

The Mendham Messenger



August 2024

The Borough of Mendham Community Newsletter

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Letter From the Mayor

Dear Mendham Borough residents and business owners,

I hope you had a chance to attend one of our outstanding concerts in July. If you missed your chance, calm your senses with Yoga in the Park. We have free yoga taught by volunteer, local yoga experts. Bring your matt, beach towel or blanket and join the fun on August 2nd, 9th and 16th at 6:30 p.m. You can register through our website.

Parade Grand Marshall

Every year, recommendations for Grand Marshall come from various sources including our Recreation Committee and Council Members. Council then discusses all the suggestions and votes on the person or group they feel best represents the town that year. This year I am proud to share that our Parade Grand Marshall for the Labor Day Parade on Monday, September 2 will be **Father Mike Drury**, who is celebrating his 50th anniversary in the priesthood.

Born in Orange, NJ, one of 5 children, he spent his growing years in Bloomfield, West Caldwell, and finally where his family settled, in Parsippany. It was just after High School when their family priest from St. Peter's in Parsippany and Bishop Michael Casey saw something in young Michael and helped him look into attending seminary. Mike Drury went on to study in 1964, first at St. Mary's College Seminary in Kentucky then at St. Mary University Seminary in Baltimore, becoming ordained in 1974.

Fr. Mike began his relationship with Mendham when he became a priest here at St Joesph Church in 1984. A couple of short years later he was asked to serve as our Police Department Chaplain by then Chief Cillo. Since that time, he has served as Chaplain for Police, Fire, and First Aid for the Mendhams and other towns, as well as local Secret Service and many other organizations.

Four years ago, Father Mike retired, but he has kept active, continuing with his Chaplain duties, providing service in a number of towns, and starring every Sunday morning on YouTube, celebrating Mass. Fr. Mike tells me he is humbled to be our Grand Marshall and has been privileged to serve the Mendham that he loves! Make sure you give Fr. Mike a shout out from the parade sidelines.

Who's Who in Mendham

In July we announced the swearing in of our newest Councilmember. Matthew Bruin has been a consequential member of our community since childhood. Both sets of Matthew's grandparents came to Mendham in the 1970's, and both Matt's parents attended our Mendham schools and brought Matt and his brothers up here. Matt went on to receive his BA in Journalism, with a Minor in Political Science, and his Master's in Public Relations from Quinnipiac University. He then followed his brothers into the family landscaping business, and is now a full-time manager with a focus on expanding the services they provide.

Matt also uses his education and skills to work on social media and political campaigns. His dedication to our community was born from watching his grandfather volunteer for the Mendham Borough Fire Department. Matt joined the Fire Department in 2015, completing over 200 hours of training and serving the community alongside his father and brothers. He has shown through his actions his love of our community and dedication to serving our residents and is happy to call Mendham Borough his "forever" home.

If you have thought about volunteering for our Fire Department, please seek Matt out at our Council meetings and he will be happy to help direct you. There are opportunities for people of all skills and time allotments to volunteer with the Department, and we always need new help.

Police Department Future Leadership

We said our final thank yous and farewells to Chief Camoia in the end of July, and are well under way reviewing and determining the future for our Mendham Police Department. Our Council Public Safety Committee is looking at all our internal and statutory requirements to make sure that we have continuity with our operations. As the process progresses, we will keep you informed.

That concludes our August Messenger. We will see you next month in time for the carnival and parade! Enjoy the summer.

Sincerely yours, Christine Serrano Glassner Mayor



News from Mendham Borough Library

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You Are Invited!



Please join us on Saturday,
September 28 from 7:00-10:00 p.m.
for our Fall Fundraiser, "Boots, Books,
and Bling," a fun night out supporting
the Mendham Borough Library. This

event is sure to be a hit with a live band, dancing, delicious food, drinks, and amazing auction items. The band will play country and rock hits for all to enjoy. All proceeds will support the many library programs and services provided to our community for people of all ages. We hope you will attend to support our library and have a terrific night out with friends and

neighbors. If you or your company is interested in sponsoring our fall fundraiser please reach out to Director, Trish Hall for sponsorship levels and details. Get tickets today using the QR code here, or go to the library to purchase them.



Tremendous Thanks

Tremendous thanks to Tricia Munley who will retire from our Board of Trustees after serving for 18 years. Tricia will step down as President of the Board of Trustees as she is moving out of Mendham to enjoy retirement with her husband. We are grateful to Tricia for her incredible dedication, commitment,

and years of hard work for the library and our community. Tricia leaves us with a long list of accomplishments at the library, the most recent being the planning and completion of the Outdoor Learning Center. We wish Tricia the very best as she begins a new chapter. Rosie D'Urso will take over the role of President; Rebecca Braun, Vice President; Jackie Hinshaw, Treasurer; and Liza Russo, Secretary.



August Adult Programs

Goal Setting Workshop with Eileen Wednesday, August 28, 7:00 p.m.

Join local Mendham resident and Life Coach, Eileen Lupo,



as she leads us through a handson workshop on setting goals, establishing new healthy habits, and prioritizing focus for fall! Walk away with excitement for "S.M.A.R.T." goal setting and set yourself up to be your best self!

Mendham Borough Library will be closed on

Saturday, August 31 and Monday, September 2.

Fletcher Gallery

The Fletcher Art Gallery will highlight a Light & Shadows drawings exhibit. Four local artists—Tricia Goginsky, Mary Kamphausen Shadbolt, Kimberly Maniscalco and Joseph Maniscalco—will be exclusively presenting artwork featuring lines and shadows. Come enjoy the beauty of their unique and impressive drawings!

Monthly Programs

Yoga via Zoom

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.

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

Social Bridge

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.
For experienced players.

Canasta

*Thursdays, 10 a.m.*For experienced players.

In Stitches

Fridays, August 9 & 23, 1 p.m.
All levels welcome!

Coloring Club

Monday, August 19, 6:30 p.m.

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

Book Club

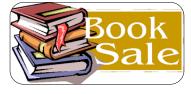
is on hiatus for July and August.

Did You Know?

We are having a **Book Sale** on **August 23rd and 24th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**!

We have a tremendous selection of fantastic titles for children and adults ready to

go for the big sale, with hundreds of picture books, chapter books, bestsellers, and



many non-fiction titles too! Please stop by to get a great deal and some new books! Huge thanks to everyone for your donations and to the Friends of the Library for their help with the sale!

August Children's Programs

Toddler Sing-Along

Mondays, August 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:30 a.m.

Sing some fun songs with us!

Babies and Books

Fridays, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a story, nursery rhyme, poems, and playtime!

Pokémon Card Trading

Thursday, August 1, 4:00 p.m.



Searching for that one card? Have duplicates you want to trade? Come ready to trade with your friends and neighbors.

Lego Club (5+)

Wednesday, August 14, 4:00 p.m.

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

Don't Forget your Summer Reading Logs!

Each book you read gives you more chances to win! Ages 11 and under runs through August 3. Ages 12-18 runs through August 25. Adult Reading runs through August 30. And keep sending us your Adventure Buddy photographs!

Coming Up

"Books, Boots and Bling" Fall Fundraiser— Saturday, September 28, 7:00-10:00 p.m. Paint 'n' Sip—Thursday, September 26, 6:00 p.m. Read to a Dog—Tuesday, September 10, 3:30 p.m. Teen Rock Painting (12+)—

Thursday, September 26, 6 p.m.



What Happens at a Public Hearing?



The purpose of a public hearing is to give everyone an opportunity to ask questions, express their views, and, if they wish, to offer evidence to support their views.

An agenda is posted for each

meeting on the Borough's website www.mendhamnj.org) at Meetings Dates → Agendas → Minutes - Mendham Borough. Please check the website prior to attending the meeting as agendas do change.

Public hearings often take more than one meeting to finish. If that happens, the public hearing will also be included on the agenda for a later meeting.

The chairperson of the Board calls each meeting to order and introduces each new matter on the agenda. The chairperson is in charge of running the meeting. He or she has the authority to take any measures necessary to control the meeting, including removing disruptive people. Board members and others speak only when recognized by the chairperson.

For more information on meeting processes please visit our website www.mendhamnj.org.

Get Ready for Mendham Fest!

Mark your calendars! Mendham Fest! will be held Saturday, October 5th from noon - 5:00 p.m. at our Boro Park.

Are you a home-based business in Mendham Borough who would like to show off your goods and services? We invite you to showcase your product or service at our Mendham Market Place area on event day! For more information please email aegerter@mendhamnj.org and Aubrey will send you the sign up form or answer any questions you may have.



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Borough Events in August, 2024

Drive-In Movie in the Park: "Minions: The Rise

of Gru"—Thursday, August 1, 8:20 p.m. Borough Meetings: held at the Garabrant

<u>Center</u> unless otherwise indicated. <u>Council:</u> 7 p.m. Monday, August 26 <u>ECOSST:</u> 7:30 p.m. Monday, August 5 <u>Board of Health:</u> 6:30 p.m. Thursday,

August 15

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

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Historic Preservation Commission: 7:30 p.m.

Monday, August 19

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

August 20

Recycling: Thursdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 **Curbside Bulk Pickup:** Mondays, August 5, 12,

19, 26



<u>Labor Day Parade</u>

Monday, September 2, 10:00 a.m.

Concert in the Gazebo

After the Parade

<u>Fireworks</u>

Sponsored by the Pastime Club Between 9:30 and 10:00 p.m.

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