

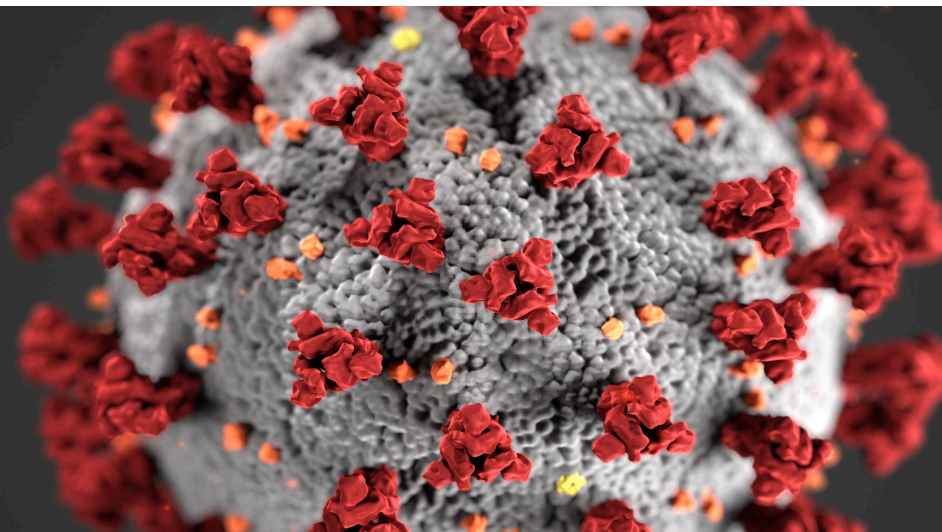


The Borough of Montvale

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A look at the Community, including upcoming events, important notices, meetings, and more.



COVID-19

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From the Tax Department

Excess Sewer Charges are due April 1, 2020. Grace period has been extended to April 30, 2020. After April 30, interest will revert back to April 1.

Property taxes are due May 1, 2020. Grace period will be to Monday, May 11. After May 11, interest will revert back to May 1. For your convenience, a dropbox is located curbside by main entrance of Library and you may also pay online through the borough website at www.montvale.org

As always, if you have any questions, please email Fran Scordo, Tax Collector at fscordo@montvaleboro.org

The Mayor's Corner

At the time of writing if this article, we are in the process of closing our parks and municipal building and canceling all meetings and activities due to the Coronavirus outbreak. We are experiencing new ways of conducting business in town and using new ways to communicate among the different departments.

The information about presumptive and confirmed positives for COVID-19 patients is compiled from the healthcare facilities and sorted to the county. We at the municipal level, OEM and local Board of Health get the information from the county. They tell us only the number of positives. First responders receive the same numbers but with addresses to alert them in case they need to enter those addresses for emergencies.

The patients who test positive, if they are not hospitalized, are told they are on mandatory quarantine, and a healthcare professional checks on them by phone regularly. A nurse is assigned to each patient. The nurse interviews the patient and follows up on the close contacts with strict instructions to each person contacted.

At the local level, we don't have the authority to force the quarantine without a court order, and although HIPAA does not apply to us, it applies to the healthcare professionals and prohibits them from sharing the information with us. I have requested from the county to at least share the number of recoveries for our towns as we move forward. I have been asked to share more information, I can't share information I don't have.

You have been hearing, and unfortunately it is very true, we will see more positives showing up in the next few days. We are still on the climb of the curve, and I hope we are close to the tip and will see a decline soon. The best advice is to assume that infected patients have been to all over town, so stay home and use the following guidelines.



Mayor Mike Ghassali

- Go to the supermarket alone
- When walking, keep the 6 feet distance rule
- Sanitize your home and car at least once a day
- Wash your hands often
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.

With these changes in our area, the goodness of our residents shines every time. More than 25 residents offered their time to help our elderly in town. It started with a simple post by Nancy Broderick and ended with an organized program that does wellness checks and safe handling delivery of essentials. Everyone involved in this program is a hero in my book and will be recognized appropriately in due time.

We all want to get back to normalcy and do what we each like to do, but we also want to be safe and healthy. As always, I am always available for anything I can help with, don't hesitate to contact me.

Montvale Police Department

For the past month or so, it is hard to go anywhere without hearing about the Coronavirus. As I type this, we have been notified that the public schools will be closed for at least the next two weeks. The Montvale Police Department is committed to, and prepared to keep our town safe during this crisis. We have been regularly communicating with the Office of Emergency Management, and the command staff from our surrounding police, fire and EMT agencies. We are all working together to provide the same high quality police and volunteer service that you deserve and expect.



There are people trying to take advantage of this crisis by playing on the fear and anxiety that many of us are dealing with. The government will not be calling you for information about your bank account or asking for your Social Security number. Please check the website <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/coronavirus-scams-what-ftc-doing> for information about these and other scams.

Follow the Montvale Police Department Facebook page as we will try to post the most up to date information available. Also, please remember to drive carefully, as many people are out walking and enjoying the nice weather. Stay Well!

Chief Joseph Sanfilippo

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Meetings This Month

Please visit the calendar on Montvale.org for meeting schedules and call-in information

Trash & Recycling This Month

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
30 East Zone Trash Pickup	31 Central Zone Trash Pickup	1 West Zone Trash Pickup	2 Recycling: Districts 1&2 Yard Waste Collection	3
6 East Zone Trash Pickup	7 Central Zone Trash Pickup	8 West Zone Trash Pickup	9 Recycling: Districts 3&4 Yard Waste Collection	10
13 East Zone Trash Pickup	14 Central Zone Trash Pickup	15 West Zone Trash Pickup	16 Recycling: Districts 1&2 Yard Waste Collection	17
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From the Property Maintenance Department

As we get into the warmer weather, our attention will turn to yard cleanup from the mild winter we had in our area. Thankfully, we dodged a brutal winter (snow and ice wise) so we can get an early start on yard cleanup.

Individual residents and property owners will need to assess any damage to their property. All branches laying on the ground as well as broken branches still hanging in the tree will need to be removed. Tree stumps that have been uprooted will need to be removed in their entirety. Any cutup logs will need to be neatly stacked on the property. These requirements will apply to any landscaped area of the property which includes all lawn areas, planted areas, and garden areas. Any tree damage that occurred in naturally wooded areas can be cleaned up at the option of the property owner or left in its natural condition.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in keeping Montvale looking great as we look forward to a warm and enjoyable spring and summer for all residents.

Tri-Boro Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 AM – 11:00AM for pre-bagged distribution. It is located at the Pascack Reformed Church, 65 Pascack Road, Park Ridge. If you are a new customer, please call the pantry before you visit. 201-573- 9083.

The Pantry is in need of the following unexpired items:

Peanut Butter, Jam, Jelly
Tomato Sauce
Canned Soup
Canned Tuna
Dried Beans
Rice

Hot Oatmeal
Mac & Cheese
Cake Mix
Boxed Sides such as Mashed
Potatoes, Stuffing, Knorr's, etc.
Dried Pasta

Cleaning Supplies
Body Soap/Deodorant
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper
Snacks such as cookies, crackers,
granola bars, etc.
Dried Cereal

Contact:



201-391-5700



www.Montvale.org



The Borough of Montvale
12 Mercedes Drive

Montvale Senior Club

All events and trips will be canceled till further notice. You will be notified as soon as possible of updates, through e-mails and phone calls. The senior center will be closed till further notice, inclusive of all activities. We thank you for your patience.

The Montvale Senior Executive Board
Milli Stellatos, corresponding secretary

Library Programs

The library is currently closed due to the state of emergency. In the meantime, we are making as many of our services as possible available online. Please check our website and our Facebook page for updates during this time. Generally, our programs are restricted to specific ages, but given the current circumstances, feel free to watch and enjoy all posts.

Some quick notes:

- Links to our Facebook and Instagram accounts as well as all of our databases such as Hoopla are available on our website: www.monvalelibrarynj.org.

- By 3/25, all residents who don't have library cards will be able to register for them on www.bccls.org and get a card number emailed back to them. Use that to access Hoopla, Mango languages, Overdrive/Libby, and many more websites available through www.bccls.org and our website.

The following programs will be available online during this period.

Programs For Everyone!

Mindful Meditation

Could you use a break to just breathe and relax? We will explore ways to be mindful by learning about meditation, yoga, breathing exercises, art, and reading to chill out and recenter ourselves. We will also be adding in a weekly act of kindness.

Chemistry in the Kitchen

Come see what Miss Giulia is cooking this week. Whether it's gnocchi or grilled cheese, Miss Giulia always has something healthy and delicious cooking. Take a look, make suggestions for new ingredients, or talk about your own recipes. This is your opportunity to connect and enjoy being part of our virtual community.

Guitar Singalong

Looking for a chance to practice your guitar skills or just have a lot of fun listening? Join Miss Giulia. Play along with your guitar at home or just listen as she goes through songs that can be enjoyed by all ages.

Story Time

Have you been looking for a way to watch our story times at home any time that's convenient for you? Take a look at our Facebook page for some of your favorite story time books. We can't be in the Library, but we can sure enjoy a good story!

Virtual Book Club - Classics

April 8, at 2:00 pm

Read or reread 'Pride and Prejudice', one of the great works of our time.

In addition, we will have available recommendations from our staff for the following: art Videos, audiobooks, books, movies, recipes, and much more! Please check back for more information.

A final note, please do not leave books in the book drop during this time. Your item due dates have been automatically changed to two weeks after we reopen. No fines will be accrued while we are closed and we will resolve any issues that may come up when we reopen.

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Chamber of Commerce Board Meetings:

1st Wednesday of the Month located at Montvale Borough Hall 4:00 pm

*Upcoming
Events:*



Street Fair 2020

When: Sunday June 14, 2020

Time: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Where: Paragon Drive, Montvale

**Join over 100 Vendors and over
25,000 people for a family fun
filled afternoon**

*A Message from the
US Chamber of
Commerce:*



U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Keeping the Home Safe

Encourage your employees to



**PRACTICE
GOOD HYGIENE**

- Clean hands at the door and at regular intervals
- Create habits and reminders to avoid touching their face and cover coughs and sneezes
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, and handrails regularly
- Increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning



**HOUSEHOLDS WITH VULNERABLE
SENIORS OR THOSE WITH SIGNIFICANT
UNDERLYING CONDITIONS**

- Significant underlying conditions include heart, lung, kidney disease; diabetes; and conditions that suppress the immune system
- Have the healthy people in the household conduct themselves as if they were a significant risk to the person with underlying conditions. For example, wash hands frequently before interacting with the person, such as by feeding or caring for the person
 - If possible, provide a protected space for vulnerable household members
 - Ensure all utensils and surfaces are cleaned regularly



**HOUSEHOLDS WITH
SICK FAMILY MEMBERS**

- Give sick members their own room if possible, and keep the door closed
- Have only one family member care for them
- Consider providing additional protections or more intensive care for household members over 65 years old or with underlying conditions

What every American and community can do now to decrease the spread of coronavirus



**Join the Chamber: MontvaleChamber.com/join
www.facebook.com/Montvale-Chamber-of-Commerce**

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Montvale Recreation Special Events Committee

Looking to give back to your town in a way that benefits residents of all ages through fun family-oriented events? Recreation is currently seeking adult or high school volunteers to assist in the planning and coordinating of Montvale's annual events such as Day In The Park, the Halloween Carnival, the Christmas Tree Lighting, the Spring Fling and more! Join the Special Events Committee today to be a part of keeping these events successful, memorable and a tradition for Montvale. Please email MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org for more information.

Summer Camp

In-person registration for summer camp is temporarily suspended. However, online registrations are still being accepted and processed.

Summer Camp for children entering grades 1-5 in September of 2020, will run June 29 through July 24, 2020 (Closed on Friday, July 3 for the holiday) on Memorial Drive. Camp hours will be 9:30 am to 2:30 pm on Memorial Drive. For further camp information, please visit the Recreation section of the Borough website.

Adventure Camp

Adventure Camp Registration is now closed as the camp is full. If you would like to add your camper to the waitlist, please email MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org

Adventure camp is for children entering grades 6 and 7 in the September 2020-2021 school year. The camp will run June 29 through July 24, 2020 (Closed on Friday, July 3 for the holiday). As part of this camp, campers will spend time off site learning and discovering. Each week campers will venture on trips to explore and above all, have fun! Please note that this camp will begin 30 minutes earlier this year. Campers must arrive by 9:00 am and will be released at 2:30 pm. Earlier drop off will allow for campers to have more time on their many trips during camp. For further camp information, please visit the Recreation section of the Borough website.

Recreational Activities and Programs

At this time, all Montvale Recreation programs have been suspended indefinitely. All parks, playgrounds, fields, courts and recreational facilities have been closed in addition to field use permits being suspended. This measure was taken as a result of the recommendations from the CDC and the Governor's Office, which have both strongly discouraged social gatherings in order to limit the risk of spreading COVID-19. When we are able to resume recreational programming and activities, announcements will be sent out via email, the Borough website, the Borough Facebook page and the Recreation Facebook page.

Decisions concerning program refunds will be made in the future depending on when programs are resumed. If you have any questions, please email MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org.