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- The Montclair Institute for Lifelong Learning provides high-level learning and socialization opportunities for older adults, with more than 300 participants in its first three semesters.
- Public transportation travel trainings offered in collaboration with NJTIP at Rutgers increased the mobility of more than 200 seniors.
- A Directory of Senior Services in Montclair is benefiting 1,500 seniors and their families.
- Montclair became the second town in New Jersey Network of Age-friendly Cities.

Healthy People in Healthy Places

Through the New Jersey Healthy Community Network, these Eat. Play. Live… Better partners are promoting systems, policy and environmental change to reduce obesity and support chronic disease prevention:

- The Departments of Health in both Bloomfield and Montclair are working with a total of 7 corner stores near public elementary schools to offer healthier snack and beverage options.
- The Mobile Farm Stand of the Montclair Community Farm Coalition brings affordable, fresh produce to low-income seniors.
- Bike&Walk Montclair and the Montclair Police Department collaborated to make temporary “pop-up” bike lanes that replicate safe routes for biking.
- Through Nutley’s Yantacaw Walks program, 63% of students pledged to walk to school.
- The Verona Department of Health presented “Ever Eat a Rainbow,” a preschool nutrition program, to more than 580 children, and distributed 1,000 “Take Me For A Walk Please” coloring books.
- Drive with Care campaigns in Montclair, Bloomfield and West Orange focus on making streets safe for travel by foot, bike, school bus or car.
- The Bike Depot at Montclair’s Bay Street train station provides weather-proof, secure bike racks for commuters. Since the Depot opened, 1,000 car trips to the station have been avoided. Another Depot is planned for Bloomfield.
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Aging in our Communities

Grants awarded to community partners are making an impact…

Montclair became the second town in New Jersey to be accepted into the AARP Network of Age-friendly Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-friendly Cities.

Hunger and Homelessness

- Area residents donated $87,900 to fight hunger and their impact was doubled with matching grants from the Foundation totaling $175,800. Community-organized healthy food drives and fundraising activities resulted in 30 additional matching grants to area soup kitchens and food pantries.
- Through a partnership with City Green, vouchers for SNAP, WIC and the Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program are being doubled at the Montclair Farmers’ Markets. 230 shoppers have taken advantage of the program since June.
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Mental Health

- The Mental Health Association of Essex County launched Life Transitions for Seniors this year. To date, 30 residents over the age of 60 facing critical life decisions have enrolled in the pilot program.
- A grant to the Suicide Prevention HelpLine Center at Caldwell University will double their corps of volunteer graduate students from 27 to 54, and expand coverage during peak evening and weekend hours.

We also invested in…

- Funding for 2 power stretchers for the Montclair Ambulance Unit, which will protect both patients and staff from serious injury.
- REAP (Remove/Reduce, Educate, Adjust/Accommodate, Pace) educational booklets which have been distributed to area schools to address Safe Return to “Play” and “Learn” following a concussion.
- Support for the Chaplaincy Program, School of Nursing Scholarships and Nursing Awards at HackensackUMC Mountainside, using restricted funds donated for these purposes.
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