



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. See details on page 2.

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Holiday Schedule

- December 24: Closing 12pm
- December 25: Closed
- December 26: Closed
- December 31: Closing 12pm
- January 1: Closed

Bring your family, bring your friends, bring your dog, everyone's welcome.

Supporting Local

Our small businesses are the heartbeat of Montvale. When you're shopping for gifts (or

As we roll into the holiday season, I wanted to take a moment to send a warm hello and a quick update from Borough Hall. This is always my favorite time of year in Montvale, lights going up, local shops getting festive, and that familiar mix of excitement and end-of-year chaos that reminds us we're all in this together.

Holiday Happenings

Our annual Tree & Menorah Lighting is right around the corner. If you've never been, this is the year to join us, hot cocoa, cookies, music, and a chance to catch up with neighbors you may not have seen since summer.

The Mayor's Corner

treating yourself... I won't judge), consider popping into our local stores. A quick stop for coffee, a last-minute gift, or even dinner out makes a meaningful difference to the folks who keep Main Street lively.



Looking Ahead

As we close out the year, our teams are already planning community programs, recreation events, and infrastructure improvements for 2026. I'm grateful for all the residents who show up, volunteer, speak up at meetings, or simply lend a helping hand to a neighbor. Montvale thrives because of you.

A Big Thank You

To our first responders, DPW crews, and borough staff, and all first responders, thank you for keeping Montvale safe, clean, and running smoothly through all kinds of weather (and all kinds of emergencies).

Wishing every one of you a peaceful, joyful, and restorative holiday season. May your home be warm, your gatherings cheerful, and your Wi-Fi strong enough to outlast your visiting relatives.

See you around town,
Mayor Mike Ghassali

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!

Eddie Hutter
Montvale Property Maintenance

The Montvale Fire Department

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 Fire Department Facebook page for updated information.

Montvale Senior Club

Monday

Healthy Bones – 10:00am-11:15am HARP 551-996-2038 (A)
Chair Exercises – 11:00am-12:00pm (video tape) Micki Keller -201-669-9935 Bill Maki 201-803-5760
Mahjong – 1:30pm-3:30pm Kitty Stern – 201-802-0997 (A)

Tuesday

Canasta – 1:30pm-3:00pm Anne Coyman 201-391-0454 (A)
Tai Chi – 1:30pm-2:15pm Lisa Dent -201-391-5700-ext.251 (TV)

Wednesday

Yoga Exercises – 11:00am-12:00pm Micki Keller 201-669-9935 Bill Maki. 201-803-5760 (TV)
Mexican Train/Cards 1:00pm – 3:30pm Pat Casciano 201-307-9685 Lucille Borthwick 845-649-2964 (A)

Thursday

Savory Seniors – Thursday, December 18. “Cookie Exchange” 11:30am-1:00pm (A). Louise Boothby 201-476-1319 (A) Badoo Irani 201-264-8080

Friday

Chair Exercises 11:00am-12:00pm Micki Keller 201-669-9935. Bill Maki 201-803-5760 (TV)
Cards/Games/Rummikub 1:30pm-3:00pm Dianne Carfora 201-314-0141 (A)

Monthly Activities

Senior Club Business Meeting – December 4. 12:00pm – 2:00pm (A).
Book Club – Thursday, December 11 12:30 The book this month is: - ‘The Bean Town Girls’ by Jane Healy Ree Hopper-201-391-7386 Jane Green. 201-248-4240 (A)
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 Thursday for blood pressure reading

Montvale Senior Club

Upcoming Trips

June 2-5 Trip to Woodlock Pines. Pat Casciano. 201-307-9685

June 20-26 Norwegian Cruise to Bermuda on the Norwegian Aqua. Rosemarie Kelly. 201-391-8718

Reminders

No Bingo or Social Meeting this Month. Both will resume in January.

Bocce will be cancelled until spring.

The building will be closed December 24, 25 and 31.

Program managers will notify members is activity is cancelled during Christmas holidays.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

Curbside Collection

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 East Zone Trash Pickup	2 Central Zone Trash Pickup	3 West Zone Trash Pickup	4 Recycling: Districts 1 & 2	5 Leaf Pickup
8 East Zone Trash Pickup	9 Central Zone Trash Pickup	10 West Zone Trash Pickup	11 Recycling: Districts 3 & 4	12 Leaf Pickup
15 East Zone Trash Pickup	16 Central Zone Trash Pickup	17 West Zone Trash Pickup	18 Recycling: Districts 1 & 2	19 Leaf Pickup
22 East Zone Trash Pickup	23 Central Zone Trash Pickup	24 Recycling: Districts 3 & 4 West Zone Trash Pickup	25	26 Leaf Pickup
29 East Zone Trash Pickup	30 Central Zone Trash Pickup	31 Recycling: Districts 1 & 2 West Zone Trash Pickup	1	2

Montvale Public Library

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library will meet on Thursday, November 4th at 7:30pm. Please email Bombace@montvale.bccls.org if you have any questions.

The Friends of the Library Jewelry Sale will take place on Saturday, December 6th during Winterfest taking place throughout the library.

Please stop by to purchase some of the beautiful jewelry that has been donated. Necklaces, bracelets, watches, pins, and even some designer pocketbooks! Cash only. Buy a gift for a loved one or yourself while supporting the library.

A special thank you to all who donated. We appreciate you!

Montvale Public Library

Adult Programs

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

Monday, December 1, 8, 15, 22 2025 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 1, 8, 15, 22 2025. Register for as many sessions as you want!

Saturday, December 6, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

Throughout the library

Winter Fest 2025

Bundle up and join us for a flurry of fun at Winter Fest! Come and enjoy a cozy time filled with festive crafts for kids, the Friends of the Library Jewelry Sale, warm cocoa, live holiday music performed by the Pascack Hills High School Chamber Choir, and fun for all ages. Whether you're getting creative with crafts, sipping something sweet, or enjoying the concert, there's something for everyone to enjoy. It's the perfect way to warm up your winter!

Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Library Activity Room

Craft: Mandala Art Snowflakes

Start your Holiday season off right! Learn the art of Mandala Dot painting with our special dotting tools to create a glowing snowflake patterned artwork. Great for Holiday Cards, Tree Ornaments, gifts and more! Registration is limited to twenty adults with a valid library card.

Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Adult Meeting Area

How to Use Today's AI Tools to Simplify Life & Business

Learn how AI can make your life easier! Join us for a showcase on how AI tools can simplify your daily tasks, enhance productivity, and bring a new level of efficiency to both personal and professional endeavors will be presented at this workshop.

Adult Book Club

December 1, 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. We will be discussing the Color of Water by James McBride.

December 8, 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 Warmth of Other Suns" by Isabelle Wilkerson.

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

Winter Fest 2025

Saturday, December 6th 11 am- 1:00 pm

Bundle up and join us for a flurry of fun at Winter Fest! Come and enjoy a cozy time filled with festive crafts, a jewelry sale, warm cocoa, live music, and family-friendly fun. Whether you're getting creative with crafts, sipping something sweet, or enjoying the concert, there's something for everyone to enjoy. It's the perfect way to warm up your winter!

Pet Partners

December 3rd @ 4:00

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 8 years and older.

Please plan to arrive 10 minutes prior to your reading time so you have time to get settled and choose a book. If you are not present for your time slot we cannot guarantee your child will get their turn.

Musical Munchkins

Tuesday, December 9th @ 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

Mr. Corbitt's Musical Storytime

Tuesday, December 16th @ 10:30

Mr. Corbitt is back with engaging musical story time. Mr. Corbitt brings his vast musical background and love for teaching and working with children together for this energetic and enriching story time/singalong for parents and children alike. This class is best suited for 6mths - 4 Registration is required.

Baby and Me Yoga

Thursday, December 11 @ 10:30 am

Join us with Bozza Yoga and enjoy creative yoga poses, movements, and fun! Come, meet friends, and improve hand-eye coordination and motor skills through yoga! This class is for children aged 6 mths- 4 years and is a grown-up and child program. A new registration is required for each class

Music and Motion

Thursday, December 18th @ 10:30 am

Let's have some fun with Every Little Thing's Shelly Sontag's her Music and Movement class. Designed for babies and toddlers, kids will explore the magic of music through movement, rhythm, and play! In this parent-and-child class, we'll sing, dance, clap, wiggle, and bounce our way through fun, interactive songs that help develop motor skills, language, coordination, and social connection. Perfect for ages 6 months to 4 years, this class encourages self-expression and musical curiosity in a playful, pressure-free environment.

Cartooning Workshop

Wednesday, December 10th @ 4:00 pm

Hey, young artists! Ready to get Grinchy this December? Join us for a super fun cartoon workshop where you'll learn how to draw The Grinch step by step — from his sneaky grin to his fuzzy green fur! 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.

Montvale Public Library

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! And now available- passes for Dia Beacon!

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

E-Books and Online Material

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)! Because of its increase in popularity, we have increased the budget for items available through Hoopla.

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.



- Holiday music performance by PHHS Chamber Choir
- Jewelry Sale sponsored the Friends of the Library
- Stuff and Fluff Craft
- Hot Cocoa
- Great event for all ages

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR CRAFTS AND CONCERT

Montvale Recreation



Christmas Tree Lighting

Friday, December 5 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 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



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

Chess Lessons

Chess is the perfect way to sharpen young minds this season! Designed for all skill levels, this engaging and educational program teaches strategy, focus, and sportsmanship in a fun, supportive environment. For more information, contact newjerseysportsacademy@gmail.com or 646-541-3976

Montvale Community Center: 1 Memorial Drive
Tuesdays, January 27 to March 10

Foundation Chess:

4-4:50 pm (Ages 5-8)- \$160

5-5:50pm (Ages 9-14)- \$160

Intermediate Chess:

6-6:50pm (Ages 7-14)- \$210

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



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 8
Resident Fee for each 4 week session: \$40
Non-Resident Fee: \$50



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 13 - March 24

Grades 7-8 on Wednesdays 8:00-9:00pm
January 14 - March 18

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 13 - June 16

Resident Fee: \$195

Non-Resident Fee: \$220

Registration: Go to montvalerecreation.org



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 Spring 2026 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 2026 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 2026 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)	\$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 2026 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

Vice Presidents

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

Secretary

- Thomas Hartel, John M. Hartel Co.

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- George Varghese, Lifeline Urgent Care

Board Members

- Julia Avato, Business Development
- Paul Jordan, Wegmans
- Ron Laurent, CrossCountry Mortgage
- Amy Debellis, Sotheby's Real Estate
- Doris Sutich, Perfect Limo



Mark Your Calendars! **2026 REGIONAL KICK OFF EVENT!**

 **4 FEBRUARY, 2026**  **FLEMING'S PRIME STEAKHOUSE, MONTVALE**

The Montvale Chambers annual kick-off has had over 150 regional business leaders in attendance, with a goal of getting the most valuable information to our business leaders to help plan for a strong upcoming year along with special guest speakers. With such a strong attendance, the opportunity to network with other professionals has proven to be invaluable. *Stay tuned for more details!*

