

MyMontvale

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE

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Montvale Matters

LOCAL ASSISTANCE

The Borough of Montvale has a collection container located in Borough Hall, first floor, near the Library door to collect items for those in need.

Food items or personal hygiene items will be gladly accepted. Collected items will be distributed to those in need by our local assistance director. Food products will be distributed to those in need by the Pascack Food Center.

What is needed?

Food gift cards for local supermarkets are greatly needed especially with the upcoming CHRISTMAS holiday. Please place in envelope, mark outside Public Assistance Director and drop off at Borough Hall, second floor.

Food items especially jellies and jams

Personal hygiene items including toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, toilet paper, paper towels, hand and bath soap, dish soap, sponges, powder, deodorant, and shampoo.

Cleaning products, e.g., bathroom cleaners (Lysol,) Windex and SOS soap pads

Laundry detergent and dishwashing detergent

Any assistance you can provide is very much appreciated.

Anyone in need of additional assistance, please call Kathie Bowen at 201-307-0534. All information is confidential.

Kathie Bowen

Public Assistance Director

CONGRESSMAN GARRETT'S OFFICE

Every second Thursday of the month, there will be a representative from the Hon. Scott Garrett's office at Borough Hall to address any concerns or questions you may have.

Andrew Whitehouse will be here between 1 and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

SANTA ARRIVES IN MONTVALE

Santa will arrive in Montvale on Christmas Eve and everyone is invited. Santa will arrive in the center of town via a fire truck down Kinderkamack Road to the park in town center at 6:00 p.m. delivering gifts to all good little boys and girls. Hope to see you there!

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

The Fund Drive is still underway. If you have made a donation, we thank you. If you wish to contribute, please mail your donation to: The Montvale Fire Department, 35 West Grand Avenue, Montvale, NJ 07645. Thank you for your support.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Make sure all holiday decorations are fire-proof and all lights and wiring is UL Approved. If you have a cut tree in your home, keep it fully

watered at all times. To maintain its freshness, do not place it close to a heating source.

FIRE SAFETY

Fire hydrants are not always visible when snow is piled high. It is extremely important that hydrants remain accessible throughout the year. Keep the hydrant on your property clear of snow and ice. In the event of an emergency, we will all be thankful you did.



*THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE MONTVALE FIRE DEPARTMENT EXTEND
BEST WISHES FOR A SAFE AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON*

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE NOVEMBER

Welcome to a New Edition of our Newsletter.

We were out of print for a while as we tried to secure new sponsors and/or raise money of our own to get it published. We have managed to arrange for November and December and then quarterly after that. We hope to be able fill in the gaps as we go. If anyone would like to become a sponsor, just email me and we can start setting it up.

Our newest corporate tenant, Lifetime Fitness, opened their doors earlier this month. This has been a great project from beginning to end. They tore down an old building and invested about \$60 million in their new state of the art facility. The surrounding roads have been paved and they are settling in for what we hope is a long successful stay in Montvale. It is another great example of working with new corporations to help Montvale maintain a stable tax base and bring needed improvements to the surrounding areas.

The development of DePiero's farm has been before the Planning Board for several months now and will continue to be. As was discussed many times during the rezoning meetings, the rezoning simply provides parameters or a canvas for the project. The details of the project are dealt with at the Planning Board hearings. This is a long and tedious process but it will ensure the project is something we can all be proud of. Many of the questions and concerns that may not have been answered during the rezoning process will be answered here. I encourage anyone who is interested to attend the Planning Board meetings.

We have seen a couple of ideas for the development of School #2 property into affordable senior housing. You may remember we purchased the school from the local Board of Education with development fees we had accumulated before the state required us to send it down to Trenton. We stood to lose over \$1 million of funding had we not taken that action. Any formal proposals will be done at public televised meetings to keep everybody informed.

Montvale Commons, the new affordable/special needs housing project built on the old Elks club property downtown behind the Octagon House, is finally ready for tenants. This project was left over from a 1995 development on the other side of town. For many years and for many reasons it was delayed time and time again. We are thrilled to have it finished and serving our residents' needs.

Looking ahead to next year, we have another important project to deal with. Our firehouse is in dire need of major renovation or replacement. Considering it has lasted almost 60 years I guess



Roger J Fyfe
Mayor

we can't complain. A new firehouse will be expensive but when you consider the job it does and how long it will last I believe it makes sense to do it right. We do not, as yet, have plans but there is some preliminary work being done by the department to assess their needs for today and in the future.

As we can see, there has been quite a lot happening and major projects getting done that were pushed aside for some time. It may seem the Governing Body did too much at once and "rushed"

through some of them. It may well be we did too much in a short period of time but I can assure you none of it was rushed. We can be proud of attracting close to \$200 Million in capital investments in Montvale. This is at a time when some towns are losing important tenants.

In summary, our financial picture is beginning to reap the benefits of our efforts these past six years and we plan to keep finding ways to be more efficient. We hope to be very aggressive with the 2014 road program given our savings in shared services. Going forward, we plan to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars each year to bring our roads up to par as they have deteriorated in recent years. This will be done without increasing our debt by using the savings realized in our programs. Our debt has been one of the biggest line items in our budget each year. Climbing out of the recession and getting back on track has taken lots of work and time spent by our elected officials as well as our professionals and borough staff. I think we can boast the best collection of professionals and borough staff anywhere and they have all done a great job in staying focused, on course, and achieving our goals.

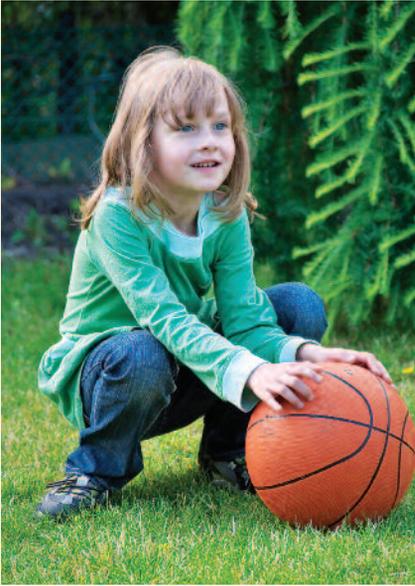
Finally, throughout the process of all of these projects we have dealt with recently, a common complaint is that we have not done a great job of communicating with the residents and doing all we can to keep them informed. Given this challenge, we plan to step up our efforts in community awareness via our website and twitter accounts to start. We will be scheduling routine town hall meetings as we did in the past and making ourselves more available to our residents to address concerns they might have. It is no easy task considering we all have jobs, families, and obligations aside from our elected offices. Hopefully it will help create a better understanding between the Council and the residents and get ideas and possible projects out there and talked about before it seems no one has a say in their implementations.

Have a happy and healthy Thanksgiving and will be in touch next month!

MONTVALE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL RECAP

A sincere THANK YOU goes out to all the young students who designed, built and ran all of the carnival booths for the evening. As always, the Halloween Carnival was a big hit due to the volunteer efforts of many. We hope you all enjoyed the evening as much as we enjoyed bringing it to you.



BIDDY BASKETBALL

This program is an introduction to basketball for boys and girls in Grades K-2. This program is designed to be more instructional than competitive. Smaller basketballs and lower baskets are used. This program is held on Saturday mornings in the Memorial School gym (Kindergarten will be using the school's Multi-purpose room).

The program begins Dec. 7. The fee for this program is \$80.

To give maximum "touches" for each child, each grade level will be divided into two sessions. The groups are divided by last name. In the event the numbers are not equal, we may need to move children to another time slot.

Kindergarten - All Kindergarten children will arrive on day one for a 9 to 9:50 a.m. session. If the numbers dictate, we will separate children into groups as we have done for the older grades.

Grade 1- Last names beginning with letters A - M: 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Last names beginning with letters N - Z: 10:45 to 11:30 a.m.

Grade 2- Last names beginning with letters N - Z: 11:30 to 12:15 p.m.

Last names beginning with letters A - M: 12:15 to 1 p.m.

Registration begins 15 minutes prior to your child's scheduled time

MONTVALE SENIOR CLUB

The Montvale Senior Club is excited about the fall season at our senior center located at 1 Memorial Drive in Montvale.

We have recently enjoyed some excellent programs which included a presentation from a pharmacist in September explaining everything pertaining to seniors and medications. We enjoyed an antique expert in October who appraised our treasures and briefed us about the antique market. In addition, we have several trips planned.

The members of the Montvale Senior Club invite all to join us for a holiday trip on Friday, Dec. 20, at 10:30 a.m. to a performance of Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" at the Westchester Broadway Theatre. The price is \$85 and includes transportation, lunch and a spectacular show. For information call Rosemarie Kelly at 201-391-8718 or Marie Dineen at 201-391-1831. The bus will leave from our senior center located at 1 Memorial Drive in Montvale at 10:30 a.m.

In November each year, the members of our Police Department entertain Montvale seniors with a wonderful Harvest Dinner that they prepare and serve. All our members look forward to this welcomed event.

Our members look forward to meeting you and we offer a wide range of activities, including card groups, trips, chair exercises, line dancing, pizza and bingo nights, movies and popcorn activities, canasta classes and companionship. We welcome your suggestions for future programs, speakers and classes. Join us at our business meeting on the first Thursday of each month at the Senior Center at noon. We now welcome residents of Montvale and all former residents who currently live elsewhere. We meet twice a month on the first and third Thursday of the month. For those who require transportation to our meetings a bus shuttle is available. Please contact our president, Dick Voorhees at 201-573-0761 for further information.

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MONTVALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

A lot has happened since the last issue of the newsletter was printed. Due to retirements and a transfer the department shrunk in size. So we have hired several new officers. We welcome Police Officers Matthew Vladick, Eric Robalino and Matt Zagaja to the department. Police Officer Zagaja has completed his recruit training and now is assigned to patrol. Police Officers Vladick and Robalino are finishing up the police academy and will begin our Field Training Program. I am excited to have them join the ranks of our department. They will be joining one of the best, most professional police departments in the area – your Montvale Police Department.

Holiday Season Safety reminders: Be smart and safe while shopping at the malls. Avoid going alone. Park under street lights at night. Park as close to the entrance as you can. Have your keys ready before you get to your car. Lock the door as soon as you get in – even before you start the engine. Inside the stores, do not “flash” your cash. Give only the ID and credit card needed for the purchase. Make sure you are not being followed – especially after making an expensive purchase. If you feel unsafe, ask security to walk you to your car. Carry a loud whistle. Protect yourself.

Holiday Season Safety reminder #2: The Holiday Season also brings holiday parties and holiday celebrations during which “holiday cheer” may be served. Don’t ruin your holiday season by getting arrested for D.W.I. or worse – by crashing into someone and injuring or killing them. Get a designated driver. Call friends or family for a ride. Call a taxi (there are several taxi companies in the area). Just don’t drink and drive. Enjoy your holidays responsibly.

Stay safe,
Chief Jeremy Abrams



MONTVALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

NOVEMBER'S SPOTLIGHT

WHAT: In-person registration begins for “Parent/Child Art Workshop”

WHEN: Monday, Nov. 25

INFO: Taught by the Artist Peri, this workshop is for children in first grade and older, accompanied by a parent or guardian. Parent/guardian and child will work together to make a winter painting using acrylic paints and painting on a real canvas. Space is limited. Workshop date is Dec. 11 at 7 p.m.



LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER

Adult Department

“Downloading E-Books” – Afternoon and evening classes Monday, Dec. 2 through Thursday, Dec. 5

“Christmas Traditions: a Lighthearted History of Christmas” – Thursday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m.

Children's Department

“Hanukkah Celebration” – Monday, Dec. 2 at 3:45 p.m.

“Winter Story Hour Registration” – In person registration starts Monday, Dec. 9

Check out the Montclair Art Museum, using one of the Library’s passes funded by the Friends of the Montvale Library. Complete information may be found on the Library’s website.

For complete details and information on all Montvale Library services and programs, please telephone the Library at 201-391-5090, or visit the Library’s website at montvale.bccls.org.

MONTVALE ACCESS

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Bill Lagno and I am the new Station Manager for the MontVale Access Group.

We are working on building a group of volunteers to help put together a TV schedule of programs the people of Montvale would enjoy viewing. We have a channel on Verizon 35 and Cablevision 77 that we now use to broadcast the Mayor and Council monthly meetings. Over this summer we added a few of the town events for your viewing pleasure.

At this point we need content to air and I am looking for volunteers to help with ideas as well as collecting or filming.

We also need people to help with filming, editing, scheduling and a lot of other behind the scene interactions. We are looking to build this group with local people to help make a program the whole town would enjoy. **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!** We can all learn from each other. If you would like to join our group, send an email to montvaletvaccess@montvaleboro.org or call and leave a message at 201-391-5700 ext. 269.

Thank you,
Bill Lagno
Station Manager

Blood Pressure Program

**Blood Pressure
Assessment**

Body Mass Index

**Diabetes Risk
Assessment**



**Health Education
Stress
Nutrition**

**Community
health resources**

Join Us for Free

**First Thursday of the Month
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Montvale Senior & Community Center
1 Memorial Drive**

For further information please call the
Health Awareness Regional Program of HackensackUMC
(551) 996-2038



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New Monthly Board Meeting Time: 1st Wed of the month at 4:00, Borough Hall, Montvale



The Montvale Chamber of Commerce

❖ Visit The Chamber's Website For Dates and Times ❖

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Montvale Chamber and Borough of Montvale Holiday Party

When: Tuesday, December 3, 2013 Time: 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Where: Bellissimo Italian Restaurant, 12 S Kinderkamack Rd, Montvale, NJ 07645

Cost: \$30 RSVP by November 25

Please visit our website at www.montvalechamber.com

A donation of an unwrapped new toy to be donated to "Toys for Tots" is optional

Business Networking Breakfast at Davey's Restaurant



Pictured from L to R: Anna Broley - Fish Window Cleaning, Linda Mitchell - Massage & Whole Body Health, Rich Hesse - Mercedes Benz, Nanuet, Steve Fox - Co-President Montvale Chamber, Scott Forman - Co-President Montvale Chamber, Dave Vozza - President Park Ridge Chamber, Tom Hartel - Hartel Plumbing, Doris Sutich - Perfect Limo



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Send us your company's "Green initiatives" Please e-mail us at: info@montvalechamber.com



MONTVALE IN DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 ♻️ East 🗑️ Board of Health 7:45 p.m.	3 ♻️ Central 🗑️ Planning Board Mtg. 7:30 p.m.	4 ♻️ West	5 ♻️ District 1, 2 Yard waste pickup	6	7
8	9 ♻️ East	10 ♻️ Central 🗑️ Mayor & Council Mtg. 7:30 p.m.	11 ♻️ West	12 ♻️ District 3, 4 Yard waste pickup	13	14
15	16 ♻️ East	17 ♻️ Central 🗑️ Planning Board Mtg. 7:30 p.m.	18 ♻️ West	19 ♻️ District 1, 2 Yard waste pickup	20	21
22	23 ♻️ East 🗑️ Mayor & Council Mtg. 7:30 p.m.	24 ♻️ Central & West ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES CLOSE AT NOON	25 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES CLOSED	26 ♻️ District 3, 4 Yard waste pickup	27	28
29	30 ♻️ East	31 ♻️ Central & West ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES CLOSE AT NOON				Service Key 🗑️ Local Mtg. 🗑️ Household Trash ♻️ Recyclable Pick-Up

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BUILDING DEPARTMENT

As we get into the fall leaf season and, very shortly, the inevitable snow and ice season, we wanted to remind all residents of the ordinances of the Borough of Montvale addressing the following two issues.

Leaves cannot be blown onto and left in the streets and public ways as they clog storm drains and create driving hazards. All leaves should be bagged or placed in a container for garbage pickup. The borough does not conduct leaf pickups. We would ask that all residents that use a landscape service make their landscape contractor aware of these requirements so as to avoid any potential problems. Any leaves blown to the curb shall be removed the same day.

Turning our attention to ice and snow, we all seem to be engaged in the battle with the snow plows that plow you in once you have already shoveled your driveway and sidewalks. The roads must be cleared for emergency vehicles and that takes priority over our individual driveways. Keep in mind any sidewalks on your property are your responsibility to clear within 24 hours after the end of a storm and must remain passable for pedestrian traffic. We are sure most residents do not want to be reminded of shoveling ice and snow, but with each resident doing their part, it will make Montvale a safer place to walk and drive during the inclement weather and makes our jobs a little easier too.

Should you wish to review the ordinances in detail, you can log onto Montvale.org, or, if you wish, speak to me directly. I can be reached at 201-391-5732, ext. 223. Thank you for your cooperation and best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.

Jeffrey Fette

Construction Official, Zoning,
Property Maintenance Officer



**MONTVALE BOARD OF HEALTH
RABIES INOCULATION CLINIC
WILL BE HELD ON
SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2014
10:00AM –11:30AM**



**PASCACK VALLEY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE
MEMORIAL DRIVE, MONTVALE, NJ**

**DOGS ON NON-RETRACTABLE LEASHES ARE WELCOME
FROM 10:00AM-11:00 AM**

CATS IN CARRIERS ARE WELCOME FROM 11:00 AM-11:30 AM

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