

The Mendham Messenger

May 2017

Mayor's Update

Dear Resident and Business Owner,

Play ball! With May upon us, Borough parks are open and our little league teams have begun their season and are using the Borough's well-maintained baseball fields.

Work continues on our Mountain Valley Park dam project. Sediment sampling has turned up some areas of concern which are being examined, and a claim request has been submitted to the environmental arm of the Morris County Joint Insurance Fund. Additional updates on this project will be provided as they become available.

Construction of restrooms and handicapped parking spots are being planned for West Field. The administration is in the process of getting deeds to West Field that are held by the New Jersey Conservation Society in order to waive restrictions before construction can begin.

The Borough Council's personnel and DPW sub-committees have wrapped up interviews of candidates to step in and become the Borough's next Superintendent of Public Works. A finalist has been identified and, as of this writing, has been invited to meet the full council in Executive Session. If the full council concurs with the recommendation of the sub-committee, an offer can be made and a start date established. In the meantime, our Interim Superintendent, Bob Venezia, continues to oversee the department. Once a permanent replacement is hired, he is prepared to deliver a full report to the Mayor and Council identifying strengths and weaknesses he has observed within our DPW, along with any recommended changes which may be considered.

Sgt. John Camoia, the Officer in Charge of our Police Department, has been authorized to seek candidates to become our newest police officers. I would expect this hire to be finalized in the late summer or early fall.

Work continues on amendments to the Borough's promotional process for the Chief of Police. Mr. Merkt has been directed by the Borough Council to invite Chief Nally of the NJ Chief's Association to meet with

the Mayor and Council to provide insight into possible combinations of testing criteria which may be considered.

A local architect and builder have both provided recommendations for the 20x30 support vehicle shelter for the first aid's emergency response vehicles.

Ordinance 06-17 was adopted by the Borough Council in April. The ordinance calls for the appropriating of \$738,100 from various funds to acquire a pick-up truck for the Department of Public Works (\$65,000), a live scan system to be used by the Department of Police (\$65,000), road paving (\$602,000), and upgrade of the Borough's information technology systems including the acquisition of new and additional computers equipment (\$17,100).

Our Recreation Department has completed interviews for camp counselors for our Summer Camp, which is busy preparing to kick off in June after school closes for the summer.

I am happy to report that Bob and Helen Cleary, longtime residents and volunteers, have been invited to serve as Grand Marshalls for our 2017 Labor Day Parade. Thank you Bob and Helen!

Sincerely,

Neil Henry
Mayor

*Borough Offices, Recycling Center &
Mendham Borough Library will be closed on
Monday, May 29th for Memorial Day.*

Mendham's Emergency Services – Summer Health & Safety Seminar

Celebrate EMS Week with a FREE 1 hour seminar
Teens to Toddlers: Safe & Healthy for all Mendham parents and grandparents
Sunday, May 21st 4-5p.m. First Aid Squad bays, 24 E. Main Street. Learn signs of heat stroke & dehydration, allergic reactions: from sumac to stings, handling sprains, strains, falls and tumbles and much more.
BONUS: Stay after the session and learn CPR! Limited space ~ separate signup required.

For more information visit www.mendhamfirstaid.org



Mendham Borough
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News from the Mendham Borough Library

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



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Dear Neighbor,

Over the years, the Mendham Borough Library has been a vibrant part of Mendham life, growing along with our community from a small collection in one room to an annual circulation of over 40,000 items. We continue to work hard to keep up with changing needs and technology, and expand our offerings to meet the needs of our community.

Throughout our history, the library has enjoyed the generous support of Mendham Borough residents who recognize the value of our beloved library as more than technology and books, but also a place that offers a sense of community, learning, and growth with programs for all ages — from toddlers to seniors.

Residents can exercise their minds and their bodies with educational programs like story-time, book club, device advice classes, bridge groups or yoga; enjoy entertainment with family movie nights and children’s sing-a-longs; or expand their creative horizons with coloring for adults, Legos, and Craft Club. And we are very excited to have expanded our Museum Pass Program to offer access to *The Montclair Art Museum*, *Imagine That!*, and *Grounds for Sculpture*, in addition to the *Intrepid Sea, Air, and Space Museum!*

However, unlike many community libraries in our area, the Mendham Borough Library is **NOT** a municipal library and therefore does not automatically receive a portion of your tax dollars for support. While the library does receive meaningful funds from the Borough of Mendham through municipal aid, it’s unfortunately not enough to cover all of our operating expenses. A large portion of the library’s funding comes from donations from individuals and companies in the community. **We rely heavily on the generosity of Borough residents to bridge the gap.**

Thanks to your past gifts we have been able to meet that challenge and continue to respond to community needs. We hope you’ve noticed that the books, materials, and programs the library offers have expanded significantly over the past few years. This is a direct result of your valuable support.

Our goal is to have something to offer every resident of Mendham. Your generous tax-deductible contribution will help us meet that goal, and keep our community library strong.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Moore
President, Board of Trustees
Mendham Borough Library

P.S. – Make sure to go to mendhamboroughlibrary.org to learn more about current happenings at the library, upcoming events, or to check out materials. You can also **donate online!**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Marian Mundy-Hooper, Tricia Munley, Dan Schreiberman

2017 LIBRARY ANNUAL APPEAL
Yes, I want to help the library.

- \$10 _____ purchases a children's book
- \$25 _____ buys a magazine subscription
- \$50 _____ buys an adult audiobook
- \$100 _____ buys two years of an HBO series
- \$200 _____ pays for a children's performer
- \$300 _____ pays for reading incentives
- \$400 _____ buys a museum pass
- Other _____

Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution of \$ _____.

Make checks payable to:

Mendham Borough Library or donate online at mendhamboroughlibrary.org

Make your gift count even more with a company match!

I am interested in becoming a Friend.

Contact me at:

_____ *Email address or phone #*

Kids Programs at the Library

STEAM Afternoon

Saturday, May 13th @ 1 p.m.

Open to 3rd-8th Grade

Think BB-8 is awesome? Then you will love Spheros!

Join us as we program these spherical robots to navigate a variety of obstacles within the library.

Afternoon Movies

Friday, May 19th @ 3:15 p.m.

Come stop by the library as we show the underrated hit *Monster Trucks*. Drinks and popcorn will be provided.



Eyes of the Wild @ Brookside

Community Club

Wednesday, May 24th @ 6:00 p.m.

Come see the Science of Survival! Live animals will show you how they defend themselves and track sound in the wild! Registration is required and space is limited, so make sure to sign up today!

Events at Schiff Nature Preserve



SCHIFF NATURE PRESERVE

Please see a complete list and register online at www.schiffnaturepreserve.org or call 973-543-6004.

Eating with the Seasons—May 7 2-4 p.m.

Join us to explore ways to cook for a compassionate planet, healthy body, and peaceful mind. This workshop will focus on the fresh greens and herbs of spring. Guests will go home with a good sense of how to consume and cook for the seasons. Member fee is \$25.

Non member fee is \$30. Ages 18+, please.

Tree Time for Tykes: May Flowers—May 8 10-11 a.m.

Join Schiff's naturalist at the Nature Center before entering the forest. As you hike in the preserve you'll see all the early spring flowers trying to catch the sunlight before they get shaded out. Your preschooler will learn colors, shapes, and counting while observing the flowers of the spring. Ages 2-4 with an adult.

Members pay \$10 per adult/child pair. Non members pay \$15 per adult/child pair.

Upcoming Adult Programs at the Library

How to Grow and Preserve Culinary Herbs

Wednesday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Come and join Anna Hackman, a Morris County Master Gardner, discuss *How to Grow and Preserve Culinary Herbs*. Space is limited and registration is required. Please call the library to register.



She Needed a Hero, So She Became One! How to be a role-model on aging to our younger generation

Wednesday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Come join renowned motivational speaker, Carol Kasperowitz, founder of Retreats Women Want, and other like-minded women in a joyful, interactive, informative event that will inspire and motivate your rediscovery! Learn how to avoid 3 major mistakes women make that sabotage their health and livelihood. Learn how to avoid isolation and how to remain connected to the world, both physically and socially! Registration is required. Please call the library to register.



Wanted: Mendham Area Senior Citizens!

Come meet new and old friends. Enjoy movies, music, fun and good company. Free introduction meeting and dessert. If interested, Call Joe at 908-879-5029 for more information.

Borough Calendar for May 2017

Curbside Bulk Pickup - Mondays, May 1, 8, 15, 22 & Tuesday, May 30

Recycle - Thursdays, May 11 & 25

Borough Council Meetings - at the Garabrant Center, 8 pm on Mondays, May 1 & 15

Board of Adjustment - at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Tuesday, May 2

Environmental Commission - at the Phoenix House, 7:30 pm on Thursday, May 18

Historic Preservation Commission - at the Phoenix House, 7:30 pm on Monday, May 15

Open Space Advisory Committee - at the Phoenix House, 7 pm on Thursday, May 11

Planning Board Meeting - at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Monday, May 8

Recreation Meeting - at the Phoenix House, 7:30 pm on Thursday, May 11

Mendham Class of 2017 Tricky Tray

Thursday, May 4th - West Morris Mendham High School, 65 East Main Street, Mendham, NJ. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., calling begins at 7:30 p.m. Larger items include fitness training, skiing, Vera Bradley, free SAT/ACT sessions, YMCA membership and much more. There is something for everyone! There is a \$5 charge at the door and all proceeds go to the Class of 2017 Project Graduation.

Balloons in June!!

The festive Mountain View Middle School Balloons in June tradition continues. Congratulate your child, neighbors, sitters, classmates, family and friends as they graduate from MVMS this coming June. Order your Mylar blue and gold balloon bouquets and members of the Mountain View 7th grade class will make special deliveries to the Class of 2017 graduate's home. Each balloon order comes complete with your personalized message(s) on 3x5 index cards. Email balloonsinjune2018@gmail.com and request an order form. Deadline to order is May 31, 2017.

