

MyMontvale

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JUNE'S SPOTLIGHT:

ADULT DEPARTMENT

WHAT: "Making a Good Impression"

WHEN: Thursday, June 25, at 7 p.m.

INFO: Slide presentation on Impressionist painters with art educator Dr. Michael Norris. Register now by phone, in person, or by email to montvalelibraryprograms@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

There's still time to register for the Summer Story Hour and for the Summer Reading Program.

NEW THIS SUMMER:

For the first time, the Library will present an Adult Summer Reading Book Club with prizes sponsored by the Friends of the Montvale Library. Details are available on the Library's website.

LOOKING AHEAD TO JULY:

ADULT DEPARTMENT

"College Test Preparation with Shmoop" - Afternoon and evening classes, July 13 through July 16. Registration starts June 29.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

July 1 is the first day to donate items to the Friends of the Library Book Sale.

FOR INFORMATION ON LIBRARY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS:

Visit the Montvale Library's website at montvale.bccls.org, email the Library at movlcirc@bccls.org or telephone the Library at 201-391-5090. Stop by and visit us, too!

HEROES HONORED AT MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



PHOTO COURTESY OF JAMES RUSSO

During the services at the Montvale Veterans' Monument Park, memorial wreaths were presented to honor those brave Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice. A parade followed through Montvale, Park Ridge and Woodcliff Lake. View more photos from the parade on page 3.

LOCAL ASSISTANCE

The following emergency items are particularly needed at this time at the Pascack Food Center:
Jelly and jams

Peanut butter
Cereal
Macaroni and cheese
Paper towels
Toilet tissue

Please drop off your donations in the bin outside the

Library at Borough Hall.
Many thanks for your generosity!

Kathie Bowen
Public Assistance Director
201-307-0534

MAYOR'S MESSAGE JUNE



Roger J Fyfe
Mayor

Welcome to the June 2015 Newsletter!

I would like to start off by thanking the American Legion Post 153 from Park Ridge for organizing yet another Memorial Day ceremony and parade. The turnout was great, particularly for our 9 a.m. ceremony, which is why we have a Memorial Day in the first place. Also, thank you to all the groups and organizations that participated to make it a great Memorial Day parade.

Special thanks to Frank Scott and Thomas O'Neill from Montvale Boy Scout Troop 334 for carrying Mont-

vale's centennial banner in the parade, and to Sam Mandelman and Sean Kearns also from Troop 334 for carrying the American Legion banner!

Now as we head into summer Montvale residents have a bit more to cheer about! We welcome DDS Dental Supply to 240 Grand Ave. They are a family-owned company that has been supplying the dental community for 20 years. They have purchased the building vacated by Hughes Environmental and are in the process of renovating it to suit their needs. There will be sales offices and some distribution done out of the location. Welcome to Montvale!

In addition, First Commerce Bank opened its doors at 101 Chestnut Ridge Road with a ribbon cutting ceremony on May 27. They are a commercial bank specializing in small- to medium-size businesses, as well as public consumers. The Montvale branch will be one of seven they will be operating in New Jersey.

I'm happy to report the Montvale Swim Club has opened for its 2015 season with some help from the borough. The club had fallen on some hard times but the new board is made up of some very enthusiastic and ambitious members. They were able to convince us they could turn the club around in a few short years with assistance from the borough. So they have become a quasi of the borough (much like the MAL for example) which entitles them to



PHOTO/BOROUGH OF MONTVALE

Montvale Boy Scouts Thomas O'Neill, left, and Frank Scott, right, from Troop 334 carry the Montvale Centennial banner followed by Council Members Dieter Koelling and Mike Ghassali and Mayor Roger Fyfe.

insurance for a fraction of what they were paying, and the borough can help with some capital projects that have been delayed far too long. It only makes sense to try to keep up with its maintenance since the Montvale taxpayers own the facility. The response has been tremendous and the club is off to a great new start. Everyone is glad we were able to prevent the pool from closing its doors and losing another part of its small town appeal.

Finally, if our schedules held true, the paving of East Grand Avenue should be just about complete by now. The rest of our road program will be following soon.

School is out! Watch out for the kids!

MONTVALE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Hello Montvale:

The following are some summer safety reminders.

Practice basic summer pet safety. Never leave your pets in a parked car. Not even for a minute. Not even with the car running and air conditioner on. On a warm day, temperatures inside a vehicle can rise rapidly to dangerous levels. On an 85-degree day, for example, the temperature inside a car with the windows opened slightly can reach 102 degrees within 10 minutes. After 30 minutes, the temperature will reach 120 degrees. Your pet may suffer irreversible organ damage or die. NJSA4:22-17 provides that animal cruelty can be a disorderly person's offense up to a 3rd degree crime with penalties that can reach up to five years in prison. (Pet information courtesy of the Humane Society webpage.)

Second, pool safety. More than 80 percent of drowning incidents for children between the ages of 0-4 occur at residential swimming pools. More than 50 percent of these drowning incidents take place in the child's home pool, and about 33 percent occur at the pools of friends, neighbors or relatives. Approximately 75 percent of drowning incidents occur under a brief lapse of parental supervision, usually less than five minutes.

The Stew Leonard III Children's Charities webpage provides the following pool safety tips:

Supervision. The key to pool safety is constant supervision. Even when a lifeguard is present, parents need to be attuned to what their children are doing in the water. The National Safety Council stresses that lifeguards have the ability to scan a water area within 10 seconds and reach the person in distress within 20 seconds.

Be prepared. Families should have an action plan available in case

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MEMORIAL DAY FESTIVITIES AT A GLANCE



PHOTOS COURTESY OF JAMES RUSSO

Taking part in Montvale's Memorial Day Parade are (clockwise) Veterans of Foreign Wars Float Post #8946, Council Member Mike Ghassali, Mayor Roger Fyfe and Council Member Dieter Koelling, and the Pascack Hills High School Marching Band.



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of emergency. Life preservers should be kept close to a pool. All swimmers in the pool should know where the closest phone is if it is necessary to dial 911. It is also useful to stage drills and practice what might happen in an emergency situation. Finally, someone within the vicinity of the pool should know CPR and CPR instructions should be posted nearby.

Knowledge is power. The best tool to stay safe in any type of water is to learn to swim. Local swim clubs offer swimming lessons to people of all ages and at different skill levels, so both adults and children can learn.

Fence it in. Surround the pool with a fence that locks and automatically closes. Make sure that the openings in the fence are no more than four inches wide. Also, if any doors in the house go directly to a pool access area, make sure that they are kept locked at all times.

Next, with Independence Day a week away, remember that fire-

works are illegal in New Jersey. There are no exceptions for the holiday. New Jersey's laws on fireworks, N.J.S.A. 21:2-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 21:3-1 et seq., are very restrictive. In some states, fireworks are permitted to be sold to, and used by, the public. However, in New Jersey, only paper or plastic caps for use in toy guns are legal. Sparkler and novelty items, such as cigarette loads, trick matches, trick noise makers, smoke grenades, toy propellants, snaps & pops, poppets and champagne poppers, as well as firecrackers, roman candles, rockets, etc., are all illegal in this state.

Finally, I want to congratulate Montvale Police Department Lieutenant Doug McDowell and Sergeant Alisha Foley on their recent promotions. Both are outstanding police officers, and the promotions are well deserved.

Stay safe,
Chief Abrams

MONTVALE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

DAY IN THE PARK 2015

SATURDAY, JUNE 20 - MEMORIAL DRIVE COMPLEX



OPENING ACTIVITIES

- Children's fishing contest
- 3-on-3 Basketball tournament
- Tennis tournament

THE MAIN EVENT - 4:30-8:30 P.M.

- Rides
- Live music by Larry Stevens Band
- Family fun races
- Donut eating contests
- Apple pie baking contest



THE GRAND FINALE - 9:30 P.M.

- The area's best fireworks show!!
- Enjoy food from the snack shack chef
- Lunch, Dinner & Dessert

THE RICH PRADO AND RAY WOODWARD MEMORIAL FISHING TOURNAMENT

Sign-up begins at 8:30 a.m. at Huff Pond. Competition begins at 9 a.m. This event is for youngsters currently in grades Pre K-8. Participants should bring poles, hooks and worms.

All participants must be accompanied by an adult.

Adults may assist children (grades 1, 2 & 3) bait hooks, hook fish and unhook fish.

All contestants must reel in their own fish.

Any contestant who does not behave appropriately will be disqualified from the tournament.

All contestants must use worms only!

Awards for Largest Fish Caught and Most Fish Caught

Group 1: Pre K & K; Group 2: Grades 1, 2 & 3; Group 3: Grades 4, 5 & 6; Group 4: 7 & 8



MEN'S AND WOMEN'S 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL COMPETITION

Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. at the outdoor basketball courts across from Huff Pond.

All participants will be placed on a team.

All participants must be borough residents.

The tournament will begin at approximately 11 a.m.

Age groups: This competition will be open to men and women 18 years of age and older.

First place trophies will be awarded for each team in each age bracket and division.

SINGLES AND DOUBLES TENNIS COMPETITION

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. at the tennis courts across from Huff Pond.

All participants must be borough residents

First place trophies will be awarded for singles and doubles winners.

HOMEMADE APPLE PIE BAKING CONTEST

The judging will begin at 5 p.m.

All registrants must bake the pie themselves.

All pies entered must be submitted with the participant's name, address and all ingredients.

All participants must be present at the time of judging.

First, second and third place prizes will be awarded accordingly.



ADULT PROGRAMS

HATHA YOGA



Yoga will increase flexibility, physical strength and energy. Yoga will also improve concentration, emotional stability and the ability to relieve stress through relaxation. Two one-day/week classes will be offered in the Recreation Center. The first class will meet Monday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

beginning in June. The second class will meet Friday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. beginning in June. Registration will take place on the first session of each class. Residents and non-residents 18 years of age or older are invited to participate. High school students may participate if registered by an adult. A mat or towel should be brought to each class. Fee: \$40 for residents; \$50 for non-residents for this abbreviated four-week class. Instructor: Debra Broadman.

TENNIS REGISTRATION

A magnetic locking system is installed on the court gates of both the Memorial Drive and Chestnut Ridge tennis courts. This system has proven to be an effective way to reduce the number of non-registered people using our courts. Each year residents who wish to use the courts must register to receive their new access card.

Membership registration for the 2015 season, which runs from March 1 through Dec. 31, may be purchased at Borough Hall during normal business hours. The 2015 tennis fee schedule is:

CATEGORY	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
Adult	\$30	\$60
*Student (14-18)	\$10	\$20
Family	\$50	\$100
Senior Citizen	FREE	FREE

*A student registering alone must register as an adult.

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ROUND ROBIN TENNIS

The courts are reserved for this program on Thursday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. on Memorial Drive. All registered men and women are eligible to participate. There is no fee for this program. The program runs from mid May through the end of August. You may register for the round robin when you register for tennis passes and/or lessons. If the program is not running, the courts are open to all registered participants.



KID'S CORNER

SUMMER CAMP

Participation in this program is open to any Montvale resident who will be entering grades 1-7 in September. Camp activities include



bowling at the Montvale Lanes, swimming at the Montvale Swim Club, guest entertainers, arts and crafts and daily "special events." Registration is still open for this program. You may register at Borough Hall during normal business hours. Although we do our best to keep camp open, in the event of severe inclement weather there is the possibility that we may have to close Camp.

DATES: June 30 through July 25

PLACE: Memorial School Complex

TIME: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Mon. - Fri.)

RESIDENT FEE: \$200 per child (family max \$650)

NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$250 per child (family max \$800)

The parks on Memorial Drive will be closed from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. during summer camp season.

TAEKWON-DO



Taekwon-Do, the Korean art of self-defense, is the scientific use of the body through physical and mental training for self-defense in unarmed combat. Program will be offered two days/week for children in grades K-8. The K-4 grade class will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6

to 7 p.m. Classes began Tuesday, June 2. The 5-8 grade class will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m. Classes began Tuesday, June 2. The program will be held in the Recreation Center. Fee: for this 16-session class is \$120 for residents; \$180 for non-residents (space permitting.) Registration: first day of class. Instructor: Mario Liriano; 5th Degree Black belt.

FIELD USE

Applications and Hold Harmless forms must be completed and returned to the Borough Hall Building Dept. c/o Jeff Fette, with liability insurance and payment. Forms are available on line and at the Borough Hall front counter. Permits will be given according to availability.

FROM THE CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL



I would like to take this opportunity to make our residents aware of a problem that has been occurring in town. There has been a recent rash of chimney and chimney liner related incidents where chimney contractors have pressured residents, some elderly, into work that may or may not have been needed. Some of these incidents involved a salesman inside the home speaking with the homeowner while another person is on the roof examining the chimney and, more often than not, stating there is immediate work that needs to be done on the chimney. If they don't act fast, they are putting their home in danger of a fire.

Certainly, such tactics would alarm any homeowner so I offer the following suggestions if you are confronted with such a situation:

1. Be wary of a chimney contractor if you have not made the initial call for him to come to your home.
2. Do not let anybody on your roof without your express permission.
3. Do not sign anything until you have received at least two cost estimates for the work you want done.
4. Make sure the contractor has a NJ Contractor Registration Number and can produce it at your request. My office can help you determine if the license is current or expired.
5. Take note of the name and license plate number of the contractor's vehicle they arrived in at your house.
6. Question the contractors as to who will pay for building permits. Except for some general repair work, permits will be required for chimney liners. If you are unsure, please call my office and we will guide you as to the requirements.
7. If you feel you are being coerced into signing a contract, it is best to do nothing until you have had the chance to research the contractor more thoroughly.

This is not intended to paint all chimney contractors with a broad brush as there are many reputable chimney specialists in business. You are encouraged to be diligent in checking their references and ask questions when you do not feel comfortable. If we all follow these simple suggestions, Montvale will be less of a "target" community for unscrupulous contractors in all trades.

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 there between 1 and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

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MONTVALE IN JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Service Key 🏠 Local Mtg. 🗑 Household Trash ♻ Recyclable Pick-Up	🗑 East 🏛 Board of Health 7:45 p.m.		1 🗑 West	2 ♻ District 1 & 2 Yard Waste Pick-up	3 Independence Day - Administrative Offices Closed	4
5	6 🗑 East	7 🗑 Central 🏛 Planning Board Mtg. 7:30 p.m.	8 🗑 West	9 ♻ District 3 & 4 Yard Waste Pick-up	10	11
12	13 🗑 East	14 🗑 Central 🏛 Mayor & Council Mtg. 7:30 p.m.	15 🗑 West	16 ♻ District 1 & 2 Yard Waste Pick-up	17	18
19	20 🗑 East 🏛 Environmental Commission Mtg. 7:45 p.m.	21 🗑 Central 🏛 Planning Board Mtg. 7:30 p.m.	22 🗑 West	23 ♻ District 3 & 4 Yard Waste Pick-up	24	25
26	27 🗑 East	28 🗑 Central 🏛 Mayor & Council Mtg. 7:30 p.m.	29 🗑 West	30 ♻ District 1 & 2 Yard Waste Pick-up	31	

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EXCITING NEWS FROM THE TAX DEPARTMENT

All residents will soon be able to take advantage of a new drop box that will be located outside the main entrance of the library at 12 Mercedes Drive.

This drop box is to be used for

tax payments only. Checks only. NO CASH.

Any payments placed in the drop box after 3 p.m. will not be processed until the next business day.

MONTVALE PBA

The Montvale PBA, Local 303, is deploying its first ever Summer Safety Program. Montvale PBA members will be handing out vouchers (pictured) for one free, small Slurpee when they see children displaying bicycle and pedestrian safety. Children may be asked some general safety questions as well. The voucher is only redeemable at the 7-Eleven, 1 North Kinderkamack Road, Montvale, until Sept. 7. For more information regarding this program, contact the Montvale PBA at



montvalepba@gmail.com. Have a fun and safe summer.

Kash Cruise
 President
 Montvale PBA, Local 303

MONTVALE SENIOR CLUB



Senior Club about to embark on their three-day trip to Washington, D.C.

The Montvale seniors have been enjoying new activities and expanded trips this year and we invite you to join us. Our members have been busy enjoying and planning our expanded trips. Last month we offered a three-day trip to Washington, D.C. A large group enjoyed three fun-filled days packed with exciting and educational activities in our nation's capital.

Our day trips have expanded, as we now offer a trip per month. The recent bus trip to the 9/11 Museum in lower Manhattan was a huge success and our members are looking forward to many more trips both historical and entertaining. We have enjoyed a variety of speakers with expertise in their fields. There are several ongoing groups such as canasta, crochet, card games, yoga, gardening, computer classes and a variety of others.

What does our beautiful senior center offer? We have an exercise room filled with an assortment of fitness equipment which continues to be very popular. Members are playing card games on several days and invite and encourage newcomers. If you have a particular interest, come share it with us. We invite residents of Montvale and now former residents who may live in other areas to come join us. You must be 55 and over to join our club, which meets on the first and third Thursday of the month for our Business and Social meetings. We are fortunate to have a board member who attends meetings at the Bergen County Senior Citizens Coordinating Council, Inc. and informs us of any relevant information relating to senior citizens. Our Montvale schools invite members of our club to their concerts, shows and related activities.

We host a Pizza and Bingo evening that everyone enjoys. We offer numerous lunches throughout the year to which we look forward. Our elegant dinners at the Florentine Gardens are our most popular event. We have these special dinners, entertainment and companionship three times a year. Our Mother's Day luncheon is a highlight, as is our Valentine's Day luncheon. Our police department sponsors a Harvest luncheon for seniors in November, which they prepare and serve.

Our mission is to provide companionship and relaxation for our seniors and keep members abreast of topics that affect the lives and well being of our members. Come down and meet our members. Bring a friend if you like. We look forward to meeting and welcoming you. You can reach our president Steve Ohayon at mrstephenov@verizon.net.



PHOTOS/BOROUGH OF MONTVALE

Among the many sites visited by the Senior Club was the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial with the iconic image of the second flag raising on Iwo Jima.