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A look at the Community, including upcoming events, important notices, meetings, and more.



Mayor Michael Ghassali and The Borough Council wish all residents a happy and healthy 4th of July.

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Voting Primary Information

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The Mayor's Corner

Usually during this time of the year we are talking about the summer activities, the Day in the Park and the Street Fair, but this year is different, or is it? During the past three months we all had our lives turned upside down. At the time of this writing, we have had 84 residents tested positive with the COVID-19 virus and we lost five residents. With this crisis affecting all of us, it has particularly affected the small and medium size businesses. Unfortunately, some of these businesses will not be able to come back and that is true for retail and office space. We will have vacant offices and several retail stores. We will be working hard with the resources available to fill these spaces.

I also want to update you on the summer activities. We are bound by the state orders and we are obligated by law to follow these orders and open internal and external space based on the guidance from the state and the county. The Recreation Department will be issuing the detail on the Day in the Park and the fireworks and the Chamber of Commerce has delayed the Street Fair to October, and more detail will be coming on that.

As of now, all of the town services are back to normal. Borough Hall is open with regular hours and with complete safe distancing and

sanitizing equipment. Our Mayor & Council meetings will continue to be done over Zoom video and of course all of us are always available to meet with you onsite, at the office, or with Zoom video.



Mayor Mike Ghassali

The Road Paving Program will start soon, all while PSE&G is updating the gas lines in town, we will ensure that they know which roads are being repaved. Coordinating these activities seems simple. I know it's not because last year we gave PSE&G a list of the streets that we are going to be paving and weeks after we were enjoying the newly paved streets, we were notified that these streets will need to be reopened for maintenance. So this year we will have them sign a contract and ensure that they know our street program and work with us keeping the communication lines open.

Please continue to use safe practices and stay safe, these are difficult times for all of us and we are here to work and help each other. Please report any potholes and as always, don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Mayor Mike Ghassali

Montvale Police Department



Last year at this time, I was reminding everyone that we would be participating in “National Night Out” in August. How things have changed in the space of one year. The global pandemic has caused lots of uncertainty, and made planning activities difficult, to say the least. Unfortunately, “National Night Out” has been postponed until October 6th this year. As the date gets closer, we will let you know what we have planned.

As you are noticing, many businesses are reopening. In mid-June, outdoor dining returned to the area. Our local restaurants have done a great job setting up new areas for outdoor dining. I hope everyone is taking advantage of the weather, and supporting these important members of our community.

Chief Joseph Sanfilippo

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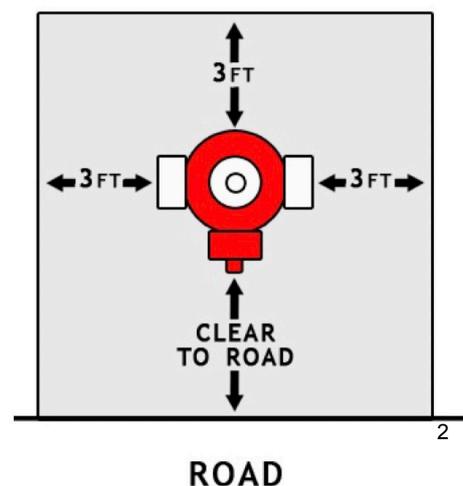
Meetings This Month

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

The Montvale Fire Department

Free burning fire doubles every 60 seconds. Being able to locate and hook to a hydrant quickly enables us to get water on a fire and minimize damage. If you have a fire hydrant on your property, please make sure shrubs and trees are at least 3 feet away and the hydrant is clearly visible from the street. It makes our job a lot safer.

Chief Geoffrey Gibbons



Trash & Recycling This Month

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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
6 East Zone Trash Pickup	7 Central Zone Trash Pickup	8 West Zone Trash Pickup	9 Recycling: Districts 1&2 Yard Waste Collection	10	11
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Annual Seasonal Flu Vaccination Clinic

In the past, the Board of Health would be preparing for the annual flu clinic and ordering seasonal flu vaccines. However, with the COVID-19 virus effecting our community and state, this has changed. The Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission, our contracting provider, has decided on the side of precaution to cancel the Annual Flu Vaccination Clinic this year.

The Board of Health wishes to remind all residents of the importance of a seasonal flu vaccination and the importance of remaining current with all immunizations. Eligible residents are strongly advised to obtain a seasonal flu vaccine given by appropriate physicians or the local pharmacy.

For additional information visit the Center for Disease Control website; www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm or contact your physician.

Please continue to follow all CDC guidelines.

Montvale Fire Prevention Reminds Residents To Leave Fireworks to the Experts

Summer is synonymous with barbecues, parades and fireworks. The National Safety Council advises everyone to enjoy fireworks at public displays conducted by professionals, and not to use any fireworks at home. They may be legal but they are not safe. Every year, young children can be found along parade routes and at festivals with sparklers in hand, but sparklers are a lot more dangerous than most people think. Sparklers burn at about 2,000 degrees – hot enough to melt some metals. Sparklers can quickly ignite clothing, and children have received severe burns from dropping sparklers on their feet. According to the National Fire Protection Association, sparklers alone account for more than 25% of emergency room visits for fireworks injuries. Fire Prevention Office recommends using safer alternatives, such as glow sticks, confetti poppers or colored streamers to celebrate.

Contact:



201-391-5700



www.Montvale.org



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If you want to participate in the Primary Election, use the Mail-In Ballot and prepaid postage envelope that will be issued to you. Should you choose to not vote on the Mail-In Ballot and show up to one of the limited polling places on Election Day, you will only be able to cast your vote using a PROVISIONAL PAPER BALLOT. The voting machine is only for voters with disabilities who need the accessible voting device.

ALL MONTVALE VOTERS IN ALL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 3 & 4 POLLING LOCATION WILL BE AT THE MONTVALE SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER.

Mailed ballots must be postmarked no later than 8:00 PM on July 7, 2020. The deadline for delivering your ballot in-person to the Board of Elections, or placing it in one of the secure drop boxes, is 8:00 PM on July 7, 2020.

If you need to request a duplicate Vote-by-Mail Ballot, please contact 201-336-7020. For locations of the secure ballot drop boxes, please call 201-336-6230.

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 Public Library

CONTACTLESS PICKUP WILL BEGIN AND OUR BOOK DROP WILL OPEN FOR RETURNS ON MONDAY, JUNE 22ND!

- Montvale library cardholders may order one to ten items by emailing movlcirc@bccls.org or by calling 201-391-5090 between 10 am and 4 pm beginning June 22nd.
- A staff member will call or email you when your items are ready.
- Pick up your 'Grab and Go' bag on the table in front of the art gallery between the building's entrance and the library's entrance from 10 am to 4pm.
- Your bag will be labeled with the last four digits of your library card barcode as well as your last name.
- Items must be in stock in our library for you to order them.

A reminder that, currently, libraries in New Jersey may not open until after July 6th. This is subject to change at any time, but we are greatly looking forward to seeing you all as soon as we are able to open to the public. For your convenience, please check our website before coming in. We will also be available to take your calls from 10 am to 4 pm starting June 22nd. Unfortunately, at this time, we cannot order items for you from other libraries.

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.

Library - Contined

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

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.

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 Rec & Adventure Camp

Summer Rec and Adventure Camp 2020 has been cancelled. For a more detailed explanation, please go to 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 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 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.

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Chamber of Commerce Board Meetings:
1st Wednesday of the Month located at Montvale Borough Hall 4:00 pm

Street Fair 2020



Rescheduled

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



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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 CMonousos@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 8th to July 31st, 2020
(or until matched funds are met)