



THE MENDHAM MESSENGER



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The Borough of Mendham Community Newsletter

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Letter From the Mayor

Dear Mendham Borough Residents and Businesses,

I never like to say goodbye to summer, but with the warm autumns we have had recently I may not have to do so for many weeks to come! Hopefully this fine weather will continue all the way through to Mendham Fest! Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 7th—I will see you there!

Farewell to a Dedicated Public Servant

In June, long serving council member Brad Badal sold his Borough home and decided to head south for warmer weather. Brad has been dreaming of leaving our cold winters behind for a few years, so this did not come as a surprise. We are extremely grateful to him for his 14+ years of service to Mendham Borough and we know that he will find true happiness in not having to shovel his front walk anymore. Best of luck to you Councilman Badal!

What happens next? When a Council member leaves before their term expires there is a specific legal process that the State provides for Municipalities to follow. The Council member submits their letter of resignation to the Council, and at the next meeting the Council adopts a motion to accept that action. Whichever political party the outgoing member represents, the local committee of that party submits up to three candidates for Council to consider as a replacement. Once the candidates are presented to the Council, the members discuss the matter and take a vote on the candidate who will fill the remainder of that term. The winning candidate is then sworn in and welcomed as our newest Mendham Borough Council member.

Welcome New Council Member

I hope you will join me in welcoming our newest Council member, Dr. Marilyn Althoff. Marilyn has served our Mendham Borough community in some very important ways. If you have ever had the need to go to the Emergency Room in Morristown, chances are you may have been tended to by Dr. Althoff. She and her husband moved to Mendham Borough more than 30 years ago. At that time, she took a position as an Emergency Room Physician at the Morristown Memorial Hospital, now known as Morristown Medical Center. I met Marilyn when her husband Sam stepped up to be coach for the High School girls' fencing team in Mendham some years ago. I knew she would be a great volunteer for our Borough Board of Health the moment I met her. A spot on the Board came open around the same time the pandemic arrived. Although she was extraordinarily busy saving lives at the hospital, Dr. Althoff always made time to offer advice on best practices for Mendham Borough. Soon her peers on the Board voted her in as President.

Marilyn is a thoughtful, caring professional and we are very fortunate to have her on Council to finish out the term for the remainder of the year.

More Mendham History

The Council recently approved the formation of the Mendham Borough Mayor's Ad Hoc Historic Committee. This committee will serve to support our Town Historian, Bill Maurer, by hosting events, walking tours, and more. We will post a notice for the first meeting to be held in September. If you are interested in attending, make sure you are signed up for our email messages and Nixle. Craving some more Borough history? I know I am!

For my fellow history buffs, Morris County recently announced its latest installment to their Veterans Compendium project, "Morris County in the American Revolution." This is an interactive site with many historic details, photos, and geographic data on local soldiers and citizens. There are a few sites included in their interactive map for locations right here in our beautiful and historic Mendham. Take a look and learn more about Mendham's history at www.morriscountynj.gov/Morris-County-News/Morris-County-Launches-Interactive-Look-Inside-the-American-Revolution.

Lithium-Ion Battery Safety Information

As Mayor I receive information daily about all sorts of interesting topics. Sometimes we all get so comfortable in our day-to-day lives that we forget hidden dangers that could be lurking around every corner. A recent notice that I received from the NJ Department of Consumer Affairs contained information I think is worth sharing:

The public is using an increasing number of lithium-ion batteries in devices such as smartphones, laptops, e-cigarettes, e-bikes, cars and more, due to their ability to store a significant amount of energy in a small space. While they are safe to use and offer many benefits, if handled improperly they could explode and cause extreme fires. This dangerous situation increases when these batteries are damaged or improperly used, overcharged, or improperly stored. By following safety guidelines, you can mitigate the potential risks. For information on how to safely use and store lithium-ion batteries, please visit: www.nj.gov/dca/news/news/2023/approved/20230630c.shtml.

Thank you all for reading this month's Mendham Messenger. Stay safe Mendham Borough!

Sincerely yours,

Christine Serrano Glassner
Mayor

Get Your Tickets Today!



Gatsby Gathering, a Roaring '20s Soiree *Saturday, September 30, 7-10 p.m.*

Please join us for "A Gatsby Gathering: a Roaring '20s Soiree," a fundraiser to celebrate the rich period of American history that inspired F. Scott Fitzgerald's masterpiece, *The Great Gatsby*. The event will feature live jazz music, cocktails, dinner, dancing, a silent auction and a tricky tray at a beautiful Mendham home. 100% of proceeds go to the Mendham Borough Library to fund new books, robust programming and technology to support our community, including children and seniors. Tickets cost \$100 each, and are selling fast, so purchase yours today! For an even greater impact, contact the library for sponsorship opportunities.

Purchasing tickets is easy:

- ◆ Use this QR Code
- ◆ Go to our website:
www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org
- ◆ Come into the Library



September Adult Programs

College Admission Series: Part 1 - High School Seniors & Senior Parents

Wednesday, September 6, 7 p.m.

The college application process is in full swing for seniors! Join Breakaway Prep Mendham for this seminar about submitting applications, and tips on the essays and on the



common application. Enter the next few months equipped to manage the process successfully!

Exploring the Jersey Shore

Wednesday, September 13, 7 p.m.



The Jersey Shore has a great deal more to offer than soft sand, sun, and surf. Join us as expert Mario Medici travels from Sandy Hook to Cape May. Together we'll

explore an array of fascinating towns and history to go with them—lighthouses, beaches, forts, historic buildings, shipwrecks, and much more!

College Admission Series: Part 2 - 10th & 11th Grade Students and Parents

Wednesday, September 27, 7 p.m.

Join Breakaway Prep Mendham for this free information session to hear about the SAT and ACT, the anticipated changes in the SAT, and new developments in the world of college admissions. We'll talk about test-optional admissions, provide advice on the timeline for testing, and share insight on the admissions process.

Did You Know?

Outdoor Learning Patio

We are planning a beautiful outdoor learning space in the yard next to our library for all to enjoy. Soon we will host programs and plan events outside. Please excuse the mess and inconvenience during construction. There will be a couple of days when our parking lot will be closed. Please park on the street or in the municipal lot behind St. Mark's Church.



September Children's Programs

Toddler Sing-Along

***Mondays, September 11, 18, 25,
10:30 a.m.***

Join us for some fun songs!

Babies and Books

***Fridays, September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29,
10:30 a.m.***

Now meeting every week! Join us for a story, nursery rhyme or poem!



TAG (Teen Advisory Group)

Teen Game Night (Ages 12+)

Thursday, September 28, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Come chill out and play Cards Against Humanity (Family Edition) and other games with friends.

College Admission Series for Seniors

Wednesday, September 6, 7 p.m.

See page 2 for details

College Admission for 10th & 11th Graders

Wednesday, September 27, 7 p.m.

See page 2 for details

Leaf Rubbing Art (5+)

Tuesday, September 12, 4 p.m.

Make beautiful Fall art with us as we use leaves and crayons to create nature-inspired works of art!

Kids' Paint Pour (7+)

Wednesday, September 20, 4 p.m.

Join guest artist, Hallie Murray, as she teaches us a fun new way to create a one-of-a-kind painting.



Crafts-To-Go

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

Fall Art Contest

Come pick up your canvas panel and create a fall masterpiece using whatever materials you wish. Paint, draw, create, have fun! Panels will be displayed to be voted on and winners will be chosen by the public! **Categories:** Preschool (0-4), Younger Kids (5-8), Older Kids (9-11) Teens (12-18), and Adults (18+).

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

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, September 1 and 15,
1 p.m.***

All levels welcome!

*****NEW PROGRAM!*** Coloring Club**

Monday, September 18, 7 p.m.

Join us for a glass of wine and creative coloring with friends!

Cribbage

Tuesday, September 19, 6:30 p.m.

All levels welcome!

Book Club

Friday, September 22, 10 a.m.

Things Fall Apart
by Chinua Achebe

New Website

We are excited to tell you about Mendham Borough Library's **new website**! Please check it out at www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org to see the wealth of information it provides. The Library's full calendar of events is listed, with easy access to register for our programs. Our website contains the library catalog, access to downloadable content (Libby and Hoopla), connections to free services including Consumer Reports, Heritage Quest Genealogy, Mango Language Learning, PressReader Newspapers and Magazines, EBSCO research platforms, and so much more! Please enjoy!

The Library will be closed on Saturday, September 2 and Monday, September 4.

Kids' Summer Reading Winners!

Congratulations to all the winners of our Kids' Summer Reading Program for Under 11s!



Fletcher Gallery

September's Fletcher Gallery will feature local artist **Gregory Egan**. Gregory's images utilize pencil, ink, watercolor and digital media to capture subjects from vintage cars to beachscapes, employing intensive and

distinctive colors and a delicacy of line that create a unique emotional connection to each work. For more, visit macegan.com.



This Month's Kindle Books:

Check out a Kindle for two weeks and read current bestsellers—great new books are added each month! *None of This Is True* by Lisa Jewell; *23½ Lies* by James Patterson (9/12 release); *The Breakaway* by Jennifer Weiner; *American Prometheus: the Triumphant Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer* by Kai Bird (non-fiction).

Ink Cartridge Recycling

The Mendham Borough Library is now accepting used ink cartridges for recycling. Please donate yours in the box by our copier!



Coming Up

TAG: Dia de los Muertos Skull Painting (Teens)—Thursday, October 12, 5:30 p.m.

Amazing Raptors: Bob Bush Exceptional Program—October 18, 7 p.m.

Black Cat Sewing Workshop—Wednesday, October 25, 6:00 p.m.

Book Club: Child 44 by Tom Rob Smith—Friday, October 27, 10 a.m.



PARADE & CARNIVAL
Monday, September 4th 10:00am

2023 Grand Marshals

WWII Veterans
Pietro "Pete" Cillo and William Fleming

2023 Parade Theme

"Mendham Heroes"

Labor Day Concert

After the Parade ~ 11:00am
Borough Park "Andrew Fletcher" Gazebo

CARNABY STREET BAND

"Featuring Music of the British Invasion"



Mobile NJMVC Comes to Mendham

The NJMVC Mobile unit will be visiting Mendham Borough on Thursday, October 19th at the Bowers Building, 6 W. Main Street. Services offered will include:

- ◆ Real ID's
- ◆ License Renewals, change name or address, obtain a duplicate license; add a boat/motorcycle endorsement or veteran designation and non-driver IDs
- ◆ Car registration renewal or obtain a duplicate registration card
- ◆ Disabled Veteran, handicap, as well as purple hearts recipients' placards
- ◆ Surrender License plates

Details and sign-up information will be posted on mendhamnj.org.



2023
**Borough of Mendham
Shade Tree Commission
Annual Fall Foliage Photo Contest**

Everyone knows the Spring flowers of a Cherry Tree, but have you noticed Cherry Trees have a crisp yellow orange Fall Foliage? The unusual leaves of the Ginko Tree have the most beautiful clear bright yellow that persists for weeks. The Sugar Maples are famous for burnt orange and peach foliage. Dogwood, Oak, Locust, Elm and Beech trees make Autumn spectacular!

Send your Borough of Mendham Fall Foliage Photos in for your chance to win a tree, of your choice, to be planted in front of your home!

Be creative but remember the main subject should be trees.

Photos must be of a local Borough of Mendham location and labeled with name of the location and photographer's name.

Email Photos To: dpw@mendhamnj.org

Contest Ends: December 1, 2023.

Judges: Shade Tree Commission



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Mendham Borough School District Plans For The Future

By Dr. Mitzi N. Morillo, Superintendent of Schools

As we prepare for the opening of the 2023-24 school year, I recognize our entire school community's exceptional work and dedication that has led the district to achieve state and national recognition for academic growth and our character development programs. These accomplishments inspire us to continue building upon excellence.

The ongoing success of the Mendham Borough School District lies in its strategic planning and forward-thinking approach. As Superintendent of Schools, it is my pleasure, on behalf of the Mendham Borough Board of Education, to invite community members to participate in our Strategic Planning Advisory Committee.

Using a dynamic process guided by New Jersey School Boards Association, we will work together to develop the goals and objectives to move the district forward to meet future challenges with a positive mindset and determination.

You can provide input on future direction and the district's current strengths and needs as you see them. We will work together to create a shared vision for the district and identify the critical issues we will face by prioritizing, adapting, and learning.

We will work in small and large groups, and discussion will lead us to a consensus document that will identify our community's vision, strengths, and challenges for our district and develop goal areas focusing on the future of our schools.

The Board of Education will use this document to help shape future goals for the district as we move forward.

Join us by being a part of an exciting process! Work with your neighbors, friends, teachers, and administrators to create a shared vision for the future of the Mendham Borough School District.

If you would like to serve on the Strategic Planning Committee in an advisory capacity to develop our next Strategic Plan, please visit our website at mendhamboro.org for more information and details on meeting dates and location.



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Borough Events in September 2023

Borough Offices Closed Monday, September 4

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

Council: 7 p.m. Wednesday, September 13;

7 p.m. Monday, September 25

ECOSST: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 5

Historic Preservation Commission: 7:30 p.m.
Monday, September 18;

Joint Land Use Board: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday,
September 19

Board of Health: 6:30 p.m. Thursday,
September 21

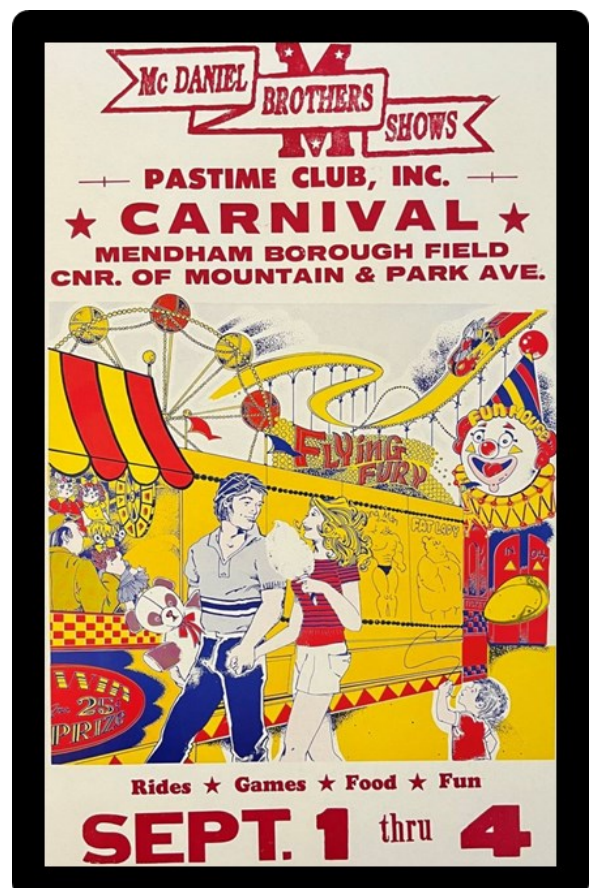
Recreation Committee: 7:30 p.m. Thursday,
September 21

Borough Schools Board of Education:

7 p.m. Tuesday, September 26, Hilltop Elementary
School Cafeteria

Recycling: Thursdays, September 7, 14, 21, 28

Curbside Bulk Pickup: Tuesday, September 5;
Mondays, September 11, 18, 25



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