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“Local” Business
Open House
Day*

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**DECEMBER 2ND
2017**

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Annual Tree-Lighting
Ceremony
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Gazebo on Mountain
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

As the holiday season comes upon us, the Mendham Business Association would like to take this time to say thank you for the opportunity to be of service to you, and for meeting all your shopping needs.

The MBA is an organization made up of 84 local retailers and service businesses that sponsor different event throughout the year. Collectively, we support all of the schools, sport and volunteer organizations and police departments throughout the community. With your support, we can continue our great efforts.

In addition to our annual Holly Trail events, Dec. 5, the MBA is sponsoring a Giving Tree, located in the center aisle of the shopping center. For a \$10. donation, you select a gift off the tree, yours to keep, valued at approximately \$30. All of the proceeds will benefit a local food pantry. Please come out and support this wonderful cause.

On behalf of the Mendham Business Association, I would like to extend my wish-



es to everyone for a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Please remember to shop local this holiday season.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

BOB DIFFIN

President, MBA

TREE LIGHTING

Gathering at 3:45 p.m., at the Gazebo Borough Field. Concert by Mountain View School at 4 p.m. Holly Trail drawing, Santa and refreshments.

SPECIAL THANKS

The Mendham Business Association would like to thank the Recreation Department, and especially Bruce Bisceglia, for the refreshments and the Department of Public Works for all their help.

A special thank you to Mrs. Carpenter, Mr. McMurray and the children of Mountain View School. We would also like to

thank the Mendham Fire Department for Santa and the fire truck. Thank you to the students of Daytop for painting the candy canes around town.

We would also like to thank all the businesses in the Mendham Business Association who volunteered their time to make this day possible.

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HOLLY TRAIL FEATURES FREE FESTIVE EVENTS, OPEN HOUSES ON DEC. 2

All events at the stores are free

Candy Cane Lane Christmas Boutique. St. Joseph School, 8 West Main St. in the gym. 3 to 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, and 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. Santa, crafts, shopping, vendors. Something for all ages. For more information, visit www.sjsmendham.org, call (973) 543-7474, or email larends@sjsmendham.org.

Party Package USA, 6 Hilltop Rd. Free holiday themed children goody bag.

Strandz Family Hair Care, 106 East Main St. Refreshments.

Cookie Walk, Shopping Center.

Find Santa, pick up a list at Mendham Jewelers, Friday, Dec. 1, and Sat., Dec. 2, Shopping Center.

Moormann's Galleries, 15 East Main Street. Free appraisals. Bring in your artwork or sculptures. Store hours.

Lakeland Bank, 98 E. Main St. Face painter/balloon artist from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Girl Scouts Caroling at Kings, Robinson Drug Store, Holly Manor and more, from 2 to 3 p.m.

Hot Dog Cart, Shopping Center. Just in

case you get hungry.

Grand Bazaar, 6 Hilltop Rd. Hot cider, eggnog, cookies, cupcakes and other goodies. 50 percent off on Lenox and jewelry, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Viburnum Designs, 13 West Main St. Children will have an opportunity to decorate their own ornament. Holiday refreshments

Mendham Co- Nursery School, 8 Orchard St. Stop by for complimentary hot chocolate, treats, and caroling.

Wells Fargo Bank, Mendham Shopping Center. Christmas cookies and hot chocolate from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Black Horse Tavern, 1 West Main Street. Refreshments.

Fashions to fit the American Girl Dolls and Bitty Baby. Social Graces, LLC will be at St. Joseph School Candy Cane Lane Christmas Boutique.

Mendham Interiors, 23 East Main St. Refreshments during store hours.

Blue Ridge Pool and Spa, Mendham Shopping Center. Cookies and cocoa during store hours.

Mendham Apothecary, Village Shopping

Center. Sweets and treats. Free samples of candy from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Weichert Realtors, 21 West Main Street. Story time with the Snow Princess, cookies, refreshments and holiday crafts for children from noon to 3 p.m.

Mendham Borough Library, 10 Hilltop Rd. Come in from the cold for some holiday cheer. Our library will be a favorite stop this year on the Borough's Holly Trail. Lets make some winter crafts together. Open to all ages and held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Coldwell Banker, 106 A East Main Street and 2 Cold Hill Rd. Refreshments served from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Village Wine & Liquors, Village Shopping Center. Flavored coffees.

Peapack Gladstone Bank, 17 E. Main St. Refreshments during bank hours.

Provident Bank. Holiday crafts, cookies and light refreshments during bank hours.

Giving Tree sponsored by the MBA: Located in the center aisle of the shopping center. For a \$10 donation, patrons select a gift off the tree, yours to keep, valued at approx. \$30. All of the proceeds will benefit a local

food pantry. Please come out and support this wonderful cause. 11am- 4pm

Fun House Furnishing & Design, 6 East Mains St. Cookies served during store hours.

Mendham Garden Center, 11 West Main St. Hot cider, hot cocoa, cookies and treats all day.

Avenue Travel/American Express, for all your vacation & business needs. Pat Serrano (Serrano Travel) has joined Avenue Travel. (201) 715-6510 or email her at patserano1@gmail.com

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Turpin Realtors, 8 East Main St. Cider and cookies served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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WELCOME TO HOLLY TRAIL

Welcome to Holly Trail. We have a lot of exciting events to share with you, so remember to have some fun. A new addition this year is the "Cookie Walk," which will take place in the shopping center. It will be located inside the empty store next to Mendham Jewelers and will feature tables set up with a large variety of homemade cookies for the Christmas and Holiday season. For \$15, (which will be donated to the food pantry) patrons will be given a container to fill with cookies. The hours are noon to 3 p.m. If we get lucky, Santa might be there too!

Our next new feature this year is "Where is Santa?" All children are invited to participate.

There will be a list of places where Santa's picture will be hidden. Participants may pick up a copy of the map at Mendham Jewelers in the shopping center. The children are invited to go in participating stores to find Santa. If they find Santa, someone in the store will sign their paper. After all signatures are collected, return them to Mendham Jewelers. Four winners will be picked in a drawing and receive Mendham Money. Signatures may be collected all day on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1 and 2.

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Saturday, Dec. 2. Bring your family and friends and do your Christmas and Holiday shopping.

We hope you will enjoy the Christmas Holiday spirit throughout town.

The following are just some of the things the Business Association donates to the community each year: We purchased new banners for the season that will line Main Street; we decorated the Gazebo on Mountain Avenue; placed wreaths on the four corners by the traffic light; gave scholarships to high school seniors and donated to the schools and the different organizations in town. We also had two poles replace the tree that fell so that different organizations could hang their banners across Route 24.

Please join us for the tree lighting and concert at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Gazebo.

The Mendham Business Association has more than 80 members. We hope you will shop locally this year and support the businesses that support you during the year.

If any business or home based business would like to join, please call (973) 543-2145.

FRAN PLODKOWSKI

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THE JOY OF GIVING

Mendham Jewelers, Village Shopping Center: Giving Tree: With a donation of \$10 you will receive a gift valued at \$20 or more. Donations goes to: Make-a-Wish Foundation, St. Jude's Children Hospital, CASA, and Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric Aids.

Wells Fargo Bank, Shopping Center: Collecting canned foods for the food bank from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Caldwell Banker and the US Marine Corps Reserve will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for needy children from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 106A East Main Street and 2 Cold Hill Rd.

Weichert Realtors, 21 West Main St. Collecting unwrapped toys for annual toy drive.

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The Mendham office of Coldwell Banker is once again a local sponsor for the Toys For Tots program, which is organized by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

New, unwrapped toys for children up to age 13 can be placed in the toy box in the lobby of our front office, located at 106A East Main Street in Mendham, through Friday, Dec. 15.

Ellen Kiser Gordon, a sales associate with Coldwell Banker – Mendham, will be chairing the campaign this year.

“Coldwell Banker has partnered with Toys for Tots for the past 30 years as a local sponsor in the Mendhams,” said Gordon. “Local students from West Morris Mendham High School and Gill St. Bernard’s School have jumped in and raised awareness of this wonderful cause as well. Please help us brighten the life of a deserving child right here in New Jersey by dropping off a toy at our office today,” Gordon said.

“Last year was the best year we have had,” said Joseph Clayton, Toys for Tots Coordinator GYSGT. “We gave out over 300,000 toys in the seven northern counties of New Jersey.”

Ellen Kiser Gordon is a luxury proper-

ty specialist with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage and has been a Realtor Sales Associate for 34 years. As a lifelong resident of Mendham, no one knows the area market place better than she does.

If you would like information on the current real estate marketplace and how to best maximize your investment, call Ellen at (973) 543-2552 or directly on her cell phone at (816) 812-7922. The Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office is located at 106A East Main Street in Mendham. Listings can be viewed online at <https://www.ColdwellBankerHomes.com/tri-states> and www.mendhammoves.com.

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KEEP YOUR PETS FROM HOLIDAY MISCHIEF THIS SEASON

With the holiday season upon us, your pets have endless opportunities to get into trouble.

Christmas tree evergreen oil in needles and sap can be mildly toxic, causing stomach upsets, and even needles themselves can get stuck in your pet’s paw or throat. Regularly sweep-up needles, and keep pets from drinking the water at the base of the tree.

Tree decorations may be irresistible play opportunities, so hang those temptations out of reach, or at least affix them well to the branch so they won’t fall off. Note that anything knocked-off the tree can be swallowed, and broken ornaments can get stuck in a paw.

Keep the door shut of the room in which you wrap presents, so your pet won’t get ahold of ribbons and bows. If swallowed, these can cause major problems (get caught in their stomach or strangle their intestines) and cause you a trip to the emergency room.

Don’t leave holiday treats and food unattended where pets can indulge when no one’s looking. Note that turkey bones can become stuck in the throat if swallowed. Pretty plants like poinsettias, mistletoe and holly should be displayed out-of-reach of your pet,

as they are dangerous, with varying levels of toxicity – the side effects depend on how much of the plant is consumed. Call poison control if you think your pet has ingested any of these.

A busy house with new faces can be unsettling for your pet, so it’s best to provide them with a safe place or room to escape to when guests are visiting and celebrating.

As temperatures drop, make sure your pet has home comforts of somewhere warm and dry to come back to after they’ve been exploring in the elements outside. You may need to wipe their feet with a warm, wet washcloth if irritating road salt/de-icer gets in their paws. Antifreeze has a sweet taste that animals like, but is highly toxic and can be fatal. Be careful not to spill any on the ground and to keep bottles out of reach – even the smallest amount can be dangerous. Call your veterinarian immediately if you think your pet has swallowed any anti-freeze.

Help your pet to safely enjoy this holiday season, as you decorate and entertain.

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Travel Tips

1. Before making reservations, check your passport expiry date. It can take weeks to renew. You even need a passport for Canada.
2. Arrive at airport at least two hours prior to a flight, especially at holiday travel times.
3. Watch how much shampoo, moisturizer and other liquids are in your carry on luggage. A good idea is to buy a small set of plastic bottles to use for these items.
4. Remove your shoes at the security section.
5. You will have to buy food packages on domestic flights but a regular menu is still served in international travel.
6. Pickpockets are awaiting you and

your valuables when you arrive in your international destination. Women: Wear your bag crossbody style, with your arm resting atop, securing it close. Men: Do not put your wallet in your back pocket. All: Try a nylon pouch to wear around your neck under your shirt for passport, money, etc.

7. When purchasing expensive items (not souvenirs), get a declaration from the seller to use at the airport for your VAT refund.

8. When trying to buy tickets at famous attractions, such as the Vatican, the Statue of David, the Eiffel Tour, the Alhambra, etc., try to buy a tour with a "skip the line" feature. It can save hours on line or even being closed out.

9. Remember to reconfirm your return flight. The use of cell phones has made this easier.

10. Remember to declare all purchases on the forms you will receive on the plane. Forgetting some buys is a no-no. It could mean hours delayed and/or a fine.

HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR LIVE PRE-CUT CHRISTMAS TREE

Make sure a fresh cut is made to the trunk within an hour of putting it in water. Most importantly, fill the stand with hot water every day and use Prolong Tree Preservative to keep your tree fresh and happy! Remember to keep trees well away from heaters, wood stoves and fireplaces.

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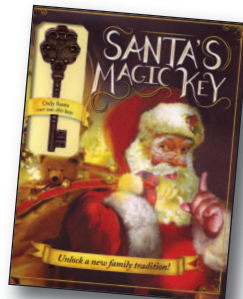
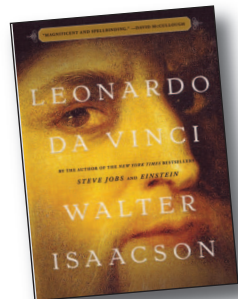
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Creating Life Options

Creating Life Options is a Career, LinkedIn training and Social Media Marketing, Mendham-based business. It is owned and operated by Katie McGinty, a career man-

agement specialist and LinkedIn trainer. Katie also teaches Career Management to college seniors at Montclair State University.

She is included in the 2017 edition (and previous six editions) of "What Color is Your Parachute?", the world's best-selling job search book. She brings to her clients the benefit of her extensive coaching experience in diverse corporations and career transition and management organizations, as well as the non-profit sector.

Creating Life Options has assisted individuals in: job transitions – finding a new opportunity; transitions into retirement – finding a fulfilling life after work; building an effective online presence and effectively managing careers.

We specialize in working with recent college graduates or soon-to-be graduates: helping them develop options for what they want to do; building effective resumes and LinkedIn profiles; preparing these young adults to do well in interviews and negotiate a good compensation package.

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Patrons who make a \$10 donation may select a gift – which has a value of \$20 or more – off our tree. Stop in and participate to help make the Giving Tree another successful event.

Bob and Catherine would like to thank all our customers over the past 30 years for your continued support. In these changing times, we are glad to be able to serve the community with our expertise.

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and a Happy Healthy New Year!

Party Package USA

At Party Package USA, we love parties. We love going to parties, and we love hosting parties. Here at Party Package USA, we provide stress-free, custom-tailored party solutions for every budget!

Having families of our own, we know that sometimes preparing for the party can be time consuming and stressful. We found that the local stores often did not have the things we wanted. We became lost in the bigger party supply stores, and found that they often did not have the quality we wanted.

We decided to open Party Package USA to provide people like us with customized Party Package solutions to suit their individual needs. We will prepare all of your party supplies in a convenient package customized for your event, and later, that same package can be used to store mementos of the big day.

We offer party ware, balloons and decorations for holidays and any occasion. Some of our services are free local balloon delivery, free goody bag assembly and finding supplies for any party theme. We are your local party supply store!

Save yourself time, money and stress and let Party Package USA bring the party to you! Anna and Bob Bocchino can be reached at (973) 543-7000. Party Package USA is located at 6 Hilltop Rd.

Dr. Audrey Prefer

Dr. Audrey I. Prefer has been in practice in Mendham since September 1992. For more than 10 years, she's specialized in all aspects of menopausal health.

Dr. Prefer provides gynecologic care with comfort and compassion. To see Dr. Prefer, please call 973-543-4440 for an appointment, or visit apreferredgyndoc.com.

Re-Feather Your Nest

At Re-Feather Your Nest, we feel that every home offers an opportunity to create harmony and beauty. We offer many design services to work with clients to make their vision a reality.

We listen and create design plans that coincide with the look and feel you are trying to achieve. Our ultimate goal is for you to love where you work and live!

Visit our website at www.refeatheryournest.com to discover all of the design services we offer: full service design plan, color consultation, window treatments, one-day design make-over, staging, re-sale ready, room accessorizing, downsizing your home, move-in ready services and more.

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Robinson Drug Shop

Robinson Drug Shop, located at 2 East Main St., has been a cornerstone of Mendham since 1876. Robinson's is a family-oriented, friendly pharmacy.

They make it their business and pleasure to know their customers, not only by name, but also as people. They offer the personal attention that large chain stores can't, and mail-order pharmacies don't intend to.

Along with offering the latest technology to fill prescriptions safely, check for allergy or drug interactions and interface with insurance plans to file claims, they also offer a wide variety of vitamins and supplements.

In addition to outstanding pharmacy services, Robinson's offers a wide variety of unique, small gifts and cards and are happy to gift wrap your purchase at no charge.

Their specialty is their promotion of Mendham as a special place to live. They

have exclusive Mendham ornaments that commemorate many historic Mendham buildings.

Whether you are filling a prescription or browsing the gift area, Robinson's offers an environment that is unique to this local family pharmacy. For information, call (973) 543-2525.

Social Graces, LLC

Social Graces, LLC is a wedding and party planning service that has been in business for more than 30 years.

Besides helping you plan your special day, they have a wide selection of wedding and party invitations, including Bar And Bat Mitzvah invitations and fine stationery.

A calligraphy service and mailing service is also available. They make their own chocolate favors. Social Graces Inc. also has a line of business cards and business stationery. Their bridal consultant is available for rehearsal and wedding day services.

One great difference in their services from others is that their consultant is only a phone call away to answer all your ques-

tions and concerns.

Sometimes you just need someone to talk to about a problem and to get some reassurance from a person that has been helping others with the same concerns for many years. Social Graces was featured in "City Wedding" by Joan Hamburg.

Social Graces, LLC, can be reached at (973) 543-2145.

Turpin Realtors

Turpin Realtors, located at 8 East Main St., is the oldest real estate firm in Mendham. Founded in 1960, Turpin Real Estate is an independent, family-owned agency with offices in northern New Jersey. Their outstanding, full-time sales staff is dedicated to providing the highest quality service with uncompromising integrity.

Strategic network alliances and extensive marketing systems provide them with unsurpassed coverage for their clients regionally, nationally and internationally.

Global reach, unparalleled local expertise and flexibility of an independently owned agency are the hallmarks of their organization.



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FOOD AND WINE PAIRING IDEAS FOR MEMORABLE HOLIDAY MEALS

The following article is provided by State-Point.

To create a delicious and memorable experience at your holiday gathering, seek some inspiration from the vintners and chefs of one of the most impressive wine and food destinations worldwide, Napa Valley.

One of the iconic winemaking families from the Valley, the Cakebreads, share their recommendations.

When it comes to red wine, the fresh, fragrant aromas of red and black cherry, raspberry and tea-leaf spice found in the 2015 "Two Creeks" Pinot Noir (SRP \$44) can provide an elegant accompaniment to your meal. This cool-climate Pinot Noir complements seared tuna, roast turkey, pork tenderloin and hearty root vegetables.

For your white wine, consider the vivid creamy aromas of green and golden apple, pear and citrus with supporting scents of oak spice found in the Napa Valley Chardonnay 2015 (SRP \$40), which pairs nicely with chicken, shellfish, seafood and grilled salads.

Both wines are produced at Cakebread Cellars, a family-owned winery since 1973, committed to craftsmanship. Their premier culinary program makes cooking and pairing wines easy. Take a cue from their play-book by enjoying the Chardonnay selection with their recipe for Harissa Spiked Roast Crab with Spicy Red Pepper Sauce.



Wine pairing novice? Follow these tips from vintners and chefs to create a delicious and memorable holiday gathering.

HARISSA SPIKED ROAST CRAB with SPICY RED PEPPER SAUCE

3 large Dungeness crabs, cooked, cleaned and cracked

3 tablespoons olive oil
1½ tablespoons Whole Spice harissa spice blend (a mix of ground dried chilies, cumin, coriander and garlic)

3-4 cloves garlic, mashed
2 tablespoons orange juice
1 tablespoon lime juice
2 tablespoons cilantro, chopped
1 cup mayonnaise
cup roasted red peppers
1 teaspoon Sriracha hot sauce

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Place crab in the bottom of a large casserole dish, large enough for all crabs to fit in an even layer.

Crack all leg shells. The body should be broken up into about six smaller pieces, so that the marinade can seep into the meat.

To create the marinade, in a small bowl, combine the olive oil, harissa spice mix, mashed garlic cloves, 1 tablespoon of orange juice and 1 teaspoon of lime juice and stir.

Pour marinade over the crabs and toss with your hands to evenly coat. Be sure they are well coated.

Place in the middle of the preheated oven. Roast for 10-12 minutes. Flip once or twice, so that the crab cooks evenly.

While the crabs are roasting, place the mayonnaise, red peppers, hot sauce, 1 tablespoon of orange juice and 1 teaspoon of lime juice in a blender jar. Puree until smooth.

To serve, place casserole in the center of table for guests to help themselves, and pass bowls of the red pepper sauce. Serve with lots of napkins.

TIPS TO MAKE YOUR HOLIDAY DECORATING VERY MERRY

The following article is provided by State-Point.

Nearly 70 percent of Americans say their favorite part about the holidays is spending time with family and friends, according to the Pew Research Center. So, during the hectic holiday crunch, you may be looking for ways to simplify the many tasks on your to-do list.

When it comes to decorating, consider these time-saving strategies for turning your home into a fuss-free winter wonderland.

Get Organized Early

If your seasonal décor is stowed away in the garage or attic, dust it off and get it untangled before the day you do your actual decorating. Locating these items and getting them prepped may be a job in and of it-

self, so don't get overwhelmed by trying to make it all happen in one day.

Make It A Group Effort

There are plenty of responsibilities you can dole out to different members of the family to make decorating more fun for everyone. While certain tasks may not be for everybody, kid-friendly tasks include creating googly-eyed reindeer ornaments for the tree and stringing garlands to the banister.

Use New Tools

New tools are available that can help simplify holiday decorating. For example, Treemote, a wireless, user-friendly Christmas-tree shaped remote, can control holiday lights up to 80 feet away — so you can skip

crawling under or behind your tree to turn lights on and off in the morning and at night. While this tool is ideal around the holidays, it can also be used year-round on hard-to-reach lights and appliances, making it a great stocking stuffer for your decorator-in-residence. To learn more, visit Treemote.com.

Make It Fun

Make decorating fun by creating a festive atmosphere. Create a playlist of all your favorite holiday tracks to enjoy as you decorate. Pop a tray of cookies into the oven. When the decorating is over, reward yourself by curling up and watching a favorite movie. There's no reason why decorating needs to feel like a chore. Simple strategies can make decking the halls not only easy, but fun.



New tools can help you avoid crawling to turn holiday lights on and off.

Holly Trail Raffle for 'Mendham Money'

Mendham Business Association is sponsoring a Holly Trail raffle for "Mendham Money" which can be "spent" at participating MBA member businesses.

Boxes for raffle tickets can be found throughout the town. Grand prize is \$300 worth of Mendham money, second prize is \$200 worth and third prize is \$100 worth.

The drawing will take place at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2nd during the Holly Trail tree lighting at the gazebo on Mountain Avenue. Winners need not be present. Those present will be eligible for bonus prizes.

Tree Lighting Raffle: Five chances to win \$20 in Mendham Money.



*Boxes for the Raffle can be found throughout the town.
Raffle tickets can be obtained from participating
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