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Snowy Montford Holiday Tour of Homes a Record Success!

Ellen Nutter, Tour of Homes Chair

The record snowfall on December 9 created a magical setting for the **22nd Montford Holiday Tour of Homes**. The neighborhood looked beautiful under its mantle of snow, creating a wonderful holiday atmosphere. Ticket sales had been brisk before the storm, and although some were deterred by the weather, we had near record attendance.

We are delighted to report an additional record – the tour raised over \$22,000. After expenses of a little over \$5,000, almost \$17,000 will be available for neighborhood projects. An important reason for this success was the new Keepsake Booklet, spearheaded and executed by graphic designer Rita Yerby. The booklet functioned as the tour ticket, helping to attract almost \$11,000 in sponsor and advertising income.

Eleven homes were on tour, each as unique as Montford itself. Seven are historic, ranging from the large 1890's houses at **133 Montford Avenue**, **97 Flint Street**, and **70 Magnolia Avenue** and the Richard Sharp Smith house at **129 Pearson**



Montford Tour Carolers led by Jim Biard

Drive, to the charming bungalows at **200 Flint Street** and **60 Pearson Drive**. Almost all the historic houses have modern additions, skillfully blended with the older parts of the house to create modern spaces that enhance the historic house while facilitating a contemporary lifestyle. The four new homes on the tour provided a fascinating contrast to the historic houses. **42 Soco Street** and **7 Woodlawn Avenue** are in the Historic District, built to the standards of the Historic Resources Commission; **40 and 48 Houston Street** are just outside the District, but were also constructed with materials and exterior design elements compatible with their historic neighbors. We are extremely grateful to each of the eleven homeowners for opening their homes to the tour.

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Photo Credit: Gary Holstein



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133 Montford Ave

TEMPIE AVERY MONTFORD CENTER

- Construction will begin in the area surrounding the Tempie Avery Montford Center starting this spring (exact dates are yet to be determined). A diagram of the anticipated updates is inside of the center. Changes include increasing the size of the parking lot, removal of the tennis courts, a walking trail and a playground.

- A free business class will be offered at the Tempie Avery Montford Center by A-B Tech on February 1 and May 24. The class is current and potential small business owners and is called "Starting a Better Business." To register, just go to <https://www.abtech.edu/small-business-center/seminar-calendar>

- Also, if you are planning on a New & Improved You for the New Year, we suggest trying Long Shang Gong Fu Tuesday nights 5:30-7:00pm at the Tempie Avery Center. This class is taught by Mark Small who is a "Yang Family fifth-generation certified instructor through the Choy Kam Man Academy, San Francisco, and first-generation Lingyunpai certified instructor through Chen Pan-ling's International Martial Arts Foundation of PRC, and 4th degree black sash student of Grandmaster Liang Shou-Yu in the International Wushu Sanshou Dao Association."

Calendar

Badminton—Join this active group of players on Friday nights 5:30-8:00pm and Sunday Mornings 9 – 11am. If you don't think badminton is a great workout, you haven't played at Montford!

Capoeira—Learn the Afro – Brazilian art which combines martial arts, dance, and culture. Saturdays 10am-noon. \$6 per class.

Ukulele—Mondays 6pm - 8pm. This self-led group welcomes all levels of talent including beginners. **Free.**

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Tour of Homes a Record Success!

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A charming innovation this year was the strolling carolers organized by Jim Biard. Recognizable with their red scarves, they provided a lovely holiday atmosphere, and we hope they become an annual tradition.

Behind the scenes were almost 200 Montford volunteers, including not only homeowners and carolers but docents, cookie bakers, and the intrepid snow shovelers who showed up on the day of the tour to save us. A special thank you goes to Marie-Louise Ramsay and the Asheville Chamber

of Commerce, who opened the Center just so we could distribute tour tickets. All was ably organized by the Tour Committee, including Rita Yerby, Publicity Chair; Terry Peters, Sponsors Chair; Bonnie Holstein, Docents Chair; Pamela Phillips, Cookie Chair; Susan Loftis, After-Party Chair; Gary Holstein, Tour Photographer; Ross Terry, Website and Newsletter; Randy Hall; Jackson Tierney; and Sid Border. Thank you, everyone, for a true neighborhood effort!

To participate in the Tour next year, contact Ellen Nutter, Tour Chair, at elnutter@aol.com or 828-505-8242. We would love to have you!

Gotta mention these wonderful folks again...

Homes

Elizabeth and Derek Allen
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The Rotary Club of Asheville-Metro presents Metro Talks

A series of informative discussions throughout the year for the public

Listserve post by John Russell

Believing that an informed and engaged citizenry is critical to understanding our community, the Rotary Club of Asheville-Metro presents a series of discussions entitled “**Metro Talks**” throughout the year.

The first talk, *Asheville City Council And Your Neighborhood*, was held on Thursday, January 11, at 5:30 pm in the conference room at the Grove Arcade.

Join newly elected Asheville City Council member Vijay Kapoor for a discussion on issues affecting Asheville and the region. He will give an update on matters that City Council is considering and is happy to answer your questions about these issues or the recently concluded election.

Vijay Kapoor was elected to Asheville City Council in 2017. He grew up in Asheville, moved away, and moved his family back in 2014. Vijay owns a small business providing economic analysis to cities across the county. He has degrees in economics and public policy studies from the University of Chicago and a JD from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Vijay lives in South Asheville with his wife Anne, two small children and dog.

Additional talks in this series include:

February 8: *Bears and Bear Behavior in our Area* - Adam Warwick, bear expert and Southern Blue Ridge Stewardship Manager for the Nature Conservancy,

March 8: To be determined

April 12: *Protecting the Places We Share; Earth Day in WNC* - Bob Wagner of Mountain True

May 10: *Small Houses: Alternatives in WNC* - Jeremy Stauffer, green builder, and educator, owner of Nanostead

June 14: *Arts in Our Community* - Stefanie Gerber Darr, Executive Director, Asheville Area Arts Council

All talks are Free and open to the public and will take place the Second Thursday of the month 5:30-6:30 PM in the Conference Room in the Grove Arcade (basement). Light refreshments will be served.

Be informed, be involved, learn something new!

The Rotary Club of Asheville-Metro was chartered in 2012 and is dedicated to service, both locally and internationally. Recent recipients of grants from the Club include ABCCM, The Buncombe County Drug Court, and the Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust.

The Club also sponsors a prosthetics clinic in Ecuador, as well as The Rotary Foundation and its drive to end polio. Every month the Club volunteers at MANNA FoodBank to help alleviate hunger in our community.



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Store continued....

Not only is Young a store owner, but she owns rental property on Starnes and Flint as well. Although she has been criticized in the past for being a "slum lord," Young says her rental properties and tenants have always been her first priority. "I think there is a need for low-cost housing," she says, "even though it's always presented a clash between homeowners and landlords. But I'm right here and can supervise my properties and tenants round the clock. There have been times when I haven't had great tenants, but right now all my tenants seem very responsible."

To those neighbors who have supported Young and her Starnes Ave. establishment, she expresses a heart-felt "thank you." She says, "Without my neighbors' support over the past seven years, this store would not have made it."

Adopt-A-Street Program

Montford Ave. is the first street in our neighborhood to be adopted as part of Quality Forward and Asheville's Adopt-A-Street initiative. The Montford Garden Club members are agreeing to clean and sweep litter at least four times a year.

The program is modeled after Adopt-a-Highway on State routes. Each adopting group will have a sign erected. They will also be provided bags and gloves. Other streets around Montford need adopting. Whether you are an individual, group, or family, gather together and Adopt A-Street. Call Quality Forward at 255-1776.

THANK YOU...

...to the Fain's for their \$25 donation in support of MONTFORD.

Now...

...is a good time to clean up trash in and around your property. Help make MONTFORD clean and green.

NEWS AND VIEWS

-NEWS-Several residents have discussed the idea of starting a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) for purchasing properties in Montford. This corporation would be set up as a fund. Residents would be able to purchase shares (preference) (one vote) with no one shareholder to own a controlling interest. There would be a formal board and, as is true for all corporations, their primary responsibility would be to the shareholders. The purpose would be to purchase houses and/or empty lots in Montford in the interest of the neighborhood at large and to increase shareholder value. The initial meeting to discuss this and get it rolling is on Saturday, Feb. 15 at 4 p.m. at the Montford Resource Center.

-NEWS-We will miss Sam Fain and Karin Fain of the Carolina Inn on Cumberland Ave. who are moving out of the Montford community. We wish them heartfelt happiness in their new endeavor.

-NEWS-Citizens On Patrol (C.O.P.) will be gearing up for springtime activities. We will be having evening rallies as we did last year. Our first rally will be Friday, April 11 at 7 p.m. Meet on Flint St. Call 255-4946 for more information.

-NEWS-We need volunteers for the Easter Egg Hunt to hide eggs, serve lunch, and organize games. Call 255-4946 if you are interested. The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 29 at 11 a.m. at Montford Park.

-NEWS-The Montford Resource Center is scheduled to receive a computer system from the City as part of its plan to empower residents with Community Oriented Government (COG). This system will be linked with all City services as well as the Internet. You, as a resident, will have the opportunity to find information in any City department (i.e.: what to do with an old appliance, the HRC's guidelines, etc.) As we get closer to installation, the MRC will be seeking volunteers to learn the system and provide help for others in the neighborhood. Our hope is that with something tangible to do at the MRC, more residents will get involved.

-NEWS-Hummingbird Park has five more votes as the name for the new park on the corner of Cumberland and Starnes Ave. The total count is now 15 for Hummingbird Park, one for Starland Park, and 0 for Starnes Park. Call 255-4946 with your vote.

-NEWS-Gerald Green, president of Historic Montford, will be stepping down from his post. We are currently seeking nominations prior to a vote. Please call with your nominations by February 28, 1997, 255-4946. We thank Gerald for his dedication and commitment to our community.

-NEWS-It appears that the County Commissioners are considering selling all of the property it now owns on Westover Circle to Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS). Both the NHS and the majority of the resident of Montford Hills welcome this news and continue to work toward making this a reality. Please call or fax County Commissioner David Gant to express your support of NHS.

-NEWS-If you are interested in getting together with other Montford neighborhood, over-50, has-beens for basketball once a week at the Montford Community Center, please call Michael McDonough at 255-4878. No hot doggers please. Exercise and casual competition is the goal.

Trashion Show

Local designers presenting new fashions with repurposed materials

**Trashion Show Call for Artists
deadline January 26, 2018**

Calling all artists and designers:

Asheville GreenWorks is accepting submissions of designs for its Trashion Show until January 26, 2018.

GreenWorks will host the Environmental Awards and Trashion Show on Saturday, April



14, 2018 at 5 pm. The event is hosted by the DoubleTree by Hilton Asheville-Biltmore at 114 Hendersonville Road in Asheville, NC 28803.

The Trashion Show is a new twist on the Environmental Awards ceremony presented by GreenWorks. For the first time, designers and artists throughout Asheville will come together to create one of a kind wearable fashion made from items headed to the landfill or recycling facility, or that have served their purpose and reached the end of their life.

Artists and designers can submit their design ideas to be considered for the Trashion Show by completing a simple online application (<https://goo.gl/yWc3yV>). **The deadline is January 26, 2018.**

Applicants will be notified within one week of the deadline and there is no fee to enter. Individuals and businesses are encouraged to apply. Previously used designs are also accepted.

Tickets for the event can be purchased at ashevillegreenworks.org/trashion. Tiered ticket pricing that works for all budgets (\$50 general admission, \$75 VIP and \$125 for All Access Lounge and Bottle Service) will go to support GreenWorks Youth Environmental Leadership Program.

Organizations wishing to sponsor the event can contact Nina Salerno at (828) 254-1776 or yanina@ashevillegreenworks.org.



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- For the Crime Prevention Division, call 259-5834.
- For Police Dispatch, call 259-5888.
- For Montford's Community Resource Officer Justin Wilson call 828-450-3719

Purple Crayon Offers Women Hobby Artists Room to Play

Montford is one of those special places where artists, and artist-lovers, flock. And, while there are a lot of professional artists in the neighborhood, there are even more “hobby artists”: people who make stuff just for the fun of it. It’s probable that even you, or at least someone you know, is a hobby artist!



While Montford seems to attract creative people, unfortunately, it doesn’t provide a lot of affordable places where they can “play,” either alone or, rarer still, in community—which is often the reason hobby artists start playing in the first place (think quilt guilds, stitching circles, etc.).

Fortunately, the situation changed, at least for women hobby artists, this fall, when Five Points resident Pam Robbins opened Purple Crayon (www.purplecrayonavl.com). The “shared play space for women hobby artists” is just up the road from Cheap Joe’s, Montford’s local art supply store. The two-room studio houses multiple “creation stations” that women can rent and a lounge area and break room where they can relax, chat, or just read a book. “It’s basically a ‘she-shed’ with a creative bent,” Robbins says. Professional artists can also rent part of the studio to teach classes.

“Many Purple Crayon members already have a studio in their home—or, at least, a room in their home that they could convert into a studio,” Robbins explains. “But the issue is, it’s in their home. While that’s certainly convenient, it makes it really hard to prioritize play over work, housework, family responsibilities, etc. They also usually don’t have the space to invite friends to play with them in their studio. It’s hard to squeeze two easels, two sewing machines, two tables, etc. into a room, even if it’s fairly large.”

Purple Crayon member and workshop facilitator, Anna Holbrook, agrees: “I always struggle to have the time and space to be creative at home. I want to make it more of a priority in my life, and I also love the idea of having a community of other artists.”

If you’re a woman hobby artist looking for a play space, or a professional artist looking for a classroom, consider checking out Purple Crayon. They have an open house the second Saturday of every month from 2-4 PM, or Robbins is happy to give private tours. She can be reached at pam@purplecrayonavl.com, or 828-771-6148. See www.purplecrayonavl.com for more information.



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Oyster stuffing anyone?

Ross Terry

Several years ago a relative gave us a vintage hoosier kitchen cabinet. On the inside of the cabinet door, we found a printed recipe card with holiday suggestions. As I read through the ingredients I was reminded how much oysters played in the American diet in the past. They were a cheap and abundant source of protein that began finding their way to inland tables in the late 1800's—packed in ice on railcars or canned. Recipe books were filled with creative ways to consume the bivalve molluscs.



And...oh yeah, there was a North Carolina oyster war. Visit this link to read about it:

<https://www.ourstate.com/history-great-oyster-war/>

Pollution, health scares, and overharvesting caused a drop in shellfish consumption, especially after World War II. However, In recent years oysters have made a come back with the help of sustainable shellfish farming and recovery partnerships.

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KITCHEN ECONOMIES

By ISOBEL BRANDS
Of the *Apprentice Experiment Station*

Five Ways to Serve Oysters Baked and Broiled.

DURING the season canned oysters may be obtained anywhere in the country, even though far inland, and they are quite as flavorful as the fresh variety which we get near the seaboard. Oysters should be used plentifully, for they are wholesome, easily digested, and supply protein in comparatively inexpensive form. There are an endless variety of oyster recipes from which the housewife can choose, serving oysters baked, broiled, as a stew, or a soup, besides the much prized "raw" or "half-shell" oysters which are popular wherever oysters can be obtained fresh.

Baked Oysters.
2 cupfuls of small oysters
1 cupful of breadcrumbs
2 tablespoonfuls of butter
1 teaspoonful of lemon juice
Salt, pepper

Chop the oysters and mix with the butter, cream and some of the spruce juice and seasoning. Fill buttered ramekins with the mixture—or if fresh oysters have been used, fill the shell with the mixture, dot with buttered crumbs and brown in the oven.

Broiled Oysters.
4 cupfuls of small oysters
2 cupfuls of breadcrumbs
2 EGGS
2 tablespoonfuls of chopped celery
2 tablespoonfuls of chopped parsley
2 tablespoonfuls of butter
Salt, pepper

Beat the eggs with 2 tablespoonfuls of the spruce juice. Drain the oysters and dip into the egg, then roll in the bread-crumbs and garnish with buttered baking dish. Sprinkle with the salt, pepper,

parsley and celery, cover the top with the bread-crumbs and bits of butter, and bake in a quick oven for 20 minutes. Oysters prepared in this way are crisp and more attractive to serve than when immersed in a thick sauce, as is ordinary ways of scalloping.

Broiled Oysters.
Drain the oysters—large ones—and season with pepper. Roll each oyster in a thin strip of bacon and fasten with a toothpick. Place in a baking pan in a hot oven under the broiler and leave until bacon is crisp. Serve on hot toast or crisp rolls with sliced pickles.

Oyster Fritters.
1 dozen parboiled chopped oysters
1/2 cupful of chopped corn
1/2 cupful of milk
1/2 cupful of flour
1 egg
2 to 3 spoonfuls of baking powder
Salt

Beat the egg, add the milk, oysters, corn and the dry ingredients sifted together. Beat thoroughly, then drop by spoonfuls into hot fat, and fry until light brown.

Oyster Curry.
1 cupful of oysters
2/3 cup spoonfuls of butter
2/3 cup spoonfuls of flour
1/2 cup spoonful of curry powder
2/3 cup spoonful of lemon juice
1 onion

Lightly brown the onion in the frying pan, blend with the dry ingredients mixed together, and rub in a smooth sauce with the juice of the oysters. Stir constantly, then add the oysters and lemon juice, let boil up once, and serve immediately with hot rice.

Resource Directory

Advertise in the Resource Directory

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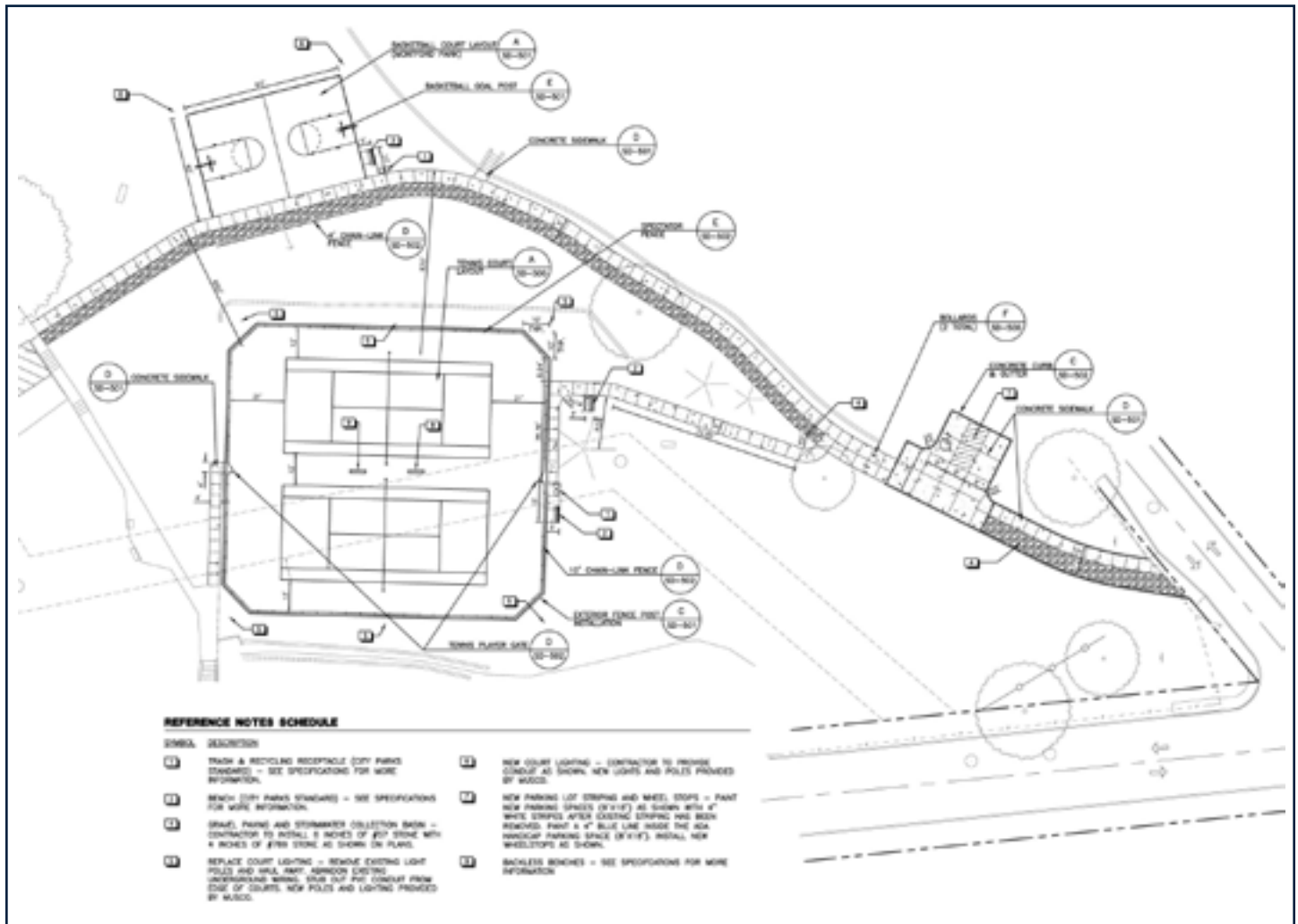


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City Plans Upgrades to Montford Park Starting in February



General Overview from Pete Wall—City of Asheville Program Manager, Parks & Recreation—Capital Projects Department

- New Tennis Courts and Lighting
- New Basketball Court and Lighting (remove 10' fencing)
- New Accessible parking and sidewalk to tennis/basketball/restrooms
- New Site Furniture

Users can expect the court improvements to have a similar quality to Kenilworth Park improvements made in 2015. Also, I spoke with Mike Stamey of MSD about the sewer line replacement at Montford Park (its the one that goes under the tennis courts). We have asked them to hold off until we have our easement in place and will likely have an anticipated construction date of February. I will keep everyone posted as I know more.

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Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

Montford Action Agenda Dec. 13, 2017

Members present: Chair Bryan Moffitt, William Eakins, Woodard Farmer, Julie Hansbury, Paul Benson, Craig Cline, Amanda Warren, David Carpenter, Charles Flowers

Staff present: Stacy Merten, Alex Cole, Jannice Ashley

Item, Summary and Action

178 West Chestnut Street—Removal of existing rear addition and construction of new rear, one-story 758 sq. ft. addition.—**Action:** Approved with conditions

178 West Chestnut Street—Renovation of existing accessory structure, including removal of existing shed roof and construction of front-facing gable end roof, installation of new garage doors, one half-lite wood door and one window.

—**Action:** Approved

26 Rosewood Avenue—Repair of one chimney and removal of one chimney.—**Action:** Continued

315 Pearson Drive—Modification of rear porch, including installation of windows within the porch to enclose the interior for accessibility purposes. Construction

of new rear entry porch with wheelchair elevator.—**Action:** Approved with conditions

70/72 Flint Street—Construction of new one-and-a-half story primary structure and one-story accessory structure.—**Action:** Continued

135 Cherry Street—Replacement of asphalt shingle roof with metal roof.—**Action:** Withdrawn

246 Cumberland Avenue—Removal of existing rear porch and construction of new rear addition and porch on first floor; construction of new balcony on second level of rear elevation.—**Action:** Approved with conditions

345 Montford Avenue/Montford Park—Installation of new parking area and access path/roadway from intersection of Cumberland Avenue and Panola Street to restroom facility; installation of chain link fence.—**Action:** Approved with conditions

34 Pearson Drive—Removal of several mature trees, removal of existing tennis courts and parking lot, installation of 57 space asphalt parking lot, replacement of entrance plaza, installation of new gate pillars with metal gate, installation of new free-standing sign, installation of wood screening for trash receptacles, and replacement of timber retaining wall with new 2-3' tall concrete retaining wall.—**Action:** Approved with conditions

Please refer to the website (www.ashevilleenc.gov) for the full approved minutes after the following month's meeting.



Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

Montford Action Agenda Jan.10, 2018

Members present: Chair Bryan Moffitt, William Eakins, Woodard Farmer, Paul Benson, Craig Cline, David Carpenter, Charles Flowers, Emily Kite, Emily Spreng

Staff present: Stacy Merten, Alex Cole, Jannice Ashley

Item, Summary and Action

70/72 Flint Street—Construction of new one-and-a-half story primary structure and one-story accessory structure.—**Action:** Continued

67 Cumberland Avenue—Modification of existing rear addition, including swapping one door and one window, enclosure of one window opening, installation of one new

window opening, replacement of shingle siding with stucco, construction of 7' x 14' deck extending off addition, and installation of balustrade on roof of addition.—**Action:** Approved with conditions

34 Courtland Avenue—Removal of nine mature white pine trees along property boundary.—**Action:** Approved with conditions

170 Montford Avenue—Amendment to CA 15-02126PZ, approved March 12, 2015 and May 30, 2017) increasing the height of previously approved accessory structure from 20' 10" from grade to 23' from grade, change of footprint from 25' x 25' to 23' x 23', changes in fenestration on all sides, changes in trim and window detail in gable ends, changes to garage doors, and change of color palette from matching primary structure to brown with white trim.—**Action:** Continued

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