

Dec 2023 Quarterly Newsletter of The Borough of Northvale

# The Northvale Mail

## Mayor's Message



Joseph E. McGuire

Mayor, Borough of Northvale

Welcome to 2024! As we reflect on 2023 let's be thankful for the outstanding community in which we live. We recently honored our veterans on November 11th, Veterans Day, with a ceremony outside of Borough Hall.



Flag Made by Northvale Preschoolers

It was an honor to be amongst these fine
Northvale citizens who served their country. They represent so much of what makes living in our country both a joy and privilege. If you get a chance to attend any Borough events in 2024 please make it a point to come out on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Our veterans and their families truly do appreciate it.

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## Online Tax Payments Now Available

The Northvale Tax Office is now able to accept electronic online payments via e-check or debit/credit card. Existing methods of check, cash or money order remain as well.

You can access the portal via the Borough website at <a href="https://northvalenj.org">https://northvalenj.org</a> then click on "Tax Information" on the homepage. There is a \$1.95 fee for e-check payments and a 2.95% of the total bill fee for debit/credit card payments. Online payments may take up to 3-5 days to be reflected on the portal.

Also, you can set up an ACH withdrawal that automatically draws funds and makes payments quarterly using your pre-arranged payment method. For ACH, you must complete an authorization form and provide a voided check to allow the Tax Collector to set up the quarterly payment. You can contact the Tax Collector and the form will be sent to you.

#### Sponsored



Prestige Pickleball Club is now open at 160 Legrand Ave. Get ready to unleash your passion for pickleball at the state-ofthe-art facility, promising an unmatched experience for both

seasoned pros and newbies alike, offering everything from open play sessions to engaging round-robin play, with lessons to sharpen your skills, clinics to fine-tune your technique and a whole lot more!

Don't miss out on the action—check our website at <a href="https://www.prestigepickleballclub.com">www.prestigepickleballclub.com</a> - Go to "Member Access for all the details.

## DOJ Awards Northvale with COPS Grant

The US Deptartment of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) has awarded Northvale with a \$250,000 grant to aid in the hiring of new police officers over the next 3 years. Northvale is committed to having a safe community and meet the challenges that we've seen with rising crime rates in the area and schools over the last few years.

The aid in funding will help the Borough bring the force's personnel level back to where it was before recent departures as well as increase personnel that will create more effective patrolling and significantly decrease the overtime budget.





With the holiday season upon us, please consider these safety tips below to prevent delivered packages from being stolen..

- 1. Track your packages
- 2. Be home for delivery
- 3. Have a neighbor pick up if you're not available
- 4. Ship packages to work if possible
- 5. Use a P.O. Box or Amazon locker
- 6. Require a signature
- 7. Keep a security camera or doorbell camera pointed at your doorstep

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## **Useful Information**

#### **Smart911 Notifications**

Sign up on Borough website using link on homepage

Recycle Coach Reminders
Sign up on Borough website
using link on homepage. Scan
QR code to download the app



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### **Scheduled Meetings**

Mayor & Council – Borough Hall

Jan 3\* / Feb 14 / Mar 13 – 7 PM

\*Jan 3 reorg is 6:30 PM

Open Mic Night -

**Borough Hall** 

Jan 23 / Feb 27 / Mar 26 - 7 PM

Planning/Zoning – Borough Hall

Jan 4, 17 / Feb 7, 21 / Mar 6, 20 7: 30 PM – Subject to cancellation if no applications

Recreation – Borough Hall Jan 16 / Feb 13 / Mar 19 – 7:30 PM

Library – Library Building– Jan 24 / Feb 28 / Mar 27 6:30

Board of Health – Borough Hall Jan 9 / Mar 21 – 7:30 PM

2024 Recycling Calendars



are being distributed by mail to each household. They will also be available at Borough Hall.



Borough offices will be closed on Mon. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> and Mon. Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>. Please enjoy the season responsibly and the festive decorations on Paris Ave.

# **Borough Attacks High Healthcare Costs**

Northvale is partnering with The Difference Card to lower the costs of skyrocketing healthcare premiums from the NJ State Health Plan. The program offers an alternate way to finance copayments without compromising the level of service. This can result in up to an 18% savings in Borough premium payments to the state (taxpayers) and employee premiums for the plan. The state raised premium costs for municipalities over 20% in 2023.

## Maureen Felici Honored as Hometown Hero

Northvale now has its own Hometown Hero in Mrs. Maureen Felici. The super volunteer from the McGuire Senior Center was honored as



part of Congressman Josh Gottheimer's Hometown Heroes program that recognizes local volunteers. Nominated by Mayor McGuire, Maureen volunteers at countless Borough events in addition to her duties at the Senior Center. The Congressman's event was held on Dec.15<sup>th</sup> at the Bergen PAC where Maureen was amongst all of the volunteers honored in District 5. Maureen has been volunteering for decades and is loved by all who come in contact with her. Well done Mrs. Felici!

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# Mayor & Council Reorganization January 3<sup>rd</sup>



New Council Members
Hovannes Bakalian
(left) and Laura
Fernandez (center) will
be sworn in along with
current Councilman
Roy Sokoloski on
January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM

## Be a Part of the Senior Center



The James F. McGuire Senior Center accepts new members all throughout the year. Join for guest speakers, luncheons, dance and exercise classes, Bingo, movies, and more! Dues for Northvale residents are just \$10 for the year, and your out-of-town friends can join for \$12 a year. Reconnect with old friends and make some new ones, too! Come in for coffee and conversation, or head to the game room. Play some pool and darts, or games like Rummikub, Scrabble, and Mah Jongg. Read a book from our library, or borrow a movie to take home. Learn to crochet or show off your talents at our Monday morning Crochet Club meetings. Take advantage of our partnership with the Bergen PAC, which lets our members request free tickets to just about any show! All of this and so much more awaits you at the McGuire Senior Center, located right at the rear of the Northvale Borough Hall building. We are open from 9 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday. To see what we're up to in the next few weeks, visit us on the web at northvaleni.org/senior-center. We look forward to meeting you!

## **Baking for the Holidays? The Library Can Help**

Do you have a lot of baking to do for the holidays? Did you know that the library has a "Library of Things" and you can check out some cake pans? You can choose from a variety of designs such as a Christmas tree, snowflake, paw print, and many more. It is limited to one pan per library card for seven days checkout. The library also has ukuleles, Kindle Fires, and backyard games. Stop by and see all the library has to offer with your free library card.





