## A look back on the month and some insight into the future

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## The Official Newsletter of The Borough of Montvale

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## **R**ECREATION **D**EPARTMENT FALL **P**ROGRAMS

## Adult Programs

- 30+ Basketball
- Hatha Yoga
- Taekwon-Do
- Talkin' Baseball
- Tennis
- Tennis Lessons

## **Kids Corner**

- Sewing For Fun
- Taekwon-Do
- Tennis Lessons
- Halloween Carnival

## Upcoming Events / Programs

- 18+ Competitive Basketball
- Adult Volleyball
- Girls Volleyball

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## The Reserve at Montvale Affordable Housing Info

The applications are available for the affordable homes in the purchase program located in The Reserve at Montvale. This is a new community that has been built by K. Hovnanian off of Upper Saddle River Road.

Preliminary applications are being accepted. Piazza & Associates will schedule a "lottery" sometime in September. There are a total of 6 affordable units for purchase which are comprised of 2 and 3 bedroom homes.

## **Property Taxes**

The Final 2016/2017 tax bills will be issued and mailed by end of July or early August.

Taxes are due August 1st the grace period is extended to August 22nd. Payments received after August 22nd, will incur interest which will revert back to August 1st.

## August 2016

# **Montvale Public Library**

### AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS AT THE MONTVALE LIBRARY

### CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

#### August 25

"End-of-Summer Reading Celebration" at 1 :OOp.m. for all ages. Registration starts August 8th.

#### **ADULT DEPARTMENT**

**August 4** "Twelfth Night," presented at 7:00p.m. by the Next Stage Ensemble from the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey. Upstairs in the Council Chambers.

#### August 13

"Carole King Tribute Concert" at I:30p.m. Outside on the Great Lawn (rain location: Council Chambers). Bring your lunch, if it doesn't rain!

#### August 17

Did you win the grand prize in the Adult Summer Reading Program?

#### August 29 through September 1

"Learning a Foreign Language with Mango." Afternoon and evening classes.

#### REMINDER

Saturday August 20th is the last day to donate items for the Friends of the Library Book Sale.



# **Montvale Board of Health**

## Flu Vaccination Program

Saturday September 17, 2016

9:00am - 11:00am

Montvale Senior Center | 1 Memorial Drive Montvale, NJ 07465

### **Key Information**

- This year we will be offering a Quadrivalent vaccine which protects against four different flu virus strains as well as a High Dose vaccine (if available from manufacturer) for those 65 years of age or older-the higher dose allows for older individuals to develop a better immune response to the fluvirus. The cost is \$ 35 for the High Dose vaccine for those not covered by Medicare.
- Regular Medicare participants must bring their Medicare Part B card for us to bill Medicare .
- The vaccine costs \$ 25, we do not accept insurance (cash/check only, no credit cards). This cost also applies to those who have a Medicare HMO (Medicare Advantage).
- Children between the ages of 3 & 17 can be vaccinated only if parent or guardian is present.
- Some children between the ages of 3 and 8 will need to receive a second dose, if this is their firsttime receiving the flu vaccination .
- The vaccine for children is Preservative Free
- If you are pregnant, please bring a note from your obstetrician.

## **Tri-Boro Food Pantry**

For the month of August, The Tri-Boro Food Patry is looking for donations of:

- Cereal
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Toothpaste



# **Police Department**

I write this piece a shortly after the July 7th shootings of five Police Officers in Dallas Texas. The five Officers were protecting a peaceful demonstration supporting the "Black Lives Matter" movement when they were gunned down by a sniper. Nine other police officers and two civilians were also injured in the attack. The pain and shock that has rippled through our country as a result of these murders is greatly magnified in the law enforcement community.

Across the nation, from individual police officers to police department administration, we wait for the next deranged individual to place our officers in jeopardy, for our next funeral, for the next family that is destroyed by some gunman's cowardice. We do this willingly, knowing that is the price that sometimes has to be paid to maintain a society that is governed by the laws.

We know that no democratic society can have its law enforcement officials murdered and not expect a catastrophic breakdown in the rule of law. In Montvale and across the nation, law enforcement officers will continue to protect our communities, stand fast in the face of danger, and serve our communities with pride.

We remember the five in Dallas, the other fifty six so far this year, the one hundred and thirty in 2015, the one hundred and forty five in 2014, and the thousands who have died in the line of duty in past century.

Stay safe, Chief Jeremy Abrams



## Mayor's Message



As we move along with the summer activities, the Borough Council and staff have been busy fielding calls and meetings with the public on several fronts. I believe our Town Hall meetings have been very well attended and the questions and feedback we are getting are helping us to understand the residents' concerns and build on ideas and opportunities. Some of the issues we deal with have to do with state mandates. As we reach out to state officials, I come to realize that we on the local level are the ones who have to look the residents in the eye and communicate directly with them, while the state officials don't get that opportunity to see and feel what the tax payers are saying and feeling directly, and how their decisions affect personally in Montvale.

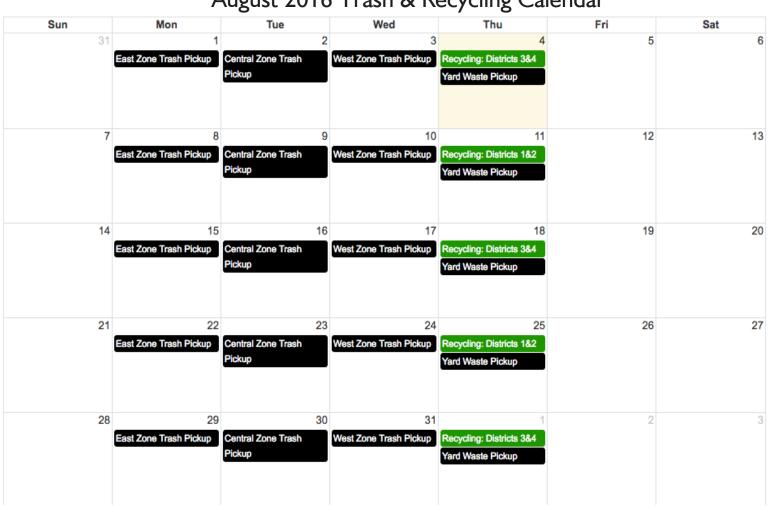
This might explain why the Council On Affordable Housing (COAH) doesn't understand the magnitude and the pressure on our town to meet this state mandate. The mandate states it is our constitutional obligation to provide, through its land use regulations, a realistic opportunity for fair share housing for low and moderate income families.

We are obligated to offer anywhere between 349-586 affordable housing units. Montvale has 2,750 residential units. For us to meet the obligation at best case scenario, we will need to build an additional 1,400; and at worst scenario 2,280 residential units. This is not by choice but by state law. We don't have the infrastructure to support this massive buildup. None of us want this overdevelopment in Montvale. So what's the answer? We have been proactive and aggressive in planning and zoning to accommodate to the best of our ability what has been required for affordable housing past and present.

We authorized our professional planner to study the town and offer alternative solutions and had several meetings with the court appointed representative to explain our situation and why we believe our obligation should be less. Unfortunately, when a building is vacated, it automatically becomes calculated as an available land for affordable housing. We are continuing to work with building owners to find tenants, and communicate with current tenants ; keeping the lines of communications constant.

Please continue to send your emails and feedback to me on how to make our Montvale better. Feel free to call anytime and visit the Mayor's new open office hours, the first Tuesday of every month between 4-7 pm. Enjoy the rest of the summer and please slow the speed down as our children are out of school and on the roads.





## August 2016 Trash & Recycling Calendar

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## **August Meetings**

**Mayor & Council Meetings** August 9th 7:30pm August 30th 7:30pm

**Environmental Commission Meeting** August 15th 7:30pm

**Planning Board Meeting** August 2nd 7:30pm August 16th 7:30pm

Library Board Meeting August 25th 7:30pm

## Reminders

- Looking ahead, Municipal Offices are closed on Labor Day - Monday Sept 5th Recreation

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## **Adult Programs**

### **30+ BASKETBALL**

This program is for men and women 30 years of age and older. This program is held on Monday evenings from 8:00-10:00 p.m. in the Memorial School gymnasium. This pick-up game style program will begin September 12th and will continue through May 2017. 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 7:30-8:30 p.m. beginning September 12th. The second class will meet Friday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m. beginning September 15th, Registration will take place on the first session of each class. Residents and nonresidents 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. This program will be offered two days/week for adults and children. The class will be offered Tuesday's and Thursday's from 7:00-8:00 PM. Classes begin Tuesday September 13th, 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.

#### 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 pm 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 nonregistered 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 2016 season which runs from March 1, -December 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

#### **TENNIS LESSONS**

Looking to improve your tennis game? This program will be offered through the Montvale Recreation Dept, 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 (8) participants per group. Classes will be offered for Kindergarteners-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 Dr. tennis courts. Please note the courts will be reserved for lessons during the length of the program. Saturday classes will begin September 10th. Monday classes will begin on September 12th. Loaner rackets will be provided for those people that do not own their own racket but are interested in playing. REGISTRATION will take place on Wednesday, September 7th from 6:30-7:30 PM at the Rec Center.

#### **Monday's Lessons**

Grades K-2	4-5pm
Grades 3-5	5-6pm
Grades 6-8	6-7pm
H.S Adult	7-8pm

Grades K-2 & 3-5 | 2-3pm Grades K-2 & H.S. /Adult Beginner | 6-7pm Grades 6-8 & H.S. / Adult Intermediate | 4-5pm

Saturday's Lessons

## **Kids Corner**

#### **Sewing for Fun**

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 3 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. The program will be held on Tuesdays beginning September 13th at 3:30PM. All classes are held at the Rec Center. The fee for the eight-week class is \$80 for Montvale residents and \$100 for non-residents. There will be an additional \$30 for materials (paid separately) to the instructor. The instructor for this class is Mrs. Manrique.

#### **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. This program will be offered two days/week for children in grades K-12. The class will be offered Tuesday's and Thursday's from 7:00-8:00 PM. Classes begin Tuesday September 13th. 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**

See above information.

#### HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

This year's Halloween Carnival will take place on Friday, October 28th from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM 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.

## **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 begins on January 11, 2017 and will continue through May. Games are played on Wednesday nights from 8:00-10:00 PM in the Fieldstone School gymnasium. The fee for this program is \$50 for residents and \$75 for nonresidents.

#### **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 PM. The program began January 10, 2017 and will be held on Tuesday evenings through May. The fee for Residents is \$50 and the Non-resident fee is \$75.

#### **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

This girls volleyball program will begin Tuesday, January 10, 2017. This eight-week program will be offered to girls in grades 5-8. The girl's will play in the Memorial School Gym from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Registration will take place the first night of the program. The fee for this program is \$80 for residents and \$100 for non-residents. The instructor for this program is 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.