



The Borough of Montvale

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



Property Tax Information

Your Final 2025/Preliminary 2026 property tax bill will be mailed starting the week of August 11th. See page 2 for additional information.

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I hope this message finds you well and enjoying a safe and relaxing summer. August is a time when our community truly comes alive—with families making the most of the warm weather, students preparing for the new school year, and

neighbors gathering at local events that make Montvale such a special place to call home.

This month, I encourage everyone to explore the many exciting activities happening right here in town. From events at our local restaurants to workshops and exhibitions at the Montvale Library. There's something for everyone to enjoy. We are also working on an event for the entire community at the farm, which we will

The Mayor's Corner

take over on August 28, 2025 and the event will be planned for some time in October.

On the civic front, I want to thank our residents for their continued engagement and feedback. We are actively working on several initiatives, including improvements to our summer garbage collection schedule and updates to the Montvale Home Improvement Program. Your participation and input are vital as we strive to enhance the quality of life for all.

As always, I remain committed to transparency, collaboration, and progress. Please don't hesitate to reach out to my office with any questions, concerns, or ideas. Let's continue to work together to keep Montvale a thriving, welcoming, and forward-thinking community.

Mayor Mike Ghassali



Montvale / River Vale Shredding Event

Saturday, October 4, 2025

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Memorial Drive, Montvale | This event is for Montvale and River Vale residents.



From the Tax Department

Your Final 2025/Preliminary 2026 tax bill will be mailed starting the week of August 11th. Payments must be received on or before September 8th. Payments with automatic withdrawal will be on August 25th. You may access your tax bill online at www.montvale.org

Borough Hall hours are from 8am-4pm Mon, Tues, Wed; Thursday 8am-6pm and Friday 8am-12pm. For your convenience, a dropbox is located curbside by the main entrance of the Library. You may pay online through the borough website at www.montvale.org, or you can mail your payment to the Borough at 12 DePiero Drive, Attn: Tax Collector.

If you would like your bill returned stamped PAID, please enclose your entire bill with payment and include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

As always, if you have any questions, please call Fran Scordo, Tax Collector at (201) 391-5700 ext. 254.

Senior Club

THE CENTER WILL BE CLOSED FROM JUNE 23-JULY 18.

THE ACTIVITY CHAIRMAN WILL NOTIFY WHEN AND WHERE THEIR ACTIVITY WILL BE HELD

Monday

- Chair Exercises – 11:00-12:00pm (video tape) Micki Keller -201-669-9935 Rani Moorani – 201-930-8950
- Mahjong – 1:30pm-3:30pm Kitty Stern – 201-802-0997

Tuesday

- Canasta – 1:30pm-3:00pm Anne Coyman – 201-391-0454

Wednesday

- Yoga Exercises – 11:00am-12:00pm Micki Keller 201-669-9935 Rani Moorani 201-930-8950
- Mexican Train/ Cards – 1:30pm – 3:30 pm

Friday

- Chair Exercises – 11:00am-12:00pm Rani Moorani- 201-930-8950
- Cards/ Games/ “5 Crowns”/ Rummikub 1:30pm – 3:00pm Dianne Carfora 201-314-0141
Dianne to notify via email when scheduled

Monthly Activities

- Book Club – Thursday, August 8 12:30pm The book this month is: - ‘Take What You Can Carry’ by Gian Sardar Ree Hopper-201-391-7386 Linda Queller – 201-505-4850
- Gym Open – Monday – Wednesday – Friday 8:00am-12:00pm Bob Daley 201-307-0393 Werner Hahnemann. 201-391-8399

****Please note that not all activities are meeting due to summer schedules. If your activity is not on the schedule, check with the chairman to see if they will meet. The full schedule will resume in September. Remember, there will be no business or social meetings this month.****

Upcoming Trips/Events

- 9/10 – Murder Mystery Trip and Luncheon
- Overnight trip – 9/24-26 3 days and 2 nights trip to Connecticut River Valley
Rosemarie Kelly 201-391-8718
- Overnight trip – 10/29-10/31 Trip to Lancaster, Pa. for Sight and Sound Theater

Senior PAS-1 Form Assistance

The Division of Taxation has advised that they have staff going around the State offering filing assistance for seniors completing the PAS-1.

There is no advance registration required. Anyone who needs assistance can simply attend.

Before visiting a PAS-1 filing event, have your: Social Security Number Name Address, including County/ Municipality Code + Block/Lot Photo ID AI 2023 & 2024 Income Documentation (NJ-1040(s), 1099-R(s), and 1099-SSA(s)) Total Billed 2023 & 2024 Property Taxes(which can be found on Montvale's website)

Here is a schedule of events, locations, and times: NJ Division of Taxation - ANCHOR Public Events

<https://www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/propertytaxreliefevents.shtml>

Curbside Collection

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2
East Zone Trash Pickup	Central Zone Trash Pickup	West Zone Trash Pickup	East Zone Trash Pickup Recycling: Districts 1 & 2	Central Zone Trash Pickup Yard Waste Pickup	West Zone Trash Pickup
4	5	6	7	8	9
East Zone Trash Pickup	Central Zone Trash Pickup	West Zone Trash Pickup	East Zone Trash Pickup Recycling: Districts 3 & 4	Central Zone Trash Pickup Yard Waste Pickup	West Zone Trash Pickup
11	12	13	14	15	16
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18	19	20	21	22	23
East Zone Trash Pickup	Central Zone Trash Pickup	West Zone Trash Pickup	East Zone Trash Pickup Recycling: Districts 3 & 4	Central Zone Trash Pickup Yard Waste Pickup	West Zone Trash Pickup
25	26	27	28	29	30
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Montvale Library Programs and Events

Friends of the Library

The Friends will not be meeting in July or August. They will meet again on September 4th. Please email Bombace@montvale.bccls.org if you have any questions.

Adult Programs

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

August 7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Library Activity Room

Madams, Mobsters and Murders in the Hudson Valley

Join us for a fascinating look at the Hudson Valley's dark past, when gambling halls, brothels, and bootlegging thrived alongside Gilded Age mansions and scenic beauty. From Prohibition-era stills to infamous mobsters like Dutch Schultz and Legs Diamond, this program uncovers the true crime tales that once rocked this peaceful region.

Montvale Public Library

Adult Programs

August 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Library Activity Room

Gone But Not Forgotten: Bergen County's Beloved Restaurants

Take a delicious trip down memory lane with us as we revisit the iconic restaurants of Bergen County's past. From classic diners to favorite neighborhood spots, these cherished eateries may be gone—but they're far from forgotten.

August 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Montvale Library Reading Garden

Live Concert: Green Planet Band

Recycling Rock 'n Roll One Song at a Time! The Green Planet Band—three talented teen siblings and their mom—bring high-energy classic rock covers to the stage. With radio appearances and a Stone Pony appearance under their belts, they're a rising act you won't want to miss. Join us for a fun, family-friendly evening of music! This concert will take place in the Montvale Library Reading Garden. Please bring your folding chairs.

August 28, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Library Activity Room

Understanding Artificial Intelligence

Join us for an engaging presentation that explores the fascinating world of AI and its real-world applications across industries. Discover exciting AI platforms like ChatGPT, Midjourney, and Adobe Firefly while examining both the opportunities and concerns surrounding this transformative technology. Learn why AI is capturing global attention and what it means for our society's future.

Adult Book Club

August 4, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Library Activity Room

Monday Night Book Club

The Monday Night Book Club meets on the first Monday of every month at 7:30pm. This month we will be reading *Tom Lake*, by Ann Patchett.

August 11, 2025 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 Housemaid*, by Freida McFadden.

The Cookbook Supper Club does not meet during the summer. They will meet again in September.

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.

Montvale Public Library

Children's Department

Musical Munchkins Tuesday August 12 @ 10:30

Musical Munchkins is a music program complete with engaging songs, fingerplays and interactives. Led by experienced teachers, their approach blends melody and movement to nurture creativity, teach music fundamentals, and foster a lifelong love for music. This is a grown-up and child program for ages 0-4. Registration is required.

Cartooning Workshop Wednesday, August 13th @ 4:00 pm

Join us for a wildly fun Cartoon Workshop! Kids will learn to draw and paint a cartoon character. This workshop is perfect for little artists ages 5–10 who love to laugh, doodle, and explore the universe of imagination. Space is limited and registration is required.

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! COMING SOON- passes for Dia Beacon and The Hermitage!

Museum passes for the American Museum of Natural History and the Intrepid are provided by the Friends of the Library.

eBooks and Other Online Materials

The Montvale Library subscribes to Kanopy, a streaming service with over 30,000 documentaries, classic and indie films. Patrons with a valid Montvale Library card can stream up to ten titles per month for a 72-hour checkout period.

Hoopla offers eBooks, movies, audiobooks, TV shows, music, and comics to Montvale residents. To sign up, go to <https://www.hoopladigital.com/> or download the free Hoopla app and log in with your library card number (the 14 digit number above the barcode)!

Use the Libby app to borrow eBooks and audiobooks! Use your Montvale Library card to enjoy free content. For anyone who needs step-by-step help getting their device set up, please email movlcirc@bccls.org.

Tri-Boro Food Pantry

Meals on Wheels North Jersey is proud to announce that they are currently accepting new clients in northern Bergen County. With a mission to support the independence, health, and well-being of older adults and homebound individuals, the organization provides more than just a nutritious meal – they deliver peace of mind, friendly visits, and a vital connection to the community. Meals on Wheels North Jersey is a nonprofit organization committed to delivering fresh meals and warm connections to adults in need throughout northern Bergen County. With community support and a dedicated team of volunteers, they aim to nourish both body and spirit.

If you or someone you know is recovering from illness or surgery, or facing challenges shopping or cooking, we're here to help.

Enrollment is open and services can be initiated quickly. Meals on Wheels North Jersey also works with families, caregivers, and healthcare professionals to ensure seamless coordination and care.

For more information or to sign up, visit <http://mealsonwheelsnorthjersey.org> or call 201-358-0050.

FREE RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC

Brought to you by the Montvale
Board of Health & NorthWest
Bergen Regional Health
Commission



Date: Saturday, November 1, 2025
Time: 9:30am - 11:00am
Location: Montvale DPW
1 Memorial Drive

All dogs must be leashed and a carrier
must be provided for all cats. Please
bring pet tags and/or proof of
previous rabies vaccination.



For more information contact:
NorthWest Bergen Regional Health
Commission

Phone: (201) 445-7217
Email: info@nwbrhc.net

Montvale Recreation



Day in the Park

Bring the whole family for an evening of fun to include rides, food, non-profit vendors, game trailers, live music and fireworks to end the night!

Saturday, September 6 (Rain Date: Sept 7)

3:00-9:00pm

1 Memorial Drive

Free event for residents only, pre-registration not required

Interested in Volunteering?

Email MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org

Adult Yoga

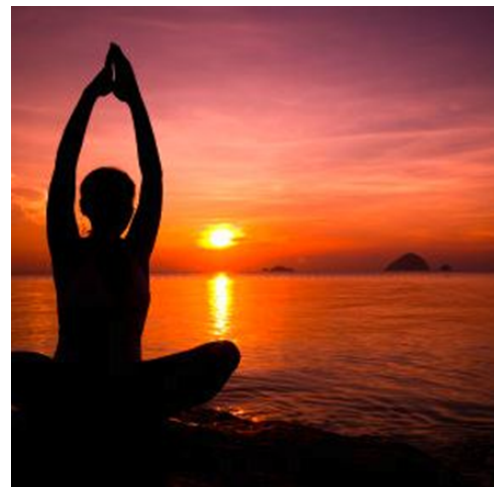
Begin the week with a yoga practice that restores well-being into your life. Yoga's many benefits include improved flexibility, muscle strength, preventing cartilage and joint breakdown, increased bone health, as well as increased focus, balance, self-esteem and inner strength. Classes begin with short 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 September 15

Resident Fee for each 4 week session: \$40

Non-Resident Fee: \$50





Adult Soccer

This 10-week program is a great way to get back into the game of soccer! Co-ed pick-up style games are played every Sunday evening. Participants must be 18 years or older. Registration is open and ongoing for this program, but it is only online: montvalerecreation.org.

Fieldstone Middle School - Field 1

Sundays 5:00-7:00PM

Resident Fee: \$15

Non-Resident Fee: \$20

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



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

Mondays 8:00 -10:00 pm

September 15 – June 15

Resident Fee: \$75

Non-Resident: \$95

Montvale Recreation



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.

Montvale Senior/Community Center: 1 Memorial Drive

Resident Fee: \$120

Non-Resident Fee: \$180

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

Tennis Lessons: All Ages

Session	Start Date	Start Time	Classes
Tues: Grades K-3	Sept. 9	4:00pm	6
Tues: Grades 4-7	Sept. 9	5:00pm	6
Saturday: Grades 2-5	Sept. 6	12:00pm	6
Saturday: Grades 6-9	Sept. 6	1:00pm	6
Saturday: Adults	Sept. 6	2:00pm	6



TGA brings you tennis lessons for all ages and skill levels! Join this 6 week program and learn how to play, sharpen your skills or learn new strategies of play! All classes are 1 hour in length and all equipment is provided! For more information, contact Christine Kostianis ckostianis@playtga.com or (917) 304-3986

Montvale Tennis Courts: 1 Memorial Drive

Resident Fee: \$120

Non-Resident Fee: \$140

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

Montvale Recreation



Golf Lessons

TGA brings you golf lessons for all ages and skill levels! Join this 6 week program and learn how to play, sharpen your skills or learn new strategies of play! All classes are 1 hour in length and all equipment is provided!

Montvale Tennis Courts: 1 Memorial Drive

Resident Fee: \$120

Non-Resident Fee: \$140

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

Session	Start Date	Start Time	Classes
Mondays: Grades K-2	Sept. 8	3:30pm	6
Mondays: Grades 3-6	Sept. 8	4:30pm	6

Pickleball Lessons: All Ages

Session	Start Date	Start Time	Classes
Thurs: Grades 3-8	Sept. 4	4:00pm	6
Thurs: Beginner Adults	Sept. 4	5:00pm	6
Thurs: Adult Intermediate/Advanced	Sept. 4	6:00pm	6
Sundays: Beginner Adults	Sept. 7	10:00am	6
Sundays: Adult Intermediate/Advanced	Sept. 7	11:00am	6



Looking to get into the sport of pickleball? Look no further than lessons with TGA brought to you by Montvale Recreation. Learn skills and techniques while growing your knowledge of the sport. All lessons take place on the pickleball courts located on Memorial Drive (behind the basketball courts). All equipment is provided!

Montvale Pickleball Courts: 1 Memorial Drive

Resident Fee: \$120

Non-Resident Fee: \$140

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

Montvale Special Events Committee



Led by the Recreation Dept, the Special Events Committee is comprised of resident volunteers that meet once per month to plan and execute the following town-wide events for adults and kids:

Day in the Park (September)

Halloween Carnival (October)

Christmas Tree Lighting (December)

Holiday House Decorating Map (December)

The Egg Coloring (March/April)

Fish with a First Responder (June)

More to Come!

This committee is a great way to give back to your town in a way that benefits residents of all ages through family fun-oriented events! Join us to be a part of keeping these annual events a memorable and fun tradition for all!

Interested in volunteering for this committee or would like more information?

Scan the QR Code below!



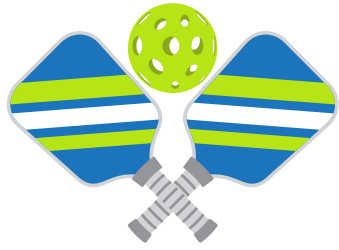
Field, Court and Facility Reservations



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 Fall 2025 use of the FIELDS must be submitted between May 1 and June 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.

Payment methods accepted at Borough Hall include cash or check. For credit card payments, please utilize montvalerecreation.org to register for a badge through Community Pass. When registering online, badges still need to be picked up at Borough Hall. Questions? Email

MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org

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. 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 through Community Pass. When registering online, badges and renewal stickers still need to be picked up at Borough Hall.

Questions? Email MontvaleRecreation@montvaleboro.org

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

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

- Meet the board members
- Learn more about our mission
- See our outreach into the community
- Check out local networking events

OUR BOARD MEMBERS

Chamber Co-Presidents

- Scott L. Forman, CrossCountry Mortgage
- Steven Fox, Janney Montgomery Scott, LLC

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- Tom Davey, Davey's Locker
- Tom Chapman, Tom A Chapman DMD

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- R. Lorraine Hutter, Borough of Montvale
- Ron Laurent, CrossCountry Mortgage
- Amy Debellis, Sotheby's Real Estate
- Doris Sutich, Perfect Limo



MONTVALE CHAMBER & CROSSCOUNTRY MORTGAGE GIVE BACK!

The Montvale Chamber of Commerce has donated \$3,000 worth of food to the **Tri-Boro Food Pantry** this month. Did you know that the Food Pantry is more in need in the summer time than any other time during the year due to children not having that free school lunch over the summer?

Consider donating to your local food pantry this summer!

