



# The Borough of Montvale

The Official Newsletter of The Borough of Montvale

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## STREET FAIR & HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL PHOTOS



View more photos from the Street Fair & Halloween Carnival on page 6

## ELECTION DAY INFORMATION

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8th.  
 Polls will be open from 6:00am - 8:00pm

## PROPERTY TAXES DUE

Taxes are due November 1st. The grace period is extended to November 10th. The drop box is located outside the main entrance of the library for your convenience.

## 16th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting & Gift Giving Ceremony

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# Montvale Public Library

## November HIGHLIGHTS AT THE MONTVALE LIBRARY

### CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

**November 16**

"TechRoots Computer Program Class" at 5:00p.m. for 3rd through 8th grades. In person registration required for this six-week session. One-time non-refundable \$3.00 fee due at registration

**November 16**

"Harry Potter Trivia" at 7:00p.m. for grades 3 and up. In person registration required before the date of the event.

**November 30**

"Night Time Story Hour" at 6:30p.m. for ages 3 and up. In person registration required. Don't forget to wear your PJs!

### ADULT DEPARTMENT

**November 3, 10, and 17**

"Mind. Body. Money." at 7:00p.m. This workshop will explore the many reasons why extra wealth improves your health and lifespan.

**November 5**

"Her Candle Burned at Both Ends: the Life and Work of Poet Edna St. Vincent Millay" at 2:00p.m. with author Krystyna Poray Goddu.

### ADULT DEPARTMENT (Continued)

**November 12**

"Beaded Pie Server Workshop" from 11:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. Class size limited to 15 students; register now. \$10 materials fee due directly to instructor at the start of the workshop. Makes your Thanksgiving pumpkin pie a real treat!

**November 15, 22, 29 and  
December 6, 13**

"Beginner/Intermediate Knitting Workshop" at 7:15p.m. Class size limited; check if there are openings. Students are required to bring their own knitting supplies; instructor will supply a materials list.

**November 19**

"Finding the Right Career Fit" at 11:00a.m. Take the first steps in finding out what career is right for you! During this free talk, Kelly Gentry, a licensed associate counselor at Charlandra Consulting and Counseling in Woodcliff Lake, will help attendees learn about their personality type in order to identify their interests and values and to discover what it might mean for future career paths.

**November 28 through December 1**

"Microsoft Word 2010 Basics." Afternoon and evening classes. Registration required.



During the month of November, the Montvale Library is pleased to showcase an exhibit of the photography of Marsha Michel, a resident of Old Tappan. The photos were inspired by and taken in Cuba and visually depict the artist's love affair with this tropical country.

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](http://montvale.bccls.org), or stop by and visit us. The Library will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25.

## Tri-Boro Food Pantry

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

- Turkey
- Ham
- Bagged Loose Dry BlackBeans
- Cake Mixes
- Hot Cereal
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Canned Corn
- Rice



## Police Department

In October there were numerous reports of “creepy clown” activity throughout the east coast including Bergen County. Reports of killings by “creepy clowns” were a hoax that copycats and pranksters perpetuated by wearing clown costumes and standing at the edge of wooded areas near roadways, hoping to be spotted, or in some cases, out in public wearing clown masks looking for attention. In Fairlawn, New Jersey, a group of teenagers were driving around trying to scare people by wearing clown masks and aggressively following other motorists with the intent of frightening them. Those teens were found, arrested and charged. It is not acceptable to intentionally put others in unnecessary fear for personal amusement. In some circumstances it may even be criminal.

Phone and cyber scams continue and probably will increase as the holidays approach. Senior Citizens beware, as you are often targeted. But the scams come at everyone.

Some common scams that prey on greed include a “certified check” or a “bank check” is sent to you because you won something – a lottery, a contest, or the promise of a big payday if you help a “victim” out. The scam asks you to wire money to an out of area Western Union office and they tell you to keep the extra money from the “check” you received. The check looks authentic and your bank may even deposit it for you. But it is a fake. It will ultimately bounce and you will get stuck with the fees. You will never be able to recover the funds sent via Western Union.

Craigs List scammers use a similar tactic in goods transactions. They send a “check” that is more than the cost of the item offered for sale, and ask the victim to wire the difference back to them by Western Union. They may even offer the seller to keep a little extra for themselves. The check is deposited. It takes a week before it is returned as fraudulent, and the wired money is gone and never recovered. The item for sale was never picked up.

Other scams prey on your emotions. A caller wakes you at night claiming to be your child or grandchild who was just arrested in a foreign country and needs bail sent immediately to secure their safety. A caller claims to have your relative or friend kidnapped and demands ransom. The caller states that they are from the IRS and you are in deep trouble for improper tax returns, demanding money or credit card information to be given over the phone. Each one is a scam. If ever in doubt call the police for a confirmation. DO NOT send any money. DO NOT give out any personal information or credit card information to strangers over the phone.

## Mayor's Message



As winter approaches, our departments are preparing for what we hope to be a quiet winter but nonetheless, we have to prepare what we will need in the pipeline. As you drive by the old firehouse, you will notice that progress is being made with the foundation already in place and the shell should begin to take shape in the next month or so. Much work has been done by the Fire Department to maintain the tools and equipment that is currently stored in the DPW building. We appreciate all the work and sacrifices every member of the Fire Department has given to our town and surely they are, as we are, look forward to their new firehouse.

We would like to welcome the new Recreation Director, Lisa Dent. She has been working closely with our current Director, Jim Freeman. We will have an opportunity to give an appropriate thank you and show of appreciation to Jim Freeman in the next few months at a special event for him and the Recreation Committee. Lisa Dent comes to us with a great background in organizing events and working with communities. We wish her all the best and are looking forward to her continuing what Jim Freeman and the Recreation Committee built in the last several years.

I am happy to report that the county and the council approved painting certain areas of Grand Avenue in the colors of the first responders in an appreciation for what they do for us every day. Blue will be for the Police Department, white for the Tri-Boro Ambulance and red for the Fire Department.

Lastly, we received the steel beam from the World Trade Center. We will be holding it with care and respect at our Borough Hall until the official and final monument is completed outside the firehouse. Feel free to stop by and take a look at it, bring the children and tell them your story and where you were on 9/11/2001.

We look forward to seeing you at the Mayor & Council meetings every 2nd and last Tuesday of every month.

## November 2016 Trash & Recycling Calendar

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

#### Administration

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### November Meetings

#### Mayor & Council Meetings

November 7th 7:30pm  
November 29th 7:30pm

#### Planning Board Meeting

November 1st 7:30pm

#### Library Board Meeting

November 17th 7:30pm

#### Board of Health Meeting

November 7th 7:30pm

#### Environmental Commission Meeting

November 21st 7:30pm

### Reminders

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

**Veterans Day - Friday 11/11**

**Thanksgiving Holiday - Thursday & Friday 11/24 & 11/25**

# 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.

## 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 11th, 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 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.

## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

This girls volleyball program will begin Tuesday, January 10th, 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.

## FIELD USE

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

For a complete list of fall programs currently running, please visit the website at [www.montvale.org](http://www.montvale.org). All programs are open for enrollment after the start date.

## Montvale Chamber of Commerce Street Fair



## Halloween Carnival



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