
Mayor

Monthly Adult Program

What's Cooking with Chef Theresa
Virtual International Cuisine Series
Co-hosted with Roxbury
Library

December 2021: India—

Chicken Takki Masala

**Tuesday, Dec. 7th from 4 pm -
5 pm via Zoom**

Ingredient list will be posted at
least a week before each session.

**Register online or by calling
the library** at 973 543-4152 and the Zoom link will be
sent to you the day before the event.



Cribbage

Tuesday, December 7th @ 6:30 pm

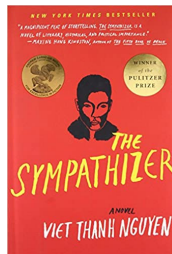
Come join us at the library for an evening of cribbage
for new and seasoned players. Cribbage is a card game
traditionally for two players, although it can be played
with three or four players. If you have a cribbage board,
please bring it with you!

Monthly Morning Book Group

Friday, December 17th @ 10:00 am

The Sympathizer by Viet Thanh Nguyen

Location: The Garabrant Center - 4
Wilson St.



Adult Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange Program

Our jigsaw puzzle exchange will run all
winter. Stop in to drop off old puzzles
and pick up a "new to you" puzzle.
Please donate only complete puzzles
with no missing pieces.



Knitting Advice

Every Friday drop in 10AM-12PM

Need some help with a knitting project? Drop in and
get some advice and help with our knitting advisor,
Marge.



December Kids Programs

Toddler Sing-Along

**Mondays Dec. 6th & 20th at
10:30am, at the Garabrant Center**

Join Miss Tina for some fun songs!

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



Read to a Dog

Tuesdays, Dec 14th & 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
provided. 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.



New Books & DVDs

Fiction

2 Sisters Detective Agency	Patterson, James
Best in Snow	Rosenfelt, David
Better off Dead	Child, Lee
Crossroads	Franzen, Jonathan
Down the Hatch	Beaton, M.C.
Foul Play	Woods, Stuart
Harlem Shuffle	Whitehead, Colson
Last Girl Ghosted	Unger, Lisa
Mango, Mambo, and Murder	Reyes, Raquel V.
Oh William!	Strout, Elizabeth
Over My Dead Body	Archer, Jeffrey
Silverview	LeCarre, John
The Butler	Steel, Danielle
The Lincoln Highway	Towles, Amor
The Man Who Died Twice	Osman, Richard
The Neighbor's Secret	Heller, L. Alison
The Santa Suit	Andrews, Mary Kay
The Stranger in the Lifeboat	Albom, Mitch
Three Sisters	Morris, Heather
Twisted Tea Christmas	Childs, Laura
We Are Not Like Them	Pride, Christine

Non-Fiction

Suit to Saddle	Walsh, Larry
To Rescue the Republic	Baier, Bret
Going There	Couric, Katie
The Dying Citizen	Hanson, Victor Davis
Vanderbilt	Cooper, Anderson

Audiobooks

The Nameless Ones	Connolly, John
The Judge's List	Grisham, John
State of Terror	Clinton, Hillary Rodham
As the Wicked Watch	Hall, Tamron

Large Print

Forgotten in Death	Robb, J.D.
A Slow Fire Burning	Hawkins, Paula
Apples Never Fall	Moriarty, Liane
State of Terror	Clinton, Hillary Rodham
The Paper Palace	Cowley Heller, Miranda
The Wish	Sparks, Nicholas



**** Library Holiday Hours ****
Closed December 24th, 25th, and
January 1st
Open December 31st 10–1 pm

Winter Writing Contest

Grades 3rd-12th

Submissions due by December 31st.

Tell us a story!!! Write a short story **about Winter or the Holidays** between **500-1500 words (about 1-3 pages single spaced)** and share it with us for a chance to win our special First place prize! **All submissions must be typed.**

Please submit with a **Cover Page that includes, Title of story, Author, Author's grade, and a contact email address**, with your story. Email your story to mnbwritingcontest@gmail.com or hand in a hard copy to Miss Tina by **December 31st**. The Winner will be announced in January!

Please Join Us For The
ANNUAL HOLLY TRAIL
COMPLIMENTARY COOKIES & PHOTOS WITH SANTA
 At The Borough Of Mendham Historic Phoenix House
 2 W. Main Street
Saturday, December 4th • 11AM - 2PM

Everyone Is Welcome!

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Borough Calendar for December 2021

Curbside Bulk Pickup - Monday, Dec. 6, 13, 20 & 27

Recycle - Thursdays, December 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Borough Council Meetings - at the Garabrant Center, 7 pm on Wednesdays, December 8 & 29

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

ECOSST - at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Monday, December 6, now on Zoom.

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

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

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

STYROFOAM EPS RECYCLING DAY

Saturday January 8, 2022

9am – 1pm

Open to all Mendham Residents

Mendham Borough Public Works – 37 Ironia Road

RECYCLE THESE.....

Identify foam with this recycling symbol



- Foam Sheets
- Foam Coolers
- Foam Packaging



PLEASE REMOVE.....Tape – Labels – Any Foreign Materials

DO NOT RECYCLE THESE.....

- White Foam Cups
- Colored Foam Trays
- Food Service Trays
- Foam Egg Cartons
- Peanuts



Items collected will be brought to Foam Pack Industries.

Foam Pack Industries is committed to keeping the environment clean by preventing Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) waste from entering our landfills. Offering commercial and municipal foam recycling, we currently accept clean, white EPS, otherwise known as Styrofoam, and sell 99.9% percent clean, densified EPS.

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