



The Borough of Montvale

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



Santa Claus is Coming to Town

Santa Claus will be making his annual visit to Montvale on Christmas Eve! Starting at 6 PM, he will be escorted by the Fire Department starting on North Kinderkamack Road to the center of town where he will visit all the children there. Please check the Montvale Fire Department Facebook page for updated information.

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Holiday Schedule

The Borough of Montvale offices will be closed on Friday, December 22nd and Monday, December 25th for Christmas weekend. We wish everyone a Healthy and Joyous Holiday Season!

The Mayor's Corner

Thank you for the opportunity to be able to serve you for four more years. We have several challenges on the horizon and with the help of our governing body, the staff and your feedback, I am confident that we will continue to make Montvale a great place to live and work. During this holiday season, and despite the turmoil in several parts of the world from natural disasters, military conflict, and terrorism, I believe we have much to be thankful for and we should celebrate it and enjoy it. We do have several families in town who are directly affected by the turmoil in the middle east, our thoughts and prayers are with them, and we offer them any support we can.

We are finishing the year with several land purchases, notably the farm on Craig Road and 128 Summit Avenue. I am happy to report that closing was

already completed on 128 Summit Avenue and we rezoned it for utility use, and the closing on the farm should be done before the end of this year, subject to subdivision approvals. The farm, as I indicated before, will remain as a working farm with plots dedicated to community garden uses.

We are currently in the process of putting the 2024 budget and we should have initial information on it in the coming months.

I wish you and your family a safe and healthy holidays, and I look forward to seeing you around town during the many events coming up in December.

Mayor Mike Ghassali



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Montvale Police Department

Please remember to remove keys and key fobs from your vehicles, and lock them as well. It is also important to understand that thieves may be able to start and take your vehicle if the fob is left within close proximity. Your key fob is constantly trying to communicate with your vehicle when you leave it too close. This can also be the cause of your key fob battery wearing out prematurely. Your fob should be kept as far away from the vehicle as possible, or placed in some type of protective covering that blocks the signal when not in use. Happy Holidays to you and your families.

Fire Prevention

As we wind down the Thanksgiving feast we are now looking forward to Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year's celebrations. Here are some helpful fire prevention tips to keep you and your family safe for a fun holiday season.

1. Check all Christmas tree lights for any wear and tear (exposed wires, worn plugs and connectors).
2. Keep your Christmas tree well hydrated through the holiday.
3. Keep Christmas trees away from all open flame devices i.e.; candles, fireplaces.
4. DO NOT LEAVE your Christmas lights operating while no one is home.
5. Keep all Hanukkah candles away from combustible materials.
6. Once again, if you are deep frying your holiday meal, keep your fryer 15 feet from any structure and off any decks.
7. Always check your smoke/carbon monoxide detectors for proper operation.

If an emergency arises DO NOT HESITATE TO DIAL 911 for the Montvale Fire Department!

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the
Montvale Fire Prevention Bureau at (201) 391-5700
Ask for: Fire Official John J Kurz (ext. 258) or Deputy Fire Official Mike Halzack (ext. 256)

Have a great holiday season!

Curbside Collection This Month

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
27	28	29	30	1
East Zone Trash Pickup	Central Zone Trash Pickup	West Zone Trash Pickup	Recycling: Districts 3&4	Leaf Pickup
4	5	6	7	8
East Zone Trash Pickup	Central Zone Trash Pickup	West Zone Trash Pickup	Recycling: Districts 1&2	Leaf Pickup
11	12	13	14	15
East Zone Trash Pickup	Central Zone Trash Pickup	West Zone Trash Pickup	Recycling: Districts 3&4	Leaf Pickup
18	19	20	21	22
East Zone Trash Pickup	Central Zone Trash Pickup	West Zone Trash Pickup	Recycling: Districts 1&2	Leaf Pickup
25	26	27	28	29
	Central Zone Trash Pickup	West Zone Trash Pickup	Recycling: Districts 3&4	Leaf Pickup
	East Zone Trash Pickup			

December 2023 Montvale Senior Club Activities

Monday

Healthy Bones – 10:00am-11:15am HARP 551-996-2038

Chair Exercises – 11:00am-12:00pm (video tape) Micki Keller -201-669-9935 Rani Moraine – 201-930-8950

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

Tuesday

Bocce/ games – (co-ed) 10:00am-12:00pm John Rotante -201-391-4194 Vinnie Alfano – 551-427-8143

Canasta – 1:30pm-3:00pm Fran Ohayon – 201-391-4272

Tai Chi – 1:30pm-2:15pm Lisa Dent -201-391-5700-ext.251

Wednesday

Bocce (coed) – 10:00am-12:00pm John Rotante 201-391-4194

Chair Exercises – 11:00am-12:00pm Micki Keller 201-669-9935 Rani Mooriani 201-930-8950

Mexican Train/ Cards – 1:30pm – 3:30 pm Louise & George Boothby 201-476-1319

Thursday

Savory Seniors – “Cookie Exchange” Thursday, December 15 2:00pm – 3:15pm Louise Boothby 201-476-1319 Banoo Irani 201-264-8080

Pickleball – 8:00am – 10:00am Kurt Birkenmaier 201-574-3020

Friday

Bocce- (women) 10:00am – 12:00pm Pat Casciano- 201-307-9685

Chair Exercises – 11:00am-12:00pm Rani Mooriani- 201-930-8950

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

Monthly Activities

Senior Club Business Meeting – December 7 12:00pm – 2:00pm

Book Club – Friday, December 15 12:30pm The book this month is: -“Persuasions” by Jane Austen Ree

Hopper-201-391-7386 Linda Queller – 201-505-4850

Bingo / Pizza – December 8 5:00pm – 7:00pm (\$8.00) Micki Keller 201-669-9935 Jodi Miller 551-427-4581

Senior Club Social – Thursday, December 14 11:30am – 3:30pm SEASONS HOLIDAY PARTY - Food, fun, music and dancing

Gym Open – Monday – Wednesday – Friday 8:00am-12:00pm Bob Daley 201-307-0393 Werner Hahnemann. 201-391-8399

Our nurse will be visiting us on the first Monday and the first Thursday for blood pressure readings.

Upcoming Trips/Events

New Year's Eve Party – A Night of Food...Music...Fun...Friends to welcome in 2024 – 6:00pm – 10:00pm \$15.00 pp.

Property Maintenance

To all residents this is a friendly reminder of what is required from you for all residents to be safe when venturing out during the winter months around our beautiful town. You are required to maintain the sidewalks in front of your home § 347-26Removal 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.

Please try and abide by the law and keep your sidewalks clear from ice and snow. Also please take the time to cleaning around storm drains so melted snow can flow and not refreeze overnight.

Montvale Library Programs and Events – December 2023

The Montvale Public Library needs your help! It is time for us to take a fresh look at what we offer to make sure that we continue to provide an exceptional library experience for all.

To do that, we need your input. We want to make sure that our decisions reflect what YOU want from your library. We have extended the deadline to fill out a Strategic Plan Survey. Please visit www.montvalelibrarynj.org and click on the survey link on the main page before December 8th. We will use the information from this anonymous survey to help create a Strategic Plan that will guide our development over the next 3-5 years.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Montvale Library will have their next meeting on Thursday, December 7th at 7:30pm in the library activity room. Thank you to Davey's and all the patrons who dined at Davey's during our Dining for Dollars Fundraiser. The Friends will have a Holiday Books sale in December. We are still taking donations- 1 box or bag per resident. No manuals, textbooks or encyclopedias- good condition only. For more information, visit the Friends website www.montvalelibrarynj.org/friends or email Bombace@montvale.bccls.org.

Adult Programs

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

December 2, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Montvale Council Chambers

An Afternoon with Bill Ervolino

Join us for an entertaining afternoon with Bill Ervolino, author, comedian, and longtime columnist.

December 4, 11, 18, 27 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL PROGRAM

Virtual Guided Meditation Series

Join us for four relaxing virtual guided meditation sessions led by certified instructor Amy Rutledge. No experience necessary. December 4, 11, 18, 27. Register for as many sessions as you want!

December 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL PROGRAM

History of Holiday Songs

From Pagan Christmas Carols and Hebrew Zemirot to modern renditions of popular favorites, explore the evolution of Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa music. This is a virtual program.

December 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL PROGRAM

10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

Alzheimer's is a type of dementia that affects memory, thinking and behavior. Learn how to separate possible Alzheimer's symptoms from typical age-related memory loss. This is a virtual program.

December 11, 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 *Lessons in Chemistry*, by Bonnie Garmus.

Adult Programs (Continued)

December 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Library Activity Room

Montvale Cookbook Supper Club

We will be reading and cooking from The Cookie Bible, by Rose Levy Beranbaum. This program will take place in the Library Activity Room. Registration is limited. Sign up on the Montvale Library's website.

December 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Virtual Program

DNA Testing Companies

Learn what the different genealogical research sites have to offer. Topics include costs, features, data analysis, subscription plans, and types of testing. The location of this program is to be determined.

December 16, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Montvale Council Chambers

Snowflake Serenade Concert

Join us for a Winter Holiday Concert, courtesy of the Pascack Hills High School Choir! This program will take place in the Montvale Council Chambers.

Children's Department

Babies in the 'Brary- December 1 @ 10:30

Join us for Babies in the 'Brary where we will sing songs, rhymes, and fingerplays, all building blocks for early literacy. Babies ages 0-18 months and a grown-up are invited to join us for all this and more! Registration is required.

Storytime Yoga- Dec. 7th & 21st @ 11:00

Join us with Bozza Yoga Littles and enjoy creative yoga poses, movements, and storytime fun! Come, meet friends, and improve hand-eye coordination and motor skills through yoga! This class is for children aged 18 mths- 4 years. Registration is required for each class.

Winter Family Festival- Dec. 16th @ 11:00

Chill out with us at the library for some cocoa, crafts, and activities as we welcome winter! This snowy celebration is open to all and will be topped off with a Snowflake Serenade Concert by the PHHS Chorus at 12:00 noon. Come for some or all the activities, but please note that registration is required for the concert.

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.

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.

English as a Second Language

Volunteer to teach English as a second language- Transform lives in your community!

If you have any questions or would like to sign up for the workshop, please email: literacyvolunteerspv@gmail.com or submit a form at <https://www.literacyvolunteerspv.org/tutor-training-workshop-form.html>

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.literacyvolunteerspv.org/tutor-training-workshop-form.html>.

Upcoming Book Groups

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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 call 201-391-5700 ext. 251 or email MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org for more information.

30+ Basketball

Memorial School Gymnasium

Mondays 8:00 -10:00 pm

September 18 – June 17

Resident Fee: \$75 Non-Resident (if space permits): \$95

OPEN Registration: Attend a class to register by cash or check at any point Sept - May

This program is for men and women 30 years of age and older. The pick-up game style welcomes all who have a passion for basketball.

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.

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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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

NEWSLETTER

Montvale Chamber of Commerce



JOIN THE MONTVALE CHAMBER

- Growing business through networking
- A liaison to local government
- Supporting local organizations and events
- Board meetings the 1st Wednesday of every month

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Doris Sutich, Perfect Limo



Thank you to **Davey's Locker** for hosting our Regional Networking Breakfast

DAVEY'S

Thank you to **CrossCountry Mortgage** for collecting over \$6,000 in donations for the Tri-Boro Food Pantry



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