



# The Borough of Montvale

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## Around The County

Bergen County Clerk John S. Hogan presents "Around the County" - Satellite office and passport services. Coming to Montvale on Tuesday July 30. Read more on page 3.

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## Holiday Schedule

The Borough of Montvale offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4th for the holiday. Thursday, July 4th recycle pick-up will be moved to Wednesday, July 3rd. Garbage 2nd pick-up for East Zone, District 1, will be moved to Friday, July 5th

## The Mayor's Corner

As summer is in full swing and schools have shut down, we've already started working on some of the roads in town. I'm frequently getting inquiries about the Parkway Park & Ride and how to get New Jersey Transit to offer services to New York City. Currently, the latest information I can provide is that the Park & Ride and the area it serves will be fully operational later this summer, possibly in early fall, but we haven't received a specific date yet. We're also advocating for NJT to extend services from the northern valley to New York City, but we haven't received any promises from them.

We are currently collaborating with various towns across the state to join forces and present our case

for a fair share of affordable housing obligations to the federal court. The core of our argument is that 62 towns are designated as Urban Aid Communities and they're not obligated to provide any affordable housing. Our goal is to include these towns so that every town in the state receives its fair share of the responsibilities, which would make our own obligations more equitable.

Please keep an eye on our borough's website and Facebook for any upcoming town events. As always, feel free to reach out to me if you think I can help in any way.



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# Montvale Police Department

I hope everyone is enjoying their Summer. As the 4th of July approaches, invariably, we begin investigating fireworks complaints. Below, you will find the law as it pertains to fireworks possession in New Jersey. Have a happy, safe, July 4th.

## NEW JERSEY AND FIREWORKS

Under the New Jersey Explosives and Fireworks Act (N.J.S.A. 21:2-1 et seq., as amended by P.L.2017, C.92):

- It is unlawful to sell, offer for sale, possess, or use fireworks anywhere in the State without a valid permit. However, recent changes to the law now permit persons 16 years of age or older to lawfully buy, possess and use certain sparkling devices and novelties. These permissible fireworks are limited to hand held or ground based sparklers, snakes, and glow worms; smoke devices; and trick noisemakers, including party poppers, snappers, and drop pops. The sale, possession and use of all other fireworks requires a valid permit.
- The valid permit must be issued by any municipality after receiving an application in writing and the posting of a bond, for the display of fireworks, by municipalities, religious, fraternal or civic organizations, fair associations, amusement parks, or other organizations or groups of individuals approved by the municipality;
- The chiefs of the police and fire departments must approve the permit;
- An identification number and the specific type of fireworks to be used must be stated on the permit.
- The permit shall name one person who shall be authorized to purchase, or otherwise order, and receive delivery of any fireworks.
- A person is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree if he or she sells, offers or exposes for sale, or possesses with intent to sell, any fireworks, other than sparkling devices and novelties to persons 16 years of age or older.
- A person is guilty of a petty disorderly person's offense if he or she purchases, uses, discharges, causes to be discharged, ignites, fires or otherwise sets in action, or possesses fireworks without having the required permit.

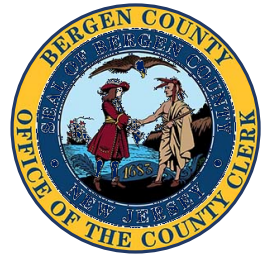
Any business that advertises, offers to sell or sells fireworks to residents of New Jersey is required to clearly and conspicuously disclose that fireworks, other than sparkling devices and novelties, are illegal to possess or use in New Jersey without a valid permit. Failure to do so would constitute a violation of the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act and its regulations.

## Curbside Collection This Month

| Mon                    | Tue                       | Wed                                                | Thu                                                | Fri                                                                      | Sat                    |
|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1                      | 2                         | 3                                                  | 4                                                  | 5                                                                        | 6                      |
| East Zone Trash Pickup | Central Zone Trash Pickup | Recycling: Districts 1&2<br>West Zone Trash Pickup |                                                    | Central Zone Trash Pickup<br>East Zone Trash Pickup<br>Yard Waste Pickup | West Zone Trash Pickup |
| 8                      | 9                         | 10                                                 | 11                                                 | 12                                                                       | 13                     |
| East Zone Trash Pickup | Central Zone Trash Pickup | West Zone Trash Pickup                             | East Zone Trash Pickup<br>Recycling: Districts 3&4 | Central Zone Trash Pickup<br>Yard Waste Pickup                           | West Zone Trash Pickup |
| 15                     | 16                        | 17                                                 | 18                                                 | 19                                                                       | 20                     |
| East Zone Trash Pickup | Central Zone Trash Pickup | West Zone Trash Pickup                             | East Zone Trash Pickup<br>Recycling: Districts 1&2 | Central Zone Trash Pickup<br>Yard Waste Pickup                           | West Zone Trash Pickup |
| 22                     | 23                        | 24                                                 | 25                                                 | 26                                                                       | 27                     |
| East Zone Trash Pickup | Central Zone Trash Pickup | West Zone Trash Pickup                             | East Zone Trash Pickup<br>Recycling: Districts 3&4 | Central Zone Trash Pickup<br>Yard Waste Pickup                           | West Zone Trash Pickup |
| 29                     | 30                        | 31                                                 | 1                                                  | 2                                                                        | 3                      |
| East Zone Trash Pickup | Central Zone Trash Pickup | West Zone Trash Pickup                             | East Zone Trash Pickup<br>Recycling: Districts 1&2 | Central Zone Trash Pickup<br>Yard Waste Pickup                           | West Zone Trash Pickup |



**Bergen County Clerk**  
**John S. Hogan**  
**Presents:**



# Around the County

## Satellite Office and Passport Outreach Services



**Montvale**



### No Appointments Necessary

- Accepting Passport Applications (Photos On-Site)

Please visit [www.Travel.State.Gov](http://www.Travel.State.Gov) for information about the documents needed to apply for a passport

#### What

- Swearing in Notary Oaths
- Bring checks for payments
- Free Photo Cards for Seniors, Veterans, and Exempt Firefighters

#### Where

Montvale Borough Hall – Council Chambers 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
12 DePiero Drive  
Montvale, NJ 07645

#### When

Tuesday, July 30, 2024  
From 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

## Fire Prevention

As we enter into the summer months, please take precaution while you are barbequing. Keep your barbeque 15 feet away from any structure and keep a fire extinguisher handy at all times. As July 4th approaches, be cautious with all fireworks. If you have an emergency dial 911 to activate a response from the Montvale Fire Department. DO NOT HESITATE!!!! A fire can spread very quickly.

## Property Maintenance

Happy Summer! Property Maintenance--By ensuring safe, healthy places to live, work and play, it helps reduce the risk of declining property values and failing community pride.

Some friendly reminders regarding garbage and lawns. Once garbage and/or recycling has been picked up remember to remove pails from street curb and put back to keep the streets clear. Rubbish shall not be placed in such designated areas earlier than 5:00 p.m. of the day prior to scheduled collections, and the empty receptacles shall be removed to areas not exposed to public view by 8:00 p.m. on the collection day. Please be courteous and maintain your lawn by cutting it weekly. Prune and maintain loose and overgrown branches on trees.

It is very important that you have signage for the numbering of your home either on your mailbox or the exterior of your home for emergency access in the event of an emergency. Check your numbers and make sure they are not weathered and if need be, please replace them.

We have come across vehicles that are being parked on front lawns and not in driveways on pavement. This is against code 305.7L - No person shall park any automobile or vehicle on any premises utilized for residential purposes other than on driveways servicing said premises. Please help keep our community safe and clean.

Remember if you are having a yard or garage sale you need to apply for a permit through the Building Department. Signs cannot go up before Friday and need to come down on Monday,

## Senior Club

**\*\*The Senior Club will be closed until 3:30pm each day until July 19. This month, the program coordinators will notify if they will be meeting and the time and location of their meetings\*\***

### Monday

Mahjong – 1:30pm-3:30pm Kitty Stern 201-802-0997 Location of games to be announced by program coordinator

### Tuesday

Bocce/games – (after July 19) 10:00am- 12:00pm John Rotante 201-391-4194

Canasta – 1:00pm-3:00pm Fran Ohayan 201-391-4272 (program coordinator to announce if and when meeting)

### Wednesday

Bocce/games – (after July 19) 10:00am-12:00 pm John Rotante 201-391-4194

Mexican Train/Cards - 1:30pm-3:30pm Lucille Borthwick 845-649-2964 Dorothy Waldt 201-291-0794  
Program coordinators to name location of games

### Thursday

Book Club – There will be no book club meeting this month. The book for August will be: “First Lie Wins” by Ashley Elston Ree Hopper 201-391-7386 Linda Queller 201-505-4850

### Friday

Cards/Rummikub – 1:30pm – 3:30pm Dianne Carfora 201-314-0141 Location of games and time will be announced by coordinator

# Montvale Recreation

## JULY PROGRAM LINE UP



### 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](http://montvalerecreation.org).

**Fieldstone Middle School - Field 1**

**Sundays 5:00-7:00PM**

**Resident Fee: \$15**

**Non-Resident Fee: \$20**

**Registration:** Go to [montvalerecreation.org](http://montvalerecreation.org)

### Adult Yoga

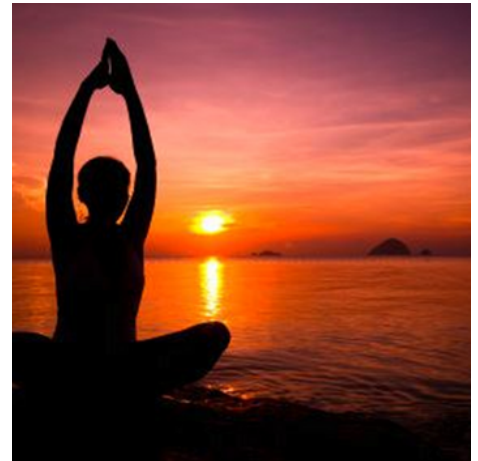
Begin the week with a yoga practice that restores well-being into your life. Yoga's many benefits include improved flexibility, muscle strength, preventing cartilage and joint breakdown, increased bone health, as well as increased focus, balance, self-esteem and inner strength. Classes begin with short 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 June 17**

**Resident Fee for each 4 week session: \$40**

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



# Montvale Public Library

## Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Montvale Library will not be meeting in July. Their next meeting will be held on Thursday, Thursday, September 5th at 7:30pm at the Montvale Library. For more information, visit the Friends website [www.montvalelibrarynj.org/friends](http://www.montvalelibrarynj.org/friends) or email [Bombace@montvale.bccls.org](mailto:Bombace@montvale.bccls.org).

The Friends of the Library are currently collecting used jewelry for their first Montvale Library Jewelry Sale to be held later this year. Please drop off any pins, rings, earrings, necklaces and bracelets to the circulation desk. All proceeds from the sale will fund programs, museums passes, and other library services for the community of Montvale.

## Adult Programs

Please visit [www.montvalelibrarynj.org/calendar](http://www.montvalelibrarynj.org/calendar) to register for any of the programs listed below unless noted otherwise.

July 8, 22 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Adult Meeting Area

Knitting/Crocheting Group

Need to unwind? Join us on the second and fourth 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.

July 9, 2024 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 plays classic rock n' roll covers with amazing technique and passion for such a young group of musicians. Comprising three teen siblings Kylee, Tyler & Anna along with Mama Lisa, this group of rising stars has enjoyed fast recognition and success, playing shows around the United States, doing radio appearances, and even gracing the stage of Asbury Park's legendary Stone Pony. Join us for a fun evening of music for the whole family! This concert will take place in the Montvale Library Reading Garden.

July 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Library Activity Room

Painting the American Revolution

Witness the founding of our country through paintings, poems, portraits, music and more! Learn about the importance of the Fine Arts during the American Revolution, and how those selfsame Fine Arts helped define us a nation today. Discover what "macaroni" really means in the song "Yankee Doodle. This program will take place in the Library Activity Room.

July 20, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

Montvale Library Reading Garden

Live Concert - America: Songs of Protest, Patriotism, and Praise

Join musician Alex Prizgintas for a cello concert celebrating America! Enjoy the music that is part of the vital fabric that weaves our differences into our distinct strength. Enjoy hymns, anthems of patriotism, along with tunes of solidarity and resistance. This concert will take place in the Montvale Library Reading Garden.

July 25, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

Library Activity Room

The Space Race: A Tale of the Cold War, Bringing Nazis To America, and Cutting Corners

On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong became the first man to step on the moon. Learn about the roots of the space program, which stretch back to World War II. Relive the space program's triumphs and tragedies, including the Apollo 1 spacecraft command module catching fire on the launch pad in 1967. This program will take place in the Library Activity Room.

## Adult Programs

July 31, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Library Activity Room

The Ancient Olympics

Discover the Ancient Olympics through the art of that time period. Art historian Michael Norris will talk about how a religious event in southern Greece that occurred every fourth summer developed over the course of 1,000-plus years, just in time for this year's Summer Olympics! This event will take place in the Library Activity Room.

## Adult Summer Reading Program

Who said only kids can earn great prizes for reading during the summer!

Registration for the Adult Summer Reading Program will begin on Wed., June 19th. There will be a registration gift- one per family, supplies limited. During the summer adults ages 18 and older can submit one raffle ticket for their desired prize for every item they read. This includes books, audiobooks, graphic novels, and nonfiction! Please check our website for more information about registration and all the amazing programs going on throughout the summer - especially our summer concert series which will be held in Reading Garden.

## English as a Second Language

Volunteer to teach English as a second language- Transform lives in your community!

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.

The Literacy Volunteers of Pascack Valley and the Montvale Library are offering a Tutor Training Workshop on June 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th from 7:30pm-9pm. This 4 night workshop will be via Zoom.

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](mailto:therese.jones@montvale.bccls.org) or email: [literacyvolunteerspv@gmail.com](mailto:literacyvolunteerspv@gmail.com) or submit a form at <https://www.literacyvolunteers.org/tutor-training-workshop-form.html>.

## Upcoming Book Groups

July 1, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Adult Meeting Area

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 reading *The Sound of Gravel: A Memoir*, by Ruth Wariner.

July 8, 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 Little Liar*, by Mitch Albom. This program will take place in the Library Activity Room.

## 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 American Museum of Natural History and The Museum of Modern Art!

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

## Children's Department

Skip the slip- summer reading is here!

Beat the "summer slide" with Montvale Public Library's exciting summer reading program Star Quest- Take Me to Your Reader. Reading just a few minutes a day will help keep your reading skills sharp! Register to become a "Star Reader" and blast through stellar books of your choice with plenty of prizes and raffle tickets to re-energize you and keep you going to the end! Check our website. Registration is open now and ends August 9th.

## Summer Activities

### Morning Storytimes

We'd love to see you. Come to one or all! Please note a new registration is required for each class.

Babies in the 'Brary Tuesdays at 10:30 am Ages 0-2

July 9th, 16th, and 23rd (with special guest Zumbini Time)

(Registration is required for each class)

Join us for Babies in the 'Brary where we will be singing, rhymes, and fingerplays, all building blocks for early literacy. Babies ages 0-2 years and a grown-up are invited to join us for all this and more!

What is Zumbini Time

Zumbini is a music and movement class for children 0-4. Led by Tina of Zumbini Time, children can enjoy rhythm and dance while building their social, motor, and cognitive skills. This is a grown-up and child program. Registration is required

Toddler Storytime Thursdays at 10:30 ages 2-4

July 11th, 18th (with special guest Musical Munchkins) and 25th

(Registration is required for each class)

Calling all toddlers and preschoolers and their grown-up! This class is for you with stories, activities, and more! Space is limited. A new registration is required for each class. What are Musical Munchkins?

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.

### Afternoon Funtivities

July 10th, 17th (a STEM class with Challenge Island) and 24th at 3pm

Cool off with some fun activities! Wednesday afternoon we will be working on some projects that will be out of this world! There will be a new project each week and kids ages 5 and older can join us for an afternoon of art, painting, and maybe glue too. Dress accordingly, it could get messy! Registration is required for each class.

What is Challenge Island?

Challenge Island is a STEM adventure program, where students will embark on an educational and entertaining STEAM-tastic journey with a trained instructor. This program comes complete with a challenge, material kits, problem solving, critical thinking and a lot of fun! Registration is required and it is for ages 5 and older.

## 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](mailto:movlcirc@bccls.org).

# 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

### Chamber Co-Presidents

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Steven Fox, Janney Montgomery Scott, LLC

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Tom Chapman, Tom A Chapman DMD

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Thomas Hartel, John M. Hartel Co.

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George Varghese, Lifeline Urgent Care

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