

# The Mendham Messenger

March 2017

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## Mayor's Update

Dear Resident and Business Owner,

The Mayor and Council have begun the New Year with much on its plate.

Our Borough Engineer, Paul Ferriero, has advised that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has ordered the Borough to take remedial action to correct structural deficiencies of the dam at Mountain Valley Park. Construction must begin by June 23, 2017. The estimated cost of this project, which includes the dredging of the pond, runs from \$500,000 to a possible \$900,000 (if the dredging spoils are found to be contaminated). If the Borough chooses not to move forward with a repairing the dam, the DEP can act to remove the dam at the Borough's expense. If the Mayor and Council were to breach the dam in lieu of repairing it and draining Mountain Valley Park Pond, the estimate cost of doing so would be approximately \$250,000. As the dam forms part of Mountain Avenue, the spillway would still require rehabilitation and the Borough would be required to comply with DEP requirements for restoration of the pond site as a stream. A presentation from Mr. Ferriero on this project can we found on the Borough's website under Current News and Information.

The Mayor and Council feel it is important to maintain the dam and the park. For those reasons, will pursue repairing the dam. As for funding this project, the governing body is considering using funds, which have been collected via taxes, from the Borough's Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund. Future discussions on the funding formula would center on using the trust to pay for the entire project (while setting aside a certain amount in future years to pay the trust back), bond for the project, or formulate some type of hybrid model.

The Borough Council adopted Ordinance #01-17 which declares the Borough intent to become an aggregator of electric power on behalf of its residential users of electricity pursuant to the Government Energy Act of 2003. This program will allow for residential

users of electricity to save approximately 12-15% on their electricity bills. As the program gets started, residents will receive information which provides details such as the new rate, term, chosen supplier and the deadline for opting out. Further information on this program can be found on the borough's website under Current News and Information found on the home page or call Borough Administrator Rick Merkt.

As most of you now know, DPW Superintendent Ken O'Brien has started his new job with the Borough of Madison in the same capacity. I would like to thank Ken for all his contributions to Mendham Borough. The Mayor and Council are in the process of interviewing prospective candidates to replace Ken. I hope to have somebody in place by the end of April. In order to give ourselves time to select the most qualified individual to be our next DPW Superintendent, the Mayor and Council have appointed Robert J. Venezia to serve as our Interim Certified Public Works Manager. Bob served previously as a DPW Superintendent in the Borough of Chatham and the Borough of New Providence.

Congratulations to Michael DiMaio who joined the Mendham Fire Department as a junior member.

Sincerely,

Neil Henry  
Mayor

## Opportunity to Volunteer

Help your family & neighbors.

**Mendham Borough First Aid** needs adult residents to assist with our vital community service.



- **Learn important First Aid skills**—For kids, parents, friends & neighbors
- **Opportunities for Drivers, EMTs & more**—All levels of interest; we will train!
- **Flexible time investment**—Volunteer around your schedule

Join the team and Volunteer today!

[www.mendhamfirstaid.org/membership](http://www.mendhamfirstaid.org/membership)

Facebook.com/ MendhamFAS



Mendham Borough  
LIBRARY

# News from the Mendham Borough Library

10 Hilltop Road 973-543-4152 www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org

## Back by Popular Demand: Celtic Harp with Faye Fishman

*Wednesday, March 15 at 6:30 pm*

Come and join us for this special concert with Faye Fishman on the Celtic Harp, to celebrate St. Patty's Day. Faye will talk about the harp and include descriptions and fun facts about the melodies. Irish soda bread and tea will be served. Don't miss out on this chance to enjoy a favorite entertainer. Call the library to register.



## Calling all Local Authors and Writers

*Saturday, March 18 at 10:30 am*

Come join Claire McKinney and Larissa Ackerman from Claire McKinney PR for a program on social media for authors and writers. Come learn the many tools available for social media promotion such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, Pinterest, and Goodreads. Registration is required for this event. Please call the library to register.



## Celebrating Annual Student Art Month in the Fletcher Gallery

The Fletcher Gallery will participate in the nationwide celebration of children's art and art education by showcasing the Borough's talented young artists. Come visit the gallery to enjoy our annual show of works from all grade levels at Mountain View Middle School and Hilltop Elementary School.

### Weekly Adult Programs at the Library

**Bridge:** Wednesdays at 10 am  
**Device Advice:** Wednesdays from 1 to 3 pm  
**Canasta:** Thursdays at 10 am  
**Yoga:** Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 am

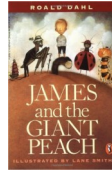
## March Programs for Kids

Programs are for all ages unless otherwise noted. Space is limited and registration is required for all programs.

### Toddler Sing-A-Long

Mondays at 10:30 am

Come join Miss Amanda as we sing fun songs and rhymes. Program for ages birth to 5.



### Book Worms

Wednesdays: March 1 & 15 @ 3:15 p.m.  
1st-4th Grade

*James & the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl  
Books available for pick-up at the library.

### Chess Club

Thursday, March 2 @ 6:30 p.m.  
2nd Grade & Up

Learn new tip and tricks with chess instructor Marty Sobin. Sponsored by the Mendham Municipal Alliance.



### St. Patrick's Bingo

Friday, March 3 @ 3:15 p.m.

Come in and try your luck at BINGO. Prizes will be available for everyone! All ages welcome!



### Exploring Music

Kindergarten -3rd Grade  
Mondays: March, 6, 13, & 20 & April 3 & 10

3:15 p.m.  
4th - 8th Grade  
Thursdays: March, 2, 9, 16, & 23 & April 6

3:30 p.m.  
Bring out your inner musician as we explore the world of music. Make instruments, sing Karaoke, and play.

### Knitting Club

Wednesdays: March 8 & 22 @ 3:15 p.m.

2nd Grade & Up  
Learn how to knit and make your own beautiful creations!



### Late Night @ the Library

Friday, March 10th @ 7-10 p.m.

**African Mask Making**  
3rd - 8th Grade

Join Ivy from Little Steps Workshop as she teaches us the history of African Mask Making and we make our very own. Sponsored by the Mendham Municipal Alliance.

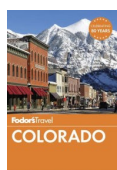
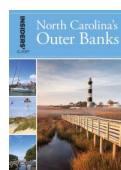
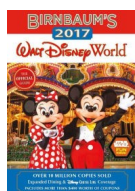
## New Books, Audiobooks & DVDs

### Fiction

<i>A Book Of American Martyrs</i>	Oates, Joyce Carol
<i>At Ropes End</i>	Kay, Edward
<i>Behind Her Eyes</i>	Pinborough, Sarah
<i>Boarn Of Vengeance</i>	Kenyon, Sherrilyn
<i>Dark At The Crossing</i>	Ackerman, Elliot
<i>Dead Cold Brew</i>	Coyle, Cleo
<i>Echoes In Death</i>	Robb, J. D.
<i>Fatal</i>	Lescroart, John
<i>Fever In The Dark</i>	Hart, Ellen
<i>Little Deaths</i>	Flint, Emma
<i>Never Never</i>	Patterson, James
<i>On Second Thought</i>	Higgins, Kristan
<i>Rather Be The Devil</i>	Rankin, Ian
<i>Right Behind You</i>	Gardner, Lisa
<i>Settle For More</i>	Kelly, Megyn
<i>The Fifth Letter</i>	Moriarty, Nicola
<i>The Fifth Petal</i>	Barry, Brunonia
<i>The Fire By Night</i>	Messineo, Teresa
<i>The Guests on South Battery</i>	White, Karen
<i>The Princess Diarist</i>	Fisher, Carrie
<i>The Prisoner</i>	Berenson, Alex
<i>The Whip</i>	Kondazian, Karen
<i>What You Break</i>	Coleman, Reed Farrel

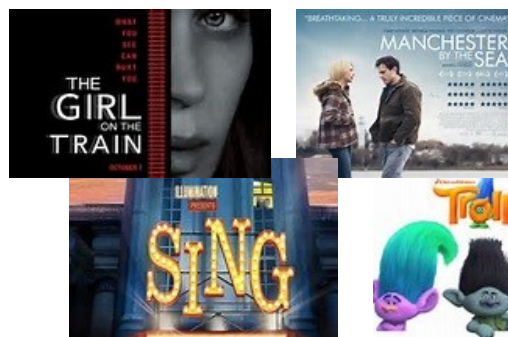
### New Travel Books

<i>2017 Walt Disney World</i>	Birnbaum's
<i>Asheville &amp; The Great Smoky Mountains</i>	Frye, Jason
<i>Insiders' Guide To North Carolina's Outer Banks</i>	Bachman, Karen
<i>Must sees: Charleston, Savannah and the South Carolina Coast</i>	Michelin
<i>Travel Colorado</i>	Fodor's
<i>Travel Savannah With Hilton Head &amp; The LowCountry</i>	Fodor's
<i>Travel The Carolinas &amp; Georgia</i>	Fodor's



### DVDs

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| * <i>Barbie: Video Game Hero</i>     | * <i>Manchester By The Sea</i>    |
| * <i>Bridget Jones's Baby</i>        | * <i>Masterminds</i>              |
| * <i>Deepwater Horizon</i>           | * <i>Queen Of Katwe</i>           |
| * <i>Denial</i>                      | * <i>Sing</i>                     |
| * <i>Equity</i>                      | * <i>Snowden</i>                  |
| * <i>Hacksaw Ridge</i>               | * <i>The Dressmaker</i>           |
| * <i>Homeland Season 5</i>           | * <i>The Girl on the Train</i>    |
| * <i>Inferno</i>                     | * <i>The Light Between Oceans</i> |
| * <i>Jack Reacher: Never Go Back</i> | * <i>The Magnificent Seven</i>    |
| * <i>Keeping Up With The Joneses</i> | * <i>Trolls</i>                   |



### March Kids Programs (continued)

#### **Bagels & Books: Family Book Club**

Saturday, March 11th @ 10:30 a.m.

*Holes* by Louis Sachar

Books available at the library.



#### **Community Family Night: Drumming Circle**

Tuesday, March 14th @ 6:30 p.m.

Kindergarten & up

Join Musician Mark as he brings his drums for families to share and play! The event will be held at the Brookside Community Club.

#### **Afternoon Movies**

Friday, March 17th @ 3:15 p.m.

*Moana*

#### **Tween Advisory Board**

Tuesday, March 21st @ 6:00 p.m.

5th Grade & Up

Join Miss Amanda for some pizza and planning of fun library programs!

#### **LEGO Club**

Friday, March 24th @ 3:15 p.m.

#### **NJ Maker's Day Celebration**

Saturday, March 25th @

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Celebrate NJ Maker's Day and create at the library! Join us we play with Snap Circuits, program robots and much more!!



## Borough Calendar for March 2017

### Curbside Bulk Pickup

Mondays, March 6, 13, 20 & 27

Recycle - Thursdays, March 2, 16 & 30

**Board of Adjustment** - at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Tuesday, March 7

**Borough Council** - at the Garabrant Center, 8 pm on Monday, March 6 & March 20

Environmental Commission— at the Phoenix House, 7:30 pm on Thursday March 16

**Historic Preservation Commission** - at the Phoenix House, 7:30 pm on Monday, March 20

**Open Space Advisory Committee** - at the Phoenix House, 7 pm on Thursday, March 9

**Planning Board Meeting** - at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Monday, March 13

**Recreation Commission** - at the Phoenix House, 7:30 pm on Wednesday, March 8

### MAST Purchased a New Vehicle

Mendham Area Senior Transportation (MAST) has purchased a 2016 Ford Flex. This purchase is the culmination of a six-year community fundraising effort,



the generosity of a Mendham resident, the assistance of Salerno Duane Ford, and the cooperation of Mendham Township and Mendham Borough.

MAST would like to express its heartfelt thanks to the Mendham community for its support.

### The Mendham Borough Historical Society

Tuesday, March 28, at 7:30 PM in the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Borough. Robert Mayers presents: *Searching for Yankee Doodle – Washington's Soldiers in the American Revolution*. He explores the history of common soldiers, the embodiment of the American Revolution –what inspired them to endure the hardships, why they fought. It was a challenge for historians to expose the attitudes, behaviors and golden myths about these patriots, and were they a reality, wishful thinking, or both. Descendent of a patriot soldier, author, and Revolutionary War historian, Mayers' travels, research and family accounts shed light on people and places lost or neglected by history. He is a frequent presenter at and contributor to numerous historical societies, Navy/Marine vet, associated with Rutgers and Seton Hall. The public is invited to this free program.