

MyMontvale

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE

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MONTVALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Hello Montvale:

The northern Pascack Valley including Montvale has been victimized by theft of cars and thefts from cars. All the vehicle thefts we have experienced had a common element. The starter fob was left in EVERY car. All the thief had to do was get into the car and push the “start” button and drive away. All thefts from vehicles we have experienced also had a common element. The car doors on EVERY car were unlocked. All the thief had to do was open the door and take what was left in the car – Smartphone, cash, jewelry, and laptop. Don’t make it easy for someone to victimize you. Lock your car. Take your fob out with you.

Now that winter is upon us, the winter driving message remains the same. Roads will be snowy and slick. Use caution driving on snow and ice covered roads. See your mechanic to ensure you have the proper tires and windshield wipers on your car for inclement winter weather. Avoid driving in winter storms if possible. Our Pascack Valley DPW does a great job of getting the roadways cleared, but during heavy storms it is very difficult to keep the road surface free



of snow and ice. Use caution when walking on snow covered roadways. Please use the sidewalks. If no sidewalk is available and you are forced to walk in street, be extra vigilant for passing vehicles.

Remind your children not to ride their sleds into the roadways. Vehicle operators may have a difficult time seeing and reacting to a sled darting across the roadway.

ATV riders and snowmobilers: these vehicles are not permitted to be operated on borough streets, even in a snow storm.

Overnight parking permission is denied during snow events. During non-snow events call 201-391-4600 and then press “2” to reach a dispatcher to request overnight parking.

Be careful with your holiday cheer. Drink responsibly. Don’t drink and drive. Have a great holiday season.

Stay safe,
Chief Jeremy Abrams

MAYOR'S MESSAGE DECEMBER

Welcome to the December 2014 newsletter.

This last month has been relatively quiet which is sometimes a welcome change. There are two ordinances we have been working on but, so far, have been unable to come up with a version we all like.

One is the tree ordinance. This is something we have actually been kicking around for a couple of years as did prior administrations. It is not a simple black and white issue because while everyone agrees we should not be clear cutting our properties, there are strong opinions about a resident's property rights. Every version we have written so far is too restrictive for some and not restrictive enough for others. The magic combination has so far eluded us.

Another ordinance deals with the use of bow and arrows in residential areas. This had never been an issue until recently when there was a resident being less than careful and responsible while using a bow and arrow in their yard and the surrounding neighbors were very concerned. Unfortunately, when the police were called to the scene it became apparent we did not have any rules governing the use. This means the police couldn't really do much about it. We did some research and heard testimony from a few residents and hopefully we can come up with something that protects the user's rights as well as the neighbor's.

Both of these issues are very good examples of the importance of input by the general public. The more we hear from the public about an issue, the better we feel about making a sound decision. To that end I invite everyone to share their opinions on either ordinance by



Roger J Fyfe
Mayor

coming to a council meeting or simply by emailing me at mayorfyfe@montvaleboro.org. It can sometimes seem as though the governing body is going out of their way to enact rules and regulations that are unnecessary. However, when residents come forward and ask us to address a given issue we have an obligation to look into it as best we can. Don't be shy about sharing your opinion.

On Nov. 25, there was a presentation by the designer of the new proposed fire house. The committee has done their job and it was time for everyone else to see what they came up with. It was televised and will broadcast often in order to let as many people as possible see it. There also was a discussion about the new fire truck that is due to be purchased. We have applied for a grant from the state to help fund the purchase and with some changes to the grant qualifications we actually have a pretty good chance of getting help.

Finally, there is the saga of the paving, or non-paving, of our county roads. As I have written and stated at a number of meetings, the county assured me that Grand Avenue, Summit Avenue, and Spring Valley Road would be addressed in 2014. The delays stem from the sidewalk ramps that were installed. They were done according to specifications which turned out to be wrong. I have been beating up the county about it and they certainly deserve much of it, but at this point it really doesn't matter whose fault it is. The fact remains our county roads are horrible and need to be addressed. The only thing I can do is keep pestering those in authority until something happens and I promise I will keep at it.

I wish everyone a happy and healthy December and all that comes along with the season.



FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

SANTA ARRIVES IN MONTVALE

PHOTO COURTESY OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Santa will arrive in Montvale on Christmas Eve and everyone is invited. Santa will arrive in the center of town via a fire truck down Kinderkamack Road to the park in town center at 6 p.m. delivering gifts to all good little boys and girls. Hope to see you there!

MONTVALE BOARD OF HEALTH

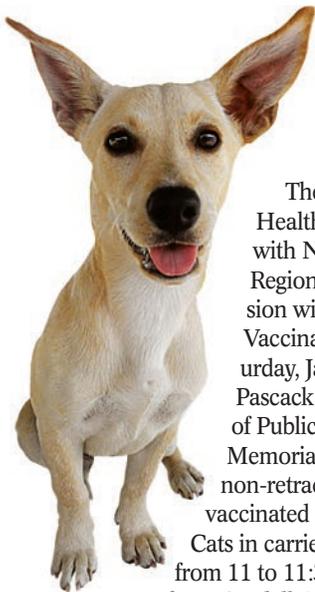
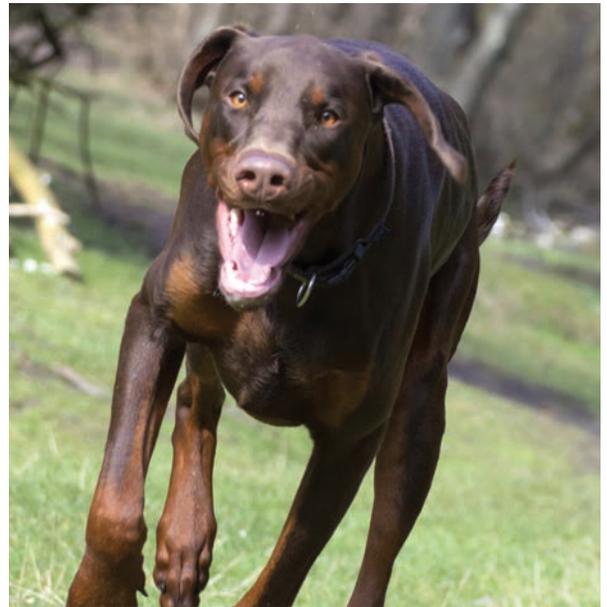
RIISING NUMBER OF ANIMAL BITES AND INCIDENTS

The number of incidents of animal bites to people and their pets has recently increased and it has become more apparent some of these cases could have been avoided. Pet owners must be more aware of their pet's attitudes and behaviors which could be dangerous to the public. The behaviors that seem cute during the animal's growing years such as growling, nipping, and dominant behavior become extremely dangerous as the animal grows.

Pet owners must be aware and are responsible for their pet's behavior. It would be best not to put your pet in situations that could cause a rise in their stress level and ultimately result in dangerous behavior such as biting. It does not matter if your pet bites in fear or aggression. It is still unacceptable behavior.

People should use caution when approaching or being approached by an animal. Even if you know the pet, it is not a guarantee that it is safe to approach or handle the animal. Many people are bitten by animals they know.

If you are bitten or threatened by a neighbor's pet, you should contact the police or the Animal Control Officer at 201- 652-4554. They are trained to handle these situations. Many times while investigating bite cases, police officers and Animal Control officials find there are previous incidents that went unreported because people did not want to be "bad neighbors." It would be a better situation if the pet owner is educated in control of their animal before a serious bite occurs.



RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC AND LICENSING INFORMATION

The Montvale Board of Health in conjunction with Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission will hold its Rabies Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2015 at the Pascack Valley Department of Public Works Garage, on Memorial Drive. Dogs on non-retractable leashes will be vaccinated from 10 to 11 a.m.

Cats in carriers will be vaccinated from 11 to 11:30 a.m. A veterinarian from Oradell Animal Hospital will be administering the vaccinations. The vaccinations are free of charge for Montvale residents.

Montvale residents can also license their pets at the clinic. Previously registered pet owners will receive their renewal form in the mail and should bring their license renewal form to the clinic. For newly acquired pets, a license renewal form can be downloaded from the borough's website, montvale.org, and is also available at the Municipal Complex, 12 Mercedes Drive, 2nd floor. If it is a newly acquired pet, the owner must have a rabies vaccination certificate to register the pet.

If renewing by mail, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope and the appropriate fee.

Check your pet's rabies vaccination expiration date before mailing. **The rabies vaccination must be valid through Nov. 1, 2015.** If your pet's rabies vaccination expires prior to Nov. 1, you must include a copy of the updated certificate with the payment. **Licenses will not be issued with an expired rabies vaccination date or a vaccination date that expires prior to Nov. 1, 2015.**

The annual fee is \$18 for all spayed or neutered pets, and \$21 for not spayed or neutered pets. The fee is \$10 for 55 years and older pet owners. All service dogs are exempt from paying the license fee. To avoid the late fee pets must be registered by Feb.28, 2015. Only cash or checks made payable to the Borough of Montvale will be accepted. No debit or credit cards may be used for payment. Pet owners are required to license their pet annually and failure to do so may result in a penalty of \$250.

In an effort to keep our waterways clean pet owners are reminded to properly dispose of their dog's waste by picking it up, and disposing of it in their trash or toilet, not the municipal storm drains.

Residents who no longer own a pet or have any questions may contact the Board of Health Secretary, at 201-391-5700, ext. 257, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

BOARD OF HEALTH NEWS

At our November 2014 meeting, the Board of Health unanimously voted to pass an ordinance banning the use of tobacco, tobacco products and alternatives in public parks.

Currently, 30 Bergen County towns have similar bans. Although a bill was passed by both houses of the state legislature, Governor Christie vetoed the bill stating legislation should come at the local level. Montvale has thus complied. Tobacco is the leading cause of preventable disease and death in the state and the nation. Tobacco smoke is a health hazard to the nonsmoking public majority. It is hoped that the ordinance will also reduce litter as well as promote fire safety.

Joyce Cohen
Board of Health President

MONTVALE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ADULT PROGRAMS

18+ competitive basketball
30+ basketball
Adult craft class-cancelled
Hatha yoga
Taekwon-do
Talkin' baseball
Adult volleyball

KIDS CORNER

Biddy basketball
Girls volleyball
Me and my doll sew together
Taekwon-do

ADULT PROGRAMS

18+ COMPETITIVE BASKETBALL

Residents 18 years of age and older can participate in this competitive style pick-up game format. This program begins on Jan. 7 and will continue through May. Games are played on Wednesday nights from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Fieldstone School gymnasium. Fee: \$50 for residents; \$75 for non-residents.



30+ BASKETBALL

This program is for men and women 30 years of age and older. This program is held on Monday evenings from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Memorial School gymnasium. This pick-up game style program began Sept. 8 and will continue through May 2015. Fee: \$75 for residents; \$95 for non-residents if space permits.

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 Jan. 5. The second class will meet Friday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. beginning Jan. 9. 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: \$80 for residents; \$100 for non-residents for this eight-week class. Instructor: Debra Broadman.

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. The program will be available for adults and H.S. age students accompanied by an adult from 8 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday

evenings. This eight-week class will begin Tuesday, Jan. 6, in the Recreation Center. Fee: \$80 for residents; \$100 for non-residents. Registration will take place on the first day of class. Instructor: Mario Liriano; 5th Degree Black belt.

TALKIN' BASEBALL

If talking about baseball as it was in years past is your thing, please join us at our monthly meetings. The group meets the first Wednesday of each month at 8:15 p.m. in the Recreation Center (entrance is behind the community center.) There is no fee for this program.



ADULT VOLLEYBALL

This program is for men and women 18 years of age and older. Adult volleyball will be held in the Memorial School Gymnasium "B" from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The program will begin Jan. 6 and will be held on Tuesday evenings through May. Fee: \$50 for residents; \$75. for non-residents.

KID'S CORNER

BIDDY BASKETBALL

This program has been cancelled. If you are interested in the youth basketball program, please contact the MAL.

WINTER SEW COZY



Sewing is a fun filled and exciting art that helps foster the creativity of young girls while teaching them to follow instructions and concentrate on a task. Sewing reinforces hand eye coordination, develops fine motor and problem solving skills. Best of all, by designing and sewing their

own creations, the girls will increase their confidence and self-esteem. Using the latest computerized sewing machines with three speed controls to accommodate the age and skill level of your future designers, the girls will discover the fun of sewing. The program culminates with a fashion show where the girls can model their creations for parents and friends. Two programs will be held on Tuesdays beginning Jan. 6. The first class is Scarves and Hats for Grades K-4. This class will be held from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. The second class is Pajama Pants and Pillow Cases for 5th-8th Graders. This class will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. All classes are held at the Recreation Center. Fee: \$80 for residents and \$100 for non-residents for each eight-week class. There will be an additional \$30 for materials (paid separately) to the instructor. Instructor: Mrs. Manrique.

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MONTVALE LIBRARY



DECEMBER'S SPOTLIGHT

From the Children's Department:

WHAT: "Hanukkah Celebration"

WHEN: Monday, Dec. 22 at 3:45 p.m.

INFO: For children of all ages and their families. Hear stories, make a craft, sing songs, and eat latkes and applesauce to celebrate this special holiday.

LOOKING AHEAD TO JANUARY

Children's Department:

"Winter Story Hour" begins the week of Jan. 12. Register now, in person.

Adult Department:

"Learning a Foreign Language with Mango" – afternoon and evening classes, Jan. 19 through Jan. 22

Thanks to the Friends of the Library, Montvale residents can now receive a \$3 discount at the Liberty Science Center. Residents will have to present their library cards to the box office in order to receive the discount. The discount is for the cardholder only and cannot be combined with other promotions.

There may also be some vouchers remaining for the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. Please do not request vouchers if you have had them within the past year; we want as many families as possible to be able to enjoy a visit to the Museum.

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!

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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 will begin Tuesday, Jan. 6. The Grade 5-8 class will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m. Classes begin Tuesday, Jan. 6. The program will be held in the Recreation Center. Fee for this 16-session class: \$120 for residents; \$180 for non-residents (space permitting.) Registration: first day of class. Instructor: Mario Liriano; 5th Degree Black belt.



GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The girls volleyball program will begin Tuesday, Jan. 6. This eight-week program will be offered to girls in Grades 5-8. The girls will play in the Memorial School Gym from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Registration will take place the first night of the program. Fee: \$80 for residents; \$100 for non-residents.

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.



REPRESENTATIVE FROM 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 here between 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

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Montvale Chamber of Commerce

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Happy Holidays From The Montvale Chamber of Commerce!

Mega Networking Event! January 2015 Kickoff!!

Please join the members of the Montvale Chamber of Commerce and Area and Regional Businesses at a Mega Networking Event!

Start the New Year off with a great networking opportunity.

Keynote Speaker: Michael Searles, CEO Benjamin Moore



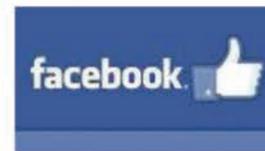
When: January 29th

Time: 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Where: Courtyard by Marriott, Chestnut Ridge Rd, Montvale

Sponsored by: The Courtyard Marriott and Fire & Oak Restaurant

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MONTVALE IN JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Service Key Local Mtg. Household Trash Recycable Pick-Up				1	2	3
4	5 East	6 Central	7 West	8 District 3 & 4	9	10
11	12 East	13 Central	14 West	15 District 1 & 2	16	17
18	19 East	20 Central	21 West	22 District 3 & 4	23	24
25	26 East	27 Central	28 West	29 District 1 & 2	30	31

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MONTVALE ACCESS

We are working on building a group of volunteers to help put together a TV schedule of programs Montvale residents would enjoy viewing. We use Verizon Channel 35 and Cablevision Channel 77 to broadcast the Mayor and Council monthly meetings. We've also added a few town events for



your viewing pleasure. At this point we need content to air and I am looking for volunteers to help with ideas as well as collecting or filming.

We also need people to help with filming, editing, scheduling and a lot of other behind the scene interactions. We are looking to build this group with local people to help make a program the whole town would enjoy. **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!** We can all learn from each other. If you are interested in our group, join us at Borough Hall, the first Tuesday of the month, at 7 p.m., 2nd Floor, conference room #1, send an email to montvaletvaccess@montvaleboro.org, or call and leave a message at 201-391-5700, Ext. 251.

Bill Lagno
Station Manager

MONTVALE SENIOR CLUB



This has been a very successful year for the Montvale Senior Club. During 2014 our membership has increased substantially, therefore, we are enjoying new friends, fresh ideas, exciting trips etc. Our Trip Coordinator has a three-day trip to Washington, D.C. scheduled for April/May 2015. Brochures and details will follow. We always look forward to our Christmas/Hanukah dinner at the Florentine Gardens in River Vale. In addition, our Police Department sponsors a Harvest Dinner in November and members cook, serve and entertain Montvale seniors. We appreciate all their work and effort.

The members of our club are looking forward to the New Year of 2015 featuring exciting activities, trips, entertaining and educational speakers. There are several new groups such as canasta, mahjong, croch,et, yoga, gardening, computer classes and a variety of others. If you have a particular interest, hobby or special interests come share them with us. We invite residents and past residents of Montvale who are over 55 to join our club which meets on the first and third Thursday of the month for our Business and Social meetings. We 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 the members of our club to their concerts, shows, and related activities. We host a Pizza and Bingo evening each month which everyone enjoys and we offer numerous lunches throughout the year.

Our goal is to provide companionship and relaxation for our seniors in Montvale and keep members abreast of topics that affect the lives and well being of our seniors. A detailed monthly calendar is available each month featuring all activities at our senior center located at One Memorial Drive in Montvale. Come down and visit with us or for more information call our president, Dick Voorhees, at 201 573-0761.

LOCAL ASSISTANCE

The Pascack Food Center will again this year be supplying Christmas dinners for the people in the Tri-Boro area.

What is needed?

- Food gift cards for local supermarkets are greatly needed especially with the upcoming CHRISTMAS holiday. Please place in envelope, mark outside Public Assistance Director and drop off at Borough Hall, 2nd floor.

- Food pantry is in need of canned fruit, rice, macaroni and cheese, coffee, toothpaste, shampoo, laundry detergent, dish detergent, spaghetti sauce, and juice.

Anyone in the Tri-Boro area in need of additional assistance, please call Kathie Bowen at 201-307-0534. All information is confidential.

Kathie Bowen
Public Assistance Director



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