



Mendham Matters

Monthly Events & News

December 2018

We hope you find this newsletter helps you keep track of the many events and news happening all across our community.

Please send feedback, suggestions, or submit an announcement or event you would like to have included in the next issue to MendhamMatters@mendhamtownship.org.

Township Committee Announcements

- **2019 Budget** - The first Finance Sub-Committee public meeting was held on Nov. 27 and is now available for viewing on [Mendham TV](#). Residents also can [read the budget presentation](#). Meetings continue on Dec. 7 and Dec. 8 with presentations by department heads and volunteer organizations that receive support from the town.

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Pitney Park Proposal - Also, on Nov. 27, the Pitney Farm Seven Acres Task Force presented a draft proposal to create a new park on this town-owned parcel of open space. [Watch the presentation on Mendham TV](#); it begins about 12 minutes into the meeting. [Residents can view the draft plan online](#). There will be additional opportunities for public input.

Local Government Meetings

All meetings are held at the Municipal Building, 2 West Main St.

- **Township Committee meetings:** Dec. 5 at 4:30 p.m.; Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. (workshop session); Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m. (regular meeting) & Dec. 20 at 6 p.m. (regular meeting)
- **Board & Committee meetings**
 - **Historic Preservation Committee:** Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m.
 - **Township Committee's Finance Sub-Committee:** Dec. 7 at 5:30 p.m. & Dec. 8 at 9 a.m.
 - **Environmental Commission:** Dec. 17 at 7 p.m.
- **View and download agendas.**

Department Announcements



- **Mendham Township Recreation is Hiring!** - Ski/Snowboarder Club supervisors are needed to help run this popular program on Sundays only, from Jan. 6 to Feb. 10, from 6:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Supervisors manage the Club's participants, from check-in at the bus until everyone is picked up at the end of the day. Supervisors do not have to be skiers or snowboarders. They stay in the lodge, while children are having fun up on the mountain. Apply by sending a letter of interest and resume to Recreation Director Steve Eisenstein at seisenstein@mendhamtownship.org.

Police Updates

- **Important Speed Limit Changes** - On Cold Hill Road, the speed limit has changed to 35 MPH for the entire length, from Woodland Road to Route 24. Hardscrabble Road also has changed to 35 MPH from 40 MPH in the Mendhams.
- **Holiday Toy Collection** - The Police Department is collecting Toys 4 Tots. Please drop off new, unwrapped toys in the lobby during regular business hours for this great cause!
- **Home Security** - The holiday season is, unfortunately, also an increased time for property crimes. Please keep your home secured, and utilize properly working alarm systems. Most importantly, if you see something suspicious, please call the police immediately, day or night!
- **Car Protection Tips** - Please keep vehicles locked at all times. Do not keep keys or fobs in your vehicles when parked on the street or in a driveway, and do not keep anything of value in your vehicles when unoccupied.
- **Going Away for the Holidays?** - You can register your house with the [Mendham Township Police Department](#). They will conduct regular property checks, while you are gone. Please stop by Police Headquarters, at 3 Cherry Lane, Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., or call 973-543-2581 and press "0."

Activities for Kids

- **Santa is Coming to Town!** - Santa Claus is visiting Brookside Engine Company No. 1 on Dec. 2, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. All children are invited to see Santa!
- **Celebrate Chanukah on the Green** - Come together with friends and neighbors and town officials to light the Menorah, followed by entertainment and light refreshments. The ceremony takes place on Dec. 3, at 5:30 p.m., on the Morristown Green.
- **Gingerbread House Decorating** - Children of all ages are welcome to create a holiday masterpiece on Dec. 13, from 4 pm. - 5 p.m. at the Brookside Community Club. All supplies are provided; just bring your ideas! [Pre-registration is required.](#) This program is sponsored by the Mendham Township Library.
- **Fashion First Workshop** - Girls and boys with a passion for fashion will learn to design and create clothing! Everything from the first sketches to selecting fabrics, pinning, sewing and a final fitting. All supplies and fabrics are included with the \$200 fee. Classes begin on Jan. 7 and run for consecutive Mondays, from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m., ending on March 11. Recommended for children in third grade through eighth. Sponsored by the Mendham Township Recreation Department. [Register on Community Pass.](#)

Fund-raisers & Events

- **Clear the Shelter** - The [Randolph Regional Animal Shelter](#) is waiving all adoption fees in the hopes that animal will find a happy home this holiday season. This special “Clear the Shelter” day is on Dec. 1, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the shelter, located at 97 Ironia Road, Mendham.
- **Victoria’s Baskets & the Unstoppable Girls’ Holiday Sale & Bake Sale** - Stop by the Brookside Community Club for holiday shopping, and help restore this iconic, community treasure! On Sunday, Dec. 2, from 2 p.m. – 7 p.m., this fund-raising event will donate 20% of all sales toward the [Unstoppable Girl’s campaign](#). The event features: gift baskets, sterling silver, Karine Sultan jewelry, handcrafted- and fashion jewelry, Nahui Ollin candy-wrapper bags, Big Buddha, candles, scarves, handbags, wallets, soaps, lotions and more! All items are cash or check only.
- **Light Up the Night!** - The [West Morris Juniors Woman’s Club](#) is sponsoring a luminaria fundraiser for the iCare Organization, which helps purchase gifts for local families in need during the holiday season. Residents can purchase luminary kits — small white paper bags with candles — to be placed along front yards, curbs or driveways. Each kit costs \$10 and includes 10 luminaries. It will be hand delivered to residents’ doorsteps by Dec. 14. Residents are asked to light their luminaries on

Christmas Eve at 5 p.m. The lighted luminaries will create a ribbon of light symbolizing neighborhood unity. [Please e-mail the Juniors with any questions.](#) Please place [orders online by Dec. 10.](#)

- **Mendham Township Library Launches Cornerstone Campaign** - Several levels of recognition are available, from room sponsorship to donor plaques and bookplate inscriptions. The library is an association library, receiving some funding from the Mendham Township Committee but not enough to operate the library. [Please consider making a donation online.](#)
- **Schiff Preserve Annual Appeal** - When making year-end gifts, consider making a tax-deductible donation to join the Schiff Nature Preserve. Members enjoy many privileges, while supporting the vital work of the Schiff Natural Lands Trust, Inc. Schiff relies on memberships and donations to conduct environmental education and stewardship programs. In addition to feeling good about supporting the environment, members get early registration for the children's Summer Nature Program and annual Environmental Film Festival, plus discounted or free entry to various programs and events. [Join today!](#)

Cultural & Historical Happenings

- **Harmony Brookside** - The community is invited for a [gallery reception](#) showcasing the work of local artist Katie Angell on Dec. 7, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. This exhibit features her Warhol-inspired, witty graphic designs.
- **Momentous International Changes** - On Thursday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m., join Doug Simon, PhD, for a discussion about recent changes in the international system, including China, Eurasia, Russia, and the erosion of the United Nations systems.

Health & Wellness

- **Singing Bowl Meditation Session** - Spend your Saturday evening relaxing at the Schiff Nature Center (339 Pleasant Valley Drive), as part of a Singing Bowl Meditation

session. On Dec. 1, from 7 p.m. - 8:15 p.m., restore and energize your emotional, spiritual, and physical bodies. Bring a yoga mat, two pillows and a blanket, so you can relax and enjoy the soothing sound of the singing bowls comfortably. [Register online.](#)

Nature & Outdoor Activities

- **Fitness Hike** - On Dec. 2, from 8 a.m. - 10 a.m., take a guided, brisk 5-mile hike over varied terrain at Schiff Nature Preserve. Meet at the McVickers Brook parking lot, 239 Pleasant Valley Road. This hike is free to Schiff members; non-members pay \$10. Walk-ins are welcome. Vaccinated dogs on a leash are welcome, too. [Register online.](#)
 - **Volunteer Day at Schiff** - Join staff and Board members for a day of land stewardship activities on the preserve on Dec. 8, from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Meet at the Nature Center, at 339 Pleasant Valley Drive. Depending on the season, work may include clearing brush and vines from trails; removing invasive species; restoring fences and bridges or raking out the Native Garden. Volunteers should dress in weather-appropriate attire; wear hard-toed shoes, and bring a beverage and snack. Walk-ins welcome! Any children 16 and under must be accompanied by a parent. [Register online.](#)
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School Sports Calendars

- [Mendham Township Middle School Athletics](#)
- [West Morris Mendham High School Athletics](#)

More News Sources

For more town information, please visit the [Mendham Township Website](#).

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