

## **Montville Township Monthly**

### An Update from Town Hall September 2023



#### Montville Township Public Library News

September is the perfect time to visit the library and check out an outdoor game like cornhole, bocce or croquet that you can use at home! Or, if you're a musician or crafter, you can check out an electronic keyboard, ukulele, steel drum, Cricut Joy or sewing machine. The Montville Township Public Library has a variety of non-traditional items for checkout including electronics, recreation and games, and home items, in a collection called the Library of Things. You can see the full range of items available by going to the Library of Things page on our website at www.montvillelibrary.org.

This summer the library was thrilled to receive a Level Up Your Library mini grant from LibraryLinkNJ to further develop our existing Library of Things collection to offer a more diverse array of items, as requested by our patrons.

Items can be browsed from our Library of Things shelves, front and center when you enter the library. Montville Township residents with library cards can borrow items for 7 to 14 days, depending on the item. This collection offers the opportunity to try out items you are thinking about purchasing, or that you only need to use once. Whether you need to borrow binoculars, a game, or a portable DVD player, you can see the library as an extension of your home and as part of your community. Come to the library and check out one of our Things today!

#### **Adopt-A-Hydrant Program**

Many of the fire hydrants throughout Montville Township are chipped, faded, and unsightly. Our Adopt-A-Hydrant Program enables volunteers to freshen up the hydrants with a new coat of paint and earn community service time while doing it. The Water/Sewer Department at Town Hall supplies the paint and paint brushes. This would be perfect for girl or boy scout troops, non-profit community groups, church groups or anyone just looking to help beautify the community they live in.

If you are interested in volunteering for this program, you can pick up the supplies at the Water/Sewer Department at Town Hall, 195 Changebridge Road, Montville, Monday-Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm. If you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Water/Sewer directly at 973-331-3330.

Below is a before and after picture of a fire hydrant that was recently painted by a mom and her son on Merlin Place in Pine Brook. What a difference!



#### Montville Township 9/11 Memorial Service

Montville Township & VFW Memorial Post 5481 will be holding a 9/11 Memorial Service honoring "Patriot Day", as well as a special dedication of the Replica Twin Towers Monument to complement the existing I-BEAM monument on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 11:00am at Community Park Freedom Plaza (130 Changebridge Road, Montville). If you cannot attend in person, please join virtually by Zoom at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5241407448





#### Spotlight on Montville Township Health Department

The Montville Township Health Department is a major contributor to the public health, safety, and environmental well-being of our community. Some of the services that fall under the Health Department include health clinics/screenings, health education, public health nursing, animal control, issuing health permits, and many more.

The Registered Environmental Health Specialists (REHSs) investigate public health complaints and animal bites and inspect businesses to enforce state and municipal ordinances. Inspections include retail food establishments, public recreational bathing, camps, body art, septic, well, pet shops, and much more. The Registrars issue marriage licenses and keep records of birth, marriage, and death certificates. The Health Department staff schedule Dial-A-Ride transportation and oversee the Montville Township Animal Shelter making sure it operates within state and municipal ordinances. Cat and dog licenses are also obtained through the Health Department.

Communicable disease investigations are conducted by the public health nurses, as well as contact tracing, wellness checks, screenings, clinics, and vaccinations. Flu shots are provided by the Health Department each year.

Valuable, up-to-date health information is routinely posted on the Health Department page on the Montville Township website <a href="https://www.montvillenj.org/174/Health">https://www.montvillenj.org/174/Health</a> and Vanessa Freire, Health Officer, and our valued nurses, inspectors and administrative staff are always available to answer questions at 973-331-3316. Here's to good health!

# **Upcoming Committee Meetings**

Meetings start at 7:00pm at the Montville Township Municipal Building, 195 Changebridge Road.

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#### **Recycling Calendar**

Sept. 6th - Paper/Cardboard

Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> - Cans, Bottles, Glass & Plastic

Sept. 20th - Paper/Cardboard

Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> - Cans, Bottles, Glass & Plasstic