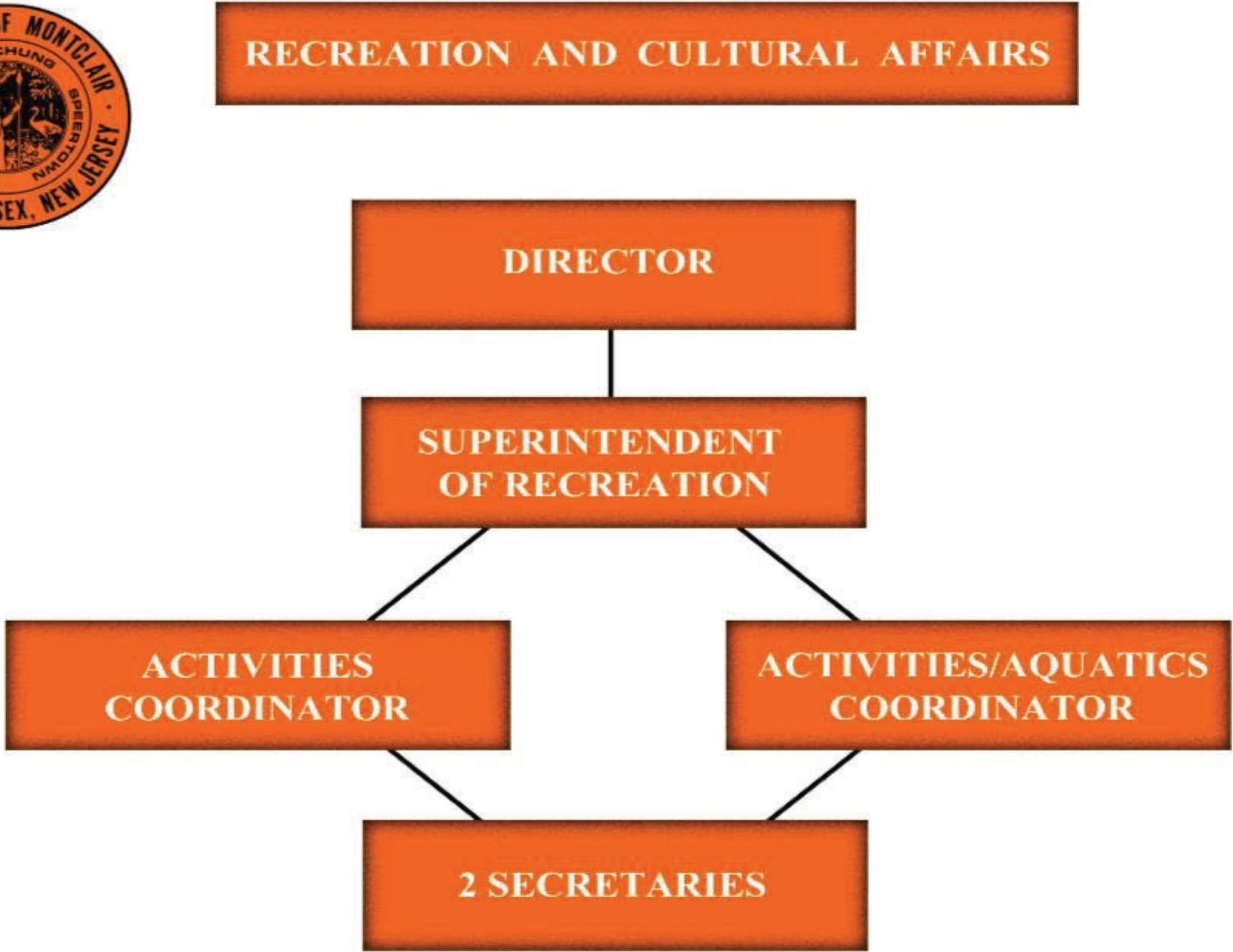


MISSION STATEMENT

The Montclair Department of Recreation & Cultural Affairs offers year-round recreational, athletic and cultural programs for all ages and abilities.

The Department serves the interests and welfare of all residents through programs that encourage healthful and active lifestyles, provide opportunities for learning and enrichment, and help foster a sense of community. We strive to offer a wide variety of activities through innovative programs and cooperative ventures in order to continue building recreational opportunities while enhancing the quality of life for Montclair residents.

Recreational sports are activities pursued for enjoyment, physical fitness, and social interaction, prioritizing participation over intense competition, and often involving less stress than a recreational sport.



*Appox. 100 paid temporary/seasonal employees for various sports, activities & programs
Appox. 140 volunteer non-paid coaching staff



Recreation Budget

	2025	2024	% Change
Liability Insurance	7,500.00	6,558.57	13%
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs	218,000.00	203,000.00	7%
Recreation Programs	211,550.00	206,000.00	2.6%
	437,050.00	415,558.57	5.2%

Staff Summary

Currently, the Recreation Department consists of five (5) full time employees with approximately 20-30 part time paid recreational staff and a seasonal staff (May – Sept) of 80-100 who are employed for our summer programs. We also oversee the various volunteer coaching staff who are background checked and CPR/AED certified.



Unlike many municipalities, our sports programs are offered directly under the supervision of Montclair Recreation.

- Basketball
- Baseball/Softball
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country
- Fencing
- Field Hockey
- Football (flag and tackle)
- Gymnastics
- Lacrosse
- Sports Camps
- Skiing and Snowboarding
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Track
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

Expenditures & Income



	2025	2024	Change	% Change
Recreation & Cultural Affairs - Expenditures				
Salaries & Wages	754,231.37	720,418.26	33,813.11	5%
Other Expenses	429,550.00	409,000.00	20,550.00	5%
Recreation & Cultural Affairs - Income				
Cash/Check		\$62,912.50		
Credit Card		\$407,455.00		

Recreation & Cultural Affairs

There are three (3) Municipal Swimming Pools which are open during the summer season from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Registration is handled in the Recreation Office. The Department is responsible for the hiring of pool staff, daily scheduling, and pool maintenance along with DCS, water testing and certifications. All staff are certified life guards with proper CPR/AED training.



Recreation and Cultural Affairs is responsible for Township-sponsored events. (Holiday Winter Fest, Spring Egg Fling, Memorial and Veterans Day ceremony, Sept. 11th, and July 4th parade (one of the largest in NJ) and picnic. We assist with events not sponsored by the Township. We work closely with our Police and Fire Departments for events.

The Department works with the Wellmont Arts Plaza to maintain 12 free outdoor concerts and events. Band concerts performed by our Montclair Community Band and Serendipity Café are under our direction.

May 28, 2025



We offer a full day summer camp program, sports camps and tennis lessons. Camps run from late June until mid-August. Weekly trips are arranged for our Day Camp program along with daily swimming.

Our office is also responsible for issuing park permits, field schedules, and working in conjunction with the Montclair Board of Education to secure facilities for activities and programs. The relationship between Recreation and Montclair HS Athletic Directors office is vital to ensure that field and school usage is properly scheduled and maintain a shared calendar

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Recreation is important for all ages, but it is especially crucial during children's formative years. Socialization opportunities through recreation are needed to support their social-emotional maturity into healthy adulthood.

Montclair Recreation & Cultural Affairs is a vital part of our community, fostering well-being, social connections, and a stronger local environment, making it essential for a thriving and inclusive Montclair Township