

# MyMontvale

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE

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## MONTVALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

### SEPTEMBER SPOTLIGHT

#### DON'T MISS IT!

**WHAT:** "Friends of the Library Book Sale"

**WHEN:** Saturday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 27, from 1 to 4 p.m.

**INFO:** The sale will be held in the main lobby of the municipal complex and in the Library's lobby. Books, CDs, DVDs, and books-on-CD will be sold at bargain prices, and there will be items for adults, teens, and children. So come and visit the best Book Sale in the area!

### LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER

#### Adult Department

"Ancestry.com Basics" – Afternoon and evening classes, Oct. 19-22. Registration starts Oct. 5.

#### For information on library services and programs

Visit the Montvale Library's website at [montvale.bccls.org](http://montvale.bccls.org), email the Library at [movlcirc@bccls.org](mailto:movlcirc@bccls.org), or telephone the Library at 201-391-5090. Stop by and visit us, too!

### LOCAL ASSISTANCE

The Pascack Food Center is in particular need of the following items at this time:

- Paper towels! Paper towels!
- Toilet tissue! Toilet tissue!
- Cleaning supplies

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

#### Kathie Bowen

Public Assistance Director  
201-307-0534



# BACK TO SCHOOL!



PHOTOS/THINKSTOCK

With the school year back in full swing, Montvale residents should be extra cautious while driving and always be aware of school children walking to school, standing on street corners waiting for buses and crossing the parking areas near schools. School parents are reminded to follow the drop-off and pick-up regulations at the schools. To help alleviate traffic in the school parking areas, parents should carpool or have the children walk to school. Crossing guards are posted on Grand Avenue and Kinderkamack Road, and at Railroad Avenue, and a police officer is posted at Grand Avenue and Memorial Drive. In the September newsletter, Mayor Roger Fyfe discusses the latest commercial real estate news, Police Chief Abrams emphasizes child passenger safety, the Montvale Senior Club highlights an October trip to Cape Cod, Mass., and the Montvale Recreation Department details upcoming events, including the Halloween Carnival on Friday, Oct. 30.

# MAYOR'S MESSAGE SEPTEMBER

Summer is over. Kids are in school or off to college. You can almost hear everyone taking a deep breath. Last month I wrote that the summer season was offering a bit of a lull in our usual routines. Immediately after that was printed, of course, everything revved up again.

Another lawsuit filed by Kevin Roe, Daniel Roe, Linda and John Bongardino and the A&P against the Montvale Planning Board in Superior Court was decided in Montvale's favor. This news has spurred more interest in town from planners and developers. Ideas have ranged from hotels to amusement parks to elderly care facilities. With Wegmans that much closer to reality and Memorial Sloan Kettering beginning their renovations, Montvale has become a flurry of activity again.

On the subject of Memorial Sloan Kettering, I've been getting some questions about its facility and its non-profit status. It is indeed a non-profit organization and not required to pay any real estate taxes. Its status does not kick in, however, until the year after it is open for business, most likely 2018. Until then, it will pay the full tax bill. Although not required to, MSKCC has agreed to make a payment in lieu of taxes, or PILOT, in the amount of \$250,000 per year. The remainder of any shortage will easily be absorbed by other new commercial residents such as Wegmans, Lifetime Fitness and other planned retail, not to mention whatever materializes from some of the ideas brought forward for some properties. There is absolutely no reason for residents to think their taxes will need to increase in order to make up for some shortage. Memorial Sloan Kettering's tax status simply will not translate into higher taxes for anyone else.

I have mentioned a few times about possible new uses for some of our corporate properties. Montvale is in an enviable position to be in control of how we move forward. Most towns who have



**Roger J Fyfe**  
Mayor

enjoyed a large corporate resident presence are finding themselves with older empty buildings and no new projects to make their town interesting to commercial entities. In our recent study we found Montvale has a corporate vacancy rate of about 15 percent. This is about half the rate of most New Jersey areas and about 10 percent lower than the state average. We have actually had interest in building new Class A office space which is unheard of in most other places. We don't need to reinvent the wheel, but we have to acknowledge the changes that have taken place in the business world and be realistic about our options going forward.

I have also been asked often why I don't reveal who is showing all this interest in our town. Developers or builders don't want their initial interest to be

common knowledge as it can raise the price of any properties they may have interest in once the owners know someone is serious. Of course, any formal proposals or presentations will have to be done in public meetings and any changes to zoning or land use will need to go through a very public, transparent process.

We have also met with the New Jersey State Department of Planning Advocacy to see what it has to offer towns like Montvale. It was a very interesting meeting and we look forward to using some of its resources as things progress.

Changing gears here, I am hopeful our paving program will be complete by the time this newsletter goes out. There have been delays and, although we really wanted it done before school opens, it hasn't worked out that way. The county is still planning to mill and pave Spring Valley Road and Summit Avenue but probably not until the end of September or later.

That's all for now – keep an eye out for bulldozers on DePiero's property as that project finally gets going.

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## MONTVALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Hello Montvale:

This year Child Passenger Safety Week is Sept. 13-19. Montvale has several police officers who are Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians. They can provide education on how to use car seats, booster seats and seat belts for children. They can also help educate consumers about choosing the right car seat for their child, the importance of registering car seats with the manufacturer and what to expect if the seat is subject to a safety recall. The Child Car Seat Unit is available by appointment to assist parents and caregivers with advice and instruction on installation of child car seats. Contact Sgt. Foley, 201-391-4640 Ext. 118, to make an appointment.

Effective September 1, 2015 – Changes to NJ Child Passenger Safety Law

- Any child under the age of 8 years old and a height of 57 inches shall be secured as follows in the rear seat of a motor vehicle:
- A child under the age of 2 years and 30 pounds shall be secured



in a rear-facing seat equipped with a 5-point harness.

- A child under the age of 4 years and 40 pounds shall be secured as described in (a) until they reach the upper limits of the rear-facing seat, then in a forward-facing child restraint equipped with a 5-point harness.

- A child under the age of 8 and a height of 57 inches shall be secured as described in (a) or (b) until they reach the upper limits of the rear-facing or forward-facing seat, then in a belt positioning booster seat.

- A child over 8 years of age or 57 inches in height must be properly secured by a seat belt.

If there are no rear seats, the child shall be secured as described above in the front seat except that no child shall be secured in a rear-facing seat in the front seat of any vehicle that is equipped with an active passenger-side airbag. The aforementioned is acceptable if the airbag is deactivated.

Stay safe,  
Chief Jeremy Abrams

# MONTVALE SENIOR CLUB

The summer is winding down here in northern New Jersey and, as you know, we enjoyed a beautiful sun-filled summer. We will resume our business and social meetings on the first and third Thursday of the month. Our meetings are held at our beautiful Montvale Senior Center located at One Memorial Drive here in Montvale. We meet at noon and we invite you to come join us.



Our members are 55 and over, and all Montvale residents or former Montvale residents are welcome. There are many small groups meeting at the center such as mahjong, canasta and chair exercises, and a functioning exercise room is available. Our center offers a pizza and bingo evening that is very popular. We also enjoy interesting speakers, musical events and entertainment.

We sponsor many trips during the year and below is our exciting five-day trip. Non-members are welcome to join this trip. A detailed calendar is available every month at our center. Come pick one up and join us. You can contact us at [montvaleseniors@montvaleboro.org](mailto:montvaleseniors@montvaleboro.org).

The Montvale Senior Club is excited to announce a 5-day/4-night motor coach trip to Cape Cod, Mass., on Oct. 5-9. This package includes lodging, breakfasts and dinners. We will visit Chatham, Plymouth and Boston. We will enjoy a Hyannis Harbor Cruise with views of the Kennedy Compound. An evening of entertainment is included and many other surprises. The price is \$497 per person, double occupancy or \$597 single occupancy. Call Rosemarie Kelly at 201-391-8718 for information and reservations.

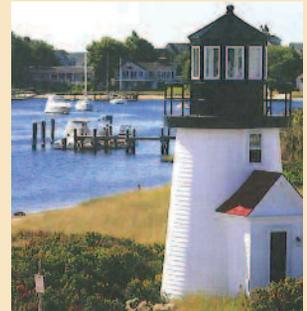
## CAPE COD, MASSACHUSETTS

Featuring Chatham, Plymouth and Boston

FIVE DAYS, FOUR NIGHTS - OCT. 5-9

### Package includes:

- Four nights lodging
- Four breakfasts
- Four dinners
- Evening of entertainment
- Fully escorted tours of: Hyannis area (including Kennedy Memorial & Main Street Provincetown), Chatham, Boston and Quincy Market, Historic Sandwich, Plymouth and Plymouth Rock
- Cape Cod Canal Visitor's Center
- Hyannis Harbor Cruise with view of Kennedy Compound
- Olde Mystic Village
- Newport, R.I.
- Meet & Greet Welcome
- Souvenir gift
- Luggage handling
- All taxes and meal



## TRI-BORO AMBULANCE CORPS IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

TBVAC is a successful organization because of our dedicated volunteers and the support and generosity we receive from the community. We are always looking for more volunteers – together we can make a difference.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of TBVAC, please contact us at 201-391-2332, or visit our website at [www.triboroambulance.org](http://www.triboroambulance.org).

Our patio project is still ongoing and we are currently selling engraved brick pavers as a fund raiser for TBVAC. We would like to thank Montvale Landscaping, Keller Williams Associates and Chatham Irrigation for their generous donations with this project. The engraved bricks have been placed in our patio and it looks amazing. For those of you that have purchased an engraved brick we thank you and invite you to visit the patio located behind the ambulance building at 10 Mill Road in Park Ridge, NJ to see the outcome.

For anyone wanting information on purchasing an engraved brick, please visit our website at [www.triboroambulance.org](http://www.triboroambulance.org).



# MONTVALE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## ADULT PROGRAMS

*Note: Other than the tennis programs, registration takes place on the first day of each class.*

### 30+ BASKETBALL

This program is for men and women 30 years of age and older and is held on Monday evenings from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Memorial School gymnasium. This pick-up game style program began Sept. 14 and will continue through May 2016. 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 Sept. 21. The second class will meet Friday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. beginning Sept. 25. 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.

### 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.

### TENNIS

A magnetic locking system is installed on the court gates of both the Memorial Drive and Chestnut Ridge tennis courts. This system has proven to be an effective way to reduce the number of non-registered people using our courts. Each year residents who wish to use the courts must register to receive their new access card.



Membership registration for the 2015 season, which runs from March 1 through Dec. 31, may be purchased at the Borough Hall during normal business hours.

CATEGORY	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
Adult	\$30	\$60
*Student (14-18)	\$10	\$20
Family	\$50	\$100
Senior Citizen	FREE	FREE

\*A student registering alone must register as an adult.

## TENNIS LESSONS

Looking to improve your tennis game? This program will be offered through the Montvale Recreation Department and taught by Bill Bess and Tom Pisaturo of Tennis Dynamics. Lessons will be taught for the beginner and the intermediate player. Instruction will be limited to a maximum of eight participants per group. Classes will be offered for kindergarteners through adults. Two separate days of lessons will be offered independently of one another. The cost for the six-week program (one day/week) is \$80/person for residents and \$120/person for non-residents. Lessons will be given at the Memorial Drive tennis courts. Please note the courts will be reserved for lessons during the length of the program. Saturday classes will begin September 19. Monday classes will begin on Sept. 21. Loaner rackets will be provided for those people that do not own their own racket but are interested in playing.

### Monday Lessons

- K-2nd grade from 4 to 5 p.m.
- Grades 3-5 from 5 to 6 p.m.
- Grades 6-8 from 6 to 7 p.m.
- High School and adult from 7 to 8 p.m.

### Saturday Lessons

- K-2nd grade and grades 3-5 from 2 to 3 p.m.
- K-2nd grade and high school/adult beginner from 3 to 4 p.m.
- Grades 6-8 and high school/adult intermediate from 4 to 5 p.m.

## 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/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, Sept. 22. The 5-8 grade class will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m. Classes will begin Tuesday, Sept. 22. 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.

## TENNIS LESSONS

Same as Adult Program.

## UPCOMING EVENTS / PROGRAMS

### 18+ COMPETITIVE BASKETBALL

Residents 18 years of age and older can participate in this competitive style pick-up game format. This program will begin on Jan. 6, 2016, and 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 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The program will begin Jan. 5, 2016 and 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, 2016. 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. Instructor: Volleyball coach Debbie Katz.

### HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL



This year's Halloween Carnival will take place on Friday, Oct. 30, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Fieldstone Middle School. All young children, witches and

goblins, Pre-K through 4th grade, are invited to attend this special event. Due to the popularity of this event, we must limit participation to residents only.

## FIELD USE

Applications and Hold Harmless forms must be completed and returned to the Borough Hall Building Department, 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.

## 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 there between 1 and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

# FROM THE CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL



I would like to take this opportunity to make our residents aware of a problem that has been occurring in town. There has been a recent rash of chimney and chimney liner related incidents where chimney contractors have pressured residents, some elderly, into work that may or may not have been needed. Some of these incidents involved a salesman inside the home speaking with the homeowner while another person is on the roof examining the chimney and, more often than not, stating there is immediate work that needs to be done on the chimney. If they don't act fast, they are putting their home in danger of a fire.

Certainly, such tactics would alarm any homeowner so I offer the following suggestions if you are confronted with such a situation:

1. Be wary of a chimney contractor if you have not made the initial call for him to come to your home.
2. Do not let anybody on your roof without your express permission.
3. Do not sign anything until you have received at least two cost estimates for the work you want done.
4. Make sure the contractor has a NJ Contractor Registration Number and can produce it at your request. My office can help you determine if the license is current or expired.
5. Take note of the name and license plate number of the contractor's vehicle they arrived in at your house.
6. Question the contractors as to who will pay for building permits. Except for some general repair work, permits will be required for chimney liners. If you are unsure, please call my office and we will guide you as to the requirements.
7. If you feel you are being coerced into signing a contract, it is best to do nothing until you have had the chance to research the contractor more thoroughly.

This is not intended to paint all chimney contractors with a broad brush as there are many reputable chimney specialists in business. You are encouraged to be diligent in checking their references and ask questions when you do not feel comfortable. If we all follow these simple suggestions, Montvale will be less of a "target" community for unscrupulous contractors in all trades.

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Tues., October 6, 5:30-7:00 PM

Wed., October 28, 6:00-7:30 PM

## ARE YOU SAFE?

Protect yourself and your business.



### A CONVERSATION ABOUT CYBER SECURITY AND FRAUD

Includes networking and presentation brought to you by IMA and Montvale Chamber of Commerce.

**Date:** Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2015  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
**Location:** IMA, 10 Paragon Drive  
Montvale, NJ 07645

Institute of Management Accounts and The Montvale Chamber of Commerce



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## MAYORAL DEBATE

Wednesday, October 6, 6:00-7:30 PM

Pascack Hills High School Auditorium

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# MONTVALE IN OCTOBER

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

## MONTVALE OFFICIALS

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TV: Cablevision-CH 77 Verizon FIOS-CH 35

## 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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