



Mendham Matters

Monthly Events & News

April 2019

We hope you find this newsletter helps you keep track of events and news updates. **Please send your feedback, suggestions, or submit an item for the next issue.**

Find previous issues online.

Township Committee Announcements

Municipal Budget Hearing & Adoption - The public hearing for the 2019 municipal budget will take place on Tuesday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. **You can read a budget overview and other documents pertaining to the budget online.**

Township Announcements

Pet Licenses are Past Due! - All dogs and cats must be licensed in accordance with New Jersey state law. Licenses should be obtained from the Health Department prior to Jan. 31 each year. If you have not yet mailed in your pet license, please add a \$5 late fee. **Download the application.**

Volunteer Needed for Board of Health Vacancy - The Board of Health meets the last Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The focus at the meetings is primarily on septic systems or plan reviews for wells. **Interested residents can apply online.**

Primary Voter Information - The last day to register to vote in the June 4 Primary Election is May 14. Voter registration applications are available at any Municipal Clerk's Office or other public agencies. You can also download the application from the **Morris County Board of Election Website.**

Local Government Meetings

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

- **Township Committee meetings:** April 8 at 7:30 p.m.; April 23 at 7:30 p.m.
 - **Board & Committee meetings**
 - **Environmental Commission** - April 15 at 7 p.m.
 - **Board of Health** - April 29 at 7:30 p.m.
 - **Historic Preservation Committee** - April 3 at 6:30 p.m.
 - **Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee** - April 10 at 7:30 p.m.
 - **Planning Board** - April 17 at 7:30 p.m.
 - **View and download agendas.**
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Activities for Families & Kids

Ralston Playground Grand Opening! - On Sunday, April 28, the community is invited to celebrate the Grand Opening of the Ralston Playground, from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. There will be food trucks, entertainment, children's activities, special guests and lots of fun!

Get Ready for the 11th Annual Patriots' Race - The Patriots 5K Race & Kids' Fun Run will be held on Saturday, June 15. **Registration is open!** Everyone is encouraged to sign up online. Sponsorships are also sought to support local recreation and college scholarships for Mendham High School graduating seniors. **Send an e-mail to Interim Recreation Director David Guida for more information on becoming a sponsor.**



Tinkergarten Classes - Still curious to try out Tinkergarten's outdoor classes for children? Sign up for a free trial on Sunday, May 19, at 11 a.m., at the Brookside Community Club fields. Children will engage in imaginative play in nature and make stone soup for our neighbors and nature friends! [Sign up today.](#)

Easter Egg Hunt - The Brookside Community Club is hosting its annual egg hunt with candy and prize eggs on Saturday, April 20, at 10:30 a.m. sharp. Children should bring their own basket. Meet the Easter Bunny, and enjoy refreshments afterward! The event is rain or shine.



Moms, grandmas, and aunts have the opportunity to escort their daughter, niece or granddaughter to an evening of dinner, dancing and fun!

Girls can be escorted by any relative or female family friend over the age of 21.

Mendham Township Presents...

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

Friday, May 3, 2019
6:30-9:30 PM
Basking Ridge Country Club
For girls Grades K-5
\$60 per person
\$50 before March 31

DJ Music, Games, Buffet Dinner, Desserts, Drinks, Keepsake Photos, Giveaways, Prizes & More!

**Registration Deadline:
Friday, April 19, 2019**

Register Online at mendhamtownship.org. Under Departments, select "Recreation". Then, click the orange "Register Now" tab to bring you to Community Pass.

Questions? 973-543-4555 ext. 222

Girls Night Out - Moms, grandmas and aunts have the opportunity to escort their daughter, niece or granddaughter to an evening of dinner, dancing and fun! Join Mendham Township's Recreation Department for the Second Annual Girls Night Out to be held at the Basking Ridge County Club on Friday, May 3, from 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. There will be DJ entertainment, games, a buffet dinner, prizes, giveaways and more! [Register online!](#)

Celebrate the Hungry Caterpillar - On Tuesday, April 2, from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m., children can make crafts and play games at the Township Library! All ages are welcome. [Register in advance.](#)

Bear Facts - On Wednesday, April 10, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m., learn how to live safely with black bears. This program is presented at the Township Library by the state Division of Fish and Wildlife. [Register now.](#)

Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt - On Thursday, April 18, from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m., at the Township Library, children can make Easter-themed crafts and have fun with Easter activities, including an awesome egg hunt! Bring your own basket. All ages are welcome. [Please pre-register as space is limited.](#)

Sports Lessons - Mendham Township Recreation partners with the US Sports Institute each year to offer sports programs for children. Tennis lessons, with different sessions for

children ages 3-14, will be held at the Mount Pleasant Park Tennis Courts beginning Thursday, April 25. This session will run weekly through Thursday, June 13. Soccer lessons, with different sessions for children ages 2-5, will be held at Wysong Park beginning Sunday, April 14. This session will run weekly through Sunday, June 16. T-Ball and Multi-Sports classes, with different sessions for children ages 2-5, will be held at Wysong Park beginning Thursday, April 25. This session will run weekly through Thursday, June 13. Professional coaches will lead skills, drills and fun games using age-appropriate equipment to help the children foster a love for each sport. [Learn more and register.](#)

Pickleball is Coming! - Pickleball is one of the nation's fastest growing sports, and it is finally coming right here to Mendham! Pickleball will be held each Thursday from April 25 through June 13. There will be a Foundation level class from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., and a Developmental level class from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Professional coaches will guide participants through instruction and play, teaching basic rules and scoring. The low-pressure atmosphere makes pickleball a great social environment. Pickleball is open to all adults and seniors! [Learn more and register.](#)

Fund-raisers & Events

Antiques & Art Show - The Rotary Club of the Mendhams antiques show is an old tradition, but this year look for a new twist. In addition to antiques, the show will feature 20 booths for artists! The artists were juried into the show by local gallery owner Kathleen Palmer. The show is open on Saturday, April 13, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and on Sunday, April 14, from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., at Mendham High School. This event is the Rotary Club's biggest fund-raiser of the year and supports the Club's charitable activities and scholarships to Mendham High School seniors. Show the yellow card to receive a \$1 discount on admission.



Legally Blonde Jr., the Musical - Don't miss the annual Middle School play at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 4-6, along with a 2 p.m. matinee show on April 6. The

play follows the transformation of bubbly Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes, snobbery and scandal in pursuit of her dreams. Come support more than 60 middle school students in the cast and crew, as well as two adorable dogs featured as Bruiser and Rufus!

Events at Backer Farm - In collaboration with local business Chef and the Baker, the Backer Farm is excited to host farm-to-table brunches and dinners featuring Michelin-style cuisine composed of naturally grown produce and products from the farm. All events are family friendly and BYOB. The first brunch is Sunday, April 14, followed by an Easter Brunch on Easter Sunday and a dinner on Saturday, April 27. [Get details for all dates and ticket sales.](#)

Black Horse Fund-Raiser for Schiff Nature Preserve - Please join the board, staff, members and friends at the Black Horse Pub on Earth Day, April 22, from 11 a.m. - 10 p.m., for fine food and community in support of Mendham's only nature preserve. Schiff preserves and maintains open space, trails, and offers many wonderful programs throughout the year. The Black Horse is donating 15% of all food and non-alcoholic beverages (including take out!) all day long. [Show this flyer for the donation to apply.](#)

Get Ready for Corn Hole! - The Mendham Township PBA Local 402 is hosting the 2nd Annual Corn Hole Tournament on Sunday, May 19, from Noon-6 p.m. Come out for an afternoon of friendly, competitive corn hole, food, drink and fun!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL

Wine with Friends

APRIL 26, 2019 | 7:30 - 9:30PM



WINE TASTING BY 56° WINE OF BERNARDSVILLE

LIVE MUSIC BY DAVE ELGART

SILENT AUCTION

WINE PULL

Wine with Friends - On Friday, April 26, at the Brookside Community Club, from 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. support the Mendham Township Library! This annual wine tasting fund-raiser, led by 56 Degree Wine, features music, light refreshments, the company of friends and neighbors, and of course, wine! **Purchase tickets.**

Cultural & Historical Happenings

Seder Dinner - A group of residents from the Mendhams has organized a Community Seder dinner for Monday, April 22, at 5 p.m., at the Brookside Community Club. All are invited to celebrate Passover traditions -- readings, stories, eating special foods, singing and drinking wine! You can reserve a spot via Eventbrite, and pay at the door; \$18 for adults, and \$36 for families. **Register online using Eventbrite.**



Harmony Brookside Reception - The community is invited to a gallery reception, on Friday, April 5, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., for a new art exhibit: Daryl Hastings Part 2. Works On Paper. Enjoy the continuation of showcasing the wonderful work of Hastings, with a new collection of paintings: raw and unframed.

NJ Revolutionary War History - On Thursday, April 11, from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m., join the Township Library for the third in their Local History Series to learn about New Jersey's role in the Revolutionary War. Meet Mark Dilonno, journalist and a Pulitzer Prize finalist, to learn about local Revolutionary War history. **Please register.**

Keep This – Toss That - On Wednesday, April 24, from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m., learn to de-clutter your home with the help of humorist and bestselling author, Jamie Novak. Learn what to keep and what to toss, stress free! **Please pre-register for this Township Library program.**

Health & Wellness

Autism Panel - On Tuesday, April 16, at 7 p.m., at the Mendham Township Library, learn about the impact of autism in the community and resources available for children and adults with autism and their families. The evening features a panel of parents, who will share their personal stories, and professional experts. This event is sponsored by the Mendhams Stigma-Free Task Force. [Register](#).

Mental Health Training - On Thursday, April 25, at 7 p.m., the community is invited to take a one-hour workshop on Mental Health First Aid. This special session will provide an overview of how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. It will be held at the Emergency Services Building (Brookside Firehouse) and led by Tracy Klingener, Assistant Director, Self-Help, Advocacy, & Education, the Mental Health Association of Essex and Morris, Inc.

Please sign up in advance as space is limited. This event is sponsored by the Mendhams Stigma-Free Task Force.

Nature & Outdoor Activities

Earth Day Cleanups - On Saturday, April 13, there are two local clean ups planned through Raritan Headwaters, a nonprofit conservation organization that protects rivers and streams.

- **Sign up to meet at the Schiff Nature Preserve for a clean up along nearby roadways.**
- **Sign up to clean up at the Borough "mudhole."**

Full Moon Hike - There is something invigorating and exciting about the coming of Spring in the woods; the emerging plants, the sweet smell of new grass, moistness of the soil, and the glow of the moon. Join a naturalist to hike 2 miles around Schiff to experience the magic of the forest. Member fee is \$10 each or \$30/family. Non-member fee is \$15 each or \$45/non-member family. **Pre-registration required 24 hours in advance.** If online registration is closed, [register by email](#).

Schiff Nature Art Walk - On Sunday, April 28, from 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., beginning and experienced artists of all ages are invited to join a collective creation hike on the trails of Schiff! Explore the work of nature-based artists and then head out to create art individually or as a group. Enjoy good conversation and getting your creative juices flowing, together!

Members attend for free, non-member fee is \$5 per family/four. Walk-ins welcome! [Register today.](#)

Composting Workshop - On Thursday, May 2, at Town Hall, learn about composting and how it leads to a greener life from Adrian Hyde, the executive director of the Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Jersey and owner of the Dunwald Farm. The program will run from 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. and include both indoor and outdoor presentations (weather permitting). It is designed for all ages. The event is sponsored by the Township Environmental Commission.

Volunteers Needed!

The Ralston Cider Mill is seeking additional volunteers as millers. All new volunteers will be trained to guide visitors through the grounds, to operate the machinery, and to share local history with the public. It is rewarding, interesting, and easy to be a part of the Ralston Cider Mill's story. If interested, [send an e-mail for more information.](#)

Patriots' Race Help is Needed - The Parks & Recreation Committee could use help organizing the 11th Annual Patriots' 5K Race & Kids' Fun Run. This annual event on Saturday, June 15, will support local recreation and college scholarships to graduating seniors from Mendham High School. [Send an e-mail to Interim Recreation Director David Guida to get involved.](#)

Ralston Engine Company - The Ralston Engine Company is looking for help with paperwork and secretarial duties, including recording meeting minutes; data entry; public information posts and correspondence. Most of the work can be done from home. Interested residents, [please contact Chief Tom Montgomery.](#) They also are looking for a cartographer to help them create a map of the town with notations for hydrant locations, cisterns, helicopter landing zones, etc. [For more information, e-mail Deputy Chief Scott Mortensen.](#)

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](#).

Check out the many events and activities offered by the [Mendham Township Library](#).

View town meetings, parades, other events and more on [Mendham TV](#).