

The Mendham Messenger

November 2017

Mayor's Update

Dear Resident and Business Owner,

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Councilwoman Christine Glassner as the Chairperson of the newly formed Mayoral Ad Hoc Committee on Economic Development. Chris has an extensive background in small business development and has offered her expertise to help identify economic growth in the entire community. One of the first things which Chris and her committee will be assessing is our land use fee schedule to make sure that our fees are competitive, both for prospective business owners as well as residents who are looking to upgrade their existing homes and property.

You may have noticed the smattering of signs which have popped up, primarily in the area of East Main Street in the area of the former Mariques Restaurant which convey an opposition to the potential placement of a new Dunkin' Donuts on this property. The owner had filed an application to be heard before the Board of Adjustment as he was seeking a land use variance that would be required to incorporate a drive-in window within the building. He has since decided to withdraw that application and from what I have been told, he plans to drop the drive-in window concept and resubmit his application as a site plan review which will require a hearing before the Planning Board.

I wanted to inform all of you that the Mayor and Council members have been advised by legal counsel to refrain from commenting one way or the other on any land use application, the Dunkin' Donuts application being no exception. Simply put, we cannot offer up an opinion if asked what our feeling is about a possible Dunkin' Donut in Mendham Borough.

Why? Both the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment are autonomous quasi-judicial entities which assess each land use application which gets assigned to them. If an elected official offers an opinion on any land use application before it is heard or acted on, he or she runs the risk of placing the Borough in serious legal jeopardy. Approval or

disapproval of an application can be challenged in court as an appeal, so it is extremely important the Mayor and Council Members remain neutral so as not to be accused during a potential appeal process of having undue influence over the outcome of the application which of course could lead to a significant amount of money being spent on legal bills.

I am very confident the volunteer members of both of our land use boards are able to objectively hear all land use applications which come before them while stripping away all of the emotion that an application may generate. It is also important that all our applicants receive a fair, objective and public hearing on their applications.

In other news, initial screenings and interviews have been completed as we move to identify our new Borough Administrator. Several quality candidates have been identified and the goal is to have a finalist identified later in November so that a compensation package can be negotiated and finalized. Ideally, I expect the new administrator to be in place by January 1, 2018.

Police Officer in Charge John Camoia continues to work with Mendham Township Chief of Police Ross Johnson to identify shared services with the neighboring Police Department in Mendham Township. The two police departments have successfully participated together in a Welcome Back to School program, have drilled in an active shooter drill at Mendham High School and are now talking about working together to sponsor a Toys for Tots program for this upcoming holiday season. Work has begun between the two officers to produce a more detailed mutual aid agreement that can be memorialized for future use.

The Mayor and Council remain committed to serving you. If you have anything you want to discuss with us, please contact us through Borough Clerk Margot Kaye at the Phoenix House.

Sincerely,

Mayor Neil Henry



Mendham Borough
LIBRARY

News from the Mendham Borough Library

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

Upcoming Adult Programs in November

America's Funniest Grandma

Tuesday, November 14th at 2:00 pm

Please come join Marion Oxenhorn, the LaffLady, for an entertaining afternoon of stand-up comedy. Find out how a grandmother from Morris Plains changed her life and career several years ago with an act that blends topical humor with wry observations about domestic life. Space is limited and registration is required. Please call the library to sign up today.

Decorating 101

Thursday, November 30th at 6:30 pm

Please come join Mendham Borough resident Jessica Reilly of Jessica Reilly Interior Design, LLC as she helps educate us about the design world. Decorating can be intimidating and overwhelming. Jessica will help put you at ease and give easy strategies to use moving forward. Space is limited and registration is required. Please call the library to sign up today.

Save the Date: Adult Programs coming to the library in December

Friday, December 8th at 1 pm - Elder Investment Fraud
Tuesday December 12th at 1 pm - Holiday Celtic Harp

New Members Needed

The Friends of the Library is currently looking for new members interested in helping to make Mendham Borough Library an even better place. They are a long standing group of community members, of all ages, who donate their time to help the Library achieve its goals - from raising vital funds to helping maintain the Library's facilities and services, or simply by building awareness within the community of what our wonderful Library has to offer. If you would like to know more about the Friends of the Library and how to get involved, check out their link at <http://www.mendhamboroughlibrary.org/>. Whatever your talent or skill, the library could use your support!



For Kids in November

Programs are for all ages unless otherwise noted. Space is limited and sign ups are a must.

Toddler Sing Along—Birth to age 5

Mondays @ 10:30 am

Join Mr. Ryan and friends for singing, dancing and games. There will be a bonus craft which encourages children to learn and discover.

Crafternoon

Wednesdays @ 3:30 pm

A program which encourages creative expression.



Youth Advisory Board

Thursday, November 2nd @ 3:30 pm

Have fun programs that you want to help plan for the library? Join Mr. Ryan for pizza and planning of future library programs! Open to all ages.

Read to a Dog

Thursday, November 9th @ 12 pm

Learn to read with your furry friends at the library. Therapy dogs are trained to help promote early literacy.



Afternoon Movies

Saturday, November 11th @ 12 pm

Join the staff of the library as they show *Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie* rated PG. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Parents please plan to stay with your children.



Junior Drama Club

Thursday, November 16th @ 3:30 pm

Help us put on a little Mendham Borough Library theatrical production. Feel what it's like to be on stage!

Zoo Jersey Wildlife Spectacular

Friday, November 17th @ 3:30 pm

Join Zoologist Danny Mendez for this fun-filled wildlife program. He's even wilder than the animals! Meet and learn about his variety of animal friends in this amazing, adventurous program you won't soon forget.

New Books & DVDs

Fiction

A Casualty of War Todd, Charles
An Echo of Murder Perry, Anne
Campus Confidential Berlinerblau, Jacques
Don't Let Go Coben, Harlan
Enigma Coulter, Catherine
Ghost on the Case Hart, Carolyn
Haunted Patterson, James
Holly and Ivy Michaels, Fern
House. Tree. Person. McPherson, Catriona
Keep Her Safe Hannah, Sophie
Less Greer, Andrew Sean
Love and Other Consolation Prizes Ford, Jamie
Merry and Bright Macomber, Debbie
Mrs. Fletcher Perrotta, Tom
My Absolute Darling Tallent, Gabriel
Origin Brown, Dan
Sleep Like a Baby Harris, Charlaire
Sleeping Beauties King, Stephen
That Last Weekend Disilverio, Laura
The Blind Brady, A. F.
The Cuban Affair DeMille, Nelson
The Duchess Deal Dare, Tessa
The Girl Who Takes an Eye for an Eye Lagercrantz, David
The Girl With Seven Names Lee, Hyeonseo

The Romanov Ransom
The Scarred Woman
The Stolen Marriage
The Witches' Tree
To Be Where You Are
Turkey Trot Murder
Winter Solstice

Cussler, Clive
 Adler-Olsen, Jussi
 Chamberlain, Diane
 Beaton, M. C.
 Karon, Jan
 Meier, Leslie
 Hilderbrand, Elin

Non-Fiction

Fan Fare McMillan, Kate
Pacific Northwest Foder's Travel
Keep This Toss That Novak, Jamie
Make Your Bed McRaven, William H.
Missing Persons Brandman, Michael
The Clean Eating Slow Cooker Larsen, Linda
Unbelievable Tur, Katy
What Happened Clinton, Hillary Rodham

DVD's

Captain Underpants: The First Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2
Spiderman Homecoming
The Dinner
The Mummy
Transformers: The Last Knight
Wonder Woman



Thanksgiving Weekend Hours

Wednesday, November 22nd 10 am – 2 pm
 Thursday & Friday November 23rd & 24th Closed
 Saturday, November 25th 10 am – 2 pm

Annual Hilltop Christmas Concert - December 3rd

The Hilltop Presbyterian Church will present its Annual Christmas Concert on Sunday afternoon, December 3, 2017 at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary. The concert will feature an assortment of choral pieces and carols for the Christmas season. The music will be accompanied by full orchestra – plus the handbell choir, along with the sanctuary organ. The concert will



Sounds of the Season

also feature a 90 voice choir, comprised of the combined vocal forces of the Hilltop Sanctuary Choir and the Jefferson Township High School Chamber Choir. The concert will be conducted by James Wynne, Director of Music Ministries.

Tickets will be on sale for this event beginning in November. Adult tickets cost \$15, and student tickets are \$10. This concert has been a full house in the past, so don't delay! Tickets will be sold at the church office in Hilltop House, 14 Hilltop Rd. For more information about the concert, please call 973-543-4012.

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Borough Calendar for November 2017

Curbside Bulk Pickup - Mondays, November 6, 13, 20 & 27

Recycle - Thursday, November 9

Borough Council Meetings - at the Garabrant Center, 8 pm on Thursday, November 2 & 16

Board of Adjustment - at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Thursday, November 9

Board of Health - at the Bowers Building, 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 1

Environmental Commission - at the Phoenix House, 7:30 pm on Thursday, November 16

Historic Preservation Commission - at the Phoenix House, 7:30 pm on Monday, November 20

Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting - at the Phoenix House, 7:00 pm on Thursday, November 9

Planning Board Meeting - at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Monday, November 13

Recreation Meeting - at the Phoenix House, 7:30 pm on Wednesday, November 8



Brookside Community Club Holiday Boutique

The 19th annual Brookside Community Club Holiday Boutique will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 9am until 3:30 pm at the Brookside Community Club in Mendham Twp., on Main St. across from the Brookside Post Office. Free admission. It will feature clothes to fit the American Girl Dolls, photos on cards, jewelry, Mendham Township blankets, hats, chocolate, bookmarks, journals, paper goods & gifts, board games, scarves, handcrafted organic soaps, baby items, snowmen, knit and crochet items, Thirty -One Gifts, hand painted silk scarves, small watercolors, silk jackets, tapestry bags, pashmina/cashmere scarves, gift baskets, pottery and much more.

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