



THE MENDHAM MESSENGER

The Newsletter for Mendham Borough

July 2023

Letter From the Mayor

Dear Mendham Borough residents and business owners,

So far it has been a perfect summer for weather in Mendham Borough, or at least as of the writing of this letter. I'm hoping we will all enjoy a summer to remember, with comfortable temperatures and just enough rain to keep the grass green.

Phoenix House Restoration Update

Work inside Phoenix House is well under way. The contractor began by peeling away a portion of the ceiling in the dining room so that the engineer could have a thorough look at the structure. The opening revealed centuries-old hand-hewn beams still strong and doing their job. The next step was to investigate previous work that had been done in the attic. It is there that they discovered more work needs to be completed to stabilize the building and stop the upstairs ceilings from collapsing. If you have come to the building in the last few weeks, you will see that the contractor is busy refurbishing the doors and doing some work on the porch ceiling. Remember that this structural work is only the first phase of work on the building. This work was made possible from grants provided by the Morris County Preservation Trust Fund and the NJ Historic Trust. We are in the process of applying for a grant on the exterior work of the building and are very hopeful we will be accepted and able to begin that work sometime late next year.

Who's Who in Mendham

Help us congratulate Pete Hafemeister as our new Superintendent for the Department of Public Works. Pete began with us as a mechanic in 2005. In 2017 he was promoted to Deputy Superintendent, during which time he studied hard and passed his state Superintendent certification tests. As much as we are sad to say goodbye to Jeff Cooper, we are very happy and proud to congratulate and welcome Pete as our new department head. If you haven't met Pete before, please feel free to stop by our DPW and give him your best.

Estimated Tax Bills Coming Soon

Due to delays at the State with the budget process, the County has been unable to certify the tax rates when they normally do. Since we cannot delay paying the town's bills and making tax payments to the Schools and County, our tax collector will be sending out estimated bills for the 3rd quarter. Any payment adjustments from the 3rd quarter payment will be reflected in

your 4th quarter bill. If you have any questions, please reach out to our tax collector, Liz Holtz at borotax@mendhamnj.org.

Senior Cruise Trip

Get ready for a fun day on the water, Mendham seniors! Join our Mendham Seniors Club's summer cruise on August 2nd, when you can enjoy the breeze as well as sights of the beautiful Shark River and Barnegat Bay. Just bring your hat, sun block, and your sunglasses. Don't wait until August to decide. For more information please call Mary Cillo at 201-400-7222.

Volunteer Help Needed at the General Store

The Ralston General Store has been in operation as a museum for decades. The museum is a wealth of historic artifacts and stories of Mendham's past. Volunteers are greatly needed to continue open hours for touring. Let's keep Mendham's history alive and educating all those new to our area. If you can help out even just a few days a year, please reach out to AnneMarie Hornyak for more information at teachm73@verizon.net or call her at 973-543-4350. For more history on the Ralston General Store, visit ralstonmuseum.org.

Summer Activities in Mendham Borough

What does our Recreation Committee have for fun this summer? Please visit our website for dates and times of our Summer Concert Series, Movie Night in the Park, and Yoga in the Park. From www.mendhamnj.org, go to Recreation Dept under Departments & Services.

Hoping you all have wonderful summer adventures planned, with plenty of time spent outdoors.

Enjoy July and remember to wear your sunblock.

Sincerely yours,

Christine Serrano Glassner

Mayor



Summer Reading for All!

Summer is here and the Library has something for everyone! This month come to the library to sign up for Summer Reading. The Children's Summer Reading program is loaded with fun; from amazing programs with live animals, magic, lots of art projects, science experiments and great prizes too! Kids

up to age twelve can sign up for our Children's Summer Reading program; read great books and get raffle tickets for the chance to win fun prizes. Teens ages 12-18 can register for our Teen Summer Reading program online; read books and have the opportunity to win a gift card to Simple Coffee, Mendham Creamery, or a Manga book set. Adults can have fun too; attending programs and playing our Summer Reading Bingo game! Sign up at the library to get a wonderful library tote bag; read fabulous literature and play a fun Bingo game to get tickets for a chance to win gift cards to local shops around town! Join us for fun, terrific reading, and the chance to win great prizes!

Save the Date!

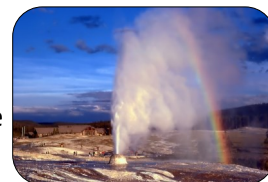
Please save the date for the Mendham Borough Library's Fundraiser - "A Gatsby Gathering: a Roaring 20's Soiree" where we will celebrate the rich period of American history that inspired F. Scott Fitzgerald's masterpiece, The Great Gatsby. The event will feature live jazz music, dancing, food, cocktails and a silent auction/tricky tray at a beautiful Mendham home. 100% of our event proceeds go to the Mendham Borough Library to fund new books, robust programming and technology to support all members of our community, including children and

July Adult Programs

Yellowstone National Park: Plumes, Hotspots, and the Super Volcano

July 26, 7 p.m.

Join us as Bruce Schundler, a former Park Ranger at Yellowstone National Park, will describe what is underneath the park, and how and why scientists are measuring and studying what's happening every day. He will also explain why visiting the park can be such an amazing and wonderful experience!



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, July 4 & 18,
1 p.m.*

All levels welcome!

Cribbage

Tuesday, July, 6:30 p.m.

All levels welcome!

Book Club is on hiatus for July and August.

seniors. Last year's event was sold out with over 150 attendees, so mark your calendars today!

Fletcher Gallery

This month the Fletcher Gallery is once again featuring the fabulous art of the Morris County Artists Network. The theme in July is "Earth."

The Library Will Be Closed On
Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4.

**Please register for all library programs
online at mendhamboroughlibrary.org
or call the library at 973-543-4152.**

Did You Know?

Our library has a **Never Ending Book Sale!** Now is the time to stop by to pick up some great books to take on vacation, to the beach, the pool or even just to have around your home. Hardcover books are for sale for \$1.00 each while paperbacks are only 50 cents. We currently have a great selection of books, DVD's, and audiobooks for adults and for kids too, with many popular titles. We accept donations of gently used and new books (please no text books). Please call before making your donation.

July Children's Programs

Toddler Sing-Along

Mondays, July 10, 17, 24, 31, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for some fun songs!

Babies and Books

Fridays, July 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a story, nursery rhymes and playtime.

Summer Family Bingo

Thursday, July 6, 6 p.m.

Join us for a fun game for the whole family, where everybody wins!

The Seeing Eye

Wednesday, July 12, 4 p.m.

Learn what it takes to train a seeing eye puppy and how these special pups help their owners.

Whale Sewing Workshop (Ages 7+)

*Thursday, July 13,
3–4:30 p.m.*

We'll have a Whale of a time as we keep building on our sewing skills to make our own whale stuffed animal.

Lego Club (Ages 5+)

Monday, July 17, 3 p.m.

We'll bring the Legos. You bring your imagination!

Candy Sushi (Ages 5+)

Wednesday, July 19, 4 p.m.

Create your own yummy candy sushi and practice your chopstick skills.



Eyes of the Wild at Brookside Community Club

Thursday, July 20, 4 & 4:45 p.m.

Meet some awesome creatures and see how animals from around the globe depend on the world we share.

Kids Sharpie Tie Dye Bags

Monday, July 24, 2 p.m.

Learn a fun new less messy way to tie dye as you decorate your own bag.

Touch A Truck

Wednesday, July 26, 1:30 p.m.

Come meet Mendham DPW workers and see some awesome construction vehicles!

Crafts-To-Go

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



Don't forget your Summer Reading Logs!

Each book you read gives you more chances to win!

Ages 11 and under runs through July 29. Ages 12-18 runs through August 16. Adult Bingo runs through August 31.

This Month's Kindle Books:

Check out a Kindle for two weeks and read current bestsellers—great new books are added each month!

Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt; *Zero Days* by Ruth Ware; *Identity* by Nora Roberts; *The Collector* by Daniel Silva (release date 7/18).

From the Historic Preservation Commission

Mendham Borough has an Historic District and is documented in the National Register of Historic Places. As such, those homes contribute in a very real way to the warm, welcoming atmosphere of our Borough. When the Borough was featured in the August 2013 edition of New Jersey Monthly, they complimented our town for having a "Main Street USA feeling," and the Historic District unquestionably contributes to that ambience.

Commitment to the upkeep and maintenance of your

home is a tribute to the spirit of Mendham and respect for our communal heritage.

In that spirit, in 2001, The Borough Council established the Historic Preservation

Commission (HPC) for the protection, enhancement, and preservation of properties with historic, cultural, and architectural value in Mendham Borough. If you are a homeowner of such property, you are responsible to notify Borough staff of any alterations that you are planning for your home that may impact its historic appearance. This includes any change to the exterior appearance by addition, alteration or replacement; and any new construction of a principal or accessory structure. Note that this does not apply to ordinary maintenance on structures and does not govern colors of structures to be painted.

The HPC is here to guide these owners with the design, construction, and material selection process. We have compiled a list of suggested materials and an application

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Borough Meetings in July 2023

Borough Holiday: Tuesday, July 4

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

Council: 7 p.m. Monday, July 24

ECOSST: 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 3

Historic Preservation Commission: 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 17

Joint Land Use Board: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 18

Board of Health: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 20

Recreation Committee: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 20

Concerts in the Park: Sundays July 9, 13, 27

Movie in the Park: Wednesday, July 19;
Thursday, July 27, 8:30 p.m.

Recycling: Thursdays July 6, 13, 20, 27

Curbside Bulk Pickup: Mondays July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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checklist to assist in this endeavor. We suggest that homeowners in the Historic District notify the Borough's Planning & Land Use Coordinator prior to the commencement of any work. The commission is available to offer any guidance they may need.

As physical and economic pressures become greater, it is more important than ever to the historic character of the Borough to protect the historic core of the community. This is especially true along Main Street from one side of the Borough to the other. Main Street is a major thoroughfare through town and provides a streetscape which defines Mendham Borough, not only to people passing through, but to residents as well. This is, in fact, the heart of the "historic village character."

Mendham Borough residents continued efforts to enhance and preserve the historic character of the district is to be lauded, and their neighbors in the Borough appreciate their commitment.

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