

# MyMontvale

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## 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 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 fireproof 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

# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

## NOVEMBER

Welcome to the November 2014 newsletter!

Wherever I go in Pascack Valley I am constantly asked the same question: when is Wegmans opening? As of this writing, we are in Superior Court wrapping up the initial case. (I recently spent four days giving testimony.) If the case is dismissed, it can be appealed to the appellate court and, if that should happen, it can be at least a one year process. In other words, a best case scenario has us in court until the end of next year. We are confident in our case but it all takes so much time, but that is the way the system works.

Nov. 1 will be the one year anniversary of the formation of the Pascack Valley DPW. Starting at the beginning of the worst winter in memory and all that followed we all came out relatively unscathed. Our services have improved and we are saving hundreds of thousands of dollars. We used our initial savings to add to the road program this year and were able to pave a number of streets and micro pave some others. Our growing pains are about over and everyone has settled into a comfortable routine. I tip my hat to Rich Campan-



**Roger J Fyfe**  
Mayor

elli and his crew for the great effort and the fine work they do. It shows every day. I also thank those residents who took the time to call or write me with their comments about the DPW over the last year. The response was overwhelmingly positive and that gives the governing body the confidence that they made the right decision and achieved something Montvale will benefit from for years to come.

On the subject of shared services, there has been great interest from several communities in Bergen County concerning our joint court. Being the only one in the county, they have been "picking our brains" as to the process and the challenges along the way. We are of course very proud of our court and happy to help any community in their efforts to save money.

Given that our incumbent council members Curry and LaMonica ran unopposed, I guess it is safe to congratulate them and say how much we appreciate their work. Montvale is lucky to have such civic minded and dedicated people willing to put in the time to keep us rolling along.

Happy Thanksgiving and happy holiday shopping to everyone!!

# MONTVALE RECREATION DEPARTMENT



## HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL RE-CAP

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.

## TREE LIGHTING AND GIFT GIVING

The Tree Lighting will be held on Friday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. on the field behind Memorial School (near Grand Ave. behind the fire department memorial). To add to this year's festivities, we are having a Gingerbread house competition. Children and adults can participate by bringing a homemade gingerbread house to the lighting. Judging will take place that evening. Winners will be announced at the event. Please be sure to include the contestant's name, address, phone number and age on the underside of the house.

## BIDDY BASKETBALL

This program is an introduction to basketball for boys and girls in grades K, 1, and 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. The program begins Dec. 6 and the fee is \$80. More information, including registration procedures, will be sent home through the Memorial School Wednesday folder.



# MONTVALE SENIOR CLUB

The Montvale Senior Club is enjoying a surge of new members joining our club. We again extend an invitation to any residents or past residents of Montvale who are 55 years of age or older. We have so much to offer at our beautiful Senior Center.

We have sponsored several trips recently and continue to offer a variety of historical and educational sites nearby. A trip is planned to the World Trade Center museum. We have a Christmas/Hanukah bus trip for November to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. Our trip coordinators are diligently working on trips for 2015 and are looking into overnight trips for three to five nights. Details will be announced shortly. A highlight of our club is three delicious dinners each year along with live entertainment at the Florentine Gardens in River Vale. This is a highly anticipated event

As you know, we have a beautiful facility located at One Memorial Drive in Montvale. The facility has become very popular and offers a wide variety of activities to please all. In November each year, the members of our Police Department entertain Montvale seniors with a delicious Harvest Dinner they prepare and serve. All our members look forward to this welcomed event.

We are proud to offer a wide range of activities including card groups, trips, chair exercises, line dancing, pizza and bingo nights, movies and popcorn activities, canasta classes, mahjong and



companionship. We welcome your suggestions for future programs, speakers and classes. We are all aware that socializing is very important to our older population and our club provides just that - companionship and friendship.

We invite you to join us at our business meeting on the first Thursday of each month at the Senior Center at 12 p.m. Come share your talents and expertise or just renew old friendships. Our annual dues are only \$8. We look forward to meeting you.

# MONTVALE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Hello Montvale:

As the holiday season approaches, here are some holiday shopping safety reminders:

Be smart and safe while shopping at the malls. Avoid going alone. Park under the street lights at night and 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 store, 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.

Other holiday season safety reminders:

The holiday season also brings holiday parties and holiday celebrations at which “holiday cheer” may be served. Don’t ruin your holiday season by getting arrested for DWI or worse – by crashing into someone and injuring or killing them. Get a designated driver. Call friends or family for a ride. Call a car service or a taxi (there are several taxi companies in the area). Just don’t drink and drive. The Montvale Police Department will have increased DWI patrols and roadblocks from late November until after the New Year as part of a national campaign against drunk driving. Enjoy your holidays responsibly.

Stay safe.

Chief Jeremy Abrams

## KEEP KIDS ALIVE DRIVE 25



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Keep Kids Alive Drive 25® 9-inch by 12-inch trashcan decals are available for pickup at Borough Hall, 2nd floor, at the front counter.



### LT. BRUCE PIATT RETIRES

We are saying goodbye to Lt. Bruce Piatt, who after 28 years as a regular police officer and three years as a special police officer, is retiring from the Montvale Police Department. Lt. Piatt also served as the Borough’s Office of Emergency Management Coordinator. He will be greatly missed and we all wish him the best in his future endeavors.

# MONTVALE LIBRARY

## NOVEMBER'S SPOTLIGHT

### From the Children's Department:

WHAT: "Thanksgiving Craft"

WHEN: Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 3:45 p.m.

INFO: For children ages 4 and up.

In-person registration required.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER

### Adult Department:

"Downloading e-books with the Kindle" – afternoon and evening classes,

Dec. 15 through 18

Thanks to the Friends of the Library, Montvale residents can now receive a \$3 discount at Liberty Science Center. Residents will have to present their library cards to the box office in order to receive the discount. The discount is for the cardholder only and cannot be combined with other promotions.

## FOR INFORMATION ON LIBRARY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

Visit the Montvale Library's web site at [montvale.bccls.org](http://montvale.bccls.org), email the library at [movlcirc@bccls.org](mailto:movlcirc@bccls.org), or telephone the library at 201-391-5090. Stop by and visit us, too!



# MONTVALE ACCESS



We are working on building a group of volunteers to help put together a TV schedule of programs Montvale residents would enjoy viewing. We use Verizon Channel 35 and Cablevision Channel 77 to broadcast the Mayor and Council monthly meetings. We've also added a few 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 are interested in our group, join us at Borough Hall, the first Tuesday of the month, at 7 p.m., 2nd Floor, conference room #1, send an email to [montvaletvaccess@montvaleboro.org](mailto:montvaletvaccess@montvaleboro.org), or call and leave a message at 201-391-5700, Ext. 251.

Bill Lagno  
Station Manager

## REPRESENTATIVE FROM 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 – 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

**CO-PRESIDENTS**

**SCOTT L. FORMAN**  
NJ Lenders Corp

**STEVEN FOX**  
Morgan Stanley

**1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

**TOM DAVEY**  
Davey's Locker

**VICE PRESIDENT**

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Massage & Whole Body Health

**Anna Brodley**  
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## Montvale Chamber of Commerce - *Open Enrollment*

### Business Membership

- **Cost: \$125.00**



**Benefits:**

**Business Networking and Community Events:**

- Discounted price for Montvale's annual Street Fair
- New Jersey and New York Chambers of Commerce: Business networking with hundreds of area and regional businesses, great opportunity to generate significant business and new relationships.

Montvale Chambers web-site individual company page::

- Your contact information along with company logo
- A detailed description of your products or services
- Photographs of your products or services
- A separate tab titled "Promotions", will allow you to scroll through a list of promotions/coupons/certificates and direct you to your company's individual page where clients/customers can print out your offer or certificate..
- **Thousands of local and regional web-site hits per month!**
- Web-site: [www.MontvaleChamber.com](http://www.MontvaleChamber.com)
- Click on the "Join Us" tab

### Upcoming Events

Look for our announcement for this years Holiday Party and "Person of the Year" Award

January Kickoff - Networking and Key Note Speakers

Early sponsorship of the 2015 Montvale Street Fair, Sunday June 7th



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## MONTVALE IN DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Service Key</b> Local Mtg. Household Trash Recyclable Pick-Up	<b>1</b> East Board of Health Mtg. 7:45 p.m.	<b>2</b> Central Planning Board Mtg. 7:30 p.m.	<b>3</b> West	<b>4</b> District 1 & 2 Yard waste pickup Historic Preservation 8:30 p.m.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> East	<b>9</b> Central Mayor & Council Mtg. 7:30 p.m.	<b>10</b> West	<b>11</b> District 3 & 4 Yard waste pickup	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> East	<b>16</b> Central Planning Board Mtg. 7:30 p.m.	<b>17</b> West	<b>18</b> District 1 & 2 Yard waste pickup	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> East	<b>23</b> Central	<b>24</b> West Yard waste pickup District 3 & 4	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b> Administrative offices closed	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> East	<b>30</b> Central Mayor & Council Mtg. 7:30 p.m.	<b>31</b> West Yard waste pickup District 1 & 2			

# MONTVALE OFFICIALS

### ADMINISTRATION

#### ADMINISTRATOR/MUNICIPAL CLERK

Maureen Iarossi-Alwan - [miarossi@montvaleboro.org](mailto:miarossi@montvaleboro.org)

### MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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TV: Cablevision-CH 77 Verizon FIOS-CH 35

## BOROUGH OF MONTVALE IS ON FACEBOOK

“Like” the Borough of Montvale, New Jersey on Facebook for timely updates, emergency notifications, and community news. You can like the Borough of Montvale, New Jersey by going to the [Montvale.org](http://Montvale.org) website, or through your own Facebook page.



# MONTVALE BOARD OF HEALTH

There has been much publicity in the news lately about ebola and enterovirus D68. No one can argue that these are trying times in the public health arena of the United States. Many different types of viruses exist. Most common infections in the community are due to viral infections, e.g., colds, coughs, sore throats, chickenpox and some other rashes.

For many viral infections there are no effective antiviral drugs (unlike antibiotics for bacteria.) Fortunately, the body's immune system is often able to fight towards recovery. With the influenza season upon us, immunization is the best way to protect everyone six months or older from getting this disease. Immunizations are readily available throughout the community. In Montvale, on Sept. 13, more than 100 residents were inoculated at the annual clinic sponsored by the Board of Health in conjunction with HARP of HUMC and the Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission. Many more should take advantage of immunizations that continue to be offered throughout the community.

There are steps in your daily life to protect you from getting the flu:

- Wash hands often with soap and water or an alcohol based hand rub
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- Avoid close contact with sick individuals
- Cover your mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Stay home for at least 24 hours after a fever if you are sick with a flu-like illness

#### AND MOST OF ALL:

PRACTICE GOOD HEALTH HABITS RELATED TO SLEEP, EXERCISE, FLUIDS AND FOOD CONSUMPTION.

Joyce Cohen  
President, Montvale Board of Health



## LOCAL ASSISTANCE

The Pascack Food Center will again this year be supplying Christmas dinners for the people in the Tri-Boro area.

#### 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, 2nd floor.
  - Food items for dinner: canned fruit, canned vegetables, rice, cranberry sauce, applesauce, stuffing, instant potato mix, cookies, coffee, and tea.
  - Donations of frozen turkeys or hams would be appreciated.
- If you are able to donate one of these, please call Kathie Bowen at 201-307-0534.

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

Kathie Bowen  
Public Assistance Director