

### 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

**Tuesday, August 12**  
**Council Meeting**

**5:00pm\***

**Council Chambers**

*\*This meeting will have an early start at 5:00pm with Executive Session for the Council to conduct confidential interviews for Township Attorney. [Click here](#) to read the official notice.*

#### **Township and Community Support Set Clary Anderson Arena on Path to Reopening**



At the July 22 Council Meeting, the Mayor and Council unanimously voted to establish a municipal utility to operate, maintain, improve, and repair the Clary Anderson Arena. In addition, they approved a new fee schedule for the facility and adopted an updated ice skating policy.

This action follows votes in June to award a management contract to a new operator, and \$1 million worth of repairs necessary to ensure the facility's reopening to the public this fall while intensive work continues on the question of its long-term future.

The Mayor and Council also expressed their gratitude for the swift and generous fundraising efforts led by the Clary Anderson Arena Association. The non-profit organization mobilized community support and raised more than \$400,000 to purchase essential equipment and fund critical repairs, an incredible fundraising achievement. The Association continues to seek community contributions to support long-term improvements and help accelerate the renovation timeline.

[Click here to donate.](#)

**Thursday, August 14**  
**[Historic Preservation](#)**  
**[Commission Meeting](#)**  
**7:30pm**  
**Council Chambers**

**Monday, August 18**  
**[Planning Board Meeting](#)**  
**7:00pm**  
**Council Chambers**

**Wednesday, August 20**  
**[Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)**  
**[Meeting](#)**  
**7:30pm**  
**Council Chambers**

The Township and community came together in response to serious safety and health concerns identified earlier this year. Inspections conducted with the Building Department and Township Engineer uncovered multiple issues, including water infiltration into electrical systems, structural deficiencies, code violations, and widespread infrastructure problems.

*“Thanks to dedication of our stakeholders and staff we have made huge progress towards the short-term goal of a rink that is open, safe, and not a burden to the Township’s taxpayers,” said **First Ward Councilor Erik D’Amato**, who chairs the Council’s three-person Facilities and Infrastructure Committee. “My hope now is that donors won’t let up, and continue to pitch in towards the ultimate objective of putting the facility into the hands of a self-financing and self-governing non-profit.”*

Moving forward, the Township, Mayor, and Council will continue to collaborate with the Clary Anderson Arena Association through the Council’s project committee to develop a detailed renovation plan and prioritize the most urgent repairs.

- **2025 Budget Summary:** Township Manager Stephen Marks has prepared a letter for residents and taxpayers in Montclair to provide an overview and summary of the 2025 municipal budget that was passed earlier this year. Our hope is that residents feel better informed about what the budget comprises and the impact it has on local taxpayers. The letter was also sent as a cover letter in the most recent tax bill. [Click here to read the letter.](#)
- **Affordable Housing Survey Results**
  - The Economic Development Committee of the Town Council in conjunction with the Planning Department, developed a survey to assess residents' points of view on affordable housing. This survey was widely distributed in April 2025 and resulted in over 1800 responses, a statistically relevant number to broadly derive respondents' positions on issues. The key takeaway was that there is a strong pro-housing cohort in town albeit with caveats.
  - Here is a link to the survey results: [Affordable Housing Opinion Survey 2025](#)
  - We can also provide additional detailed statistical analysis of the results upon request to **Councilor-At-Large Carmel Loughman: [cloughman@montclairnjusa.org](mailto:cloughman@montclairnjusa.org)**.
- **Township Attorney Recruitment:** The Mayor & Council have continued to make progress in the process of recruiting a permanent Township Attorney. A Special Council Meeting was called on Friday August 1<sup>st</sup>, to host an executive session where interviews for the position took place. The next Council Meeting on August 12 will also start early at 5:00pm for the Council to conduct interviews during an Executive Session.

## Shuttle Bus Survey

The Mayor and Council are assessing whether there is a need in the community for a jitney bus or shuttle, to provide additional transportation options. Montclair previously had 2 shuttle bus services, a jitney bus to Bay St. station, and a Senior Shuttle Bus loop. By taking this survey, you will help the township understand what the residents' specific needs are.

Scan the QR code in the flyer below, or click the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NZ6WDTV>



### Shuttle Bus Survey

**Montclair Township is exploring the creation of a local bus or jitney service, and we want to hear from you!**

**Scan the QR code to take the survey or visit the URL below:**



**[surveymonkey.com/r/NZ6WDTV](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NZ6WDTV)**

***Your voice matters - thank you for helping us improve local transit options in Montclair.***



**Save the Date - August 27 - for  
the next Community Meeting  
with Deputy Mayor &  
Councilor At-Large Susan  
Shin-Andersen.**



## **Save the Date**

*Community Meeting with  
Deputy Mayor & Councilor At-Large  
Susan Shin Andersen*



**August 27, 6:30 – 8:30pm**



**Montclair Public Library**  
(Main Branch: 50 South Fullerton Ave)

**Open to all residents!**



### **Montclair Votes to Opt-In to Garden State C-Pace Program**

At the most recent Council Meeting, the Mayor and Council passed an ordinance to make Montclair a participating municipality in the Garden State Commercial Property Assessed Program, known as the “C-Pace” Program.

The C-Pace program provides eligible property owners (commercial, industrial, agricultural, and certain multi-family residences) with access to financing from the state to undertake energy-efficiency, renewable energy, water conservation, and resiliency improvements on their buildings. Owners then repay the financing through payment of an additional assessment to their municipality, similar to their real property tax.

For more information and details about C-Pace, visit the NJ Economic Development Authority’s website at this page: <https://www.njeda.gov/c-pace/>

If you are a property owner of a commercial, industrial, agricultural, or multi-family property, and are interested in participating in the C-Pace program, or have questions, please contact Montclair’s Economic Development Coordinator, Daniel White, at [dwhite@montclairnjusa.org](mailto:dwhite@montclairnjusa.org)



# Prohibiting synthetic pesticides on township-owned land

On July 22, the Township Council voted unanimously in favor of an ordinance, O-24-22, that:

- 1) Officially prohibits synthetic pesticides (including herbicides, insecticides, fungicides) used on township-owned properties. Note: It does not regulate pesticide use on private property.
- 2) Formalizes the use of organic land care practices on township-owned properties.
- 3) Ensures the town only purchases plants from nurseries that have not treated the plants with synthetic insecticides

*“Montclair Township already made it a practice to refrain from the use these synthetic pesticides on township-owned land,” explains Deputy Mayor Susan Shin Andersen. “With advice and leadership from the Montclair Environmental Commission (MEC), the Council decided it was time to formalize that environmentally progressive practice on public property to ensure this protection for the long-haul.”*

**Department of Community Services Director Austin Ashley adds,** *“The Department of Community Services (DCS) proudly supports the township's newly adopted pesticide ordinance. This new measure formalizes practices that DCS has long implemented across Montclair's public spaces. You can count on our parks and public areas being clean and maintained free of toxic chemicals, so when families and pets are out enjoying themselves, they don't have to worry.”*

*“Montclair is one of the first NJ towns to pass such a strong ordinance! We are hopeful that other towns will follow suit and this new regulation will inspire more Montclair residents to adopt similar environmentally responsible, chemical-free practices on their yards, fostering a healthier Montclair for residents, pets, birds, pollinators and beneficial insects, waterways, and wildlife,” shares Suzanne Aptman, Montclair Environmental Commission Chair. “The use of synthetic pesticides is not necessary to create a thriving, eco-beneficial, mosquito-free yard. In fact, using these chemicals can do just the opposite. Our eco-systems need support from all of us more than ever!”*

**Want to mirror these non-toxic, organic land care practices in your own yard? Check out this [FAQ & suggestions \(mtcenv.org/reducingpesticides\)](https://mtcenv.org/reducingpesticides) from the MEC!**

## **Important highlights from the Ordinance's introductory statements:**

- scientific studies associate exposure to pesticides, including herbicides, insecticides, and fungicides, with asthma, cancer, developmental and learning disabilities, nerve and immune system damage, liver or kidney damage, reproductive impairment, birth defects, and disruption of the endocrine system; and
- infants, children, pregnant women, the elderly, people with compromised immune systems and chemical sensitivities are especially vulnerable to pesticide effects and exposure; and
- pesticides can be harmful to pets, beneficial insects and pollinators, birds and other wildlife including threatened and endangered species, soil microbiology, plants, and natural ecosystems; and
- **the use of hazardous pesticides is not necessary to create and maintain green lawns, recreational areas, and landscapes, nor reduce mosquito populations, given the availability of viable alternative organic land care practices and products.**

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## Township News & Events



### Retirement Walk-Out for Lieutenant Cunningham

On July 29<sup>th</sup>, the Montclair Police Department marked the retirement of Lieutenant Charles Cunningham with a "Retirement Walk Out".

Many law enforcement staff, township staff, and several members of the community were there to recognize his **31 years of dedicated service**.

Join us in congratulating Lt. Cunningham on an incredible career in law enforcement and a happy retirement!



### Health & Human Services Newsletter

Check out the latest edition of the Montclair Health Department's monthly newsletter. This month you'll find information on:

- Tips and Best Practices from the CDC on Sun / Heat Safety
- Public Health Podcasts
- Upcoming Clinics and Events

[Click here to read the newsletter.](#)



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## **25 Women Screened at the Women's Cancer Screening:**

### ***Early Detection Saves Lives***

The Department of Health & Human Services, Mayor Renee Baskerville M.D. & 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 provided access to 25 women in our community for breast and cervical cancer screenings.



## **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](#)

Pick up your Car Magnet at the Clerk's Office (205 Claremont Ave) to let other drivers know you're a pace-car and will drive the speed limit!





# **Montclair Police Department in the Community**



## **Annual Fishing Derby**

Our Annual Fishing Derby was once again a great event. Edgemont Pond was full of excitement, energy, and fun. There were more than 130 children registered, with moms, dads, and grandparents. There were snacks, prizes, and contest. A fun time was had by all.



## **MPD Visits Grass Roots Summer Camp**

Lieutenant Williams, accompanied by officers of Community Service Unit (Peterson, Higgins, Wadley, Lumpkin) and Motor Officer Kupchak, brought out several pieces of equipment (Mobile Command Unit, Segways, Motorcycle, and an Unmarked Unit) to give the children an up close and personal look. They discussed safety, and how MPD responds to calls. The children especially loved the giveaway items they received from the officers.

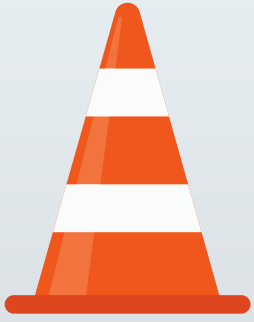


## **MPD, Montclair Grass Roots, and Union Baptist Church of Montclair "Collab for the Kids"**

This collaboration provided transportation for the campers to swim. Mrs. Choice solicited some assistance from the community, and together we were able to answer the call. The camp reported that the bus had mechanical issues, which left them without a means to transport the campers for swimming.

Lieutenant Williams contacted Rev. Dr. Campbell B. Singleton, III (Senior Pastor), Union Baptist Church of Montclair to get assistance by using the church van. Pastor Singleton agreed without hesitation. Lieutenant Williams then sought approval from his boss Deputy Chief Wilhelm Young, who along with Chief Todd Conforti, again agreed without hesitation.

Through this partnership, the campers continue to swim without interruption. An added bonus to this was a visit from Chief Conforti, Deputy Chief Young, and Pastor Singleton where the campers were able to meet, and take pictures with them.



# **Traffic & Street Safety**



**Traffic Improvements:** From 2024-2025, the township installed a number of traffic safety improvements. A map of the improvements is available at the link below. The improvements include:

- 6 new push-button flashing pedestrian lights
- 14 new multi-way stop intersections
- reflective traffic posts in 38 locations
- 2 intersections with painted curb extensions
- 1 new traffic signal with enhanced pedestrian safety features
- 6.7 miles of Township roadways resurfaced and repainted

**Ongoing Speed-Reducing Studies:** The Township is actively conducting several speed-reducing studies at priority locations throughout the township in 2025. In addition, Essex County is in the process of upgrading county road intersections. A map of these studies is also available at the link below.

**Interactive Traffic Safety Map:** The Township has also created an interactive map for traffic safety in Montclair, where you can filter out several "layers" to see the data relevant to you. You can see specific layers such as multi-way stop intersections, crossing guard locations, crash data from recent years, and more.

**[Click here to view these maps on the Township website](#)**

## E-Bike & E-Scooter Safety Information

Many residents have recently been reaching out concerns over the use of e-bikes and e-scooter in our community. The Township has gathered some helpful information and resources below:



# New Jersey's E-Bike & E-Scooter Law

VEHICLE TYPES	PROPULSION METHOD	POWER SOURCE	MAX ASSISTED SPEED (MPH)	LICENSE & REGISTRATION	HELMET	PARK ON THE SIDEWALK?	TAKE ON TRANSIT?
LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC SCOOTER 	Kickstart and throttle	Electric	19mph	No	Under 17 years old	If not blocking access	Yes*
LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLE 	Pedal and optional throttle	Electric (<750W)	20mph	No	Under 17 years old	If not blocking access	Yes*
MOTORIZED BICYCLE 	Pedal and optional throttle	Gas or Electric (<50cc/<1.5BHP)	28mph	Required	Required	No	No

<http://njbikeped.org/new-law-legalized-e-bikes-and-e-scooters-in-new-jersey/>

\* Restrictions may vary by agency. PATH and NJT restrict non-collapsible vehicles during peak travel times. Bus racks have limited availability and may not fit all bikes.

### E-mobility devices make it easier to:

- Save on gas, parking, and rideshare costs.
- Access destinations without needing to walk or drive.
- Reduce carbon emissions.
- Make "first-mile" and "last-mile" connections for bus and train trips.
- Climb hills and keep up with traffic without getting sweaty.
- Help people with limitations due to age, physical fitness levels, or disabilities.

### Low-speed e-bikes and e-scooters are regulated like bicycles. Drivers of low-speed e-bikes and e-scooters:

- Must ride in the same direction as traffic and obey all traffic lights, signs, and signals.
- Are advised to wear helmets to minimize potential head injury. Helmets are required in NJ for youth under age 17.
- Must park devices without blocking pedestrian and/or wheelchair access.
- Should not ride on sidewalks. Off-road trails generally do not allow motorized bicycles, but may allow e-bikes and e-scooters. Regulations vary by municipality and county. Check all local ordinances and policies. Ride slowly in areas with pedestrians.



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**NEW JERSEY  
Safe Routes**

For more information, visit the NJ Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center at [njbikeped.org](http://njbikeped.org) or the NJ Safe Routes Resource Center at [saferoutesnj.org](http://saferoutesnj.org). 01.13.22

**New Jersey Micromobility Guide: Prepared by the NJ Bicycle & Pedestrian Resource Center, this guide serves as a resource for micromobility users (e-bikes, e-scooters, and other low speed devices).**

[Click here to access the guide.](#)

**NJ Bike & Walk Coalition Webinar: Understanding Micromobility Devices As Part of the Solution: Check out this free webinar , organized by NJ Bike & Walk Coalition. This webinar touches upon the micromobility guide and how these devices are shaping transportation policy and laws.**

[Click here to watch on YouTube](#)

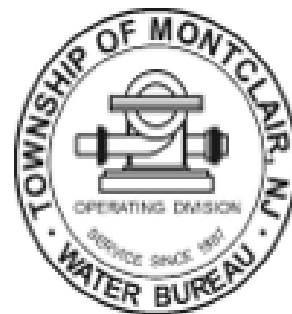


The **Montclair Water Bureau** would like to remind customers to respond to meter changeout letters from the Township and National Metering Services.

The Water Bureau is finalizing service line inventory on the customers side to develop a program to replace lead lines as per the NJDEP requirements. The Water Bureau will begin replacing Lead Lines in 2026, if addresses do not have inventory updated, they may be left off the project and must replace service line at their cost.

We urge everyone receiving letters to respond and/or self-certify their service line material by emailing a photo before the water meter where the line enters the home to

**[DoIHaveLead@montclairnjusa.org](mailto:DoIHaveLead@montclairnjusa.org)**.



## **Recreation & Cultural Affairs**

- Registration for Fall Programs is now open, as of August 1<sup>st</sup>. Programs in Field Hockey, Recreation Co-Ed Flag Football, Girls Volleyball, Baseball, and Cross Country Track are available. [Click here](#) for flyers and more information for each program.
- Change in Pool Hours: Starting August 11<sup>th</sup>, all three township pools will be open from 11:00am - 7:00pm, every day, including weekends and holidays.
- Essex Pool closes for the season on August 17, and Mountainside and Nishuane Pools close for the season on September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Adult Swim Nights: The next Adult Swim night will be
  - August 14: Mountainside Pool (6 - 7 pm)
  - August 21: Nishuane Pool (6 - 7pm)
  - August 28: Mountainside Pool (6 - 7pm)

