



THE MENDHAM MESSENGER

The Newsletter for Mendham Borough

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Letter From the Mayor

Dear Mendham Borough Residents and Business Owners,

Mendham Borough is back! You may recall a few months ago I sent out a plea for help from our residents over the loss of our Mendham Borough online address listings for all our local businesses. After that Messenger was sent out, we started noticing entire street addresses losing their Borough moniker. I heard back from several residents that I would like to thank! Some of you graciously took the time to go into Google and update these addresses one by one. Thank you for caring and trying to help. Special thanks go out to Joe and Amanda Leuenberger, who work in the technology sector and made attempts from the inside to assist. Finally, a very BIG thank you goes to Frank Lupo! Frank also works in the technology sector and appealed to the Powers That Be for approval to apply a "fix." Like a web doctor, he wrote a technological prescription for what ailed us—and that solution successfully returned our beloved Mendham Borough back to our correct online addresses. Frank tells me that it may not be permanent since the core problem lies within the US Postal Service. Our work on this may not be done... but for now we have our town back!

Another Thank You

Thank you to all who were able to contribute to our first ever winter clothing drive. As always, our residents were very generous, and their donations will go to very needy residents in Jersey City. Of special note: the men's coats were in abundance and in particularly good condition. We aim to host this drive annually so remember to put aside items at the end of this winter season for next year's drive.

Who's Who in Mendham Borough

Who doesn't know "Mrs. G"? For those of you who don't need help crossing the street at Hilltop School or at the Tempe Wick triangle near the Post Office, "Mrs. G" is one of our dedicated School Crossing Guards—Britta Gangemi.

Britta has been serving our students as a crossing guard for the last nine years. She and her husband moved to Mendham Borough in 1998 looking for a "forever home" with a great school district. Before they even started their family, they knew Mendham Borough was the right fit for them. "I loved the feel of this quiet town where people seemed to care for one another," Britta told me.

Once Britta's children were older and walking to school on their own, she decided that she wanted to earn a little extra income but didn't want a full time job to interfere with her parental duties. Becoming a Crossing Guard was a great fit! The job enabled her to contribute to her community and make a difference in town but also keeps her close to home. She never imagined the rewarding feeling of doing this job for the youngest members of our community. Every morning and afternoon she can be found in front of Hilltop School waiting and warmly greeting every student. "Mrs. G" has become well known for "Riddle Wednesdays"—when she always has a new riddle for students to figure out.

Britta also helps keep our High School students safe—twice a day. She tries to be a friendly greeter since she realizes she is the first person that some of the teenagers interact with in the morning, and some of us know that teenagers are not always morning people! I asked about "Riddle Wednesday" for the teenagers and we both had a laugh knowing that teens probably have other things on their minds.

In addition to her Crossing Guard duties, Britta serves as a Matron for the Police Department. Anytime there is a female being held under arrest, she is called to assist the Police by providing female coverage for whatever duration this person is in Police custody.

Coming up...

Our Council Budget Committee will be meeting this month to make determinations on capital expenditures. We will make sure to post the meeting dates of when the budget comes before Council and will have our Auditor there to make a presentation.

There are some pending applications for large development projects in the Borough that will be coming before our Joint Land Use Board. We encourage you to attend the meetings to learn what is proposed and help be a part of shaping this process. Meeting schedule and agendas can be found at www.mendhamnj.org.

That's all for this issue. Here's to hoping that Punxsutawney Phil needed glasses and didn't see his shadow after all last month!

Sincerely,

Christine Serrano Glassner, Mayor

Farewell and Welcome

Please join me in wishing a sweet farewell to **Janis Biron** who has retired after 10 years of service to our community. We are all grateful to have gotten to know Janis with her kind smile and helpful ways and will miss seeing her every day at the library.

Let's give a warm welcome to the newest faces at the library, **Kate Mathe** and **Mou Saha**. Kate will be our



Circulation Associate and will be here almost every day to help you with everything we do. Born and raised in New Jersey, Kate lives in Randolph with her husband Greg and two children. She

is currently getting her master's degree in Library and Information Science. Kate is looking forward to getting to know the Mendham Borough community.

Mou Saha works the Circulation Desk in the evening and also will be able to help you with your library needs. Mou Saha is a published artist, teacher and speaker who has appeared on PBS TV shows and taught workshops around the United States, Europe and online since 2004. Mou is a mom of three and moved to Mendham in 2020.



Please stop by the library to introduce yourself and to welcome Kate and Mou!

Fletcher Gallery

March's Fletcher Gallery artist is Megan Nervi. Come in and see her art all month long!

This month's Kindle books:

The House in the Pines by Ana Reyes; *I Will Find You* by Harlen Coben (3/14 release) *Someone Else's Shoes* by Jojo Moyes; *3 Days to Live* by James Patterson; *Atomic Habits: An Easy & Proven Way to Build Good Habits & Break Bad Ones* by James Clear (non-fiction)

March Adult Programs

Women of the Revolution

Wednesday, March 1, 7:00 p.m.



Kick off Women's History Month as we discuss the Women of the American Revolution and the unique and extraordinary role they played in the birth of this nation. Expert Joel Farkas will lead the discussion as we learn

more about these great women in history!

Irish Music & Storytelling Show

Monday, March 13, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a lively celebration of Irish heritage and tradition as Richard Stillman presents Irish storytelling, music and step dancing. We will hear bagpipes, mandolin, banjo, guitar, bodhran, and pennywhistle.



Donor Thank You

A tremendous thank you to the following who also donated to our 2022 Annual Appeal: Ginny & Mark Beutnagel; Allison & Scott Cohen; Mike & Sue Kear; Bernadette Koenig; The Maresca Family; The Westreichs.

Monthly Programs

Yoga via Zoom

**Tuesdays and Thursdays,
8:30 a.m.**

\$5 per class. Sign up for a month at the library.

Social Bridge

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

For experienced players.

Canasta

Thursdays, 10 a.m.

All levels of play are welcome!

In Stitches

**Fridays, March 10 and 24,
1 p.m.**

All levels welcome!

Cribbage

Tuesday, March 21, 6:30 p.m.

All levels welcome!

Book Club

Friday, March 24, 10 a.m.

The Magnolia Palace by Fiona Davis

Did You Know?

We have a new collection of Launchpads for children! Launchpads are tablets fully loaded with interactive educational material – choose reading, math, or stem activities for all different age groups. Check one out today for two weeks to have fun learning in a different way.



March Children's Programs

Toddler Sing-Along

Every Monday, 10:30 a.m. at the Library

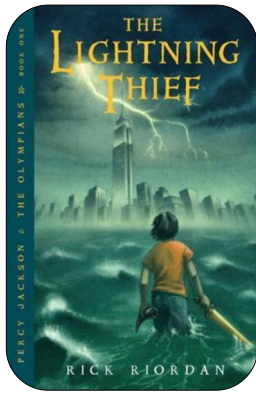
Join us for some fun songs!

Babies and Books

Fridays, March 3 and 10, 10:45 a.m.

(First 2 Fridays of the month)

Join us for a story, nursery rhymes and playtime.



Percy Jackson Trivia Ages 5+

Thursday, March 2, 3:30 p.m.

Calling all Fans! Come prove your knowledge as we battle through three rounds of Percy Jackson trivia. Only one will be crowned our Superfan and win a ticket to *The Lightning Thief: the Percy Jackson Musical* at the Growing Stage!

Holi Celebration Ages 5+

Tuesday, March 7, 3:30 p.m.

Learn about this vibrant Hindu celebration as we listen to a story and make a cool, colorful craft.



Peep Bunny Sewing Workshop Ages 7+

**Wednesday, March 22,
3:30 p.m.**

Learn some awesome sewing skills while making your own Peep Bunny Stuffed Animal.



Crafts-To-Go

Pick up a craft kit at the Library at the desk or through Curbside service.



TAG (Teen Advisory Group)

Teen Trivia Night Ages 12+

Thursday, March 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Test your Pop Culture knowledge, have some pizza, and find out who is the Trivia Master! The winner receives a gift card to Mendham Bagel.

Coming Up

Bunny Bingo: Tues, April 4, 3:30 p.m.

History of Three Fields: Wed, April 12, 7:00 p.m.

TAG Color and Chill: Thurs, April 20, 5:30 p.m.

Paint N Sip Spring Tulips: Wed, April 26, 6:30 p.m.

April Book Club: *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk* by Kelli Estes

History of Comic Book Superheroes (Rescheduled):

Wed, May 10, 7:00 p.m.

Paper & Tech Shredding Event

Saturday, March 25, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

As a community we can all understand the importance of recycling. With that in mind, how do we protect our identity while recycling medical records, personal finance documents, real estate documents, receipts, school records, computers, hard drives, phones, and other tech devices? This is something Mendham Borough Residents do not need to worry about!

The Borough's joint Environmental, Open Space & Shade Tree Commission and Clean Communities Program sponsor a Paper & Tech Shredding Event yearly.

This event provides on-site shredding to safely destroy confidential documents and hardware. This will ensure proper destruction and disposal of your digital media.

All **Mendham Borough Residents** can safely dispose of these paper and tech items at the Public Works

Department, 37 Ironia Road on Saturday March 25, 2023, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. For any questions, please see our website, mendhamnj.org, or call Debbie Holly at 973-543-6535.

Paper Shredding:

- ♦ Bank Statements
- ♦ Medical/Insurance Forms
- ♦ Receipts
- ♦ Personal Files
- ♦ School Records
- ♦ Mortgage/Rental Records
- ♦ Misc. Paperwork

Technology Shredding:

- ♦ Desktop Computers
- ♦ Laptops
- ♦ Monitors
- ♦ CDs; Floppy Disks
- ♦ Cellphones
- ♦ Tablets
- ♦ USB Drives

Staples and paper clips do not need to be removed. All paper will be recycled.



Borough Meetings in March 2023

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

Council: 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 8;
7 p.m. Monday, March 27

ECOSST: 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 6

Board of Health: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16

Historic Preservation Commission: 7:30 p.m.
Monday, March 20

Joint Land Use Board: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday,
March 21

Recreation Committee: 7:30 p.m. Thursday,
March 16

Borough Schools Board of Education:

7 p.m. Tuesday, February 21; Hilltop Elementary
School Cafeteria

Recycling: Thursdays March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Curbside Bulk Pickup: Mondays March 6, 13, 20, 27

Food Pantry Donations Wanted

Please consider donating non-perishable food and personal hygiene items to the Chester Mendham Food Pantry to help those in need. A donation bin is located in the back entrance of the Mendham Borough Library. Thank you in advance for your much needed help. The Pantry currently needs the following items:

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| ◆ Pancake mix | ◆ Cereal (NO CHEERIOS) |
| ◆ Dessert mix | ◆ Snacks |
| ◆ Instant potatoes | ◆ Mayo |
| ◆ Deodorant | ◆ Coffee |
| ◆ BBQ sauce | ◆ Peas |
| ◆ Pasta sauce | ◆ Cooking oil |
| ◆ Baked beans | |

Chester Mendham Food Pantry



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