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

PRESIDENTS DAY

President's Day Schedule Changes

The Borough of Montvale offices and the Recycling Center will be closed on Monday, February 21 in observance of President's Day. Curbside garbage pick-up will remain on a normal schedule.

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The Mayor's Corner

With a late start to the winter, our first major snow storm was handled professionally by our DPW crew and contractors with minimum disruption to residents and businesses the day after the storm. We are prepared to the best that we can to handle what Mother Nature has for us this winter. I encourage you to be prepared for power outages and more cold nights ahead. Our biggest issue in this region is the trees near power lines and weak branches that break during storms and snap the power lines. I have been working with O&R to continue their maintenance work in town to minimize power outages.

We are working on our budget for this year and if you have the chance to join us during these meetings, you will see how we question every line item for every department. Our Finance Committee

headed by Councilman Chris Roche and Councilman Tim Lane will work with the CFO and the staff to finalize the tax rate in March and present the budget in April.



Finally, the topic that affects all of us and we are tired of hearing about. The Corona Virus and its variants. Our numbers are correlating to the over state wide numbers and, I am happy to see the confirmed and presumptive positives on the decline. We can't let our guard down. We purchased masks & hand sanitizer and if you need either you can stop by Borough Hall. Please stay safe, and as always don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Mayor Mike Ghassali

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Montvale Police Department

The members of the Police Department extend condolences to the family of former Councilwoman Rose Curry, who passed away in January. As many others have already expressed, Rose was a wonderful person, who gave so much of her time to helping others. All the best to Martin and Brian Gallagher, as they have sold both Mid Ridge Mobil, and the Exxon Tigermart on Chestnut Ridge Road. The Gallagher family has been a mainstay in our community for nearly 50 years, and they have always been great supporters of all of our First Responders. Best of luck in all of their future endeavors.



Chief Joseph Sanfilippo

From the Tax Department

Property taxes are due February 1, 2022. Grace period will be to Thursday, February 10. After February 10, interest will revert back to February 1.

Borough Hall hours are from 8:30-4:30 Monday-Friday. For your convenience, a dropbox is located curbside by the main entrance of the Library. You may pay online through the borough website at www.montvale.org, or you can mail your payment to the Borough at 12 Mercedes Drive, attn: Tax Collector.

If you would like your bill returned stamped PAID, please enclose your entire bill with payment and include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

As always, if you have any questions, please call Fran Scordo, Tax Collector at (201) 391-5700 ext. 254

Pet Licensing Information

It's that time of year again – time to renew your pet license and this year, we've made it easier than ever. You can now renew your license online! Log onto www.montvale.org and click on the Board of Health page and look for Online Pet License Payment. You can renew your license, make your payment, provide your rabies certificate, even upload a photo of your pet.

Licensing Fees Per Pet:

- Spayed/Neutered Pet: \$18
- Non-spayed/Non-neutered Pet: \$21
- Pet Owners Age 55+: \$10

Renew Online

- Pay online by credit card - a convenience fee will be charged for credit card payments
- Scan and upload proof rabies vaccination
- Upload a photo of your pet (optional)

Renew by Mail or In Person

- Make your check payable to the Borough of Montvale
- Include a copy of rabies vaccination
- Mail to: Borough of Montvale
Attn Pet Licensing
12 Mercedes Drive
Montvale, NJ 07645

Rabies vaccinations must be valid through November 1, 2022. Licenses are to be renewed by February 28, 2022 or you will incur a late fee of \$10 per pet (\$5 per pet for ages 55+) starting March 1st.

Curbside Collection

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
31	1	2	3	4
East Zone Trash Pickup	Central Zone Trash Pickup	West Zone Trash Pickup	Recycling: Districts 1&2	
7	8	9	10	11
East Zone Trash Pickup	Central Zone Trash Pickup	West Zone Trash Pickup	Recycling: Districts 3&4	
14	15	16	17	18
East Zone Trash Pickup	Central Zone Trash Pickup	West Zone Trash Pickup	Recycling: Districts 1&2	
21	22	23	24	25
East Zone Trash Pickup	Central Zone Trash Pickup	West Zone Trash Pickup	Recycling: Districts 3&4	
28	1	2	3	4
East Zone Trash Pickup	Central Zone Trash Pickup	West Zone Trash Pickup	Recycling: Districts 1&2	
7	8	9	10	11
East Zone Trash Pickup	Central Zone Trash Pickup	West Zone Trash Pickup	Recycling: Districts 3&4	

Montvale Senior Club

Masks must be worn at all meetings/activities regarding vaccine status.

Yearly dues of \$15.00 per person (checks only made out to Montvale Senior Club) to be paid at the first return meeting in February.

Monday

Healthy Bones 10:00am-11:15am, HARP

Chair Exercises 11:00am-12:00pm (video tape), Micki Keller/Rani Mooriani

Mahjong 1:30pm-3:30pm, Kitty Stern

Tuesday

*Cornhole/Games 10:00am-12:00pm, John Rotante/Vinnie Alfano

Canasta 1:00pm-3:00pm, Fran Ohayon

Coloring/Crochet/Knitting/Needlepoint/Chat 1:00pm-2:30pm, Lucille Bothwich/Gail Clark

Tai Chi 1:30pm-2:15pm, Lisa Dent

Wednesday

Healthy Bones 10:00am-11:30am, HARP

Chair Exercises 11:00am-12:00pm, Micki Keller/Rani Mooriani

Mexican Train/Cards 1:30pm-4:00pm, Louise & George Boothby

Thursday

Pickleball 8:00am-10:00pm, John Rotante (weather permitting)

Friday

Cards - 'Five Crowns' 11:00am-1:00pm, Diane Carfora/Pat Casciano

*Bocce/Cornhole/Games 10:00am-12:00pm, Vinnie Alfano

Chair Exercises 11:00am-12:00pm, Rani Mooriani

*Cornhole/Games to be played indoors when cold for bocce.

Monthly Activities

- Senior Club Business Meeting, Thursday, February 3, 12:00pm-2:00pm.
- Book Club, Thursday, February 10, 12:30pm - Book- "Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste NG, Ree Hopper
- Bingo, Friday, February 11, 5:00pm-7:00pm (\$8.00), Micki Kelle/Jodi Miller
- Senior Social Meeting, Thursday, February 17, 12:00pm-2:00pm, VALENTINES DAY PARTY
- Our nurse will be visiting us on the first Monday and the first Thursday for blood pressure readings.

A refundable deposit check of \$100.00 for the Woodloch Pines Resort trip is to be sent by February 1 to Rosemarie Kelly.

CONTACTS

Vinnie Alfano (551) 427-8143; George & Louise Boothby (201) 476-1319; Lucile Bothwich (845) 649-2964; Dianne Carfora (201) 314-0141; Pat Casciano (201) 307-9685; Gail Clark (201) 391-7200; Lisa Dent (201) 391-5700 x251; HARP (551) 996-2038; Micki Keller (201) 573-1179; Rani Mooriani (201) 930-8950; Fran Ohayon (201) 391-4272; John Rotante (201) 391-4193; Linda Queller (201) 505-4850; Rosemarie Kelly (201) 391-8718. - Pat Alfano, Corresponding Secretary

Montvale Public Library

Montvale Library Virtual Programs – February 2022

Please check our website www.montvalelibrarynj.org for more updates. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook, and Instagram.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Montvale Library will meet on Thursday, February 4th at 7:30. Please go to the Friends website www.montvalelibrarynj.org/friends for more info. New members are always welcome.

Adult Programs

Strength Training for Seniors

February 3, 10, 17, 24 2022 - 1:00 - 1:45 p.m.

Join us for Strength Training for Seniors, a virtual program that increases flexibility, strength & endurance using easy-to-follow movements. Register for as many sessions as you want. Taught by Leena Kalle, certified senior strength training instructor. This is a virtual program.

Building and Understanding Family Trees

February 10, 2022 - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Learn how to start your family tree with certified genealogist Eric Migdal. Topics include the difference between pedigree and family tree charts, different options to build your tree, and how to analyze & understand familial relationships. This is a virtual program.

Alice's Ordinary People: Presentation & Discussion

February 17, 2022 - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Watch the documentary about civil rights activist Alice Tregay on Kanopy, and then join us for a virtual discussion with the documentary's director. Ms. Tregay's career spans the civil rights marches of the 1960's to the election of Barack Obama. Montvale residents with a valid library card can gain free access to Kanopy, a video streaming service. This is a virtual program.

Vaping and E-Cigarettes: What you Need to Know

February 22, 2022 - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Is vaping really a safe alternative to smoking? Learn how vaping can lead to nicotine addiction and affect the developing brain. This is a virtual program.

Virtual Book Club

February 7, 2022 - 10:30 a.m.

Monday Morning Virtual Book Group: *HAMNET* by Maggie O'Farrell

February 14, 2022 - 12:00 p.m.

Monday Afternoon Book Group: *FIRST FRIENDS* by Gary Ginsberg
Group will meet virtually until further notice.

The Montvale Cookbook Supper Club will meet on Tuesday, February 22 at 6:30pm to discuss "It's Always Freezer Season: How to Freeze like a chef with 100 make-ahead recipes" by Ashley Christensen and Kaitlyn Goalen via Zoom. Please email Therese.Jones@montvale.bccls.org if you have questions or if you would like to attend virtually.

Honor System Paperbacks

Did you know that we still have honor system paperback books? They are located in the left rear of the library. We offer a variety of romance, mystery, and fiction titles. No library card needed- no due date either. Just stop at the circulation desk to tell them how many you are taking and bring them back when you are done!

Montvale Public Library

Children's Programs

Kids Take and Make Lunar New Year Craft

Dragons are an important part of the Lunar New Year celebrations. They both bring good luck and are a sign of Spring! You can make your very own Dragon Craft to help celebrate the Lunar New Year. All ages are welcome to register for a Take and Make Dragon Craft that will be available beginning Tues. February 1st.

Kids Art Class Artist Peri

If you are interested in drawing, sketching or coloring, join Artist Peri on Zoom on February 14th at 4:00 pm. Artist Peri will provide step-by-step instructions in creating a personal work of art. All you need is some paper, a pencil and crayons! This program is geared for children first grade and older and registration is required.

Bedtime Stories celebrates Black History Month

Each Thursday Nite on Facebook Ms. Mary will record a story that brings African American history, culture, and individuality together through our rich collection of picture books.

I Heart Words Valentine Kids Craft on Zoom

On February 9 at 4:00 pm, join Ms. Mary in designing a unique, heart-shaped valentine's craft. With some basic materials and carefully chosen words, Ms. Mary will guide you as you create this one of a kind keepsake. We will provide the materials and Zoom link, you bring your creativity and imagination! This is for Grades 3 and up. Registration is required.

Challenge Island Virtual Kids STEAM Workshop

We are taking a new STEAM adventure! Challenge Island is back to lead us in a virtual program, where students will embark on an educational and entertaining STEAM-tastic journey with a trained instructor. This program comes complete with a challenge, material kits, problem solving, critical thinking and a lot of fun! Join us on this exciting journey February 16th, 4:00 pm. Grades 3-6

We are taking a new STEAM adventure! Challenge Island is back to lead us in a virtual program. This month we will be helping a lost little alien find his way home from his Alien Bike Ride exploring friction, and balance as they design and engineer a zipline bike ride for their extraterrestrial friend. It will be out-of-this world!

Museum Passes

Please check out our website <https://www.montvalelibrarynj.org/museum-passes> for updated information about how to obtain passes for the following museums:

Storm King, Guggenheim, Intrepid, and the American Museum of Natural History.

Children's Programs

The Montvale Library now subscribes to 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 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)!

Use the Libby app to borrow eBooks and audiobooks! Use 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.

Ancestry is now available to Montvale Patrons at home! Please email movlcirc@bccls.org for login information to access this resource remotely. Please check our website and social media pages for updates as we are constantly providing new virtual services.

Diversity & Inclusion

Winter greetings from the Montvale Diversity and Inclusion Committee! We hope you and your loved ones are making the most of this season—whether it be cozying up by the fireside with a good book or getting outside for some winter fun! Last month, we were thrilled to welcome three new Committee members: Hannah Baskin, Maria Jose Fitzgerald, and Steve Frischer. Their passion for our town and diverse backgrounds are a welcome addition to our team! Amaka Auer (Chair), Cindy Pieroni (Vice-Chair), Maria Dickson, and Alexandra Fischer returned to the Committee for a second calendar year.

We look forward to 2022 and working together on events that bring our community together, raise awareness of the tapestry of cultures here in Montvale, and foster inclusivity in our wonderful town. Please stay tuned for updates about upcoming events and opportunities to get involved! This month, we are busy preparing for the year and will be submitting our event and budget proposals to the Mayor and Council for approval. We hope to share all that we have planned with you soon!

If you would like to learn more about the Montvale Diversity and Inclusion Committee, please contact us at: diversitycommittee@montvaleboro.org. We'd love to hear from you and see you at our next meeting!

Tri-Boro Food Pantry

The Tri Boro Food Pantry is grateful for all unexpired nonperishables donations especially:

- Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Beans
- Canned Fruit

The Tri Boro Food Pantry is located in the back of the Pascack Reformed Church, 65 Pascack Road, Park Ridge. A drop off bin is also located outside the doors of the library under the stairwell at Montvale Borough Hall, 12 Mercedes Drive. Thank you for your support!

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

Programs

Online Registration:

1. Go to MontvaleRecreation.org
2. Click the Registration Tab
3. Choose the program you would like to register for
4. Payment by credit card only

Paper Registration: Available at the first class of any session (except Adult Soccer, Golf, Pickleball and Tennis Lessons). Payment by cash or check made out to the Borough of Montvale.

Tennis Court Badges

Each year residents who wish to use the courts must register to receive their new access card. Badges for the 2022 season, which runs from March 1 - December 31, may be purchased at the Borough Hall (during normal business hours beginning) OR online: www.montvale.org/recreation

<u>Residents</u>			<u>Non-Residents</u>	
Adult	\$30.00		Adult	\$60.00
Child/Student (Ages 17 and younger)	\$10.00		Child/Student (Ages 17 and younger)	\$20.00
Household Maximum	\$50.00		Household Maximum	\$100.00
Senior Citizens (62 & Over)	FREE		Senior Citizens (62 & Over)	\$10.00

There will be a \$10 fee for replacement badges. The Recreation Department has updated the tennis court's magnetic card reader to a proximity reader. Badges will no longer need to be swiped, but rather just moved within a close proximity to the reader. If there is an issue with the use of tennis courts or the courts themselves, please report it: 201-391-5700 ext. 251.

Pickleball Court Badges

Badges must be obtained to use the pickleball courts. Resident badges do not expire while non-resident badges must be renewed each year. Badges for the 2022 season will become available starting January 1 at Borough Hall, 12 Mercedes Drive, Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm.

FEES

<u>Residents</u>			<u>Non-Residents</u>	
Adult (Ages 13+)	FREE		Adult (Ages 13+)	\$25.00
Child (Ages 12 and younger)	FREE		Child (Ages 12 and younger)	\$15.00
Senior Citizens (62+)	FREE		Senior Citizens (62+)	\$10.00
Replacement Badge (1 per year max)	\$5.00		Replacement Badge (1 per year max)	\$5.00

Badges must be worn in a visible location at all times while on the pickleball courts. Individuals using the pickleball courts must be able to present their own badge on demand by any Borough Official (Police Officer, Park Monitor, Municipal Employee, etc.) to verify authorized use of the facility. Individuals who fail to present a valid badge shall immediately leave the court.

Field Use

Applications and Hold Harmless forms must be completed and returned to the Recreation Department, Attn: Lisa Dent, with Liability Insurance and payment. Forms are available online and at the Borough Hall front counter. Permits will not be issued if the application is incomplete. All organizations must receive an approved permit from Lisa Dent prior to any field use.

THE DEADLINE FOR SPRING (MARCH-JULY) FIELD USE APPLICATIONS IS FEBRUARY 1

MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org

Contact:



201-391-5700



www.Montvale.org



The Borough of Montvale
12 Mercedes Drive

Basketball Court Badges

Badges must be obtained to use the basketball courts. Resident badges do not expire while non-resident badges must be renewed each year. Badges for the 2022 season will be available at Borough Hall, 12 Mercedes Drive, Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm starting January 17.

Residents			Non-Residents	
Adult (Ages 13+)	FREE		Adult (Ages 13+)	\$25.00
Child (Ages 12 and younger)	FREE		Child (Ages 12 and younger)	\$15.00
Senior Citizens (62+)	FREE		Senior Citizens (62+)	\$10.00
Replacement Badge (1 per year max)	\$5.00		Replacement Badge (1 per year max)	\$5.00

Badges must be worn in a visible location at all times while on the basketball courts. Individuals using the basketball courts must be able to present their own badge on demand by any Borough Official (Police Officer, Municipal Employee, etc.) to verify authorized use of the facility. Individuals who fail to present a valid badge shall immediately leave the court.

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Chamber of Commerce Board Meetings:
1st Wednesday of the Month located at Montvale Borough Hall 4:00 pm

11th Annual Montvale Street Fair



Sunday June 12th

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