

The Borough of Montvale

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

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Happy Fourth of July

Mayor Michael Ghassali & The Borough Council wish everyone a happy Fourth of July. Borough offices will be closed on Monday 7/5/2021 in observance of the holiday.

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The Mayor's Corner

At the time of this writing, we have zero active Covid-19 cases in town and over 70% of our residents are fully vaccinated. This is great and welcoming news as I see in my travels around town full restaurants, employees coming back to the offices and our small businesses looking to bounce back.

I want to share with you few infrastructure issues. Our only water tank on the northwest side of town (off Hickory Rd.) is due to be replaced by SUEZ due to age and water pressure issues (no direct cost to the tax payers). The single tank will likely be replaced with two tanks, and it will not be a pumping station as some of the rumors are. The Magnolia Bridge due to be replaced by the county, is currently in the bidding process and once the county approves the winner, I expect work to take place next spring. The light on Woodland and Grand will be installed before the work starts on the bridge. Huff pond dredging and park beautification project is due to be completed in mid-July

this year. It is two months behind schedule due to weather and soil treatment issues. The pond combined with the newly constructed trail adjacent to the brook will be a great destination for all of us. A shout

out to the Environmental Commission, Bob Hanrahan, Steve Rich, Rich Baviello and all the volunteers working on the trail to make our town better for all of us.

Finally, wishing you a happy and safe summer, and as always, please reach out if I can be of assistance to you.

Mayor Mike Ghassali Borough of Montvale 201-391-5700 X213

From The Tax Department

The State of New Jersey and the County of Bergen will not be certifying new tax rates at this time. Therefore, the Borough of Montvale will be sending out estimated tax bills for the 3RD QUARTER ONLY. Your final tax bill for the 2021 tax year will be mailed later this Fall.

Property taxes are due August 1, 2021. Grace period will be to Tuesday, August 10. After August 10, interest will revert back to August 1.

For your convenience, a drop box 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, or you can mail your payment to the Borough of Montvale located at 12 Mercedes Drive, Attn: Tax Collector.

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



Montvale Police Department

For the past year, the Police Department has been preparing for our reaccreditation through the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police. "Accreditation is a progressive and time-proven method of assisting law enforcement agencies to calculate and improve their overall performance. The foundation of Accreditation lies in the adoption of standards containing a clear statement of professional objectives. Participating agencies conduct a thorough self-analysis to determine how existing operations can be adapted to meet these standards and objectives. When the



procedures are in place, a team of trained, independent assessors verifies that the applicable standards have been successfully implemented." The Montvale Police Department was initially accredited in 2015, and reaccredited for the first time in 2018. As of June of this year, we have been recommended for our second reaccreditation by the assessment team from NJSACOP. A special thanks goes to our Accreditation Management team of Lt. Alisha Foley, and Detective Eric Robalino for all of the hard work they put into making this reaccreditation process a success.

Montvale Fire Department

Did you know?

Fire safety is important, even when you are away from home. There are nearly 4000 hotel and motel fires every year. Keep your family safe by staying in hotels and motels that have hard-wired smoke alarms and automatic sprinkler systems in each guest room.

After you check in, you and your family should:

- Read the fire evacuation plan carefully (usually on the back of the door).
- Find the two closest exits from your room.
- Count the number of doors between your room and the exits. This will help you to get out in the dark.
- Find the fire pull stations on your floor.
- If the fire alarm sounds STAY LOW AND GO!

It's also a good idea to have a small flashlight with you.

Chief Geoffrey Gibbons

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Curbside Collection This Month

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Board of Health Rabies Vaccination Clinic - Save The Date

Montvale Board of Health is pleased to announce that the 2021 Rabies Vaccination Clinic will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at the DPW Garage, Memorial Drive, Montvale.

Dogs are welcome on non-retractable leashes, controlled by an individual 18 years and older, between hours of 10:00am to 11:00am. Cats are welcome in carriers between 11:00am to 11:30am.

Dr. Cohen-Grady, DVM, will be administering the rabies vaccines and Tyco Animal Control Officers will provide animal assistance. Northwest Bergen Regional Commission will supply the vaccines.

Vaccinations will be provided free of charge and licensing will not be offered at this time. Reminder to all pet owners, an annual license is required and if you have not licensed your pet for this year you are encouraged to do so. Licensing your pet may be done at borough hall or thru the mail.

Applications are available at www.montvale.org. 2022 License registration will begin in January 2022.

Board of Health will require attendees to wear masks and are limiting one individual per pet.



Please help us control the occupancy for everyone's welfare.

Tri-Boro Food Pantry

The Tri Boro Food Pantry is grateful for all unexpired nonperishables donations especially:

- Cold Cereal
- Canned chicken or tuna
- Assorted portable snacks
- Condiments

The Tri Boro Food Pantry is located in the back of the Pascack Reformed Church, 65 Pascack Road, Park Ridge. A drop off bin is also located outside the doors of the library under the stairwell at Montvale Borough Hall, 12 Mercedes Drive. Thank you for your support!

Contact:

201-391-5700

www.Montvale.org

The Borough of Montvale 12 Mercedes Drive

Montvale Senior Club

All club activities will temporarily cease starting June 25 to July 23. Bocce and Pickle Ball will continue to be played outside any time after 1:30pm.

On September 9, we will resume our regular monthly meetings. Senior Residents of Montvale, 55 and over are welcome to join our club at a business meeting.

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy summer and a "Happy July 4"!!!

Montvale Public Library

Please check our website for more updates. Links to our Facebook, Good Reads, Instagram, Twitter and Spotify accounts as well as all of our databases such as Hoopla, Kanopy and Ancestry are available on our website: www. monvalelibrarynj.org. Did you know you can now access Ancestry from home? Email us to obtain login information.

Adult Programs

True Crime Book Club - Thursday, July 8, 2021 - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

This month we will be reading Don't Call It A Cult: The Shocking Story of Keith Raniere and the Women of NXIVM, by Sarah Berman. We still have openings in this group! Email george.galuschak@montvale.bccls.org if you are interested in joining. Please note that this is a virtual event.

Healthy Summer Eating and Grilling - Tuesday, July 13, 2021 - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Grilling this summer? Learn health and safety tips to hack your barbecue and safely enjoy your favorite tasty, nutritious seasonal foods. Please note that this is a virtual event.

Don't Get Scammed! - Tuesday, July 20, 2021 - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

From the IRS phone scam to lottery and sweepstakes scams, to the so-called grandparent scam, it appears that imposter frauds and other criminal scams are more active than ever — and are preying on potential victims in New Jersey through phone calls, emails, and other means. Join us as a representative from the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs tells us how to AVOID GETTING SCAMMED. Please note that this is a virtual event.

Climbing Mount Everest - Thursday, July 22, 2021 - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Climber Dan Stringham will discuss his five-week expedition to the summit of Mount Everest, the highest mountain on earth. Learn about the extensive training and preparation required for this dangerous journey, which has claimed the lives of over 300 climbers. This presentation will feature photographs of the expedition. Please note that this is a virtual event.

Adult Summer Reading Program

Join our Adult Summer Reading Program online at Montvale.Readquared.com! Or stop in to pick up your reading bingo card. Registration is going on now. Download the ReadSquared app to your phone or tablet. Follow the prompts to fill out basic information and you're all set for a summer of fun. Record the books you have read, get recommendations, and even play games all summer long. The grand prize will be a \$100 gift card to a Montvale vendor of your choice.

Museum Passes

Please check out our website https://www.montvalelibrarynj.org/museum-passes for updated information about how to obtain passes for the following museums: Storm King, Guggenheim, Intronid, and the American Museum of Natural History

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Ancestry

Ancestry is now available to Montvale Patrons at home! Please email movicirc@bccls.org for login information to access this resource remotely. Please check our website and social media pages for updates as we are constantly providing new virtual services.

Montvale Public Library

Upcoming Virtual Book Groups and ESL events

All are welcome to join our virtual book groups and ESL events via Zoom. Please contact Lorissa Lightman at Lorissa.lightman@montvale.bccls.org or 201-391-5090 for additional information. Visit our website at https://www.montvalelibrarynj.org/adultbooksclubs and our social media outlets for the latest news on our book groups.

July 12, 2021 - 10:30 a.m.

Monday Morning Virtual Book Group: THE WEIGHT OF INK by Rachel Kadish

July 12, 2021 - 12:00 p.m.

Monday Afternoon Virtual Book Group: THE VANISHING HALF by Brit Bennett

Our Cookbook Club is on hiatus until September. Please check out our website for more information.

Children's Department

Skip the slip- summer reading is here!

Beat the "summer slide" with Montvale Public Library's exciting summer reading program Campfire Tales: Read S'more Books. Reading just a few minutes a day will help keep reading skills sharp as you read and log minutes. Your trail map will guide you through your reading where you have plenty of prize pit stops and raffle tickets to re-energize you and keep you going to the end! Registration is open now at https://www. montvalelibrarynj.org/

Camp Crafternoons

As a fun complement to our reading program, we will be offering outdoor Crafternoons. On Thursday, July 8 and Thursday, July 22 at 2:30 pm, weather permitting, join us for awesome and engaging old time camp crafts. We will provide material kits to create cool projects and have fun! Materials are limited and registration is required for each individual event. This is for Grades 2 and up. Registration for July 8th crafternoon will open July 1st can be found at https://www.montvalelibrarynj.org/

Outdoor Storytimes

Contact:

Tuesdays starting July 6th at 10:30 am

We miss you and are looking forward to starting Storytime again! Starting Tuesday, July 6th we will be offering Outdoor Family Storytime for ages 1-5 and a grown up at 10:30 am. Space is limited and registration is required for each class. Registration will open a week prior to the class at https://www.montvalelibrarynj.org/.

eBooks and Other Online Materials

201-391-5700

The Montvale Library now subscribes to Kanopy, a movie streaming service with over 30,000 documentaries, classic and indie films. Patrons with a valid Montvale Library card can stream up to ten titles per month for a 72-hour checkout period.

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)!

www.Montvale.org

Use the Libby app to borrow eBooks and audiobooks! Use 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.

The Borough of Montvale

12 Mercedes Drive

Montvale Diversity & Inclusion Committee

During June, the Montvale Diversity and Inclusion Committee hosted both the town's and the Pascack Valley's first Pride event, Pride in the Park. The event took place at Huff Pond on Sunday, June 13th and

brought in over 400 spectators which included members of the LGBTQ+ community, allies, friends and families from Montvale and surrounding counties.

The event included a diverse panel of speakers sharing stories of love, challenges, allyship, and the importance of representation. One of the highlights included participation from Mayor Mike Ghassali and Bergen County Commissioners Tom Sullivan and Tracy Zur during the ceremonial groundbreaking where a weeping cherry tree was planted to honor the LGBTQ+ community. The event rounded out with musical performances, dancing, snow cones from Kona Ice, love, and laughter as the community joined together to celebrate and recognize the LGBTQ+ community.

Look out for the Committee's Fall events including celebrations of Hispanic Heritage Month and Diwali. If you would like to learn more about the Committee and/or get involved, please email us at diversitycommittee@montvaleboro.org.





The Montvale Athletic League Presents...



For the Youth of Montvale & Woodcliff Lake, Kinder thru 2nd Grade

Fall Registration Now Open!

Register Online...

https://www.montvaleathleticleague.org/cheerleading/

--Kinder Cheer: \$100 --Flag Cheer, 1st/2nd Gr: \$100

Montvale and WCL Grades 3-8 have merged with Hillsdale. Register:

http://www.leaguelineup.com/hillsdalehawksfootball







Cheerleading is open to the youth of Montvale and WCL, grades K-2. Join our squad for an exciting season of fun, cheers, and a showcase! Learn a fun routine, which incorporates stunting and tumbling. No prior experience necessary!

Key Dates...

June 10: Registration Closes; \$25 Late-Fee Applied June 28: Late-Fee Registration Closes Late Aug: Meet and Greet/Sideline Camp Early September: Practices Begins



Montvale Athletic League Youth Sports -- The Ultimate Social Network



Questions?...

Dawn Priester : MAL Cheerleading K-2 Commissioner; MALCHeerleading@gmail.com

The Montvale Athletic League And Hillsdale Present...



For the Youth of Montvale, Hillsdale & Woodcliff Lake, 3rd through 8th Grade

Fall Registration Now Open!

Register Online...

http://www.leaguelineup.com/hillsdalehawksfootball

--Sideline Cheer (3rd thru 8th Grade): \$150

--Cheer with Stunting (3rd thru 8th Grade): \$200

The program is run out of Hillsdale with help from Montvale facilities, resources, and coaches.

K-2 Cheer is offered separately through MAL for Montvale and WCL kids. Register here:

https://www.montvaleathleticleague.org/cheerleading/







Join our squad for a fully integrated, exciting season of football games and exhibitions (pending COVID guidelines). No prior experience necessary!

Key Dates...

Aug 18–19: Stunt Training (evening hours) Aug 23–26: Choreography Training (evening hours) Week of Aug 30: Practices Begins (2x per week) Games: 1x per week, Sept-Nov (weekends) See registration website for complete Cheer Expectations Info.



Montvale Athletic League

Hillsdale Hawks Football and Cheer

Questions?... Sharyn Milkes MAL Cheerleading Co-Commissioner; MALCheerleading@gmail.com





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 for more information.

Day in the Park

Day in the Park will occur on Saturday, August 28th with a rain date of August 29th. Residents can look forward to food trucks, fireworks and music! Inflatable rides will not be available this year due to the Covid-19 concerns. We look forward to bringing them back in 2022!

Summer Camp

Summer Camp for children entering grades 1-5 in September of 2021, will run June 28 through July 23, 2021 (Closed on Friday, July 2 for the holiday) on Memorial Drive. Camp hours will be 9:30 am to 12:45 pm on Memorial Drive. The Memorial Drive facilities (except for the recycling center) will be closed during camp hours.

Adventure Camp

Adventure Camp primarily a trips camp for children entering grade 6-7 in September 2021 and runs the same dates/hours as Summer Camp. Registration opened on April 8. At this time, most groups have filled. Please visit montvalerecreation.org for more information about Adventure Camp or email MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org

Programs

Online Registration:

- 1. Go to MontvaleRecreation.org
- 2. Click the Registration Tab
- 3. Choose the program you would like to register for

4. Payment by credit card only

Paper Registration: Available at the first class of any session (except Adult Soccer, Golf, Pickleball and Tennis Lessons). Payment by cash or check made out to the Borough of Montvale.

Tuesday Yoga

Montvale Community Center Atrium- 1 Memorial Drive 1 Memorial Drive Tuesdays 7:00-8:00 pm July 13 – August 3 This program is currently operating in 4-week sessions The next session will run May 18 – Jun 8 Resident Fee: \$40 (Only \$10/class!) Non-Resident: \$50

Begin the week or weekend with a yoga practice that restores well-being into your life. Yoga's many benefits include improved flexibility, muscle strength, preventing cartilage and joint breakdown, increased bone health, as well as increased focus, balance, self-esteem and inner strength. Classes begin with short meditation, a warm up, yoga poses and relaxation at the end of class. Debra Broadman has over fifteen years of experience empowering her students while she has also specialized in working with addiction and PTSD students. All levels are welcome, registration is ongoing and takes place online or at each class.

Face coverings will be required for the duration of each since this session will be held indoors. Temperature screening and a symptom questionnaire will need to be completed prior to each class.

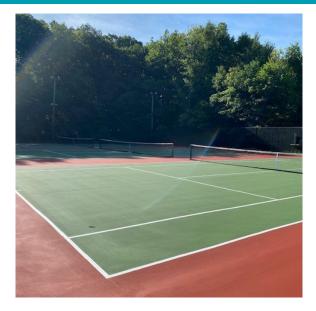
Tennis Court Badges

Each year residents who wish to use the courts must register to receive their new access card.

Badges for the 2021 season, which runs from March 1 -December 31, may be purchased at the Borough Hall (during normal business hours beginning) OR online: www.montvale. org/recreation

There will be a \$10 fee for replacement badges

The Recreation Department has updated the tennis court's magnetic card reader to a proximity reader. Badges will no longer need to be swiped, but rather just moved within a close proximity to the reader. If there is an issue with the use of tennis courts or the courts themselves, please report it: 201-391-5700 ext. 251.



Residents		Non-Residents	
Adult	\$30.00	Adult	\$60.00
Child/Student (Ages 17 and younger)	\$10.00	Child/Student (Ages 17 and younger)	\$20.00
Household Maximum	\$50.00	Household Maximum	\$100.00
Senior Citizens (62 & Over)	FREE	Senior Citizens (62 & Over)	\$10.00

Pickelball Court Badges

Badges must be obtained to use the pickleball courts. Resident badges do not expire while non-resident badges must be renewed each year. Badges for the 2021 season will become available starting July 1 at Borough Hall,12 Mercedes Drive, Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm The 2022 badge season will run January 1-December 31.

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<u>Residents</u>		Non-Residents				
Adult (Ages 13+)	FREE	Adult (Ages 13+)	\$25.00			
Child (Ages 12 and younger)	FREE	Child (Ages 12 and younger)	\$15.00			
Senior Citizens (62+)	FREE	Senior Citizens (62+)	\$10.00			
Replacement Badge (1 per year max)	\$5.00	Replacement Badge (1 per year max	\$5.00			

Badges must be worn in a visible location at all times while on the pickleball courts. Individuals using the pickleball courts must be able to present their own badge on demand by any Borough Official (Police Officer, Park Monitor, Municipal Employee, etc.) to verify authorized use of the facility. Individuals who fail to present a valid badge shall immediately leave the court.

Basketball Court Badges

Badges must be obtained to use the basketball courts. Resident badges do not expire while non-resident badges must be renewed each year. Badges for the 2021 season are available at Borough Hall, 12 Mercedes Drive, Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm. The 2022 badge season will run January 1-December 31.

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Badges must be worn in a visible location at all times while on the basketball courts. Individuals using the basketball courts must be able to present their own badge on demand by any Borough Official (Police Officer, Municipal Employee, etc.) to verify authorized use of the facility. Individuals who fail to present a valid badge shall immediately leave the court.

Field Use

Applications and Hold Harmless forms must be completed and returned to the Recreation Department, Attn: Lisa Dent, with Liability Insurance and payment. Forms are available online and at the Borough Hall front counter. Permits will not be issued if the application is incomplete. All organizations must receive an approved permit from Lisa Dent prior to any field use.

THE DEADLINE FOR FALL (AUGUST-DECEMBER) FIELD USE APPLICATIONS IS JUNE 1

MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org



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Chamber of Commerce Board Meetings:

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





Montvale Street Fair Sunday Oct 17th



Davey's Irish Pub & Restaurant At Davey's Irish Pub you`ll find an easygoing,

family-owned Irish bar & grill providing beer & hearty pub grub since 1974.

Eating & Drinking: Open for lunch and dinner.

5 Park St, Montvale NJ 201.391.9356



<u>Wegmans</u> has 100 stores in seven states and is known for its incredible customer service as well as a long history of charitable donations and community outreach programs. Wegmans donates over 14.5 million pounds of food to local food banks and soup kitchens every year. 100 Farm View, Montvale NJ 551.249.2200



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