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"We become neighbors when we are willing to cross the road for one another."

— Henri Nouwen

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Monthly News & Events from your Neighborhood Home Owners Association

August 2025

#### **President's Message**

Hi Neighbors!

More houses seem to have activity now! It is refreshing to see progress in our community, although there are many that have yet to be started and many of our neighbors are still displaced.

Not to keep repeating, but please keep your eyes open for your neighbors – especially the homes that are still empty from the storm. Report to your neighbors or the authorities if you see anything suspicious. This is a time when career criminals are targeting situations like ours.

It is great to see all the activity in the neighborhood – the parks are alive with activity. People are jogging and walking, and playing with their kids and pets. The new entrance sign at Washington Road looks great! We strived to retain the original letters and style. We are still making repairs at the parks and the pool pump house.

Please turn in your architectural change forms for modifications of your homes so they can be addressed and not hinder the progress of repairs or rebuilds. I am seeing many improvements in our homes by our neighbors who had to have significant repairs – new fences, added porches, upgrades to the facades – it's all looking great!

We are still recovering and will be for quite a while yet. The sense of "community" is going strong. Remember to help wherever you can. There is still much to be accomplished. We need to stick together to complete the rebuild and confront obstacles that may threaten our beautiful neighborhood and our way of life. Keep your chins up and walk tall, all is coming together.

David



### Montclair HOA Dues Payment Options

Use the QR Code Below or Go to: montclairhoa.org/hoa-payment-portal/

You can pay with card Online or if you'd like to pay in cash or with a check, please

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send your payment to:



Scan With Your Phone's Camera

Reminder: After April 15th, 2025, a \$30.00 late fee will be applied to all outstanding dues for the year

## HOA BOARD MEETINGS:

The HOA Board meets the first
Thursday of every month at
6:30 PM at the Warren Road
Community Center. Residents
are welcome. Quarterly
resident meetings are offered
for additional discussion on
the Monday following the
first Thursday in March, June,
September, and December.

Upcoming Board meetings: August 7, September 4

Resident Meeting: September 8

#### **HOA Board Announcements**

### The zoning changes and the proposed Parker's Kitchen gas station for the Gardner Property at the north end of King's Chapel, near Washington Rd

The Board of Governors wants residents and homeowners of Montclair to know that we are opposing these plans because they do not match what was originally presented to the neighborhood, and we are hopeful for a positive outcome. The Board understands that HOA meetings may not fit everyone's schedules, but these meetings are the primary forum for discussing Montclair business. A Zoning & Action Committee has been formed by resident and former HOA president Trent Mercer. This committee will gather accurate information on proposed rezonings that impact Montclair and provide feedback and recommend action steps as needed. The first step for 3202 Washington is for each resident to write Mr. Carl Nichols of Nichols Land Management and express your disappointment that he is going against his word of only placing a medical office at 3202 Washington Road.

#### **2025 Dues Statements**

There is a \$30 late fee now added for all unpaid 2025 Assessments. Please submit your payment as soon as possible. Homeowners owing more than one year's dues need to contact the board and arrange payment.

Email montclairbookeeper@gmail.com with any questions

#### **HOA Board Elections**

The HOA Board Election time is approaching. Please submit any nominations to the HOA Board email address:

#### montclairhoa17@gmail.com

Nominations received in July will be sent to all homeowners in August with the official ballots. All ballots received by the deadline will be counted and announced at the HOA Annual Meeting on September 5, 2025.



August Yard of the Month

Wes and Mary Crook | 205 Kings Chapel Rd

Email nominations for Yard of the Month to montclairhoa17@gmail.com

#### Home Owners Association Board of Governors



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### Spotlight on Montclair



#### Be A Tourist in Your Own City

By Kathy Kennedy

Miss your vacation this year? Would you like a chance to spend time with your family in the month of August? Short on time and cash? Relax. Stressed? This is the time to slow down. The rush to kill the unbelievable number of weeds in your lawn after the hurricane has slowed down. Never saw so many weeds in my life. No matter where you are in your recovery project, taking a break is so important. Didn't get to plant flowers this year? Enjoy the flowers in your neighbor's yard; notice all the wonderful display of color. Your yard still torn up? Take a short walk and admire the neighbors who have completed even their fencing and yards. You will get there. Right now, just enjoy what you see around you.

Need something quick? Consider a "stay-cay" is just a step away from your front door. Get a cup of coffee and get up to watch the sunrise while you plan a "stay-cay" for your family or yourself. Plan short walks, sprinkler fun, leaf rubbing art, chalk art, cook and eat a full meal outside, blow bubbles, splash around in rain puddles, camp in your back yard or screen porch, press flowers, play flashlight tag, star gazing, Augusta Canal Discovery Center boat trip, moon phases, afternoon or evening free concert, go experience a drive-in movie. These ideas are a starting point. Time to let your imagination fly. Did you get your plan done with sunrise coffee? No? Then plan to watch the sunset and continue to think what you would like to do, slowly now, no rushing allowed.

Is the day too hot? Raining? Do indoor fun on a tight budget. Visit a local museum (Morris Museum of Art, Augusta History Museum), library, pet store, Augusta Canal Museum, indoor science project (marshmallow catapult-then smores as a reward), indoor jungle gym, Simon Says, draw a picture of your pet, sibling, parents, flowers outside your windows, trace over a picture then color it, play cards (Gin Rummy, Slap Jack), board games, matinee movie, play "I-Spy," bowling lane or roller skating rink, bowling in your house with a ball and aluminum cans, follow the leader, play "Statue," Charades, Hide and Seek, flashlight or laser light tag. Think of anything else?

We covered getting away right here in Montclair and in Augusta; what about a short drive? Is there a small town near Montclair that you have never visited? Harlem, Appling, Aiken, Trenton? Are you brave enough to let your family pick one? Or an impromptu mystery trip you plan without telling anyone where you are going.

Did you enjoy your cup of brew, quietly with the sun, your only companion? You may be content to slow down in that way. A "stay-cay" is not how long or how far but what quiets your spirit. Creative ways to do this are always available to give you a break from the regular routine. We all need special times to get away and decompress from our daily pressures. A formal vacation is not always a possibility. A cup of coffee at sunrise or sunset outdoors, getting the first or last light of the day, may be after all, the best of all these ideas.

#### **Important Dates To Remember**

August 15 @ 5-7PM

Food Truck Lily's August 22

Pickleball Food Truck Friday - Skinny Taco September 27-28 (7-8AM - Until You Close)

Fall Yard Sale