

Updates from the Council

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Monday, August 3
[Planning Board Meeting](#)
7:00 PM
Council Chambers

Wednesday, August 5
[Master Plan Report](#)
[Community Meeting \(1st Ward\)](#)
6:30 PM
Bellevue Branch Library

Tuesday, August 11
[Council Meeting](#)
5:30 PM
Council Chambers



2026 General Election: Councilor-At-Large Vacancy

The next General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. Montclair voters will have the opportunity to elect a Councilor-At-Large to fill the remainder of a vacant term.

Residents interested in running for the office must be registered voters in Montclair and have been residents for at least one year as of November 3, 2026. **Nominating petitions are available at the Office of the Township Clerk and must be filed by August 20, 2026.**

Before accepting or spending campaign funds, prospective candidates must appoint a campaign treasurer and designate a campaign depository by filing the appropriate forms with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC).

For information about campaign finance requirements, visit www.elec.nj.gov or call 609-292-8700. **For information about nominating petitions, contact the Office of the Township Clerk at 973-509-4900.**

Monday, August 17
Planning Board Meeting
7:00 PM
Council Chambers

Wednesday, August 19
Zoning Board of Adjustment
7:00 PM
Council Chambers

Thursday, August 20
Historic Preservation
Commission
7:30 PM
Council Chambers

Wednesday, August 26
Housing Commission
7:00 PM
2nd Floor Conference Room

Councilor At-Large Community Meeting Recap

On July 9, Deputy Mayor Susan Shin Andersen and Councilor-at-Large Bill Harrison hosted a community meeting to provide updates on Township initiatives and hear questions from residents.

The meeting featured presentations from the Township Manager on Township finances, the Planning Director, and Township staff on street safety improvements, along with updates on other initiatives. Residents also had the opportunity to ask questions and engage in an open discussion with Township officials.

If you were unable to attend, you can watch the full meeting recording on the Township's YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0xzsk8GDeRU&t=2s>

Follow along the video with the presentation slides here:

- [Deputy Mayor Andersen's Presentation](#)
- [Township Manager Stephen Marks - Finances](#)
- [Complete Streets](#)

Mayor & Council **Appoint New** **Township Attorney**



The Township Council has appointed Chantal M. Borroum as Montclair's new Township Attorney. She will be sworn in on August 11 and will serve as the Township's chief legal advisor, providing legal counsel to Township officials, departments, boards, and commissions.

Borroum joins the Township after more than a decade with the City of Newark Law Department, where she most recently served as First Assistant Corporation Counsel, bringing extensive experience in municipal law and local government.

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Township News & Events

MUNICIPAL
PLANNING

Master Plan Reexamination Process Continues

The Township's 2026 Master Plan Reexamination Report process is underway, with residents from across Montclair participating in a series of community meetings hosted by the Planning Department. The report examines how Montclair has changed over the past decade and identifies planning priorities for the years ahead, including housing, transportation, sustainability, infrastructure, economic development, and the future of the Township's business districts.

Residents can still participate in the [Upper Montclair Business District Community Meeting](#) on **Monday, August 10, at 6:00 p.m. at the Bellevue Avenue Branch Library.**

If you missed one of the earlier meetings, recordings of the presentations, the report overview, and additional information are available here: [Township's Master Plan Reexamination webpage.](#)

Property Tax Bill Update: What Residents Need to Know



Mailing of property tax bills for the current quarter has been delayed while the Township awaits Essex County's certification of the 2026 tax rate. Once the rate is certified, tax bills will be mailed promptly. The standard 10-day grace period will be extended, and the revised due date will be printed on your bill.

Your Tax Bill At a Glance

This year's property tax bill reflects changes from several taxing entities. For the average home assessed at \$641,700, the approximate changes are:

- **Township (Municipal):** +\$160.42
- **Essex County:** -\$25.67
- **Montclair Public Schools - Annual Budget:** +\$847.04
- **Montclair Public Schools - Voter-Approved Referendum:** +\$558.27 in 2026, with the remaining approximately \$558.27 billed in 2027.

How Your 2026 Property Tax Dollar Is Distributed

[Click here to view a chart](#) that shows a full breakdown of how the 2026 property tax levy is distributed. Montclair Public Schools account for 54.25%, followed by the Township (23.72%), Essex County (14.53%), Type I School District (2.90%), the School Referendum (2.32%), the Library (1.57%), and County Open Space (0.71%)

Letter from the Township Manager

For a detailed explanation of the 2026 property tax bill, [click here](#) to read Township Manager Stephen D. Marks' letter to taxpayers, which will be mailed as a cover letter to your tax bill.



Property Tax Relief Programs

Did you know? New Jersey has multiple tax relief programs for homeowners, mobile home owners, and renters.

- **Senior Freeze:** Property tax reimbursement. Available for seniors 65 and older or disabled homeowners (*permanently receiving Social Security Disability or Railroad Retirement disability payments in 2025*). [Click here](#) to learn more.
- **Affordable New Jersey Communities for Homeowners and Renters (ANCHOR):** Homeowner and renter benefits. Do not need to be age 65 and older. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- **Stay NJ: Senior tax credit program.** Stay NJ benefits are calculated after ANCHOR and Senior Freeze benefits are determined.

You can file online here: propertytaxrelief.nj.gov

The deadline to apply is November 2, 2026.



RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Registration is now open for the Recreation Department's **2026 Fall Programs.**

Youth and adult offerings include flag football, cross country, volleyball, baseball, basketball, tennis, soccer, fencing, cheer, open gym, and more, with programs running from September through November and beyond.

Browse the [Fall Programs Brochure](#) to learn more about each program, then register online through [Community Pass](#).

A photograph of the Montclair Township building, a large, light-colored structure with many windows and a flagpole flying the American flag. The building is surrounded by green trees.

Staff Recognition

Remembering Camille Marzullo

The Township mourns the passing of **Camille Marzullo**, who served as secretary with the Montclair Water Bureau for **54 years**. Camille was known for her commitment to public service and her kindness to colleagues and residents alike.

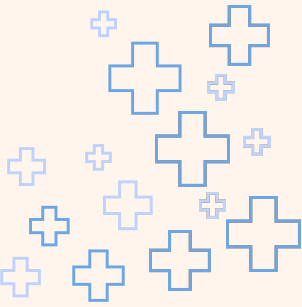
We extend our heartfelt condolences to her husband, Joe, her family, friends, and all who had the privilege of working with her.

Celebrating Linda Tate's 39 Years of Service

The Township congratulates **Linda Tate** on her retirement after **39 years** of dedicated service in the Senior Services Department. Linda's unwavering commitment to Montclair's seniors has made a lasting impact on many residents and their families.

In recognition of her distinguished career, she was honored with a resolution from the Essex County Board of County Commissioners during her retirement ceremony and received a commemorative letter from Governor Mikie Sherrill. We thank Linda for her decades of service and wish her all the best in her retirement.





Health & Human Services Department



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Montclair Health & Human Services
973.509.4970

Free Mobile Breast & Cervical Screening - August 19, 2026

Free breast and cervical cancer screenings for eligible women will be offered on **Wednesday, August 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Edgemont Park House**. Appointments are required. [Register online here.](#)

For questions, contact Vanessa Dessources at **973-509-4969** or vdessources@montclairnj.gov. Early detection saves lives!

Township & Montclair State University Partner on New Community Health Kiosk

The Township and Montclair State University have partnered to launch a new **Health Kiosk** near the Student Health Center at MSU, providing free 24/7 access to Narcan, fentanyl and xylazine test strips, safer sex kits, emergency contraception (Plan B), and 3-in-1 spiked drink detection pens.



The kiosk was created through the Academic Health Partnership between the Township's Department of Health & Human Services and Montclair State University's Department of Public Health.

STAY UP TO DATE WITH MONTCLAIR'S DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY

Click the captions in the boxes below to learn more about our projects and programs



Meet the Montclair State University “Green Team”

The “Green Team” is a group of students from Montclair State University and the PSE&G Institute for Sustainable Studies. The team is helping the township expand Montclair’s tree canopy by conducting soil sampling to determine the best tree species to plant based on tolerance levels and other variables.

[Click here](#) to meet the team and learn more about their work.

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PSEG ISS



GREEN TEAM

Explore the benefits of TREES



PSEG ISS MISSION

The PSEG Institute for Sustainability Studies' mission is to advance sustainability by developing community-engaged research projects and building educational programs through academic-corporate-public partnerships.



LEARN MORE & GET INVOLVED

REDUCE HEAT

URBAN HEAT ISLAND EFFECT (UHI)

Tree canopies help cool the surrounding area.



INCREASE VALUE

BEAUTIFUL PROPERTY

Trees increase property value, reduce noise pollution and cooling costs.



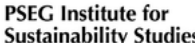
ABSORB STORMWATER

PREVENTS FLOODING

The water that trees absorb through their roots helps support flood mitigation.



 **MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY**

 **PSEG Institute for Sustainability Studies**

 **PSEG Institute for Sustainability Studies GREEN TEAMS PROGRAM**



We are building the library of the future and want to hear from you!

Montclair Public Library has been awarded \$36.6 million in tax credits from NJEDA's Cultural Arts and Facilities Expansion project and will be renovating both library branches to better suit our community.



Scan to take our survey, share your opinion and be entered for a chance to win a \$50 Watchung Booksellers gift card!

MONTCLAIR FILM'S ANNUAL **FREE**

MOVIE NIGHT

UNDER THE STARS



tick, tick... BOOM!

Friday, August 21, 2026

Church Street, Montclair Center

**BRING
A LAWN
CHAIR**

We're bringing Jam Sessions at Keycuts outdoors!

Pre-show performance by actor and Tony Award Winner Joshua Henry

- ◆ Venue opens at 6:00pm, pre-show performance starts at 6:30pm, movie begins at sundown
- ◆ Please support the businesses in Montclair Center and grab dinner or take out from one of the area's incredible restaurants.

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**To Register*
Scan QR Code**

*Registration is recommended but
not required

ESSEX COUNTY'S RECYCLING DAY

Household Hazardous Waste

Saturday, October 3, 2026

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Essex County Public Works Facility
99 W. Bradford Avenue, Cedar Grove, New Jersey

Free to all Essex County Residents. Essex County residents must provide proof of residency at the site.

NOT FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES.

- ✓ Do not exit vehicle.
- ✓ Items for disposal to be placed in trunk.
- ✓ NO containers will be returned (gas cans, etc.).

For more information call
973-792-9060 or
www.ecuanj.com

ITEMS ACCEPTED:

Herbicides	Automotive fluids (antifreeze, motor oil, steering fluids, etc.)	Mercury and products containing mercury
Paint thinners and solvents	Darkroom/Photographic chemicals	Gasoline/Kerosene
Oil based paints and stains	Lithium and NiCad batteries	Household cleaning fluids
Chemistry sets	Fluorescent light bulbs and ballasts	Car batteries
Propane tanks (barbecue type)		Fire extinguishers (home)
Pool chemicals		Driveway sealer
		Aerosol spray paints

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT:

Latex paint	Commercial or Industrial Waste	Household batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V)
Unlabeled or Unidentified Materials	Empty Containers	Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Alarms
Asbestos	Explosives, Munitions, Ordnance or Reactive Materials	
Regulated Medical Waste or Infectious Waste		



"There are some materials that should be removed from our regular waste stream because of their hazardous nature. This collection day provides our residents a place to properly and safely dispose of contaminants, protecting our precious environment for future generations. I encourage residents of all of our communities to come out and participate."

— Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.



Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., Essex County Executive, The Essex County Board of Commissioners and the Essex County Utilities Authority

ESSEX COUNTY'S RECYCLING DAY

Computer & Electronics

Saturday, October 17, 2026

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Essex County Public Works Facility
99 W. Bradford Avenue, Cedar Grove, New Jersey**

**Free to all Essex
County Residents.**
Essex County
residents must
provide proof of
residency at the site.

**COMMERCIAL
AND LARGE
QUANTITY USERS
MAY NOT
DROP OFF ITEMS.**

- ✓ **Do not exit
vehicle.**
- ✓ **Items for
disposal to be
placed in trunk.**

**For more
information call
973-792-9060 or
www.ecuanj.com**

ITEMS ACCEPTED:

Computers
Monitors
Printers
Fax Machines
Scanners
Telecom Equipment
Speakers
Televisions
Keyboards
Main Frames
VCRs
Stereos
DVD Players
Toasters
Irons
Old Cellular Telephones

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT:

**Smoke Detectors
Carbon Monoxide Alarms**



"Recycling computer hardware and electronic devices helps remove lead and other dangerous chemicals from our waste stream, which is important for us and our children. With your participation, we can do our part to protect the environment."
— Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.



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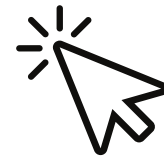
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