Statutory Groups

Montclair Board of Education (BOE)* Oversees the Montclair Public School System. School Board members are responsible to the state and the community. Meets: first and last Mondays of every month.

Montclair Free Public Library* Governed by a Board of Trustees for five-year terms. The trustees establish policy, help secure public and private funds for library operations and capital improvements, and monitor the achievement of goals in the strategic plan. Meets: third Monday of every month at the main branch.

*Mayoral Appointment

Zoning Board of Adjustment Hears and acts on zoning variance applications and appeals from rulings and determinations arising from the enforcement of Township zoning ordinances. Meets: third Wednesday of each month.

Montclair Planning Board Reviews and acts on site plan and subdivision applications. Responsible for review of master plan. Meets: Second Monday of every month.

Commissions, Non-Profits and Authorities

Civil Rights Commission Serves as an advisory board to the Township Council. Recommends programs designed to eliminate discrimination, addresses problems involving tensions in the community and reviews the Affirmative Action Policy. Meets: third Tuesday of every month.

Environmental Commission Advises the Township Council and staff on matters relating to the protection, development or use of our natural resources and advances recommendations regarding the Township's sustainability plan. Meets: second Wednesday of every month

Historic Preservation Commission Oversees the preservation of structures and properties that reflect the heritage of the community; it advances recommendations for the creation of historic districts and sites and conducts hearings on the appropriateness of construction and renovation of buildings in historic sites. Meets: third Tuesday in every month.

Housing Commission Responsible for implementing the Affordable Housing Plan and monitoring Montclair's efforts in this area. Municipal Staff provides assistance; Commission works closely with our non-profit housing partner, HOMECorp. Meets: Monthly

Montclair Early Childhood Commission (MECC) Operates the Community Pre-K program that serves 3 and 4 year olds and is the primary "feeder" for the Montclair Public Schools. Fundraising is involved. Non-Profit Organization. Meets: Monthly

Montclair Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Is a non-profit corporation that is the Township's partner in matters relating to the improvement of all of our shopping districts and economic development initiatives. Also involved in site development, business assistance, a "way finding" signage system, etc. Meets: Monthly

Montclair Parking Authority (MPA) Responsible for the construction and operation of Municipal parking garages, management of several off-street parking lots, and the establishment of rates and selection of technology for the parking meters. Meets: second and fourth Wednesdays of every month.

Advisory Committees

Council Appointments

Communications Committee Advises the Council on Cable TV franchise issues. Recommends technology strategies and improvements for the Channel 34 broadcast center. Responsibilities recently broadened to all aspects of township-wide communication. Meets: second Monday of every month

Human Services Council Assists the Township in providing and coordinating a wide variety of social services. Advises the Township on policies, programs and legislation and works closely with staff, social service agencies in Montclair and residents with special needs.

Capital Finance Committee Composed of residents and other representatives appointed by the Township, Board of Education and Public Library. Prepares a combined 6 year capital budget projection, analyzes the impact of capital budget spending, debt-services and the financial health of the Municipality, and conducts research. Meets: quarterly

Landlord/Tenant Housing Committee Composed of tenants, landlords, and home owners, advises the Council and staff on housing issues and conditions, directly assists in resolution of landlord/tenant disputes, and recommends tenant selection guidelines for new affordable housing units. Meets: first Thursday of every month.

Montclair Community Intervention Alliance (MCIA) Administers a State funded grant supporting local groups that promote substance abuse prevention, and advises the Council on related matters. Meets: quarterly

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Advisory Board Composed of representatives of local parks and "user groups." Advises the Council on matters relating to: the renovation and maintenance of facilities including parks, playgrounds, public pools, ice skating arena, Municipal recreation programs and special events. Meets: fourth Thursday of every month

Parking Advisory Committee Composed of representatives of the Township Government, staff, the business community, and interested citizens. It advises on issues relating to parking regulations and issues in residential and commercial districts. Meets: third Wednesday of every month

People with Disabilities Committee Recommends programs, policies, and legislation that benefit individuals with disabilities. Members include people with disabilities, parents of disabled children and representatives from organizations that serve the disabled. Meets: third Thursday of every month.

Public Events Committee A core of volunteers who organize the Township's major public events including First Night Montclair and the 4th of July Parade and Fireworks. Staff supported. Fundraising is involved.

Public Transportation Committee Focuses on issues relating to commuter bus and train service and oversight of intra-town jitney/shuttle service. Works closely with NJ Transit and DeCamp Bus Lines to monitor service and other issues. Meets: bi-monthly

Real Estate/Facilities Committee Composed of Township officials and citizens to review properties owned by the Township to determine whether the Township should continue to own them and invest in substantial improvements or declare them surplus.

Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Assesses services and issues important to Township seniors, makes recommendations to the council and staff on programs and policies and serves as a liaison to seniors throughout town. Meets: second Monday.

Shared Services Committee Composed of representatives from the Township, Board of Education, Montclair Parking Authority, Public Library and Community at-large, who make specific recommendations on shared services initiatives involving the three branches of Township government.

Youth Advisory Board (YAB) Facilitates educational, recreational, and occupational opportunities for youth and serves as a resource and coordinating body for information and Township activities relating to Montclair's young people. Composed primarily of teens with adult advisors . Meets: first and third Thursdays

Township Manager's Committees

Beautification Committee Works with the Manager, merchant groups, and other organizations to monitor the physical appearance of the Township and organize "spruce up" projects throughout the Township.

Curb and Street Improvement Advisory Committee Works with the Township Staff, the Council, and local residents to monitor and make recommendations regarding the Township's curb and street improvement and repair program.

Street Tree Advisory Committee Works with the Parks and Shade Tree Departments and residents to monitor and make recommendations regarding the Municipality's annual tree replacement and planting program.

Other Montclair Volunteer Opportunities

African-American Heritage Parade & Festival Organizes an annual parade and festival that are held on the first Saturday of June.

May in Montclair Coordinates and promotes a month-long festival of art shows, concerts, garden tours and other events to celebrate spring in Montclair.

Montclair Volunteer Ambulance Unit (M.V.A.U.) Operates a free ambulance service for the residents of Montclair. It provides CPR, EMT, and Defibrillator training.

Volunteer Application for Appointment to Boards, Committees or Commissions

mail, fax, or deliver to Linda S. Wanat, Municipal Clerk

Township of Montclair 205 Claremont Ave, Montclair, NJ 07042 Tel: (973)-509-4900 Fax: (973)-509-0874 Office of the Municipal Clerk

Please Place Stamp Here

Name: _____ Date: _____ Fax: _____

Home Address: _____ Business Address: _____

Phone: _____ Bus #: _____ Email: _____

I would like to be considered for appointment to the following Board or Committee as a volunteer member.

1st Choice: _____ 2nd Choice: _____

Please complete the following and attach a resume or additional background information

1. Educational Background: _____

2. Relevant Work/Professional Experience: _____

3. Involvement in Professional and Community Organizations: _____

4. Previous service on any board, commission, (dates & positions): _____

5. Briefly describe why you are seeking this appointment: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

This application will be kept on file for three years. See reverse side for a brief description of the agencies.

Township of Montclair
Linda Wanat, Municipal Clerk
205 Claremont Ave
Montclair, NJ 07042

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____