



Updates from the Council

Township Meetings

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Tuesday, April 7

[Council Meeting](#)

5:30 PM

2nd Floor Conference Room

(Watch the recorded

meeting on Youtube [here](#))

Wednesday, April 8

[Environmental Commission](#)

[Meeting](#)

7:30 PM

2nd Floor Conference Room

Thursday, April 9

[Complete Streets](#)

[Oversight Board](#)

12:00 PM

2nd Floor Conference Room

& Microsoft Teams

Monday, April 13

[Planning Board Meeting](#)

7:00 PM

2nd Floor Conference Room

NJ Transit Survey Update

We appreciate the many residents who participated in our NJ Transit service survey, which received over 2,300 responses. Your input is directly informing our efforts to advocate for better service.

The Transportation Working Group is preparing Montclair's survey report and has also compiled a regional report aggregating responses from Montclair, Bloomfield, and Glen Ridge. This report will be shared with the public, as well as with state legislators and NJ Transit, to support regional advocacy efforts.

More details will be shared in the coming weeks.

Catch Up on Recent Meetings

Missed a recent public meeting? Recordings are available online so you can stay up to date on important discussions and decisions affecting our community:

- [Complete Streets Townhall Meeting - March 31, 2026](#)
- [4th Ward Community Meeting - March 11, 2026](#)
- [At-Large Community Meeting - March 4, 2026](#)



Update on the 2026 Municipal Budget

The Township is in the final stages of developing the 2026 municipal budget, with several key milestones on the calendar. We encourage residents to stay informed and learn about the financial circumstances facing the Township and how resources are being allocated. This information is also available on the website [here](#).

Anticipated Budget Schedule

(all dates during Council Meetings)

March 24, 2026 – Budget Presentation by CFO to Mayor & Council

- The presentation document is available here: [2026 Municipal Budget Presentation for Montclair Township](#)
- Watch the presentation by Interim CFO Joseph Monzo on TV34 YouTube: [Council Meeting - March 24, 2026](#)

April 7, 2026 – Budget Introduction by Township Manager

- Watch the Township Manager's presentation and introduction of the budget here: [Council Meeting - April 7, 2026](#)
- The presentation is available here: [2026 Budget Introduction - April 7, 2026](#)
- The introduced budget is here: [2026 Municipal Budget \(Introduced\)](#)

May 5, 2026 – Budget Adoption

Wednesday, April 15

First Ward Community Meeting on Traffic Safety

6:00 PM

Bellevue Ave Branch -
Montclair Public Library

Thursday, April 16

Civil Rights Commission

7:00 PM

2nd Floor Conference Room

Tuesday, April 21

Council Meeting

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Wednesday, April 22

Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Wednesday, April 22

Housing Commission

7:00 PM

2nd Floor Conference Room

Thursday, April 23

Historic Preservation Commission

7:30 PM

Council Chambers

Monday, April 27

Planning Board Meeting

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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Township News & Events

MUNICIPAL
BUILDING

Spring Leaf Collection Program April 1 - 30

- Use biodegradable paper bags only. Leaf bags are available at Department of Community Services (219 N. Fullerton Ave).
- Leaf bags will be collected on the regularly scheduled recycling day.
- Ensure bags are properly closed by folding over the top, ensuring contents are not exposed.
- Bags must weigh no more than 50 pounds.
- Do not leave leaf bags outside in inclement weather.
- [Click here](#) to read the full rules & guidelines.



PREPARATION FOR THE 2026 MASTER PLAN REEXAMINATION REPORT

ATTENTION RESIDENTS!

**JOIN THE PLANNING BOARD TO LEARN ABOUT THE
PROCESS BEHIND DEVELOPING THE 2026 MASTER
PLAN REEXAMINATION REPORT.**

THE APRIL MEETING WILL EXPLAIN THE PROCESS AND
SCHEDULE, FOLLOWED BY A BRIEF Q&A. MORE PUBLIC
INPUT SESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE THROUGHOUT THE
PROJECT.



AGENDA

- PART 1: MONTCLAIRM.P.OVERVIEW
- PART 2: 2016 M.P. REEXAMINATION
REPORT OVERVIEW
- PART 3: CHANGES IN MASTER PLAN
ASSUMPTIONS, POLICIES, AND OBJECTIVES
- PART 4: NEXT STEPS
- PART 5: QUESTIONS & COMMENTS



MONDAY

April 13th, 7:00 PM



2nd Floor Conference Room

205 CLAREMONT AVE, MONTCLAIR



WWW.MONTCLAIRNJUSA.ORG



Early Voting for Special General Election
(US House of Representatives 11th Congressional District)

- The Essex County Board of Elections has designated the Municipal Building (205 Claremont Ave) as an official Early Voting site.
- Early Voting will take place in the Council Chambers from **Monday, April 6, through Tuesday, April 14**. Early Voting Hours are:
 - **Monday - Saturday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM**
 - **Sunday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM**
- The general election will be held on April 16.

SAVE THE DATE!

MONTCLAIR'S EARTH FEST



SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH

12-4 PM

SOUTH PARK ST.

(BETWEEN BLOOMFIELD AVE. AND CHURCH ST.)

For any inquiries, email mcunliffe@montclairnj.gov

Montclair
DEPT. OF SUSTAINABILITY



Drive Electric
EARTH MONTH

MONTCLAIR
CENTER**BID**

HOSTED BY MONTCLAIR'S DEPT. OF SUSTAINABILITY



JOIN THE LIVE WEBINAR:

INCORPORATING NATIVE PLANTS AND TREES INTO
OUR LANDSCAPES SERIES

YOUR NATIVE LANDSCAPE JOURNEY: UPDATES, RESOURCES, & FIRST STEPS



MONTCLAIR RESIDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A COMPLIMENTARY NATIVE PLANT & TREE LANDSCAPING CONSULTATION VALUED AT \$200

Join our webinar, where local landscape designers and the NPSNJ Essex County Chapter President will introduce you to New Jersey's native flora and fauna, walk you through the grant-funded/pro-bono native plant and tree consultation process, and share resources to help you get started!



APRIL 8TH, 2026
6 - 7 PM, ONLINE

**SCAN TO
REGISTER:**



Consultations are provided ONLY for Montclair properties; sign-ups are on a first come, first serve basis. The webinar is free and open to anyone interested. ***This program is facilitated by Montclair's Dept. of Sustainability and supported by pro-bono work and grants from Sustainable Jersey, PSE&G, and the USDA.***

Montclair's Adopt-A-Drain Program

Flooding regularly disrupts transportation, damages property, and closes schools and businesses in Montclair's low-lying areas.

Montclair has implemented a range of flood mitigation actions including updated stormwater management ordinances (2020) to meet NJDEP green infrastructure standards.

However, as a municipality with aging and undersized storm drains, Montclair still faces frequent corridor flooding – often worsened when litter and leaves clog the drains. **Your help in keeping drains clear is essential to reducing flood impacts in our community.**

An Adopt-a-Drain program is an initiative run by many cities and counties to engage residents in protecting local waterways and reducing flooding. Participants adopt a nearby storm drain, and commit to keeping it clean by removing leaves, litter, and other debris several times a year – especially before and after storms.

[Click here](#) to see how you can adopt a drain.





EARTH DAY PARK CLEAN-UPS

Saturday April 25th

Crane	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Canterbury	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Nishuane	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Porter	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Tuers	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Yantacaw Brook	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Questions?

Contact: CleanMontclairParks@gmail.com



Montclair's Shred Fest returns for 2026!

Hosted by the Department of Sustainability, [Shred Fest](#) provides a secure and environmentally friendly way to dispose of sensitive documents. The event is free for Montclair residents - please bring proof of residency on arrival.

Documents containing paper clips, staples, envelope windows, and scotch tape are acceptable. Please remove any metal clasps, masking and duct tape.




MONTCLAIR SHRED FEST

DATE: SATURDAY, April 25th, 2026

TIME: 9:00AM TO 1:00PM

**LOCATION: GEORGE INNESS ANNEX PARKING LOT
NORTH FULLERTON AVE**



This event is free for all Montclair residents.

Securely dispose of and recycle your sensitive documents!

Bring up to 4 boxes or paper bags of confidential personal paper documents– up to 20 lbs. each.

Paper clips, staples, envelope windows, and scotch tape are ok. Please remove metal clasps, masking and duct tape.



Historic Preservation Award Ceremony - May 21st, 2026

The Montclair Historic Preservation Commission will host its annual **Preservation Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.** in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

Held in recognition of National Preservation Month, the awards celebrate individuals, organizations, and projects that contribute to preserving and promoting Montclair's rich history and architectural character.

Awards are presented across three categories:

- **Bricks & Mortar Preservation Award**, which honors excellence in restoring or adapting historic structures;
- **Preservation Service Award**, recognizing leadership and contributions to preservation efforts in the community;
- **Preservationist of the Year Award**, which highlights exceptional, long-term impact in advancing public understanding and protection of local history.

Residents are encouraged to submit nominations by Thursday, April 30, 2026. To make a nomination, download the form at [this link](#) and follow the instructions within to submit.

2026 Recreation Spring Programs

Residents - be sure to check out all the spring programming being offered by the Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department.

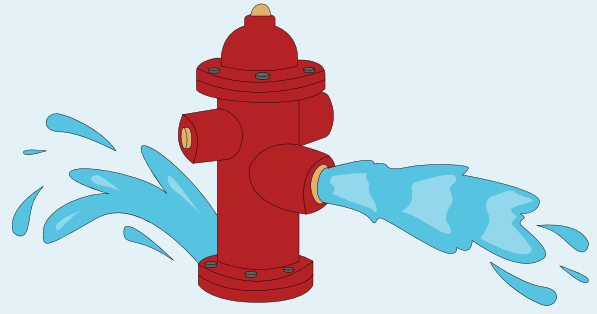
Programs this spring include:

- Little League Baseball
- Girl's Softball
- Cheerleading Stunt Clinic
- Co-Ed Track & Field
- Football Agility Workouts
- Girl's Flag Football
- Girl's Volleyball Clinic
- Co-Ed Flag Football
- 7v7 Football Pop Warner
- Pop Warner Cheerleading

As always, you can sign up and register for Recreation programs through Community Pass: [Click here to access Community Pass](#) where you can view all programs and schedules.

USA Sport Group Spring & Summer Sports Classes

Also check out sports programs offered by the township's partner - USA Sport Group. Programs are not operated by the township's Recreation Department but are located in Montclair. Details and registration information is available at usasportgroup.com



Spring 2026 Hydrant Flushing Program In-Progress

Weekdays: 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

- ***Montclair's Spring Hydrant Flushing Program began March 23***
 - ***Temporary water discoloration and reduced pressure may occur.***
 - ***If discoloration happens, run cold water from the lowest floor faucet until clear (usually within 30 minutes).***
 - ***Always confirm water runs clear before doing laundry.***
 - ***More information on the website [here](#)***
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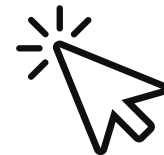
Stay informed!

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



**MONTCLAIR COMMUNITY
FARMS**

GROW YOUR OWN VEGGIE GARDEN

WITH OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: LANA MUSTAFA

**Saturday's starting
March 21st-May 2nd**

**Master the basics of soil health,
planting, pruning, and pest
control.**



**SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP TODAY
OR VISIT**

www.MontclairCommunityFarms.org



CALLING ALL GRADUATING SENIORS

ARE YOU THE NEXT SCHOLARSHIP
WINNER?

VISIT MAAHF.ORG TO APPLY FOR OUR
SCHOLARSHIP FUND

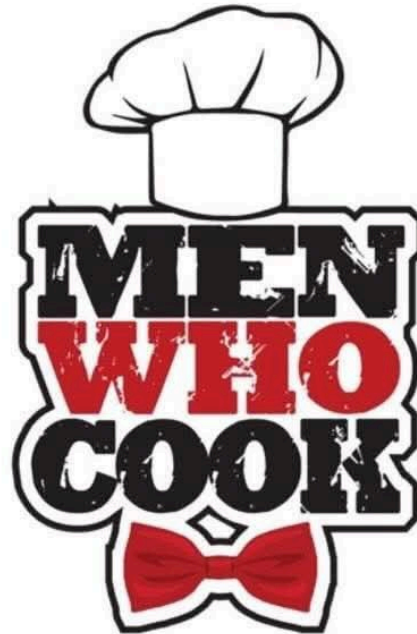


APPLICATION DEADLINE
**THURSDAY, APRIL
30, 2026**

VISIT MAAHF.ORG FOR
MORE INFO

THE MONTCLAIR AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION

PRESENTS



THE 5TH ANNUAL

MEN WHO COOK FUNDRAISER



Sunday, April 19, 2026 3 - 5pm

WALLY CHOICE COMMUNITY CENTER

49 MAPLE AVE, MONTCLAIR, NJ 07042

TICKETS:

\$35 ADULTS

\$15 KIDS UNDER 12

BUY TICKETS ON EVENTBRITE OR ZELLE

(MAAHF@COMCAST.NET) (PLEASE PLACE MEN WHO COOK ON MEMO LINE),

TICKETS ALSO SOLD BY YOUR FAVORITE MAAHF COMMITTEE MEMBER

PROCEEDS GO TO THE MAAHF SCHOLARSHIP & PROGRAMMING

Rep. LaMonica McIver's April Mobile Office Hours

***CASEWORK *PASSPORTS *RESOURCES *Q&A**

Team McIver is coming to you!

Hillside

**Tuesday, April 7
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM ET
Hillside Senior Center
265 Hollywood Avenue**

Union

**Wednesday, April 8
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM ET
Union Senior Center
652 Rahway Avenue**

Verona

**Friday, April 10
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM ET
Council Chambers
600 Bloomfield Avenue**

Jersey City

**Monday, April 20
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM ET
City Hall Annex
39 Kearney Avenue**

JUNETEENTH

SAVE THE DATE

JUNETEENTH
COCKTAIL
FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY
JUNE 19TH

7:00PM – 10:00PM



PAINT MIX NJ

Sip & Paint

Fundraising Event for

**Out
Montclair**

SUNDAY - APRIL 12TH 3 PM

Join us for a fun, creative afternoon — all for a great cause!

- 2-hour, step-by-step painting session
- Take home your own artwork
- Drinks & bites available for purchase



Doors open at 3:00 PM
\$35 per person
All supplies included
No experience needed
Bring a friend and make it a day!

Reserve your spot today!



Just Jake's - 30 Park Street - Montclair, NJ

