

Updates from the Council

Township Meetings

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Monday, July 6

[Planning Board Meeting](#)

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Wednesday, July 8

[Environmental Commission Meeting](#)

7:30 PM

Council Chambers

Thursday, July 9

[At-Large Community Meeting](#)

6:30 PM

Edgemont Park House

Tuesday, July 14

[Council Meeting](#)

5:30 PM

Council Chambers



Montclair Public Library Awarded Historic \$36.6 Million State Grant

The Montclair Public Library has been awarded \$36.6 million in transferable tax credits through the New Jersey Economic Development Authority's (NJEDA) Cultural and Arts Facilities Expansion (CAFE) Program. The funding will support a comprehensive renovation and modernization of both the Main Library and the Bellevue Avenue Branch, addressing critical infrastructure needs while expanding accessibility and community spaces.

Planned improvements include upgraded children's and teen areas, classrooms, maker spaces, art galleries, performance and gathering spaces, ADA accessibility upgrades, and energy-efficient building systems. The project is being funded through a partnership between the NJEDA, the Township of Montclair, the Montclair Public Library Foundation, and community supporters, helping to minimize the financial impact on local taxpayers while investing in the future of the Library. [Click here](#) to read the full press release from the library announcing the grant.

Wednesday, July 15

Zoning Board of Adjustment

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Wednesday, July 15

4th Ward Community Meeting - Street Safety

6:00 PM

Corner of High St & Orange Rd.

Wednesday, July 15

Master Plan Reexamination Report - Community Meeting Series (1st of 4 meetings scheduled)

Thursday, July 16

Complete Streets Oversight Board

12:00 PM

2nd Floor Conference Room

Thursday, July 16

Civil Rights Commission

7:00 PM

2nd Floor Conference Room

Thursday, July 16

Historic Preservation Commission

7:30 PM

Council Chambers

Monday, July 20

Planning Board

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Wednesday, July 22

Housing Commission

7:00 PM

2nd Floor Conference Room



Township Raises Juneteenth Flag

Residents, elected officials, and community leaders gathered on June 19 for Montclair's annual Juneteenth flag-raising ceremony, honoring the end of slavery in the United States while reflecting on the ongoing pursuit of equity and justice. [Click here](#) to watch the ceremony on TV34 YouTube.

Montclair Township Retains AAA Credit Rating

Montclair has once again earned the highest possible credit rating from S&P Global Ratings, reaffirming the Township's AAA bond rating and SP-1+ short-term rating. These top ratings reflect Montclair's strong financial management and help keep borrowing costs low, supporting investments in infrastructure and projects while protecting taxpayer dollars. [Click here](#) to read the full press release.

Council-Appointed CFO Joins Montclair; Staff Milestones Recognized

The Township welcomes **Peter George** as Montclair's new Chief Financial Officer. Bringing experience from several New Jersey municipalities, Peter joined the Township in May with a collaborative, hands-on approach to municipal finance. We also recognize several recent staff milestones, congratulating **Police Captain Robert Romito, Donna Bennion, and Linda Tate on their retirements** and thanking them for their dedicated service. Congratulations as well to **Connie Newton on her promotion to Municipal Court Administrator**.

COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE COMMUNITY MEETING

All residents are welcome to attend the next Councilor At-Large Community Meeting. Topics will include:

- **Master Plan & Re-Examination**
- **Home Improvement Program**
- **2026 Green Team**
- **Municipal Financial Update**
- **Council & Legislative Updates**
 - **Tree Ordinance**
 - **Parking Fees/Permit Ordinances**
- **Open Discussion, Q&A**



EDGEMONT PARK HOUSE
290 VALLEY ROAD



THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2026
6:30 - 8:30PM



Susan Shin Andersen
Deputy Mayor &
Councilor-At Large



Bill Harrison
Councilor-At-Large



4TH WARD COMMUNITY MEETING

STREET SAFETY

Join us to discuss street safety improvements being planned for the **intersection of Irving St., High St., and Orange Rd.** Your voice matters - we want to hear your feedback and ideas as we work to make this area safer for everyone.

JULY 15, 2026

6:00 PM

Corner of High St & Orange Rd.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- Irving/High St/Orange Rd. Safety
- Pedestrian Crosswalk Improvements
- Traffic Calming Measures
- Complete Streets Initiative
- Community Concerns & Feedback

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Aminah Toler

4th Ward Councilor

Dr. Renee Baskerville

Mayor

Jacob Nieman

Complete Streets Director



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Township News & Events

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Montclair Celebrates Independence Day

Montclair residents came together and braved the heat on July 4, 2026, to celebrate Independence Day with the Township's annual parade. Families, neighbors, community organizations, and local officials lined the streets to enjoy a festive morning filled with patriotic spirit and community pride. Thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered, and helped make this year's celebration a success.

[Click here](#) to watch the full video of the parade on Montclair TV34 YouTube.



CHURCH STREET PEDESTRIANIZATION



Montclair Township is closing Church Street to vehicular traffic on certain weekends this summer, transforming the heart of Montclair Center into a vibrant outdoor hub for activities and community events.

Come enjoy a Church Street that puts people first!

10AM - 10PM
ON:

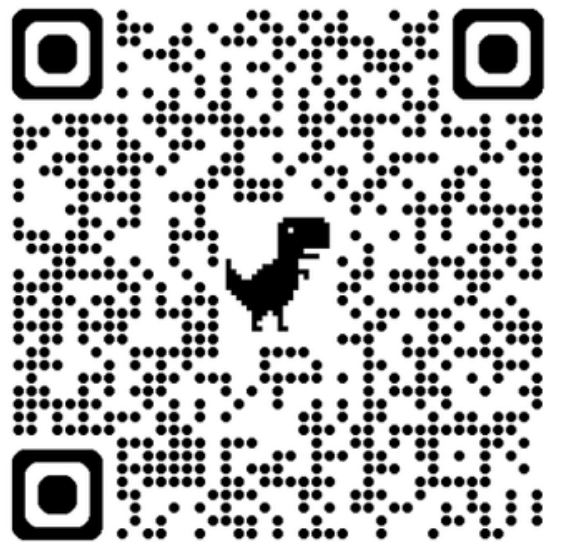
6/19 - 6/21

7/17 - 7/19

8/21 - 8/23

9/18 - 9/20

10/23 - 10/25



Scan if you're interested in hosting events and activities!

Contact
streets@montclairnj.gov
+1 (973) 509-4933

Learn More
montclairnjusa.org/streets

Master Plan Report

COMMUNITY MEETINGS!

Join the Planning Board for four discussions on the 2026 Master Plan Reexamination Report. Followed by public Q&A sessions.

[Click here](#) for information on the report's impact on the Master Plan, and how it helps shape future planning decisions.

Residents from all wards are welcome to every session!

JULY 15
WEDNESDAY
6:30-8:30 PM



3 RD WARD MEETING

Montclair Municipal Building
2nd Floor Conference Room
205 Claremont Ave, Montclair

JULY 22
WEDNESDAY
6:30-8:30 PM



2ND WARD MEETING

Edgemont Park House
290 Valley Road, Montclair

JULY 29
WEDNESDAY
6:30-8:30 PM



4TH WARD MEETING

Montclair Fire Headquarters
1 Pine Street Montclair

AUGUST 5
WEDNESDAY
6:30-8:30 PM



1ST WARD MEETING

Bellevue Branch Library
185 Bellevue Ave, Montclair

New NJ E-Bike Requirements | Effective July 19, 2026

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Must be 15 Years or older to operate an e-bike in New Jersey



LICENSE REQUIRED: Must have an e-bike license or valid driver's license.



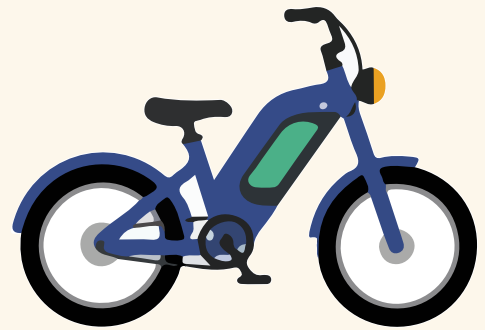
HELMET REQUIRED: Helmets are mandatory for all e-bike riders.



REGISTRATION: All e-bikes must be registered with NJMVC



Motor Vehicle Commission



Starting June 26, the NJ MVC will begin appointments for residents to obtain licenses and registrations.

SCAN THE QR CODE for step-by-step information from the NJ MVC, or go to nj.gov/mvc/vehicletopics/ebike.htm



What is an e-bike? There are two types:

Low-Speed Electric Bicycle (Class 1)

- Pedal-assisted only (no throttle)
- Motor provides assistance while pedaling
- Max assisted speed up to 20 MPH

Motorized Bicycle / Moped (Class 2/3)


- Throttle-equipped (up to 20 MPH) OR
- Pedal-assisted to 28 MPH





Summer Hours Are Here!

Montclair Township Animal Shelter will be closed to the public on Saturdays for the summer (July 4th through Labor Day). Our regular Saturday hours will resume after Labor Day.


Summer Shelter Hours

 **Sunday: 1:00–4:00 p.m.**

 **Monday: 1:00–4:00 p.m.**

 **Tuesday: 1:00–4:00 p.m.**

 **Wednesday: CLOSED**

 **Thursday: 1:00–4:00 p.m.**

 **Friday: 1:00–4:00 p.m.**

 **Saturday: CLOSED**


We will continue to host volunteer training sessions on Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. in our lobby. Visit us during our public hours — no appointment necessary! Looking for your new best friend? 


[Click here](#) to browse our adoptable animals, or scan the QR code:



[Click here](#) to submit an adoption application online, or scan the QR code:



 Have questions about one of our wonderful animals? We'd love to help! Contact us at MTAS@montclairnjusa.org.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you this summer! 



205 Claremont Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042
Telephone: 973 509-4955 Fax: 973 509-4943

PUBLIC NOTICE

MASTER PLAN REEXAMINATION **HISTORIC PRESERVATION ELEMENT**

Montclair Township invites residents and community members to share their ideas and recommendations as part of the Master Plan Reexamination Report for the Historic Preservation Element.

The Historic Preservation Element establishes goals and policies for protecting Montclair's historic buildings, neighborhoods, landmarks, and cultural resources. The current element was adopted in 2016, and is being reviewed to determine whether updates are needed to reflect current community priorities and preservation goals.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Residents are encouraged to provide feedback on:

- Preservation priorities
- Historic districts
- Design guidelines
- Historic guidelines and landmarks
- Other preservation-related topics

Comments may be submitted in advance by email to zkazmi@montclairnjusa.org

**THURSDAY
JULY 16**

7:30 PM

**COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

**205 CLAREMONT
AVE**



Scan the QR code or
[click here](#) to view the
2016 Historic
Preservation Element



2026 Lead Service Line Replacement Program

Montclair Water Bureau is preparing to launch its Lead Service Line Replacement Program in 2026 - **at no cost to homeowners** - in compliance with a New Jersey law requiring replacement of all lead, galvanized, and brass service lines within 10 years.

While Montclair's water mains are lead-free, older homes, especially those built before 1940, may still have service lines that need replacement.

Residents are encouraged to check their service line material and learn how to participate in the program.

👉 [Click here](#) for more information and instructions on how to see if your address is eligible.

For questions, please email DolHaveLead@montclairnjusa.org (include your address in the subject line).

Note: Anyone who has reached out to DolhaveLead@montclairnjusa.org and qualifies for replacement should check the emails for Right of Entry forms

GET INVOLVED WITH

MONTCLAIR'S DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY

Learn about how to get involved in the Montclair community with our programs!

COMMUNITY CLEAN UPS

We welcome community groups and students to host their own clean up session any time of the year!

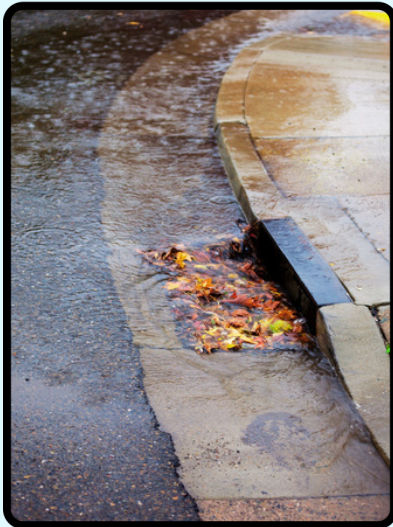
To support clean up efforts, eligible community organizations that provide a minimum of 6 volunteers and work for a minimum of 2 hours may qualify for a small donation!

Email or call us to learn about eligibility!

Program funded by NJ Clean Communities



ADOPT A DRAIN



A simple, low-effort action with big environmental benefits!

By adopting, you can:

- Reduce flood risk & property damage
- Protect local waterways
- Be an environmental steward
- Get recognized! Share cleanup photos for a spotlight on our website & newsletter



[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE & ADOPT!](#)

[Click here](#) or scan the QR code to learn about ALL of our projects and programs on our website:



Get in touch to learn about volunteer opportunities or ask any questions:

 **973-509-4998**

 **sustainability@montclairnj.gov**

RESIDENT BENEFITS

MONTCLAIR'S DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY

Explore the programs and projects designed to benefit you and our community!

WANT TO START COMPOSTING?



Purchase an Earth Machine Composter at wholesale cost for \$79.95 (80 gal. cap.).

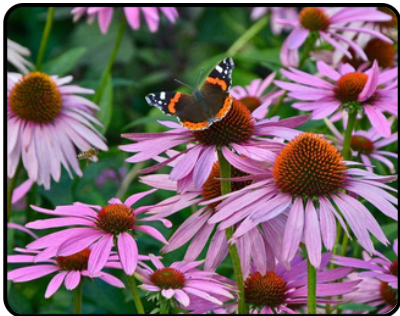
[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)

For Montclair residents ONLY.



FREE NATIVE LANDSCAPING CONSULTATION

Are you interested in adding native trees and plants to your landscape but unsure where to begin? Get a complimentary consultation* from a local landscape architect!



[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE AND REQUEST A CONSULTATION](#)



*Consultations are provided ONLY for Montclair properties; sign-ups are on a first come, first serve basis, and only while funding lasts. This program is facilitated by Montclair's Department of Sustainability and made possible through grant funding from Sustainable Jersey, PSE&G, and the USDA.



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.





The **Montclair Community Time Capsule** is inviting everyone with a connection to Montclair to help preserve today's stories for future generations.

Co-hosted by the Montclair Cultural Arts Advisory Committee (MCAAC) and a coalition of local partners, this community-wide project encourages residents to write letters, share photographs, contribute small mementos, and participate in creative events throughout the year.

Contributions will be sealed in a time capsule this November, buried at the James Howe House, and opened in 2076 as part of America's 300th anniversary celebration. **Learn more and find upcoming events at montclaircommunitytimecapsule.com.**

8th Annual Family Function Game & BBQ

The Family Function Organization will be hosting the 8th annual Kickball Game & BBQ at Glenfield Park on Saturday, August 29, from 10AM - 8PM.

The event is free for all - [click here](#) to register.

**10AM
8PM** *Montclair 8th Annual*

FAMILY FUNCTION KICKBALL GAME & BBQ

CARNIVAL RIDES | **PETTING ZOO** | **ICE CREAM** | **GAMES & ACTIVITIES** | **GIVEAWAYS & MORE** | **BBQ FOOD** | **LIVE DJ ALL DAY**

**SATURDAY
AUG
29TH**

EVERYTHING FREE

FUN FOR ALL AGES!

**GLENFIELD
PARK
MONTCLAIR, NJ**

★ **FUN FOR ALL AGES** ★
COMMUNITY FESTIVAL EXPERIENCE
♪ **LIVE MUSIC ALL DAY** ♪

**BBQ
GOOD EATS!**

**ICE
CREAM**



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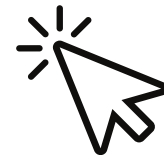
Stay informed!

Sign up and register your e-mail to receive updates from the township, important alerts, and our monthly newsletter.

Scan the QR code OR click the link below.



LINK TO
REGISTER



Need help signing up? Contact us at
info@montclairnjusa.org