



### Updates from the Council

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**Monday, May 4**  
[Planning Board Meeting](#)  
7:00 PM  
Council Chambers

**Tuesday, May 5**  
[Council Meeting](#)  
5:30 PM  
Council Chambers

**Thursday, May 7**  
[Development Review](#)  
[Committee](#)  
7:00 PM  
Council Chambers

**Wednesday, May 13**  
[Rent Control Board Meeting](#)  
7:00 PM  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

### NYC Bus & Rail Service Survey Results

The Township's New Jersey Transit Committee (part of the Transportation Working Group) has released results of the public survey on bus and rail service between Montclair and NYC. More than 2,300 responses were received.

[Click here](#) to read the committee's report on the survey results and what happens next.

### Upcoming Community Meetings

#### [Tuesday, May 12 - Municipal Budget](#)

**7:00 PM | Council Chambers (205 Claremont Ave)**

*An overview of the approved Municipal Budget and what the BOE vote means for your tax dollars. Hosted by 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilor Aminah Toler, At-Large Councilor Bill Harrison, and Township Manager Stephen Marks.*

#### [Wednesday, May 13 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Town Hall Meeting](#)

**6:30 PM | Montclair Public Library (50 S. Fullerton Ave)**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Councilor Rahum Williams hosts an open town hall dedicated to listening to residents' experiences, concerns, and ideas for moving our town forward.*

## Street Safety Improvements

Thursday, May 14

### Complete Streets Oversight Board

12:00 PM

2nd Fl Conference Room &  
Microsoft Teams

Monday, May 18

### Planning Board

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 19

### Council Meeting

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

Wednesday, May 20

### Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Thursday, May 21

### Civil Rights Commission

7:00 PM

2nd Floor Conference Room

Thursday, May 21

### Historic Preservation Commission

7:30 PM

Council Chambers

Wednesday, May 27

### Housing Commission

7:00 PM

2nd Floor Conference Room

### Stop Signs

The Mayor & Council have voted to install 4-way stop signs at:

- South Mountain Ave & Gates Ave (installed)
- Harrison Ave & Porter Place (installed)
- Claremont Ave & North Willow Street (to be installed in the future)

The Township has also installed:

- A Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon at Elm St along Elmwood Ave & Hawthorn Place
- Speed humps along Undercliffe Road

### Upcoming Township Roadwork

- Roadway safety improvements and traffic calming work on Upper Mountain Ave b/w Watchung Ave, Jerome Place, and Seneca Place

### Ongoing Engineering & Design Work

- Harrison Ave b/w West Orange line and Llewelyn Road
- Maple Ave streetscape improvements b/w Bloomfield Ave & Woodland Ave

### Proposed Changes

Proposed changes that will be considered by the Mayor & Council at upcoming Council Meetings will include:

- A new traffic pattern along Sutherland Road to make it one-way westbound.
- A new 4-way stop sign at Cedar Ave & Sutherland Road

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## Township News & Events

MUNICIPAL  
BUILDING

# 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 [DoIHaveLead@montclairnjusa.org](mailto:DoIHaveLead@montclairnjusa.org) (include your address in the subject line).**

Due to high volume, please allow a few days for a response.

# Celebrating 18 Years of Service in Recreation

**After 18 years of dedicated service, Michele Cammarata** reflects on a career spent building community, creating opportunities for residents, and shaping generations of Montclair families through recreation. We are also excited to announce that **Garland Thornton - who has been with the Recreation Department for over 30 years - will be promoted to Director.**



What first inspired you to work in parks and recreation?

I started as a lifeguard at 18 and worked my way up to pool manager. After graduation, the Recreation Director asked me to join full-time. I remember saying yes “just until I find a real job”, but it didn’t take long to realize this was exactly where I wanted to be.

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

I’m proud of the wide range of sports, activities, and events we’ve offered Montclair residents, as well as improvements to fields and playgrounds. However, the proudest and saddest time was during COVID-19. It felt unreal to close playgrounds, fields, and cancel spring programs. Working with our Health Department, we were able to offer summer programs for families following COVID guidelines. We found a way to open two swimming pools while other community pools remained closed.



What will you miss most about working with the community and your colleagues?

I will truly miss all those that I came to meet in my career in Montclair. Many children are now parents raising their own families and it's so wonderful to see the next generation being engaged. There are so many people who have been part of my time here from seasonal staff, board members, coaches and volunteers of committees. I have such fond memories of times spent together and am now blessed to call my friends.

What are you most looking forward to in retirement?

I can't lie - I'm truly looking forward to enjoying holidays and weekends. All our programs and events take place outside normal work hours. It will be a different vibe watching the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade as a spectator! However, I don't regret the time spent ensuring our events were presented in the best way possible

Is there anything you'd like to say to residents and colleagues you've worked with over the years?

I will miss you! I have worked under 10 councils, 7 township managers and 3 Recreation Directors. I have years of memories to forever cherish and was proud to be part of the Township of Montclair. I wish Garland Thornton and my wonderful Recreation staff much success. We worked so well together that we are truly a family!





**The Montclair Fire Department recently honored several members for their well-earned promotions** during a ceremony at the April 21 Council Meeting.

Please join us in recognizing the following individuals:

- Kevin Stoute, promoted to Deputy Chief
- Thomas Hargraves, promoted to Captain
- Peter Albanese, promoted to Captain
- Natasha Richardson, promoted to Supervisory Fire Inspector



We are especially proud to share a historic milestone for the department: **Supervisory Fire Inspector Richardson is the first woman to serve in this role, marking a significant moment for Montclair.** [Click here](#) to watch the ceremony.





## **Montclair's Third Annual Earth Fest Draws Over 1,000 Residents**

Montclair's Third Annual Earth Fest brought the community together on April 26 along South Park Street for an afternoon centered on environmental stewardship. More than 1,000 residents attended, enjoying live music, exploring electric vehicles, connecting with local eco-conscious businesses and nonprofits, and picking up free trees. Over 150 trees were distributed across the weekend.

Thank you to the Township's Department of Sustainability, the Montclair Center BID, Drive Electric, and the many volunteers, vendors, and performers who made Earth Fest 2026 possible. We can't wait to see you at next year's event! [Click here](#) to watch video of the event on TV34.



## **Animal Shelter Trap-Neuter-Return Program**

The Montclair Township Animal Shelter is dedicated to supporting animals across our community, including free-roaming “community cats.” Through our Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program, we humanely manage stray and feral cat populations by trapping, spaying/neutering, vaccinating, and returning them to their outdoor homes. This approach improves the quality of life for both cats and residents while gradually reducing the number of strays.

If you are aware of stray or feral cats in your area, please contact our Animal Control Officers at 862-621-8113 for assistance.

Sometimes, cats from our TNR efforts are found to be suitable for indoor living and become available for adoption. Currently, we’re caring for Neptune and his son, Mariner. Neptune, a former stray, is still learning to trust new people but is incredibly affectionate with those he knows. With Neptune’s guidance and care, playful kitten Mariner has also become more trusting. We hope to find a home willing to welcome this sweet pair together.

**For more information about our programs or available animals, contact the shelter at [mtas@montclairnjusa.org](mailto:mtas@montclairnjusa.org) or 973-744-1400 x5313.**





## **Summer Jobs Available with Montclair Recreation**

**Montclair's Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department is hiring for summer positions, including camp counselors, supervisors, and lifeguards.**

These roles support youth programs and help create a safe, fun environment throughout the season.

Positions run from early July through early August, with weekday hours.

**[Click here](#)** to learn more and apply.



## **Recycling & Sanitation Staff Visit Montclair Community Pre-K Students**

Montclair Community Pre-K (MCP-K) students recently welcomed special visitors as part of their “Community Helpers” project, where volunteers share how they’re supporting the community.

The Township’s Recycling & Sanitation team stopped by to give students a hands-on look at their important work. Staff from the Streets and Sanitation Divisions brought along recycling equipment, demonstrating how it operates and teaching students the basics of proper recycling. The visit was a big hit, sparking curiosity and excitement among the young learners.

## **Montclair Selected for Regional Climate Resilience Initiative**

Montclair is among eight municipalities selected to participate in New Jersey's expanding Resilient NJ program, a state-led initiative focused on strengthening communities against flooding and climate impacts.

As part of the Lower Passaic River region, Montclair will collaborate with neighboring towns and environmental partners to develop regional strategies that address shared flood risks, improve water quality, and advance long-term climate resilience. [Click here](#) to read the full press release from NJDEP.

## **Montclair Earns "Tree City USA" Designation**

Montclair has been officially recognized as a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation, honoring the Township's commitment to urban forestry and sustainable tree management.

This designation reflects Montclair's ongoing efforts to plant, protect, and maintain its tree canopy, which plays a critical role in improving air quality, reducing urban heat, managing stormwater, and enhancing quality of life for residents.



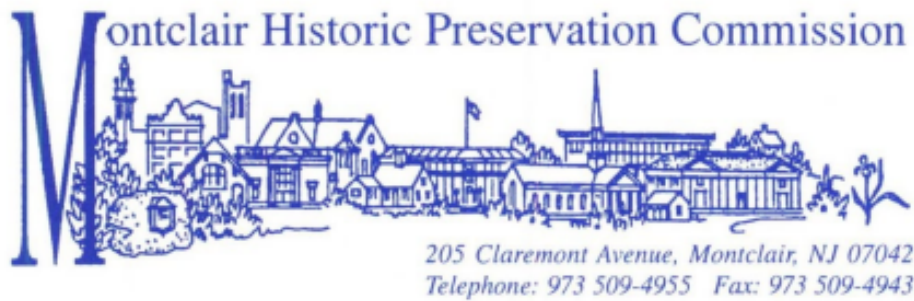
# Community Energy Plan

## **What is a Community Energy Plan?**

A Community Energy Plan (CEP) is a locally tailored roadmap that identifies priority energy goals, strategies, and actions a municipality can pursue to reduce energy consumption, lower greenhouse gas emissions, generate long-term cost savings for taxpayers, and expand access to clean energy. Montclair's CEP builds on progress already achieved by the Township and the Department of Sustainability and is designed to inform future climate action, capital planning, and sustainability initiatives – all in alignment with State programs and incentives.

## **Get Involved**

Plan development has included multiple rounds of review and coordination among the Department of Sustainability, the Montclair Environmental Commission, and Township administration. Public input plays an important role in shaping this work. **We invite residents and community stakeholders to join us for a stakeholder engagement session on Wednesday, May 6th at 7:30 PM at the Environmental Commission meeting.** This is your opportunity to learn more about the Plan and share your feedback before it is finalized.



## **Master Plan Reexamination – Historic Preservation Element (May 21)**

The Township of Montclair 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 current Historic Preservation Element was adopted in 2016 and is being reviewed to determine whether updates or revisions are needed to reflect current community priorities and preservation goals.

Residents are encouraged to review the existing Historic Preservation Element and provide feedback on potential changes, including priorities for preservation, historic districts, design guidelines, and related topics.

**The Historic Preservation Commission will host a public discussion on Thursday, May 21st at 7:30 PM, immediately following the Township Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony. Please join us in the Council Chambers at 205 Claremont Avenue.**

Comments may also be submitted in advance by email to [zkazmi@montclairnjusa.org](mailto:zkazmi@montclairnjusa.org) or shared during the meeting.

The 2016 Historic Preservation Element is available online [here](#).

Your input will help guide future preservation planning efforts in Montclair.

# Sister City Graz Establishes Memorial Scholarship Honoring Educator with Montclair Ties

Montclair's sister city of Graz, Austria, has established a memorial scholarship honoring Mrs. Dorit Wiener, a beloved teacher who tragically lost her life in the [school shooting that occurred in Graz last year](#). Created in partnership with Montclair State University, the University of Graz, and the City of Graz, the scholarship celebrates Mrs. Wiener's legacy and her connection to Montclair, where she once studied as part of a cultural exchange program. The scholarship will support future students in pursuing international study and cultural exchange, reflecting Mrs. Wiener's commitment to education, understanding, and global connection.



*Deputy Mayor Susan Shin Andersen & Montclair State University President Jonathan Koppell meet with Graz government officials during a visit last year*



## **Montclair Public Library Wants Your Opinion**

**Fill out our new technology survey!**

**Are you looking to learn more about technology at the library? We want to hear from you!**

The library is planning future technology classes, and we want to make sure we're teaching the skills you actually want to learn. No matter your skill level, your feedback is essential. By taking a few moments to fill out a brief survey, you can help us understand what our patrons need. Thank you!

**[Click here to take the survey](#)**



**MONTCLAIR CELEBRATES JULY 4**

**ANNUAL  
MONTCLAIR "LEGENDS"  
BARTENDING FUNDRAISER**

**CELEBRATING THE  
2026 GRAND MARSHALS:**



In Celebration of their Inclusion on the Black Heritage Trail

**MAY 28, 2026**

**5-8PM**

**JUST JAKE'S  
30 PARK ST MONTCLAIR**



**REACHING OUT MONTCLAIR  
AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

# Family HEALTH FAIR

**SATURDAY  
MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2026  
10AM - 2PM  
AT WALLY CHOICE  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
45 MAPLE AVENUE,  
MONTCLAIR, NJ 07042**

Free Health Screenings and  
Information including:

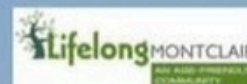
- Essex County Pediatric Mobile Unit
- Prostate and Breast Cancer Awareness
- Blood Pressure Screening
- Glucose Screening
- Mental Health Resources
- Confidential HIV Rapid Testing
- PrEP Screening & Counseling
- Health Education
- Division of Family Assistance and Benefits
- Free Giveaways
- AND MORE!!

**For the full list of health  
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community partners,  
please refer to our  
resource guide by  
scanning the QR code.**



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**MAY 9th 2:30-5:30PM**

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- 25 years of landscaping with native plants
- A sanctuary for birds and pollinators
- A highly productive organic vegetable garden
- A newly installed backyard pond
- A solar-powered home



**WILDLIFE HABITAT**



**POLLINATORS**



**SUSTAINABLE GARDEN**



**ORGANIC FOOD**

# Celebrating 100 Years of Care

1926

2026



**NEIGHBORHOOD  
CHILD & INFANT  
CARE CENTER**



*Celebrating*

# 100 *Years*

of Community & Child Care Service  
at the Neighborhood Center

**GALA • BLACK TIE AFFAIR**

*Friday, September 18, 2026*

6:00PM - 11:00PM

TICKETS

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An unforgettable evening of elegance, entertainment, and impact as we honor  
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SUPPORT OUR MISSION. • CELEBRATE OUR LEGACY. • INVEST IN OUR FUTURE.

Proceeds benefit the Neighborhood Child & Infant Care Center

# Montclair Bulldogs

Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading Program

## Car Wash

**FUNDRAISER**

**SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026**

**10AM-2PM**

**CARS \$12 / SUV'S \$15**

**Donations welcomed!**

**Come out and support the Bulldog Football program!**



**NISHUANE - PARKING LOT - MONTCLAIR, NJ**

# PIZZAFEST

June 20th



## IN CRUST WE TRUST



PIZZA TRUCKS CANNOLI CORNER LIVE MUSIC  
MARINARA MARKET ROW  
FREE ADMISSION 12-6PM  
ALL-DAY & BIG CHEESE VIP PASSES AVAILABLE

**Vintage + Music + Food + Good Times**

**MONTCLAIR  
VINTAGE  
CRAWL  
AND  
RECORD FAIR**

**May 30 & 31  
11-5PM**

**Pick up your map @ Lackawanna Station  
and tour the town.**

**Finish the crawl to claim your prize.**





**Montclair**

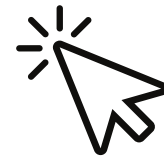
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