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



Happy Thanksgiving

Mayor Michael Ghassali and The Borough Council wish all residents a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

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The Mayor's Corner

There are a lot of infrastructure work being done around town to update and upgrade the gas and water supply. While we are all being temporarily inconvenienced, please be assured that this work at this time is needed for the long term. The streets that are opened and then patched, are going to be milled and paved by PSE&G and will be monitored and inspected by our engineers.

As we get into the winter months, our Covid-19 confirmed positive cases are slowly edging up, and following a state upward trend. Please continue to take the proper safety precautions and continue to wear your masks and practice social distancing.

Our Mayor and Council meetings as well as our Planning and Zoning Board meetings are being conducted in person. I hope you are able to join us and take part in the process.



Mayor Mike Ghassali

We are gearing for the winter season. We have a new salt shed to house the salt needed for the winter and the equipment is being prepared for the heavy work expected.

Please continue to be safe and help us by reporting potholes and burned out street lights.

Montvale Police Department

November Holiday Schedule

The Borough of Montvale offices will be closed on following days in November:

- Wednesday, November 11 - Veteran's Day.
- Thursday, November 26 - Thanksgiving
- Friday, November 27 - Thanksgiving.

Hopefully, a return to normalcy is coming. It appears that as I write this at the end of October, we are starting to see an uptick in COVID-19 positives. It is vitally important to avoid becoming complacent. Continue to wear your mask in public areas, and wash your hands. We do not want to go back to early 2020 and deal with a winter lockdown. We are looking forward to restarting our Community based programs like Junior Police Academy, Coffee with a Cop, and National Night Out, once this crisis finally passes. Our Community Policing Officers will be "rolling out" a Bike Safety Program for K-4 students in early November. Happy Thanksgiving!



From the Tax Department

2019 Senior Freeze (Property Tax Reimbursement)

The Governor's budget fully funds the 2019 Senior Freeze program. Payments are expected to be paid to eligible taxpayers beginning on October 15, 2020.

2017 Homestead Benefit

2017 Homestead Benefit payments will be paid to eligible taxpayers beginning in May 2021.

The Final 2020/2021 tax bills have been mailed. Taxes are due November 1, February 1 and May 1 with a ten day grace period. After the ten day grace period, interest will revert back the first.

A copy of your tax bill along with all of your tax information can be found on the Borough website at www.montvale.org.

For your convenience, a dropbox is located curbside by the main entrance of the Library, you may pay in person at Borough Hall, online through the borough website at www.montvale.org, or you can mail your payment to the Borough of Montvale located at 12 Mercedes Drive, Montvale, NJ Attn: Tax Collector.

If you would like your bill stamped PAID, please include your entire bill with payment plus a self-addressed stamped envelope so your bill can be returned back to you. As always, if you have any questions, please call Fran Scordo, Tax Collector at (201) 391-5700 ext. 254 or email at fscordo@montvaleboro.org

Fire Prevention Department

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, please take all precautions if you intend on deep frying your turkey.

1. Do not place the turkey in the hot oil while still frozen.
2. Do not over fill the fryer with oil.
3. Keep the fryer 15 feet away from your home.
4. Keep it off all porches, decks, and balconies.
5. Keep a fire extinguisher within 5 feet to extinguish fire.
6. If you have a fire caused by the fryer, do not hesitate to call the Montvale Fire Department, DIAL 911.

Tri-Boro Food Pantry

Our annual Thanksgiving dinner distribution will take place November 22nd. This year we are anticipating an estimated 130 families. Each family will be given a frozen turkey, a bag of produce and a bag of grocery items to make the feast complete!

In order to make these grocery bags we are looking for donations of unexpired:

Stuffing mix	Canola oil
Canned cranberry	Brownie/ cake mix
Gravy mix	Coffee
Cornbread mix	Tea
Canned yams	

Also, the pantry is always grateful for those free hams and turkeys from ShopRite!! Thank you

Montvale Officials

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Trash & Recycling This Month

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 East Zone Trash Pickup	3 Central Zone Trash Pickup	4 West Zone Trash Pickup	5 Recycling: Districts 3&4	6 Leaf Collection
9 East Zone Trash Pickup	10 Central Zone Trash Pickup	11 West Zone Trash Pickup	12 Recycling: Districts 1&2	13 Leaf Collection
16 East Zone Trash Pickup	17 Central Zone Trash Pickup	18 West Zone Trash Pickup	19 Recycling: Districts 3&4	20 Leaf Collection
23 East Zone Trash Pickup	24 Central Zone Trash Pickup	25 Recycling: Districts 1&2 West Zone Trash Pickup	26	27 Leaf Collection
30 East Zone Trash Pickup	1 Central Zone Trash Pickup	2 West Zone Trash Pickup	3 Recycling: Districts 3&4	4 Leaf Collection

From the Construction Official

As I was driving into work last week, I noticed a somewhat subtle change occurring. It seems there were some very early signs of leaves changing color which can only mean that we are transitioning into the fall season. While it may be your favorite season because of cooler temperatures and beautiful colors, it also has its problems such as what to do with all those leaves.

With the new garbage pickup days in effect, I wanted to take a moment and make everybody aware of leaf removal guidelines. First, yard waste, including leaves, will be picked up borough wide on Friday. All leaves must be in containers or bags.

Secondly, please be aware that leaves cannot be piled in the street as they eventually make their way into the storm drains and require a lot of time and money to clean out. Also, leaves piled in the street and subsequently snowed on make it extremely difficult to clear the streets safely. If you use a landscape contractor to clean your yard, kindly make them aware of these requirements so as to minimize the risk of fines for non-compliance.

If we all can follow these simple rules, it will certainly make it easier to keep the town looking great as we enjoy the change of season.

Montvale Senior Club

We are happy to announce that our Senior Members will be notified by e-mails of the up and coming activities. We will still respect the COVID regulations, masks, temperature checks, gloves(optional), signing a waiver form for each activity while participating, distancing 6 feet apart, with all events. We are limited in having our normal senior meetings and we are attempting to do our best in arranging programs that will interest our members.

Our future programs will include Bingo and Movies. Bocce and Chair Exercises are already in session. Tai Chi will continue with a new schedule of date and time. A Meditation Class began Oct. 20. If anyone has ideas or programs that will enhance the club's interest, please call Marie Dineen, 201-391-1831.

We are ever so thankful and grateful to the Borough of Montvale for all their support and efforts during these challenging times. It is in time like these that we are able to "PULL TOGETHER" and make it work due to the dedication of our Senior Board and our loyal club members.

God Bless Everyone and our United States of America!

Contact:



201-391-5700



www.Montvale.org



The Borough of Montvale
12 Mercedes Drive

Board of Health

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is advising patients and their families to use antibiotics only when necessary to further reduce antibiotic resistance, the spread of superbugs, and protect patients from side effects from antibiotics. During U.S. Antibiotic Awareness Week and throughout the year, CDC promotes Be Antibiotics Aware, an educational effort to raise awareness about the importance of safe antibiotic use.

The Be Antibiotics Aware initiative educates the public about when antibiotics are needed, when they are not, how to take antibiotics appropriately, and potential side effects of antibiotics. CDC encourages patients and families to:

- Get the facts about antibiotics. Antibiotics do not work on viruses, such as those that cause colds, flu, bronchitis, or runny noses, even if the mucus is thick, yellow, or green. When antibiotics aren't needed, they won't help you, and the side effects could still hurt you.
- Ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist about the best way to feel better.
- While your body fights off a virus, pain relievers, fever reducers, saline nasal spray or drops, warm compresses, liquids, and rest can help you feel better.
- If you need antibiotics, take them exactly as prescribed. Talk with your doctor if you have any questions about your antibiotics.
- Talk with your doctor if you develop any side effects, especially severe diarrhea, since that could be a sign of a *Clostridioides difficile* (C. difficile or C. diff) infection, which needs to be treated.
- Do your best to stay healthy and keep others healthy by cleaning hands, covering coughs, staying home when sick, and getting recommended vaccines, such as the flu vaccine.


This year's observance for Antibiotics Awareness Week is November 11-17th.

CDC encourages patients and families to use the educational resources and learn more about Be Antibiotics Aware by visiting: https://www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use/?s_cid=NCEZID-AntibioticUse-023.


Why You Can't Test Out of COVID-19 Quarantine*

*Quarantine = staying home/away from others for 14 days after close contact with someone with COVID-19 to make sure you don't get sick/infect others.


Possibly exposed to COVID-19?




Quarantine at home for 14 days.




You cannot test out of quarantine.




Even if you test negative, stay home for 14 days.




A negative test only shows you are not infected on the day tested during the 14 day quarantine.




You can still test positive and/or become sick during the 14 day quarantine.



It is important to complete the entire 14 day quarantine.



After 14 days if you have no symptoms, your quarantine is over.



For general questions about COVID-19 call 211 or 1-800-222-1222. Download the COVID AlertNJ app: covid19.nj.com/app.

October 5, 2020

The Montvale Fire Department

Members Wanted

The Montvale Fire Department is made up of 35 volunteer firefighters that provide fire protection to the Borough of Montvale 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 52 weeks a year. We are starting a membership drive and are looking for new members to join us. No experience is necessary and free training is provided. If you are a resident of Montvale and 16 to 18 years old, you can become a Junior firefighter. If you are 18 years old or over, you can become a regular fire fighter.

If you would like to help your fellow neighbors, stop down at the fire house on the first, second, or fourth Thursday of the month at 8 PM or call the fire house at (201)391-4240 and leave a message and somebody will get in touch with you.

Service Awards

The Montvale Fire Department would like to congratulate the following members for their dedicated service to the Montvale Fire Department and the residents of the Borough of Montvale.

Eric Rizzo	5 Years
Mark Vogelsang	5 Years
Keith Miller	20 Years

Fund Drive

The Montvale Fire Department has started its annual fund drive. This supports the associations scholarships, Santa's visit to Montvale, and other community events. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, it's not too late.

Please mail to the Montvale Fire Dept., 35 W. Grand Ave. Montvale NJ, 07645.

Chief Geoffrey Gibbons

Montvale Library Virtual Programs – November 2020

Please check our website and our Facebook page for updates during this time. Links to our Facebook, Good Reads, Instagram, Twitter and Spotify accounts as well as all of our databases such as Hoopla, Kanopy and Mangolanguages are available on our website:

www.monvalelibrarynj.org.

Adult Programs

November 5, 2020

7:00 pm

Claude Monet: Obsessed with the Natural World

Claude Monet is known for his beautiful landscapes and garden scenes. This art lecture will discuss his journey from rejected outsider to ground-breaking icon of Modernism.

November 9, 2020

7:00 pm

Financial Literacy and Security Fraud Workshop

Presented by the Investor Advocacy Project at the Seton Hall University of Law, this workshop will teach participants what questions to ask investment professionals before handing over their hard-earned money.

November 12, 2020

7:00 pm

True Crime Book Group

This month we will be discussing American Predator, by Maureen Callahan. We still have openings, so e-mail george.galuschak@montvale.bccls.org if you are interested in joining.

November 18, 2020

7:00 pm

Virtual Guided Meditation Session

Holidays stressing you out? Join us in a relaxing virtual guided meditation session conducted by certified instructor Amy Rutledge.

Upcoming Virtual Book Groups

All are welcome to join our virtual book groups via Zoom. Please contact Lorissa Lightman at Lorissa.lightman@montvale.bccls.org or 201-391-5090 for additional information. Visit our website at <https://www.montvalelibrarynj.org/adultbooksclubs> and our social media outlets for the latest news on our book groups.

November 2, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Monday Morning Virtual Book Group: "Daughter of Moloka'i" by Alan Brennert

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November 19, 2020

12:00 p.m.

Monday Afternoon Virtual Book Group: "Inheritance" --Dani Shapiro

What's Cooking with Therese?

The Cookbook Supper Club will be reading *How to Celebrate Everything: Recipes and Rituals for Birthdays, Holidays, Family Dinners, and Every Day In Between* by Jenny Rosenstrach. The meeting will be on Monday, November 16th at 6:30 pm via Zoom. The group will be discussing the book and comparing notes on recipes from the book. Please visit <https://www.montvalelibrarynj.org/adultbooksclubs> for more information and email Therese.Jones@montvale.bccls.org with any questions or to register for this program.

From the Children's Room- November Holidays and Happenings

Wednesday, November, 4th

10:30 a.m.

Bendy Bookworm Toddler Yoga Storytime

Reading, Yoga and Singing...oh, my! Bendy Bookworm will be featuring a virtual Yoga Storytime. Stories, songs and movement will engage young readers promoting both entertainment and a love for books and learning. Please, join us virtually via Zoom for this super "bendy" time. Registration is required and is best for ages 6 and under.

Tuesday, November 24th

10:30 a.m.

Zoom to the Moon Storytime Friendsgiving!

Join us for Ms. Liz's Friendsgiving Celebration - Virtual Storytime. Bring your special stuffed animal friends to connect, share, sing songs, read stories and of course.... Zoom to the Moon! Registration is required and can be completed online from the activity calendar found on our website.

Tuesday, November 17th

3:45pm

STEAM-to-go

Who is ready to experiment? We will be hosting a virtual STEM-to-go program via Zoom. Participants will engage in science-based experiments and activities with guidance from a live trained instructor. Where some materials may be needed from home, the Montvale Library will provide individually prepared and packaged materials necessary to complete a STEM activity and have them ready for pick up prior to the session. Registration is required and is best suited for grades 3-5.

Artist Peri and Thanksgiving Art Class

Artist Peri will be back leading a Thanksgiving- themed art class. This is a virtual art lesson via Zoom where Artist Peri provides step by step instructions in creating a personal work of art. All you need is a pencil and paper and a little imagination to participate. Details on date and time are to follow. Registration will be required and best for children ages 5 and older.

Book Bundles for Stretch Reading and More

The Children's Room staff are ready to hand select books according to your child's age and reading preferences. We love surprises and look forward to surprising you with a Mystery Book Bundle, but we will also help pick at any book titles or series you already have in mind. Wait! There is more: Let us help you by finding books and references to support your child's classroom projects or home-based learning. Just send us a quick email to childrensdepartment@montvale.bccls.org with your library card number, child's name and book favorites and we will prepare a bag of personalized reads ready to go that same day. Don't hesitate, your child may just find their next favorite read!

Grab and Go November Crafts

Thanksgiving is a time for giving thanks and also for making great craft projects! We are busy planning and creating wonderful seasonal Grab and Go crafts for you to pick up and assemble at home. Please continue to look for our weekly make and take crafts and activities on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter sites.

Click- a-Pic Raffle Drawing

As always, we love to see our library friends enjoying our crafts and book bundles, so much so we created a raffle to celebrate you and your support for the library! We have a wonderful collage of some terrific crafts and busy readers to date, but there is still time to click a pic! Take a picture of your child and/or crafts and books and send them to us at childrensdepartment@montvale.bccls.org. We will pick the winner in November, Friday November 20th to discover our picture perfect winner...and there may be more than one. We can't wait to see you!

eBooks and Other Online Materials

Kanopy: a movie streaming service with over 30,000 documentaries, classic and indie films. Patrons with a valid Montvale Library card can stream up to ten titles per month for a 72-hour checkout period.

Hoopla: Hoopla offers eBooks, movies, audiobooks, TV shows, music, and comics to Montvale residents. To sign up, go to <https://www.hoopladigital.com/> or download the free Hoopla app and log in with your library card number (the 14-digit number above the barcode)!

Libby: Borrow eBooks and audiobooks! Download the free app from your device's App store and register with your Montvale Library card to enjoy free content. For anyone who needs step-by-step help getting their device set up, please email movlcirc@bccls.org. Please check our website and social media pages for updates as we are constantly providing new virtual services.

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 call 201-391-5700 ext. 251 or email MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org for more information.

Holiday House Decorating Contest

Turn your house into a winter wonderland of lights, decorations and holiday spirit! This is a free contest meant to be a fun way to celebrate the holiday season! There are 3 categories that houses can place in: Best Use of Lights, Best Theme and Best Neighborhood! Best Neighborhood will be awarded to the street with the most participating, registered houses. Register between November 20 and December 7 for your chance to claim bragging rights as Montvale's best decorated house! Judges will be looking at registered homes between December 9 and 18 between the hours of 6 pm and 8 pm so please make sure your lights are on and decorations are out during these dates and times! Go to Montvale.org/Recreation, click the recreation registration tab and House Decorating to sign up! Please note that houses must be fully decorated by the home owner and not a company.

Christmas Tree Lighting and Menorah Lighting Events

The Christmas Tree Lighting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, December 4 at 7 pm. Further event details will be posted on the Borough website as they become available.

The Menorah Lighting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 14 at 6 pm. Further event details will be posted on the Borough website as they become available.

Pickleball

The pickleball courts located on Memorial Drive are open for play. Players must bring their own equipment and adhere to the below restricted play rules.

- Feeling Sick? DO NOT PLAY
- Been in contact with someone who has COVID-19 symptoms? DO NOT PLAY.
- Doubles Play is prohibited. Singles Play Only.
- Playing time is still limited to 1 hour when others are waiting.
- Keep six feet apart from other players. No physical contact.
- Use every other court where practical.
- Avoid using your hands to pick-up balls. Use your racquet/foot to pick-up balls and hit them to opponent.
- Avoid touching your face after handling a ball, racquet or other equipment.
- Bring different numbered/marked balls for each player to allow serving. Otherwise use rally scoring (no serving) if this is not possible.
- Avoid handshakes and high fives.
- Avoid gatherings. Arrive max of 10 minutes before play and vacate the court when game is complete.
- Adhere to all CDC Covid-19 Guidelines and New Jersey Department of Health Guidelines.

Please note: Water fountains will not be available. Please come prepared with your own water.

Tennis

The Memorial Drive and LaTrenta Field Complex tennis courts are open as of May 22, 2020. Players must adhere to the restricted play rules (found at the bottom of this page and displayed at the courts) until further notice. Once you pay for a badge online, please email MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org to coordinate your badge retrieval.

Badge Registration

Resident Fees:

Adult - \$30
Child (17 and younger)- \$10
Family Max - \$50
Seniors 62 & up – Free

Non-Resident Fees:

Adults- \$60
Child (17 and younger)- \$20
Family- \$100
Non-Res Senior- \$10

Court Accessibility

A magnetic lock access system is used on the gates at both tennis court sites in town. This system has reduced the number of non-registered people using our courts.

Using The Access Badge

When entering: simply put your card in close proximity to the reader.
When leaving: Push the button on the door panel to open the gate.

Each family will be issued only one access card. These cards are not transferable and will be good for only one season. If you lose your card, a replacement card can be obtained by emailing MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org an additional \$10 fee.

Guests

During this time of restricted play, due to Covid-19, guest passes are not available.

Court Lights

Unless interrupted temporarily due to power outage, the following schedule will remain in effect for the season:

Memorial Courts:

April 1 – April 30 Dusk to 9pm
May 1 – Aug. 31 Dusk to 10pm
Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 Dusk to 9pm

Chestnut Ridge Courts:

April 1- April 30 Dusk to 9pm
May 1 – Aug. 31 Dusk to 10pm
Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 Dusk to 9pm

Tennis Continued

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Each player should review the list of rules and regulations outlined in this pamphlet.

1. Access cards are non-transferable. A charge of \$10 will be made to replace a lost access card.
2. Only players are permitted inside the courts.
3. Playing time is limited to one hour when other players are waiting.
4. Children 12 years and will be limited to ½ hour playing time after 6:00pm on weekdays, weekends and holidays if players are waiting.
5. Players must wear tennis shoes.
6. Playing with more than 3 balls on a court is prohibited.
7. No professional lessons permitted without the authorization of the Recreation Department.
8. Courts will be monitored by Recreation Department personnel and members of the Montvale Police Department.

Restricted Play Rules During Covid-19 Pandemic:

1. Feeling Sick? DO NOT PLAY
2. Been in contact with someone who has COVID-19 symptoms? DO NOT PLAY.
3. Doubles Play is prohibited. Singles Play Only.
4. Playing time is still limited to 1 hour when others are waiting.
5. Keep six feet apart from other players. No physical contact.
6. Use every other court where practical.
7. Avoid using your hands to pick-up balls. Use your racquet/foot to pick-up balls and hit them to the opponent.
8. Avoid touching your face after handling a ball, racquet or other equipment.
9. Bring different numbered/marked balls for each player to allow serving. Otherwise use rally scoring (no serving) if this is not possible.
10. Avoid handshakes and high fives.
11. Avoid gatherings. Arrive max of 10 minutes before play and vacate the court when the game is complete.

Please note: Water fountains will not be available. Please come prepared with your own water.

ORDINANCE NO. 76-696

1. Members who violate these rules are subject to the suspension of membership.
2. It is unlawful for any person to use the Borough Tennis Courts without first registering with the Recreation Department. The Municipal Court has jurisdiction to impose fines for violations of this ordinance.



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Chamber of Commerce Board Meetings:

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



Montvale Chamber's New Web-Site

Promotions Page for all members

Link to your web-site and location

Featured member section

Mobile & Tablet accessibility

and much more



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