



# The Borough of Montvale

The Official Newsletter of The Borough of Montvale

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## Senior Club Trip to Newport, Rhode Island



The Montvale Senior Club will be taking a trip to Newport Rhode Island from 5/8/17 - 5/10/17. 3 DAYS - 2 NIGHTS - \$395.00 per person based on double occupancy For more information and reservations, contact: Rosemarie Kelly at (201) 391-8718.

PACKAGE INCLUDES: 2 Nights lodging, 2 Breakfasts, Dinner at the La Forge Restaurant, Newport Harbor Cruise, Historic Tour of Newport, Tours of: The Breakers, Marble House, Touro Synagogue, Tour and wine tasting at local vineyard, Newport Grand Slots, Brick Marketplace, Olde Mistick Village, Souvenir gift, Luggage handling, All taxes and meal gratuities, Motorcoach transportation.... Read more on Page 10

## Property Tax Information

Property taxes are due February 1st, 2017. Grace period is 10 days. After February 10th, interest will revert back to February 1. For your convenience, a dropbox is located curbside by main entrance of Library. You may also pay your taxes online by visiting [www.Montvale.org](http://www.Montvale.org)

## Police Department

Heroin continues to be a problem across the country particularly in New Jersey. There are several initiatives and resources to attempt to address the problem. The Bergen County Prosecutor has made combating heroin use and overdoses a priority for law enforcement in Bergen County. All of Montvale police officers carry Narcan (an overdose antidote for opiate based drugs) while on duty, which can be very effective in saving lives in heroin and opiate overdoses if administered in a timely manner. To this end, New Jersey law bars law enforcement from criminally charging any person who contacts the police to report an overdose, to turn in illegal drugs, or who is in distress as a result of taking illegal drugs. The object is to encourage an overdose victim to contact medical assistance to save their life without fear of being arrested. The protection from arrest extends to a person calling to help an overdose victim, to encourage that person to get medical help for the victim.



Montvale PD has a permanent old/unused/unwanted prescription and medication drop box located just inside the entrance to the police department. Feel free to safely drop off all old medications for safe and responsible disposal.

Also, congratulations and welcome to our newest Patrol Officers, P.O. Ryan Dubelbeiss and P.O. Russell DiLauri. We had a rigorous two month application process that included a written test, a physical agility test, a Police Interview Board, a Borough Council Interview Board, a psychological examination and a thorough medical screening. Both Officers performed admirably in the process. P.O. Dubelbeiss was an Alternate Route candidate who graduated the Police Academy in December and is now on patrol. P.O. DiLauri is a former Washington D.C. Metro police officer who is currently attending the Bergen County Police Academy.

## February Highlights at The Library

February 22 – “Night Time Story Time” at 6:30p.m. for ages 3 and up. Wear your pajamas and bring a favorite stuffed animal. There will be milk and cookies and lots of wonderful stories.

For additional information about this or any other Library program and service, please call the Library at 201-391-5090, visit the Library’s web site at [montvale.bccls.org](http://montvale.bccls.org), or stop by and visit us.

## Tri-Boro Food Pantry

**For this month, The Tri-Boro Food Pantry is looking for donations of:**

- Children's Juice Boxes
- Large Bottles of Apple & Cranberry Juice
- Brown Lunch Bags
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper



## Mayor's Message



Starting 2017, as expected, focusing on COAH and our obligations. I have been working on Affordable Council On Housing (COAH) issues along with our Council and professionals since I first came to the Council in 2010. This is a mandate by the State Supreme Court and every town has the same issues.

All of the Borough Officials are working as hard as possible to maintain the character of our town, while we diligently attempt to meet the Court's demands and provide our fair share constitutionally-required affordable housing. I don't want my town to look like Hoboken or Union City, and I don't want to be forced to live in an over-populated town. I chose Montvale because of its current character.

With that said, we, along with our professionals and the Court-Appointed Master, have brainstormed, investigated and evaluated the various options that are available to us.

As a practical matter, we can't buy out vacant buildings and leave them as open space, with a price tag for the current four vacant corporate buildings over \$55 million. In addition, a loss of \$2 million a year in tax revenue would have a huge negative impact on our property taxes. Not only that, buying up vacant land won't decrease our affordable housing obligations by a single unit. If anything, it would signal to the Court that the Borough is trying to artificially reduce its obligations, and we will instantly become a target for developers and Fair Share Housing Center.

It also would not be advisable to ignore our obligation in the short-term, drag out the process and let the courts decide on how many units to assign to Montvale. In that scenario, the uncertainty surrounding Montvale's obligation would remain, and we would face the possibility of a higher obligation than we might otherwise be able to settle for now with Fair Share Housing Center and the Court. This advice was provided to us directly by the Court-Appointed Master.

Refusing to address the issue and challenging the entire process in Court will be expensive, fraught with uncertainty, and, looking at recent history, ultimately unsuccessful. We would almost immediately lose our current immunity from builder's remedy lawsuits. In the end, we would likely lose all control over our local zoning and end up with a Court-Appointed Master approving all zoning amendments and approvals in Montvale. That would mean that one individual could control the type, location, density, and all other aspects of all development in Montvale.

So, as you see, we have limited options and the best option is for us to be proactive and plan our own town the way that is best for us. We have four vacant buildings that the Master has identified as candidates for redevelopment. Redevelopment of some combination of the Mercedes buildings, A&P, Mack-Cali and Sony could potentially satisfy 75% of our affordable housing obligations, while adding about 600 residential units in a mix of condos, townhouses and high-end apartments. We also have a rezoning planned for 110 Summit to permit the development of an assisted living facility that will also help satisfy our obligation, as well as a few other smaller projects that we expect will yield additional COAH credits. Our school officials have assured us that they have room to grow and can take on more students, although the developments being discussed should not add a significant number of school-aged children.

It is our hope that with your input and support, we can guide the development process to preserve the best parts of the Borough's corporate zones while satisfying our constitutional affordable housing obligations. As always, I will make myself available to any resident who wishes to discuss these matters in more detail.

Montvale Mayor Mike Ghassali

## February 2017 Trash & Recycling Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
30 East Zone Trash Pickup	31 Central Zone Trash Pickup	1 West Zone Trash Pickup	2 Recycling: Districts 3&4	3
6 East Zone Trash Pickup	7 Central Zone Trash Pickup	8 West Zone Trash Pickup	9 Recycling: Districts 1&2	10
13 East Zone Trash Pickup	14 Central Zone Trash Pickup	15 West Zone Trash Pickup	16 Recycling: Districts 3&4	17
20 East Zone Trash Pickup	21 Central Zone Trash Pickup	22 West Zone Trash Pickup	23 Recycling: Districts 1&2	24
27 East Zone Trash Pickup	28 Central Zone Trash Pickup	1 West Zone Trash Pickup	2 Recycling: Districts 3&4	3

### Contact Information

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### Montvale Officials

#### Administration

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#### Mayor & Council

**Mayor**  
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### Upcoming Meetings

#### Mayor & Council Meetings

February 14 - 7:30pm  
February 28 - 7:30pm

#### Budget Meetings

February 14 - 6:00pm  
February 28 - 6:00pm

#### Planning Board Meeting

February 7 - 7:30pm  
February 21 - 7:30pm

#### Library Board Meeting

February 23 - 7:30pm

#### Environmental Commission Meeting

February 13 - 7:45pm

#### Historic Preservation Commission

February 2 - 8:00pm

### Reminders

Borough administrative offices and police records will be closed on the following days: President's Day 2/20



## Montvale Economic Development and Retention Committee

Since its formation by Mayor Ghassali in April of this year, the MEDC has been busy determining its strategic approach to the issues facing Montvale in its corporate real estate market. On an initial basis, the committee has set several priorities based upon consultation with the Mayor and Town Council and interactions to date with a select group of current Montvale corporate partners:

- 1 - On-site meetings with the senior management of existing corporate entities located in Montvale. In addition to an introduction of the Mayor and the Committee to the entity, the sessions are designed to extract useful feedback including reasons why the company came to and remains in Montvale, any concerns it may have with respect to remaining long term in Montvale, and potential solutions and/or follow-up actions to be undertaken to meet these corporate resident's needs.
- 2 - Development of marketing tools and strategies to provide relevant information to potential new corporate partners as to what Montvale has to offer. This will include a web site, marketing materials such as a detailed "pitch-book" and flyers, and communications via various social media platforms.
- 3 - Coordination with county and state entities which can assist in the retention and recruitment of corporate partners. Partnering with entities with similar goals such as the Chamber of Commerce to further extend the Committees reach and meet the needs of existing corporate partners.
- 4 - Work closely with new corporate arrivals in town to assist in their transition and ensure their employees are quickly exposed to all that Montvale has to offer in terms of public and private services.

With respect to the goals outlined above the Committee has completed the following to date:

- Meetings with eight major existing corporate tenants.
- Initial development of a website expected to go live before year-end.
- Initial preparation of a Montvale "pitch-book" which will be finalized before year-end.
- Meetings with County of Bergen Economic Development personnel.
- Meeting with Co-President of local Chamber of Commerce.
- Attendance and visitors table at the Montvale Street Fair and preparation of a flyer to hand out to interested parties.
- Initial presentation to Mayor and Council outlining the Committee's initial vision and goals.
- Attendance at the Flight Centre USA ribbon cutting ceremony and meet and greet with their employees.

As it proceeds with its mandate the MEDC would like to maximize input and assistance from any current resident of Montvale with ideas, business contacts and industry knowledge that can be helpful in the retention and recruitment of corporate partners. Please reach out to any of the members listed below and/or use the MEDC's phone number (201-391-5700 Ext. 232).

Respectfully,

Montvale EDC

Raffi Joukhadarian – Chairman | John Ryan – Vice Chairman

Sal Rozzi | David Laquidara | Louis Hendi | Patricia Stith

## Office of Emergency Management

Are you interested in volunteering for your town?

Are you interested in amateur radio? The Montvale Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (R.A.C.E.S.) Team is looking for members!

The Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (R.A.C.E.S.) was created by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Working in conjunction with the local Office of Emergency Management, members of R.A.C.E.S. assist with radio communications in the event of local, regional or national civil emergencies such as hurricanes, earthquakes, floods or wildfires.

If you are a licensed amateur radio operator or would like to learn more about amateur/ham radio, please send an email to: [Montvaleoem@montvaleboro.org](mailto:Montvaleoem@montvaleboro.org)

## IMPORTANT RECREATION DATES

### Day in the Park - June 17 - Memorial Drive

If you are involved in a non-profit organization, and would be interested in having a table for your organization at Montvale's Day in the Park (where you can sell items/create an activity for kids), email us at [montvalerecreation@montvaleboro.org](mailto:montvalerecreation@montvaleboro.org). Please include the following items in your email:

\*Name of non-profit organization

\*Your name and affiliation with the organization

\*What you would like to sell (items must be approved by the Rec Dept. so organizations do not sell the same items) and what kind of activity you would like to have at your table

\*Contact info (email and cell phone #)

### Recreation Summer Camp

July 3rd – July 28th (No Camp on Tuesday, July 4th)

Monday-Friday  
9:30AM-12:30PM  
Memorial Drive

Summer Camp is open to all boys and girls who will be entering Grades 1-7 in September 2017. Campers will participate in a variety of activities to include bowling, arts & crafts, inflatables, water activities, sports, contests, theme days and more! Registration information will follow in the March Newsletter. Although we do our best to keep camp open, in the event of severe inclement weather there is the possibility that we may have to close Camp.

Resident Fee: \$200 per child (family max \$650)

Non-Resident Fee: \$250 per child (family max \$800)

The parks on Memorial Drive will be closed to the public from 9:30AM-1:00PM during summer camp season.

### Camp Counselor Positions Available

Summer Camp Counselor Applications will be available at Borough Hall and in the Pascack Hills Guidance Office beginning February 1st. Interviews will begin in March. Counselors must be 14 years of age or older by July 1st, 2017. Students must also be available to work the dates of July 1st through July 28th, 2017 from 9:00 A.M.-12:45 P.M. Interviews for these positions will be held on March 9th 4:30-6:30PM, March 10th 6:00-8:00PM and March 11th 9:00-10:30AM at the Recreation Center. Please mail or drop off applications along with a picture of yourself (to be returned to you after interviews) to Borough Hall: Attn Recreation during the month of February.

## SPRING ADULT PROGRAMS

### Tennis Badges

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.

Badges for the 2017 season, which runs from March 1st - December 31st, may be purchased at the Borough Hall during normal business hours beginning in March. The 2017 tennis fee schedule is:

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

\*Note: Students registering alone must register as an adult

**Registration is still open and ongoing for our programs. Attend a class to register**

### 30+ Basketball

This program is for men and women 30 years of age and older. This program is held on Monday evenings from 8:00-10:00PM in the Memorial School gymnasium. This pick-up game style program began in September and will continue through May 2017. 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 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 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 8:00-10:00PM. 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.

### 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.

### **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 a week classes will be offered in the Recreation Center. The first class will meet Monday evenings from 7:30-8:30PM beginning January 9th. The second class will meet Friday mornings from 9:30-10:30AM. beginning 13th. There are still spots available for these classes, attend a class to register. 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 8:15pm in the Recreation Center (entrance is behind the community center) There is no fee for this program.

## **KIDS 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. This program will be offered two days/week for children in grades K-12. The class will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00-8:00 PM. Classes begin Tuesday January 10th. The program will be held in the Recreation Center. Fee: for this 16-class session is \$120 for residents; \$180 for non-residents (space permitting). There are still spots available for these classes, attend a class to register. Instructor: Mario Liriano; 5th Degree Black belt

### **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 January 17th at 3:30PM-5:00PM. There are still spots available for these classes, attend a class to register. All classes are held at the Rec Center. The fee for the six-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.

### **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 7:00 - 8:00 PM. There are still spots available for these classes, attend a class to register. The fee for this program is \$80 for residents and \$100 for non-residents. The instructor for this program is volleyball coach Chris Moran.





# ***CPR Training/Recertification***

**Become A Life Saver!**

The American Heart Association (AHA) encourage members of the community to make a difference by learning CPR.

To register you must be a Montvale resident at least 13 years of age.  
(class size is limited)

Please wear casual clothing the class requires active participation.

**The Montvale Board of Health in partnership with The Health Awareness Regional Program of HackensackUMC presents:**

**American Heart Association  
Heartsaver AED/CPR Class**

**February 13 or 16  
(only one session is required)  
6:00pm-9:00pm  
(late arrivals will not be admitted)  
Montvale Senior & Community  
Center  
(lounge area)**

**Pre-registration is required. Call the Montvale Board of Health at 201-391-5700 ext. 257 or email [jrusso@montvaleboro.org](mailto:jrusso@montvaleboro.org) to register.**

## **The Board of Health Announces Pet Canvassing**

The Board of Health in conjunction with Tyco Animal Control would like to remind the residents the importance of licensing your dogs and cats. New Jersey law requires that all dogs and cats be licensed as a rabies control measure. Registering your pet and attaching a current tag to the pet collar is the best insurance of having your pet returned to you in case the pet escapes your yard or is lost. When a licensed pet is picked up and impounded by an animal control officer, the officer checks the Borough license system, identifies and then notifies the owner. A pet license also provides rabies vaccination information in the event of an incident or bite.

During the Spring of 2017, Tyco Animal Control will be conducting door-to-door canvassing of all the residences to assure that all pets are licensed. If your dog or cat is unlicensed, please do so prior to February 28th to avoid a late fee. Animal license applications and instructions can be found on the Borough website and Borough Hall.

If you have any other questions about licensing, or no longer own your pet, contact Janet Russo, Board of Health Secretary at (201) 391-5700 ext. 257 or by email [jrusso@montvaleboro.org](mailto:jrusso@montvaleboro.org).



3 DAYS - 2 NIGHTS - \$395.00 per person based on double occupancy

For more information and reservations, contact: Rosemarie Kelly at (201) 391-8718.

**PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

2 Nights lodging

2 Breakfasts

Dinner at the La Forge Restaurant

Newport Harbor Cruise

Historic Tour of Newport

Tours of: The Breakers, Marble House, Touro Synagogue

Tour and wine tasting at local vineyard

Newport Grand Slots

Brick Marketplace

Olde Mistick Village

Souvenir gift

Luggage handling

All taxes and meal gratuities

Motorcoach transportation

The sample itinerary described below is approximately like the itinerary your group will be following during your stay with WHITE STAR TOURS. However, the exact times, days, and destinations may vary for your group.

Day 1 - Depart from your hometown and travel to Rhode Island, stopping for a rest break and lunch on your own at Olde Mistick Village. Arrive in early afternoon in the Newport area and enjoy a guided tour of historic Newport. Check into your lodging for the next two nights. Dinner is on your own this evening at Applebee's, located at your lodging.

Day 2 - Breakfast at your lodging, then board your bus and depart for a day in Newport. Visit the Touro Synagogue (the oldest synagogue building still standing in the United States). Board a cruise boat and depart for a cruise on the harbor. See Newport at its picture-perfect best as your narrator gives you close-up views of the lighthouses, America's Cup yachts, grand estates and much more. Lunch is on your own at Brick Marketplace, with time to browse the shops. Continue this afternoon to a local vineyard for a tour, followed by wine tasting. Prepare for your evening, then depart for dinner at the popular La Forge Restaurant, located on the grounds of the International Tennis Hall of Fame. After dinner, depart for the nearby Newport Grand Slots for some gaming fun. Return to the motel afterward for a restful night.

Day 3 - Breakfast at your lodging, then check out and depart for audio tours of two of Newport's magnificent mansions. "The Breakers" is the grandest of Newport's summer "cottages," and a symbol of the Vanderbilt family's social and financial preeminence in turn-of-the-century America. "Marble House" was built between 1888 and 1892 and was inspired by the Petit Trianon at Versailles. After your visits, enjoy lunch on your own in the area and depart for home - taking with you wonderful memories of your vacation in the timeless elegance of Newport.

Cancellation insurance information available at [www.Montvale.org](http://www.Montvale.org)





# Evan's Eagle Project



December, 2016

Thank you for donating to my Eagle Scout project!

Over the summer, I constructed a 60' by 10' bocce ball court for the Montvale Senior Club. I used a few layers of 6"x6"x12' pressure treated pine timbers as my border, while putting in QP plus stone dust inside the court as the playing surface. I also constructed two benches, made from a kit I ordered online.

All in all, there was over 900 volunteer hours put into this project, of which over 200 were my own. I was confirmed as an Eagle Scout in my board of review on November 6th, about a week and a half after I had submitted my project for approval.

Thank you again for donating, as I wouldn't have been able to complete my project without your support. There will be a formal grand opening in the spring, along with an official handoff to the seniors.





# 2017 Annual Community Dinner and Raffle

**Friday March 31, 2017 at 6:30 PM**  
**Fieldstone Middle School**  
*Hosted by Montvale Boy Scout Troop 334*



Come out and **JOIN YOUR COMMUNITY** for a fun filled evening of food, friends, music, a tricky tray raffle, and more! Dinner includes 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 NYC for 3, and much more. Children will enjoy Balloon Art from our CLOWN!

## Tickets at the Door:

Adults: \$8.00, Seniors: \$7.00, Children: (under 12) \$6.00

## **Pre-Event Tickets: \$6.00 for All Ages**

For Tickets or Information:

Phone:  
201-802-0252

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