



The Borough of Montvale

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

Happy Fourth of July

The Borough of Montvale Offices will be closed on Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4 in observance of the Fourth of July. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend!

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Tri-Boro Food Pantry

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

- Pasta
- Cereal bars or cold cereal
- Laundry detergent

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!

The Mayor's Corner

I hope your summer is off to a great start and you are enjoying time with family and friends.

We had a very productive and informative Senior Citizens town hall meeting on June 12. The response was positive, and we plan on having more frequent town hall meetings in the future. Our next tentative general town hall meeting will be in September once the summer travel season has come to an end.

We recently learned that the New Jersey Turnpike Authority is planning to begin a major bridge repair project along the Garden State Parkway in Montvale and Woodcliff Lake starting later this year and continuing through 2026. The work that is being performed is extensive and will require temporary closures on Grand Avenue, Summit Avenue, and on the southbound ramp from Grand Avenue onto the Garden State Parkway. We have been in contact with the Turnpike Authority, the County, and our State Senator, and we are doing everything in our power to minimize the disruption and impact to our residents.

Right now, the schedule is for the project to be put out to bid in July of 2023, with work to commence in the fall of this year. We will remain in constant contact with the Turnpike Authority and the County to ensure that any lane closures, ramp closures, detours or other traffic impacts will be clearly communicated to our residents well in advance of any planned

construction.

There is a possibility of ramp closure and traffic disruption that can take anywhere from one to two and a half years and the work may not start until later in 2024. What makes the situation more complex is that Exit 171 continues to be "No right turn" and only a referendum approved by the Borough of Woodcliff Lake residents can make the change. This is a fluid situation and as soon as I have any additional information, I will provide updates on the Borough website, Facebook, and on Montvale TV Access.



Mayor Mike Ghassali

Numerous residents in town have reported unauthorized credit inquiries on their accounts from American Express. Some have also received American Express Marriott Bonvoy credit cards that they did not request. If you have received one of these credit cards or are experiencing suspicious inquiries from American Express contact the Montvale Police Department at (201)391-4600

I look forward to seeing you at events around town and as always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you think I can be of assistance.

Mayor Mike Ghassali
Borough Cell: 201-248-0398

Tax Department

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. You should be receiving them by the end of June. They are pink in color and the size of an envelope. Your final tax bill for the 2023 tax year will be mailed later this Fall.

Property taxes are due August 1, 2023. Grace period will be to Thursday, 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 DePiero 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

Please join members of the Montvale Police Department for our Touch-A-Truck event Wednesday, August 16th from 3PM until 6PM on Memorial Drive. There will be, police, fire, EMS, and SWAT vehicles on hand for children to experience up close. This will be a great opportunity for members of our community to meet, and enjoy a family-oriented evening. Follow the Montvale PD on Facebook for more information. I hope to see you there.

Chief Doug McDowell

Curbside Collection This Month

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1
East Zone Trash Pickup	Central Zone Trash Pickup	West Zone Trash Pickup	East Zone Trash Pickup Recycling: Districts 3&4	Central Zone Trash Pickup Yard Waste	West Zone Trash Pickup
3	4	5	6	7	8
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Property Maintenance

Happy Summer!

Property Maintenance--By ensuring safe, healthy places to live, work and play, it helps reduce the risk of declining property values and failing community pride.

Some friendly reminders in regard to garbage and lawns. Once garbage and/or recycling has been picked up remember to remove pails from street curb and put back to keep the streets clear. Rubbish shall not be placed in such designated areas earlier than 5:00 p.m. of the day prior to scheduled collections, and the empty receptacles shall be removed to areas not exposed to public view by 8:00 p.m. on the collection day. Please be courteous and maintain your lawn by cutting it weekly. Prune and maintain loose and overgrown branches on trees.

It is very important that you have signage for the numbering of your home either on your mailbox or the exterior of your home for emergency access in the event of an emergency. Check your numbers and make sure they are not weathered and if need be, please replace them.

We have come across vehicles that are being parked on front lawns and not in driveways on pavement. This is against code 305.7L No person shall park any automobile or vehicle on any premises utilized for residential purposes other than on driveways servicing said premises. Please help keep our community safe and clean.

Enjoy your summer.

Eddie Hutter, Code Enforcement/Property Maintenance

Dismembered Deer

This time of year, fawn and deer are more visible in our town. With that comes other wildlife, such as coyotes, which are the primary predator for deer. Unfortunately, this means that dismembered animals found on your property are not an unusual occurrence or cause for alarm. Although this may be disturbing, it is a part of nature, which we have an abundance of here in Bergen County. If you come across this on your property, you can dispose of it on your own by placing the dismembered limb in a garbage bag and putting it IN the garage or you can contact Tyco Animal Control to remove it for a fee of \$60. If you have any questions, you can reach Tyco Animal control at 201-652- 4554 and speak with a certified animal control officer. They will walk you through the entire process.

July 2023 Montvale Senior Club Activities

Monday

Mahjong – 1:30pm-3:30pm
Kitty Stern – 201-802-0997

Tuesday

Bocce/Games – (co-ed) 1:00pm – 3:00pm
John Rotante -201-391-4194

Canasta – 1:00pm-3:00pm
Fran Ohayon – 201-391-4272

Wednesday

Bocce (coed) – 1:00pm – 3:00pm
John Rotante - 201-391-4194

Mexican Train/Cards – 1:30pm – 3:30 pm
Lucille Borthwick - 845-649-2964;
Dorothy Waldt - 201-291-0794

Thursday

Book Club - July 13 – 1:00pm
The book this month is: 'Lessons in Chemistry'
by Bonnie Garmus
Ree Hopper - 201-391-7386; Linda Queller -
201-505-4850

Friday

Cards/ Rummikub – “5 Crowns” 1:30pm –
3:00pm
Dianne Carfora - 201-314-0141

****Please note that if there are any changes to the above schedules, notifications will be made by the program coordinators.****



Sun Safety

Spending time outside is a great way to be physically active, reduce stress, and get vitamin D. You can work and play outside without raising your skin cancer risk by protecting your skin from the sun.

Most skin cancers are caused by too much exposure to ultraviolet (UV) light. UV rays are an invisible kind of radiation that comes from the sun, tanning beds, and sunlamps. UV rays can damage skin cells.

Below are a few simple ways to protect your skin this summer!



Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Montvale Library will hold their next meeting on Thursday, July 13th at 7:30 p.m. in the activity room. This is a very important meeting and we will need the support of new members as we discuss a special fundraising event that we plan to hold in the fall. Please visit the Friends website www.montvalelibrarynj.org/friends or email Bombace@montvale.bccls.org for more information.

Montvale Library - Adult Programs

Please visit www.montvalelibrarynj.org/calendar to register for any of the programs listed below unless noted otherwise.

There is still time to register for the Adult Summer Reading Program. Please check our website for more information or stop at the circulation desk.

July 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Library Activity Room

Unknown Palisades

Through images and narrative, historical interpreter Eric Nelsen brings the story of the Palisades to life: from fishermen's villages to palatial estates, the epic struggle to preserve the ancient cliffs, and the thriving beaches and campgrounds of the Depression and New Deal era. This program will take place in the Library Activity Room.

July 17, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Library Activity Room

Monday Afternoon Book Club

The Monday Afternoon Book Club meets on the 2nd Monday of every month at 12:00pm. This month we will be reading *The Island of Sea Women*, by Lisa See. This program will take place in the Library Activity Room.

July 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Montvale Garden

Yoga Under the Trees

Join registered yoga teacher Shelley Sontag for an early evening yoga session. Please bring your own yoga mat. This program will take place in our newly renovated garden. We will move to the Library Activity Room in the event of bad weather.

July 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Library Activity Room

An Evening with John Holl, Beer Enthusiast

Join John Holl, podcaster, editor of *All About Beer Magazine*, and author of *The Craft Brewery Cookbook*, for a lively discussion of beer (what else?) and local breweries. This program will take place in the Library Activity Room.

July 29, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Library Activity Room

Maturely Motivated Players: Life is Just a Bowl of Cherries

Join the Maturely Motivated Players for a humorous look at our everyday lives, with readings from the works of Erma Bombeck, Delia & Nora Ephron, Jerry Seinfeld, and Judith Viorst. This program will take place in our newly renovated garden. We will move to the Borough Council Chamber in the event of bad weather.

English as a Second Language

The Montvale Public Library is a member of the Literacy Volunteers of Pascack Valley which offers classes and free one-on-one tutoring for adults to learn English. The program offers free instruction in reading, writing and speaking skills both virtually and at the library. Each student is matched with a trained volunteer tutor. There are free group and conversation classes taught through the Westwood Public Library as well.

If you have any questions or would like to become a student or a tutor, please inquire with the ESL manager, therese.jones@montvale.bccls.org or email: literacyvolunteerspv@gmail.com or submit a form at <https://www.literacyvolunteers.org/tutor-training-workshop-form.html>.

Upcoming Book Groups

Interested in joining our Monday afternoon book club? We meet in the activity room on the 2nd Monday of every month. Please email Bombace@montvale.bccls.org for more information. On July 10th at 12:00 pm we will be discussing the book, "The Island of Sea Women" by Lisa See and on August 14, "The Measure" by Nikki Erlick. Please contact the library to reserve a copy of the book.

The Montvale Cookbook Supper Club will not be meeting in July or August. They will resume meetings in September. If you have any questions or are considering joining in the fall, please contact Therese at therese.jones@montvale.bccls.org.

Children's Department

Little Learners Storytime

Thursdays, July 13, 20, & 27 @ 10:30

(Registration is required for each class)

Calling all preschoolers! This class is for you with stories, activities, and more! All little learners ages 3 and older will experience this class on their own but don't worry grown-ups, you will be just on the other side of the door. Space is limited. A new registration is required for each class.

Babies in the 'Brary

Tuesdays, July 11, 18 & 25 @ 10:30

(Registration is required for each class)

Join us for Babies in the 'Brary where we will be singing, rhymes, and fingerplays, all building blocks for early literacy. Babies ages 0-2 years and a grown-up are invited to join us for all this and more!

Pop-In Projects

Wednesdays July 12, 19 & 26

Materials available from 3:00- 3:30

(Registration is required for each class)

Cool off with some fun activities! We will provide the materials, you bring the creativity. Kids ages 3 and older can join us for an afternoon of art, painting, and maybe glue too. Dress accordingly, it could get messy! All children 5 and under must be with a grown-up. Registration is required for each class.

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, Intrepid, and the American Museum of Natural History. Museum passes for the Intrepid and the American Museum of Natural History provided by the Friends of the Library.

eBooks and Other Online Materials

The Montvale Library subscribes to Kanopy, a 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.

Day in the Park

This year's event will take place on Saturday, September 9 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm on Memorial Drive with a rain date of Sunday, September 10. Residents can look forward to live music by the Rummies, inflatables games and rides, game trailers, food trucks and of course fireworks to end the night! If there are any non-profit organizations or resident volunteers who would like to be involved in Day in the Park, please email MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org.

Summer Camp

Summer Camp for children entering grades 1-5 in September of 2023, will run June 26 through July 21, 2023 (Closed on Monday, July 3 and Tuesday July 4 for the holiday). Camp hours will be 9:30 am to 12:30 pm on Memorial Drive.

For the safety of all children, the courts, park, walking paths and playground on Memorial Drive are closed to the public during summer camp which runs June 26 - July 21, 8:00 am - 2:30 pm, Monday - Friday.

Adventure Camp

Adventure Camp for children entering grades 6-7 in September of 2023, will run June 26 through July 21, 2023 (Closed on Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4 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!

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 7:00 pm in the Senior/Community Center Library. There is no fee for this program.

Adult Soccer

Fieldstone Field #1
47 Spring Valley Road
Sundays 5:00-7:00pm
April 16 – June 18
Resident Fee: \$15 Non-Resident Fee: \$20

All skill levels are welcome to play in this pick-up style of weekly co-ed soccer games! Participants must be 18 years of age or older. Registration is ongoing and online only for this program. Please visit MontvaleRecreation.org for more information. Email MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org with any questions.

Women's Softball

LaTrenta Field #10
159 Chestnut Ridge Road
Tuesdays 7:00-9:00pm
May 16 – August 29
Resident Fee: \$60 Non-Resident Fee: \$70

Weekly women's softball practices and games for all skill levels. Registration began on April 10 for residents and April 17 for non-residents. Jerseys and softballs are provided for participants. Please visit montvalerecreation.org for more information or contact montvalewsoftball@gmail.com with any questions.

Tuesday Yoga

Montvale Community Center Atrium
1 Memorial Drive
Tuesdays 7:00-8:00 pm
4-week sessions on-going
Resident Fee: \$40 (Only \$10/class!) Non-Resident: \$50

Begin the week 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.

Field Use

Applications and Hold Harmless forms must be completed and returned to the Recreation Department, Attn: Lisa Loranger, 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 Loranger prior to any field use.

FALL (AUGUST-DECEMBER) FIELD USE APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED MAY 1 - JUNE 1. Applications submitted after June 1 will be processed once all previously submitted permits are fully processed.
MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org

Contact:



201-391-5700



www.Montvale.org



The Borough of Montvale
12 Mercedes Drive

Pickleball 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 2023 season will become available starting January 3 at Borough Hall, 12 DePiero Drive, Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm.

FEES

<u>Residents</u>			<u>Non-Residents</u>	
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 2023 season will be available at Borough Hall, 12 DePiero Drive, Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm starting January 3.

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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.

Tennis Court Badges

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

Badges for the 2023 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

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Chamber of Commerce

**Board Meetings 1st Wednesday
of Every Month at 4pm at Borough Hall**

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