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COVID-19 Updates

Be sure to visit Montvale.org/Virus for updates, closures, and changes due to COVID-19.

The Mayor's Corner

It has been over two months of lockdown, and while the schools and most office businesses are closed at this time, the students and parents have been doing appreciatively well and following all the safety guidelines. Our town is considered a transient town, being on the border of New York State and having a large grocery market with many other businesses, we have many people visiting our town for shopping and commerce, and with all these trips and the number of visitors, our COVID-19 numbers are well below the region average. It is largely due to the fact that everyone is wearing a mask and practicing safe and clean hygiene in and out of their homes.

We are also fortunate to have so many generous businesses and residents.

We received thousands of masks and gloves that we in turn have distributed to our community in drive-thru events and to individual homes. Many thanks to each and everyone who helped in anyway, whether through donating or distributing these masks and gloves to members of our community.

Our borough hall has been fully sanitized several times and we placed hygiene items throughout the building in anticipation of re-opening in the next few weeks.

The staff has been reporting to work on a rotating schedule, and almost all town businesses can now be done either online or by appointment.

On another positive note, I have been having a blast doing the birthday parades every Saturday along with the Montvale Police, Fire Department and the Tri-Boro Ambulance Corp. Many thanks to, Lt. Foley for administering these parades and to all the members of our amazing first responders taking part in and putting smiles and creating memories for our youngsters during these times.



Mayor Mike Ghassali

We learned many lessons and many of them will stay with us for a long time, and that's not a bad thing especially when it comes to health and awareness of clean surroundings. Please continue to use sensible and safe practices to stay healthy. And as always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me if I can be of any assistance.

Resolution 100 -2020 was passed at the May 26 Mayor and Council meeting. This resolution Temporarily Extends and Expands the Permissible Temporary Signage in the Borough of Montvale due to COVID-19. You can access Resolution 100 - 2020 and the Permit Application on our website home page at Montvale.org.

Mayor Mike Ghassali

Montvale Police Department

Congratulations to the Pascack Hills Class of 2020 as they graduate, and start the next chapter in their lives. It has been a difficult year, but I know how hard our School Superintendents, Drs. Gundersen and Petersen, and the faculties and staffs of all of our schools have worked to keep the students engaged. Best of luck to our outgoing PHHS Principal, Glenn deMarrais, as he transitions to the same position at Pascack Valley High School, and to our new Principal, Tim Wieland. I also want to wish Pascack Hills Student Assistance Coordinator, Gale Mangold, a happy, healthy retirement. Gale has been such a great friend, and a tremendous asset to the school and the community.



The Governor has started to relax the restrictions on many businesses, and we are starting to return to normal. It is important that we do not let our guard down. Maintain social distancing, wear a mask, wash your hands. It is easy to forget these things when the weather is nice, and we are spending more time outdoors. Just a reminder-dispose of your used gloves and masks properly. We have been noticing a lot of these items just thrown on the ground. Stay safe-stay healthy.

Chief Joseph Sanfilippo

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Meetings This Month

Please visit the calendar on Montvale.org for meeting schedules and call-in information

Montvale TV Access

View the current video interviews on Montvale TV featuring Police Lt. Alisha Foley, Borough Engineer Andy Hippolit, Mayor Mike Ghassali, Councilman Tim Lane, Building & Construction Department Jeff Fette, Tri-Boro Food Pantry Director Janelle Larghi, Montvale Native, Jenna Seco, Montvale Resident, Karl Nixdorf.

Montvale interviews can be viewed on your computer via Montvale.org website when you click on the TV icon. You can also watch MontvaleTV on FIOS 35 and Optimum 77.

Montvale Strong can be seen on the Montvale.org website when you click on the TV icon and then click on the Montvale Strong logo along with FIOS 35 AND OPTIMUM 77. Thank you to Tom and Amy Ritger for their logo design. Send in your digital photos to montvaletvaccess@montvaleboro.org of what you have been doing during the quarantine: Art projects, gardening, dog walking, kid walking, bread baking, jewelry making, hiking, mask sewing, culinary delights, birthdays, grads, food drives, etc. The photos will be put into reel and posted on Montvale TV. This is an ongoing effort.

Trash & Recycling This Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 East Zone Trash Pickup	2 Central Zone Trash Pickup	3 West Zone Trash Pickup	4 Recycling: Districts 3&4 Yard Waste Collection	5	6
7	8 East Zone Trash Pickup	9 Central Zone Trash Pickup	10 West Zone Trash Pickup	11 Recycling: Districts 1&2 Yard Waste Collection	12	13
14 Hazardous Waste Collection Day	15 East Zone Trash Pickup	16 Central Zone Trash Pickup	17 West Zone Trash Pickup	18 Recycling: Districts 3&4 Yard Waste Collection	19	20
21	22 East Zone Trash Pickup	23 Central Zone Trash Pickup	24 West Zone Trash Pickup	25 Recycling: Districts 1&2 Yard Waste Collection	26	27
28	29 East Zone Trash Pickup	30 Central Zone Trash Pickup	1 West Zone Trash Pickup	2 Recycling: Districts 3&4 Yard Waste Collection	3	4

Board of Health

Federal and State Health directives change constantly.
Keep pace with the media for all changes.
The Board of Health reminds everyone:
Wash Your Hands
Wear a Mask
Keep Social Distance

From The Construction & Property Maintenance Departments:

As we begin to get back to normal after an 8 week "vacation", I want to bring the residents up to date on what is the procedure for obtaining permits and inspections.

On the property maintenance side, our staff is resuming all property maintenance inspections and issuing any violations that may be warranted. Hopefully, with all this time off, everybody has had the opportunity to get their properties in good condition. We will continue to look for dead trees, broken fences, and any other problems that will need to be addressed.

On the construction permit side, we have provided a drop box at the borough hall entrance to deposit any zoning applications, construction permit applications, and continuing certificate of occupancy (CCO) applications. We will check the box on a frequent basis and complete the plan review. One of our technical assistants will contact the applicant with an approval or advise of the need for additional information. Once approved, we can set up an appointment to meet the applicant, collect the fees, and issue the permit. If the applicant so chooses, we can instead collect payment by mail and issue the permit by mail.

Inspections can be scheduled as normal and the applicant has the right to allow or not anybody in their home. Our inspectors will wear PPE as needed or requested. CCO inspections will be conducted via a video tour of the premises. I hope this will answer any questions you may have at this time. We are equally anxious to get back to normal but these procedures will enable us to serve the residents in an efficient and safe manner as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

Contact:



201-391-5700



www.Montvale.org



The Borough of Montvale
12 Mercedes Drive

Montvale Recycling Center Hours

The Montvale Recycling Center is open on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. One car at a time is being allowed in, and all residents are required to wear a mask and gloves. Assistance is available at the Recycling Center if needed.

Items accepted at the RC - all items must be clean:

Glass, Aluminum, Plastic, Cardboard (no pizza boxes), Paper, Magazines, Junk Mail, Metal, Appliances, Grills, Electronics, Yard Waste.

Items NOT accepted:

Pizza Boxes, Rocks, Boulders, Soil, Masonry Construction Debris, Motor Oil, Tires, Hazardous Materials.

At this time, the Used Clothing Bins are not accessible for donations, please do not leave bags or boxes of used clothing.

Bergen County Utilities Authority has scheduled Hazardous Waste collections at Paramus, Mahwah and Moonachie for 2020. Please check their website BCUA.org for updates.

The Recycling Coach App can be downloaded onto your mobile device.

Environmental Commission

The Environmental Commission collected 2580 pounds of plastic bags for the TREX Challenge, which means that the EC, with the help of Montvale residents, was able to keep out of landfills and waterways 212,845 plastic bags. We are looking forward to the new TREX outdoor bench. The EC is continuing to collect plastic bags at the Recycling Center. The collection containers for CLEAN PLASTIC BAGS are located on your right, under the roofed area, as you drive in to the Center. We will begin a new TREX challenge when the other public collection areas are open.

The EC continues to work on 2 main projects in Montvale, funded by local corporate donations. A new nature trail will run approximately a half mile along the Pascack Brook from the old Swim Club property, behind Huff Pond and through to Grand Avenue. This trail will connect with a much larger inter-municipal trail being developed to our south in the future. The trail project is subject to approval from the NJ Dept. of Environmental Control.

Huff Pond Dredging and Redesign Project is also waiting for approval from the NJ Dept. of Environmental Control. The EC hopes to start this project towards the end of this summer, so it can be completed by the following summer.

The EC meets formally once a month yet works to help improve the Borough environment throughout the year. If you are interested in joining the EC or simply hearing more about us, please reach out to Bob Hanrahan at ghanrahan@montvaleboro.org.

The EC has been compiling a list of residents called "Friends of the EC" which consists of residents who want to help out for specific events such as Montvale Cleanup Day. If you would like to be added to the list please contact Lisa Anastasio at lanastasio@montvaleboro.org, Bob Hanrahan, or call the Borough at 201-391-5700 and ask for the Environmental Commission. For more information about the Montvale Environmental Commission including videos on this and other subjects, please go to <https://montvale.org/boards/environmental>

The Tri Boro Food Pantry Stays Open Amid Pandemic

The Tri Boro Food Pantry is still serving the community during the coronavirus outbreak. The increase of unemployment and food insecurity has caused a surge in patrons. The number of families we see on a weekly basis has more than doubled. We are busier than ever and have less food than ever, which is troubling. The pantry is largely reliant on patronizing local grocery stores. With the new shopping limits set in place at the grocery stores, we are unable to restock our shelves and the inventory at the pantry has become dangerously low. Our secondary source of food is the generosity of the community. Without recent food donations, our doors would have been closed already. At this point we are making an urgent plea to the community for unexpired food donations. While nonperishables are preferred, we are grateful for any donations. Donations can be made at the Pantry on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am-12pm or by appointment at 201-573-9083.

We are currently filling bags with: Hot cereal, cold cereal, macaroni and cheese, canned fruit, tuna fish, peanut butter and jelly, pasta, rice, dried beans, canned soup and canned vegetables. Thank you for helping us help the community!

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.

Library Programs

The library is currently closed, but we are making as many of our services as possible available online. Please check our website and our Facebook page for updates during this time. Links to our Facebook, Good Reads, Instagram, Twitter and Spotify accounts as well as all of our databases such as Hoopla and Mangolanguages are available on our website: www.monvalelibrarynj.org.

All residents who don't have library cards are able to register for them on www.bccls.org and get a card number emailed back to them. Use that to access Hoopla, Mangolanguages, Overdrive/Libby, and many more websites available through www.bccls.org and our website. If you have any questions on how to set this up, email movlcirc@bccls.org or george.galuschak@montvale.bccls.org.

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.

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 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.

And much, much more content!!!

Please check our website and social media pages for updates as we are constantly providing new virtual services.

A final note, please do not leave books in the book drop during this time. Your item due dates have been automatically changed to two weeks after we reopen. No fines will be accrued while we are closed and we will resolve any issues that may come up when we reopen.

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Chamber of Commerce Board Meetings:

1st Wednesday of the Month located at Montvale Borough Hall 4:00 pm

*Upcoming
Events:*



Street Fair 2020

Rescheduled

When: Sunday ~~June 14th~~ October 18th

Where: Paragon Drive, Montvale

Time: 10am - 5pm

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



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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 email MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org for more information.

Summer Camp

We hope that this announcement finds you and your family well during these trying times. We know there are many questions regarding Montvale Rec Summer Camp and Adventure Camp this year so we hope that the following will clear up the common questions we are currently receiving. First, we have not reached any conclusions on whether or not we will be able to have camp this year. With that said, we are and will do everything possible to work towards the goal of holding camp this summer. We recognize that the camp experience is one that campers, counselors, and staff alike look forward to all year long and that many parents rely on camp as a form of childcare. At the same time, we hold the health, safety and well-being of all camp participants to be of the upmost importance. If we felt as though holding camp could jeopardize any of the aforementioned, there is a possibility we would have to postpone or cancel camp this summer. As we all know, this is a fluid and dynamic situation with projections and guidelines changing almost daily. We hope to have more clarity on what camp may look like this summer by mid-May but a decision could come as late as mid-June if circumstances demand such.

In the event that we are not able to have camp this year, parents who registered and paid, will receive a full refund including online credit card fees. Going forward, in an effort to alleviate a financial commitment to camp, we will be accepting registrations for camp without payment. In the event we are able to have camp, we will send out announcements regarding such with instructions on how to submit camp tuition. For now, please make sure you receive the confirmation email after you register. If after checking your spam/junk mailbox, you still haven't received the registration confirmation, email MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org. The May 1st registration deadline and late registration fee will no longer be in effect. However, we still have camper group limits which means once a group is full, the excess campers will be waitlisted. Please keep all medical and lunch forms until further notice. If and when we are able to accept them, we will send out a new deadline to hand them in by.

Thank you for your understanding,

Montvale Recreation and the 2020 Summer Camp Staff

Summer Camp for children entering grades 1-5 in September of 2020, will run June 29 through July 24, 2020 (Closed on Friday, July 3 for the holiday) on Memorial Drive. Camp hours will be 9:30 am to 2:30 pm on Memorial Drive. For further camp information, please visit the Recreation section of the Borough website.

Adventure Camp

Adventure Camp Registration is now closed as the camp is full. The above guidelines on camp refunds, in the event of camp cancellation, is applicable to Adventure Camp as well.

Adventure camp is for children entering grades 6 and 7 in the September 2020-2021 school year. The camp will run June 29 through July 24, 2020 (Closed on Friday, July 3 for the holiday). As part of this camp, campers will spend time off site learning and discovering. Each week campers will venture on trips to explore and above all, have fun! Please note that this camp will begin 30 minutes earlier this year. Campers must arrive by 9:00 am and will be released at 2:30 pm. Earlier drop off will allow for campers to have more time on their many trips during camp. For further camp information, please visit the Recreation section of the Borough website.

Recreational Activities and Programs

At this time, all Montvale Recreation programs have been suspended indefinitely. All parks and fields are open to passive recreation only with the exception of tennis courts. 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.

Program participants (aside from summer camp) who will be receiving refunds have been emailed. If you registered for a program occurring in April and May and have not received an email, please contact Lisa Dent through them below address: MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org.

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. Since Borough Hall is still closed to the public, we are only accepting registration for Tennis Badges online: www.montvale.org/recreation

Once you pay for a badge online, please email MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org to coordinate your badge retrieval. Please do not enter Borough Hall to retrieve or obtain a badge until further notice.

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 an additional \$10 fee.
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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 servin) 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: No public restrooms or water fountains will be available. 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.