



**MENDHAM  
TOWNSHIP  
DEMOCRATS**

## **Election Day 2019: Five weeks to go**

We've all heard it: 2019 comes before 2020 and Election Day 2019 is coming fast: Tues., Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>.

We have two outstanding candidates running for Township Committee – Melissa Saharko and Trishna Goswami – and we can win if we have a strong voter turnout, so please give thought to when and how you'll vote.



Melissa and Trishna are moms, professionals, and community volunteers. When they moved to town, they saw critical gaps between the wonders that drew them to

Mendham Township and how the township presents itself to the world. That motivated them to run, and the more they learned about the township, the more concerns they had about how poor decisions in the past had handcuffed our ability to plan strategically for the future. Right now, the township faces more than \$9 million in debt, and the federal SALT deduction cap has resulted in an average tax increase of \$11,500 on Mendham Township households.

Trishna and Melissa have a plan to set Mendham Township on the right course for the future. They will bring a strategic, long-term approach to decision-making that will ensure we make smarter investments in the future. They will advocate strongly for transparent, accessible government so that all taxpayers know how they are being served. They also propose building a welcoming committee aimed at creating a marketing plan to attract 200 new families over the next few years in addition to serving as a touch point for new residents to integrate them into our great community.

They have already given great thought to some of the issues impacting Mendham Township, including a [detailed examination of the financial issues](#) facing the Township and a case for [reversing the huge federal tax increase](#) that is hurting Mendham families.

Follow them on [Medium](#) to read future thought leadership pieces.

## **Get involved and 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 a lawn sign**—If you live on a busy street, this is really helpful. Signs demonstrate broad community support for our candidates and help increase name recognition.

[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.

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

## **Make your Election Day plan**

### **Vote in person**

Voting in Mendham Township takes place from 6 am to 8 pm on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>:

- Districts 1, 3, 4, and 5 vote at the Emergency Services Building at 1 Cherry Lane
- District 2 votes at the Ralston Fire House at 322 Mendham Road West (Rte 24)

[Find your polling place.](#)

### **Voting by mail**

If you are registered to vote by mail, you should have received a ballot in a yellow envelope from the office of the Morris County Clerk. Please return your ballot right away!

Keep in mind:

- You must sign the inner white envelope that came with your ballot
- Do NOT tear off the flap on the white envelope
- Mail your ballot to the Board of Elections using the yellow outer envelope provided
- Don't forget a stamp!
- Only you can handle and transport your own ballot
- Ballots must be post-marked on or before Election Day, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>
- Call (862) 260-9444 or (973) 285-6715 with questions.

## **Upcoming Democratic and campaign events:**

- **Saturday, Oct. 5**—Fundraiser for Bhimani/Draeger for State Assembly with special guest, Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill. 10:30 am – noon. [Get more information and register.](#)
- **Sunday, Oct. 6.**—Fundraisers for Sheriff candidate William Schievella, Surrogate candidate Michael Thompson and Freeholder candidates Cara Parmigiani, Cary Amaro and David Timpanaro.  
Join Congresswoman Mike Sherrill from 12-2 pm. Register [here](#).  
Meet the candidates running for Morris County government, 5:30 – 8 pm. Register [here](#).
- **Tuesday, Oct. 15**—Debate Watch-Envelope Stuffing party at Trishna Gosmani’s home. Email [melissaformendhamtownship.com](mailto:melissaformendhamtownship.com) for details.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 16**—MTDC general business meeting. Email [chair@mendhamtwpdems.com](mailto:chair@mendhamtwpdems.com)
- **Thursday, Oct. 17**—Cocktail reception for Melissa Saharko and Trishna Goswami hosted by Ken and Jess Beckerman, 7 Green Hills Rd., 7 pm. RSVP: [melissaformendhamtownship@gmail.com](mailto:melissaformendhamtownship@gmail.com)
- **Sunday, Oct. 13** – Join the Mendham Township Democrats at Oktoberfest at Backer Farm, 32 Ironia Road, 3-8 pm. Tickets include pumpkin picking, hayrides, and beer/soft drinks. Bring your favorite potluck dish to share. [Purchase your ticket today.](#)
- **Tuesday, Oct. 29**—Fundraiser for Melissa and Trishna at the home of Noreen and Peter Staples. Email: [melissaformendhamtownship@gmail.com](mailto:melissaformendhamtownship@gmail.com) for details or to RSVP.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 30**—Politics and Pizza: A little Mischief Night fun at Frank’s Pizza with the Mendham Borough Democrats, 6:30-8:30 pm. RSVP: [mendhamborodems@gmail.com](mailto:mendhamborodems@gmail.com).
- **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