

MyMontvale

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE

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FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS



SANTA ARRIVES IN MONTVALE

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!

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

The Fund Drive is still underway. If you have made a donation, we thank you. If you wish to contribute, please mail your donation to: The Montvale Fire Department, 35 West Grand Avenue, Montvale, NJ 07645. Thank you for your support.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Make sure all holiday decorations are fireproof and all lights and wiring is UL Approved. If you have a cut tree in your home, keep it fully watered at all times. To maintain its freshness, do not place it close to a heating source.

FIRE SAFETY

Fire hydrants are not always visible when snow is piled high. It is extremely important that hydrants remain accessible throughout the year. Keep the hydrant on your property clear of snow and ice. In the event of an emergency, we will all be thankful you did.

THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE MONTVALE FIRE DEPARTMENT EXTEND BEST WISHES
FOR A SAFE AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON

MAYOR'S MESSAGE NOVEMBER



Roger J Fyfe
Mayor

Welcome to the November Newsletter:

We are getting closer to beginning work on our Firehouse project. There is a lot to coordinate and the volunteers who already give endless hours are the ones we are counting on to smooth the transition both moving out and moving in. In the meantime they will have to adapt to working out of less than ideal conditions. All of our residents should count themselves lucky we have such dedicated men and women willing to take on all this work.

Montvale welcomes KiteX USA at 160 Summit Avenue. They did a great renovation to bring yet another building up to Class A status and I was very happy to be part of their Grand Opening Ceremonies. KiteX Garments and KiteX India is in the business of manufacturing, designing and marketing children's clothing and KiteX USA in Montvale is their first office opened in the U.S. We wish them all the very best.

I can see the site work being done at the DePiero's Farm development and they are moving right along. The pictures show the current state of the property as of this writing with a fleet of excavating machines and the beginning of one of the retaining walls. It is not easy to see from the road so I hope to update everyone as the project progresses.

Have a great Thanksgiving and watch out for wet leaves in the road.



PHOTO/BOROUGH OF MONTVALE

Attending the Grand Opening ceremony for KiteX USA are, from left, KiteX USA CEO Sabu M. Jacob, Mayor Roger Fyfe, Montvale Chamber of Commerce Co-President Steven Fox, Indian Association Chamber of Commerce President Mr. Nair, and Montvale Chamber of Commerce Co-President Scott Forman.



PHOTOS/BOROUGH OF MONTVALE

Progress continues at the DePiero's Farm development. At left, an aerial view captures the current construction phase of development. At right, excavation of the area enables the construction of first retaining wall for the project.



MONTVALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Hello Montvale:

Recently there have been several instances in Bergen County of school crossing guards being struck by passing cars as they attempt to safely cross our children through intersections as the children go to and from school. Most of these incidents involve inattentive drivers, sometimes distracted by the cell phone, or just ignoring safe driving practices in the areas where school crossing guards are working. Our crossing guards have had close calls as well. Either way is unacceptable. Expect a crackdown around the schools and walking routes to schools. We will not tolerate self-absorbed drivers putting children and our crossing guards in harm's way.

As the holiday season approaches, here are some holiday shopping safety reminders:

Be smart and safe while shopping at the malls. Avoid going alone. Park under the street lights at night and as close to the entrance as you can. Have your keys ready before you get to your car. Lock the door as soon as you get in – even before you start the engine. Inside



the store, do not “flash” your cash. Give only the ID and credit card needed for the purchase. Make sure you are not being followed especially after making an expensive purchase. If you feel unsafe, ask security to walk you to your car. Carry a loud whistle. Protect yourself.

Other holiday season safety reminders:

The holiday season also brings holiday parties and holiday celebrations at which “holiday cheer” may be served. Don't ruin your holiday season by getting arrested for DWI or worse – by crashing into someone and injuring or killing them. Get a designated driver. Call friends or family for a ride. Call a car service or a taxi (there are several taxi companies in the area). Just don't drink and drive. The Montvale Police Department will have increased DWI patrols and roadblocks from late November until after the New Year as part of a national campaign against drunk driving. Enjoy your holidays responsibly.

Stay safe,
Chief Jeremy Abrams

MONTVALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

NOVEMBER'S SPOTLIGHT

ADULT DEPARTMENT

WHAT: “Guitar Wellness”
WHEN: Mondays, Nov. 30 through Dec. 28 at 10 a.m.
INFO: Class size limited. Dan Zurich and his assistant Doreen Di Fiore return for another introduction of the acoustic guitar as a tool for helping achieve mind/body/spirit balance. In-person registration required. Bring your own acoustic guitar or pay a \$40 non-refundable fee for a rental guitar.

LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER

ADULT DEPARTMENT

“Downloading e-Books with the Kindle” – Afternoon and evening classes, Dec. 14-17. Registration starts Nov. 30.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

“Book Reading/Signing for Ali and the New Girl” – Thursday, Dec. 3, at 3:45 p.m. The author is the Montvale Library's Program Coordinator Nayda Rondon.

“Hanukkah Activities” – Monday, Dec. 7, at 4 p.m. All ages.



“Parent/Child Art Workshop” – Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. Ages first grade and up with parent.

**Please register in person for these programs.*

HEADS UP!

Beginning Jan. 1, overdue fines for all Montvale Library materials will increase to 25¢ per day.

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!

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

To all residents of Montvale:

As we get into the fall leaf season and, very shortly, the inevitable snow and ice season, we wanted to remind all residents of the ordinances of the Borough of Montvale addressing these two issues.

Leaves cannot be blown onto and left in the streets and public ways as they clog storm drains and create driving hazards. All leaves should be bagged or placed in a container for garbage pickup. The borough does not conduct leaf pickups. We would ask all residents who use a landscape service make their landscape contractor aware of these requirements so as to avoid any potential problems. Any leaves blown to the curb shall be removed the same day.

Turning our attention to ice and snow, we all seem to be engaged in the battle with the snow plows that plow you in once you have already shoveled your driveway and sidewalks. The roads must be cleared for emergency vehicles and that takes priority over our individual driveways. Keep in mind any sidewalks on your property are your responsibility to be cleared within 24 hours after the end of a storm and must remain passable for pedestrian traffic.

We are sure most residents do not want to be reminded of shoveling ice and snow but with each resident doing their part, it will make Montvale a safer place to walk and drive during the inclement weather and make our jobs a little easier, too.

Should you wish to review the ordinances in detail, you can log onto montvale.org or, if you wish to speak to me directly, I can be reached at 201-391-5732, ext. 223. Thank you for your cooperation and best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.

Jeffrey Fette

Construction Official, Zoning and Property Maintenance Officer

MONTVALE RECREATION DEPARTMENT



15H ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTING AND GIFT GIVING CEREMONY

The Montvale Recreation Department hosts its Fifteenth Annual Holiday Lighting and Gift Giving Ceremony on Memorial Drive (on the field behind Memorial School near Grand Avenue behind the Fire Department Memorial). The event will take place on Friday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. We would like to invite the borough's residents to enjoy the holiday spirit with free hot cocoa and candy canes. Come enjoy the sounds of Montvale's own Memorial Elementary School and Fieldstone Middle school choirs with friends and neighbors.

As in the past, we will also collect money to donate toward the Tri-Boro Family Care Fund. Monies collected will assist residents of Montvale who are financially struggling and are in need of assistance. If you would like to donate, but are unable to make the event, please send your donations to: Montvale Recreation Department, 12 Mercedes Drive, Montvale, New Jersey 07645.

In addition to helping those in need financially, we have also joined together with Davey's Irish Pub and Restaurant to help advertise their toy collection for needy children. If you are interested, we will be collecting new unwrapped gifts and delivering them to Davey's after the event.

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. 21 and will continue through May 2016. Fee: \$75 for residents; \$95 for non-residents if space permits.



18+ COMPETITIVE BASKETBALL

Residents 18 years of age and older can participate in this competitive style pick-up game format. This program begins Jan. 6 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.

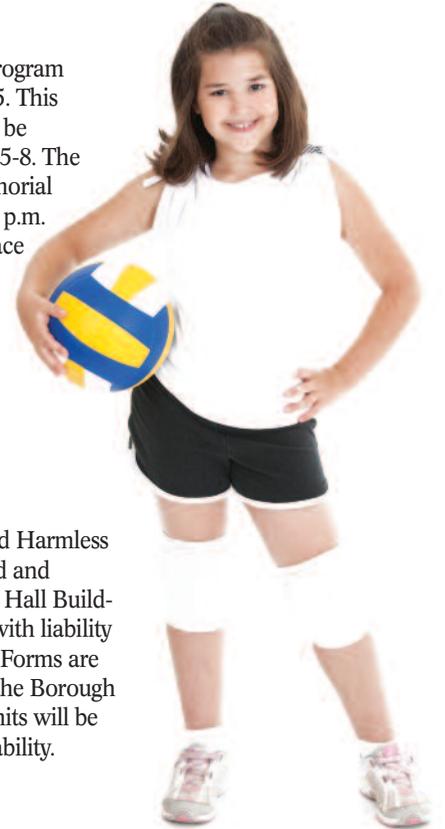


ADULT VOLLEYBALL

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 8 to 10 p.m. The program will begin Jan. 5 and will be held on Tuesday evenings through May. Fee: \$50 for residents; \$75 for non-residents.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

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



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.

LOCAL ASSISTANCE

The Pascack Food Center is in need of the following items:

- Canned fruit
- Chef Boyardee canned meals
- Tuna fish

Please drop off your donations in the bin outside the Library at Borough Hall. If you are donating a turkey, please call the Pascack Food Center at 201-573-9083 to schedule a drop off date and time, or call Kathie Bowen at 201-307-0534 and leave a message for a callback. Many thanks for your generosity!



Kathie Bowen
Public Assistance
Director
201-307-0534

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.

MONTVALE SENIOR CLUB



Autumn is a great time to join the Montvale Senior Club which meets for our Business and Social meetings on the first and third Thursday of the month at the Community Center located at One Memorial Drive, Montvale. All Montvale residents and previous residents ages 55 and over are welcomed.

Our trip coordinators have been doing an outstanding job of planning and chaperoning day and overnight trips. Marie Dineen recently took a full bus load of seniors to Connecticut for a train and boat ride and a delicious luncheon at a quaint town on the river. Everyone enjoyed it very much and is looking forward to the next trip. Boston and Cape Cod were the destinations for Rosemarie Kelly with her large group for a five-day trip. They enjoyed the expertise of a local guide to highlight all the attractions in these areas. They dined at fish restaurants, which are popular in the area, and were pleasantly surprised at the hotels and attractions available to them. Rosemarie Kelly and Marie Dineen, we thank you!

One of our long time members, Anne Orosy, will be moving from Montvale this month and will be sorely missed. Anne is responsible for chair exercises, elegant luncheons at Florentine Gardens and

Seasons, and our popular raffles offering elegant gifts. We can never replace Anne Orosy but wish her well with this new chapter in her life.

We are having our Christmas luncheon at Seasons shortly and it is always a spectacular event. In November we eagerly await our Harvest Luncheon sponsored by our Montvale Police Department. They cook, serve and clean up, and the seniors love this event. In addition, we have recently enjoyed live entertainment at several of our meetings. A popular hit was a Neil Diamond impersonator. Our pizza and bingo evening had the largest group yet. Our Senior Center is open Monday through Friday for exercise, card games, crafts and just socializing.

Our annual dues for 2016 will be \$10 and, as you know, we offer trips, chair exercises, entertainment, line dancing, pizza and bingo evenings, and interesting speakers with relevant topics aimed at seniors. We have a beautiful facility where seniors can enjoy each other's company, make new friends and renew old acquaintances. You can reach our president at montvaleseniors@montvaleboro.org. Please plan on joining us at our next Business meeting.

NEW MONTVALE SENIOR RIDE

Montvale Senior Ride is a free service that is available to Montvale seniors, 55 years and older, on Wednesdays and Fridays, and shared with Park Ridge on Thursdays.

Call Borough Hall at 201-391-5700, ext. 225 or 257, a week in advance to schedule a ride or for additional information. All new riders are required to register with the Borough receptionist.

Residents will be driven to doctor appointments, shopping trips and other errands within a 15-mile radius from Montvale.

Van is handicapped accessible.

VAN IS NOT TO BE USED FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCIES.

MONTVALE BOARD OF HEALTH

RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC & LICENSING INFORMATION

The Montvale Board of Health, in conjunction with Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission, will hold its Rabies Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, Jan. 9, at the Pascack Valley Department of Public Works Garage, Memorial Drive, Montvale. 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. Veterinarian Dr. Cohen-Grady will administer the vaccinations, which are free of charge for Montvale residents.

Montvale residents can also license their pets at the clinic. Owners of previously registered pets 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, www.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, 2016. 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, 2016.

The annual fee is \$18 for all spayed or neutered pets, and \$21 for non-spayed or neutered pets. The fee is \$10 for 55 years and older pet owners. The owners of service dogs are exempt from paying the license fee; however, they must register their dogs. To avoid the late fee pets must be registered by Feb. 29, 2016. 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 dog waste by picking it up and disposing of it in their trash or toilet, and 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.

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



Membership Matters!

Membership Drive: Join the Chamber!
www.MontvaleChamber.com

Watch for our January Networking Kickoff Event



Happy Thanksgiving!
Have a Safe Holiday



MONTVALE IN DECEMBER

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

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EXCITING NEWS FROM THE TAX DEPARTMENT

All residents will be able to take advantage of a new drop box that is located outside of the main entrance of the library at 12 Mercedes Drive.

This drop box is to be used for tax payments only. Checks only. **NO CASH.**

Any payments placed in the drop box will not be processed until the next business day.



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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY FORM

*No one knows
when an emergency
will occur.*

Members of the tri-Boro Volunteer Ambulance Corps
respond to over 1,600 calls each year.

*The best way to
help us to help you
is to be prepared.*

We encourage you to take a few minutes to fill out
this form in case of a medical emergency. Keep it in a safe,
convenient place should you ever need our service.

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____ Date of Birth _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Male/Female _____

Phone _____ Blood Type _____

Physician _____ Phone Number _____

Allergies:

Medications:

Medical History/Diagnoses (Past and Present):

Surgeries:

Other:

Emergency Contacts:

Name _____ Phone Number _____ Relationship _____

For more information: www.triboroambulance.org