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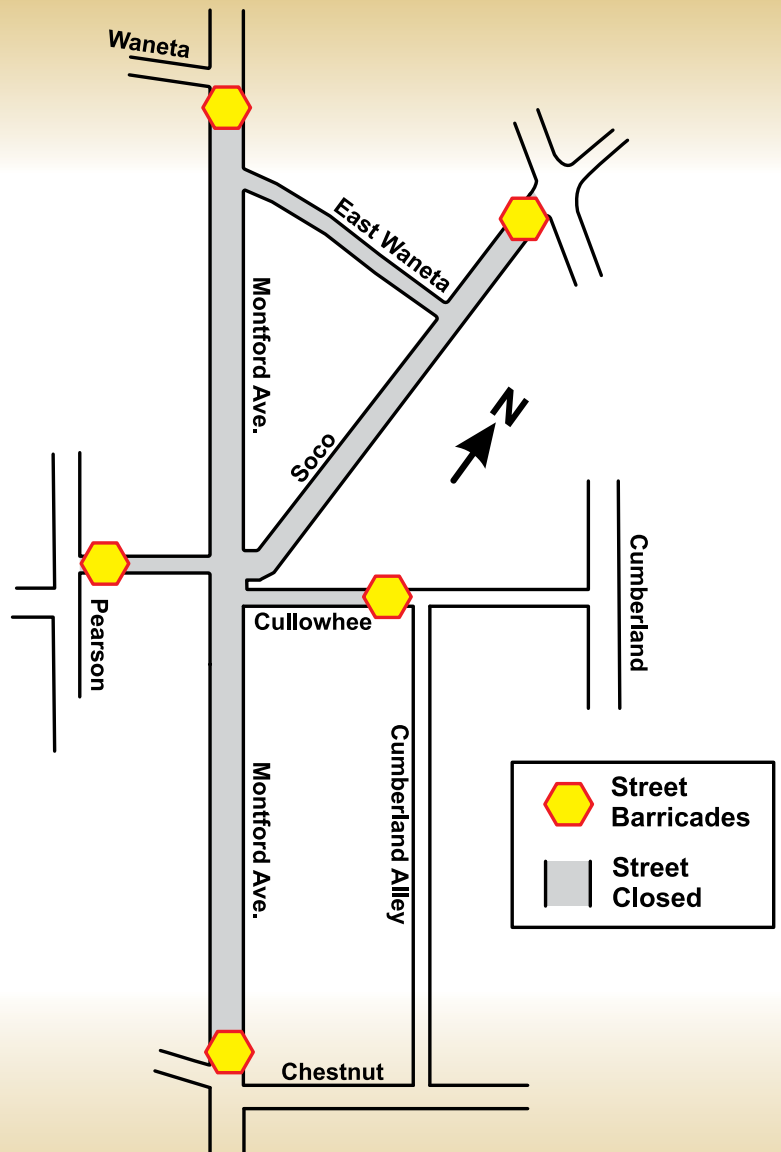
MARCH '18

## Festival Just Around The Corner

### Montford Festival Parking Notice

The 15th Annual Montford Music & Arts Festival will be here before you know it! **Saturday, May 19, to be exact.**

The festival will follow the same set up as last year. We will close Montford Avenue from Chestnut to Waneta. Soco will also be closed to traffic, but Soco residents can still park on the street. Cullowhee will be closed from Pearson to Cumberland Alley. The Asheville Fire Department will limit parking on Pearson Drive to one side of the street from Chestnut to Waneta to allow for the rerouting of the buses. **If you live in any of these areas, please note: There will be no parking on Montford from Chestnut to Waneta and Cullowhee from Pearson to Cumberland Alley.** Watch for the no parking signs on Pearson from Chestnut to Waneta. We appreciate your cooperation. Thanks for pitching in and doing your share to make this a friendly and safe community event.



## TEMPIE AVERY MONTFORD CENTER

- Our annual Montford Neighborhood Egg Hunt will be at Montford Park at 11am on Saturday, March 31. There will be two different sections for hunting, one for 4 years and under and another for 5 years and up. We have invited the Easter Bunny and hope he/she is able to make a special appearance. Children should bring a basket or bag for collecting eggs. Free. Rain or shine. Any questions, please call 253-3714.

- Line Dancing starting April 7th. See the flyer on the right.

- 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 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>

- 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."

**STARTING - APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>**  
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Guest Instructor, April 7th  
 Judyanne Campbell

## 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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Shana Kriewall, Facility Manager, Tempie Avery  
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## 15th Annual Montford Music & Arts Festival *PREVIEW*

Ben Scales



David Holt and the Lightning Bolts



WestSound



Lyric



Buncombe Turnpike

We're really excited about this year's festival, which will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2018. We'll block off Montford from Chestnut to Waneta, and all of Soco, too. Art and crafts booths and other non-food vendors will fill the space

between Cullowhee and Chestnut, and food and beverage vendors will be in between Cullowhee and Waneta.

We've got a bunch of new committee members, and things are starting to come together nicely. We still could use more help planning and executing this huge event, so if you're interested in being part of

our tremendous team, please contact me at [ben@benscales.com](mailto:ben@benscales.com).

This year's music combines a bit of star power with wide diversity of styles we've all come to expect from this festival. As always, every act has direct ties to our neighborhood.

### Here are a few of the performers we have booked:

**David Holt and the Lightning Bolts**—David Holt has spent his life learning and performing traditional American music. It has taken him from the most remote coves of southern Appalachia to the bright lights of TV studios and the Grand Ole Opry stage. A four-time Grammy Award winner, David is a musician, storyteller,

historian, photographer, television host, and entertainer. He plays ten acoustic instruments and has released numerous award-winning recordings of traditional mountain music and southern folktales.

David is well known for his television and radio work. Currently, he is hosting the PBS series *David Holt's State of Music*, featuring some of the region's finest musicians including Rhiannon Giddens, Steep Canyon Rangers, and Balsam Range. David can also be seen as a musician, strumming a mandolin and dancing around in the popular film, *O Brother Where Art Thou*.

<http://www.davidholt.com/>

**WestSound**—The sensation of most of the past years' festival, WestSound will once again rock the avenue with high-energy Motown, blues, R&B, and soul that had everybody humming, singing, and dancing. WestSound was formed many years ago by three brothers: Randy, Oscar and Cecil Weston. They have performed locally and abroad. WestSound has performed in the Indiana Black Expo, Goombay, Harambee, Bele Chere, Eden Fest, LEAF and more! Don't miss them!

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**Lyric**—With an enlightened mixture of pop, soul, and FUNK; LYRIC awakens an undiscovered spirit within their audience. Described by many as the best band in Asheville, LYRIC delights crowds across the region.

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**Buncombe Turnpike**—Lead singer and bass player Tom Godleski began Buncombe Turnpike in the fall of 1997. Buncombe Turnpike plays a variety of heartfelt tunes ranging from traditional and contemporary bluegrass to gospel and hand-crafted Buncombe Turnpike originals. With their crowd-pleasing demeanor, seasoned musicianship, and powerful vocals, the band has made a name for themselves among traditional and contemporary listeners alike. It is no surprise that their 2004 sophomore release 'Blackwater Bottom' made waves on the air and on the stage proving yet again that one of the premier bluegrass bands from the musical hotbed of Asheville NC. Their fifth album, "Forever It Will Be" is the first all original album the band has produced.

<http://www.buncombeturnpike.com/>

More acts are being added, and we hope the day will provide a little something for everybody for our 15th Annual celebration of all things Montford.




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## Save the Date

Montford Park Egg Hunt  
11am, Saturday, March 31



## Chestnut Street Potholes



Photo: John Boyle  
[jboyle@citizen-times.com](mailto:jboyle@citizen-times.com)

*Editor's Note—Excerpt from the Citizens-Times, Published 1:27 p.m. ET Feb. 13, 2018*

### Answer Man: Will Chestnut Street potholes get fixed?

**Question:** I live at the intersection of Chestnut Street and Furman Avenue. Chestnut is a very busy and narrow artery. It runs between Harris Teeter and Trader Joe's, and it borders bed and breakfast inns, churches, homes and commercial buildings. Chestnut Street is very dangerous to the general public,

and to motor vehicles. It has a horrible amount of potholes, uneven pavement and unsuccessful attempts at pavement patches. Avoiding the potholes, parked cars and vehicles coming in the opposite direction, as well as crossing very busy intersecting streets, is like trying to manage a very difficult obstacle course. When will the city of Asheville pave Chestnut Street? Navigating Chestnut Street is like driving in a Third World country! Does the city have any other improvements planned for Chestnut Street?

**My answer:** Have you driven in a Third World country? Because their access to Trader Joe's is vastly superior to what we have here.

**Real answer:** As a frequent driver of Chestnut Street myself, I sympathize with this reader. It's a mess.

But let's move on to the city sources.

"The great news is that Chestnut Street is slated to be repaved this year," said city of Asheville spokeswoman Polly McDaniel.

"Currently, Chestnut Street from Broadway

to Montford Avenue is under contract to be paved, and the work is scheduled to begin this spring."

Further, a contract to repave Chestnut Street from Broadway to Charlotte Street is under review, she said.

"The work on that section is expected to happen this summer," McDaniel said. "In the meantime, the city is patching the potholes."

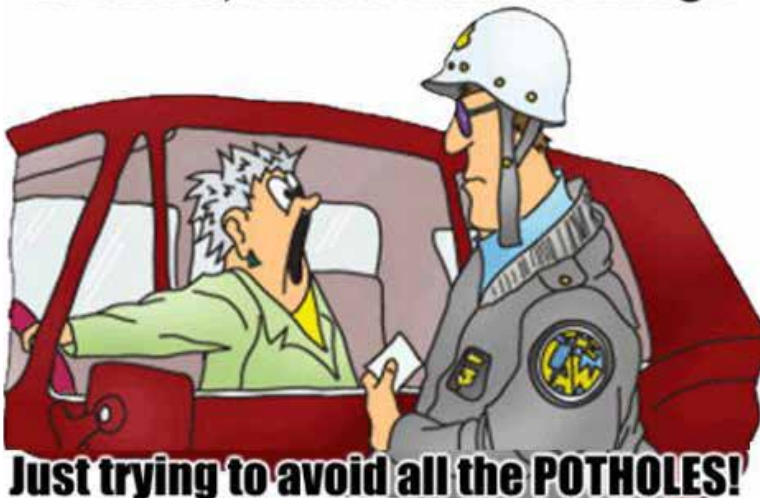
Asheville Streets Division Manager Chad Bandy said his department in recent weeks has "dispatched pothole repairs in many areas," including the Chestnut Street area.

"The freeze-thaw cycle has produced many potholes this time of the year," he said. "The city has an online app and responsive desktop/mobile site called the Asheville App where residents can report issues such as potholes, a tree down, things of that nature."

You can find it at [http://www.ashevilenc.gov/live/get/mobile\\_app.htm](http://www.ashevilenc.gov/live/get/mobile_app.htm)

Or download the Asheville App for free on your smartphone.

**No officer, I haven't been drinking...**



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## Colonel Sanders and The Age of the Motor Court

**Jeanette Syprzak**

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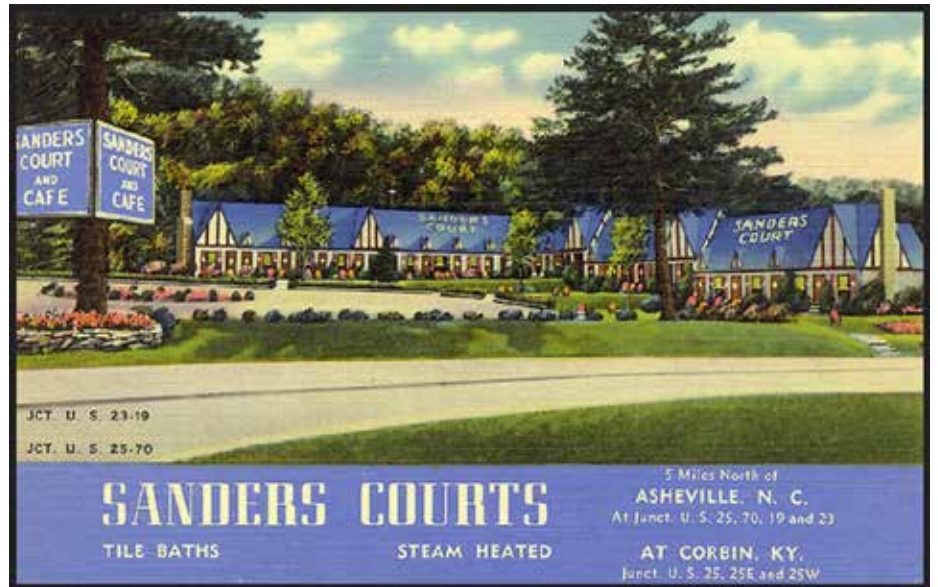
Located at 375 Weaverville Highway, Sander Court, was originally one of Asheville's first modern motels.

In the mid-1930's, automobile ownership was growing, roads were improving and people were embarking on road trips. Motor courts sprung up around the country along highways to meet travelers' needs. These provided lodging, parking, gas and home-style meals in attached diners.

"Colonel" Harlan Sanders, before the creation of Kentucky Fried Chicken, built his first motor court in Corbin Kentucky. Soon after, he spotted a great location for his **second motor inn, just north of Asheville**. Originally, there were about 50 guest rooms.

The Asheville location was not quite as successful as the Corbin KY inn. There was more competition and the tourist trade was not year-round at that time. Rationing and war-time restrictions led to the Asheville inn's demise.

Colonel Sanders returned to Corbin to start his fried chicken business in earnest, and the property was taken over by Lee and



Postcard: Sanders Court, Asheville

Helen Roberts. The court's central rooms were destroyed by a fire in 1956. They were rebuilt and then converted into apartments.

The Roberts sold the property in 1972. Since then it has changed hands several times. The lot configuration has changed over the years as well. At some point, a sign painter may have inadvertently left the "s" off the sign, so the name became Sander Court, as it is now.

I eventually acquired the property—transforming the rooms into furnished apartments.



Postcard: Sanders Court, Asheville



Sanders Court Today, Asheville





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## Quentin Miller and the Montford Pact team.

Sharon Fahrer



**Quentin and Karen Miller**

For those of you who have lived here less than 15 years you would not remember that we had a police substation in Montford. In the 1990's a police team was located at 235 Montford Avenue. The neighborhood was fighting crime, drugs and prostitution. The police focus was on knowing the neighborhood. They were the PACT team: Police and Community Together. Neighbors would do ride along with officers on patrol and bake cookies for them. Volunteers would staff a desk in the front of the building soon to be the Nine Mile expansion. The officers participated in neighborhood events. They came dressed as bunnies for the Easter Egg hunt in Montford Park and we created a haunted house in the hallway of the station. We knew them, and they knew who lived in our community. One of the officers was Quentin Miller. During his time in Montford he received Officer of the Year and the Overall Regional Award for initiating a street ministry and midnight basketball program for at risk youth. He also led a job training program for unemployed community members and ran a summer camp for at risk youth for nearly a decade. Today he is running for Buncombe County Sheriff. As you make you decision about who to vote for in the election please note that one of the contenders knows Montford and Asheville.

## How to Contact the Asheville Police Department



- For emergencies, call 911.
- For nonemergencies and to report suspicious activity, call 252-1110.
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## YMCA Food Drive

The Montford Neighborhood is partnering with the **YMCA Nutrition Program**. The YMCA does healthy mobile markets that provide food assistance and nutrition education to those who need it.

They are collecting canned vegetables, canned chicken/tuna, dried beans and rice during the first week of March. They will be distributing bags to each house on March 6th and pick up on March 9th. Keep an eye out for the bags/flyers and be sure to leave it on your front stoop on Friday morning. For more information, please contact Lisa Riggsbee at:

[LRiggsbee@ymcawnc.org](mailto:LRiggsbee@ymcawnc.org).

“I work with the YMCA Nutrition Programs. We host almost 40 mobile markets a month where folks are able to access free, healthy food and nutrition education for free, no questions asked. With over 18% of all North Carolina families suffering from food insecurity, the Y is working hard to turn the tide for a healthier Western North Carolina. Through the Healthy Living Pantry, Mobile Kitchens, and Mobile Market, fresh food is being distributed to local families, along with practical, cost-effective cooking demonstrations to make a lasting impact on our community. The Y’s Nutrition Department started distributing healthy food, teaching nutrition education and doing cooking demonstrations in Buncombe, McDowell, and Henderson counties in 2013. Our outreach is done by providing healthy food along with information on how to store and prepare it.”

Lisa Riggsbee, MPH  
 Nutrition Manager - Community Engagement  
[YMCA OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA](http://www.ymcawnc.org)



Healthy Living Mobile Kitchen photos courtesy of the YMCA

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## Oops - We Apologize

On page 14 of the October/November issue of the Montford Newsletter we presented the article, *Better Than a Gulp of Whiskey—Anne Penland, World War I Nurse and Anesthetist*.

We wish to Apologize for the incorrect acknowledgement for the research presented in this article. The reseach for the historical marker honoring WWI nurse anesthetist and Asheville native Anne Penland actually came from **Luann Nelson**. The Edward Buncombe Chapter of the **National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR)** was the sponsoring organizer of the event.





## Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

### Montford Action Agenda Feb. 14, 2018

Members present: Chair Bryan Moffitt, William Eakins, Woodard Farmer, David Carpenter, Charles Flowers, Emily Kite, Emily Spreng, Amanda Warren, Valeria Watson

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

**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, construction of roof over garage doors and change of color palette from matching primary structure to gray brown with white trim; changes to primary structure, including expansion of rear uncovered porch and relocation of porch stairs, replacement of one window with one multi-lite door with transom, replacement of asphalt shingle roof with new metal roof; changes to site, installation of 8' wide gravel driveway edged with brick in closed alley at rear of property, installation of gravel walkway at rear of property.—**Action:** Approved with conditions

**162 Flint Street**—Construction of 108 square foot addition on rear elevation.—**Action:** Approved

**102 Montford Avenue**—Removal of existing canopy/awning on front and side elevations; construction of glass enclosure on front and part of side elevations; construction of small addition on north elevation; replace existing doors and windows on front elevation with new garage door and window; minor building repairs, including roof, chimney, gutters, fascia board, brick and plaster.—**Action:** Continued

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