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Montford Artwalk Fall 2018

The 3rd Annual Montford Artwalk is on **Saturday, October 13 with open studios from 11-5 pm**. Spend the afternoon strolling through the Historic Montford Neighborhood and meet the artists who live there. Enjoy seeing the artwork of about 20 different local artists working in a variety of mediums ranging from paintings, pottery and textile to jewelry and furniture. Tour maps will be available online as well as at the Montford Community Center and City of Asheville Visitors Center. For more information and current updates follow the Montford Artwalk Facebook page.



Lisa Morpew, a Montford resident artist said *"I love that artists living in Montford finally have their own art walk. We needed a venue like this and have always just been outside of the River Arts District. I look forward to being part of walk this October and opening my studio and home to curious art lovers."*

We have a Cookie Chair for the Tour of Homes!



Well...the official title is "Cookie Coordinator". Nancy Lydon has stepped up to the plate—no pun intended—to coordinate the distribution of the baked goods to the various homes. Contact her at nelydon@outlook.com

MNA discussion of traffic safety/speeding



Those of us who enjoy arguably the most walkable neighborhood in Asheville are aware of the dangers presented by the amount of traffic and speeding. But, it is worse than you think. Read the article about this discussion page 4.

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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— November 10
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

Olli Art Bazaar, Nov. 9-10, 2018


Mark your Calendar to attend the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) Art Bazaar, Friday November 9, 11am - 4pm. & Saturday November 10, 11am - 3pm at the Reuter Center on the campus of UNC Asheville.

You will discover a delightful selection of paintings, fiber arts, photography, jewelry, scarves, mixed media pieces, handcrafted soaps & lotions, cards and paper art, pottery, wood art and so much more!

For directions: <https://olliasheville.com/reuter-center>

TEMPIE AVERY MONTFORD CENTER

“Fall-O-Ween” Canceled this year

The Tempie Avery Montford Center renovation is in full swing. This upgrade is sure to be impressive when completed. However...because of the parking lot construction, the Halloween event “Fall-O-Ween” will not take place this year. There is simply no place to park.


No worries, there will be plenty of treats in Montford on Halloween.



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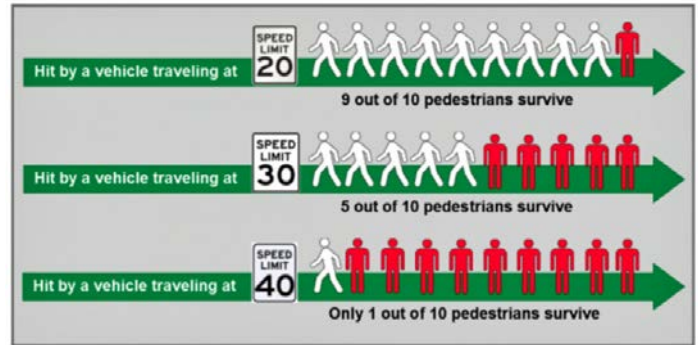
MNA discussion of traffic safety/speeding

The Montford Neighborhood Association (MNA) continued its ongoing discussion of traffic safety/speeding in Montford at the October 3rd meeting. There continues to be a lot of interest and passion on this topic for very good reasons.

North Carolina Department of Transportation crash statistics continue to show that Asheville is the most dangerous city in North Carolina for pedestrians. Pedestrians in Asheville are twice as likely to be struck by a vehicle than the N.C. state average. While Montford is safer than other high traffic areas in Asheville, we are not immune to the pedestrian and bicyclist safety issues in Asheville. In just the past 3-4 months, we had the accident that destroyed the bus shelter at Cullowhee and the car that crashed into parked cars outside of 9 Mile Restaurant, as well as the bicyclist that was struck and seriously injured at the intersection of Montford and Chestnut. Our Community Resource Officer Justin Wilson reported at the meeting that in the past 60 days Montford has had 46 car crashes of varying degrees of severity, ranging from simple fender-benders to the very seriously injured bicyclist.

High speeds on Montford Avenue are the major concern. While we are awaiting the results from a recent Asheville Department of Transportation traffic study conducted in August and September, the prior study in June 2014 showed that 300 vehicles per day were traveling 40 mph or faster. High speeds result in more accidents as drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists have less time to react. But high speeds also directly correlate with the severity of accident. Research shows that pedestrians struck at 40 mph have only a 1 out of 10 chance of surviving. While at 20 mph, pedestrians survive 9 times out of 10. Even at Montford Ave's posted speed limit of 30 mph, a pedestrian only has a 50/50 chance of survival. Speed kills. We need to slow down!

A local resident, Marc Voorhees, shared a comprehensive list of options for MNA to consider. Given the complexity of human nature, there is no single cause for speeding.



As a result, there is no single solution. MNA is going to activity push initiatives in the following key areas:

- **Enforcement:** Continuing to work with Asheville Police Department to try to implement off-duty traffic patrols on Montford Avenue to increase ticketing for excessive speeding.
- **Engineering:** Continuing to work with Asheville Department of Transportation to add safety design features to Montford Avenue. Such as potentially reducing the speed limit to 25 mph from 30 mph, employing radar “your speed is” signs, enhancing signage and more crosswalks.
- **Education:** Various ideas were discussed to increase community awareness of the need for safe driving by residents but also by visitors, UNCA students and Airbnb.

The MNA will continue to push for practical solutions to improve the safety and livability of Montford, and MNA will continue to provide routine updates. In the meanwhile, if you want to learn more, you can contact Marc Voorhees at mvoorhees@gmail.com. A copy of Marc Voorhees' presentation will be posted on ListServe.

In the meantime, the City recently announced a proposed Vision Zero Task Force, which will seek solutions to the traffic safety problem, according to the City's new assistant transportation director, Jessica Morriss. (See front page article in [Asheville Citizen-Times 10/4/2018](#).)

We expect the MNA will have an active voice in this City-wide effort as well as in the Montford neighborhood.



Data Backup Basics

Protecting your data should be your top priority. The idea is simple enough but choosing the right type of backup plan or program can be difficult and overwhelming.

The main goal of a data backup is to create a copy of your data so that if your computer harddrive is corrupted or lost it can be restored.

There are three types of data backup and a couple of methods to achieve this. The three types of backups are; **full, incremental and differential**. Then there are two ways to save your data: locally (USB storage drive, CD, DVD, etc) or offsite (to the Cloud) Examples are websites like BackBlaze, Carbonite, CrashPlan, Dropbox, GoogleDrive, iCloud - there are many other options.

Full backup

A full backup makes a copy of ALL data and transfers it all to the backup destination. This process takes a while to complete but recovery is fairly quick. Everyone should do this at least weekly.

Incremental backup

After making a full backup, most users find it important to make incremental backups at least once a day. This gives the most protection of data that is constantly changing or updating. Incremental backups backup any files that have changed since the last time an incremental backup was run. This means the backup is faster and takes up less space than a full backup. The downside is that the restoration of incremental backup files will take longer because you must restore the last full backup first along with the incremental ones performed since.

Differential backup

A differential backup is very similar to an incremental backup except that it will copy all your data changed from last full backup. Thus, differential backups require even

more space and extra time to complete than incremental backups but not as much as the initial full backup.

The most effective backup strategy would be to use a combination of at least two types of backups. For example a full backup weekly + differential backup daily or full backup weekly + incremental backup daily.

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Montford Neighborhood Association Community Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2018

Michael McDonough called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Community Resource Officer Justin Wilson and Community Liaison Officer Lt. Geoffrey Rollins from the Asheville Police Department updated us on activities over the last 60 days. There have been some arson events like dumpster fires and garbage can fires as well as 2 vans burned. The vans burning were near Cherry and Broadway and APD has minimal leads. 9 cars were broken into and all 9 were unlocked. LOCK YOUR CARS! Some bicycles have been stolen from front porches and 2 homes were broken into.

Automobile wrecks occur frequently and Montford has 10% of wrecks (500). Real frequent locations are Patton in West Asheville and Merrimon south of Chestnut. The hit and run of the bicycle rider has no leads.

The skatepark continues to be problematic. It does fall under the Asheville Parks and Rec department and a security guard is supposed to lock it up at night. APD and the city are exploring ways to get more eyes on the scene which may assist in reducing incidents. Shana Kriewall, manager of the Tempie Avery Rec Center, can be a liaison for people to contact as well concerning the skate park. One can always call the APD non emergency phone, 828 252-1110.

Marc Voorhees presented a powerpoint detail which focused on the speeding on Montford Avenue. His statistics show that Asheville is the most dangerous area for pedestrians (twice the state average). Three serious accidents have occurred on Montford Ave since May.

Speed matters. He cited statistics that show pedestrians being struck at 20 mph, 9 out of 10 people survive. At 30 mph, 5 of 10 survive and at 40 mph, 1 of 10 survive. Asheville just completed a speed study but the data is not

yet complete. It should be available in the next few weeks. Marc presented data from a June 2014 study

Three separate but intertwined solutions were discussed: Enforcement, Engineering, and Community Involvement.

Enforcement: APD did a traffic study with data from October 2017 to March 2018 detailing the number of stops and the number of tickets written. Can we hire off duty APD officers to patrol Montford Avenue. We were told no but will likely push this decision. Other communities, such as Biltmore Park, do use off duty officers for speed patrols.

Engineering: Marc sat with Ken Putnam recently. Some options discussed were adding speed limit signs, adding fluorescent yellow residential call out signs to speed signs, add sign stating it is state law to yield to pedestrians at Montford Park crosswalk, occasionally use mobile "your speed is" machines, flashing lights at crosswalks, change speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph (25 to 20 in school zones), speed bumps or speed cushions, more crosswalks, permanent radar signs (let Montford be a test case).

Ideas rejected: Speed cushions, speed cameras, timing of traffic lights, blinking red lights after midnight.

Education and Involvement: Put statistics in newsletter, yard signs possible (Slow Down Asheville), Pace car program, maybe a Montford Mile community event.

Where do we go from here? Marc Voorhees wants your assistance so look for information on the listserv and participate. You may contact Marc at mvoorhees@gmail.com.

Lynn Raker updated us on beautification in Montford. We are proceeding with phase 1 of the Montford North Star landscaping. A minor works application will be applied for from the HRC. The school states that the buses must load and unload on Montford Avenue and the school may put in a bus pull off so phase 2 will not be considered until that decision is made. The goal is to have phase 1 done by December 8, the Holiday Tour of Homes. Look for a volunteer reach out and come out and assist.

The Montford Art Walk is Saturday, October 13, 11am until 5pm.

Holiday Tour of Homes is Saturday, December 8, 1pm to 5pm. Volunteers are needed as docents or cookie bakers.

Montford received a nice letter from Tempie Avery participating children thanking Montford and MNA for donations to allow more activities there.

The newsletter continues electronically and we have started doing a small number of printed copies. BIG THANKS to One Click Fix for donating the printing of these printed copies. Copies are made available at the convenience store, Chiesa, Little Jumbo and Nine Mile to name a few.

Paving is coming to Chestnut so stay alert.

Lewis Rothlein is spearheading a go fund me account to raise money to repair the bus shelter.

New Montford banners are in and on sale for \$40. They are available at the Visitor Center gift shop and/or contact Leslie Humphrey. They come in red, yellow and green.

Shana updated the Tempie Avery construction status. She also stated that Magnolia Park repair is on hold. Tempie Avery will have a neighborhood yard sale on November 10. Contact Shana if you want to participate.

Sharon Fahrer wants to have someone build a website to promote legal rentals in Montford. Contact her if you have interest.

Halloween is coming so be sure to watch out for the little ones... and the big ones. Maybe put Slow Down stickers on the treats!

Thanks for coming out and we will see you at the next meeting, likely after the Christmas holiday. Thanks to Habitat for allowing us to meet there.



Respectfully submitted,
Dan Rogers

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This year's Asheville Greek Festival enjoyed perfect weather. I'm looking forward to next year. - Ross Terry

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From the Vault: The Montford Newsletter 20 Years Ago!


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Honoring Fairfax!

In next month's Montford, we would like to honor Fairfax by publishing reminiscences from friends, neighbors, or anyone who has worked with her on any projects.

If you have any memories you would like to share, please contact Jeff Kelley at 236-2382. Thanks!

VIEW — A community is a never ending source of growth and change. Residents come and go and the community goes on. The Montford community has been blessed to have Fairfax Arnold as a resident for over four years. Fairfax has brought to the Montford Resource Center, and to Montford as a whole, foresight, planning, organization, and ideas promoting Montford and improving the quality of life for *all* its residents. This includes beautification projects, community events, better police visibility through the P.A.C.T. team, and the Montford newsletter (entering its 4th year with this issue!). Fairfax has put in countless hours, a tireless effort, and met with a little frustration to achieve these goals. As Fairfax leaves for “greener pastures”, she will be missed. Like every community though, we will go on. We will not lose her vision for this community, shared by so many others, though we may all need to put in a little extra effort to achieve this. Fairfax will not be here to do it for us. She leaves behind her mark and the tools for us to have continued success in improving the livability of Montford. Happy trails, Fairfax! Thanks for all of your efforts and please keep in touch!

NEWS — The Montford Welcoming Committee has been formed! If you are aware of a new Montford resident or would like to help by visiting a new neighbor with a Welcome Package, please call Committee Chairpersons, Sharon Fahrer at 253-0982 or Amy Hill at 252-7118. Welcoming packages will include information on Montford, Asheville, local community groups, voter registration packages, and a special gift.

NEWS — Very big thanks to Gerald Green and Dominique and Michele Schwartz (and their children, Emma & Kole!) for being the only participants in the annual Montford Trash Pick Up on September 12. “Fortunately,” says Gerald, “the amount of trash picked up each year is less and less.” For his commitment to this project, we present him the Golden Trashcan Award!

NEWS — To help keep Montford clean and attractive, it has been suggested that residents start an Adopt-A-Block program. Residents would commit to picking up trash and weeding sidewalks on their block. If you are interested in this program, please call Sharon Fahrer at 253-0982.

NEWS — The 4th Annual Culinary Tour of Homes is shaping up. Confirmed homes are 216 Pearson Drive, The Colby House Bed & Breakfast, 24 Tacoma Street, 125 Tacoma Circle, and 11 Sylvan Avenue. This event, for the benefit of the Montford Resource Center, is a holiday favorite of the Montford community. Look for more information in the November Montford.

NEWS — The Hot August Night Street Dance was enjoyed by over 100 people. The Nola Bido Band provided lively music for “dancing in the streets”! The MRC apologizes for the timing of this event. It was *never* our intention to compete with the Goombay Festival, and we assure Montford residents the two events will not be in conflict next year! Thanks to Terri Baird and the volunteers for their help!



Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

Montford Action Agenda Sep 12, 2018

Members present: Chair Bryan Moffitt, William Eakins, Woodard Farmer, Craig Cline, Emily Spreng, Amanda Warren, David Carpenter, Hillary Mannion

Staff present: Alex Cole, Jannice Ashley

Item, Summary and Action

8 Short Street—Construct new 2,394 square foot, two-story primary structure

Action— Continued

240 Pearson Drive—Install swimming pool in rear yard

Action— Approved with conditions

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

Green Corner

It's still quite warm as I write this in mid September and had the fortune of seeing my 25th bear of 2018 right on my street! Most sightings were while I was riding my bike on Elk Mountain, Town Mountain or the Parkway.



As the weather cools our friendly bears will certainly be on the move to find food to prepare for their long winter naps. Bears here do not truly hibernate, but their metabolism does slow and they aren't as active in colder months than warmer ones. However if there is a sustained warm period in fall, winter or early spring they will become more active.



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

This brings me to the crux of this article, bear activity & the search for food. As amazing as it is to see a bear up close, it is a disservice to them to feed them or leave food sources, ie trash cans, bird feeders or pet food, etc, accessible to our large furry friends. When we do this bears can associate humans with food. When bears see humans as food sources it often does not turn out well for the bear since they can become a nuisance and at the worst might harm a human.

Be well, Mitch Russell



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ASK FANG



Dear Fang,

I'm new to the neighborhood. What is all the buzz about Halloween?— Casper

Dear Casper,

OH NO! You'd better get yourself to Walmart and start stocking up on treats. Otherwise, turn off the lights and hide in the back of the house! LOL.

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