



The Borough of

Montvale

The Official Newsletter of The Borough of Montvale

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SANTA ARRIVES IN MONTVALE - FIRE DEPT.



Santa will arrive in Montvale on Christmas Eve and everyone is invited. Santa will arrive in the center of town via a fire truck down Kinderkamack Road to the park in town center at 6 p.m. delivering gifts to all good little boys and girls. Hope to see you there!

See page 9 for additional Fire Department news

16th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting & Gift Giving Ceremony

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Montvale Public Library

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS AT THE MONTVALE LIBRARY

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

December 14

"Parent/Child Winter Art Workshop" at 7:00p.m. for 1st grade and up. Make a masterpiece on real canvas. In person registration required.

December 27

"Hanukkah Celebration" at 1:00p.m. for the entire family. There will be latkes, songs to sing, candles to light, and a craft. In person registration begins December 12.

December 28

"Star Wars Lego Workshop" at 2:00p.m. for 2nd grade and up. Watch the Star Wars movie and build some really cool space crafts from the movie. In person registration begins December 12.

December 28

"Bedtime Yoga" for ages 4 and up. Wear comfortable clothes or PJs and join us for some bedtime stretching and yoga. In person registration begins December 12.

December 29

"Afternoon Lunch and a Movie" at noon for ages 4 and up. Bring a lunch and enjoy a movie. In person registration begins December 19.

ADULT DEPARTMENT

December 8

"Ellen Woloshin Holiday Concert" at 7:00p.m. The talented Ms. Woolskin performs contemporary hits as well as an original Christmas composition, accompanied by guitarist Rick Briskin. Registration now under way.

December 12

"Elvis Rocks Christmas Concert" at 7:00p.m. with tribute artist Ruben Castillo. Snow date: December 19. Registration now under way.

December 19 - 22

"Downloading E-books with the Kindle." Afternoon and evening classes. Registration begins December 5.

For additional information about these or any other Library programs and services, please call the Library at 201-391-5090, visit the Library's web site at montvale.bccls.org, or stop by and visit us. The Library will be closed for the holidays on December 24, December 25, December 26, and December 31.

Tri-Boro Food Pantry

For this month, The Tri-Boro Food Pantry is looking for donations of:

- Pineapple slices
- Macaroni and cheese
- Tuna fish
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels



Police Department

Since 2008, Councilman Sal Talarico has been the liaison from the Borough Council assigned by both Mayor Ghassali and former Mayor Fyfe as Police Commissioner. Councilman Talarico decided not to run for reelection this year and will leave the Council at the end of December.

Commissioner Talarico and I had an extraordinary working relationship that enabled the Police Department to develop and grow. He was instrumental as the Council advocate for the Police Department in budgeting, policy, and direction. His support in our successful bid for accreditation was one of the many achievements we were able to accomplish together. I will always be grateful for his input and backing of the Police Department during the past eight years.

It has been an honor to have worked with Commissioner Talarico. The Montvale Police Department wishes him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

Now that a new winter is upon us, the winter driving message remains the same. Roads will be snowy and slick. Use caution driving on snow and ice covered roads. See your mechanic to ensure you have the proper tires and windshield wipers on your car for inclement winter weather. Avoid driving in winter storms if possible. Our D.P.W. does a great job of getting the roadways cleared, but during heavy storms it is very difficult to keep the road surface free of snow and ice. Use caution when walking on snow covered roadways. Please use the sidewalks. If no sidewalk is available and you are forced to walk in the street, be extra vigilant for passing vehicles. Remind your children not to ride their sleds into the roadways. Vehicle operators may have a difficult time seeing and reacting to a sled darting across the roadway. ATV riders and snowmobilers – the vehicles are not permitted to be operated on borough streets, even in a snow storm.

Overnight parking permission is denied during snow events. During non-snow events call 201-391-4600 and take "option 1" to reach the Montvale PD menu and then press "2" to reach a dispatcher to request overnight parking.

The Holiday Season is in full swing. Finish it out safely. Don't drink and drive. Get a taxi, Uber or have a designated driver. Montvale PD is steadfast partner in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Crackdown. Don't let it be you.

Mayor's Message



November has been a relatively quiet month around town as residents are starting to get ready for the holidays and businesses holding their holiday lunches and dinners and patronizing our local restaurants. Taking advantage of the warmer than usual weather, our DPW and engineering departments have been actively working on few road projects and filling potholes. I attended the New Jersey League of Municipalities Convention along with members of the Council and staff and had the opportunity to meet other Mayors and Council from across the state. The usual topic of discussion was mostly around affordable housing and our obligation. We already authorized our planner to conduct a comprehensive analysis and develop a recommendation for where and how to meet our obligation. I will be scheduling a Town Hall meeting to present to the community our plan and how we are planning on addressing our COAH obligation proactively.

The Wegman's construction project is underway with work being done on the foundation and the footings. Road work is being presented and discussed with the County with work to commence in March-April 2017 and to be completed before the business opens next winter.

On behalf of the Governing Body and the staff, we wish everyone a very happy and healthy holiday. Remember the needy in this time of celebration. Local food banks are always happy to receive canned and useable food from you. Keep reporting the potholes and hope you visit me on the first Tuesday of every month during open hours 4pm-7pm.

December 2016 Trash & Recycling Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28 East Zone Trash Pickup	29 Central Zone Trash Pickup	30 West Zone Trash Pickup	1 Recycling: Districts 1&2	2	3
4	5 East Zone Trash Pickup	6 Central Zone Trash Pickup	7 West Zone Trash Pickup	8 Recycling: Districts 3&4	9	10
11	12 East Zone Trash Pickup	13 Central Zone Trash Pickup	14 West Zone Trash Pickup	15 Recycling: Districts 1&2	16	17
18	19 East Zone Trash Pickup	20 Central Zone Trash Pickup	21 West Zone Trash Pickup	22 Recycling: Districts 3&4	23	24
25	26 East Zone Trash Pickup	27 Central Zone Trash Pickup	28 West Zone Trash Pickup	29 Recycling: Districts 1&2	30	31

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Upcoming Meetings

Mayor & Council Meetings

December 13th 7:30pm
December 27th 7:30pm

Planning Board Meeting

December 6th 7:30pm
December 20th 7:30pm

Library Board Meeting

December 22nd 7:30pm

Board of Health Meeting

December 5th 7:45pm

Historic Preservation Meeting

December 1st 8:00pm

Reminders

Borough administrative offices and police records will be closed on the following days:

Christmas (Observed) - 12/26
New Years (Observed) - 1/2/2017

A Message From Recreation Director Jim Freeman

My decision to retire as Recreation Director has been bittersweet. Since my wife and I had been hired in the summer of 2000 for the summer camp, to my role (for one year) as Assistant Director, followed by taking over as the Director, I can truly say, this has been an outstanding experience. The past seventeen (17) years, has allowed me to be involved in our community in a way few get to enjoy.

Staying true to myself, however, I wanted to focus on helping others in a different capacity. I am greatly excited about what lies ahead, as I further pursue my passions as a Health and Wellness Coach and continue teaching at Memorial Elementary School.

As I prepare to step down as Director, I want to take this opportunity to thank so many individuals and organizations that I've had the pleasure of working alongside. First and foremost, I want to thank all the Council members, Mayors and Administrators that I've worked with over the years for allowing me to serve my community in this way. I want to thank the Police Department, DPW (both past and present), Fire Dept. and Tri-Boro Ambulance for their support and assistance with several of our programs, but especially Day in the Park. I want to thank the Montvale PBA for donating funds that helped to keep Day in the Park going when finances were limited. I want to thank Daisy D. Dots for all her time, make up and passion shared with our community year after year. I want to thank Don Smith for recruiting me to take over the position upon his retirement. Thanks to all the instructors, supervisors, Assistant Directors, Counselors and everyone else I've worked with over the years. I'd also like to thank the community at large for your continued support these many years. Most of all, I'd like to thank my family and ALL of the Recreation Committee members, past and present. All of you gave so much of your time, effort and devotion, toward bringing the community outstanding events, year in and year out. Words will never truly express my gratitude and appreciation for all the support you've given me over the years. My name may be at the top, but I stand on all of your shoulders. I will forever be grateful for all you've done and the great times we've had creating outstanding memories.

Some great memories from events no longer run are the Radio City trip, the Egg Coloring event and our Lip Sync contests as entertainment before the Summer Movie Nights (in conjunction with COMAD and DARE). Other favorites will always be Day in the Park, Summer Camp, the Halloween Carnival and the Town Tree Lighting. As I cleaned out my office, I was also reminded of all the different programs that ran at one time or another. Some programs are still active today; others lost their following and had to be let go. This journey was not always easy, and at times, seemed as though we were sailing over some very rough waters. However, we were able to maintain course and steady the ship to pass on the tradition. All in all, it has been a great ride.

As I step back, it is my pleasure to pass this great position to our new Recreation Director, Lisa Dent. Lisa comes to us from Oakland, NJ. Lisa graduated college with a Sports Management Degree and has a long-standing background of recreation. Lisa grew up, and has worked closely, with her mom (also a Recreation Director) in Midland Park and Montville over the years. While Lisa and I have worked together to continue a successful program, I know Lisa has great plans to further expand the program. I want to wish Lisa the very best as she continues a great tradition.

BORN TO RIDE!

JIM FREEMAN & THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thank you! Bill Greco, Debbie Hawken, Frank DiPalma, Johnna and Dave Duffy, Karen Meyers, Meredith Stewart, Robert Geerlof, Tom Sullivan, Tom Mascarelli and the entire Freeman Family!



**PLEASE JOIN THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
IN THANKING AND RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF
JIM FREEMAN AND THE RECREATION COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 13, 2016 AT 6:30PM-COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12 MERCEDES DR.-LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED**

UPCOMING RECREATION PROGRAMS

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In addition to helping those in need financially, we have also joined together with Davey's Irish Pub and Restaurant to help advertise their toy collection for needy children. If you are interested, we will be collecting new unwrapped gifts and delivering them to Davey's after the event.

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 volunteers to assist in the planning and coordinating of Montvale's annual events such as Day In The Park, the Halloween Carnival, the Holiday Tree Lighting 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

This program is for men and women 30 years of age and older. This program is held on Monday evenings from 8:00-10:00 p.m. in the Memorial School gymnasium. This pick-up game style program began in September and will continue through May 2017. Fee: \$75 for residents; \$95 for non-residents if space permits.

18+ COMPETITIVE BASKETBALL

Residents 18 years of age and older can participate in this competitive style pick-up game format. This program begins on January 11, 2017 and will continue through May. Games are played on Wednesday nights from 8:00-10:00 PM in the Fieldstone School gymnasium. The fee for this program is \$50 for residents and \$75 for non-residents.

ADULT VOLLEYBALL

This program is for men and women 18 years of age and older. Adult volleyball will be held in the Memorial School Gymnasium "B" from 7:30-9:30 PM. The program will begin on January 10, 2017 and will be held on Tuesday evenings through May. The fee for Residents is \$50 and the Non-resident fee is \$75.

UPCOMING RECREATION PROGRAMS - CONTINUED

YOGA

Yoga will increase flexibility, physical strength and energy. Yoga will also improve concentration, emotional stability and the ability to relieve stress through relaxation. Two, one day a week classes will be offered in the Recreation Center. The first class will meet Monday evenings from 7:30-8:30 p.m. beginning January 9th. The second class will meet Friday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m. beginning 13th. Registration will take place on the first session of each class. Residents and non-residents 18 years of age or older are invited to participate. High School students may participate if registered by an adult. A mat or towel should be brought to each class. Fee: \$80 for residents; \$100 for non-residents for this eight-week class. Instructor: Debra Broadman

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 8:15pm in the Recreation Center (entrance is behind the community center) There is no fee for this program.

KIDS CORNER - RECREATION PROGRAMS

TAEKWON-DO

TaeKwon-Do, the Korean Art of Self-Defense, is the scientific use of the body through physical and mental training for self-defense in unarmed combat. This program will be offered two days/week for children in grades K-12. The class will be offered Tuesday's and Thursday's from 7:00-8:00 PM. Classes begin Tuesday January 12th. The program will be held in the Recreation Center. Fee: for this 16-class session is \$120 for residents; \$180 for non-residents (space permitting). Registration: first day of class. Instructor: Mario Liriano; 5th Degree Black belt

SEWING FOR FUN

Sewing is a fun filled and exciting art that helps foster the creativity of young girls while teaching them to follow instructions and concentrate on a task. Sewing reinforces hand eye coordination, develops fine motor and problem solving skills. Best of all, by designing and sewing their own creations, the girls will increase their confidence and self-esteem. Using the latest computerized sewing machines with 3 speed controls, to accommodate the age and skill level of your future designers, the girls will discover the fun of sewing. The program culminates with a fashion show, where the girls can model their creations for parents and friends. The program will be held on Tuesdays beginning January 10th at 3:30PM-5:00PM. All classes are held at the Rec Center. The fee for the six-week class is \$80 for Montvale residents and \$100 for non-residents. There will be an additional \$30 for materials (paid separately) to the instructor. The instructor for this class is Mrs. Manrique.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

This girls volleyball program will begin Tuesday, January 10, 2017. This eight-week program will be offered to girls in grades 5-8. The girls will play in the Memorial School Gym from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Registration will take place the first night of the program. The fee for this program is \$80 for residents and \$100 for non-residents. The instructor for this program is volleyball coach Chris Moran. For a complete list of fall programs currently running, please visit the website at www.montvale.org. All programs are open for enrollment after the start date.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

MOMMY AND ME YOGA

Email MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org or call 201-391-5700 ext. 251 for more information or interest in the classes.

PRE-SCHOOL CLUB

Email MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org or call 201-391-5700 ext. 251 for more information or interest in the classes.

FIELD USE

Applications and Hold Harmless forms must be completed and returned to the Borough Hall Building Dept. c/o Jeff Fete, with Liability Insurance and payment. Forms are available online and at the Borough Hall front counter. Permits will be given according to availability.

Other than tennis programs, registration takes place on the first day of each class.

Fire Department News

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

The Fund Drive is still underway. If you have made a donation, we thank you. If you wish to contribute, please mail your donation to:

The Montvale Fire Department
35 West Grand Avenue
Montvale, NJ 07645.

Thank you for your support

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Make sure all holiday decorations are fireproof and all lights and wiring is UL Approved. If you have a cut tree in your home, keep it fully watered at all times. To maintain its freshness, do not place it close to a heating source.

FIRE SAFETY

Fire hydrants are not always visible when snow is piled high. It is extremely important that hydrants remain accessible throughout the year. Keep the hydrant on your property clear of snow and ice. In the event of an emergency we will all be thankful you did.



Board of Health & Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission

Rabies Vaccination Clinic & 2017 Licensing Information



The Montvale Board of Health will be sponsoring the annual Rabies Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, January 7 at Montvale Senior & Community Center, 1 Memorial Drive, Montvale.* The vaccinations are free of charge. Dogs on non-retractable leashes will be vaccinated from 10:00-11:00 am. Cats in carriers will be vaccinated from 11:00-11:30am.

Vaccinations will be administered by Tracy Cohen-Grady, DVM and a Tyco Animal Control Officer will aide in the handling of the dogs and cats.

Montvale residents can license their pets at the clinic. Previously registered pet owners should bring their license renewal form to the clinic. For newly acquired pets, a license renewal form is available on the Borough's web site, www.montvale.org, and is also available at the Montvale Municipal Complex, 12 Mercedes Drive, 2nd floor. Please bring a copy of the rabies vaccination certificate for a pet that has not been previously registered with the borough.

The annual fee is \$18.00 for all pets that are either spayed or neutered, \$21.00 for pets that are not spayed or neutered. There is a discounted fee of \$10.00 for pet owners that are at least 55 years old. Owners of service dogs (proof is required) are exempt from the fee. To avoid the late fee pets must be registered by February 28. Only cash or checks made payable to the Borough of Montvale will be accepted. No debit or credit cards may be used for payment.

Animal licenses may also be renewed by mailing to: Borough of Montvale, Attn: Animal Licensing Officer, 12 Mercedes Drive, Montvale, NJ 07645. Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope and the appropriate fee. The rabies vaccination must be valid thru November 1, 2017, please verify that the vaccination date is valid prior to mailing. If your pet's rabies vaccination expires prior to November 1, you must include a copy of the updated certificate with the payment. Licenses will not be issued with an expired rabies vaccination date.

An annual license is required per borough ordinance and failure to apply may result in a penalty of \$250. Residents, who no longer own a pet or have any questions, may contact the Board of Health Secretary, at 201-391-5700, extension 257, Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:30am to 4:30pm or by emailing Janet Russo at jrusso@montvaleboro.org

Reminder to pet owners or anyone that walks a pet that it is unlawful to dispose of pet's waste in municipal storm drains. Please properly depose of your pet's waste by removing it and depositing of it in a sanitary manner at your own premise.

Licenses will be issued starting in January.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND RETENTION COMMITTEE

Since its formation by Mayor Ghassali in April of this year, the MEDC has been busy determining its strategic approach to the issues facing Montvale in its corporate real estate market. On an initial basis, the committee has set several priorities based upon consultation with the Mayor and Town Council and interactions to date with a select group of current Montvale corporate partners:

1. On-site meetings with the senior management of existing corporate entities located in Montvale. In addition to an introduction of the Mayor and the Committee to the entity, the sessions are designed to extract useful feedback including reasons why the company came to and remains in Montvale, any concerns it may have with respect to remaining long term in Montvale, and potential solutions and/or follow-up actions to be undertaken to meet these corporate resident's needs.
2. Development of marketing tools and strategies to provide relevant information to potential new corporate partners as to what Montvale has to offer. This will include a web site, marketing materials such as a detailed "pitch-book" and flyers, and communications via various social media platforms.
3. Coordination with county and state entities which can assist in the retention and recruitment of corporate partners. Partnering with entities with similar goals such as the Chamber of Commerce to further extend the Committees reach and meet the needs of existing corporate partners.
4. Work closely with new corporate arrivals in town to assist in their transition and ensure their employees are quickly exposed to all that Montvale has to offer in terms of public and private services.

With respect to the goals outlined above the Committee has completed the following to date:

- Meetings with eight major existing corporate tenants.
- Initial development of a website expected to go live before year-end.
- Initial preparation of a Montvale "pitch-book" which will be finalized before year-end.
- Meetings with County of Bergen Economic Development personnel.
- Meeting with Co-President of local Chamber of Commerce.
- Attendance and visitors table at the Montvale Street Fair and preparation of a flyer to hand out to interested parties.
- Initial presentation to Mayor and Council outlining the Committee's initial vision and goals.
- Attendance at the Flight Centre USA ribbon cutting ceremony and meet and greet with their employees.

As it proceeds with its mandate the MEDC would like to maximize input and assistance from any current resident of Montvale with ideas, business contacts and industry knowledge that can be helpful in the retention and recruitment of corporate partners. Please reach out to any of the members listed below and/or use the MEDC's phone number (201-391-5700 Ext. 232).

Respectfully,

Montvale EDC
Raffi Joukhadarian – Chairman
John Ryan – Vice Chairman
Sal Rozzi
David Laquidara
Louis Hendi
Patricia Stith

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

As we begin to see the changes in our weather and the inevitable snow and ice that is sure to come, I would like to remind all residents that it is their responsibility to make sure that leaves are not left in the streets to be picked up by your landscape contractor at some future date. These leaves get washed into storm drains and require a lot of DPW time and money to clean out. This also assures that storm water systems operate properly when we have heavy rains during this time.

Once the snow starts to fall, please be reminded that it is the responsibility of the property owner to remove ice and snow from all sidewalks that front on all sides of your property. Sidewalks must remain passable at all times. While I know this can be a frustrating endeavor as plows go by and plow in what was just shoveled, it is important to remember that roadways are the priority in order for emergency vehicles to move about town. Removal of snow soon after a snowfall will reduce the potential for it to turn to ice and be more difficult to remove later on. By doing so, we will be able to provide safe and passable sidewalks during the upcoming winter. I thank everybody in advance for their efforts and cooperation. Best wishes for a happy and prosperous holiday season.

