

TOWNSHIP OF MONTCLAIR, COUNTY OF ESSEX

THIS NOTICE IS PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 19:12-7. A MUNICIPAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:00 AM AND 8:00 PM.

THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION IS TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024. (N.J.S.A. 19:31-6)

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

To vote in Essex County, you must be a United States citizen, you will be 18 years of age by the next election, you will be a resident of the State and County 30 days before the election. You are not eligible to register to vote if you have been adjudged mentally incompetent.

Effective March 17, 2020, PL 2019, c. 270, it is no longer a disqualification from the right to vote (or from registering to vote) because an individual is on probation or parole. An individual in jail/prison awaiting trial who has not been convicted, is still entitled to vote.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

Registration of voters will be conducted at the Office of the Superintendent of Elections/Commissioner of Registration, 495 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Room 103, Newark, NJ 07102, or present the application in person at the Commissioner of Registration's Office., each weekday between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM. The Superintendent of Elections/Commissioner of Registration cannot accept faxed copies or an electronic transmission of a voter registration form, since an original signature is required. Registration deadline is 21 days before an election.

EVENING REGISTRATION

For the convenience of the voter, Office of the Superintendent of Elections/Commissioner of Registration, 495 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Room 103, Newark, NJ 07102 shall remain open from 4:30 PM to 9:00 PM on Tuesday, April 23, 2024.

REGISTRATION BY MAIL

Anyone wishing to register by mail may request mail registration forms from Office of the Superintendent of Elections/Commissioner of Registration, 495 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Room 103, Newark, NJ 07102, or by calling 973-621-5061.

ATTENTION VOTERS WHO HAVE MOVED

If you are a registered voter in Essex County and have moved within the County, you should submit a change of address with Office of the Superintendent of Elections/Commissioner of Registration, 495 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Room 103, Newark, NJ 07102.

If you are a registered voter who has moved within the County, and you did not notify the Office of the Superintendent of Elections/Commissioner of Registration of your new address, you will be permitted to vote at this election as follows: (1) Go to the polling place for the election district in which you reside on election day. (2) Tell the District Election Board Member that you are registered to vote but have moved within the County. (3) You will be permitted to vote by provisional ballot. You will need to provide your name, current and old addresses, date of birth and signature on the envelope provided with the ballot. You may call the Office of the Superintendent of Elections/Commissioner of Registration or the Office of the Township Clerk to determine your proper polling place location.

HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT (HAVA) REQUIREMENTS

A "Voter's Bill of Rights" will be prominently displayed at your polling place. This voter information notice shall contain but is not limited to the following information:

the date of the election and the hours during which polling places will be open;

a statement that sample ballots are available at the polling place for review by the voter;

instruction for the use of the voting machine in that polling place and an explanation of what instructions for voting are available at the polling place for the voter;

instruction for a voter who is voting for the first time;

instruction for a voter who is required to provide identification pursuant to the federal "Help America Vote Act of 2002" and N.J.S.A. 19:15-17 prior to casting a vote;

instruction on how to cast a vote if the voter cannot be present at a polling place on the day of the election;

an explanation of the right of the voter to vote in private, regardless of the voter's physical abilities;

an explanation of the right of the voter to a provisional ballot, including in the event that a mail-in ballot has been applied for and not received or not transmitted to the county board of elections before the day of any election, and the other circumstances under which a voter has a right to a provisional ballot;

an explanation of the right of the voter to receive a replacement ballot for a ballot that has been spoiled, destroyed, lost or never received;

an explanation of the right of the voter to ask for and receive assistance in voting;

an explanation of the right of the voter to take a reasonable amount of time in casting a vote on a voting machine;

an explanation of the right of the voter to bring written material into the polling place for the voter's personal use in casting a vote;

instruction on how to contact the appropriate officials if a voter's right to vote or right to otherwise participate in the electoral process has been challenged or violated;

general information on federal and State laws that prohibit acts of fraud or misrepresentation and the penalties for those acts;

an explanation of the right of the voter to confidentially discover the status of their ballot using the "Track My Ballot" user portal;

an explanation that "All ballots are counted and your vote remains anonymous";

an explanation of the right of the voter that if their ballot was rejected, a notice will be issued to the voter within 24 hours after a decision is made to reject the ballot. The voter will have up to 48 hours prior to the date for the final certification of the results of the election to provide a cure for their ballot;

an explanation giving the options for the voter to provide the cure to their rejected ballot;

an explanation that no voters shall be intimidated or otherwise unduly influenced by political insignia while voting. No person shall wear, display, sell, give or provide any political or campaign slogan, badge, button or other insignia associated with any political party or candidate to be worn at or within one hundred feet of the polls or within the polling place or room, on any primary, general or special election day or on any commission

government election day, except the badge furnished by the county board as provided by law. This includes any political gear representing the campaign slogans, logos, or depictions or representations of any political party or candidate such as merchandise sold directly from a political party, campaign, candidate, or by third parties and vendors representing any political party or campaign or candidate. A person violating any of these provisions is guilty of a disorderly persons offense and will not be permitted on the premises and can only return to vote after the removal of prohibited political insignia; and

such other statement, instruction or explanation the Secretary of State may deem appropriate to ensure the full and knowledgeable participation of the voter in the process.

Pursuant to provisions of the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act of 1984, a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) is maintained at the Election Division, Department of State, Trenton, New Jersey. Other registration and voting aids exist, including:(i) the availability of registration and voting instructions at places of registration as provided under N.J.S.A. 19:31-6; and (ii) the accessibility of voter information to the deaf by means of a telecommunications device. In addition, assistance to a person unable to vote due to blindness, disability, or inability to read or write is available. Persons wishing to utilize this service to obtain general voter information may do so by dialing 1-800-292-0039 or Essex County Board of Elections at 973-621-5071.

If you believe that your right to vote has been violated in any way, you should immediately notify your County Board of Elections at 973-621-5071 or County Superintendent of Elections at 973-621-5030.

Essex County Board of Elections
495 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Dr. Martin Luther King Justice Building Room #145
Newark, New Jersey 07102

County Superintendent of Elections
495 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Dr. Martin Luther King Justice Building Room #103
Newark, New Jersey 07102

LOCAL ELECTIVE OFFICES TO BE FILLED

There are seven elective offices in the Township of Montclair to be filled at this Municipal Election as follows:

Mayor, two (2) Councilors-at Large, First Ward Councilor; Second Ward Councilor; Third Ward Councilor, and Fourth Ward Councilor.

CANDIDATES

The following candidates filed nominating petitions by the statutory deadline (4:00 P.M. on February 29, 2024) and said petitions were deemed sufficient by the Township Clerk.

Candidate	Elective Office	Slogan
Renée E. Baskerville	Mayor	<i>Together Montclair</i>
Chrissy Thomas	Mayor	<i>Christina M. Thomas Change That Works</i>
Susan Shin Andersen	At-Large	<i>Together Montclair</i>
Carmel Loughman	At-Large	<i>Montclair Good Government Team</i>
Robert J. Russo	At-Large	<i>Montclair Good Government Team</i>
Erik D'Amato	1st Ward	<i>Clean Government Advocate</i>
Shivaun Gaines	1st Ward	<i>Together Montclair</i>
Eileen Birmingham	2nd Ward	<i>Genuinely Cares</i>
Ilmar Vanderer	2nd Ward	<i>Montclair Good Government Team</i>
Roddy Moore	3rd Ward	<i>Montclair Good Government Team</i>
Wendy A. Tiburcio	3rd Ward	<i>A New Perspective. Una Nueva Perspectiva</i>
Rahum Williams	3rd Ward	<i>Together Montclair</i>
Zina Floyd	4th Ward	<i>As One We Win</i>
Patricia A. Hurt	4th Ward	<i>Time For A Change</i>
Aminah Toler	4th Ward	<i>Montclair Good Government Team</i>

INFORMATION ABOUT CHALLENGES

A Challenger is a person who is appointed by a candidate, political party chair (Democrat or Republican), or proponent or opponent of a public referendum. A candidate in the election may also act as a challenger on behalf of him or herself. A Challenger is permitted by law to observe the voting process in a polling place or at the location where mail-in ballots are counted (the board of election office) and can challenge a voter's right to vote or the validity of a mail-in ballot.

You are hereby informed of the following procedure that will be used for the MUNICIPAL ELECTION to be held on MAY 14, 2024:

(1) any person attempting to vote may be challenged by a candidate, by the duly authorized challenger for a candidate or a political party or on a public question, or by a member of the district board of elections, because the challenger or board member has good cause to believe that the voter is not entitled to vote;

(2) members of the district board and all duly authorized challengers are prohibited from challenging, delaying or preventing the right to vote of any person because of that person's race, color, national origin, expected manner of casting a vote or residence in a particular ward; housing complex or section of a municipality or county;

(3) a person who is challenged may seek to establish his or her right to vote by swearing out and signing an affidavit attesting to the voter's qualifications and/or providing a suitable identifying document for inspection, which may be--but is not limited to--the following: a valid New Jersey Driver's License, a sample ballot with the voter's name and address, an official Federal, State, County or Municipal document, a current

utility or telephone bill or tax or rent receipt or a piece of mail postmarked on or after the 60th day before the election; a copy of the affidavit shall be given to the challenged voter; the district board shall determine the validity of the challenge by voting on it pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:15-24;

(4) any person who is challenged by a duly authorized challenger or by a member of the district board of elections may seek to establish his or her right to vote by swearing out and signing the affidavit and/or providing the proof described in Paragraph (3) above. The district board shall determine the validity of the challenge by voting on it pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:15-24;

(5) any challenger who succeeds in denying a voter the right to vote must sign an affidavit stating the reason why the voter is not entitled to vote and must furnish a copy of the affidavit to the challenged voter; the district board may, in its discretion, require that the challenger affidavit be signed when the challenge is made;

(6) and person who is denied the right to vote by reason of a successful challenge made at the polls may seek permission to vote by going before a Superior Court Judge to seek a court order allowing that person to vote; the applicant should take copies of any affidavits given to him or her at the polls and any proof submitted at the polls in support of that person's right to vote; and

(7) forms to register complaints about the conduct of an election shall be available at each polling place in the county.

Further information regarding challenges can be obtained from the Essex County Board of Elections by dialing (973) 621-5070 or accessing their website at <https://essexboardofelections.com/>

POLLING PLACES

The following polling places have been suggested by the Township Clerk for use during the Municipal Election on May 14, 2024 from 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. The Essex County Board of Elections will certify the polling places as required by law. By visiting <https://www.nj.gov/state/elections/vote-polling-location.shtml> you may find your ward, polling place, and voting district information. If no match is found, please contact the Office of the Township Clerk at [973-509-4900](tel:973-509-4900).

Ward	District	Polling Place	Address
1	1	Buzz Aldrin School	173 Bellevue Ave (accessible entrance: Lorraine Ave)
1	2	Bradford School	87 Mt. Hebron Rd
1	3	Buzz Aldrin School	173 Bellevue Ave (accessible entrance: Lorraine Ave)
1	4	Northeast School	603 Grove St
1	5	Bradford School	87 Mt. Hebron Rd
1	6	Buzz Aldrin School	173 Bellevue Ave (accessible entrance: Lorraine Ave)
1	7	Northeast School	603 Grove St
1	8	Northeast School	603 Grove St
1	9	Bradford School	87 Mt. Hebron Rd

Ward	District	Polling Place	Address
2	1	Edgemont School	20 Edgemont Rd
2	2	George Inness Annex	141 Park St (accessible entrance: North Fullerton)
2	3	Watchung School	14 Garden St
2	4	Edgemont School	20 Edgemont Rd
2	5	First Montclair House	56 Walnut St
2	6	Watchung School	14 Garden St
2	7	George Inness Annex	141 Park St (accessible entrance: North Fullerton)
2	8	Watchung School	14 Garden St
2	9	Edgemont School	20 Edgemont Rd
2	10	Hillside School	54 Orange Rd
2	11	George Inness Annex	141 Park St (accessible entrance: North Fullerton)

Ward	District	Polling Place	Address
3	1	Hillside School	54 Orange Rd
3	2	Charles Bullock School	55 Washington St
3	3	Charles Bullock School	55 Washington St
3	4	Nishuane School	36 Cedar Ave (accessible entrance: High St)
3	5	Charles Bullock School	55 Washington St
3	6	Municipal Building	205 Claremont Ave
3	7	Hillside School	54 Orange Rd
3	8	Municipal Building	205 Claremont Ave
3	9	Municipal Building	205 Claremont Ave

Ward	District	Polling Place	Address
4	1	First Montclair House	56 Walnut St
4	2	Glenfield School	25 Maple Ave
4	3	Trinity Presbyterian Church	5 High St
4	4	Glenfield School	25 Maple Ave
4	5	Fire Headquarters	1 Pine St
4	6	Nishuane School	36 Cedar Ave (accessible entrance: High St)
4	7	Trinity Presbyterian Church	5 High St
4	8	Fire Headquarters	1 Pine St
4	9	Glenfield School	25 Maple Ave
4	10	St. Paul Baptist Church	119 Elm Street
4	11	St. Paul Baptist Church	119 Elm Street
4	12	St. Paul Baptist Church	119 Elm Street

Visit <https://www.montclairnjusa.org/Government/Office-of-the-Township-Clerk/Elections> or call the Office of the Township Clerk at 973-509-4900 for further information regarding the Municipal Election.

Angelese Bermúdez Nieves, Township Clerk.

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The Montclair Times – March 28, 2024