



The Borough of Montvale

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A look at the Community, including upcoming events, important notices, meetings, and more.



Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

Santa has informed us that he will be back returning this year and make his annual visit to Montvale on Christmas Eve. Starting at 6 PM, he will be escorted by the Fire Department starting on North Kinderkamack Road to the center of town where he will visit all the children there. Please check the Montvale FD Facebook page for updated information.

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the Turnpike Authority to conduct a traffic study. The Pascack Valley looks drastically different today than it did 40 years ago. Many large commercial properties have redeveloped into housing, farms have largely vacated the area, and residential growth has been significant due to three decades of Mount Laurel obligations. Safety considerations exist now which did not exist at that time. Moreover, we do know that many people do in fact make illegal right turns at this intersection, or make dangerous U-turns after turning left, in order to proceed eastbound on Glen Road.

The turn restriction results in significant additional miles driven by thousands of residents on a daily basis which adds to both vehicle emissions and degradation of

The Mayor's Corner

We are working diligently with the county and the Turnpike Authority on evaluating the right turn option at exit 171. Residents of Woodcliff Lake and parts of Park Ridge continue to use exit 172 and bring additional traffic to our town. We are trying to make the case to

roadways in the area. For example, a resident of Woodcliff Lake who lives at the intersection of Clairmont Drive and Glen Road would have to drive a minimum of 2.5 miles from Exist 171 if they proceed southbound on Chestnut Ridge Road to drive home, or more than 4 miles if they proceed northbound on Chestnut Ridge Road. The driving distance if they were able to turn right at the exit would be a few hundred feet.



As the holiday season approaches, our town is filled with warmth, joy, and a spirit of togetherness. The streets are adorned with festive lights, and our community is buzzing with excitement as we come together to celebrate. Despite any challenges the year may have brought, our town stands strong—resilient and united. We have faced the ups and downs, but through it all, we've supported each other, strengthening the bonds that make our community truly special.

This holiday season, let's take a moment to reflect on the strength of our town and the power of unity. Here's to a season of joy, peace, and continued growth for our town in the year ahead. Happy Holidays!

Holiday Schedule

The Borough of Montvale offices will be closing on Tuesday, December 24th at 12:00pm and closed on Wednesday, December 25th for Christmas Day. Curbside garbage pick-up scheduled for Wednesday, December 25th and January 1st, will be collected on Tuesday, December 24th and December 31st. We wish everyone a Healthy and Joyous Holiday Season!

Environmental

Earlier this year the Borough of Montvale released their first Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI). The Montvale Environmental Commission has been working on this effort for over a decade and now with the help of The Land Conservancy of New Jersey the document has been finalized and adopted as part of Montvale's Master Plan.

An ERI is a formal document which describes the natural and cultural resources in a given locality. Natural resources include, for example, wooded areas, surface and ground waters, and wildlife habitat. Cultural resources include historic, scenic and recreational sites within a community. The Montvale ERI is over 100 pages long and includes 14 Maps which show the location and extent of the existing resources. The ERI also includes 20 tables with data that provides additional detail about features such as water and air quality, and types of soil and rock formations found in Montvale.

An ERI is a tool used as a foundation for local decision-making. Its information is used by planners and local officials to craft public policy and make land use decisions that align with their community's priorities. In addition, this ERI is a wonderful tool which can be used by our local schools for reference information, incorporated into classroom work and research projects.

Please take a look through this public document downloadable from the Borough of Montvale's Environmental Commissions landing page found HERE: <https://www.montvale.org/boards/environmental> See the ERI link on the right side of their page.



Approved by the Montvale
Planning Board on
May 7, 2024



Property Maintenance

To all residents this is a friendly reminder of what is required from you for all residents to be safe when venturing out during the winter months around our beautiful town. You are required to maintain the sidewalks in front of your home § 347-26 Removal of snow and ice. [Amended 4-9-1996 by Ord. No. 96-1021] A. The owner or owners, tenant or tenants of land abutting or bordering upon the sidewalks and gutters of the public streets, avenues, and highways within the limits of the Borough of Montvale shall remove all snow and ice from the same within 24 hours of daylight after the same shall have formed or fallen thereon. [Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II)] B. No person shall sweep, shovel, push, plow or throw snow or ice in or upon any public street, sidewalk or private property belonging to another, nor shall any person direct, permit or suffer another to so do any of the foregoing from any property owned, occupied, used or leased by such person.

Please try and abide by the law and keep your sidewalks clear from ice and snow. Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season!

Tri-Boro Food Pantry

The Tri Boro Food Pantry is very grateful for any unexpired donations especially the following items:

Canned Soup | Oatmeal | Tissues

The Tri Boro Food Pantry is located in the back of the Pascack Reformed Church, 65 Pascack Road, Park Ridge. A drop off bin is also located outside the doors of the library under the stairwell at Montvale Borough Hall, 12 DePiero Drive. Thank you for all of your generous support to the Tri Boro Food Pantry throughout the year. Best wishes for your family for 2025!

Curbside Collection

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 East Zone Trash Pickup	3 Central Zone Trash Pickup	4 West Zone Trash Pickup	5 Recycling: Districts 1&2	6 Leaf Pickup
9 East Zone Trash Pickup	10 Central Zone Trash Pickup	11 West Zone Trash Pickup	12 Recycling: Districts 3&4	13 Leaf Pickup
16 East Zone Trash Pickup	17 Central Zone Trash Pickup	18 West Zone Trash Pickup	19 Recycling: Districts 1&2	20 Leaf Pickup
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30 East Zone Trash Pickup	31 Central Zone Trash Pickup West Zone Trash Pickup	1	2	3

Montvale Senior Club Activities

Monday

- Healthy Bones – 10:00am-11:15am HARP 551-996-2038
- Chair Exercises – 11:00am-12:00pm (video tape) Micki Keller -201-669-9935 Rani Moraine – 201-930-8950
- Mahjong – 1:30pm-3:30pm Kitty Stern – 201-802-0997

Tuesday

- Bocce/ games – (co-ed) 10:00am-12:00pm John Rotante -201-391-4194 Vinnie Alfano – 551-427-8143
- Canasta – 1:30pm-3:00pm Anne Coyman 201-391-0454
- Tai Chi – 1:30pm-2:15pm Lisa Dent -201-391-5700-ext.251

Wednesday

- Bocce (co-ed) 10:00am-12:pm John Rotante 201-391-4194 Vinnie Alfano 551-427-8143
- Yoga Exercises – 11:00am-12:00pm Micki Keller 201-669-9935 Rani Mooriani 201-930-8950
- Mexican Train/Cards 1:00pm – 3:30pm Pat Casciano 201-307-9685 Lucille Borthwick 845-649-2964

Thursday

- Savory Seniors – December 12 – 1:30-3:00 “ Cookie Exchange” All members are invited to participate. Each person must bring 3 dozen cookies to share at the exchange.

Friday

- Bocce (women) 10:00am – 12:00pm Pat Casciano 201-307-9685
- Chair Exercises 11:00am-12:00pm Rani Mooriani 201-930-8950
- Cards/Games/Rummikub 1:30pm-3:00pm Dianne Carfora 201-314-0141

Montvale Senior Club Activities – Continued

Monthly Activities

- Senior Club Business Meeting – December 5 12:00pm – 2:00pm
- Book Club – Thursday, December 12 12:30pm The book this month is: - 'Mrs. Quinn's Rise to Fame' by Olivia Ford Ree Hopper-201-391-7386 JoAnne Palkevich 201-573-0891
- Bingo / Pizza – December 13 5:00pm – 7:00pm (\$8.00) Micki Keller 201-669-9935 Jodi Miller 551-427-4581
- Senior Club Social – Tuesday, December 3 11:30am-3:30pm A great afternoon at Season's for Lunch, music and dancing
- Gym Open – Monday -Wednesday-Friday 8:00am-12:00pm Bob Daley 201-307-0393 Werner Hahnemann 201-391-8399
- Our nurse will be visiting us on the first Monday and the first Thursday for blood pressure readings

Upcoming Trips/Events

- March 4, 2025 Doolan's St. Patrick's Day party. Details to follow.
- Trip to Woodloch Pines June 3-6, 2025 . Deposit of \$100.00 due at the December 5 meeting. Make check payable to Woodloch Pines. (\$100.00 per room deposit).

**January dues are due at the January Business Meeting. Make the \$20.00 check out to the Montvale Senior Club. Payment by check only.

Senior Club will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day as well as New Year's Eve day.

Happy Holidays

Montvale Public Library

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library Holiday Book Sale will take place from Saturday, December 7th - Friday December 27th! We are still accepting donations in small quantities. Please check our website for more information.

Thank you to everyone who donated jewelry for our First Fashion Jewelry Sale. We look forward to having more sales in the future and are still accepting donations. Look for other sales later this month and in the Spring.

Thank you to all our patrons who visited Davey's Pub during our Dining for Dollars event last month. And a very special thank you to Davey's for your continued support of the Montvale Public Library! We appreciate you!

The next Friends of the Library meeting will be held on Thursday, December 5th at 7:30pm. Please email Bombace@montvale.bccls.org if you wish to attend and so that a reservation can be made.

Adult Programs

Please visit www.montvalelibrarynj.org/calendar to register for any of the programs listed below unless noted otherwise.

December 2, 9, 16, 23 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Virtual Program

Virtual Guided Meditation Series

Join us for four relaxing virtual guided meditation sessions led by certified instructor Amy Rutledge. No experience necessary. December 2, 9, 16, 23. Register for as many sessions as you want! This is a virtual program.

Montvale Public Library

Adult Programs

December 2, 9, 16, 23 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Adult Meeting Area

Knitting/Crocheting Group

Need to unwind? Join us every Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. for a relaxing knitting/crocheting group. Bring what you are working on or start on something new. This group is meant for adult patrons with knitting/crocheting experience. This program will take place in the Adult Meeting Area.

December 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Virtual Program

Rheumatoid Arthritis 101

Looking to understand rheumatoid arthritis (RA)? Join us for a discussion that breaks down the science behind RA, debunks common myths, and explores the latest treatments! Whether you're living with RA yourself, supporting a loved one, or simply want to learn more, this informative session will give you the knowledge to better understand this complex condition. A Zoom link will be sent out on the day of the event.

December 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Library Activity Room

Holiday Craft: Winter Wreaths

The winter holidays are here! Let's welcome them in by creating a showstopping wreath using white flowers, berries & greens. Registration is limited. This program will take place in the Library Activity Room.

December 16, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Library Activity Room

Montvale Cookbook Supper Club

We will be discussing All About Cookies, by Christina Tosi. Registration is limited. Sign up on the Montvale Library's website.

December 21, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

Montvale Council Chambers

Winter Holidays on the Cello Concert

Join musician Alex Prizgintas for a cello concert celebrating the Winter Holidays! Enjoy classics such as Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!, O' Come All Ye Faithful, My Favorite Things (inspired by John Coltrane), and The Spirit of Hanukkah.

Adult Book Clubs

December 2nd, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Monday Evening Book Club

The Monday Evening Book Club meets on the first Monday of every month at 7:30pm. This month we will be discussing The Nature of Fragile Things, by Susan Meissner. This program will take place in the Adult Meeting Area.

December 9th, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

Library Activity Room

Monday Afternoon Book Club

The Monday Afternoon Book Club meets on the second Monday of every month at 12:00pm. This month we will be reading The Lost Apothecary by Sarah Penny.

Montvale Public Library

English as a Second Language.

The Montvale Public Library is a member of the Literacy Volunteers of Pascack Valley which provides ESL (English as a second language) classes for residents of our town. Through this program, students can take classes in person or virtually, taught by trained ESL teachers. Group Classes are going on now. There is currently a wait list for one on one tutors.

If you have any questions or would like to become a student or a tutor, please inquire with the ESL manager, therese.jones@montvale.bccls.org or email literacyvolunteerspv@gmail.com.

Children's Department

Pet Partners Read with Me Program

Wednesday, December 4th @ 4 pm

Come and read to a trained therapy dog at Montvale Library! Children can practice their reading skills and bolster their self-confidence by reading aloud to some great listeners. These therapy dogs are "all ears" when it comes to listening to stories. Registration is required for each reader and each reading session is 1:1 and 10 minutes long. This is for ages 6 years and older.

Garden Arts Winter Canvas Painting

Monday, December 9th @ 4 pm

Garden Arts for Kids is a fun and unique program engaging kids of all ages with the natural world. Kids will work with paints and canvas as they create an adorable Winter Sloth! This is for ages 5/Kindergarten and older. Space is limited. Registration is Required.

Babies in the 'Brary

Friday, December 6th @ 10:30

Join us for Babies in the 'Brary where we will sing songs, rhymes, and fingerplays, all building blocks for early literacy. Babies ages 0-18 months and a grown-up are invited to join us for all this and more! Registration is required.

Stories and More

Tuesday, Dec. 3rd and Dec. 10th @ 10:30 am

Come sing, play, and read with us! Children 19 months and older are invited to join us for story time. This is a grown-up and child program. A new registration is required for each class.

Yoga Storytime

Thursday, December 5th and Dec. 19th @ 10:30 am

Join us with Bozza Yoga Littles and enjoy creative yoga poses, movements, and story time fun! Come, meet friends, and improve hand-eye coordination and motor skills through yoga! This class is for children aged 19 mths- 4 years and is a grown-up and child program. A new registration is required for each class.

Museum Passes

Please check out our website <https://www.montvalelibrarynj.org/museum-passes> for updated information about how to obtain passes for the following museums:

Storm King, Guggenheim, the Intrepid Museum, the American Museum of Natural History and The Museum of Modern Art! Museum passes for the American Museum of Natural History and the Intrepid are provided by the Friends of the Library.

Montvale Recreation

W i n t e r 2 0 2 4

Christmas Tree Lighting

Friday, December 6 at 7:00pm

Montvale residents are invited to join us at the park in the center of town by the train station to kick off the holiday season with the Special Events Committee and Fire Department. Residents will help us count down to light up the park and revel in the Fire Depts many decorations and lights including the newly planted Christmas Tree in the southern area of the park. Hot Chocolate and candy canes will be given out to all while supplies last. The Pascack Hills Marching Band will be performing holiday songs to sing along to as well!

Interested in Volunteering?

Email MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org

Adult Yoga

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 fifteen 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.

Montvale Community Center: 1 Memorial Drive

Mondays at 7:00pm beginning January 6

Resident Fee for each 4 week session: \$40

Non-Resident Fee: \$50



30+ Basketball



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. Play occurs in the gymnasium at Memorial Elementary School. Parking is located on Memorial Drive and participants should enter through the side community entrance. Registration is open and ongoing throughout the season. The fee covers the entire season.

Memorial School Gymnasium: 59 W Grand Ave

Mondays 8:00 –10:00 pm

September 16 – June 16

Resident Fee: \$75

Non-Resident: \$95

Registration: Go to MontvaleRecreation.org

Tai Chi

Tai Chi/Qigong is a gentle slow moving meditative martial art that began in China thousands of years ago. It is intended to strengthen and relax the body. Tai Chi requires little effort with circular and flowing motions to provide stretching that help the body and mind relax.

Benefits include assistance with, preventing falls, Osteoarthritis, Parkinson's, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Depression, Cardiac Rehab, Stroke, Dementia, Fibromyalgia, Hypertension, Anxiety. Tai Chi is also known to improve balance, aerobic capacity, flexibility, sleep and many more...



Montvale Senior/Community Center: 1 Memorial Drive

Resident Fee: \$80

Non-Resident Fee: \$100

Montvale Senior Club Discount: \$40

Registration: Go to montvalerecreation.org



Girls Volleyball

This 10-week program is open to all volleyball players in grades 5-8 who are interested in improving their skills and practice in gameplay! All equipment is provided. This program takes place over the course of 10 weeks per the below schedule.

Grades 5-6 on Tuesdays 7:00-8:00pm
January 14 - March 25

Grades 7-8 on Wednesdays 8:00-9:00pm
January 15 - March 19

Memorial School Gymnasium : 53 W Grand Ave

Resident Fee: \$200

Non-Resident Fee: \$250

Registration: Go to montvalerecreation.org

Adult Volleyball

Pick-up style play open to all skill levels, ages 18 and up. Volleyballs are provided for all those who attend. Up to 2 games at once.

Memorial School Gymnasium : 53 W Grand Ave

Tuesdays 8:00pm-10:00pm January 14 - June 17

Resident Fee: \$240

Non-Resident Fee: \$260

Registration: Go to montvalerecreation.org





The Way

“The Way - The Art of Life,” is the art of Self-Defense and Wisdom Living (THE WAY FOUNDATION INC). It is the training of the Body, Soul, and Spirit for self-defense in the unarmed combat and daily healthy growth.

We know of some of the widely known Martial Arts and how each is referenced with the country where they originated. Karate - Japan Kung Fu - China TaeKwon-Do - Korea The Way - The Art of Life - USA (Montvale, NJ)

Grow, get fit and learn to be disciplined while using the following attributes and tenets of THE WAY: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control. The Way meets twice per week for 8 weeks.

Tuesdays and Thursdays Beginning January 28

6:00-7:00pm Kindergarten – Grade 4

7:00-8:00pm Grades 5 – 8

8:00-9:00pm High School and Adults

Montvale Senior/Community Center: 1 Memorial Drive

Resident Fee: \$120

Non-Resident Fee: \$180

Registration: Go to montvalerecreation.org (advanced registration required)

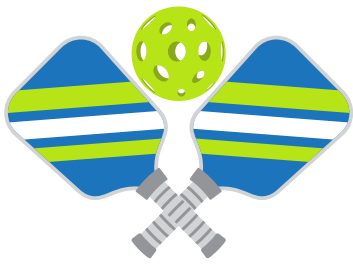
Field, Court and Facility Reservations

Looking to reserve fields, courts or parks in Montvale? Don't forget to get a permit first! Apply by going to montvalerecreation.org and submitting an application through Community Pass.

An application must be approved prior to any organized use of a field, court or facility.

Applications for Spring 2025 use of the FIELDS must be submitted between January 1 and February 1.





Pickleball Court Badges



Badges must be obtained prior to the use of the pickleball courts located at 1 Memorial Drive. Each year, residents and non-residents must renew their badges for the calendar year, January-December. Badges for the 2025 season will be available for purchase beginning January 2 at Borough Hall located at 12 DePiero Drive. Borough Hall is open Monday-Wednesday 8:00am-4:00pm, Thursday 8:00am-6:00pm and Friday 8:00am-12:00pm.

Payment methods accepted at Borough Hall include cash or check. For credit card payments, please utilize montvalerecreation.org to register for a badge or renewal sticker through Community Pass. When registering online, badges and renewal stickers still need to be picked up at Borough Hall. If you are not able to do so within operating hours, please email MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org to make alternative arrangements.

Residents		Non-Residents	
Adult (18-61)	\$30	Adult (18-61)	\$100
Child (17 and younger)	\$10	Child (17 and younger)	\$30
Senior Citizens (62 and older)	\$15	Senior Citizens (62 and older)	\$100
Replacement Badge (1 per year max)	\$10	Replacement Badge (1 per year max)	\$10



Tennis Court Badges



Badges must be obtained prior to the use of the tennis courts located at 1 Memorial Drive and 159 Chestnut Ridge Road. Each year, residents and non-residents must renew their badges for the calendar year, January-December. Badges for the 2025 season will be available for purchase beginning January 2 at Borough Hall located at 12 DePiero Drive. Borough Hall is open Monday-Wednesday 8:00am-4:00pm, Thursday 8:00am-6:00pm and Friday 8:00am-12:00pm.

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New in 2025, tennis badge registrants will receive an identifying badge rather than an access control badge to the courts. The tennis gates will not be locked at any time, but court users must be able to present a current year's badge validating that they are a current badge holder when asked by a representative of the recreation dept. The Rec Dept has moved to an identifying badge in order to alleviate continued technical issues surrounding the access control system at the tennis gate entrance. Please note that regardless of having a badge in 2024 or prior, online registrants must come into Borough Hall to pickup their new 2025 badge. If you are not able to do so within operating hours, please email MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org to make alternative arrangements.

Residents		Non-Residents	
Adult (18-61)	\$30	Adult (18-61)	\$60
Child (17 and younger)	\$10	Child (17 and younger)	\$20
Senior Citizens (62 and older)	\$15	Senior Citizens (62 and older)	\$30
Replacement Badge (1 per year max)	\$10	Replacement Badge (1 per year max)	\$10



Basketball Court Badges



Badges must be obtained prior to the use of the basketball courts located at 1 Memorial Drive. Each year, residents and non-residents must renew their badges for the calendar year, January-December. Badges for the 2025 season will be available for purchase beginning January 2 at Borough Hall located at 12 DePiero Drive. Borough Hall is open Monday-Wednesday 8:00am-4:00pm, Thursday 8:00am-6:00pm and Friday 8:00am-12:00pm.

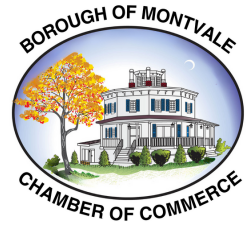
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Residents		Non-Residents	
Adult (18-61)	Free	Adult (18-61)	\$25
Child (17 and younger)	Free	Child (17 and younger)	\$15
Senior Citizens (62 and older)	Free	Senior Citizens (62 and older)	\$10
Replacement Badge (1 per year max)	\$5	Replacement Badge (1 per year max)	\$5

NEWSLETTER

Montvale Chamber of Commerce



JOIN THE MONTVALE CHAMBER

- Growing business through networking
- A liaison to local government
- Supporting local organizations and events
- Board meetings the 1st Wednesday of every month

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Steven Fox, Janney Montgomery Scott, LLC

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