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15th Annual Montford Music & Arts Festival

Volunteers Needed!

How to Volunteer for the Festival.

We have over 60 volunteer spots to fill. This wonderful festival couldn't occur without its volunteer planning committee and all the great folks that volunteer before, during and after the festival.

Sign up by going directly from this address: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084da8aa2ca31-2018>

Or, call Shana at 253-3714

Visit www.montfordfestival.org for Festival details.

Saturday, May 19 from 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

The Montford Neighborhood Challenge

Again this year Montford residents offered "matching donation challenges" to the neighborhood to increase total funds raised for the Festival.

The Challengers:

Brian May & Scott Merrill

The Donors who met the challenge:

Bill Jacobs & Susan Posey	Helen Conley
Kim Romano	Jenny Gordon
Amy Willis	David Boyles

2018 Montford Music & Arts Festival

2018 Performers

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.

David Holt and his 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 regions 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*.

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!



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.



Bandana Klezmer—What's a klezmer band doing in the mountains of North Carolina you ask? The answer, is quite a lot! Most of us have been playing for years nestled among the woodland critters in Yancey and Mitchell counties.

The Asheville connection happened when Andy taught an eight-week klezmer workshop at the JCC which attracted the hill folk and magic did ensue. Made up of Jewish and Gentile stock we play old world klezmer music from the Carpathian mountain regions in eastern Europe. No twists, no fusions, not modern other than an occasional original tune. We collect melodies from older klezmerim, scratchy records, and out of print manuscripts. We have kept quite busy playing festivals, holidays, weddings, bar mitzvahs and brisses in synagogues, churches, dance halls, living rooms and cemeteries.



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West End Trio—The West End Trio is a greasy, soulful band out of Asheville.

Fronted by versatile guitarist and lead singer, Drew Matulich, the band offers a diverse range of repertoire drawing from Funk, Swing, Jazz, Blues, as well as Roots Americana.

The rhythm section consists of drummer Kent Spillmann and bassist Rob Parks, who lay down a foundation for the band with a variety of heavy, funky grooves. The West End Trio provides for a rich and exciting performance that is appealing to the careful listener and the dancing crowd alike!



Billy Jonas—They love to engage and delight both young and adult audiences. Whether performing for adults, families, school groups, faith communities, or a mix, they strive for a musical excellence that inspires, entertains, and moves people literally and figuratively. With “wild winded word magic” (Dirty Linen Magazine), homemade “industrial re-percussion” instruments, exquisite 3 and 4 part vocal harmonies, plus guitar and bass, they love to create community through song and story. Their specialty: finding and pushing your “wonder” button.



Cat Dragons—A few years back, George and Andy Pond were booked to host a weekly “bluegrass brunch” on Sundays at the One Stop Deli on College Street. Over the years, the Pond Brothers occasionally invited friends to sit in, and some started showing up regularly, so much so that this band was born. Never knowing exactly who’s going to be there any particular Sunday inspired the band’s name. When



everybody shows up, we call ourselves the Cat Dragons. By “everybody,” we mean Montford residents Jason Krekel on fiddle and mandolin and Ben Scales on lap-style resophonic guitar, Andy Pond on banjo, George Pond, who works in Montford on bass, and Aaron “Woody” Wood on guitar. The music is pure Americana with bluegrass instruments in the various styles of Johnny Cash and John Hartford.

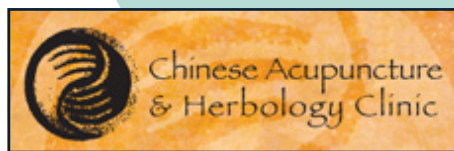
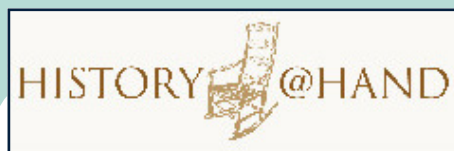
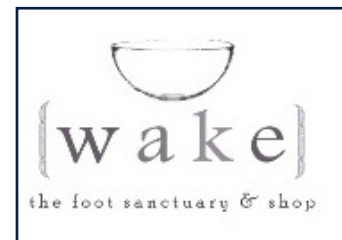
Main Stage Entertainment Schedule

- 10:45—Bandana Klezmer
- 12 Noon—West End Trio
- 1:15—Billy Jonas Band
- 2:30—Cat Dragons
- 3:45—Buncombe Turnpike
- 5:00—David Holt
- 6:15—WestSound

Between sets on the main stage will be performances by the **Asheville Morris Men**, **Ashgrove Garland Dancers** and the **Mountain Lion Chinese Dragon Dance**.

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Festival Sponsors*



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TEMPIE AVERY MONTFORD CENTER

Volunteers needed for the Montford Music & Arts Festival!

If you are available to help out with anything from set up to take down, please call Shana at 253-3714

- Line Dancing started April 7 and we had an attendance of 65 people! Our gym is large and we have plenty more room if you'd like to give it a whirl. The next two Saturday events will be May 12 and June 16, 2:30-5:30. Free.

- 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>
- We are looking to see if there is any interest in basketball open play on Tuesday nights. If you are interested, please give us a call at 253-3714

Calendar

Badminton—Join this active group of players on Thursday 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.

Table Tennis—Meets every Monday 5:30-8pm, Wednesday 11-2 (except in summer months), and Saturday 11-2.

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

For information regarding any of our programs, facility hours or special events, call 253-3714 or email skriewall@ashvillenc.gov
Shana Kriewall, Facility Manager, Tempie Avery Montford Center

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YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT
*Montford, Hillcrest, and Klondike
 Should Vote in the May Primary*

Tina Madison White
**Chair, Buncombe County Democratic
 Party Precinct 2.1**

There are two seats up for grabs that matter a great deal to our community, e.g. County District Attorney and County Sheriff. While voters in other precincts wrestle with national, state, and local issues, we get to focus on two elected roles that most immediately affect our families and neighborhoods. Whatever your views, you will have to live with the solutions the winner pursues.

Early Voting is in Progress right now! **The 2018 Primary Election Day is Tuesday, May 8th.** Polls close at 7:30pm. For more voting information about registration and precinct location, go to this link: <https://www.buncombecounty.org/governing/depts/election/>

issues affecting our Community

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| School Safety | Sexual Assault |
| Gun Control | Prison Reform |
| Drug Addiction | Sentencing |
| Police and Community Relations | Drunk Driving |
| Domestic Violence | Neighborhood Safety |

Early Voting

Asheville Mall and all libraries except Pack, 4/28 thru 5/4, 10am - 6pm and Sat. 5/5, 8am-1pm.

You can also register at these early voting sites if you are not registered in Buncombe Co. You cannot register on election day 5/8, and you can only vote at our polling site Montford N. Star Academy at 90 Montford Ave., 6:30am-7:30pm.

Understanding the District Attorney’s power and responsibility.

The District Attorney...

- is elected for a four-year term by the voters within the district he or she serves.
- prepares the trial dockets.
- has the primary duty to prosecute—in the name of the State—all criminal cases filed in the district.
- advises the officers of justice in the district attorney’s district.
- represents the State in juvenile cases in the superior and district courts in which the juvenile is represented by an attorney.
- provides to the Attorney General any case files, records and additional information necessary for the Attorney General to conduct appeals to the Appellate Division for cases from the district attorney’s prosecutorial district.
- shall devote his full-time to the duties of his office and shall not engage in the private practice of law.

Understanding the Sheriff’s power and responsibility.

The Sheriff...

- is the highest-ranking law enforcement officer in the county.
- Is not responsible to county authorities, but to the citizens of the county.
- Can hire and terminate personnel at will.
- Can dismiss arrests and charges filed by deputies for any or no reason (unlike a police chief).
- Has a wide range of duties:
 - Policing: patrol, prevent, investigate, apprehend; evidence and property control.
 - Courts / Criminal Justice: serve civil and criminal processes arrest, seize property.
 - Corrections / Jail: maintain jail; transport prisoners.
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Neighbors around Montford are spring cleaning and finding treasures they no longer use and are willing to share with you. Please mark the date on your calendar and join us. We will be donating a portion of the proceeds to a local cause. It's a great time to get to know each other and have some fun in the sun.

If you have items that you would like to sell or if you have children who would like to sell a beverage or baked goods, please email me at Lizzygerson@gmail.com. We ask that each vendor, pay a part of the permit (about \$4) and donate whatever feels right to our cause.

Hope to see you all there!

51 Boys To Steer Gravity-Powered Racers In Soap Box Derby Today

Some 51 boys 11 to 15 years of age, inclusive, will steer gravity-powered soap box racers down a thousand-foot runway on Montford avenue beginning at 1 o'clock this afternoon in Asheville's third annual Soap Box Derby, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Parkland Chevrolet company.

Today's derby was originally to have been held July 24, with one of the prizes for the winner to have been a trip to Akron, O., to represent the city in the national Soap Box derby finals.

The polio epidemic prevented the running of the derby on schedule, and in the meantime the national derby finals have already been held. Today's competition for the Asheville Soap Box derby championship is expected to be just as keen, however, as it would have been had the derby been held as originally scheduled, and the winner will go to Akron next year to watch the 1949 national finals as a guest of the Chevrolet division of the General Motors corporation.

He will also receive a number of prizes to be awarded by Asheville business firms.

Preceding today's derby will be a parade of contestants with their racers from the Parkland Chevrolet company on Coxe avenue by way of Patton avenue, College street and Haywood street to the starting point of the races just north of West Chestnut street on Montford avenue. Following the parade, to begin at 11 o'clock this morning, contestants will be served a light lunch at the starting point of the races.

The races themselves will be conducted in the manner of regular auto races, with flagmen signaling both the start and finish of each heat and a timekeeper clocking the speed of the winners. Last year's grand championship winner, Raymond Clark of Brevard, raced down the course at an average speed of about 35 miles an hour.

Each racer will get an even start from a specially constructed ramp that releases each gravity-powered car in a heat at the same instant. Spectators will be kept abreast of the progress of each heat over a public-address system from the time the racers leave the ramp until they cross the finish line in the vicinity of Waneta street.

Three wide lanes have been painted on the course, and the races will be run in heats of two or three cars each until the winner is decided. Class "B" heats, for boys 11 and 12 years of age, will be run first, with Class "A" heats, for boys 13 to 15 years of age, inclusive, following.

In the final race of the afternoon the winners of the Class "A" and "B" heats will compete for the grand championship. Prizes donated by Asheville business firms will be awarded all heat and class winners as well as the grand championship winner.

Mayor Clarence E. Morgan has proclaimed today "Soap Box Derby Day" in Asheville and a large crowd is expected to watch the races from vantage points along Montford avenue. During the races Montford avenue buses will be rerouted around the course by way of Pearson drive.

Judges for the races will be C. S. Walters, vice-president of the Carolina Power and Light company; Oscar Tinney, president of the Black Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Robert J. Putnam of the White Transportation company.

Except clipped from *The Asheville Citizen*,
 Saturday, September 18, 1948

Be the Voice for a Child

By Judy Butler

Guardian ad Litem Volunteer

When a home is no longer a safe place, more than 600,000 children a year nationally – 458 currently in Buncombe County alone - are caught up in the judicial system due to allegations of abuse or neglect on the part of their caregivers. There are many compassionate professionals who work with these children and their families as their cases progress through the court system, but who ensures the right of the child to have their wishes and best interests represented in court?

In North Carolina, dedicated volunteers called Guardians ad Litem (GAL), also known as Court Appointed Special Advocates in some states, are trained to protect and promote the best interests of the child in abuse and neglect court proceedings. Our volunteers are empowered directly by the courts. We are independent “eyes and ears” reporting a child’s individual needs and wishes and judges consider our recommendations very seriously. As a child’s voice in court, we remain appointed to their case until they are placed in a safe, loving and permanent home. For some abused and/or neglected children, a GAL volunteer is their first experience with a reliable and trustworthy adult. Evidence-based research indicates that a child with a GAL is more likely to find a safe, permanent home, and less likely to re-enter the foster care system or be in a long-term care placement.

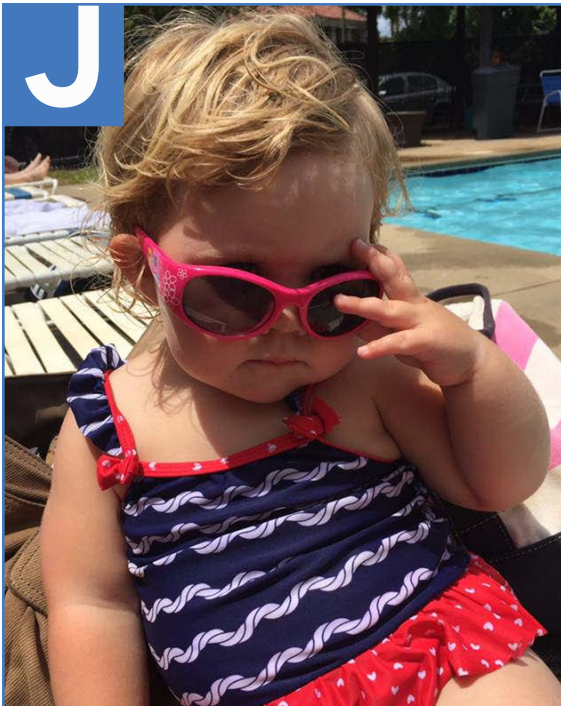


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Training classes are held multiple times of the year. For more information, call 828-259-6600 or visit www.VolunteerforGAL.org. If now is not a good time for you to become a volunteer but you still want to support the needs of these children, please visit www.galabc.org to learn more about the Guardian ad Litem Association of Buncombe County.



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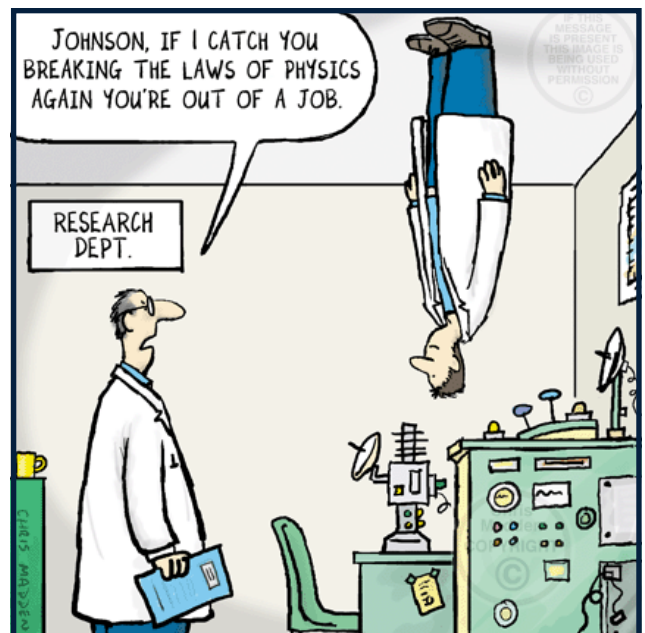
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- For Police Dispatch, call 259-5888.
- For Montford's Community Resource Officer Justin Wilson call 828-450-3719



**Historic Resources
Commission of
Asheville and
Buncombe County**

Montford Action Agenda April 11, 2018

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

Staff present: Stacy Merten, Alex Cole, Jannice Ashley

Item, Summary and Action

70 Flint Street—Construction of new one-and-a-half story, 3,400 square foot primary structure.

Action—Approved with conditions

51 Watauga Street—Removal of 13 mature trees; installation of 2” pipe metal handrails at front entry stair.

Action—Approved

63 Panola Street—Construction of new 2,870 square foot, 2 ½ story primary structure

Action—Continued

227 Cumberland Avenue—Remove non-historic fiberglass domed roof on tower; construct new metal domed roof; existing EIFS exterior of drum will be reconstructed similarly to existing

Action—Approved

186 Pearson Drive—Amendment to CA 15-12472PZ: Construct new shed dormer window on south elevation.

Action—Approved with conditions

208 Cumberland Avenue—After-the-fact approval to modify topography and landscape in front yard, including excavation of embankment, removal of existing stone stair, installation of three new cut stone stairways, new stone retaining wall and landscaping.

Action—Continued

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