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



The first Friday in February (February 5) is National Wear Red Day. On this day in February, which is considered American Heart Month, everyone across the country is encouraged to wear red. Help raise and spread awareness in hopes to help eradicate heart disease and stroke in millions of women all over the nation. #HeartHealthMonth

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The Mayor's Corner

We completed our budget review with all the department heads and more work needs to be done to ensure we utilize all our resources to reduce costs while maintaining and increasing the services in town. This winter has been mild so far and it allowed us to catch up on road work even with PSE&G roadwork taking place all around town. The agreement with PSE&G is that they will fully mill and pave any road paved in the last five years or less. More than five years, paved roads will be paved curb to half the road once all their work is completed.

Our COVID-19 positives seem to be leveling at an average of 70-80 active cases. Meaning there are that many residents who tested positive and should be quarantining. These numbers are updated several times a week, and I am hopeful that as we get more residents vaccinated, these numbers

will begin to lower. The vaccine supplies as you hear in the media, are limited and the state and the county control the supply line based on the planed phases process.

Our Council Members and myself are always available to discuss any town issue and you don't have to wait for the formal Mayor & Council meetings to voice your issues. Please continue to use safe practices and for the benefit of your family and our community, if you are tested positive, please quarantine as instructed by your doctor.



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From The Tax Department

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

Borough Hall is open to the public from 8:30-4:30 Monday-Friday. For your convenience, a drop box is located curbside by the main entrance of the Library. You may pay online through the borough website at www.montvale.org, or you can mail your payment to the Borough at 12 Mercedes Drive, attn: Tax Collector.

If you would like your bill returned stamped PAID, please enclose your entire bill with payment and include a self-addressed stamped envelope. As always, if you have any questions, please call Fran Scordo, Tax Collector at (201) 391-5700 ext. 254.

Montvale Police Department



As of January 1, 2021, all of our Police Officers are equipped with Body Worn Cameras. Thanks to our Mayor and Council, we are the first Police Department in the Pascack Valley to purchase and deploy these cameras. Our patrol vehicles have had mobile video cameras since 2015, and both systems are manufactured by Watch Guard. A photo of the body camera appears below.

Chief Joseph Sanfilippo



Board of Health



Pet License Reminder

Pet Owners are reminded to license their pets prior to February 26, 2021 and avoid late fees. Applications are available on the web site for newly adopted pets.

NJ Covid Alert App

COVID Alert NJ is New Jersey's free and secure mobile app that anonymously alerts users if they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Help protect yourself and your family while ensuring your privacy. Visit New Jersey COVID-19 Information Hub (nj.gov) to download.



Property Maintenance

This once again is a friendly reminder that unfortunately the winter is not yet over, as much as some of us would like that. Therefore, our ordinance for snow removal is being shown below so there is no confusion as to what is expected from you in order to keep our beautiful town safe for all. Thank you once again from the Building Department.

§ 347-26 Removal of snow and ice.

[Amended 4-9-1996 by Ord. No. 96-1021]

A. The owner or owners, tenant or tenants of land abutting or bordering upon the sidewalks and gutters of the public streets, avenues and highways within the limits of the Borough of Montvale shall remove all snow and ice from the same within 24 hours of daylight after the same shall have formed or fallen thereon.

[Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II)]

B. No person shall sweep, shovel, push, plow or throw snow or ice in or upon any public street, sidewalk or private property belonging to another, nor shall any person direct, permit or suffer another to so do any of the foregoing from any property owned, occupied, used or leased by such person.

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Trash & Recycling This Month

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2	3	4	5
East Zone Trash Pickup	Central Zone Trash Pickup	West Zone Trash Pickup	Recycling: Districts 1&2	
8	9	10	11	12
East Zone Trash Pickup	Central Zone Trash Pickup	West Zone Trash Pickup	Recycling: Districts 3&4	
15	16	17	18	19
East Zone Trash Pickup	Central Zone Trash Pickup	West Zone Trash Pickup	Recycling: Districts 1&2	
22	23	24	25	26
East Zone Trash Pickup	Central Zone Trash Pickup	West Zone Trash Pickup	Recycling: Districts 3&4	
1	2	3	4	5
East Zone Trash Pickup	Central Zone Trash Pickup	West Zone Trash Pickup	Recycling: Districts 1&2	

Montvale Senior Club



Welcome to the month of February! The Month of Hearts and Flowers.

Currently our Senior Center is not officially open for monthly meetings or events. We will be accepting new members only, when we resume our normal schedule. We appreciate your patience.

The following programs are presently active. Monday, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, Chair Exercises featuring Cardio and Yoga workouts, using videos instructing the exercise programs. We are spaced 6 ft. apart, ten (10) participants are accepted. Face masks are required, upon taking temperatures on arrival.

We have our "Fearless Bocce" players that meet on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, per weather conditions. A Ladies Bocce Team and a Men's Bocce Team meets on Fridays, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, per weather conditions. PLEASE NOTE ALL BOCCE GAMES ARE SUSPENDED DUE TO MAINTENANCE REPAIRS. WILL RESUME UPON COMPLETION OF COURT.

Tai Chi/Qigong will begin Thursday, January 14 to March 4, from 11:00 am - 11:45 pm. You must register with the Borough of Montvale, 201-391-5700, ext. 251, Lisa Dent. All Covid-19 rules will be honored, distancing, face masks and temperature checks.

We are planning a "Drive Through" for Valentine's Day. A boxed luncheon is on the menu.



We will email and contact our members with further instructions. We are so grateful to the Borough of Montvale for allowing us to utilize our center under these limited conditions.

We wish everyone Happy Valentine's Day, and look forward to future days when the Pandemic will be past tense and our country will be free of Covid-19.



Contact:

201-391-5700

@ www.Montvale.org

The Borough of Montvale
12 Mercedes Drive

Montvale Public Library

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, Kanopy and Ancestry are available on our website: www.montvalelibrarynj.org.

Adult Programs

February 1, 8, 15, 22 2021

7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Learn to Play Guitar with Giulia

Learn how to play guitar! Join Giulia in this four-week adult class. You must provide your own electric or acoustic guitar.

February 4, 2021

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Benefits of Indoor Gardening

Start an indoor garden and bring the green into your home! Learn how to choose and care for houseplants, home decoration tips, and the health benefits of indoor plants.

February 11, 2021

7:00 - 7:45 p.m.

True Crime Book Club

This month we will be reading *Unspeakable Acts: True Tales of Crime, Murder, Deceit and Obsession*, by Sarah Weinman. We still have openings in this group. Email george.galuschak@montvale.bccls.org if you are interested in joining.

February 18, 2021

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Seven Ways to Sell Your Antiques

Join antiques expert John Thompson for a look at today's antiques market. Learn how to sell and get best value for your treasured items. Please note that this is NOT an appraisal event.

February 25, 2021

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Georgia On My Mind – Taxes and Portfolios with a Democratic Majority

Financial specialist Debra Taylor will discuss major tax law changes as a result of Joe Biden's election, how to handle tax breaks now that Democrats are in the White House and tax breaks everyone should know about.

Upcoming Virtual Book Groups

All are welcome to join our virtual book groups 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.

February 1, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Monday Morning Virtual Book Group: *THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF SAM HELL* by Robert Dugoni

February 8, 2021

12:00 p.m.

Monday Afternoon Virtual Book Group: *CHER AMI AND MAJOR WHITTLESEY* by Kathleen Rooney

March 1, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Monday Morning Virtual Book Group: *THE SEARCHER* by Tana French

March 8, 2021

12:00 p.m.

Monday Afternoon Virtual Book Group: *THE CUSTOM OF THE COUNTRY* by Edith Wharton

Montvale Public Library - Continued

Children's Department- February Features

Live Animal Virtual Visit.

In honor of Groundhog Day on Feb. 2, we are hosting a virtual program about animals and their habitats. A naturalist from Morris County Park Commission will be joining us to talk about native animals, invertebrates and vertebrates and their adaptations and will be featuring live animals!

Cards for A Cause

In collaboration with the GWFC Valentine's Day Card Drive, the Children's Room has created a Valentine Card craft for patrons to complete at home and return to the library to be delivered to our local seniors, health care providers and first responders for Valentine's Day. Please stop by for a craft and support this heartfelt project. These crafts will be available through February 8th.

STEAM to Go

STEAM-to-Go is back and we will be "engineering" some amazing contraptions. On Tuesday, February 9th, at 3:45 P.M. we will be hosting a virtual STEAM-to-Go program via Zoom. Participants will engage in science-based experiments and activities with guidance from a live trained instructor. Where some materials may be needed from home, the Montvale Library will provide individually prepared and packaged materials necessary to complete a STEM activity and have them ready for pick up prior to the session. Registration is required and is best suited for grades 3-5.

Write on! Ms. Mary's Writing Club

Ms. Mary continues to host a live virtual writer's club. Come to one meeting or come to all! We will guide young writers in their personal writing, provide feedback and teach techniques of many popular authors. This is a virtual club that meets monthly at 3:45 pm and is for Middle School Students. The next meeting will be on February 14th.

Middle Grade Book Club

Who loves to read and talk about great books? Join us and get the buzz on new books, discover and read new authors and share your favorite titles with friends (virtually of course). This group will meet monthly on Wednesdays via Zoom with the next meeting will be on February 10th at 3:45. Registration is required and best for grades 4-8.

Zoom to the Moon Toddler Storytime with Ms. Liz

Join us for a toddler virtual story time Wednesday, Feb. 17th at 10:30 am. This is a fun, interactive session that will explore activities that enhance early literacy skills through songs, finger plays and books! This class is best suited for children under 2 years old. Registration is required.

Celebrating African American History Month

The Children's Room will feature a diverse collection of picture, chapter and Young Adult books in displays throughout the library, cultivated book lists and recommendations in tribute to African American historic story and achievements.

Book Bundles

As always, the Children's Room staff are ready to hand select books according to your child's age and reading preferences. We will also help pick at any book titles or series you already have in mind. Just send us a quick email to childrensdepartment@montvale.bccls.org with your library card number, child's name and book favorites and we will prepare a bag of personalized reads ready to go that same day. Don't hesitate, your child may just find their next favorite read!

Grab and Go

The Children's Department continues to develop great craft projects! We are busy planning and creating wonderful Grab and Go crafts for you to pick up and assemble at home. Please continue to look for our weekly make and take crafts and activities on our website at <https://www.montvalelibrarynj.org/>, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter sites.

eBooks and Other Online Materials

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)!

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.

Ancestry is now available to Montvale Patrons at home! Please email movlcirc@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 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.

Programs

Online Registration:

1. Go to www.montvale.org/recreation
2. Click the Recreation 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
Mondays 7:00-8:00 pm
February 9 – March 2
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. Class size is limited to 9 participants.

Golf

Memorial Fields near the Tennis Courts
1 Memorial Drive
Mondays April 12 – May 17
Resident: \$105 Non-Resident: \$125

Come tee it up with TGA Premier Golf- we bring the golf course to you! Beginner and intermediate players will have a blast building their golf skills, learning about the rules and etiquette of the game, and exploring how academic concepts like gravity, spin, and force apply to golf through fun games and activities. We provide all the equipment! For more information contact: Kevin Rooney krooney@playtga.com or (201) 375-7406.

Golf Schedule

SESSION	START DATE	START TIME	CLASSES
Ages 5-7	4/12/2021	4:45 PM	6 Classes
Ages 8-11	4/12/2021	5:45 PM	6 Classes
Ages 12-14	4/12/2021	6:45 PM	6 Classes

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.



<u>Residents</u>			<u>Non-Residents</u>	
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

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 (field use policies, permit fees and field applications may be updated for 2021) 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.

DEADLINE FOR SPRING FIELD USE APPLICATIONS IS FEBRUARY 1ST

MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org



Fire Prevention

Please remember to practice fire safety. Check all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home. If you have an emergency DO NOT DELAY! DIAL 911

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Chamber of Commerce Board Meetings:

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

WELCOME BACK!

Street Fair 2021

When: Sunday October 17, 2021

Time: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Where: Paragon Drive, Montvale



WHY JOIN THE CHAMBER?

Let us help your business!



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The Montvale Board of Health would like to identify residents with functional limitations.
Please complete and mail to:

*Borough of Montvale,
Attention: Board of Health,
12 Mercedes Drive,
Montvale, NJ 07645*
or email to:
jrusso@montvaleboro.org.

The purpose of this survey is to improve the quality of life for residents with functional limitations. This data will allow for planning strategies and program management in an attempt to remove barriers that restrict access to emergency services.

All information will be held confidential.

Name_____

Address_____

Home phone #_____ Cell #_____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone #_____

Please check all areas of functional limitations that apply to you.

- ☐ Vision
- ☐ Hearing
- ☐ Communication
- ☐ Mobility

Thank you for your participation.
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