



Montville Township Monthly

An Update from Town Hall

December 2023



ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTINGS

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING MONDAY, DECEMBER 4th at 6:30pm
Municipal Building 195 Change Bridge Road. Join us as we welcome the Holiday season. Sing along with members of the Girl Scouts as we await the arrival of our special guests, Santa, and the Snowman. Enjoy light refreshments provided by the Women's Club and entertainment by "Elvis the Elf".



MENORAH LIGHTING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12th at 5:30pm Municipal Building 195 Change Bridge Road. Led by the Pine Brook Jewish Center and the Chabad of Montville Township.



2023 HOUSE AND BUSINESS DECORATING CONTEST

Celebrate the holidays by turning your house or business into a winter wonderland with lights and decorations! Participants have until Sunday, December 10th to register and decorate their house and/or business at www.montvillenj.org/recregistration.

Judging will be done by the Township Committee starting on December 11th through December 18th between 6:00pm-9:00pm.

An address list of decorated houses will be available on Facebook by December 11th at www.facebook.com/montvillerec. Winners will be announced on December 20th and acknowledged at the Township Committee Meeting on January 2, 2024, at 7:00pm.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

December 5th - 7:00pm
December 20th - 8:30am

RECYCLING CALENDAR

Dec. 6th - Cans, Bottles, Glass & Plastic
Dec. 13th - Paper/Cardboard
Dec. 20th - Cans, Bottles, Glass & Plastic
Dec. 27th - Paper/Cardboard

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL OPERATION

Initial Snow Fall and De-Icing Operation: When frozen precipitation begins, the DPW responds with salt trucks to apply treated salt to the main and side roads in town, including the hills. This initial application of salt helps melt the frozen precipitation; however, it's primary purpose is to create a brine between the pavement and frozen precipitation. This prevents snow & ice hard pack from forming.

Snow depth less than 1" with favorable road conditions: The salting operation will be continued treating roads with de-icing agents. **Snow Depth forecast of 1" or more:** The salting operation will be terminated, and plowing operations will begin.

Plowing Operation: Three factors affect actual snow plowing procedures: depth of precipitation, type of precipitation, long-range forecast (12 to 36 hours). If snow is predicted to continue, plowing crews are instructed to plow their assigned routes until the snow fall ceases. The town is divided into 18 plow routes, which include all town streets. These routes may take 2 -4 hours to plow once. It may take longer depending on the type of frozen precipitation. When there is a long duration event, the streets will be plowed multiple times. Residents may see drivers making multiple passes up and down their street. This is done to clear the street of snow from curb to curb and to keep all the catch basins open, preventing flooding from melted snow that may plug the basin tops.

Sidewalk Shoveling: It is important for the safety of residents that sidewalks are cleared of snow within 24 hours from the end of a snow event. If you have a sidewalk on your property, please clear the snow as soon as possible. The DPW may be making multiple passes up and down the street which might result in some snow covering the sidewalks after you have already shoveled. It is still your responsibility to clear the sidewalks.

Driveway Apron/Entrance and Mailboxes: It is the responsibility of the homeowner to clear all driveway aprons/entrances and mailboxes. The DPW will be making multiple passes to clear the roads of snow and ice even after you may have already initially shoveled, but after each pass it is still your responsibility to clear these areas.

Overnight Parking: As per Ordinance #10.08.060 – Whenever snow has fallen and the accumulation is such that it covers the street or highway, no vehicle shall be parked on either side of any of the streets. **As per Ordinance #10.20.170** – No person shall park a vehicle on any street in the township when snow covered, except as otherwise posted on the following streets: Crest Terrace, west side, entire length; Shawnee Trail, south side, from MacLeay Road to a point 950 feet northeasterly; Sunrise Way, north side, entire length; Sylvan Drive, west side, entire length; Tara Lane, west side, entire length; Valley View Drive, south side, 480 feet east of Underwood Road opposite No. 3 Valley View Drive; Windsor Drive, east side, From Rutledge Road to a point 450 feet northerly.

When to Call Department of Public Works: (973) 331-3324 or (973) 331-3323; Monday–Friday, 8:30am–4:30pm. Call during business hours to report icy or non-plowed roads and mailbox damage due to plowing. Please note: The DPW will still be out cleaning and clearing roads after the storm has passed. During non-business hours, please call the Montville Township Police Department to report any icy road conditions – (973) 257-4300.

