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Fiber Optics coming to Montford

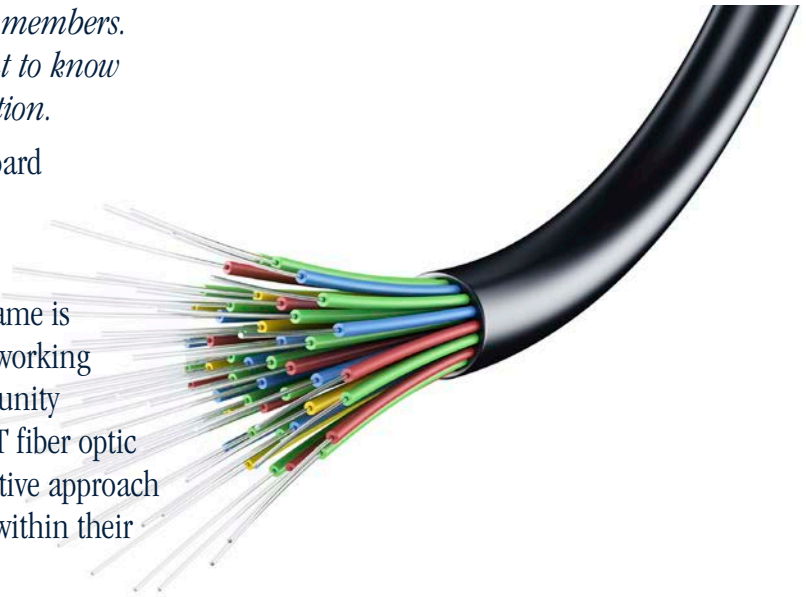
Editor: This email was shared with MNA board members. We are seeking more details. We especially want to know more about street disruptions during construction.

Greetings President McDonough and Montford Board Members!

Hope this email finds you well.

First of all I would like to introduce myself. My name is Kimberly Hyde with Byers Engineering and I am working on behalf of AT&T. My mission is to notify Community Leaders, HOA's and Property Management of AT&T fiber optic installations prior to construction. This is a proactive approach to notify residents in advance of work to be done within their community.

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Montford Holiday Tour of Homes



The Bears of Montford

As many of you know, we share our neighborhood with quite a bit of wildlife. Read about the latest on **Page 6**.



Docents Needed!

Docents greet visitors, offer information (provided) and help to ensure that everyone has a good time.

Details on **Page 5**.



Cookie Chair Needed!

And...cookie bakers too.

Details on **Page 5**.

Montford.org has an update and a new look. Check it out.

TEMPIE AVERY MONTFORD CENTER

Calendar

Badminton—Join this active group of players on Friday nights 5:30pm - 8:00pm and Saturday mornings 9am - 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.

Recommended donation of \$6 per class.

Table Tennis—Meets every Monday 5:30 - 8pm, and Saturday 11am - 2pm.

Line Dancing—September 8 2:30pm - 5:30pm. **Free.**

Fall Yard Sale— ~~October 13~~
Changed to November 10 because of construction. Come to the center to reserve a table for only \$5.



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

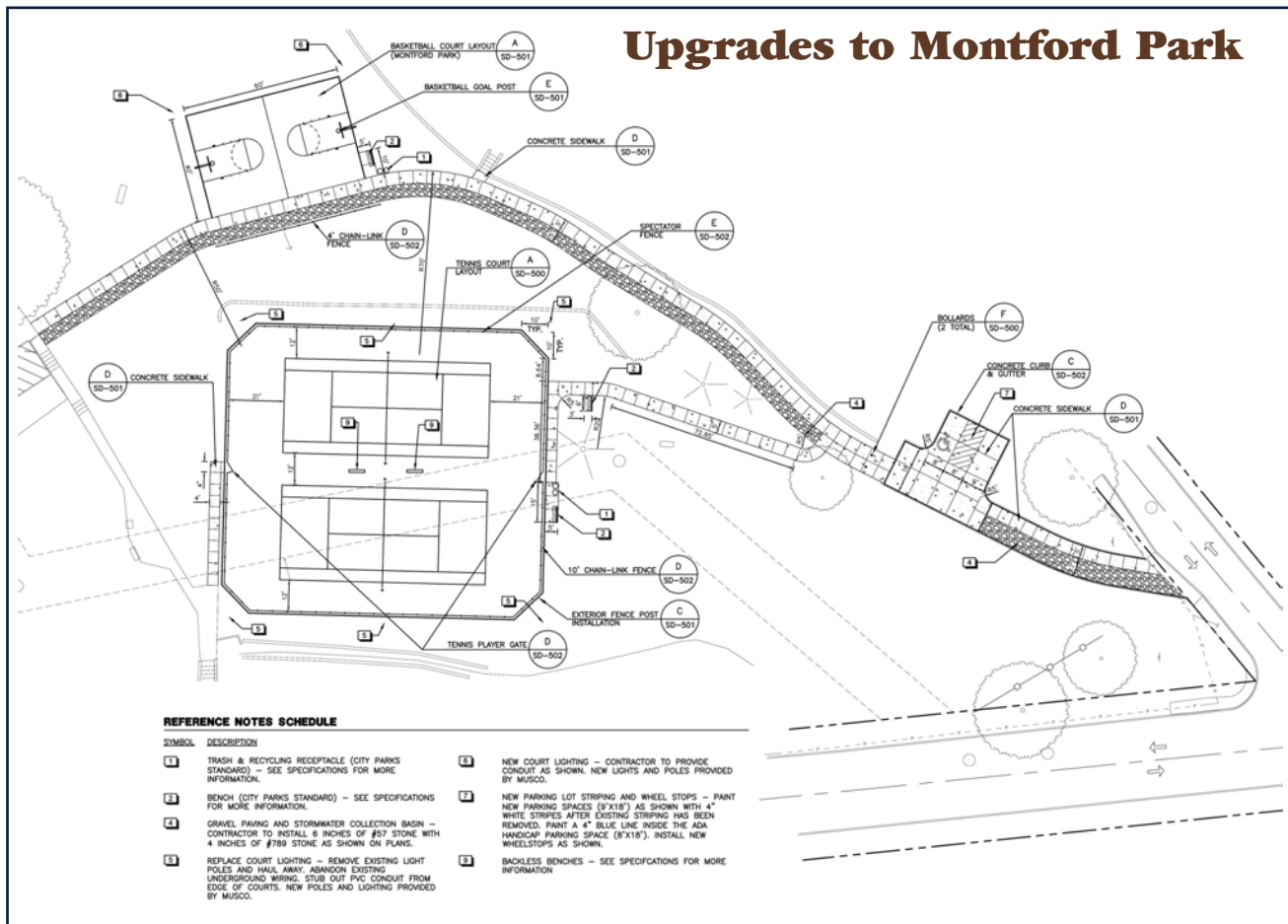
For information regarding any of our programs, facility hours or special events, call 253-3714 or email skriewall@ashevillenc.gov
Shana Kriewall, Facility Manager,
Tempie Avery Montford Center

Montford Park construction has begun!

Originally scheduled to begin in September, we're excited to announce that construction on the Montford Park tennis and basketball courts has begun the week of August 27th. This project is funded by the bond supported by the citizens of Asheville in November 2016 (plan drawing on page 3). These courts, along with courts in Murphy-Oakley Park and Malvern Hills Park will be closed for the duration of the project as they are being renovated from the ground up. Improvements will include a new court surface, fencing, sports lighting, and ADA accessibility. Some minor tree work and landscaping will be required to complete these projects. Project completion is scheduled for December 2018. Please visit the City of Asheville website for locations of other courts available for play.



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General Overview from Pete Wall, City of Asheville Program Manager, Parks & Recreation

Hot August Night 5K - Thank You Montford!



Photo: Citizen-Times

Shana Kriewall

I'd like to give a shout out to the Montford folks who assisted this past Saturday with the Hot August Night 5K. Those who give up a little bit of their Saturday night to help others are just saintly.

Thank you to:

- The Scales family
- Monica Hamrick
- Kim Romano

- Mary White & Tina
- Darcie Lane
- Robert Glenn

Elections, Registering, Voting and Working the Polls in Montford

Bill Eakins

As your Chief Judge in our Montford polling place for many years, I want first of all to thank the voters of Montford. WE ALWAYS HAVE THE HIGHEST TURNOUT OF ANY POLLING PLACE IN BUNCOMBE COUNTY. That speaks well of you, the voters of our Precinct 2.1. You care, you show up, you make our system work.

This year the General Election is Tuesday, November 6. Polls open promptly at 6:30 a.m. and close promptly at 7:30 p.m. If a voter is online at 7:30 p.m., that voter will be permitted to vote. All poll workers are required (and happy) to wait as long as it takes for everyone online at poll closing time to vote. In a presidential year that may be up to an hour. Curbside voting is available for the handicapped on the Montford Avenue side of the building. Driving over a hose rings a bell inside the polling place and one of the poll workers will come out. Over a long day with school buses, cars, etc. the hose can become moved or otherwise malfunction. For that reason, a Board of Elections number is posted on a sign at the curbside voting spot. There is also a handicapped parking space next to the curbside voting space. Voter parking is available on the Courtland Avenue side of the polling place.

Over years of trial and error and limited by the location of a small number of outlets for equipment, location, and accessibility of exits, school security issues, etc., we have configured the polling place to allow the longest indoor line space can accommodate. We do not want voters deterred from voting by inclement weather.

Though we poll workers do our best to make the process as quick and pleasant as possible, any general election will have sometimes in the day when there are waits. To avoid them you may want to vote early. Early voting begins this year October 18 and continues until 1 p.m. on Saturday, November 3. Locations and times

are available on the Buncombe County website www.buncombecounty.org under "elections". Also, voters with legitimate reason may apply for absentee ballots starting



September 7. Voter registration ends at 5:30 p.m. October 12. All necessary forms and information can be found on the website.

Last, we are always looking for more help at the polling place. The pay is a little better than jury service. Hours at the polls, for set up and for training are a commitment. The positive side is you. It is a pleasure to see our friends and neighbors. It is a pleasure to make the process, our process in our system of government, work fairly and efficiently. If you would like to work the polls contact your political party leader or go to the elections part of the Buncombe County website.



Cookie Chair Needed!

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A call to “Cookie Bakers”

The 23rd Annual Montford Holiday Tour of Homes will take place Saturday, December 8, 2018, 1-5 pm. Here’s a fun great way to be part of the Tour and help support the neighborhood... namely, “Cookie Duty!”

We need “**Cookie Bakers**” for the Tour and a “**Cookie Chair**” to coordinate the distribution of the baked goods to the various homes.

Each baker, who bakes Three (3) Dozen or a “Batch” of cookies will receive one complimentary ticket and Keepsake Booklet (\$25.00 value) to the ten homes.

Interested in volunteering with us? We hope you are! Please contact me and supply your name, phone number, and email contact.

I look forward to welcoming you to our team of “**Cookie Bakers**” and providing more information for this exciting event.

Ellen Nutter, Tour Chairperson, at 828-505-8242 or elnutter@aol.com.

Docents

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Docents are provided with an overview of the home allowing them to answer questions and point out interesting facts. They greet guests and ensure that everyone has a good time.


Volunteering as a Docent is not without reward. As a “thank you”, they receive a complimentary Tour ticket, and an invitation to the always fun “After Party”.



Volunteer today by contacting Docent Coordinator Trudy Galynker trudygalynker@gmail.com. As we get closer to the December Tour date, you will be able to volunteer online at montfordtour.com too.

For more information about the Tour contact Tour Chairperson Ellen Nutter at 828-505-8242 or elnutter@aol.com.

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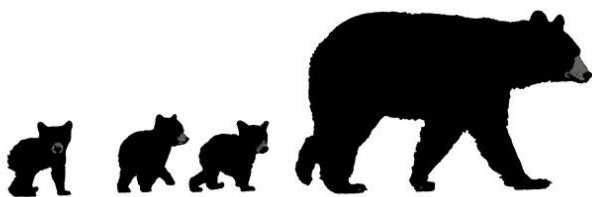
Kevin and Jo Hogan

On Sunday, July 29th around 4:00 in the afternoon Jo and I saw a bear from the house and we soon realized we were being visited by a Mamma Bear and her three cubs. They played in our pond briefly, played with the elephant ears and moved on. They returned later around 7:00 and began to investigate two chairs and a table we have at some distance from the house. They appeared fascinated with the chairs and first sat in them for a while and then began to wrestle on, over and under them. Both Jo and I were trying to get photos, she with her phone and I with my camera, and shooting video on my Ipad. Photos and video link attached. The Bears played a game of tag and wrestle with the chairs and table for quite a while. They then tumbled down the lawn and rolled and ran down towards the cover of the gully. The Mother seemed content and relaxed and her cubs healthy and happy.

Editor: Here's a couple of informative links:

<http://www.bearsmart.com/about-bears/behaviour/>

<http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/bears/tips/solving-problems-with-black-bears.html>



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From the Vault: The Montford Newsletter 10 Years Ago



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Calendar

CONTINUOUS: WALKING TOURS OF MONTFORD, RIVERSIDE CEMETERY, AND DOWNTOWN. CALL 777-1014.

MONTFORD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETINGS:

- TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 7:00 P.M. AT THE MONTFORD COMMUNITY CENTER, FEATURING DISCUSSION OF THE MONTFORD/SOCO/CULLOWHEE INTERSECTION AND A REPORT FROM THE HRC LIAISON COMMITTEE.

FREE MOVIES IN MONTFORD PARK: AT 7:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY EVENINGS—SEPTEMBER 13, SEPTEMBER 20, SEPTEMBER 27, AND OCTOBER 4

MONTFORD COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES:

- AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN, GRADES K-5
- BEAT THE HEAT WITH INDOOR BADMINTON, TABLE TENNIS, MARTIAL ARTS, BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, WALL CLIMBING
- COMMUNITY YARD SALES ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 7:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
- TODDLER PROGRAMS IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER.
- HALLOWEEN EVENT ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25.

CONTACT KIM KENNEDY AT 253-3714.

TOUR OF HOMES: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M. CONTACT CAITE SCALES AT SCALESFAMILY@CHARTER.NET OR 280-1576.

TRASH TO CASH COMMUNITY YARD SALE IN MONTFORD: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 9:00 A.M.-NOON.

CONTACT SHARON FAHRER AT 777-1014 OR FAHRER@CHARTER.NET

How to Contact the HRC

STACY MERTEN, ASHEVILLE CITY BUILDING, 259-5836
WWW.ASHEVILLENC.GOV/BUSINESS/DEVELOPMENT_SERVICES/PLANNING_ZONING/HISTORIC_DIST/

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- MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL
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- OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS
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Website!

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WWW.MONTFORD.ORG

JOIN THE MONTFORD LIST SERVE BY CLICKING ON THE COMMUNITY FORUM TAB ON THE WEBSITE.
CONTACT WEBMASTERS LAURA AND TRAVIS LOWE AT WEBMASTER@MONTFORD.ORG

E-Mail!

GET NEWS AND NOTES ON MONTFORD!
SEND YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS TO DPATTERSON@MONTFORD.ORG

Montford/HRC Liaison Committee Makes Progress through Collaboration

Karen Kellow

The Montford/HRC Liaison Committee is off to a great start. Both of our meetings have been productive and informative.

Our Purpose

- Preserving the integrity of the Montford Historic District
- Improving the working relationship between the HRC and Montford
- Balancing the needs and desires of Montford residents with the goals of the HRC.

As Montford residents know, our effort has been ongoing for many months, a true grass-roots project with extremely strong community support. Neighbors have provided much valuable feedback. We have obtained positive input from those who have had good experiences with the HRC and are knowledgeable about its processes, but unfortunately we have received a larger amount of negative input from other residents.

This is why the Montford Neighborhood Association has designated our committee to work in conjunction with the HRC to modify selected sections of the *Design Review Guidelines for the Montford Historic District*. To our delight, we have learned that the HRC was also planning to review and update the *Guidelines* and even has allocated funds for reprinting. Our timing could not be better.

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Montford Avenue, 1960s
North Carolina Collection, Pack Memorial Library, Asheville, North Carolina

What Can We Do to Make the Montford/Soco/Cullowhee Intersection Safer?

Wanda Newman

During the week of August 17, 2008, the Montford list serve lit up with discussion of the intersection of Montford Avenue, Soco Street, and Cullowhee Street. The concerns expressed in the online forum are not new. In June 2007, City of Asheville Traffic Engineer Ken Putnam attended a meeting of the Montford Neighborhood Association and was informed of growing concerns about the intersection.

For traffic traveling down Cullowhee and Soco toward Montford, the intersection provides stop signs but offers limited, restricted sighting—sometimes zero visibility—of traffic on the avenue, which runs untamed. Inching out past the stop signs, traffic turning onto Montford often has to pull out halfway into the busy avenue to see whether the coast is clear. Delivery trucks as large as eighteen-wheelers worsen the situation by creating more blind spots.

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Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

Montford Action Agenda July 11, 2018

Members present: Chair Bryan Moffitt, William Eakins, Woodard Farmer, Emily Kite, Craig Cline, Ed Flowers, Valeria Watson, Emily Spreng, Amanda Warren, Benjamin Mitchell, David Carpenter

Staff present: Stacy Merten, Alex Cole, Jannice Ashley

Item, Summary and Action

83 Elizabeth Street—Construction of two-story addition on rear elevation

Action—Approved

177 Flint Street—Enclosure of area on first floor of rear elevation

Action— Approved with conditions

230 Cumberland Avenue—Construct a rear addition, modify windows on rear and side elevations, extend side porch, resurface driveway

Action— Approved with conditions

Please refer to the website

(www.ashevillenc.gov)

for the full approved minutes after the following month's meeting.



Pickleball in the park.

Join the Montford listserv. Go to Montford.org, look at the right panel on how to join.



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Fiber Optics

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Attached you will find a letter of importance in regards to AT&T fiber optic cable to be installed in the community of Montford located in Asheville, NC . AT&T has asked me to reach out to the community to notify residents their area will be included in the AT&T fiber optic installation along with neighboring areas. Please take a moment to read the attachment and share with homeowners. Again, we want to be proactive in communicating to the community of the great things coming with the installation of fiber optic cable in the area.

Should you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me! It is my goal to contact all communities and give them the advantage of knowing that a significant project will be coming soon to provide the latest technology to their community!

*Should you like to receive a street listing, please email me with that request!

(Project # 92L10747N)

Thank You!

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Mr. Michael McDonough
 President
 Board of Directors
 Montford Neighborhood Association
 Asheville NC 28802

Dear President McDonough, Board of Directors and Residents,

AT&T would like to notify you and the residents of Montford, located in Asheville NC, that we will be installing fiber optic cable in your community! We would like to be proactive in our venture of providing high speed fiber optic. The installation will be within the City/Utility Right-of-Way. Services available over the fiber lines include the latest in fiber technology! In an effort to work with the community, I am reaching out to you as a contact. Before the project begins, we want all homeowners to know about the fiber optic installation and also notify residents of workers being in their community.

Please see the following link to learn more about AT&T Fiber Optic Service:
 Visit: att.com/FiberFAQs

Please contact me to discuss questions or concerns you or the community may have. If I have reached you in error, please forward this letter and my contact information to the individual that represents the Montford Community! Thank you for your time, we look forward to serving you and your community.


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*I can also send a listing of the streets involved in the project (#92L10747N). Please email me if you would like a street listing!

This Letter is available on line at this address:
<http://montford.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Montford-NA.pdf>

How to Contact the Asheville Police Department

- For emergencies, call 911.
- For nonemergencies and to report suspicious activity, call 252-1110.
- For the Crime Prevention Division, call 259-5834.
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