

MyMontvale

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE

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Montvale Matters

CLEAN UP DAY SATURDAY, APRIL 18

The Borough of Montvale will partner with our Bergen County neighbors and the Bergen County Clean Community program on April 18. Please volunteer your time and join the effort. Clean up begins at 9 a.m. at Memorial Field where you can pick up supplies.

Leah LaMonica
Council Member

LOCAL ASSISTANCE

The following emergency items are needed at this time, particularly those in italics:

- Paper towels
- Toilet tissue
- Laundry detergent
- Cereal
- *Tuna fish*
- *Macaroni and cheese*
- *Jelly*

Please drop off your donations in the bin outside the Library at Borough Hall. Many thanks for your generosity!

Kathie Bowen
Public Assistance Director

NEW POLICE OFFICER SWORN IN



STAFF PHOTO BY KEITH SMOLLIN

The Borough welcomes John Guico, who was sworn in by Mayor Fyfe as Montvale's newest police officer on Jan. 5. Pictured above is the mayor, Police Chief Jeremy Abrams and Police Officer Guico and his family.

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 and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1.



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How long did you wait?

LAST MONTH OUR AVERAGE DOOR-TO-PROVIDER TIME WAS 22 MINUTES.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE FEBRUARY

Welcome to the February 2015 newsletter!

Of course, the biggest news of the day is Mercedes-Benz has decided they will be moving their headquarters from Montvale to an Atlanta suburb. This news has created some wild rumors and misinformation and I would like to just offer a few facts about the move.

Mercedes-Benz plans to invest in a regional training center here in Montvale. It will occupy one of the buildings they already own (Glenview or 3 Mercedes Dr.). There will be approximately 50 jobs remaining to support that center. They will be constructing a new facility in Georgia which they estimate will take at least two years to complete. During that construction, approximately 300 employees will remain in Montvale. The rest will be moving down to temporary facilities near the new site.

Mercedes-Benz has been an extraordinary corporate neighbor and an important part of Montvale since 1972 and we, of course, hate to see them go. They have also been important in attracting other major corporations to the area. Their decision is strictly a business decision and has little or nothing to do with the Borough of Montvale. The New York metro area has become an extremely expensive place to do business and will continue to be until the state of New Jersey begins addressing the problem (a political discussion for another time and place).

Now let's look at the impact to Montvale. The initial loss of hundreds of employees cannot help but affect the small businesses in the area, at least for the short term. Aside from that, the economic downside will be negligible. I've seen it written we will lose almost \$1 million in tax revenue. This is absolutely incorrect. Their property value has not decreased because they have announced a move. They are assessed just like anyone else in town. We will lose zero dollars in tax revenue. At some time in the future when Mercedes-Benz no longer has need for the buildings they own in Montvale, they will be listed for sale. The property they have is priceless and there are already developers clamoring for a chance to be part of any development. There is also the possibility of preserving part or all of the land.



Roger J Fyfe
Mayor

This all comes at a time when the overall commercial/corporate market is generally very slow. Add that to the exit of several major corporations from the tri-boro area, and it becomes obvious that there will be decisions to make about how empty properties are used. We can take comfort however that our tri-boro area has a vacancy rate of about 12% compared to the state average which is more than 25%. Still there are changes in what corporations need in a property and we will have to be smart and stay ahead of it all in order to wind up in a good place if we want to retain the tenants we have. The governing body is always listening to proposals on various properties and will continue to do so as the business world around us changes. We will do our best to keep everyone informed as things move forward.

At the Jan. 13 Mayor and Council meeting we received the unfortunate news that Councilwoman Theresa Cudequest needs to step down from her seat in order to focus on some family matters. While we unconditionally support Theresa's decision and wish her all the best, we are very sad to see her leave. Theresa has been a staple of local community involvement with the MAL, Tri-boro Ambulance Corps and our council for the last five years. We will miss her and we all hope she can make it back at some point down the road. As of this writing there has been no decision on her replacement.

Finally, there has been some concern by residents about an ERUV being erected and maintained in Montvale. There has been no authorization by the utility company for any installations as of this writing. If you need more information pertaining to ERUV, you can Google it or try rocklanderuv.com.

We are hoping for minimal winter weather but when snow falls, please give the DPW a chance to treat/plow the roads before you venture out. Their job becomes so much easier and quicker if they are not sharing the road with drivers who really don't need to be out there driving. Please remember icy conditions are the same for the salt trucks as they are for the residents. They need to have as little traffic as possible to get the job done.

MONTVALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Hello Montvale:

I frequently write about scams that target senior citizens, however, seniors are not the only marks for these hustlers. Recently there has been a rash of phone scams where the caller pretends to be an IRS agent or a Federal Treasury agent. I had one myself where the caller claimed I would need an attorney regarding the "fine" I owed. He was kind enough to offer me a chance to "settle up" with him on the phone with my credit card info so I could avoid extra penalties. Scammers often have enough information about you they can use to exploit an emotional reaction from you, e.g., fear/guilt, and get you to pay without doing any research. My caller knew my name, address and phone number. Recognizing this is not how the IRS would look to recover fines or money helped me not give out any credit card information.



If you are ever uncertain if a call is authentic, look up the official phone number of the government agency or entity that has contacted you and call them back yourself. Do not use a phone number supplied by the caller or that was found in a suspicious email. Do not give any additional information about yourself to the unknown caller.

On a different note, a reminder about the cell phone driving law:

- Drivers must use hands-free devices while talking on cell phones. (\$200+ fine)
- Texting and use of video games prohibited while driving.
- Drivers under 21 with learners' permits or probationary licenses are prohibited from using cell phones, texting devices and other hand held or hands-free wireless electronic devices (including

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2015 Community Dinner and Raffle



Hosted by Montvale Boy Scout Troop 334, the 2015 Community Dinner and Raffle will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 27, at Fieldstone Middle School.

Come out and join your community for a fun-filled evening of food, friends, music, a tricky tray and 50/50 raffle, and more! Dinner will be served from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and will include a full pasta and meatball entree including salad and fresh garlic bread. After dinner enjoy a dessert and coffee table, followed by the raffle. Prizes include sports tickets, a sightseeing flight over New York City for three, and much more. Clown for the kids!

Tickets (at the door) are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$6 for children (under 12).

Pre-event tickets are \$6 for all ages.

For tickets or information, call 201-802-0252 or email troop334mail@gmail.com. Mail to PO Box 641, Montvale, NJ 07645

Proceeds benefit Boy Scout Troop 334. The event is sponsored by American Legion Post 153.

MONTVALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

FEBRUARY SPOTLIGHT FROM THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

WHAT: "Night Time Story Hour"

WHEN: Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 6:30 p.m.

INFO: For ages 3 and up. In person registration begins on Feb. 11. Children can wear their PJs and bring their favorite stuffed animals. There will be bedtime stories and milk and cookies.

LOOKING AHEAD TO MARCH

ADULT DEPARTMENT

"Pysanky Workshop with Patty Wiszuk-DeAngelo" - Saturday, March 21, from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Class size is limited and in-person registration required. Non-refundable \$25 fee for materials will be collected at registration.

There may 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!

I'LL TAKE MONTVALE RESIDENTS FOR \$1,000, ALEX



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Answer: This Montvale resident realized his long time wish and appeared in an episode of "Jeopardy" on Jan. 19. Question: Who is...Councilman Tim Lane? Pictured with "Jeopardy" host Alex Trebek.

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iPods) while driving.

- School bus operators prohibited from using cell phones while driving.

As used in this law, "hands-free wireless telephone" means a mobile telephone that has an internal feature or function, or is equipped with an attachment or addition, whether or not permanently part of such mobile telephone, by which a user engages in a conversation without

the use of either hand provided, however, this definition shall not preclude the use of either hand to activate, deactivate, or initiate a function of the telephone.

Emergency information is put out via Twitter (Montvale Police@MontvalePD), Facebook (montvalepd) and the Borough of Montvale website.

Stay safe,
Chief Jeremy Abrams

MONTVALE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ADULT PROGRAMS

18+ COMPETITIVE BASKETBALL

Residents 18 years of age and older can participate in this competitive style pick-up game format. This program began on Jan. 7 and will continue through May. Games are played on Wednesday nights from 8-10 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 and held on Monday evenings from 8-10 p.m. in the Memorial School gymnasium. This pick-up game style program began Sept. 8, 2014, 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 per week, eight-week classes will be offered in the Recreation Center. The first class meets Monday evenings from 7:30-

8:30 p.m. and began Jan. 5. The second class meets Friday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and began 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.

Spring program begins March 23

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 7:30-9:30 p.m. The program began Jan. 6 and is held on Tuesday evenings through May. Fee: \$50 for residents; \$75 non-residents.

KID'S CORNER



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 per week for children in grades K-8. The K-4 grade class will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. Classes began Jan. 6. The 5-8 grade class is offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. Classes began Jan. 6. The program will be held in the Recreation Center. Fee: for this 16-session class is \$120 for residents; \$180 for non-residents (space permitting). Registration: first day of class. Instructor: Mario Liriano; 5th Degree Black Belt.

Spring program begins March 24

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

This girls' volleyball program began 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 6:30-7:30 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 Borough Hall, Building Dept. c/o Jeff Fette, with liability insurance and payment. Forms are available online and at the Borough Hall front counter. Permits will be given according to availability.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Girls sewing	March 24
Tennis lessons	Spring 2015
Camp counselor applications available	April 1
Camp counselor interviews	April 23
Camp counselor interviews	April 24
Camp counselor interviews	April 25
Summer camp registration	April 29
Summer camp registration	May 1
Day in the Park	June 20
Counselor workshop	June 26
Summer camp	June 29-July 24

MONTVALE SENIOR CLUB

The officers and members of the Montvale Senior Club invite former and current residents to join us as members for a very exciting year. Our membership is growing and several new activities, day trips, and overnight trips have been introduced. Some of the topics and entertainment for our meetings are a Bluegrass Band, Personal ID Theft/Security, Guitarist/Vocalist and offerings from the County Clerk's office of Bergen County.

We look forward to our Valentines' Day Luncheon, special Mothers' Day Luncheon and our three elegant dinners including entertainment at the Florentine Gardens in River Vale.

Reservations are being taken for our spring trip to Washington, DC for May 1-3. A full package is planned with two nights lodging, two breakfasts, two full course dinners and many tours and visits such as: Arlington Cemetery, Lincoln Memorial, Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, Kennedy Center and visits to Jefferson Memorial, U.S. Library of Congress, U.S. Capitol and many more surprises. The cost is \$330 per person, double occupancy and \$449 per person single occupancy. Call Rosemarie Kelly at 201-391-8718. See outline for full details.

Our day trips feature Mount Airy Casino in Pennsylvania on March 24. A bus trip to the 9/11 Memorial Museum in New York City will be on April 23, and features lunch at Carmine's. A day at Doolan's Shore Club will take place on June 16 featuring the show "Caribbean Junkanoo." There are several other trips scheduled and information is available at the senior club located at One Memorial Dr. in Montvale. Call Marie Dineen at 201-391-1831 for further information.

Our Canasta class takes place on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon.



A beginner Mahjong class is offered on Mondays at 2:30 p.m. Call Fran Ohayon for more information at 201-391-4272.

Throughout the month we feature our very popular chair exercise classes. Please pick up a copy of our comprehensive calendar which our long time member Betty Rutishauser prepares each month. Come down and join us on the first and third Thursday of the month at 12:30 p.m. Our president Steve Ohayon can be reached at 201-391-4272. We look forward to meeting you.

SENIOR CLUB SPRING TRIP A CLASSY TOUR OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

- 3 days/2 nights, May 1-3
- \$330 per person – double occupancy
- \$449 per person – single occupancy
- \$25 per person deposit due with reservation by February 2, 2015
- Final payment due March 15, 2015
- Cancellation insurance available upon request

- 2 nights lodging
- 2 breakfasts
- 2 full course dinners
- Smithsonian Institution
- Tram tour at Arlington Cemetery

Visit to memorials: World War II Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, and FDR Memorial

Guided sightseeing tour including The U.S. Capitol & Visitor's Center, U.S. Library of Congress, Embassy Row, and the National Cathedral

- Reagan Building, Union Station or National Place
- Visit to Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

Guided tour of illuminated monuments including Air Force Memorial, Pentagon, Jefferson Memorial, Marine Corps Memorial, and Washington Monument



- Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Museum
- Visit to Baltimore's Inner Harbor
- Souvenir gift
- Luggage handling
- Taxes and meal gratuities
- Motor coach transportation

For more information and reservations, contact:
Montvale Seniors, Rosemarie Kelly, 201-391-8718.

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Get Ready for the Montvale Street Fair

HOLD THE DATE

June 7th - Montvale's Annual Street Fair

Now Accepting Sponsorships for 2015 Street Fair

"Be a Part of an Amazing Community Event that attracts People from all over the Region"

Over 20,000 people attended last year's Street Fair.

Sponsorships range from \$500 - \$10,000a sponsorship for every level!

For more information visit our web-site at www.MontvaleChamber.com

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3-MINUTE NETWORKING

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

7:30 am - 8:00 am - Registration & Breakfast

8:00 am - 9:30 am - Speed Networking



Hosted by:
Westfield Garden State Plaza
Located in the Food Court
Building Entrance #15
(Lower Level of AMC Theatre Lot)

Sign-up www.MontvaleChamber.com \$15 Members \$25 Non-Members

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MONTVALE IN MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 ♻️ East 🗳️ Board of Health 7:45 p.m.	3 ♻️ Central 🗳️ Planning Board Mtg. 7:30 p.m.	4 ♻️ West	5 ♻️ District 3 & 4	6	7
8	9 ♻️ East	10 ♻️ Central 🗳️ Mayor & Council Mtg. 7:30 p.m.	11 ♻️ West	12 ♻️ District 1 & 2	13	14
15	16 ♻️ East 🗳️ Environmental Commission Mtg. 7:45 p.m.	17 ♻️ Central 🗳️ Planning Board Mtg. 7:30 p.m.	18 ♻️ West	19 ♻️ District 3 & 4	20	21
22	23 ♻️ East	24 ♻️ Central	25 ♻️ West	26 ♻️ District 1 & 2	27	28
29	30 ♻️ East	31 ♻️ Central 🗳️ Mayor & Council Mtg. 7:30 p.m.				Service Key 🗳️ Local Mtg. ♻️ Household Trash ♻️ Recyclable Pick-Up

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Historian needs information about historic bell

The Borough of Montvale was formed in 1894 in order to be able to establish its own school district. When the borough's founding fathers delineated its boundaries, they made sure to annex the Chestnut Ridge Road area because there was an existing school-house on that road at its intersection with Summit Avenue, and they wanted the children in the western part of their newly-formed borough to have a ready-made place to study their "readin', writin' and 'rithmetic."

The borough historian, Maria Hopper, has in her possession a bell from that school that was donated to the borough circa 1970 by Marguerite (Mrs. Donald) Benjamin who lived at 16 Sunnyside Dr. Mrs. Benjamin was active in an organization called A.C.T.I.O.N that did many things to enhance and beautify the borough in the 1960s and 1970s. The historian hopes to be able to contact Mrs. Benjamin or one of her descendants in order to obtain more information about her donation of the historic bell to the borough. If you have contact information pertaining to Mrs. Benjamin or other members of the Benjamin family, or if you have knowledge of the bell itself, please contact Maria Hopper at 201-391-7386 or Richard Voorhees at 201-573-0761.



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