



# The Borough of Montvale

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## The Mayor's Corner

We have been fortunate with maintaining low COVID-19 positives, one of the lowest in the Pascack Valley, given the number of people shopping and traveling through our town. I want to thank the many generous residents and businesses for donating masks and gloves to our first responders and to our senior citizens.

We are working diligently with PSE&G on their gas pipe upgrades. I have received several complaints about the sinking of the roads after paving. I am told that it is normal and expected. They are working on these pipes in several phases and the final phase is the complete street paving. These gas pipes needed to be changed and we should be glad that they are being changed and not wait for an emergency to occur. It so happened that we are paving our roads at the same time so there is a lot of construction activities happening at the same time.

I am also happy to share that we have formed a diversity and inclusionary committee to work on cultural and international events.



Mayor Mike Ghassali

Montvale Borough Hall is open with regular business hours and all town services are back to normal. We ask that you wear your mask when entering the building. If you need masks, we will give you free masks at Borough Hall.

Enjoy the summer and as always, if I can be of any assistance please let me know.

Mayor Mike Ghassali

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Borough of Montvale  
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## From the Tax Department

Property taxes are due August 1, 2020. Grace period will be to Monday, August 10. After August 10, interest will revert back to August 1.

For your convenience, a dropbox is located curbside by the main entrance of the Library, you may pay in person at Borough Hall, you may also pay online through the borough website at [www.montvale.org](http://www.montvale.org), or you can mail your payment to the Borough of Montvale located at 12 Mercedes Drive, Attn: Tax Collector.

If you would like your bill returned, stamped PAID, please include your entire bill with payment and include a self-addressed stamped envelope. As always, if you have any questions, please call Fran Scordo, Tax Collector at (201) 391-5700 ext. 254 or email at [fscordo@montvaleboro.org](mailto:fscordo@montvaleboro.org)

# Montvale Police Department



Just a reminder that there are a number of phone scams being perpetrated throughout New Jersey, mostly targeting our senior citizens. One, which has been prevalent in the area, is called the “Grandparent Scam”. An individual will call, claiming to be an attorney or law enforcement officer. The caller will state that a grandchild or other relative is in trouble, and needs bail money, lawyer’s fees, or money for hospital bills. Some will ask that the money be wired to an account, while others will offer to send someone to the house to pick up the funds. Before sending any money, be sure to contact the “relative” in question to see if they are really in some type of distress. You should also immediately report any of these types of calls to the Police Department. Stay safe!

Chief Joseph Sanfilippo

## Montvale Officials

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## Meetings This Month

Please visit the calendar on [Montvale.org](http://Montvale.org) for meeting schedules and call-in information

## August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM)

This annual observance highlights the importance of getting recommended vaccines throughout your life. You have the power to protect yourself and your family against serious diseases like whooping cough, cancers caused by HPV, pneumonia, and influenza with vaccines. During NIAM, Montvale Board of Health encourages you talk to your doctor, pharmacist, or other healthcare professional to ensure you and your family are up to date on recommended vaccines.



## Trash & Recycling This Month

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
27 East Zone Trash Pickup	28 Central Zone Trash Pickup	29 West Zone Trash Pickup	30 Recycling: Districts 3&4 Yard Waste Collection	31
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## Annual Seasonal Flu Vaccination Clinic

The Board of Health in the past begins preparation for the clinic and the ordering of seasonal flu vaccines at this time of year. However, force to make a decision now regarding how the COVID-19 virus will be effecting our community and our state the Board has decided with input from Northwest Bergen Regional Health Officer to decide on the side of abundance precaution and to cancel Montvale Annual Flu Vaccination Clinic for this year.

The Board of Health wants to remind its residents the importance of the seasonal flu vaccination and remaining current with their immunizations. Those interested in obtaining the seasonal flu vaccine should visit their primary care physician or their local pharmacy.

For additional information visit the Center for Disease Control website; [www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm) or contact your physician.

Please continue to follow all CDC guidelines.

## Tri-Boro Food Pantry

The Tri Boro Food Pantry, located in the back of the Pascack Reformed Church, 65 Pascack Road, Park Ridge is still experiencing more than triple our normal volume in customers. During the summer months we are especially grateful for donations of kid friendly foods because school meal programs are not providing for families in need. Cereal, peanut butter, jelly, macaroni and cheese, healthy snacks and junky snacks are all greatly appreciated! A huge thank you to Montvale for your amazing generosity and support!

**Contact:**



201-391-5700



[www.Montvale.org](http://www.Montvale.org)



The Borough of Montvale  
12 Mercedes Drive



# Montvale Public Library

The Montvale Public Library is now Open for Browsing!

## Programs For Everyone!

### Tune in to a Virtual Book Group

Our virtual book groups are open to all. We will meet through Google Hangouts—participants who have Gmail accounts may connect through their computers or personal devices and all others may connect via telephone. Watch your email, our website, and our social media outlets for specific information on how to connect to each meeting. Questions can be answered by emailing [Lorissa.lightman@montvale.bccls.org](mailto:Lorissa.lightman@montvale.bccls.org).

## What's Cooking with Therese?

We're all cooking more than usual while we're stuck at home. If your family is tired of eating the same meals over and over, watch a video about online cookbooks created by Therese Jones at <https://www.montvalelibrarynj.org/adultbooksclubs>. Therese leads our Cookbook Book Group and is passionate about cooking and entertaining. You will also find "Easy at Home" recipes with readily available ingredients. New recipes will be added periodically, and we welcome your suggestions.

## From the Children's Room

Please let your children know that the Montvale Library misses them, and Ms. Giulia and the Children's staff are busy creating videos and activities to help the time fly by. Be sure to visit us at <https://www.montvalelibrarynj.org/childrens> so that we can entertain your kids. Check this page periodically as we continue to add new and exciting content. For a brief preview:

Check out Ms. Giulia's awesome videos on some subjects such as playing the guitar, her favorite storytime books, and cooking tips including her special recipe for making gnocchi.

Mrs. Liz challenges you to create your own rainbow art and tell the world what book is keeping you company during these trying times. Please share by posting on our Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter account #SHAREABOOKANDARAINBOW. Examples can be found on our website and Facebook.

## eBooks and Other Online Materials

Hoopla: We may be closed, but you can still take out items! Hoopla offers eBooks, movies, audiobooks, TV shows, music, and comics to Montvale residents. To sign up, go to <https://www.hoopladigital.com/> or download the free Hoopla app and log in with your library card number (the 14-digit number above the barcode)! Have you read, watched, or listened to anything you loved on Hoopla? Email [lorissa.lightman@montvale.bccls.org](mailto:lorissa.lightman@montvale.bccls.org) with your picks which will be shared in the next newsletter!

Libby: Borrow eBooks and audiobooks! Download the free app from your device's App store and register with your Montvale Library card to enjoy free content. For anyone who needs step-by-step help getting their device set up, please email [movlcirc@bccls.org](mailto:movlcirc@bccls.org).

# Montvale Senior Club

Our senior club will resume upon our Governors decisions.

We pray that all our members are coping and respecting the regulations that have been set before us to help eliminate the Corona virus.

We look forward to being together soon.

CO-PRESIDENTS

**SCOTT L. FORMAN**  
CrossCountry Mortgage

**STEVEN FOX**  
Morgan Stanley

1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

**TOM DAVEY**  
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CrossCountry Mortgage

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**Chamber of Commerce Board Meetings:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the Month located at Montvale Borough Hall 4:00 pm**

## Montvale Chamber Street Fair will resume next June 13th 2021



### 2020 Street Fair

**When: Sunday October 18th**

**Where: Paragon Drive, Montvale**

**Time: 10am - 5pm**

Join over 100 Vendors and over  
25,000 people for a  
family fun filled afternoon



**Join the Chamber: [MontvaleChamber.com/join](https://MontvaleChamber.com/join)  
[www.facebook.com/Montvale-Chamber-of-Commerce](https://www.facebook.com/Montvale-Chamber-of-Commerce)**

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The Montvale Chamber of Commerce

Invites You to Join Our

### Gift Card Match

The Montvale Chamber of Commerce would like to support our local businesses during these uncertain times by matching any gift card or certificate purchase you make to a small or mid-sized business in Montvale.

#### How it works

If you purchase a gift card or certificate from a business in Montvale or from a business belonging to a current Montvale Chamber member, we will also purchase a gift card or certificate of equal value and donate it to our first responders- Montvale PD, Montvale Fire and Tri-Boro Ambulance.

Submit a photo of your receipt and gift card to [CManosos@formanteam.com](mailto:CManosos@formanteam.com)

#### Rules

Gift cards or certificates must be from small or mid-sized businesses that are in Montvale or are businesses of current members of the Montvale Chamber.

Limit of \$500 per business. We will match up to \$5,000.

Effective June 8<sup>th</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020  
(or until matched funds are met)



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**SUPPORT MONTVALE BUSINESS**

# Montvale Recreation Special Events Committee

Looking to give back to your town in a way that benefits residents of all ages through fun family-oriented events? Recreation is currently seeking adult or high school volunteers to assist in the planning and coordinating of Montvale's annual events such as Day In The Park, the Halloween Carnival, the Christmas Tree Lighting, the Spring Fling and more! Join the Special Events Committee today to be a part of keeping these events successful, memorable and a tradition for Montvale. Please call 201-391-5700 ext. 251 or email [MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org](mailto:MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org) for more information.

## Summer Rec & Adventure Camp

Summer Rec and Adventure Camp 2020 has been cancelled. For a more detailed explanation, please go to [www.montvale.org/recreation](http://www.montvale.org/recreation) and click the summer camp tab on the right side of the webpage.

## Recreational Programs

At this time, all Montvale Recreation programs have been suspended indefinitely. This measure was taken as a result of the recommendations from the CDC and the Governor's Office, which have both strongly discouraged social gatherings in order to limit the risk of spreading COVID-19. When we are able to resume recreational programming and activities, announcements will be sent out via email, the Borough website, the Borough Facebook page and the Recreation Facebook page.

## Tennis

The Memorial Drive and LaTrenta Field Complex tennis courts are open as of May 22, 2020. Players must adhere to the restricted play rules (found at the bottom of this page and displayed at the courts) until further notice. Once you pay for a badge online, please email [MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org](mailto:MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org) to coordinate your badge retrieval.

### Badge Registration

#### Resident Fees:

Adult - \$30  
Child (17 and younger)- \$10  
Family Max - \$50  
Seniors 62 & up - Free

#### Non-Resident Fees:

Adults- \$60  
Child (17 and younger)- \$20  
Family- \$100  
Non-Res Senior- \$10

### Court Accessibility

A magnetic lock access system is used on the gates at both tennis court sites in town. This system has reduced the number of non-registered people using our courts.

### Using The Access Badge

When entering: simply put your card in close proximity to the reader.  
When leaving: Push the button on the door panel to open the gate.

Each family will be issued only one access card. These cards are not transferable and will be good for only one season. If you lose your card, a replacement card can be obtained by emailing [MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org](mailto:MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org) an additional \$10 fee.

# Tennis - Continued

## Guests

During this time of restricted play, due to Covid-19, guest passes are not available.

## CourtLights

Unless interrupted temporarily due to power outage, the following schedule will remain in effect for the season:

Memorial Courts:

April 1 – April 30 Dusk to 9pm

May 1 – Aug. 31 Dusk to 10pm

Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 Dusk to 9pm

Chestnut Ridge Courts:

April 1- April 30 Dusk to 9pm

May 1 – Aug. 31 Dusk to 10pm

Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 Dusk to 9pm

## Rules and Regulations

Each player should review the list of rules and regulations outlined in this pamphlet.

1. Access cards are non-transferable. A charge of \$10 will be made to replace a lost access card.
2. Only players are permitted inside the courts.
3. Playing time is limited to one hour when other players are waiting.
4. Children 12 years and will be limited to ½ hour playing time after 6:00pm on weekdays, weekends and holidays if players are waiting.
5. Players must wear tennis shoes.
6. Playing with more than 3 balls on a court is prohibited.
7. No professional lessons permitted without the authorization of the Recreation Department.
8. Courts will be monitored by Recreation Department personnel and members of the Montvale Police Department.

Restricted Play Rules During Covid-19 Pandemic:

1. Feeling Sick? DO NOT PLAY
2. Been in contact with someone who has COVID-19 symptoms? DO NOT PLAY.
3. Doubles Play is prohibited. Singles Play Only.
4. Playing time is still limited to 1 hour when others are waiting.
5. Keep six feet apart from other players. No physical contact.
6. Use every other court where practical.
7. Avoid using your hands to pick-up balls. Use your racquet/foot to pick-up balls and hit them to the opponent.
8. Avoid touching your face after handling a ball, racquet or other equipment.
9. Bring different numbered/marked balls for each player to allow serving. Otherwise use rally scoring (no serving) if this is not possible.
10. Avoid handshakes and high fives.
11. Avoid gatherings. Arrive max of 10 minutes before play and vacate the court when the game is complete.

Please note: Water fountains will not be available. Please come prepared with your own water.

ORDINANCE NO. 76-696

1. Members who violate these rules are subject to the suspension of membership.
2. It is unlawful for any person to use the Borough Tennis Courts without first registering with the Recreation Department. The Municipal Court has jurisdiction to impose fines for violations of this ordinance.

# Pickleball

The pickleball courts located on Memorial Drive are open for play. Players must bring their own equipment and adhere to the below restricted play rules.

- Feeling Sick? DO NOT PLAY
- Been in contact with someone who has COVID-19 symptoms? DO NOT PLAY.
- Doubles Play is prohibited. Singles Play Only.
- Playing time is still limited to 1 hour when others are waiting.
- Keep six feet apart from other players. No physical contact.
- Use every other court where practical.
- Avoid using your hands to pick-up balls. Use your racquet/foot to pick-up balls and hit them to opponent.
- Avoid touching your face after handling a ball, racquet or other equipment.
- Bring different numbered/marked balls for each player to allow serving. Otherwise use rally scoring (no serving) if this is not possible.
- Avoid handshakes and high fives.
- Avoid gatherings. Arrive max of 10 minutes before play and vacate the court when game is complete.
- Adhere to all CDC Covid-19 Guidelines and New Jersey Department of Health Guidelines.

Please note: Water fountains will not be available. Please come prepared with your own water.