



MENDHAM TOWNSHIP DEMOCRATS

Exciting campaign news!

Meet Trishna Goswami, who joins Melissa Saharko, in a bid for Mendham Township Committee

We are excited to announce that Dr. Trishna Goswami is joining Melissa Saharko on the Democratic slate to run for two open seats on the Mendham Township Committee.

Trishna is an oncologist and holds a Masters' degree in Business Administration (MBA) using both disciplines in her job developing novel cancer therapies. Since moving to Mendham Township two years ago, Goswami has been an active volunteer in the community. She joined the West Morris Juniors and has helped organize several community events. She spearheaded a "Meet Your Neighbors" initiative, organizing a clothing drive and coffee meet-and-greet for new neighbors. Goswami is also currently serving on the Township's Board of Health.

She and her husband, Pratip, live in Mendham's Brookrace neighborhood and have a daughter who is a rising freshman at West Morris Mendham High School.

Melissa grew up on a farm in rural Texas and is proud to call Mendham Township her new home. A graduate of Texas A&M University, she began her career at the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library. That opportunity launched a career of public service in museums and libraries that included stints at the Smithsonian Institution and the Library of Congress.

She holds a Master's degree in library science and serves on the Township's Historic Preservation Committee. She is using the skills she learned in graduate school in an ambitious effort to digitize the town's records. Melissa lives with her husband, Peter,

and their son and daughter. Their daughter is in the Tiny Tigers program, and their son will start kindergarten at Mendham Township Elementary School this fall.

Melissa and Trishna are running to bring new leadership to the Township Committee. They are committed to transparency; building a strong community and balancing new development with maintaining the community's charm, character and open spaces.

[Follow them on Facebook](#) and read future issues of this newsletter for more information about how you can get involved in supporting them as campaign season kicks off.



Get involved: Support our local candidates

There are basic things you can do to help our local candidates. Take a look and decide which is best for you:

1. **Canvassing** – With canvassing, you'll walk door-to-door either with Melissa or Trishna or on your own to introduce residents to them. You can opt do this right in your own neighborhood where you know most of the residents if you'd like.
2. **Phone banking**—Here you call registered Democrats and non-affiliated voters within the Township to let them know about Melissa and Trishna's candidacy and encourage them to vote on November 5.
3. **Donate**—[Donate funds here](#) to help the campaign pay for law signs, mailers, and other needed materials and supplies.
4. **Host an event**—You can host a basic fundraising event in your home and invite friends and neighbors to meet the candidates and hear about their

viewpoints.

[Email the campaign](#) if you'd like to get involved in any way! We welcome any and all volunteers, even if you only have an hour to give. Thank you.

Upcoming Democratic and campaign events:

- **Friday, August 23-Sunday, August 25**—Melissa and Trishna invite you to a weekend of action! Come knock on doors and tell your neighbors why you're behind our Democratic candidates this fall. [Sign up here.](#)
- **Saturday, August 24**—Pool party/cookout/meet and greet for Melissa Saharko and Trisna Goswami, 3-8 pm. [Email the campaign for more information.](#)
- **Thursday, August 29**—Blues for the Blues, featuring Third Rail at The Laundromat, 4 Dehart St., Morristown, 6:30 – 9:30 pm. Benefitting the Morris County Democratic Women's Caucus. [Buy tickets.](#)
- **Monday, Sept. 2**—Mendham Borough Labor Day parade, 9 am. Come march with the local Borough, Township, and Chester Democrats at the annual Labor Day Parade. Line up at the corner of East Main Street and Tempe Wick Road.
- **Thursday, Sept. 5**—Join the Mendham Township Democrats for special performance by Hamilton concertmaster Jonathan Dinklage and his band One More Once. The Laundromat, 4 Dehart St., Morristown, 6 pm. \$50/per person in advance or \$60 at the door. [Buy your tickets soon](#)—there are only 300 spots available and this will most likely sell out.
- **Thursday, Sept. 26 - Friday, Sept. 27**—The NJ Democrats Statewide Conference featuring Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, at Harrah's in Atlantic City. \$49/per person. [Purchase tickets.](#)
- **Wednesday, Oct. 2**—The Morris County Democrats Fall Gala with guest speaker Governor Murphy. More information to follow.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 5**—Election Day!! Support the entire slate of Democratic candidates including:
Melissa and Trishna for [Mendham Township Committee](#)
[Mendham resident Lisa Bhimani and Chester resident Darcy Draeger for State Assembly](#)
Mendham resident [Michael Thompson for Morris County Surrogate](#)
Morris County freeholder candidates: [Cary Amaro](#), [Cara Parmigiani](#), and

David Timpanaro
[William Schievella](#) for Morris County Sheriff

Other events of interest:

- **Saturday, August 24**—Volunteer Day at Schiff Nature Preserve, 399 Pleasant Valley Road, Mendham, 9-11 am. Join Melissa and Trishna at Schiff Nature Preserve to help out with a variety of hands-on projects. Walk-ins welcome. [Learn more.](#)
- **Saturday, Sept. 7**—Brookside Engine Company's 49th annual clambake, Brookside Community Club field, 1-6 pm. Come support the Brookside Engine Company, hang out with local Democrats at our tent, and meet Melissa and Trishna! [Tickets available in advance.](#)

