

# *The Mendham Messenger*

September 2022

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## **Mayor's Update**

### **Dear Mendham Borough residents and business owners:**

Great news! We were approved for a Morris County Historic Preservation grant for the Scott Farm barn restoration project. We want to thank the Morris County Commissioners, as well as the Morris County Preservation Trust Fund Review Board. The Borough received \$40,680 which will be used for the design and construction document process of the project. We will be applying for additional grants to help us complete the restoration phase of the project. Once completed we look forward to the Scott barn being used by local groups and for farming demonstrations.

In the interim, if you have not been to the Scott Farm barn area, please join me and our neighbor, the Director of Communication for the Audubon Society of New Jersey, Chris Neff, for a "Walk and Talk" of the property. Chris and I will be meeting up with residents on Sunday, September 18 at 10 a.m. at the property on Mountainside Road for a tour of the area and discussion of local wildlife species. For more information please visit our website and click on our ECOSST page.

### **Who's Who in Mendham**

There's a new Mayor in town! Back in the spring the Mendham borough Home and School Association held a Gala Fundraiser to support projects they fund within our schools. An activity at the event was a silent auction for a variety of great services and items, one of which was a Day with the Mayor. You can imagine it became quite a bidding war with parents vying for the spot. In the end Liza Russo and her son, Charley, won out, and so did the HSA. It was a great night with many happy winners.

Who is this new Honorary Mayor? Charley Russo is a 4th grader at Hilltop Elementary School. He moved here with his family from Hoboken in 2017 and attended the Hilltop Pre-K program. Charley loves history, reading, and swimming, as well as playing lacrosse, golf, and basketball. He loves sushi and likes to work in the garden with his Papa. He is also a Pokemon enthusiast. Most importantly, Charley loves Mendham. He was recently heard saying, "I'm so happy I live here!" A very important pronouncement for any Mayor! As Honorary Mayor, he wants you to know that although he misses the

toy section of the Apothecary, he is very excited about the Dunkin Donuts and plans to spend time with his friends sampling the donuts.

Charley began his duties with a swearing-in at the August Council meeting, followed by ice cream with the First Pig at the Creamery. You can see Charley in action at the Labor Day Parade, where he will be walking with the Mayor and tossing candy to the crowd. Make sure you give our first Honorary Mayor Charley a big cheer when you see him.

### **Home Improvements in the Historic District**

Do you live in or own a commercial property in the Mendham Borough Historic District? Are you thinking about making some exterior improvements to your home, building and/or property? Living or doing business in the Borough Historic District means your home or building is a part of the National Registry for Historic Places. Maintaining the historic charm of our Main Street is a vital part of Mendham Borough's history and beauty. In order to keep our historic "hometown" look, specific materials need to be used. You will want to visit our Historical Preservation Commission page before you get started. Our Historic Preservation Commission is an appointed committee of Borough residents who review, advise, and approve projects. We understand that this is an extra step for those who live or work in our Historic District so our Commission tries to be very accommodating while preserving the integrity of our Downtown. You can find all the information you need at this link to our website: <https://tinyurl.com/4wep6tt6>.

### **Coming up...**

Mendham's Fall Festival will be happening this October. Do you have a local or homebased business? We are looking for participants! Please reach out to us at [information@mendhamnj.org](mailto:information@mendhamnj.org).

That's all for this issue. Wishing you a happy start to the new school year and a happy Fall.

Sincerely yours,

Christine Serrano Glassner, Mayor



## Fall Fundraiser:

### A Night in Hemingway's Havana

Saturday, September 17, 7-10 p.m.

Join us for a fun night under the stars in support of The Mendham Borough Library featuring live music by Grammy-nominated Cuban salsa band Orquesta Broadway!

Come rain or shine for food, cocktails, a silent auction and basket raffle—lots of great prizes to win!

\$75 Donation per person. Tickets online or at the library.

## Monthly Programs

### Book Club

Friday, September 23, 10 a.m. at the Library

*The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave

### Yoga

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.

Now in Person and available via Zoom. \$5 per class. Sign up at the Library.

### Canasta

Thursdays, 10 a.m. at the Library

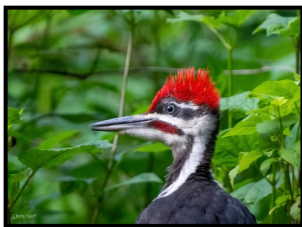
### Social Bridge

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. at the Library

## September Art Gallery

### Chris Neff, Wildlife Photographer

As well as joining Chris Neff at our event on September 14, visit us all month to view his spectacular photographs of all the wildlife to be found in and around the Mendhams.



## September Adult Events

### Mendham's Wildlife with Chris Neff

Wednesday, September 14, 7-8 p.m.

Join local wildlife expert and long-time Mendham resident Chris Neff as he shares pictures of and discusses Mendham's wildlife: why it is so special, why it's here, and how we can protect it.



Chris is a believer in the importance of wildlife conservation, and is also the Director of Communications for the New Jersey Audubon Society. Please register to attend.

### Marie Benedict—Virtual Author Talk

Wednesday, September 21, 7 p.m.

Join us for a virtual discussion as we welcome Marie Benedict, author of *The Personal Librarian*,

*Carnegie's Maid*, and *The Only Woman in the Room*. Benedict was a lawyer when she found her calling unearthing the hidden historical stories of women. Her mission is to excavate the most important, complex and fascinating women of history and bring them into the light of present day, where we can finally



perceive the breadth of their contributions, as well as the insights they bring to modern-day issues. Please register to attend.

### Cribbage

Tuesday, September 20, 6:30 p.m.

Join this lively group to have fun and play Cribbage! All levels are welcome to join—we will teach beginners how to play! Please register to attend.

### Knitting with Karen Bailey!

Friday, September 3, 1 p.m.

Join us as we kick-start our new knitting group, **In Stitches**. This new group will meet every other Friday at 1:00 p.m., either with a class that includes instruction or knitting your own project independently. Please register to attend.

**Register for All Library Events at**  
**[www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org](http://www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org)**

## Did You Know?

You can automatically place a hold on new books by selected authors through the **Borough Best Sellers** program. Just come to the library to select up to ten authors on our Borough Bestseller 2022 List. We will start placing automatic holds for you as soon as we are notified of new publications.

### September Children's Programs

#### **Toddler Sing-Along**

*Every Monday at 10:30 a.m. (except September 5)  
at the Library*

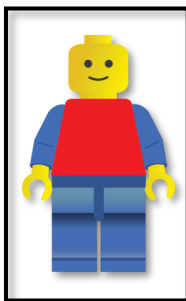
Join Miss Tina for some fun songs!

#### **Lego Club**

**Ages 5+**

*Wednesday Sept 7th, 3:30 p.m.*

We'll supply the Legos, you bring your imagination.



#### **Mindful Watercolor Painting**

**Ages 5+**

*Wednesday Sept 21st, 3:30 p.m.*

Learn some fun mindfulness tips, then let us guide you through a guided meditation journey ending in painting the picture inside your head.



#### **Crafts-To-Go**

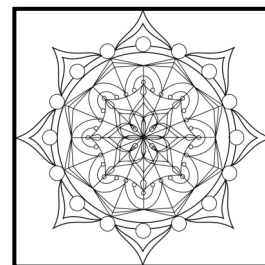
Choose a craft each week. Pick up a craft kit at the Library (at the desk or through Curbside service).

### **New Teen Program! Mandala Painting**

**Ages 12+**

*Wednesday, Sept 28th, 5:30 - 7 p.m.*

Join visiting artist Ms. Dorothy as she leads a teen-focused class discovering the beauty and significance of Mandala designs on canvas. The circular, geometric designs and patterns are sure to inspire young artists to find peace in the symmetry of their individual canvas designs.



### **A Look Ahead...**

October Book Club: *The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn

Egyptian Art with Mike Norris - Oct 12, 7 p.m.

Cricut Creatorspace for Teens - Oct 19, 6 p.m.

In Stitches with Karen Bailey - Oct 14, 1 p.m.

Creepy Crawly Critters: Family Program with Rich Hoffman - Oct 26, 7 p.m.

Antiques Roadshow with Mike Ivankovich - Nov 9, 6-8 p.m.

## **Mendham Borough School District Welcomes the 2022-23 School Year**

*By Dr. Morillo, Superintendent of Schools*

Our approach to the new school year ensures that our District's mission and values reflect our students' actual experiences. Creating dedicated time and room for wellbeing in our programming, organizational structures, and physical spaces is integral to academic achievement. The creation of spaces that promote social learning and maximum engagement in today's interconnected world is the focus of our facility improvements.

With the support of the HSA and the Board of Education, Mountain View's Outdoor Learning Center was restored to include a new walkway, retaining wall, and expanded student seating. The Board of

Education approved a budget that incorporated the revitalization of the Industrial Arts and Technology Classroom that dates back to the opening of Mountain View in 1966. This unique program blends the art of woodworking with technological advancements and provides our students with a high level of experiential learning. Updates to the faculty rooms and new classroom furniture advance our collaborative learning initiatives.

The ongoing success of the Mendham Borough School District lies in its strategic planning and forward-thinking approach. To learn more and see our students and teachers in action, please follow the district on Twitter @mendhamborosd.



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### **Borough Calendar for September 2022**

**Recycling:** Thursdays September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

**Curbside Bulk Pickup:** Tuesday September 6;  
Mondays September 12, 19, 26

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

**Council:** 7 p.m. Wednesdays September 14, 28

**ECOSST:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 6

**Board of Health:** 7 p.m. Wednesday,  
September 7

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

**Joint Land Use Board Meeting:**  
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 20

**Recreation Meeting:**  
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 15

**Boro Schools Board of Education:**  
7 p.m. Tuesday, September 27;  
Hilltop Elementary School Cafeteria



**Celebrate With Us!**

**Mendham Borough  
Labor Day Parade and Concert**

**Monday, September 5, 2022**

**Parade Begins: 10:00 a.m.**

**Grand Marshall: Neil Henry**

**Concert at the Gazebo: 11:00 a.m.**

**The Altman Brothers**

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