



Mendham Matters

Mendham Township, NJ
Monthly Events & News

October 2018

Welcome to the Mendham Township e-newsletter! We hope you find this helps you keep track of the many events and news happening all across our community. ([Click here for newsletter archives](#))

We want to hear from you: Please send feedback about this newsletter, or submit an announcement or event you would like to have included in the next issue to MendhamMatters@mendhamtownship.org.

Township Announcements

- **Well Test Kits Available:** Oct. 6, 9am-12pm; Municipal Building. Get your drinking water tested for coliform bacteria and nitrates for \$60. For more information, contact Mara Tippet of [Raritan Headwaters Association](#) at 908-234-1852, ext. 401 or via email at welltesting@raritanheadwaters.org
- **Fall Brush Pickup Day:** Oct. 15, [Department of Public Works](#). Please place branches at the curb: cut ends facing the street. Limbs must be cut in 6 ft. lengths. No stumps!
- **Voter Registration Deadline** Oct. 16 is the Voter Registration Deadline (21 days prior to the General Election). This will be the last day you can register to vote in the November 2018 General Election. The Morris County Board of Elections Office will be open until 9:00pm. Voter Registration Application forms can also be obtained at the Mendham Township Town Hall.
- **Vote By Mail application deadline** . Oct. 30 is the last day to apply for a mail-in (absentee) ballot if you are unable to make it to the polls on Nov. 6.
 - NOTE: if you voted by mail-in ballot in the 2016 election, you will be mailed a mail-in ballot for the upcoming election unless you have opted out of automatically receiving it. If you do get a mail-in ballot but decide instead to vote in-person, you may do so by

using a provisional ballot on Nov. 6. [New Statewide Vote by Mail Law](#)

- [Electronics Recycling program](#) Get rid of old TVs, computers, printers and more in an environmentally friendly way.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:**
 - **Environmental Commission seeking more Trail Stewards:** Contact [Brennan Reilly](#).
 - **Ralston Cider Mill Museum seeking volunteer Millers:** Millers guide visitors on tours to explain the mill's history and significance, operate original equipment and demonstrate the process of making cider using water power and distributing power via belts and pulleys. Contact info@ralstoncidermill.org

Local Government Meetings

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

- **Township Committee meetings:** Oct. 9 & Oct. 23, 7:30pm.
- **Board & Committee meetings**
 - [Historic Preservation](#): Oct. 3, 6:30pm.
 - [Board of Adjustment](#): Oct. 11, 8:30pm.
 - [Environmental Commission](#): Oct. 15, 7pm.
 - [Planning Board](#): Oct. 17, 7:30pm.
 - [Board of Health](#): Oct. 29, 7:30pm.

Police Updates

- **SLOW DOWN!** We continue to receive complaints of speeding on East and West Main Street in Brookside; please watch your speed in these areas as we will be stepping up enforcement in the upcoming weeks!
- **Halloween:** We will have extra patrols on as usual on Halloween. Drakewick will have a 9pm curfew this year for Trick or Treating. As we have done in the past few years, all Trick or Treaters must be inside a residence or be picked up by 9:15pm. Please obey all No Parking signs in Drakewick when parking; these signs are strategically placed to ensure emergency vehicles can get through and access the entire neighborhood. The Brookside Fire Department will provide additional lighting, but it's advised that you bring a flashlight. And as always, visitors should be mindful of homes and walkways and not leave garbage, water bottles, etc. along the way.
- **Bears:** Bears are out and about as they begin their fall forage. We have a healthy bear population in the township and to date, none of them have been a threat or issue. Here are some [great tips from NJ Fish and Game](#)

for both keeping your residence 'bear aware' and what to do if you encounter one.

- **Corn Hole Tournament:** Mendham Twp PD PBA Local 402 will be holding their first Corn Hole Tournament on Saturday Oct 6. More information under "Fundraisers & Ceremonies" below.
- **Follow the Police Dept.:** The Department posts on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) (@MendhamTwpPD) regularly, with important information and updates!
- **Sign up for Smart911:** It is important to register for the Smart911 system so first-responders have all your personal information at their fingertips. You can even upload photos of your children and pets! [Sign up today](#)

Activities for Kids

- **[Schools Out Programs-Under the Stream:](#)** Oct. 6, 9:00am-noon. [Schiff Nature Center](#). 339 Pleasant Valley Rd. Ages 6-12. Dragonflies, mayflies, damselflies, and more! All of these critters spend part of their lives underwater and can teach us about pollution levels in freshwater.
- **[Baby and Me Hike:](#)** Oct. 10, 10-11:00am [Schiff Nature Center](#). 339 Pleasant Valley Rd. Strap your little one in a baby carrier/ backpack, put on your walking shoes, and join us for a morning hike with other parents and caregivers.
- **[Outdoor Skills- Make Charcoal Art on the Campfire:](#)** Oct. 10, 6:30-8:00pm. [Schiff Nature Center](#). 339 Pleasant Valley Rd. Ages 9 and up. This session we'll gather sticks of different wood varieties and turn them into charcoal pencils in a container placed on the fire.
- **[Family Time - Walking Stick:](#)** Oct. 18, 4-5:30pm.. [Schiff Nature Center](#). 339 Pleasant Valley Rd. Make a walking stick, perfect for hiking on Schiff's trails!
- **[Parent and Me Pumpkin Picking on the Farm:](#)** Oct. 21, 9-10:00am (under 8); Oct. 23, 10-11:00am (under 3), [Backer Farm](#). 32 Ironia Rd. Join us for pumpkin picking, crafts, feeding the animals, and a hayride. Patch open Saturdays and Sundays through October.
- **[Safe Sitter - Baby Sitter Training Program:](#)** Oct. 27, 9:00am-3:00pm. Ages 11-16. Mendham Township Recreation Dept. Municipal Building. Safe Sitter is a hands on, safety-based baby-sitter training program designed to teach young people the many skills of becoming a baby-sitter.
- **[Recreation Dept. Links to Local Sports/Clubs](#)** : Local youth athletic organizations.

Fundraisers & Ceremonies

- **Corn Hole Tournament:** Oct. 6, 12pm-6pm. Brookside Community Club. Mendham Twp PD PBA Local 402 will be holding their first Corn Hole Tournament. It is a great time for all ages and families! For information email: [Officer Kalweit](#) or visit the [Police Facebook page](#)
- **Unstoppable Girls:** A group of determined seventh-grade girls from Mendham Township are leading a fundraising effort to renovate the Brookside Community Club.
- **Halloween Fun Run 5K:** Oct. 21, 11am-2pm. [Randolph Regional Animal Shelter](#) Freedom Park- 645 Millbrook Ave, Randolph
- **Movember Fundraiser:** Raising awareness of men's health issues including testicular and prostate cancer, Movember is an annual event involving the growing of mustaches and beards during the month of November. Sign-up/donate at Harmony Brookside
- **Brookside Community Club Holiday Boutique:** --Save the Date-- Nov. 17. 21th annual Brookside Community Club Holiday Boutique - featuring hand-made gifts for all ages. Free admission.

Cultural & Historical Events

- **Harmony Brookside Art Gallery Reception:** Oct. 6, 5-7:00pm, 'A Curious Halloween' combining European antique botanical prints and collectable oddities. Exhibit runs Oct. 3rd to 31st.
- **Annual Apple Pressing - Ralston Cider Mill Tour:** Oct. 13, 1-5:00pm. Ralston Cider Mill, 336 Mendham Rd. West. Observe annual apple pressing on restored historic equipment and taste the fresh cider. NOTE: the Ralston Cider Mill Museum will be open for public tours every Saturday and Sunday in October from 1-5:00p.m. Check out this vital part of Mendham Township history

Health & Well-Being

- **Chef and the Baker - Backer Farms Pop-up:** Oct. 6, 6-9:00pm. Farm to Table Dinner. A family friendly event.
- **Yoga-to Go:** Sept. 11 - Oct. 30, Tuesday Mornings, 9:30-10:30am. Brookside Community Club, 1 East Main St. Hatha style yoga is designed for all adults regardless of experience. Registration for the second session which will run Nov. 6 - Dec. 18 is now open - [Recreation Department](#)
- **Yoga at Backer Farm,** 32 Ironia Rd. All levels are welcome. Please bring a mat and preregister. Class will be held rain or shine.
 - **Brewqa:** Oct. 20, 7-8:30pm. Have fun moving through your flow with poses that incorporate seasonal brews BYOB.

- [Programs at Schiff Nature Preserve](#), 339 Pleasant Valley Rd. Advance registration is required for all events. If online registration is closed, contact environmentaleducator@schiffnaturepreserve.org.
 - [Fitness Hike](#): Oct. 7, 8-10:00am. Join us for a brisk 5- mile hike over varied terrain across Schiff Nature Preserve.
 - [Singing Bowl Meditation with Ana Cecera](#): Oct. 12, 7-8:15pm. Come and join a Singing Bowl Meditation to restore and energize your emotional, spiritual and physical bodies.
 - [Monthly Gong Meditation](#) : Oct. 13, 7-8:15pm. Surrender to deep relaxation.
 - [Yoga Hike @ Schiff Nature Preserve](#): Oct. 21, 9-11:00am. Join Off The Grid at Schiff Nature Preserve for an easy hike and gentle yoga session, suitable for both beginners and experienced practitioners.
 - [Creating a Home Apothecary](#): Oct. 27, 10:00am-12:00pm. Explore simple herbal preparations to craft at home, healing plants to introduce into your garden and landscape, and all-natural, herbal products to swap in for your old medicines.

Nature & Outdoors Activities

- [Programs at Schiff Nature Preserve](#), 339 Pleasant Valley Rd. Advance registration is required for all events. If online registration is closed, contact environmentaleducator@schiffnaturepreserve.org. (Also see activities under Health & Well-Being above)
 - [Volunteer Day @Schiff](#) : Oct. 6, 9-11:00am. Volunteer Day provides the community an opportunity to work side by side with Schiff staff and Board members in a variety of hands-on projects.
 - [Environmental Book Club](#) : Oct. 17, 7-8:30pm. This month's book to be discussed at the Environmental Book Club is Hidden Life of Trees by Wohlleben.
 - [Full Moon Hike](#) : Oct. 25, 6:30-8:30pm. Join a naturalist to hike 2 miles around the trails of Schiff and experience the magic of the forest.

School Sports Calendars

- [Mendham Township Middle School Athletics](#) (includes Cross-County, Girls & Boys Soccer, and Girls Field Hockey)
- [West Morris Mendham High School Athletics](#) (includes Boys Cross-Country, Boys Football, Girls Volleyball, Girls Field Hockey, and Girls & Boys Soccer)

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](#).