

# MONTROSE NEWSLETTER

## SPRING 2026

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### MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:

Spring and early summer are when things start to pick up around Montrose. You will notice more activity, more people out and about, and a general sense that the city is moving again after winter. Some of the work happening is visible, some of it is not, but all of it plays a role in keeping things running smoothly and setting us up for the future. We are staying focused on making thoughtful decisions, keeping things moving at the right pace, and making sure we are doing things the right way the first time. This is also one of the best times of year to just enjoy being in Montrose. Parks are filling up again; trails are getting used, and you start to see people out walking, playing, and just being part of the community. Neighbors reconnect, families get busy with activities, and the energy comes back in a way that is hard to miss. If you are looking for a reason to get out, it is a good time to stop into 12/12 Meats, Jacque B's, or The Ugly Bar and support some of the local businesses that help make this town what it is. We will keep doing our part to support that and keep things moving in a positive direction. As always, if you have questions, concerns, or ideas, please reach out.

**Sam Solarz**  
**Mayor, Montrose MN**

# COMPOST SITE HOURS AND RULES

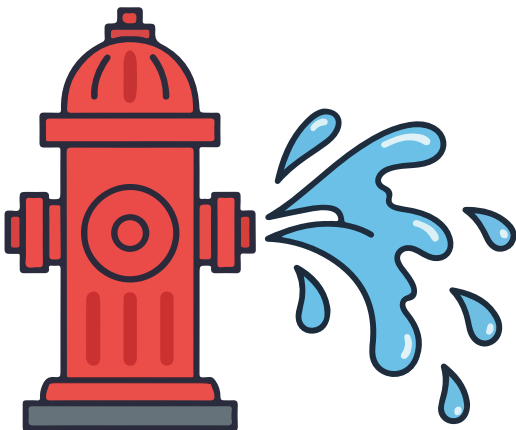
## MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY SUNRISE TO SUNSET

1. YOU MUST BE A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF MONTROSE IN ORDER TO USE THE COMPOST.
2. COMMERCIAL HAULERS AND LAWN SERVICE COMPANIES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO USE THIS SITE.
3. NO PLASTIC BAGS ARE TO BE LEFT AT THE COMPOST SITE IF NOT IN THE GARBAGE CAN.
4. BRANCHES AND YARD WASTE MUST BE SEPARATED.
5. THE CITY OF MONTROSE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CLOSE THE COMPOST AT ANY TIME.
6. THE COMPOST IS UNDER SURVEILLANCE 24HRS A DAY.
7. ONLY CLEAN YARD WASTE, BRUSH AND TREE WASTE UP TO TWO INCH DIAMETER IS ACCEPTED.

YOU CAN FIND OUR FULL LIST OF RULES AT  
[WWW.MONTROSE-  
MN.COM/DEPARTMENTS/PUBLIC\\_WORKS/COMPOST\\_SITE.PHP](http://WWW.MONTROSE-MN.COM/DEPARTMENTS/PUBLIC_WORKS/COMPOST_SITE.PHP)

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## NOTICE HYDRANT FLUSHING



MARK THE DATES

APRIL 13TH  
THROUGH  
MAY 1ST

# DO YOU HAVE BLIGHT?

AS THE WARM WEATHER CONTINUES, THE CITY OF MONTROSE IS WORKING TO REDUCE BLIGHT WITHIN THE CITY. PLEASE CLEAN UP ANY:

- ✓ JUNK TRASH, OR RUBBISH
- ✓ LEAVES, BRANCHES & BRUSH
- ✓ APPLIANCES & ELECTRONICS
- ✓ BROKEN OR INOPERABLE EQUIPMENT
- ✓ CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL(S)
- ✓ UNREGISTERED / INOPERABLE VEHICLES
- ✓ RECREATIONAL VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT
- ✓ TALL GRASS & WEEDS OVER 12 INCHES LONG

IF YOU ARE IN VIOLATION, YOU MAY BE SENT A BLIGHT LETTER FROM THE CITY AND ASKED TO CORRECT THE ISSUE(S). THE CITY FOLLOWS A COMPLAINT-BASED APPROACH, MEANING THAT ISSUES ARE GENERALLY ADDRESSED AFTER A CONCERN OR COMPLAINT HAS BEEN REPORTED. CITY. WE CAN ONLY SEND A NOTICE IF A RESIDENT FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN A MISDEMEANOR CITATION & FEES TO REMEDIATE THE VIOLATION. FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

[HTTPS://WWW.MONTROSE-MN.COM/GOVERNMENT/CITY\\_CODE.PHP](https://www.montrose-mn.com/government/city_code.php)

QUESTIONS CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE  
CITY AT 763-575-7422



## GRASS AND WEEDS



**ANY WEEDS, GRASS OR PLANTS, OTHER THAN TREES, BUSHES, FLOWERS OR OTHER ORNAMENTAL PLANTS, GROWING TO A HEIGHT EXCEEDING 12 INCHES.**

- Rank vegetation includes the uncontrolled, uncultivated growth of annuals and perennial plants.
- The term WEEDS does not include shrubs, trees, cultivated plants or crops.
- In no event shall cultivated plants or crops include plants which have been defined by state statute or administrative rule as being noxious or detrimental plants. **56.04. OWNERS RESPONSIBLE FOR TRIMMING, REMOVAL AND THE LIKE.**
- All property owners shall be responsible for the removal, cutting or disposal and elimination of weeds, grasses and rank vegetation or other uncontrolled plant growth on their property, which at the time of notice, is in excess of 12 inches in height

**TO FIND OUT MORE PLEASE GO TO  
CHAPTER 56**

[HTTPS://WWW.MONTROSE-  
MN.COM/GOVERNMENT/CITY\\_CODE.PHP#OUTER-34](https://www.montrose-mn.com/government/city_code.php#outer-34)





## **CITY PARKS PARKING**

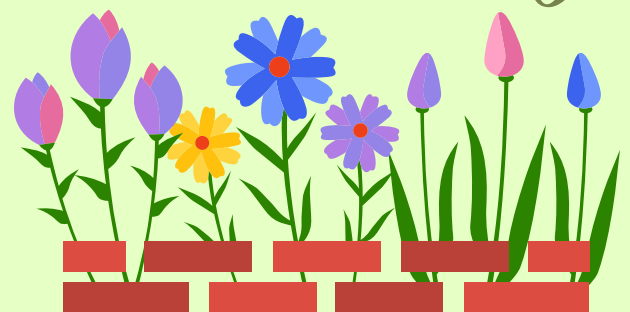
**ALL CITY PARK PARKING LOTS ARE DESIGNATED FOR INDIVIDUALS ACTIVELY USING THE PARK FACILITIES. VEHICLES PARKED FOR NON-PARK PURPOSES WILL BE TOWED AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE. WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION IN KEEPING PARKING AVAILABLE FOR PARK VISITORS.**



**MAKE SURE TO  
REGISTER ONLINE  
TO  
PAY YOUR  
UTILITY BILLS.**

**[HTTPS://MONTROSEM.N.PAYA  
CP.COM/HOME](https://montrosemn.paya.com/home)**

HELLO  
*Spring*



**MONTROSE COMMUNITY CENTER  
200 CENTER AVENUE S**



**WHETHER IS'S A WEDDING, CORPORATE  
EVENT, BIRTHDAY, OR PRIVATE PARTY, OUR  
VENUE IS SPACIOUS AND READY TO BRING  
YOUR VISION TO LIFE.**

**WHY CHOOSE US?**

- **VERSATILE SPACE**
- **COMFORTABLE**
- **FULL PREP KITCHEN**
- **AFFORDABLE**

**CONTACT US:**

**763-575-7437  
CGERARD@MONTROSE-MN.COM**

# MONTHLY MEETINGS

- **CITY COUNCIL**

MEETS THE SECOND MONDAY THE MONTH AT 7PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER.

- **PLANNING AND ZONING**

MEETS THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER.

- **PARKS AND RECREATION**

MEETS THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6PM AT THE CITY HALL.

- **EDA**

MEETS ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 12PM AT THE CITY HALL.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT MEETINGS MAY BE CANCELED  
PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR ANY CANCELATIONS  
[WWW.MONTROSE-MN.COM](http://WWW.MONTROSE-MN.COM)**



- THE 2026 FEE FOR EACH 20' X 20' GARDEN PLOT IS \$40.00, PLUS A \$100.00 DEPOSIT PER PLOT THAT IS REFUNDABLE AT THE END OF THE SEASON IF THE GARDENER/RESIDENT COMPLETELY CLEANS OUT THEIR PLOT.

- THE \$40.00 PLOT RESERVATION FEE AND \$100.00 CASH DEPOSIT ARE DUE AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION. IF THE GARDENER/RESIDENT DOES NOT COMPLETELY CLEAR OUT THEIR PLOT AT THE END OF THE SEASON, THEY WILL NO LONGER BE ALLOWED TO RENT A GARDEN PLOT FROM THE CITY OF MONTROSE.
- PLOTS ARE GIVEN ON A FIRST COME BASIS. TO RESERVE YOUR PLOT PLEASE STOP BY CITY HALL TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION.

This year for City Cleanup Day, we are partnering with Free Bikes 4 Kidz. If you have any bikes in good shape, please consider donating them for kids in need. Bikes can be dropped off by the shed behind the City Hall building during the week of May 11-16.

Free Bikes 4 Kidz MN is a non-profit organization geared toward helping all kids ride into a happier, healthier childhood by providing bikes to those most in need. The public donates gently used bikes, we organize thousands of volunteers to clean and refurbish them, and then we give them away to kids in need.

## IMPACT STATEMENT

We give away more refurbished bikes than anyone in the world and are a passionate group of cyclists who love giving as much as riding. It's our goal to have every child feel the joys and freedom of riding a bike.

## MISSION

FB4K MN is geared toward helping all kids ride into a happier, healthier childhood by providing bikes to those most in need.

## VISION

We envision growth to find a deeper relationship in the communities that we currently serve and support communities in greater Minnesota.

## VALUES

EQUITY 🚲 GENEROSITY 🚲 COMPASSION 🚲 SUSTAINABILITY



# City Cleanup Day 5/16/2026

## 8am - Noon

### Partial list of accepted items:

<b>Air Conditioner:</b>	<b>\$30</b>
<b>Dishwasher:</b>	<b>\$30</b>
<b>Refrigerator/Freezer:</b>	<b>\$30</b>
<b>Stove:</b>	<b>\$20</b>
<b>Washer/Dryer:</b>	<b>\$20</b>
<b><u>Television:</u> Up to 32"</b>	<b>\$35</b>
<b>32" and over</b>	<b>\$60</b>
<b>Tube or Consol</b>	<b>\$100</b>

<b>Copiers: Under 12"</b>	<b>\$30</b>
<b>Over 12"</b>	<b>\$50</b>

<b>Printers: Desktop under 12"</b>	<b>\$30</b>
<b>Oversized over 12"</b>	<b>\$50</b>

**Computer Monitor: Stand-alone** \$50

**Sofa/Loveseat:** \$40

**Sectionals:** \$10 each piece

**Mattress or Boxspring: Twin-King** \$30/each

**Mattress & Boxspring: Twin-King** \$40

**Misc Junk-1/2 box or car trunk** \$30

**Misc Junk-Level with Box** \$45

**Misc Junk- level with cab** \$75

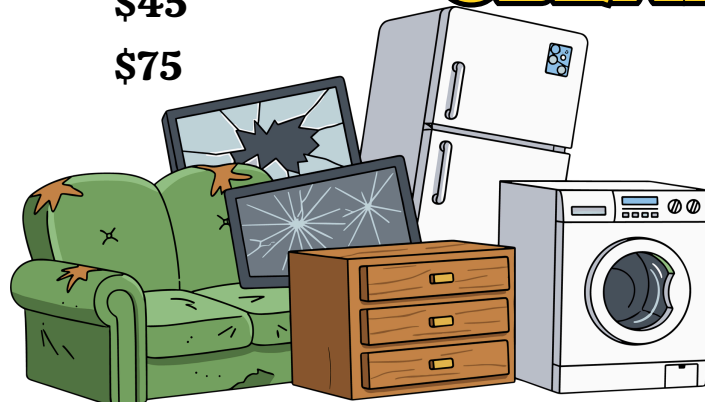
### Tires:

**Car: 13",14",15"** \$15

**Pickup: 16",17"** \$20

**Large Truck: 18",22.5"** \$40

# COMMUNITY CLEANUP



The city will be offering special item pickup for residents within city limits. Each household may schedule up to two (2) items for pickup at a cost of \$20.00 for one item or \$30.00 for two items.

**PICKUP WILL TAKE PLACE  
MAY 12, 2026, AND MAY 13, 2026,  
ONLY.**

**SCHEDULING WILL START APRIL 20TH  
All items must be paid for and  
scheduled by 4:30 p.m.  
on May 7, 2026.**

Any requests made after this deadline will not be eligible for pickup, but items may be dropped off free of charge on Cleanup Day, May 16, 2026.

**ALL SCHEDULED ITEMS MUST BE PLACED  
AT THE CURB BY 7:00 A.M. ON YOUR  
SCHEDULED PICKUP DAY. ITEMS NOT  
PLACED AT THE CURB BY 7:00 A.M., OR  
ITEMS THAT ARE REMOVED BY SOMEONE  
ELSE BEFORE PICKUP, WILL NOT BE  
REIMBURSED. PUBLIC WORKS WILL NOT  
RETURN FOR ITEMS THAT WERE NOT OUT  
AT THE CURB AT THE SCHEDULED TIME.**



# SEASONAL MAINTENANCE

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The City of Montrose Public Works Department is accepting applications for two positions for

## SEASONAL MAINTENANCE WORKERS

### **General Duties:**

Work for these positions will include mowing and trimming city parks and buildings, painting, weeding of city properties and other duties deemed necessary by the Public Works Director. The position will last for approximately 3 months.

**Requirements:** Applicants must be at least 16 years of age, have a valid driver's license, and have the ability to lift 75lbs.

**Salary:** \$20.00 per hour

Applications are available on the City's website at [www.montrose-mn.com](http://www.montrose-mn.com)

or Montrose City Hall during business hours. Please submit application in person at 311 Buffalo Ave S, Montrose, by mail (PO Box 25, Montrose, MN 55363 or email [dremer@montrose-mn.com](mailto:dremer@montrose-mn.com)

Full job description available online or in person.

**APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL  
ALL POSITIONS ARE FILLED.**

THE CITY OF MONTROSE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER.

# PARKS AND RECREATION COMMUNITY EVENTS 2026

## • Painting event

kids create:

June 13<sup>th</sup> 11am - 1pm

Community Center

This event is \$30, but thanks to the Parks & Recreation Commission, you only pay \$15-Pre Registrations required

## • MUSIC IN THE PARK

August 1st

7pm - 10pm

Lions Park

Free Event

## • MOVIE IN THE PARK

August 21<sup>st</sup> at Dusk

Minions and Monsters

Free Event

Popcorn provided by Fire Department

Concessions by Grace Place

## • MOVIE IN THE PARK

September 25<sup>th</sup> at Dusk

Movie will be determined

Popcorn provided by Fire Department

Concessions by Grace Place

## • HOMETOWN DAYS PARADE

September 27th at 1pm

## • PAINTING EVENT

Kids Create:

December 12th

11am - 1pm

Community Center

This event is \$30, but thanks to the Parks & Recreation Commission, you only pay \$15 - Pre Registration Required



For more info visit:

[https://www.montrose-mn.com/community/community\\_events.php](https://www.montrose-mn.com/community/community_events.php)



**REMEMBER MOTHER'S DAY**

**MAY 10TH**



**A**  
*Mother*  
**IS LIKE A**  
**FLOWER EACH ONE**  
*Beautiful*  
**AND**  
*Unique.*



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**REMEMBER FATHER'S DAY**

**JUNE 21ST**



**"A FATHER**  
**IS SOMEONE**  
**YOU**  
**LOOK UP TO**  
**NO MATTER HOW**  
**TALL YOU**  
**GROW."**





# ELECTION JUDGES

NEEDED

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE  
INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING LOCAL  
ELECTIONS. PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE  
CITY FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Phone (763) 575-7437

Email: [cgerard@montrose-mn.com](mailto:cgerard@montrose-mn.com)

Training Provided





VFW POST 1901 PO Box 201

Montrose, MN 55363

Monthly meetings the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month except July

Meetings held at 6:30m PM @ 300 Zephyr Avenue Montrose MN

Membership info contact: Bob Putnam @ 612-210-4729 or

Barrett Kirchenwitz @ 612-998-5033

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

*Buddy Poppy Sales:* Multiple locations in Montrose, Delano, and Buffalo all proceeds go to the VFW relief funds, look for our Poppy cans at local businesses throughout the month of May as well as Post members offering Poppy's May 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup> at businesses throughout the community.

*Memorial Day:* May 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:30 at the post weather permitting/alternate inclement weather site Montrose Community Center.

*Flag Disposal:* June 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 12:00 pm at the post weather permitting till all flags are disposed of. Drop off your worn-out Flags at the post Disposal box.

This is not a city sponsored event. Any questions please contact the above.



CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL

**V F W**



The V.F.W has American flags  
available at City Hall. Flags are  
made in America, polyester blend  
and size is 3x5  
\$30.00 Each.





# MONTROSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF INNOVATION

Montrose Elementary School of Innovation (MESI) is proud to serve students in grades K-5 as a STEAM focused elementary school, integrating Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics into engaging, hands-on learning experiences. Montrose residents receive priority enrollment, and we also welcome open enrollment students from neighboring communities and members of the Northwest Suburban Integration District as space allows. Our goal is to provide a learning environment where curiosity, creativity, and collaboration help every student grow and succeed.

Over the past seven years, MESI's transition to a STEAM model has transformed our school in many ways. Our physical spaces and learning environments have been redesigned to support innovation and collaboration, while expanded educational opportunities allow students to explore real world problem solving across subject areas. At the same time, our staff has embraced extensive professional development, continually strengthening their instructional practices to provide an exceptional educational experience. This work is grounded in genuine care and concern for every individual who walks through our doors.

The MESI staff consistently goes above and beyond to support our students and families, and our educators are recognized as leaders within the district for innovative teaching practices. Our school has hosted several showcases for educators from across the district and throughout the Midwest who are interested in learning more about the work happening at MESI. We are proud that our school reflects the best of the Montrose community, offering the warmth and hospitality of a small town while providing educational opportunities often found in larger cities and districts.

**As we prepare for the 26-27 school year, MESI is currently accepting registrations for kindergarten and other grade levels.** Timely enrollment information is extremely important as we begin planning for staffing, class sizes, and student support needs for the coming year. If you have not yet notified the school that your student will be attending MESI next year, please **contact the main office at (763) 682-8345 or email [mwycoff@bhmschools.org](mailto:mwycoff@bhmschools.org) to reserve your spot.**

Families who would like to learn more about our school community are encouraged to schedule a tour or meeting. We would be happy to share more about the learning experiences, programs, and supportive environment that make MESI such a special place for students and families. Please use the same contact information to connect with our office and arrange a visit. We look forward to welcoming you to the MESI community.

# HIRING FIREFIGHTERS

— JOIN OUR TEAM! —

Paid-On-Call Volunteer Department • All Training & Equipment Provided

300+ Calls Per Year • Fire & EMS Certification  
• Retirement Benefits



## MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- At least 18 to join as a Reserve Firefighter
- At least 21 to join as a Firefighter
- High School Diploma or GED
- Live within 10 minutes of the Fire Station
- Complete Hiring Process:
  - Application & Interview
  - Criminal & Driving Record Check
  - Pre-Employment Physical



**SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY – APPLY TODAY!**

**Montrose Fire Department**



763-575-7480



montrosefd@gmail.com



# FIRE RESTRICTIONS / OPEN BURNING

AS SPRING APPROACHES, BE SAFE AND FOLLOW THESE RULES:



**OPEN BURNING IS NOT ALLOWED WITHIN CITY LIMITS.**

Recreational fires must be within a 3x3x3 fire pit or structure.



**BURNING OF GARBAGE, JUNK, LEAVES, GRASS OR RUBBISH IS NOT ALLOWED.**

Only dry, clean wood may be burned.



**FIRES MUST ALWAYS BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT** And must be completely extinguished when not attended.



**KEEP FIRES AT LEAST 25 FEET AWAY FROM ANY STRUCTURE.**

Have a hose or bucket of water readily available



**HAVE A HOSE OR BUCKET OF WATER READILY AVAILABLE** To extinguish the fire if needed.



**USE CAUTION WHEN OPERATING GRILLS NEAR STRUCTURES.**



**PLEASE ENJOY RESPONSIBLY AND HELP  
KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE**



# CODEPENDENT NO MORE BOOK STUDY

Books Provided

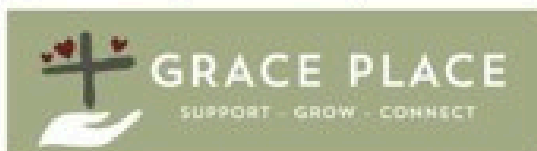


## Join Us in April

**Wednesdays**

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

6pm Social, 6:30-7:30pm Meeting



371 Center Ave S Montrose, MN 55363

- Build self-worth separate from others
- Set healthy boundaries without guilt
- Break rescue patterns and foster balance
- Identify triggers that fuel attachment cycles
- Open to men and women, diverse perspectives welcome

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GRACE PLACE  
SUPPORT - GROW - CONNECT

# FREE BINGO! WITH FUN PRIZES

1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

DOORS OPEN @ 12:30PM

BINGO BEGINS @ 1:00PM

371 CENTER AVE S

MONTROSE, MN 55363

LIGHT SNACKS & REFRESHMENTS

PROVIDED

THIS IS NOT A CITY SPONSORED EVENT

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**GRACE PLACE COLLABORATIVE PRESENTS**

# **COOKOUT CLASSICS COMMUNITY MEAL**

**Hamburgers - Beef Hot Dogs -  
Beans - Potato Salad & More**

**THURSDAY  
JUNE 18TH**

**DOORS OPEN 4:30PM  
DINNER 5:00PM-6:30PM**

**MONTROSE  
COMMUNITY CENTER**

**200 CENTER AVE S.  
MONTROSE, MN 55363**



**As always the meal is free!  
All are welcome!**



**GRACE PLACE**

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# MONTROSE AMBASSADORS



*COMMUNITY - VOLUNTEERISM - PROFESSIONALISM*

## *JOIN US*

Our search for candidates has begun, and we want you! Being an ambassador is an opportunity to gain leadership and professional skills that will follow for a lifetime. It is a great addition to college and job applications. It is also the perfect way to give back to your community through service and community projects. The opportunities are yours. Join us and discover just how many doors are waiting to be opened for you! Feel free to reach out any time with questions! Sign up on our website.

[www.montroseambassadors.com](http://www.montroseambassadors.com)



## *BASIC REQUIREMENTS*

Must be ages 16-20 years old by July 1st, and must have some connection to the city of Montrose (lives in Montrose elementary school district, attends church, participates in community groups, etc.).



## **FREE DRIVE THROUGH FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

**April 28                      2:00 PM - GONE**

**May 26                        2:00 PM - GONE**

**June 23                      2:00 PM - GONE**

**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month**

### **LOCATION**

**Montrose Community Center  
200 Center Avenue S, Montrose, MN 55363**

### **FOR QUESTIONS**

**Please Call:**

**Pam @ 763-913-1869 or Sandy @ 763-280-2400**

**Website: [www.fe-ed.org](http://www.fe-ed.org)**

**FE-ED is made possible through a partnership with  
Montrose United Methodist Church  
&  
House of Grace**