

### Updates from the Council

#### Township Meetings

*Unless otherwise noted, all township meetings occur in the Municipal Building at 205 Claremont Ave, either in the Council Chambers on the 1st floor, or 2nd Floor Conference Room.*

Check the official [Montclair Government YouTube](#) channels for live streams of meetings and recorded meetings

#### Full Township Calendar

Monday, July 7

#### Planning Board Meeting

7:00pm

Council Chambers

Wednesday, July 9

#### Environmental Commission Meeting

7:30pm

2nd Floor Conference Room

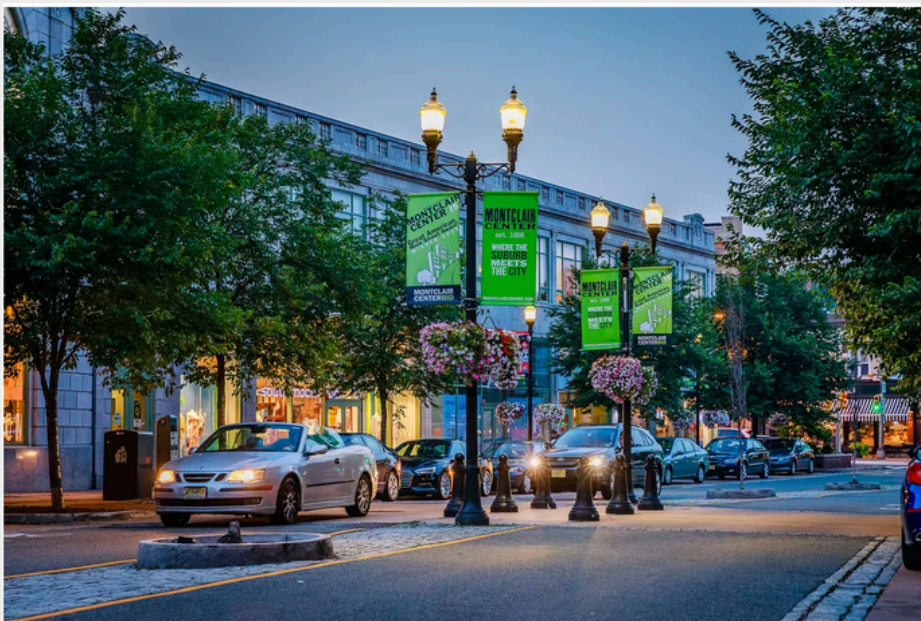
Monday, July 14

#### Rent Control Board Meeting

6:00pm

2nd Floor Conference Room

- Following the adoption of the Complete Streets ordinance, the Township has hired a Complete Streets Director - Laura Torchio, AICP, who served as Chair of Montclair Vision Zero Task Force.
  - Listen to an interview with the new Director on the Montclair Pod podcast, available [here](#).
  - Read the full announcement on the township website [here](#).
- What is Complete Streets? How is this different from Vision Zero? Vision Zero is a national campaign supporting the idea that Zero is only acceptable number of deaths or serious injuries on our roadways. Complete Streets is a policy and design approach that will help Montclair achieve the goal of Vision Zero. The context of the surrounding land use determines what elements of Complete Streets are most appropriate - every street is different. [Here's an example of South Park Street, Montclair after its redesign in 2011.](#)



Thursday, July 17  
[Civil Rights Commission](#)

7:00pm  
2nd Floor Conference Room

Monday, July 21  
[Planning Board Meeting](#)

7:00pm  
Council Chambers

Tuesday, July 22  
[Council Meeting](#)

7:00pm  
Council Chambers

Wednesday, July 23  
[Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting](#)

7:30pm  
Council Chambers

- A Complete Streets approach to roadway design can include features such as:
  - Improved pedestrian infrastructure like safer crosswalks, ADA-compliant accessibility upgrades, and sidewalk enhancements
  - Cyclist-friendly measures like bike lanes, shared-use paths, and improved signage
  - Traffic calming initiatives like narrowing lanes, adding curves or humps, enhancing crosswalks, and lowering speed limits
- As part of the Complete Streets ordinance is the creation of a Complete Streets Oversight Board, which will consist of 9 members, composed from township staff, police department, governing body members, and members of the public.

## **75th Anniversary of Montclair's Sister-City Relationship with Graz, Austria**

2025 marks 75 years of Montclair Township's "Sister-City" relationship with the city of Graz, Austria. The city partnership began in the immediate aftermath of World War II. Montclair sent medical supplies and care packages to Austria, in addition to Mountainside Hospital providing an X-ray machine and incubator to a damaged hospital in Graz. The cultural partnership continues today, including a student exchange partnership between Montclair State University and the University of Graz.

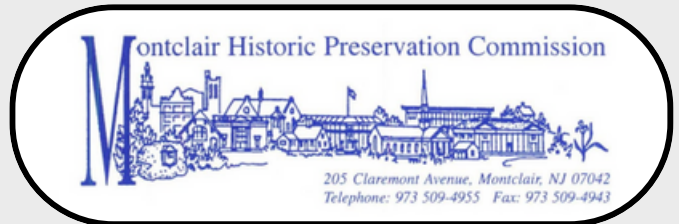
To commemorate the anniversary, representatives from Montclair, including Deputy Mayor / Councilor-at-Large Susan Shin-Andersen and MSU President Jonathan Koppel traveled to Graz, meeting with Graz Mayor Elke Kahr, the Vice Mayor, and a Council member. Check out photos from the official visit below: *(Photo Credit: © Stadt Graz/Fischer)*



## Township News & Events



### **Montclair Historic Preservation Commission's 2025 Award Winners**



On Thursday, June 12, the Montclair Historic Preservation Commission awarded several nominees who went above-and-beyond in preserving the unique nature of their property and the character of the greater community overall. This year, the nominees were recognized with two types of awards: the Bricks & Mortar Preservation Award and the Preservation Service Award.

The Bricks & Mortar Preservation Award recognizes nominees who demonstrate excellence in the preservation and restoration of historic buildings through compatible design and adaptive reuse.

The Preservation Service Award recognizes nominees who demonstrate outstanding achievement in furthering the aims of historic preservation within the Township, including research, planning, development, advocacy, and local community leadership.

See the winners of the award below:

#### **Saving Bluestone Sidewalks - Bricks & Mortar Preservation Award**

For decades, sidewalks made up of bluestone slabs have lined the streets of Montclair, increasing the aesthetic value of the streetscape and the property values of nearby homes. Montclair residents who preserved the historic slabs in front of their properties, despite the high cost of maintenance, were honored at Thursday's ceremony.



#### **63 Park Street - Bricks & Mortar Preservation Award**

With historic roots as the former local headquarters for the Red Cross, 63 Park Street has always had strong ties to the field of medicine and healthcare. The transformation of the property into a veterinary office was honored by the Commission because the renovation was completed through adaptive reuse and continued a long-standing tradition.



#### **Olmstead Oak - Bricks & Mortar/Adaptive Reuse Preservation Award**

Tragically falling in a fierce storm in August of 2024, Anderson Park's historic Olmstead Oak lives to see another day; this time in the form of a bench for the public to enjoy. Local artist Charlie Spademan was honored at the ceremony for his creation and preservation efforts.



#### **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church - Preservation Service Award**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and the community that it embodies has maintained not only a strong dedication to preserving a historic chapel in town but also have actively worked to assist those in need in the region. At the ceremony, the church received the Preservation Service Award both for their restoration of the building's exterior and their work with organizations like the Human Needs Food Pantry and Meals on Wheels.





# Montclair, NJ

Now Available on the City Health Dashboard



**Put Us on the Map**  
2025 Selected City

## **Montclair Now Featured on NYU's City Health Dashboard**

We're excited to announce that Montclair is now live on the City Health Dashboard. Earlier this year, we applied to the Dashboard's 'Put Us on the Map Challenge', an initiative to add more small cities to the website.

The City Health Dashboard is a free, online resource that provides city and neighborhood level data on over 40 measures of health and the factors that shape health, including high blood pressure, childhood poverty, routine checkups, park access, and more.

Our city has officially gained access to the Dashboard, its data, and all of its features.

[Click here to check out Montclair's data on the Dashboard](#)

# Women's Cancer Screening - Wednesday, August 6th

The Department of Health & Human Services, Mayor Baskerville & the Montclair Mayors Wellness Campaign in partnership with Mammography in Motion and the S.A.V.E Program at Rutgers Cancer Institute of NJ at University Hospital are providing access to breast and cervical cancer screenings to women of our community!

[Click here for more details](#) and additional flyers translated into Spanish, Portuguese, and Haitian Creole



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.  
Montclair Health & Human Services

**Early detection saves lives,  
and we are bringing you...**

*Mobile*  
**BREAST & CERVICAL  
SCREENING**

**WEDNESDAY  
AUGUST 6, 2025**  
**9:00 am to 3:00 pm**  
Montclair Health Department  
205 Claremont Avenue  
Montclair, NJ 07042

**TO SCHEDULE A MAMMOGRAM  
PLEASE SCAN:**



**FOR INFORMATION  
CONTACT:**

**Margaret Brodowski**  
**973-509-4980**  
[mbrodowski@montclairnjusa.org](mailto:mbrodowski@montclairnjusa.org)

- State-of-the-art 3D imaging
- Comfortable and discreet space
- No prescription needed
- Insured and uninsured accepted
- Personalized navigation for abnormal results

Breast Screening (Mammogram) Eligibility:

- Women age 40 and older
- Never had a mammogram or last mammogram was 12+ months ago
- **For insured and uninsured patients**

Cervical Screening (Pap Smear) Eligibility:

- Women age 21 to 65
- Last pap smear was 12+ months ago
- **For uninsured patients only**



**University  
HOSPITAL**  
Newark, NJ

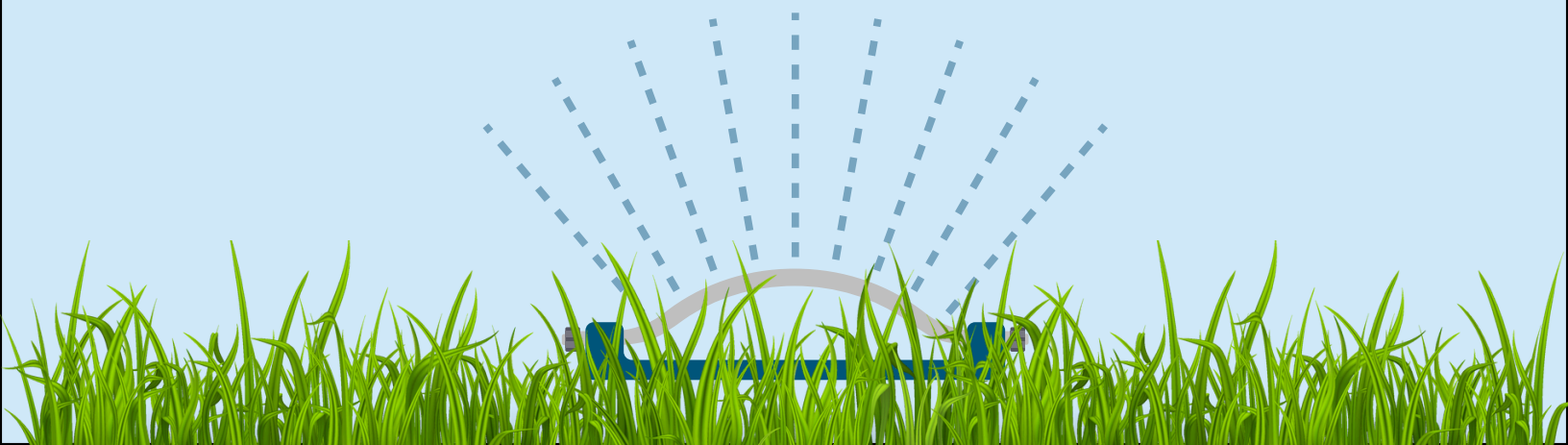
**A message from the Office of Sustainability and Water Bureau:**

## **Save Water - and Money - With Digital Sprinkler Controllers**

With summer temperatures rising and lawns demanding more attention, the Montclair Office of Sustainability and Water Bureau recommends that residents consider turning to digital sprinkler controllers to simplify their lawn care and conserve water.

These smart devices use real-time weather data to automatically adjust watering schedules, preventing over-watering while keeping your lawn healthy. Beyond the benefits of water conservation, they can also save residents money by reducing their utility bill. It's a simple upgrade that can make a big difference.

3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Councilor Rahum Williams recently replaced his analog sprinkler controller with a digital controller that he controls with his phone. He says: *"The digital controller saves water by checking the weather forecast to see if it is necessary to water the lawn in accordance with the schedule that I programmed. It's only been about a month, but I am pretty pleased with the results because the system has skipped several watering cycles which has saved water and money."*





### Pine St. Railroad Crossing - Closure & Upgrade

From July 9 to July 17 the at-grade railroad crossing on Pine St. will be shut down for replacement. No vehicular traffic will be able to cross the tracks during this time at all.

This is a result of a pre-construction meeting with NJ Transit and the NJ Department of Transportation regarding the rehabilitation of the railroad crossing.

Click [here](#) to read the full notice on the website



Montclair Township Animal Shelter has a new phone number!  
We can be reached at **973-744-1400 ext. 5313.**

We do not currently have voicemail but our phones are answered during our open hours 1 pm to 4pm daily (closed on Wednesdays).

Animal Control can continue to be reached at 862-621-9113.

Thank you so much for your patience while we transition over to our new phone system.

# Vision Zero Pledge

Vision Zero is national campaign with the goal of eliminating all traffic fatalities and severe injuries. Help Montclair reach that goal by becoming a Vision Zero Hero and committing to safe practices as a driver, bicyclist, or pedestrian.

[Click here to take the pledge](#)

Stop by the Clerk's Office at the Municipal Building (205 Claremont Ave) to pick up a "Vision Zero Hero" bumper sticker!



## Save a Life.









**Let's get to ZERO fatalities and severe injuries on Montclair's streets.**

Between 2021-2023, five people were killed and there were 574 injury crashes in Montclair. Collectively, we can eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries. Start today by becoming a Vision Zero Hero. Learn more about Vision Zero Montclair at <https://tinyurl.com/4dhhtj3e>.

**Take the HERO pledge today!**



**As a DRIVER I pledge to:**

-  Drive 25 mph in Montclair and 20 mph in a school zone.
-  Always look out for pedestrians and bicyclists.
-  Follow all laws and regulations governing Montclair's streets.
-  Never park where I obstruct visibility in a crosswalk.
-  Pay attention. Keep my eyes on the street.
-  Never drive if I am impaired.
-  Never flee a crash scene.
-  Be patient and respectful on Montclair's streets.

**As a PEDESTRIAN or BICYCLIST, I pledge to:**



-  **Look out by looking up.**  
*At intersections, I'll watch for turning cars and be mindful that I may not be visible to drivers.*
-  **Follow traffic lights and laws.**  
*I will only cross when it's my turn.  
Follow all laws and regulations governing Montclair's streets.*
-  **Not to be distracted by my phone.**  
*I won't be a distracted pedestrian or bicyclist. My phone, text messages and social media can wait.*
-  **Be a Vision Zero Hero.**  
*I will be a saver of lives and make our streets safer for all!  
(Insert your own AWESOME superhero sound track here.)*

## Hey Hero.

**Driving 20/25 mph is one of your biggest superpowers.**

**It save lives.**

A pedestrian's odds of surviving a crash dramatically increases.



**It reduces the distance a car is thrown after a crash.**

**It gives you quicker reaction times to make heroic maneuvers.**

**It extends your field of vision to see pedestrians.**

**You can avoid crashes altogether.**

**The Montclair Police Department is hiring Crossing Guards! See the flyer below for details and how to apply:**



# **NOW HIRING CROSSING GUARDS**

**APPLY HERE**



**PART TIME**  
**\$24.34**  
Starting Pay



**Applications are also available in person at  
Human Resources (205 Claremont Ave)**

- Minimum 10 hrs/week
- Summer Work Available
- Paid Holidays
- Paid Sick Time
- Paid Personal & Vacation Days
- OPEIU Union Membership
- Uniforms/Equipment Provided
- Annual Uniform Stipend \$495

**CONTACT**

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(973) 509-4752 or [cjezewski@montclairnjusa.org](mailto:cjezewski@montclairnjusa.org)



PRESENTED BY MONTCLAIR'S OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

# **MONTCLAIR RESIDENTS: RECEIVE A FREE NATIVE PLANT CONSULTATION AND TREE ASSESSMENT FOR YOUR LAWN**

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Are you interested in adding native plants but not sure where to start? Converting part or all of your lawn enhances curb appeal, promotes well-being, and supports the environment. Each consultation offers personalized guidance to help you build a more resilient, sustainable landscape.

**CLAIM YOURS NOW  
ONLY 20 SPOTS LEFT!**

Email [mcunliffe@montclairnjusa.org](mailto:mcunliffe@montclairnjusa.org)  
to schedule your free consultation!



Consultations are provided only to Montclair residents, with sign-ups on a first come, first serve basis. Priority is given to residents living in Montclair's Overburdened Communities (OBCs). This program is made possible by a grant from Sustainable Jersey and PSE&G.