



## The Borough of

# Montvale

The Official Newsletter of The Borough of Montvale

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### Chamber of Commerce Donation



*Pictured from left to right: Council President Rose Curry, Chamber of Commerce Co-Presidents Steve Fox and Scott Forman, Treasurer Doris Sutich, Mayor Mike Ghassali*

The Borough of Montvale received a Check for \$18,200 from the Montvale Chamber of Commerce for the new digital sign which will replace the Town Board Sign on Memorial Drive. Thank you to the Montvale Chamber of Commerce for their very generous donation of the new Digital Sign, and for their community-minded spirit.

### Property Tax Information

Property taxes are due November 1st, 2017. In observance of Veterans Day, administration offices will be closed, Friday, November 10th, therefore the last day to pay taxes will be on Monday, November 13th. Payments received after November 13th will accrue interest which will revert back to November 1. For your convenience, a drop box is located curbside by main entrance of Library or you may pay online at [www.montvale.org](http://www.montvale.org)



## Montvale Police Department

**Traffic:** When the Wegmans store opened we had a large contingent of officers working to keep traffic moving. Our officers did a great job on opening day, keeping backups to a minimum. The improvement made to the roadways between Chestnut Ridge Rd and Pascack Hills HS have handled the shopping area traffic with ease. We are still working with Bergen County engineers on the timing of the light at Grand Ave. and Spring Valley Rd., but I anticipate that to be sorted out soon.

**Spring Valley Rd and Summit Ave -** We are waiting for the utility companies to move their wires from the old utility poles to the new ones at the intersection. Traffic will flow much better once that project is complete.

Holiday Season is almost on us.

**Holiday Season Safety reminders:** Be smart and safe while shopping at the malls. Avoid going alone. Park under street lights at night. Park as close to the entrance as you can. Have your keys ready before you get to your car. Lock the door as soon as you get in – even before you start the engine. Inside the stores, do not “flash” your cash. Give only the ID and credit card needed for the purchase. Make sure you are not being followed – especially after making an expensive purchase. If you feel unsafe, ask security to walk you to your car. Carry a loud whistle. Protect yourself.

**Holiday Season Safety reminder #2:** The Holiday Season also brings holiday parties and holiday celebrations that “holiday cheer” may be served at. Don’t ruin your holiday season by getting arrested for D.W.I. or worse – by crashing into someone and injuring or killing them. Get a designated driver. Call friends or family for a ride. Call a car service, limo service, Uber, or a taxi (there are several taxi companies in the area). Just don’t drink and drive. MPD will have increased DWI patrol and roadblocks during from late November until after the New Year as part of a national campaign against drunk driving. Enjoy your holidays responsibly.

**Scams –** As usual there are some despicable individuals looking to take advantage of others misfortune and make a profit by scamming well-meaning citizens out of charitable donations. This time in connection with the recent hurricanes. When you make donations take the time to check and see if your money is going to a real and reputable charitable organization. Visit [charitynavigator.org](http://charitynavigator.org), [give.org](http://give.org), [charitywatch.org](http://charitywatch.org) or other reputable charity evaluation sites before donating.

Stay safe.

Chief Jeremy Abrams

## Mayor’s Message

Fall activities and winter preparations are in full swing for all of us now that we are in November. Our DPW’s equipment and contractors’ plans are being reviewed and prepared for what may be a heavy snow winter season as predicted by some experts. The road improvements and the paving program should all conclude by end of October. Most of the intersection work on Grand Avenue/Spring Valley Road, and Summit Avenue/Spring Valley Road should be coming to an end.

The Wegman’s grand opening on September 24th was a success by all accounts. About 20,000 people shopped at Wegman’s and went home safely. All the traffic and parking plans worked perfectly even with an unrelated gas leak on Grand Avenue on the Park Ridge side. A big shout out to our Police Department, Fire Department and Tri-Boro Ambulance for the planning and the work they did weeks before and on opening day.

At the time of writing this article, we are in the midst of litigation on several fronts as it relates to affordable housing, and not much that can be shared during this transitional time.

Our new Snow Angel program is available to seniors who may need an extra hand during the snow season. High School students will be volunteering in snow clearing. Please let me know if you would like assistance.

Wish everyone a good fall season as you are preparing for the upcoming holidays, and as always don’t hesitate to reach out should you need anything from me.

Mayor Mike Ghassali

## November 2017 Trash & Recycling Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
30 East Zone Trash Pickup	31 Central Zone Trash Pickup	1 West Zone Trash Pickup	2 Recycling: Districts 1&2	3
6 East Zone Trash Pickup	7 Central Zone Trash Pickup	8 West Zone Trash Pickup	9 Recycling: Districts 3&4	10
13 East Zone Trash Pickup	14 Central Zone Trash Pickup	15 West Zone Trash Pickup	16 Recycling: Districts 1&2	17
20 East Zone Trash Pickup	21 Central Zone Trash Pickup	22 West Zone Trash Pickup	23	24
27 East Zone Trash Pickup	28 Central Zone Trash Pickup	29 West Zone Trash Pickup	30 Recycling: Districts 1&2	1
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### Contact Information

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### Montvale Officials

#### Administration

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### Upcoming Meetings

#### Mayor & Council Meetings

November 14 - 7:30pm  
November 28 - 7:30pm

#### Planning Board Meeting

November 21 - 7:30pm

#### Library Board Meeting

November 16 - 7:30pm

#### Environmental Commission Meeting

November 20 - 7:45pm

#### Historic Preservation Meeting

November 7 - 8:00pm

#### Board of Health Meeting

November 6 - 7:45pm

### Reminders

**Borough offices will be closed for holidays on the following dates:**

- 11/10 - Veterans Day (observed)
- 11/23 & 11/24 - Thanksgiving



# RECREATION

## 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, the Egg Coloring 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](mailto:MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org) for more information.

## Montvale's 1st Annual Holiday House Decorating Contest

Turn your house into a winter wonderland of lights, decorations and holiday spirit! This is a free contest meant to be a fun way to celebrate the holiday season! Register today for your chance to claim bragging rights as Montvale's first winner in this inaugural year of the contest! Judges will be looking at registered houses between December 12th and 14th between the hours of 6PM and 8PM so please make sure your lights are on and decorations are out during these dates and times! There are 3 categories that houses can place in: Best Use of Lights, Best Theme and Best Neighborhood! Best Neighborhood will be awarded to the street with the most amount of registered and participating houses. Go to [Montvale.org/Recreation](http://Montvale.org/Recreation) then click the register tab and House Decorating to register today!

## 17th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting and Gift Giving

The Montvale Special Events Committee will be hosting its 17th Annual Holiday Lighting and Gift Giving Ceremony on Memorial. The event will take place on Friday, December 1st at 7:00 PM. We would like to invite the Borough's residents to enjoy the holiday spirit with free hot cocoa and candy canes. Come enjoy the sounds of the Montvale's own Memorial Elementary School and Fieldstone Middle school choirs, with friends and neighbors.

As in the past, we will also be collecting money to donate toward the Tri-Boro Family Care Fund. Monies collected will assist residents of Montvale who are financially struggling and are in need of assistance. If you would like to donate, but are unable to make the event, please send your donations to the: Montvale Recreation Department, 12 Mercedes Drive, Montvale, NJ 07645.

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. 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.

## Recreation Looking to Fill Supervisory Position

Recreation is looking to fill a supervisory position for our Spring Outdoor Adult Basketball League. Applicants must be responsible and have the ability to commit to one evening a week during this sport's session which runs March through June. A supervisor can participate in the basketball league but would additionally be responsible for collecting registrations, keeping an attendance log and managing the code of conduct within the league. All applicants must be able to pass a background check. Please contact Lisa Dent at 201-391-5700 ext. 251 for further details or to apply.

# RECREATION PROGRAMS

## Monday Yoga

Montvale Community Center Atrium  
1 Memorial Drive  
Mondays 7:30-8:30PM  
January 22nd – March 19th  
Resident Fee: \$80 (Only \$10/class!) Non-Resident: \$100  
Registration: ONLINE: [www.montvale.org/recreation](http://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 online or at each class.

## Friday Yoga

Montvale Community Center Atrium  
1 Memorial Drive  
Fridays 9:30-10:30AM  
January 26th – March 16th  
Resident Fee: \$80 (Only \$10/class!) Non-Resident: \$100  
Registration: ONLINE: [www.montvale.org/recreation](http://www.montvale.org/recreation)

Begin the weekend 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 online or at each class.

## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Memorial School Gymnasium  
Tuesdays 7:00–8:00PM  
January 9th – March 6th (March 13th makeup if needed)  
Resident Fee: \$80 Non-Resident Fee: \$100

This eight-week program will be offered to girls in grades 5 through 8 who will learn to improve their volleyball skills through the instruction of Chris Moran.

## 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.

## ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Memorial School Gymnasium

Tuesdays 8:00-10:00PM

January 9th – May 22nd

Resident Fee: \$50 Non-Resident Fee: \$75

Registration: Online or In-Person at Any Class

This program is for men and women 18 years of age and older. Volleyballs are provided to play pickup style games each week for those who attend.

## 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 at any point Sept - May

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.

30+ Basketball will not meet on the following dates: November 27th , December 25th, January 1st, January 15th , February 19th, March 26th, April 2nd, May 28th

## 18+ COMPETITIVE BASKETBALL

Fieldstone School Gymnasium

Wednesdays 8:00PM-10:00PM

January 3rd - May 30th

Resident Fee: \$50 Non-Resident: \$75

Registration: Attend a class to register

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

18+ Basketball will not meet on the following date: April 4th

## 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.

## SENIOR PICKLEBALL LEAGUE

Memorial Drive Tennis Courts

Day and Time TBA. Please contact the Recreation Dept. if you would like to join.

Are you a part of the Montvale Seniors Club? Join today for just \$10 a year and take advantage of the many programs offered such as this pickleball league! Pickleball is played by teams of 2 or 4 and combines many elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong.

## TENNIS COURT 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](http://www.montvale.org/recreation)

### The 2017 tennis fee schedule is:

<u>Residents</u>		<u>Non-Residents</u>	
Adult	\$30.00	Adult	\$60.00
Child/*Student	\$10.00	Child/*Student	\$20.00
Household Maximum	\$50.00	Household Maximum	\$100.00
Senior Citizens (62 & Over)	FREE	Senior Citizens (62 & Over)	\$10.00

\*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.

## Montvale Senior Club

The members of the Montvale Senior Club are enjoying a new activity at the Community Center. We have added Pickleball to our activities. Pickleball is a paddle sport created for all ages and skill levels. The rules are simple and the game is easy for beginners to learn. It can quickly develop into a fast-paced competitive game for experienced players. Come and try it.

Our club is open to those 55 and over and a resident or past resident of Montvale. Our Senior club meets at our Community center located at One Memorial Drive. We are looking for new members and would like to meet you. Our Business meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 12 noon; our Social meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at noon. Our renovated center is located at One Memorial Drive and our annual dues are only \$10.00 per year. We offer opportunities to socialize with new friends and renew old acquaintances. In addition, our club boasts a wide array of activities, trips, elegant lunches, card games, canasta, mahjong, board games, book discussion club and bocce games and tournaments. Our bocce court is new this year. The court is open and games are played Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 to noon. This activity has become very popular. We also conduct chair exercises which are very well received and offer a well-appointed exercise room. Our HUMC nurse is available for a "Health & Wellness" program. Our members receive a detailed monthly calendar describing all events and activities.

In November we are entertained with a Harvest Luncheon by our Montvale Police Department and our members look forward to this annual event.

Do you have an idea, passion or interest in trying something new? Let us know and possibly we can create a new activity, class or discussion group. We are also fortunate to have the skills of two trip planners for day trips and overnight excursions. We serve refreshments at our meetings for a nominal fee of \$2.00. A committee member attends a monthly meeting at the Bergen County Senior Citizens Coordinating Council, and reports back with any proposals or agendas that affect seniors of Bergen County. Moreover, we have interesting speakers and entertainment at many of our meetings. Come and attend a Business meeting on the first Thursday of the month; bring a friend if you like. We look forward to meeting you.

## November Highlights at The Library

### Children's Department

**November 13** – “Lego Workshop” for first grade and up. *In-person registration required.*

**November 18** – “Saturday Afternoon Movie” for ages 4 and older.

**November 21** – “Thanksgiving Craft” for ages 4 and older. *In-person registration required.*

**November 29** – “Night Time Story Hour” for ages 3 and older. *In-person registration required.*

### Library News

“Dining for Dollars” returns to Davey’s Irish Pub and Restaurant on Monday, November 6; Tuesday, November 7; and Thursday, November 9. This twice-a-year fundraiser benefits the Friends of the Montvale Library. Pick up the special 15% donation coupons at the Library. They are also available on the Library’s web site at [montvalelibrarynj.org](http://montvalelibrarynj.org).

The Library will be closed on Friday, December 1. Staff members will be moving books, shifting shelves, and doing all sorts of noisy and dusty projects.

For additional information about these or any other Library programs and services, check the Library’s web site at [montvalelibrarynj.org](http://montvalelibrarynj.org), call the Library at 201-391-5090, or stop by and visit us.

## Tri-Boro Food Pantry

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

- Soups
- Canned Fruit
- Pasta Sauce
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper



PLEASE CHECK EXPIRATION DATES ON ITEMS. - THANK YOU!



## CO-PRESIDENTS

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## The Montvale Chamber of Commerce

### Chamber Donates Money for New Electronic Community Sign

Montvale Chamber Of Commerce Donates \$18,200 To Borough For  
New Electronic Community Sign At Grand Ave & Memorial Drive



Pictured from L to R:  
Councilwoman Rose Curry,  
Chamber Co-Presidents Steve Fox  
& Scott Forman,  
Treasurer Doris Sutich,  
Mayor Mike Ghassali

*Coming Soon:* Montvale Chamber of Commerce's New Web-Site



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**Join the Chamber! [www.MontvaleChamber.com](http://www.MontvaleChamber.com)**

# MONTVALE MILESTONES

Come join this volunteer-run playgroup designed for children ages five and under to meet new friends in the community! This is a great opportunity for parents and caregivers to meet each other and form friendships before their children go to kindergarten.

Please join us for weekly playgroups and outings. Location of the Montvale Milestone group will change weekly. Children will participate in crafts and other age appropriate activities during the playgroup time. Special trips and guest presentations will also be planned throughout the year!

If you are interested in joining this group or getting more information, please email [MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org](mailto:MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org)



## Montvale Chamber of Commerce

Networking Event



Hearth & Tap

125 N. Kinderkamack Road, Montvale

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

5:30 – 7:30

Come meet other business professionals and enjoy  
appetizers and a free glass of wine or beer

Members  
Non-Members

\$10

Look forward to seeing you there!

Register at [www.MontvaleChamber.com](http://www.MontvaleChamber.com)  
by October 27<sup>th</sup>

If you have any additional questions, please contact us at  
[info@MontvaleChamber.com](mailto:info@MontvaleChamber.com) or call Amy DeBellis at 201.505.8286