



The Borough of Montvale

The Official Newsletter of The Borough of Montvale

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2017 Cleanup Day - April 29



Cleanup Day

Cleanup day 2017 is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2017, from 9am-12pm. All residents young and old are invited to help the community get ready for spring. We start with free coffee, juice, & bagels before you set off with a group to clean specific areas of town. Meet at the red shed on Memorial Drive (near the ball fields) at 9 am. Gloves and garbage bags are provided.

For more information, see page 6

Property Tax Information

Property taxes are due May 1st, 2017. Grace period is 10 days. After May 10th, interest will revert back to May 1. For your convenience, a dropbox is located curbside by main entrance of Library. You may also pay online at www.montvale.org. Homestead Rebate/Credits will be applied to your May taxes. Eligible recipients will receive a revised tax bill in the next coming weeks.

Police Department

Drivers: Spring is arriving and with the nice weather we will see children playing outdoors as well as joggers, walkers and bicyclists out on our roadways and sidewalks. Remember there are numerous places where there is no sidewalk at all and the foot & bike traffic is on the edge of the roadway. Always use caution and be aware of the potential for pedestrian traffic to end up in the roadway.

We have many great selfless people in Montvale who serve the public, who volunteer their time and effort to the Borough as local volunteers. National Volunteer Week is April 23-29, 2017. Remember your local volunteers. Support or even join one of the volunteer groups or agencies such as the TriBoro Volunteer Ambulance Corps, the Montvale Fire Department, the Special Events Committee, the Office of Emergency Management team or one of the other almost limitless causes that are always in need of volunteers. They selflessly come out to help others, and in the case of the Fire Department and Triboro Ambulance Corps - at any and all hours of the day and night, 365 days a year. We at the Police Department greatly appreciate the time and effort of our volunteer emergency responder agencies and commend them for all of their great work.

The Montvale Police Department is now a permanent drop-off site for unused and expired medications and drugs as part of Project Medicine Drop. You can bring your old or unused medications/prescriptions/over-the-counter drugs and drop them into the box located off the front desk area of the Police Department - no questions asked. This is the safe way to dispose of these items, and not hurt the environment. Please do not place syringes or other "sharps" into the drop-off box.

For emergency information follow us on Twitter (Montvale Police@MontvalePD), Facebook (montvalepd) and the Borough of Montvale website.

Chief Jeremy Abrams

Mayor's Message



In times when many companies downsize, merge and leave town, KPMG decided to double down and expand right here in Montvale. We can't be any happier to extend the welcome mat to KPMG, their employees, and to their clients visiting our town. This month KPMG held their ground breaking ceremony and work is now in progress on their new building at 75 Chestnut Ridge Road.

We also held a business breakfast this month to learn from our current corporations in town on how we can help them to succeed and prosper in town. A major issue is transportation. We don't have a train that comes to town before 9:30 am and New Jersey Transit hasn't been cooperative with rearranging the schedule. Another issue is access to a meeting space and a local conference center.

The Budget Introduction will be held on March 28th with the Public Hearing on April 25th. Residents are encouraged to attend. The Council diligently analyzed and discussed spending and revenue for 2017. We will be spending close to a million dollars on road paving and maintenance. The Governing Body will be discussing the proposed replacement of a new turf for the Fieldstone Middle School soccer field.

The old pool is being transformed to a field for now and the Council will soon be deciding on what to be built or installed there. For now, however, it is going to remain a grass field maintained by the Borough.

With Spring arriving, new potholes will start to appear. Let us know so our PVDPW can get them repaired timely.

As always, please feel free to contact me at any time or stop by on the first Tuesday of every month from 4 pm-7 pm during open office hours.

Mayor Mike Ghassali

Office of Emergency Management

The Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (R.A.C.E.S.) was created by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Working in conjunction with the local Office of Emergency Management, members of R.A.C.E.S. assist with radio communications in the event of local, regional or national civil emergencies such as hurricanes, earthquakes, floods or wildfires. Twice a month the Bergen County Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (B.C.R.A.C.E.S) conducts a net to simulate a county wide communications emergency. During this net, many of the towns in Bergen County including Montvale "check-in" via amateur radio and the county keeps track of who attends.



On Wednesday, March 8th, Montvale was responsible for running the Bergen County R.A.C.E.S Net from our Emergency Operation Center at Boro Hall! This was the first time Montvale has ever done this and it shows the confidence that the County has in our OEM/R.A.C.E.S program. If you are a licensed amateur radio operator or you would like to learn more about amateur/ham radio, please send an email to: montvaleoem@montvaleboro.org

Public Works Pothole Information

No one likes them. They seem to pop up overnight. In reality, potholes are created in a number of ways. When water seeps into cracks on the road's surface and is combined with the vibration of traffic it causes the asphalt to fail. This is why there are more potholes after it rains. Potholes are also created when trucks and buses stress the roadway causing a movement of the subsurface. Once there is a weak spot, every car that travels over it worsens the problem, and eventually a section of the material will fail. The most common cause is the freeze/thaw cycle. The ice/snow melts during the day filling cracks with water. At night the water freezes and expands, popping out the asphalt.

To report a pothole, please complete an online DPW road maintenance form on our website at www.Montvale.org or call the Pascack Valley Department of Public Works @ 201 664-2346 X 1400. All municipals roads are done through the Department of Public Works. The Department of Public Works will report all potholes on county roads to the Bergen County Road Department.



Construction Department

As many residents may be aware, the issue of a tree removal ordinance has been discussed for many years. There are certainly arguments for and against such an ordinance. But in the absence of any such ordinance, my office continues to come across problems, miscommunications, and unforeseen expenses that negatively impact the property owner.

In an effort to assist property owners and eliminate these problems, my department will be requiring, effective immediately, a Tree Removal Review form to be submitted to the building department as part of the building application file. This will apply to additions, exterior alterations, decks, patios, and general site cleanup & clearing.

This review form is available online at the borough website. It is NOT a permit and there is no fee for this review. The purpose is to allow the building department to conduct a review of proposed tree removal and alert the homeowner of any additional expenses they may incur due to the removal of tree(s). The removal of large trees or a large number of small trees and the associated stumps can result in extensive soil disturbance which may trigger the need for a soil conservation permit from the county, an engineered regrading plan, a soil movement permit from the borough, or all of these. This can translate into additional costs and project delays to the property owner.



We know very well how unanticipated expenses can impact a project and this is one way we can provide assistance to the property owner and improve the lines of communication from our office. As we get into the warmer weather, we will begin to see an increase in the number of permits for exterior work. This will give us almost all of 2017 to assess the effectiveness of the review program and make any changes that may be needed. We appreciate your cooperation and feedback, good or bad. As always, please call our office if you should have any questions or

Board of Health

The Mayor's Wellness Walk, part of a Paint the Town Pink initiative in conjunction with the Board of Health would like to invite Montvale residents, their friends & our corporate neighbors on May 20, 2017 at 10:00AM to take a walk around corporate park. The walk will begin at the library entrance of Borough Hall, 12 Mercedes Drive. Hackensack UMC will have a public health nurse offering free blood pressure screenings. Those who pre-register as well as a limited amount of early in- person registrants will be eligible for a free prize. To register call Janet Russo, Board of Health Secretary, at 201 391 5700 extension 257 or email jrusso@montvaleboro.org by May 18, 2017.

April 2017 Trash & Recycling Calendar

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

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Upcoming Meetings

Mayor & Council Meetings

April 11 - 7:30pm
April 25 - 7:30pm

Planning Board Meeting

April 4 - 7:30pm
April 18 - 7:30pm

Library Board Meeting

April 27 - 7:30pm

Environmental Commission Meeting

April 17 - 7:45pm

Historic Preservation Meeting

April 6 - 8:00pm

Reminders

Mayor Ghassali has open office hours on Tuesday 4/4 from 4pm - 7pm. No appointment is necessary.

Montvale 2017 Cleanup Day!

Saturday, April 29, 2017

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

**ALL RESIDENTS YOUNG AND OLD ARE INVITED
TO HELP THE COMMUNITY GET READY FOR SPRING**



*Bergen County Clean
Communities Program*

We start with **FREE Coffee/Juice and Bagels** before you set off with a group to clean specific areas around town. **ALL RESIDENTS OF MONTVALE INVITED** to meet us at the Red Shed on Memorial Drive (near ball fields) at 9:00 am and return with garbage bags around 12:00. Gloves and garbage bags provided.

- Time counts for community service hours, forms available.

COME HAVE FUN WITH US!

This Event is being held with support from the following organizations:

- Montvale Environmental Commission
- Montvale Boy Scout Troop 334
- Montvale Cub Scout Pack 336
- Montvale Girl Scouts

For more information please contact Bob Hanrahan at:

12 Mercedes Dr. Montvale NJ
Phone: 201-286-4250

E-mail:
rhanrahan@montvaleboro.org



NEW PROGRAMS & REGISTRATION

Adult Yoga

Montvale Community Center Atrium

1 Memorial Drive

Mondays 7:30-8:30PM

April 3rd-June 5th

Resident Fee: \$80 (Only \$10/class!) Non-Resident: \$100

Registration: ONLINE: www.montvale.org/recreation

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 ten 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 at each class.

No Class: April 10th (Passover) or May 29th (Memorial Day)

Out of the Box

Creative activities for children with intellectual or developmental disabilities in Kindergarten through 4th Grade

Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:30-5:30PM

April 25th-May 18th

Montvale Community Center Atrium

1 Memorial Drive

Resident Fee: \$80 Non-Resident: \$100

Montvale Recreation welcomes children with intellectual and developmental disabilities to join a fun-filled 4-week program focused on bringing joy to each child through sensory-based activities. Twice a week, youngsters will craft art projects, participate in various creative movement activities and have a lesson or story to go along with. At the conclusion of this four-week program, students can choose to participate in a showcase of their work. A parent, guardian or aide of each child must be present at each class, but is not required to assist with activities.

Registration: Open until April 18th. Call the Montvale Recreation Director, Lisa Dent at 201-391-5700 ext. 251 to register. *Space is Limited* Residents and Non-Residents welcome.

Tennis Lessons

Bill Bess with Tennis Dynamics and Montvale Recreation are proud to bring you Spring Tennis Lessons! Please choose your level of play and register for that class accordingly.

Memorial Drive Tennis Courts

6-Week Session

Beginning on: May 8th and May 13th

Resident Fee: \$80 Non-Resident: \$120

Registration: April 3rd through May 1st *Space is Limited*

Register ONLINE: www.montvaleboro.org/recreation or at Borough Hall during operating hours.

<u>Beginner or Advanced-Beginner:</u>	<u>Intermediate:</u>
<u>Mondays</u>	<u>Mondays</u>
4:00-5:00PM Ages 5-7 and 8-11	7:00-8:00PM High School and Adult
5:00-6:00PM Ages 5-7 and 12-14	
6:00-7:00PM High School and Adults	
<u>Saturdays</u>	<u>Saturdays</u>
12:00-1:00PM High School and Adults	2:00-3:00PM Ages 8-11
1:00-2:00PM Ages 5-7 and 8-11	3:00-4:00PM Ages 12-14, High School and Adult

No class on 5/29-Memorial Day and 6/17-Day in the Park

IMPORTANT RECREATION DATES & NEWS

Day in the Park - June 17 - Memorial Drive

If you are involved in a non-profit organization, and would be interested in having a table for your organization at Montvale's Day in the Park (where you can sell items/create an activity for kids), email us at montvalerecreation@montvaleboro.org. Please include the following items in your email:

- *Name of non-profit organization
- *Your name and affiliation with the organization
- *What you would like to sell (items must be approved by the Rec Dept. so organizations do not sell the same items) and what kind of activity you would like to have at your table
- *Contact info (email and cell phone #)

Recreation Summer Camp

July 3rd – July 28th (No Camp on Tuesday, July 4th)

**Monday-Friday
9:30AM-12:30PM
Memorial Drive**

CAMPER REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN ON APRIL 4TH, 2017

Registration will be **ONLINE** this year: www.montvale.org/recreation

For those who prefer to register offline, camp forms can be printed from our website (beginning April 4th), filled-in and dropped off or mailed with payment to Borough Hall, Attn: Lisa Dent.

Checks Should Be Made Payable to: Borough of Montvale

Resident Fee: \$200 per child (family max \$650)

Non-Resident Fee: \$250 per child (family max \$800)

Summer Camp is open to all boys and girls who will be entering Grades 1-7 in September 2017. Campers will participate in a variety of activities to include bowling, arts & crafts, inflatables, water activities, sports, contests, theme days and more! Although we do our best to keep camp open, in the event of severe inclement weather there is the possibility that we may have to close camp.

The parks on Memorial Drive will be closed to the public from 9:30AM-1:00PM during summer camp season

Please email the Recreation Director, Lisa Dent, with any questions:
MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org

ONGOING REGISTRATION

Tennis Badges

Each year residents who wish to use the courts must register to receive their new access card. Badges for the 2017 season, which runs from March 1st - December 31st, may be purchased at the Borough Hall (during normal business hours beginning) OR online: www.montvale.org/recreation
The 2017 tennis fee schedule is:

CATEGORY	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
Adult	\$30	\$60
*Student (14-18)	\$10	\$20
Family	\$50	\$100
Senior Citizen	FREE	\$10
There will be a \$10 fee for the need of a replacement badge		

*Students between the ages of 13 and 18 who are registering alone, must register as an adult
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.

30+ Basketball

This program is for men and women 30 years of age and older. This program is held on Monday evenings from 8:00-10:00PM 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 8:00-10:00PM. The program began 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.

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.

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.

April Highlights at The Library

Adult Department

April 6 – “Baby Boomer’s Social Media Guide” at 7:00p.m. An easy, fun, and interactive explanation of eight social media sites – Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube, Twitter, MeetUp, SnapChat, WhatsApp and Pinterest. Register now.

Children's Department

April 20 – “Art Club” for grades two and up meets at 4:30p.m. In person registration required.

April 27 – “Chemistry in the Kitchen” for first grade and up at 4:00p.m. In person registration required.



Library News

Coming soon: thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Montvale Library, the Library will offer a pass to the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum.

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.

Enjoy a delicious meal and support the Friends of the Library fundraiser. "Dining for Dollars" is back at Davey's Irish Pub & Restaurant on Monday, April 3 (lunch & dinner); Tuesday, April 4 (lunch only); and Thursday, April 6 (lunch & dinner). Davey's will donate 15% of your bill to the Friends of the Montvale Library. Donation coupons, which much be presented before you pay your bill, are available at the Library or may be downloaded at <http://montvale.bccls.org/diningfordollars.htm>. This fundraiser supports the Library's subscription to Book Page.

Tri-Boro Food Pantry

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

- Jelly
- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Soap
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper

PLEASE CHECK
EXPIRATION DATES ON
ITEMS. THANK YOU!





3 DAYS - 2 NIGHTS - 5/8/2017 - 5/10/2017 - \$395.00 per person based on double occupancy

For more information and reservations, contact: Rosemarie Kelly at (201) 391-8718.

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

2 Nights lodging

2 Breakfasts

Dinner at the La Forge Restaurant

Newport Harbor Cruise

Historic Tour of Newport

Tours of: The Breakers, Marble House, Touro Synagogue

Tour and wine tasting at local vineyard

Newport Grand Slots

Brick Marketplace

Olde Mistick Village

Souvenir gift

Luggage handling

All taxes and meal gratuities

Motorcoach transportation

The sample itinerary described below is approximately like the itinerary your group will be following during your stay with WHITE STAR TOURS. However, the exact times, days, and destinations may vary for your group.

Day 1 - Depart from your hometown and travel to Rhode Island, stopping for a rest break and lunch on your own at Olde Mistick Village. Arrive in early afternoon in the Newport area and enjoy a guided tour of historic Newport. Check into your lodging for the next two nights. Dinner is on your own this evening at Applebee's, located at your lodging.

Day 2 - Breakfast at your lodging, then board your bus and depart for a day in Newport. Visit the Touro Synagogue (the oldest synagogue building still standing in the United States). Board a cruise boat and depart for a cruise on the harbor. See Newport at its picture-perfect best as your narrator gives you close-up views of the lighthouses, America's Cup yachts, grand estates and much more. Lunch is on your own at Brick Marketplace, with time to browse the shops. Continue this afternoon to a local vineyard for a tour, followed by wine tasting. Prepare for your evening, then depart for dinner at the popular La Forge Restaurant, located on the grounds of the International Tennis Hall of Fame. After dinner, depart for the nearby Newport Grand Slots for some gaming fun. Return to the motel afterward for a restful night.

Day 3 - Breakfast at your lodging, then check out and depart for audio tours of two of Newport's magnificent mansions. "The Breakers" is the grandest of Newport's summer "cottages," and a symbol of the Vanderbilt family's social and financial preeminence in turn-of-the-century America. "Marble House" was built between 1888 and 1892 and was inspired by the Petit Trianon at Versailles. After your visits, enjoy lunch on your own in the area and depart for home - taking with you wonderful memories of your vacation in the timeless elegance of Newport.

Cancellation insurance information available at www.Montvale.org

Join the MONTVALE SENIOR CLUB
Wednesday, April 19th, 2017

for

A Guided Tour of the Culinary Institute of America

A Guided Tour of the Franklin D. Roosevelt
National Historic Site

A Three Course Lunch at American Bounty
Restaurant

(entrée selection is pan-roasted sea bass)

\$79.00 members. \$89.00 non-members.

Bus departs from Senior Center at 8:00 a.m.

Departs from Hyde Park at 4:00 p.m.

For information, contact Marie Dineen at 201-391-1831 or
mdineen118@aol.com. Checks only to Montvale Sr. Club.



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Montvale Street Fair Sunday June 11th!



Sunday June 11th
Paragon Drive
Montvale

The Montvale Chamber of Commerce Wegmans Market Street Fair

"Be a Part of an Amazing Community Event that attracts
People from all over the Region"

Sponsorships range from \$1,250 - \$10,000a sponsorship for every level!

For more information visit our web-site at www.MontvaleChamber.com

Over 125 People Attend Chambers January Business Kick-Off



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Spring Membership Drive: Join the Chamber!
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