



Mendham Matters

Monthly Events & News

January 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.](#)

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Township Committee Announcements

- **2018 Accomplishments** - A look back on the long list of accomplishments for the year, much of which are done quietly, behind-the-scenes at Town Hall. [Watch an overview of achievements](#) from the Dec. 20, 2018, Township Committee meeting.

And, just to name a few successes:

- Refurbishing the Mount Pleasant tennis courts
- Inaugural Cops, Kids and Cones event
- Launching electronics recycling
- Re-opening the Ralston Playground
- Adding a [new emergency alert Facebook page](#), a town [Instagram](#) and updating the [town's Website](#).
- [Read all about it!](#)
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Volunteers Wanted - Start the new year with a new activity! Apply to serve on a Township Board, Commission or Committee. Even if you are not chosen, you can attend meetings and help out in many other ways. [Complete the Volunteer Form online.](#)



At the last meeting of the year, the Township Committee recognized the service of Committeeman Frank Cioppettini, who completed his fourth term on Dec. 31, 2018.

Local Government Meetings

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

- **Township Committee meetings:** Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. (re-organization - reception to follow at Emergency Services Building); Jan. 9 at 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m.
- **Board & Committee meetings**
 - **Board of Adjustment** - Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m.
 - **Board of Health** - Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m. (re-organization)
 - **Planning Board** - Jan. 4 at 7:30 p.m. (re-organization); Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 29 (Technical Review Committee)
- **View and download agendas.**

Police Updates

- **Snow Clearing & Parking Alert** - Plowing or blowing snow onto a township roadway is prohibited and a violation of our local ordinance. Please keep the roadways clear, and let any contractors know as well. Also, parking on any township or county road is strictly prohibited when they are snow covered.
- **Vehicle Protection** - Do not leave your keys or key fobs in your cars! There continue to be vehicles stolen from this area regularly. Report any suspicious activity, anytime day or night immediately.
- **Child Seat Safety** - Is your child's car seat installed correctly, or do you need help putting in a new one? Please call headquarters at 973-543-2581 to set up a time for an officer take a look or assist you with your child's car seat.
- **Social Media** - Follow the Police Department on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) for police-related information and updates.

Activities for Kids

- **Lego Club** - Love Legos? Join in an afternoon of Lego building with friends and neighbors at the Mendham Township Library on Jan. 9, from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Kids of all ages are welcome!
- **Cabin Fever Buster** - Children in Kindergarten and up are welcome to visit the Mendham Township Library on Jan. 31, from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. to make winter projects and crafts with penguins, snowflakes, bird feeders and cardinals! All supplies are provided. **Preregistration is required,** as space is limited.
- **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

- **Mendham Township First Aid Squad Celebrates 50 Years of Service** - On January 12, 1969, Mendham Township First Aid Squad responded to its first call, on Blueberry Lane. Since then, the squad has responded to thousands of first aid calls in Mendham Township and helped generations of residents! The squad began by providing top-quality, pre-hospital care and emergency transport to the community. Over the years, services have expanded to include CPR & First Aid classes; medical support during community events; child car seat installation; loan medical equipment to those in need; and mutual aid support to neighboring towns. The squad is 100 percent volunteer and always looking for new members and support. Please consider volunteering your time. Donations also are tax deductible. [Learn more about the Mendham Township First Aid Squad.](#)
- **Mendham Township Library 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** - 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](#) on Jan. 4, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. The event opens "Let's Walk Together," an exhibition by Shy Raguso, showcasing her gentle, calming impressionistic oil and watercolor paintings.
- **The Power of a Crystal Clear Vision: 3 Keys to Making 2019 Your Best Year Yet!** - On Jan 10, from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m., success coach Amy Minkoff will lead a hands-on workshop to learn components for a formula to discover a full spectrum life and gain tools to implementing your formula. [Register today to join the workshop.](#)
- **Afghanistan Then and Now** - On Jan. 24, from 7 pm. - 8 p.m., hear the personal story of survival and new freedom in the United States from recent immigrant Fahim Mashal. He worked for the U.S. State Department as an

interpreter in Afghanistan and accompanied U.S. Special Forces on missions, making him a target by the Taliban and ISIS. [Register today for what is sure to be a fascinating evening.](#)

Health & Wellness

- **Baby & Me Hike** - Strap your little one in a baby carrier, and enjoy a morning hike with other parents and caregivers at Schiff Nature Preserve. Travel one of the many beautiful area trails at Schiff, while discussing seasonal occurrences and changes in nature. Weather cancellation notifications occur within 24 hours of the program start time. Member fee is \$5. Non-members pay \$7. **Advance registration is required.**

Nature & Outdoor Activities

- **Fitness Hike** - On Jan. 6, 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 Jan. 27, 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](#).

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

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