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Memorial Day Parade - May 29th



Memorial Day Parade - May 29

Resident Jim Donovan has been named the 2017 Parade Grand Marshal by Commander Joseph Collery. (left to right). Dick Bozzone, a past Commander and James Miller, Parade Co-Chairmen are pictured with Jim Donovan. The Cpl. Jedh C. Barker American Legion Post 153, Park Ridge, is again sponsoring the annual Tri-Boro Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29th. Prior to the parade, there will be memorial services in each of the three towns at 9:00 AM. The parade will begin at 10:30 AM, rain or shine, leading off in Montvale, Memorial Drive, transit Park Ridge and terminate in Woodcliff Lake. (This is a permanent change from previous years alternating the starting point; Memorial Drive is a much safer location for assembly.) Jim Donovan is a past Commander of Post 153 who served during the Vietnam War as a Boatswain's Mate First Class with the United States Navy.

Mayor's Message



I want to share the same information I have with you while everyone is contemplating the changes to our masterplan. When people react to wrong and incomplete information, and petition based completely on wrong fundamentals, it wastes everyone's time. I wish we didn't have to deal with this, like everyone, I wish they would just go away and leave us alone. But that's not going to happen and it is what we have to deal with. This is a mandate by the State Supreme Court and every town has the same issues. The two assembly bills by Assemblywoman Holly Schepisi are good will effort and I commend her for taking the initiative. We already passed a resolution in support of both bills. I wish I can say I am optimistic but knowing the landscape, I am not and this is shared by the majority of leaders and professionals I spoke with.

We are going to be hiring a professional marketing person to help us market Montvale. We are looking to purchase one or more parcels of land and we have our Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Committee actively working to find new corporations to move in.

All of the Borough officials are working as hard as possible to maintain the character of our town, while we diligently attempt to meet the court's demands and provide our fair share constitutionally-required affordable housing. With that said, we, along with our professionals and the Court-Appointed Master, have brainstormed, investigated and evaluated the various options that are available to us.

As a practical matter, we can't buy out vacant buildings and leave them as open space, with a price tag for the current four vacant corporate buildings over \$55 million. In addition, a loss of \$2 million a year in tax revenue would have a huge negative impact on our property taxes. Not only that, buying up vacant land won't decrease our affordable housing obligations by a single unit. If anything, it would signal to the Court that the Borough is trying to artificially reduce its obligations, and we will instantly become a target for developers and Fair Share Housing Center.

It also would not be advisable to ignore our obligation in the short-term, drag out the process and let the Courts decide on how many units to assign to Montvale. In that scenario, the uncertainty surrounding Montvale's obligation would remain, and we would face the possibility of a higher obligation than we might otherwise be able to settle for now with Fair Share Housing Center and the Court. This advice was provided to us directly by the Court Appointed Master.

Refusing to address the issue and challenging the entire process in Court will be expensive, fraught with uncertainty, and, looking at recent history, ultimately unsuccessful. We would almost immediately lose our current immunity from builder's remedy lawsuits. In the end, we would likely lose all control over our local zoning and end up with a Court-Appointed Master approving all zoning amendments and approvals in Montvale. That would mean that one individual could control the type, location, density, and all other aspects of all development in Montvale.

So, as you see, we have limited options and the best option is for us to be proactive and plan our own town the way that is best for us. We have four vacant buildings that the Master has identified as candidates for redevelopment. Redevelopment of some combination of the Mercedes buildings, A&P, Mack-Cali and Sony could potentially satisfy 75% of our affordable housing obligations, while adding about 600 residential units in a mix of condos, town houses and high-end apartments. We also have a rezoning planned for 110 Summit to permit the development of an assisted living facility that will also help satisfy our obligation, as well as a few other smaller projects that we expect will yield additional COAH credits. Our school officials have assured us that they have room to grow and can take on more students, although the developments being discussed should not add a significant number of school-aged children.

It is our hope that with your input and support, we can guide the development process to preserve the best parts of the Borough's corporate zones while satisfying our constitutional affordable housing obligations. As always, I will make myself available to any resident who wishes to discuss these matters in more detail.

Police Department

Hello Montvale,

It is our intention to keep the public as informed as possible, particularly in emergency situations. We utilize Facebook (montvalepd), Twitter (@MontvalePD), and the Swift911 service. If you are not signed up for Swift911, go to Montvale.org website and the swift 911 sign-up tab is on the lower left part of the screen or go directly to www.bcoem.org to sign up. At the bottom of the page there is a registration button to sign up for local and countywide emergency alerts. You can receive the messages by email, text or phone calls.

Another ongoing challenge in policing suburban communities is dealing with vehicles exceeding the speed limit, especially in residential neighborhoods. I frequently receive complaints about "speeders" on streets all over town. Some of the streets that are more prone to problems than others include North Ave., Magnolia Ave., Woodland Rd., Bayberry Dr., Spring Valley Rd., Akers Ave., Terkuile Rd., Hilton Pl., Sunrise Dr., and Main St. When we target an area with extra radar patrols it becomes apparent that the majority of the speed violators are not transient motorists, but Montvale residents and Montvale corporate residents. If you are reading this then you probably drive those roads. Some of these streets are in school zones. Speeding in an area where children are likely to be walking/biking/playing is simply irresponsible. Please be courteous of your neighbors and obey the posted speed limits.

May is Bicycle Safety Month.

As a reminder, in New Jersey, anyone under 17 years of age that rides a bicycle or is a passenger on a bicycle, or is towed as a passenger by a bicycle must wear a safety helmet. The law includes roller skates, in line skates and skateboards.

In New Jersey, the law states a bicyclist must obey all state and local automobile driving laws. A parent may be held responsible for the child's violation of any traffic law.

Make sure that the bicycle is properly maintained and fitted for the rider. Be extra vigilant with tire pressure, seat height, and brakes.

There are some excellent web sites for information about bicycle safety. Visit safekids.org, kidshealth.org, ibike.org and nhtsa.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/bike/kidsandbikesafetyweb.

Stay safe,

Chief Abrams



Office of Emergency Management

Montvale OEM Volunteer Opportunities

Do you want to help out your community? Well, Montvale OEM needs YOU! Montvale OEM is currently recruiting for volunteers in two areas:

Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T)

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact our area. CERT trains residents in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and basic first aid. CERT training prepares you to take care of your family, your neighbors, and then the community. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members may be utilized to assist others in Montvale following an emergency such as storms, fires, power outages, water main breaks, etc. If you are interested in learning more about CERT, please send an email to: montvaleoem@montvaleboro.org

Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (R.A.C.E.S.)

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. If you are a licensed amateur radio operator or would like to learn more about amateur/ham radio, please send an email to: montvaleoem@montvaleboro.org

Also, as a reminder, Montvale OEM is on Facebook & Twitter. Please follow the links below and don't forget to click "Like" for Facebook and "Follow" for Twitter.

https://www.facebook.com/montvalenjoem/ https://twitter.com/montvalenjoem



The Hills/Valley Community Coalition would like to invite you and your teen to a dynamic parent/teen education program Wednesday, May 3, 6-9pm to be held at Pascack Valley High School. Our program features keynote speaker/author, Dr. Kevin Sabet, "The Alarming Truth About Marijuana: What Everyone Needs to Know." Doors will open at 6pm prior to the keynote with a Mental Health Resource Fair. Community members are encouraged to join us for the meet and greet, to browse the resources, pick up literature and have their questions answered by Bergen County Mental Health professionals as well as our Hills Valley Coalition Members.

Dr. Kevin Sabet, is author of Reefer Sanity: Seven Great Myths About Marijuana, and is a leading expert in the nation informing audiences across America about today's marijuana and its impact on our youth. He is often in the spotlight hosting seminars, conferences, consulting and speaking all over the country as a respected researcher and educator on marijuana. Dr. Sabet's presentation is based on sound science, medicine, practical experience and a passion to teach the truth about marijuana. The alarming growth of marijuana use among teens has led us to highlight this program as a must see among parents and teens.

The Hills Valley Coalition is an alliance of community members, working to promote a stigma-free and substance-free environment for the families of Hillsdale, Montvale, River Vale and Woodcliff Lake. Our organization is comprised of school officials, municipal leaders, law enforcement officers, business leaders, health providers, health providers, faith based leaders and residents networking for a common purpose. We hope you can join us for this important event.

The Hills Valley Coalition Proudly Presents:

The Alarming Truth About Marijuana What Everyone Needs To Kr

What Everyone Needs To Know

May 3 - Pascack Valley High School

6:00 PM

Montal Bealth Resource Fair

Over 40 Local Resources Will Be Represented

7:00 PM

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Kevin Sabet

Author of Reefer Sanity: Seven Great Myths About Marijuana

Dr. Kavin Saliet has studied marijuana extensively for twenty years and is one of the leading experts in the nation informing audiences across America about today's marijuana. He is the Director of the Drug Policy Institute at the University of Florida and an Assistant Professor in the College of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry. Dr. Sabet's research and discussions are based on sound science, medicine, practical experience and a passion to teach the truth about marijuana.

- Marijuana and the epidemio of teen use
- Marijuana and its effects on your physical and mental health
- Marijuana and toxio levels of THC
- Marijuana's short term and long term effects on memory and behavior
- Marijuana and the law
- Marijuana and driving under the influence

"The Alarming Truth About Marijuana," demonstrates the need for families, schools, mental health professionals and communities to work together to address the epidemic of teen marijuana use. Understand how this drug intensifies the symptoms of anxiety, depression, long-term health risks and other issues.

Register for this event and receive HVO information at: www.hillsvalleyocalition.org



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.

May 2017 Trash & Recycling Calendar



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Upcoming Meetings

Mayor & Council Meetings

May 9 - 7:30pm May 30 - 7:30pm

Planning Board Meeting

May 2 - 7:30pm May 16 - 7:30pm

Library Board Meeting

May 25 - 7:30pm

Environmental Commission Meeting

May 15 - 7:45pm

Board of Health Meeting

May 1 - 7:45pm

Reminders

Mayor Ghassali has open office hours on Tuesday 5/2 from 4pm - 7pm. No appointment is necessary.

Borough offices will be closed on Monday 5/29 for Memorial Day.

Spring Programs

Adult Yoga

Montvale Community Center Atrium

1 Memorial Drive Mondays 7:30-8:30PM May 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: May 10th (Passover) or May 29th (Memorial Day)

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

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

Beginner or Advanced-Beginner:	Intermediate:		
<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*

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.

IMPORTANT RECREATION DATES & News

Day in the Park - June 17 - Memorial Drive

Montvale Recreation is seeking adult and/or high school volunteers for Day in the Park 2017! Volunteer or service hours can be accounted for if needed. Please consider giving back to your community by supporting this fun family tradition of over 40 years now. The Special Events Committee takes pride in the planning, preparation and execution of this event which is only possible through the time put in by many resident volunteers. Please email or call the Montvale Recreation Director, Lisa Dent at 201-391-5700 ext 251 or MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org to volunteer.

Any non-profit groups who would like to be involved in this event can also contact Lisa Dent before May 22nd.

Recreation Summer Camp

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

Monday-Friday

9:30AM-12:30PM

Memorial Drive

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 May 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

Special Events Committee

The Special Events Committee put on a wonderful Egg Coloring on April 1st. The event was successful in that all who attended thoroughly enjoyed dying their eggs, entering into the coloring contest (winners are now on displayed on the Montvale Recreation Facebook page), having an impromptu dance party with our Bunny and competing in the Egg Carrying Race to win basket prizes. The event would not have been possible without the hard work of the Special Events Committee, all our volunteers for the day, the local Boy Scout Troop #334 who filled the goody bags for each child who attended and Wegmans who donated the egg dye, vinegar and water for the whole event!

The committee is also busy continuing to plan for Day in the Park on June 17th.

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

Memorial School Gymnasium

Mondays 8:00PM-10:00PM

September – May

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

Registration: Attend a class to register

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.

18+ Competitive Basketball

Fieldstone School Gymnasium

Wednesdays 8:00PM-10:00PM

Continues through May

Resident Fee: \$50 Non-Resident: \$75 Registration: Attend a class to register

Residents 18 years of age and older can participate in this competitive style pick-up game format.

Adult Volleyball

Memorial School Gymnasium

Tuesdays 8:00PM-10:00PM

Continues through May

Residents: \$50 Non-Residents: \$75 Registration: Attend a class to register

This program is for men and women 18 years of age and older.

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.

May Highlights at The Library

Adult Department

May 11

"Raising Super Healthy Families" at 7:00p.m. This talk will educate parents on strategies to become healthier and live a longer and stronger life. Attendees will learn how to support the body's natural IT system, healthy aging and longevity throughout every stage of their lives and the lives of their families.

May 31 through June 28

"Watercolor Workshop" Wednesdays at 7:00p.m. Limited class size; IN PERSON registration required. \$25 non-refundable (cash only) fee due at time of registration. Supplies list will be handed out.



Children's Department

May 18

"Art Club" for grades two and up meets at 4:30p.m. IN PERSON registration required.

May 25

"Chemistry in the Kitchen" for first grade and up at 4:00p.m. IN PERSON registration required.

May 31

"Night Time Story Hour" at 6:30p.m. for ages 3 and up. IN PERSON registration required.

Library News

Now available: thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Montvale Library, the Library offers a pass to the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum. Check the Library's web site for full details.

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.

Tri-Boro Food Pantry

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

- Canned fruit
- Pasta
- Glass cleaner
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels

PLEASE CHECK EXPIRATION DATES ON ITEMS. THANK YOU!



Join the Montvale Senior Club At Doolan's Shore Club Spring Lake, NJ

June 13, 2017
For a Happy Day Under the Rock and Roll Boardwalk.



Come and celebrate the music of the greatest Beach Party artists of all time

\$69 Club Members

\$79 Non Members

Includes
Transportation – Lunch – Entertainment

For reservations, contact Marie Dineen-201-391-1831

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Sunday June 11th Paragon Drive Montvale

"Be a Part of an Amazing Community Event that attracts

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

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

Over 125 People Attend Chambers January Business Kick-Off



Photo courtesy of JAS Photo. Pictured from L to R: Dr. Richard Barakat, Linda Mitchell, Scott Forman, Mike Marusic, Doug Albregts, Doris Sutich, Paul Jordan, Todd Ferrera, Tom Hartel Tom Davey. Steve Fox



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Spring Membership Drive: Join the Chamber! www.MontvaleChamber.com