

Borough of Montvale is a small borough of approximately four square miles ideally situated in the picturesque Pascack Valley of northeastern Bergen County, bordering on New York State. Its residents enjoy a high quality of life with fine schools, recreation programs, and easy access to area shopping and cultural activities. Montvale's blend of corporate and residential areas makes the Borough a unique suburban community.

Government

The Borough of Montvale was chartered in 1894 as a Borough Council form of government in which the Mayor is elected to a four-year term and six council members are elected at large to serve staggered three-year terms. The Mayor and Council meet every second Tuesday of the month for regular meetings and on the last Tuesday of the month for executive work sessions. Meetings are open to the public and residents are given the opportunity to speak on proposed ordinances and other matters of concern. The first meeting of each month is televised on the local cable television access channel.

The Borough Administrator is appointed by the Borough Council and is responsible for the implementation of policies of the Mayor and Council, for the administration of all Borough affairs, and for the daily operations of the Borough. The Administrator is the chief administrative officer of the Borough.

The Mayor is the chief executive officer of the Borough, presides over all public meetings, provides leadership in the development of community projects and makes appointments to various boards. The Borough Council exercises all legislative powers including financial adoption of the municipal budget and bond ordinances.

Business

There are hundreds of corporate and commercial establishments in Montvale, ranging from local merchants to national corporate headquarters. Planned development has resulted in a diversified mix of corporate campuses and smaller concerns.

Transportation

Montvale's central location in the northeastern part of Bergen County, bordering New York's Rockland County, is just fifteen miles from New York City via the George Washington Bridge. Major highway access in Montvale is provided by the Garden State Parkway. Nearby highways include the New Jersey Turnpike, the New York State Thruway, Interstate Highway No. 80, the Palisades Interstate Parkway and State Highway No. 17. Rockland Coaches offers bus service from two Borough locations into New York City. Commuter rail service from the Montvale train station is provided by NJ Transit.

Development

Montvale is considered the "Pride of Pascack Valley". Through careful planning and zoning efforts exercised since the early 1960's, Montvale has achieved a balanced environment providing quality living, employment opportunities, recreational facilities and infrastructure, while maintaining an effective tax rate.

Public Safety

A **Volunteer Fire Department** consisting of more than forty members under the direction of the Fire Chief serves the Borough of Montvale. The central fire headquarters houses two-pumper trucks, an aerial pumper, an aerial platform, 100' tower and a combination rescue/pumper truck, all equipped with the latest firefighting equipment. A direct control alarm system links each firefighter through a centralized dispatch system insuring immediate response. Firefighters receive initial training at the Bergen County Police and Fire Academy and keep up their skills by participating in bimonthly drills. The surrounding fire departments of Pearl River, Park Ridge and Woodcliff Lake cooperate in mutual aid systems. The Borough enjoys one of the best insurance ratings in the area. A Borough-wide fire hydrant system is maintained by Suez.

The Police Department consists of twenty-five full-time Police Officers and Special Officers as well as school crossing guards under the direction of the Police Chief. The department has an outstanding record for law enforcement and the Borough has one of the lowest crime rates in the area. In addition to law enforcement, the Police Department is actively involved in several school and community crime prevention programs including the nationally recognized L.E.A.D drug education program.

The dispatch function for all emergency services is provided by the Northwest Bergen Central Dispatch Center in Ridgewood, NJ, covering the three communities of Montvale, Park Ridge and Woodcliff Lake.

Tri-Boro Volunteer Ambulance Corps, is an independent non-profit organization dedicated to providing emergency medical services (EMS), non-emergency ambulance transportation and safety training to the tri-boro community.

We are staffed solely by volunteers and funded mainly thru contributions and the generous support of the three municipal governments, (Montvale, Park Ridge & Woodcliff Lake). All of our services are provided free of charge. For further information visit their website, www.triboroambulance.org.

Public Library

The **Montvale Free Public Library** was founded in 1975 & is located on the first floor of the Montvale Borough Hall at 12 Mercedes Drive. Montvale Library patrons may access materials from over sixty libraries belonging to the Bergen County Cooperative Library System. The Library offers lectures, workshops, book discussions & other activities to the public. There are special programs for children & those with reading difficulties.

Recreation

The Borough has an active year-round community recreation program, administered by the Recreation Director. The Recreation Committee offers a broad and diversified program of activities.

The Borough has four parks encompassing thirty two acres of land and playground. The parks offer recreational opportunities that include tennis, basketball, football, baseball, softball and soccer.

Field Use

Field use must be approved by the Field Use Coordinator. Additional information is located on the borough website, www.montvale.org.

Recreational Activities

The Montvale Athletic League (MAL) is an independent non-profit organization dedicated to providing athletic programs for children. The number one mission of the MAL is to have all children participate in sports. For additional information visit www.montvaleathleticleague.com.

Senior & Community Center

The Montvale Senior Club, has over a hundred members who participate in various social activities, trips and luncheons. The Club meets twice a month at the Montvale Senior Community Center, One Memorial Drive. For additional information contact the club's president at 201-391-6467.

Senior Club Exercise Room is located at the Montvale Senior Community Center at One Memorial Drive.

Senior Transportation is available to senior residents on Wednesday, Thursday & Fridays of each week. All residents must register with the borough prior to riding.

Health and Welfare

The Borough provides its citizens with health services coordinated under the auspices of the **Montvale Board of Health**. Public health and safety protection services of a health officer and sanitarians are provided by the Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission. Screening and education programs are provided by the Health Awareness Regional Program (HARP) affiliated with Hackensack Meridian Health Hackensack University Medical Center. Infants and children are welcomed at the Hillsdale Child Health Conference for medical physical exams and required immunizations. For additional information regarding the children health clinic call Borough of Hillsdale at 201-666-4800.

There are several hospitals situated nearby include Valley Hospital, Hackensack Meridian Health Hackensack University Medical Center, Hackensack Meridian Health Pascack Valley Medical Center, Holy Name Medical Center, Englewood Health, and Bergen Regional Medical Center.

Public Welfare Services are provided to residents in need under the direction of a Director of Public Welfare and coordinated under the auspices of the Local Assistance Board.

Public Works

The Borough of Montvale and the Township of Rivervale have implemented a shared service agreement (Pascack Valley DPW) for all services of the department of public works.

Utilities

Montvale is served by Public Service Electric & Gas Company for gas, Orange & Rockland Utilities for electric and Suez for water.

Sanitation & Recycling

The Borough provides a weekly curbside residential solid waste and seasonal yard waste pick up & every other week recycling collection. The Borough operates a Recycling Center, Memorial Drive, which is

open on Mondays, Wednesdays, & Saturdays from 8:00am to 3:00pm for residents who wish to dispose of their recyclable materials. Visit www.montvale.org for details.

Sewer Disposal

The Borough participates with the Bergen County Utilities Authority for wastewater treatment. Montvale pays an annual service charge to BCU Authority, which is funded from the general property tax levy.

Education

The **Montvale Board of Education** provides education for all students in kindergarten through eighth grade, while the Pascack Valley Regional High School District provides education for all students in the ninth through twelfth grades. The Local Board and Regional Board operate as Type II Districts under the Education Law, codified as Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes. The Local Board has seven elected members who are residents of the Borough. The public education facilities consist of **Memorial Elementary School** for grades K-4 and **Fieldstone Middle School** for grades 5-8.

Pascack Valley Regional High School District is comprised of two high schools. **Pascack Hills High School**, which is located at 225 West Grand Avenue, Montvale receives students from Montvale and Woodcliff Lake. Pascack Valley High School, located in Hillsdale, enrolls students from Hillsdale and River Vale.