

# **BOROUGH OF MENDHAM**

MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2020 AS "CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN MENDHAM BOROUGH**

**WHEREAS**, each year, more than 15,000 kids and young adults are diagnosed with cancer - that's about 43 per day; and

**WHEREAS**, though the 5-year-survival rate for childhood cancers has reached 80 percent, nearly 2,000 kids under the age of 19 die each year, making cancer the leading killer of children by disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the average age of diagnosis is 6 years old and children's cancer can't be treated exactly like adult cancers (where most of federal research funding goes). Current treatments are toxic, affect a child's development and can be decades old. In the last 20 years only four new drugs have been approved by the FDA to specifically treat childhood cancer, and;

**WHEREAS**, by their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday, one in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed with cancer and approximately 40,000 children are on an active cancer treatment at any given time, and;

**WHEREAS**, two-thirds of childhood cancer survivors in the U.S. suffer from lifelong damage to their organs, mental health and more. We need to understand how treatments affect kids long-term so we can prevent late effects, and;

**WHEREAS**, non-profit organizations at the local and national level, including the National Cancer Institute and the American Childhood Cancer Organization, recognize both the unique research needs of pediatric cancer and the extraordinary need to help children with cancer and their families cope through educational, emotional and financial support, and;

**WHEREAS**, too many children and young adults are affected by childhood cancer diseases and more must be done to raise awareness and to find a cure.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christine Serrano-Glassner, Mayor of the Borough of Mendham, along with the Mendham Borough Council proclaim that the month of September 2020 shall be designated as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month" in the Borough of Mendham and call upon all citizens to help support this cause that so deeply impacts families in every community across our country and to raise awareness of the need for more pediatric cancer research funding.

Dated: September 9, 2020

Under the Seal of  
THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM  
This 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020

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Christine Serrano-Glassner, Mayor

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## **PROCLAMATION**

### **THANKING JACK AND JACELYN BOTTI FOR THEIR GIFT OF THE BOTTI FIELDS PAVILION TO THE MENDHAM BOROUGH COMMUNITY**

**WHEREAS**, John “Jack” Botti and his wife, Jacelyn, long-time residents in Mendham Borough and are well-known in town for their love and enjoyment in restoring some of the historic homes which grace our community along West Main Street; and

**WHEREAS**, while enjoying time with their granddaughter at a youth soccer game at Mendham Borough’s West Field Park, the Botti’s saw a need for a park shelter and permanent restroom facilities for the public’s use; and

**WHEREAS**, Jack and Jacelyn went forward and presented Borough officials with a concept plan and architectural drawings for a new park building that would include a pavilion shelter, restrooms and a snack bar where patrons could purchase food and a cold or hot drink, depending on the season; and

**WHEREAS**, the Botti’s graciously offered, and agreed, to construct the pavilion building and all the amenities, at their sole cost and expense; and

**WHEREAS**, working in conjunction with Mendham Borough’s Engineer, the Mendham Borough Historic Preservation Commission and the Morris County Soil Conservation District, the plans for building the pavilion and its location within the park were finalized and approved; and

**WHEREAS**, upon the completion of its construction, the Botti’s have generously gifted the new pavilion building to Mendham Borough for the community’s use and enjoyment, now and in perpetuity; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate and fitting for the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mendham to issue this proclamation to Jack and Jacklyn Botti as an expression of our community’s appreciation and gratitude for their generous gift.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mendham that they hereby express their heartfelt gratitude and thanks to Jack and Jacelyn Botti for their gift of the Botti Fields Pavilion to the Mendham Borough community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that as an everlasting testament of our community’s appreciation and acceptance of the Botti’s generous gift, the Mayor and Council hereby proclaim that the West Field park shall be renamed “Botti Fields Park.”

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Christine Serrano-Glassner, Mayor

**BOROUGH OF MENDHAM**  
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**PROCLAMATION**

**RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS "SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH"  
IN THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM**

**WHEREAS**, Suicide Prevention Awareness Month seeks to inform and engage people about the prevention and warning signs of suicide and to remove the stigma from talking about mental and behavioral health and suicide and to promote awareness about available resources; and

**WHEREAS**, anxiety, depression and suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of their age, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, income level or faith; and

**WHEREAS**, the coronavirus pandemic has dramatically increased a fear of getting sick, worries about unemployment and loss of income, created stress and depression associated with quarantine, social isolation and overall uncertainties about the future; and

**WHEREAS**, during the period of COVID-19, as we all try to protect our mental health and cope with uncertainty, it's more important than ever that we be there for each other and take steps to prevent suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, even before the pandemic hit, suicide has been a growing concern among health professionals in the U.S. According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, there were an estimated 1.4 million suicide attempts in the U.S. in 2018, which included 48,344 deaths - or an average of 132 per day; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past year, our community has sadly experienced the tragic loss of young people who died by suicide, bringing this issue home and to the forefront; and

**WHEREAS**, our local community groups, the West Morris Mendham High School Wellness and Prevention Committee and the Mendhams Stigma-Free Task Force, are working collaboratively with the Mental Health Association of Essex and Morris, the Mental Health Association in New Jersey, and the New Jersey chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) in raising awareness and bringing recovery and hope to our community in taking steps to prevent suicide.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christine Serrano-Glassner, Mayor of the Borough of Mendham, and the Mendham Borough Council, proclaim that September shall be designated as "Suicide Prevention Awareness Month" in the Borough of Mendham and we remind our citizens that there are simple things we can all do to safeguard our own or others' mental health, and you don't have to do it alone. Never forget that a simple gesture of caring can go a long way toward helping someone realize that they are not alone, and suicide is not the answer. Together, we #KeepGoing.

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