



# THE MENDHAM MESSENGER



November 2023

The Borough of Mendham Community Newsletter

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## Letter From the Mayor

### **Dear Mendham Borough residents and business owners,**

It's November and the holidays are here! If you love woolly sweaters and everything pumpkin-spice-flavored, then this is the time of year for you. If you are tired of everything now being pumpkin-spice-flavored, December and peppermint are right around the corner!

Thanks to all who came out and enjoyed our Mendham Fest last month. The weather was a little chilly and windy, making it a "Welcome to Fall" day. I want to say a special thanks to our first time sponsors. Their contributions helped significantly by offsetting operational costs of the Fest and we hope to expand these sponsorships next year.

#### **Gold Sponsor:**

- ◆ Provident Bank, [www.provident.bank](http://www.provident.bank), providing banking, wealth management, and insurance services.

#### **Silver Sponsors:**

- ◆ Weichert Realty, [www.weichert.com](http://www.weichert.com), providing home selling and buying since 1969.
- ◆ Peapack Gladstone Bank, [www.pgbank.com](http://www.pgbank.com), dating back to 1921 and still providing full service banking and money management.
- ◆ Mendham Business Association, [www.mendhambusiness.com](http://www.mendhambusiness.com), serving the Mendham community for over two decades.

### **Who's Who in Mendham**

Who is the Mendham Business Association? This is a special Mendham business group comprised of Mendham Borough, Township, and even a few businesses from another town or two. It is a membership-based business that has been in operation for well over two decades. The group meets monthly, provides a supportive environment to local businesses, and plans for ways it can connect with our community and give back. Some of the contributions the MBA makes to our town include:

- ◆ Providing holiday banners for Main Street
- ◆ Sponsoring and setting up Christmas decorations and tree lighting at the gazebo
- ◆ Overseeing the Holly Trail activities on the first Saturday of December
- ◆ Spring sidewalk sale
- ◆ Mendham HS senior scholarship program
- ◆ Sponsorship of Mendham Fest!
- ◆ and many other supportive programs for our town and sports teams.

If you are a new or home-based business, the fee to join is minimal. Contact the President, Bob Diffin (Mendham Jewelers), at 973-543-7833.

### **Message from our Pastime Club**

***November 11: Veterans Day - All Military Veterans are invited to attend.***

To honor our military veterans, the Pastime Club is hosting our annual Veterans Day celebration on Friday November 10, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We invite all military veterans to come to the Pastime Club at 3 Hilltop Road in Mendham, NJ for food, drink, music and camaraderie at no cost to veterans. Come and bring your spouse or just yourself to the Pastime Club as we take this time to say thank you for your sacrifice and service to our country.

### **Local School News**

Parents will know this good news already, but for our residents and businesses who are not involved with our Mendham Borough Schools, last month Hilltop Elementary School achieved recognition as a 2023 Exemplary High Performing National Blue Ribbon School from the U.S Department of Education! Hilltop was one of nine schools selected in New Jersey, and one of only seven elementary schools. These schools are considered to be among New Jersey's highest performing schools. We should all take great pride in this achievement and thank our elementary school students and teachers for their hard work, parents for their support and partnership with the school, and our school Administration and Superintendent for their careful planning and investment in our students. Bravo and keep up the awesome work!

### **Holly Trail coming next month**

This annual event is coming the first Saturday of December. If you are a business or organization interested in participating in the Mendham Business Association's Holly Trail, send me an email and we will add you to the list to make sure you get all of the details – [cglassner@mendhamnj.org](mailto:cglassner@mendhamnj.org).

### **Land Use Schedule**

It has become unpredictable which of our large development projects will end up on our agenda at this time. Please sign up for our emails and Nixle to stay up to date. You can also look on our website and we will post updates before the meeting. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 21.

That's it for this month. Have a colorful fall!

Sincerely yours,

Christine Serrano Glassner, Mayor

## Thank You!

Thank you to the entire community for all of the support you have shown the library through donations, attending events, checking out materials and allowing us to be an important part of Mendham. We are honored to be a part of such a great town. Last month we had our Gatsby fundraiser, which was a wonderful success. The following businesses generously donated items to our event:

1776; 13 West Mane Salon; 23 South; 40 North; Alstede Farms; Amanti Vino; Angela London Hair Salon; Anne Marie Harrington; Annie's Playhouse; Aoyama; Beenie's Ice Cream; The Bee's Knees; Bernardsville Coffee Shop; Bloom Studio; The Bookworm; Breakaway Prep; Brioche Pasquier-Galaxy Desserts; Cafe Azzuro; Cambridge & Carlino; Celebrity Cigar Smoke; Chester Meat Market; Crayola Factory; Dante's; ESO Artisanal Pasta; F. Gerald New Jewelers; Fiddler's Elbow; Frank's Pizza; Fred Astaire Dance Studio; Gary's Wine & Marketplace; Grand Café; Glassworks Studio; Harvest Restaurant Group; Hyatt Regency Morristown; Jackie Hinshaw; Jane Ikeda; Jess Reilly Interior Design; Julie Maurer; Kings; Library Mom; The Lillie House; Lynn Eberenz; Maji Hair Design; Melissa Young; Mendham Car Wash; Mendham Creamery; Mendham Garden Center; Mendham Jewelers; Mendham Movement; Mendham One Nails; Mobile Physical Therapy; The Munley Family; NY Giants; NY Jets; Old Mill Inn; The Publick House; Sally Lunn's; Saltopia; Salvatore Minardi Salon; Sending Goodness; Serene Beauty Concept; Shakespeare Theatre; The Shinske Family; ShopRite; Simply Country; The Skirzenski Family; South & Pine; Stirling Tavern; Stretch Lab; Sunny Nails; Sweet Cheeks Apiary; Village Liquors; Whistling Elk; Wicker Basket; Windswept Boutique; The Wonder Room.

## 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**

*Friday, November 10, 1 p.m.*

All levels welcome!

### **\*\*\*NEW PROGRAM!\*\*\***

#### **Coloring Club**

*Monday, November 20, 6:30 p.m.*

Join us for a fun drink and creative coloring with friends!

#### **Cribbage**

*Tuesday, November 21, 6:30 p.m.*

All levels welcome!

#### **Book Club**

*Friday, November 17, 10 a.m.*

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## November Adult Programs

### **Pilgrims & The Mayflower**

*Thursday, November 2, 7 p.m.*



Historian Joel Farkas will discuss the Pilgrims, The Mayflower and many interesting details during that pivotal time in our country's history.

### **Paint & Sip: Fall Pumpkins**

*Wednesday, November 15, 6:30 p.m.*

Enjoy a glass of wine while you make your own fall pumpkin painting with step-by-step instructions from local artist Mou Saha. Wear paint-friendly clothing or use our aprons. \$10 fee to attend.



### **Postpartum Moms Chat**

*Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.*

Please join this great group of new moms and listen to

speakers talk about issues relating to your new baby.

11/7: Body & Soul Collective

11/14: Baby Newbie

11/21: Taylor Buonocore Guthrie

11/28: Car Seat Safety



## Fletcher Gallery

Visit the Fletcher Gallery in November to see the colorful artwork of local artist Mou Saha. Mou draws her inspiration from nature. She finds her stillness in her walking meditation and expresses the confluence of her spirituality and creativity through her paintings.

The Library will be closed on  
November 23, 24 and 25.

## Did You Know?

Our library has Kindles available to check out for two weeks. Each Kindle has over 30 new, bestselling titles pre-loaded and ready to read. Check one out and read as many books as you can. This month the following new books will be added: *Resurrection Walk* by Michael Connelly (rel. 11/7); *The Edge* by David Baldacci (rel. 11/14); and *Enough* by Cassidy Hutchinson (non-fiction).

## November Children's Programs

### **Toddler Sing-Along**

*Mondays, November 6, 13, 20, 27,  
10:30 a.m.*

Join us for some fun songs!

### **Babies and Books**

*Fridays, November 3, 10, 17,  
(closed Nov. 24), 10:30 a.m.*

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



### **Design Your Own Flag (5+)**

*Wednesday, November 1, 3:30 p.m.*

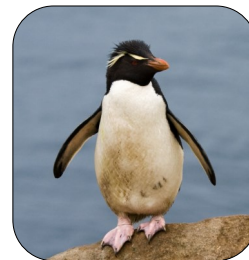
Draw, sticker and create your own flag to bring home.

### **Penguins are Coming!**

*Tuesday, November 7, 2:00 and  
2:45 p.m.*

*at Brookside Community Center*

Waddle into the world of penguin biology, geography, care, feeding, and conservation.



### **Playdough Playtime (All ages)**

*Tuesday, November 21, 3:30 p.m.*

Make your own playdough and play with us.

### **Sloth Painting (7+)**



*Wednesday, December 6,  
4-5:30 p.m.*

Come paint your own sloth with local artist Mou Saha! Aprons will be available.

### Coming Up

**Wreath Making with The Lillie House**—Wed, Nov. 29

**Charcuterie Board Design**—Wed, Dec. 6

**TAG: Street Art Painting (12+)**—Wed, Dec. 13



### TAG (Teen Advisory Group)

#### **Dessert Sushi**

*Thursday, November 16, 5:30 p.m.*

Make your own Sweet Sushi treat with us. A variety of fillings and "sauces" will be provided.

**Please register for all library programs  
online at  
[mendhamboroughlibrary.org](http://mendhamboroughlibrary.org)  
or call the library at 973-543-4152.**

## Mendham Seniors



**Garabrant Senior Center,  
4 Wilson St.**

**2nd & 4th Monday of Month,  
11:00 a.m.**

The Mendham Seniors offer programs such as Social Services Information, trips, and entertainment pertinent to senior citizens. They meet twice a month. Participants bring their own lunch and beverages and desserts are provided by the club. The group also takes day trips, transportation for which is sponsored by our local governments. All residents aged 55+ are welcome to join. Guests are warmly welcomed as well. Join us for lunch, guest speaker programs, exciting trips, and activities! Email [Mary.Cillo@CBMMoves.com](mailto:Mary.Cillo@CBMMoves.com).

### **Seniors Upcoming Meetings/Events**

#### **November 13**

Margie Matriciano, CEO of Peggnnet, will talk to seniors about their internet access and show everyone how to load NIXLE onto their computers.

#### **November 27**

County Clerk, Ann Grossi will talk about senior issues and ways the County can help seniors.

Members who need a Senior ID will be able to apply for them at the meeting.

#### **December 6**

##### **"A Playhouse Christmas"**

\$82 Per Person. Bus trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. Bus departs 10 a.m. and returns about 4 p.m. from the Mendham Shopping Center parking lot behind the Aoyama restaurant. **Tickets sell quickly due to limited space. Please send a \$10 deposit to hold your seat ASAP.** Make checks payable to Mendham Seniors and send to Mary Cillo, 47 Mountain Ave, Mendham, NJ 07945.

#### **December 11**

##### **Annual Holiday Luncheon**

**Redwoods Grill and Bar, 459 Main St, Chester, NJ 07930**

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### Borough Events in November 2023

#### **Borough Offices Closed November 23 and 24**

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

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

**ECOSST:** 7:30 p.m. Monday, November 6

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

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

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

**Recreation Committee:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday,  
November 16

#### **Borough Schools Board of Education:**

7 p.m. Tuesday, November 13, Hilltop Elementary  
School Cafeteria

**Recycling:** Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16, 30

**Curbside Bulk Pickup:** Mondays, November 6, 13,  
20, 27

### Chester Mendham Food Pantry

Did you know that the Mendhams and Chesters share a food pantry that helps over 60 local families? We depend solely on donations of non-perishable food, paper and hygiene products. Collection sites and up-to-date activities can be found on our Facebook page, Chester/Mendham Food Pantry, or at our website: [www.chestermendhamfp.com](http://www.chestermendhamfp.com).

We always have a list of most needed items and at this time it includes: Paper Towels, Shampoo, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Syrup, Rice Side Dishes, Chili, Snacks and Dish Detergent. Items may be dropped off in the back entrance at Mendham Borough Library.

Thank you for your continued support!

*Chester Mendham Food Pantry*



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