



Borough of Montvale

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Welcome to Montvale, in the heart of Pascack Valley! With a population of a little more than 8,000, a rich history and proximity to a major metropolitan area, Montvale is a wonderful place to call home, to work and grow your family. There are not too many communities where you can literally have it all: a pastoral setting in one of America's most vibrant regions with access to leading educational, entertainment, and outdoor activities, not to mention nationally headquartered companies and entrepreneurial employers.

So what makes our Montvale so special? You'll probably get a different answer from each of our residents but I personally believe it comes down to this: a diverse group of citizens pulling for the common good to build a community that will be a model of livability, sustainability and creativity all the while protecting the natural resources and beauty which are of high value to the community.

We stand for preservation of what has come and what has been given to our area while appreciating that the future is now and continued growth will happen. Our residents appreciate and desire tree-lined streets, hillsides, streams, open spaces and a corporate setting close by. We pursue ways to stay healthy and connected. We encourage volunteerism and celebrate when we find ways to get things done without huge expense to taxpayers. We look out for one another and we have fun. We celebrate Memorial Day with a parade and honor our veterans and our heroes.

Montvale is committed to working with the community to ensure that the Borough effectively serves its residents, neighborhoods, and businesses to help all succeed while nurturing our strong sense of place.

I warmly welcome you to our beautiful town in the heart of the valley. Stop by Borough Hall and stay awhile, I know you'll be glad you did. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time; I draw my passion and strength from speaking with our residents and visiting with them. I wish you all success and prosperity, good health and best wishes.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Ghassali". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mayor Mike Ghassali



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GOVERNING BODY

Meets 2nd and Last Tuesdays of Month

Mayor Michael Ghassali

Councilmember Rose Curry

Councilmember Dieter Koelling

Councilmember Leah LaMonica

Councilmember Timothy E. Lane

Councilmember Salvatore Talarico

Councilmember Michael Weaver

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ADMINISTRATION

Administrator/Municipal Clerk Maureen Iarossi-Alwan

Treasurer Carl Bello

Tax Assessor Michael Leposky

Deputy Municipal Clerk/Tax Collector Fran Scordo

201-391-5700/ x219

201-391-5700/x226

201-391-5700/x240

201-391-5700 /x254

CONSTRUCTION CODES

Construction/Sub Code/Building Inspector Jeff Fette

Technical Assistant/Cindy Peterson

201-391-5732

(visit website for additional info.)

COURT/VIOLATIONS

Pascack Joint Municipal Court

Court Administrator Catherine Cullen

201-391-5701

DOG WARDEN/ANIMAL CONTROL

Tyco Animal Control Services

Carol Tyler, Animal Control Officer

201-652-4554

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

201-391-5700/x257

FIELD USE

Jeffrey Fette, Field Use Coordinator

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201- 391-5732

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FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU Fire Official Robert Ludwig Email: rludwig@montvaleboro.org	201-391-5700/x256
HEALTH, BOARD OF Joyce Cohen, President	201-391-5700/x257
Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission Health Awareness Regional Program	201-445-7217 201-996-2038
Registrar of Vital Statistics, Cynthia Petersen Deputy of Vital Statistics, Doreen Rowland	201-391-5732 201-391-5700/x225
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION	201- 391-5700
LIBRARY Susan Ruttenger, Director	201-391-5090
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MONTVALE ATHLETIC LEAGUE www.montvaleathleticleague.com	201-930-9799
MONTVALE SENIOR CLUB Steve Ohayon, President	201-391-6467
MONTVALE SENIOR TRANSPORTATION	201- 391-5700/x 225 or 257
PLANNING BOARD John DePinto, Chairman Lorraine Hutter, Land Use Adm.	201-391-5700/x 242
POLICE DEPARTMENT Chief Abrams Email: montvalepd@montvaleboro.org	201-391-4600

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE 201-391-5700/x 223
Jeffrey Fette, Zoning Officer

PUBLIC WELFARE 201-307-0534
Kathy Bowen, Director

PUBLIC WORKS (Pascack Valley DPW) 201-391-5706
Rich Campanelli, Superintendent

RECREATION COMMITTEE 201-259-6840
Jim Freeman, Director
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WASTE MANAGEMENT 800- 717-3366
(household-waste, recycling & yard debris)
Waste Management Company
In the event of a missed pick-up or to schedule a special pick-up contact Waste Management Co. directly. For bulk pick-ups reference account # 37442918 & for yard waste reference account # 37443173.

SCHOOLS

PUBLIC

Board of Education Office (grades K-8) 201-391-6226
Fieldstone Middle School (grades 5-8) 201-391-9000
Memorial Elementary (grades K-4) 201-391-2900
Pascack Hills High School 201-358-7020
Pascack Valley Regional High School District 201-358-7056

PRIVATE

St. Joseph Reg. High School 201-391-3300
40 Chestnut Ridge Road, Montvale

VOTER REGISTRATION INFO. 201-391-5700/x 219

DISTRICT 39 STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Senator Gerald Cardinale (R) 201-567-2324
350 Madison Avenue, Cresskill, NJ 07626

Assemblywoman Holly Schepisi (R) 201-666-0881
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Assemblyman Robert Auth 201- 567-2324
350 Madison Avenue, Cresskill, NJ 07626

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Scott Garrett (R), Eastern District Office
266 Harristown Road, Suite 104, Glen Rock, NJ 07452

201-444-5454**U.S. SENATE**

Robert Menendez (D-NJ)
141 Hart Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Montvale is a small borough of approximately four square miles ideally situated in the picturesque Pascack Valley of northeastern Bergen County, bordering on New York State. Its residents enjoy a high quality of life with fine schools, recreation programs, and easy access to area shopping and cultural activities. Montvale's blend of corporate and residential areas makes the Borough a unique suburban community.

Government

The Borough of Montvale was chartered in 1894 as a Borough Council form of government in which the Mayor is elected to a four-year term and six council members are elected at large to serve staggered three-year terms. The Mayor and Council meet every second Tuesday of the month for regular meetings and on the last Tuesday of the month for executive work sessions. Meetings are open to the public and residents are given the opportunity to speak on proposed ordinances and other matters of concern. The first meeting of each month is televised on the local cable television access channel.

The Borough Administrator is appointed by the Borough Council and is responsible for the implementation of policies of the Mayor and Council, for the administration of all Borough affairs, and for the daily operations of the Borough. The Administrator is the chief administrative officer of the Borough.

The Mayor is the chief executive officer of the Borough, presides over all public meetings, provides leadership in the development of community projects and makes appointments to various boards. The Borough Council exercises all legislative powers including financial adoption of the municipal budget and bond ordinances.

Business

There are over three hundred business and commercial establishments in Montvale, ranging from local merchants to national corporate headquarters. Planned development has resulted in a diversified mix of corporate campuses and smaller concerns.

Transportation

Montvale's central location in the northeastern part of Bergen County, bordering New York's Rockland County, is just fifteen miles from New York City via the George Washington Bridge. Major highway access in Montvale is provided by the Garden State Parkway. Nearby highways include the New Jersey Turnpike, the New York State Thruway, Interstate Highway No. 80, the Palisades Interstate Parkway and State Highway No. 17.

The Red and Tan Bus line (201-263-1254) offers service from two Borough locations into New York City. Commuter rail service from the Montvale train station is provided by NJ Transit (800-772-2222).

Hotels, Restaurants & Conference Facilities

The Courtyard by Marriott in Montvale features 188 deluxe rooms/suites, a catering department, restaurant and conference facilities. In neighboring communities, hotel facilities are available at the Woodcliff Lake Hilton and the Park Ridge Marriott. The Borough and the nearby area abound with restaurants that offer fine dining, family fare or fast food.

Retail Shopping

The Borough is situated near many large shopping malls in North Jersey. Only minutes away are Tice Corner, Paramus Park Mall, Garden State Plaza, Riverside Square, the Outlets at Bergen Town Center and Willowbrook Mall. In 2016-17 Montvale will welcome the Shoppes at DePiero Farm, a 225,000 square-foot, farm-inspired lifestyle retail marketplace. The centerpiece will be a 140,000 square-foot Wegman's Food Market. In York State are the Shoppes at Nanuet, Palisades Center and Woodbury Commons. Four shopping centers are located in the Borough, two on Chestnut Ridge Road and two on Kinderkamack Road.

Planning Zoning and Economic Development

One of the reasons Montvale is considered the "Pride of Pascack Valley" is the orderly development and co-existence of its residential and corporate communities. Through careful planning and zoning efforts exercised since the early 60's, the municipality has achieved a balanced environment providing quality living, employment opportunities, recreational facilities and infrastructure, while maintaining a low effective tax rate.

Public Safety

A Volunteer Fire Department consisting of more than forty members under the direction of Fire Chief Clinton Miller serves the Borough of Montvale. The central fire headquarters houses two-pumper trucks, an aerial pumper, an aerial platform, 100' tower and a combination rescue/pumper truck, all equipped with the latest firefighting equipment. A direct control alarm system links each firefighter through a centralized dispatch system insuring immediate response. Firefighters receive initial training at the Bergen County Police and Fire Academy and keep up their skills by participating in bimonthly drills. The surrounding fire departments of Pearl River, Park Ridge and Woodcliff Lake cooperate in mutual aid systems. The Borough enjoys one of the best insurance ratings in the area. A Borough-wide fire hydrant system is maintained by Suez. Any person interested in volunteering should contact Chief Miller at 201-391-4240.

The Police Department consists of twenty-two full-time Police Officers and four Special Officers as well as school crossing guards under the direction of Police Chief Jeremy Abrams. The department has an outstanding record for law enforcement and the Borough has one of the lowest crime rates in the area. In addition to law enforcement, the Police Department is actively involved in several school and community crime prevention programs including the nationally recognized L.E.A.D drug education program.

The dispatch function for all emergency services is provided by the Northwest Bergen Central Dispatch Center in Ridgewood, NJ, covering the three communities of Montvale, Park Ridge and Woodcliff Lake.

Tri-Boro Volunteer Ambulance Corps, is an independent non-profit organization dedicated to providing emergency medical services (EMS), non-emergency ambulance transportation and safety training to the tri-boro community.

We are staffed solely by volunteers and funded mainly thru contributions and the generous support of the three municipal governments, (Montvale, Park Ridge & Woodcliff Lake). All of our services are provided free of charge. For further information visit their website, www.triboroambulance.org.

Public Library

The **Montvale Free Public Library** was founded in 1975 & is located on the first floor of the Montvale Borough Hall at 12 Mercedes Drive. Montvale Library patrons may access materials from over sixty libraries belonging to the Bergen County Cooperative Library System. The Library offers lectures, workshops, book discussions & other activities to the public. It also offers special programs for children & those with reading difficulties. There are two full-time professionals including Library Director Susan Ruttenber and Reference Librarian George Galuschak, working under the guidance of the Library Board of Trustees.

Recreation

The Borough has an active year-round community recreation program, administered by a Recreation Committee and Recreation Director James Freeman. The Recreation Committee offers a broad and diversified program of activities.

The Borough has four parks encompassing thirty two acres of land. The parks offer recreational opportunities that include tennis, basketball, football, baseball, roller hockey, softball and soccer and two playgrounds.

Field Use

Field use must be approved by the Field Use Coordinator, Jeffrey Fette. For additional information call 201-391-5732 or visit the borough website.

Recreational Opportunities

The Montvale Athletic League (MAL) is an independent non-profit organization dedicated to providing athletic programs for children. The number one mission of the MAL is to have all children participate in sports. For additional information visit www.montvaleathleticleague.com.

Montvale is home to Life Time Fitness Athletic, which is a state-of-the-art gym. The Gym is located within borough and offers all levels of fitness programs. Residents also enjoy the recreational opportunities offered by the Mar-Bel Stables that provides riding and stabling services, or enjoy bowling at the Montvale Bowling Lanes.

Senior & Community Center

The Montvale Senior Club, has over a hundred members who participate in various social activities, trips and luncheons. The Club meets twice a month at the Montvale Senior Community Center, One Memorial Drive, Montvale. For additional information contact the club's president at 201-391-6467.

Senior Club Exercise Room is located at the Montvale Senior Community Center.

Senior Transportation is available to senior residents on Wednesday, Thursday & Fridays of each week. All residents must register with the borough prior to riding.

Health and Welfare

The Borough provides its citizens with health services coordinated under the auspices of the **Montvale Board of Health**. Public health and safety protection services of a health officer and sanitarians are provided by the Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission. Screening and education programs are provided by the Health Awareness Regional Program (HARP) affiliated with Hackensack University Medical Center. Infants and children are welcomed at the Hillsdale Child Health Conference for medical physical exams and required immunizations. For additional information regarding the children health clinic call Borough of Hillsdale at 201-666-4800.

There are several hospitals situated nearby include Valley Hospital, Hackensack University Medical Center, Hackensack University Medical Center North, Holy Name Hospital, Englewood Hospital, and Bergen Regional Medical Center.

Public welfare services are provided to residents in need under the direction of Katherine Bowen, Director of Public Welfare and coordinated under the auspices of the Local Assistance Board.

Public Works

The Borough of Montvale and the Township of Rivervale have implemented a shared service agreement (Pascack Valley DPW) for all services of the department of public works. For additional information call 201- 664-2346 extension 1400.

Utilities

Montvale is served by Public Service Electric & Gas Co. (800-436-7734) for gas, Orange & Rockland Utilities (877-434-4100) for electric, Suez (800-422-5987) for water. Verizon/Fios (800-339-9911) or Cablevision (800-333-4857) for phone/internet/cable television.

Garbage, Trash and Recycling

The Borough provides a weekly curbside residential solid waste & every other week recycling collection. This program recycles in excess of 50% of solid waste generated by Montvale. The Borough operates a Recycling Center, Memorial Drive, which is open on Mondays, Wednesdays & Saturdays (8:00am - 3:00pm) for residents who wish to dispose of their recyclable materials (glass, aluminum, plastic containers with recycling code #1 -7, cardboard, boxes and paper). Check the borough website for the curbside schedule.

Sewer Disposal

The Borough participates with the Bergen County Utilities Authority for wastewater treatment. The Borough pays an annual service charge to the Authority, which is funded from the general property tax levy.

Education

The **Montvale Board of Education** provides education for all students in kindergarten through eighth grade, while the Pascack Valley Regional High School District provides education for all students in the ninth through twelfth grades. The Local Board and Regional Board operate as Type II Districts under the Education Law, codified as Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

The Local Board has seven elected members who are residents of the Borough. The public education facilities consist of **Memorial Elementary School** (201-391-2900) for grades K-4 and **Fieldstone Middle School** (201-391-9000) for grades 5-8.

Pascack Valley Regional High School District is comprised of two high schools. **Pascack Hills High School**, (201- 358-7020) which is located at 225 West Grand

Avenue, Montvale receives students from Montvale and Woodcliff Lake. Pascack Valley High School, located in Hillsdale, enrolls students from Hillsdale and River Vale.