June 2014 Update

“Aging in Place in Montclair” has rebranded to “Lifelong Montclair”

Senior Walkability Workshop
On June 2nd, Lifelong Montclair hosted a senior walkability workshop conducted by Civic Eye Collaborative and Parsons-Brinckerhoff, and funded by NJDOT. Attendees included local seniors, Township employees, and leaders of community organizations. Civic Eye and Parsons-Brinckerhoff led a classroom session followed by an interactive walk. They are currently developing a report of their findings, which Lifelong Montclair will send out upon its completion.

NIH Grant Submitted
Lifelong Montclair submitted a grant to the National Institute of Health (NIH). The grant would help in the implementation of a “Montclair Institute for Lifelong Learning” (MILL). The proposed research, to be conducted in collaboration with Montclair State University’s Center for Research and Evaluation on Education and Human Services (CREEHS), will study the effects of opportunities for lifelong learning on perceived ability and desire to age in place.

Directory of Senior Services and Senior-Friendly Businesses
An MPH student from Montclair State University is working on her community project with us. Alex will be completing a directory of senior services and will start developing a program for senior-friendly businesses in Montclair.

Senior Mobility Booklet
NJITP at Rutgers, as part of the Lifelong Montclair grant, has been developing a handy booklet about senior mobility options in Montclair. The Township’s Senior Citizens Advisory Committee’s Transportation Subcommittee has been providing vital input throughout the process. The booklet will be available on its own and as an appendix in the aforementioned directory of senior services.

Edgemont Park Shelter House Update
The Edgemont Park Shelter House is slated to kick off senior programming in September. The much needed roof repair commenced in June.

Partners at Work!
The Township’s Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (SCAC) has been working diligently. In addition to their work on the senior mobility booklet, they have been developing a community event calendar to offer a one-stop shop for people who want to know about Montclair’s happenings. The SCAC also submitted a thorough statement on housing to the Township Planning Board in May.

Partners Collaborating!
Representatives from Montclair State University and the Township Department of Community Services met to develop a partnership to improve the logistics of Montclair’s Senior Bus. Their collaboration is a prime example of what Lifelong Montclair envisions for our community.

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Lifelong Montclair is an initiative of the Partners for Health Foundation in collaboration with the Township of Montclair Department of Health & Human Services.