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Let's Rebuild Our Bus Shelter!

By Lewis Rothlein

Last May, a drunk driver destroyed our less-than-a-year-old bus shelter on the southeast corner of Montford and Cullowee. The shelter featured a large panel filled



with images and words about Montford's past. On one side was a slice of the history of African Americans in our neighborhood, and on the other, pictures and descriptions of former Montford houses that were lost to fires or demolition.



I had many conversations with fellow Montford residents who bemoaned the loss of the bus shelter, who felt that it brought something special to the neighborhood, and, with the similar shelter across the street, added personality to Montford. When they heard that the City of Asheville would not contribute to the rebuilding of the bus stop, giving the feeling that it was gone for good, there were many who shook their heads and said, "What a shame!"

But the city did okay rebuilding the shelter if funds could be raised elsewhere. I found out through the people who created and built the shelter that they would be willing to do it again, and I received support from the Montford Neighborhood Association for a rebuild. All the pieces are in place, then, for the bus stop to be redone—except for the money. I am hoping that our neighborhood will find a rebuild worth contributing to!

On February 1, an initiative to fund the bus stop rebuild was begun in several ways:

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SPECIAL EVENTS



April 6, 8am-1pm



April 20, 11am



May 18



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Montford Park Updates

Sport Court Replacement Projects
Montford Tennis and Basketball
Construction Update

Completed:
Sidewalks complete
Site furnishings 95% installed

Next Four Weeks:
Fence installation
Concrete parking & driveway
poured this week
Finish site furnishings installation



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

**Klondike Gun Shots, Store Robbery,
Speeding, Larceny**

Concerned about recent crime and other issues in the neighborhood?
Montford neighbors are discussing these issues real-time.

Join the Montford listserv.

The Montford listserv is a neighborhood discussion list. This is the place where you can exchange news about the neighborhood. Visit Montford.org to learn more.

The Montford Music and Arts Festival - May 18

Cherie Morris

The Montford Music and Arts Festival is the longest running free street fair in Asheville. This year will be the 16th annual event. Activities start at 10 am and include something for everyone.

Children can browse the offerings of Snake, Rabbit and Snail Bookmobile, get a face painting and fairy hair or try some sidewalk chalk art.

Every hour a new band will take the spotlight on a centrally located stage and between sets expect a visit from the Chinese Dragon who will lead an impromptu parade past the artisans' and crafters' booths lining Montford Avenue.

We haven't forgotten the food! An eclectic variety of food trucks and vendors will offer a broad sampling of tasty finger food and meals.

All this takes place on the tree-lined streets of the historic Montford District, just two blocks from the Visitor's Center and a short walk to the restaurants and activities of downtown Asheville. Please stay tuned for updated information!

Visit montfordfestival.org to learn more about the festival performers, artists, vendors, sponsors, and volunteers.



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From Appalachian Offsets

Isaac Dickson Elementary was designed as one of the state's first Net Zero Energy schools. In collaboration with the Isaac Dickson Elementary PTO and Sundance Power, Appalachian Offsets is raising \$220,000 from the community toward a \$1.1 million solar system, which will save the school \$4.5 million in energy costs over its 30-year life.



Right now, all donations made to Appalachian Offsets are going toward the Isaac Dickson solar project, and we are more than halfway to our fundraising goal!

The Montford Neighborhood Association has contributed \$2000 to this worthwhile cause. Learn more at:

<https://www.cutmycarbon.org/>



Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

Montford Action Agenda Jan 9, 2019

Members present: Chair Bryan Moffitt, William Eakins, Emily Spreng, Emily Kite, Gail Lazaras, Charles “Ed” Flowers, Valeria Watson, Hillary Mannion, Amanda Warren, Craig Cline and Benjamin Mitchell

Staff present: Stacy Merten, Alex Cole, Jannice Ashley

Item, Summary and Action

246 Cumberland Avenue—Construct 34’ x 14’ in-ground swimming pool in rear yard with surrounding deck; construct new retaining wall; construct 13’ x 6’ greenhouse in rear yard; install fence in rear yard

Action—Approved with conditions

59 Watauga Street—Removal of 6 Norway spruce trees along eastern property boundary

Action—Approved with conditions

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



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3

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Green Corner Mitch Russell



This month's Green Corner is designed to provide tips for you to keep your electricity/gas usage down, i.e. making you energy smart.

- Tip 1: Try to do all of your laundry at the same time since it doesn't require constant reheating of water, assuming your washing in warm or hot. Also, if washing more than one load, you can take advantage of the drier already being warm.
- Tip 2: Only wash full loads. If it's a few items hand wash.
- Tip 3: Remove the drier lint. It helps your drier perform better and reduces the likelihood of your house burning down.
- Tip 4: Don't dry/re-dry just one or two items. Use floor vents, shower rods, railings, etc. to dry just a few things.
- Tip 5: Don't allow the drier door to remain open. It vents outdoors and brings in cold or warm air, which in turn may require the heater or a/c to be utilized.

Resource Directory

House Histories

Learn the story of your house. Who lived there, who owned it and what they did for a living.

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Montford Reflections

July, 1981- Sunday in the Park



“Heartwood” performing in Montford Park.

“Sunday in the Park” was a series of five celebrations presented by Hallelujah Asheville, the Parks and Recreational Department, and the Community Arts Council of WNC on the last Sundays of the month.

Hallelujah Asheville was part of the cultural division of *Quality Forward*.

Quality Forward was started for the nation’s Bicentennial as *Quality ‘76* in 1973. In 1976 a new name was chosen *Quality Forward*. From 1976 to 2007 *Quality Forward* was a name that meant Education, Beautification, Advocacy, and Stewardship. In 2007 the non-profit choose the name **Asheville Greenworks** to better reflect its mission.

Read more about Asheville Greenworks’ roots here:

<https://www.ashevillegreenworks.org/history.html>

By TONY BROWN
Staff Writer

Take one part swing, pop, country and classical music, blend in a healthy dollop of modern dance and you have a sure-fire recipe for Hallelujah Asheville's Sunday in the Park this weekend.

Montford Park will be home from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Sunday to Heartwood, the Asheville String Trio and the Asheville Contemporary Dance Theater.

Heartwood, a band that plays a wide selection of American music, consists of Bunny and Tobe Halton, Mark Gilbert and Hilary Dirlam.

The Asheville String Trio is a newly formed group that includes Beth Youngblood of the Howard Hanger Jazz Fantasy and Patricia Koelling Johnston and Rebekah Morrissey, both of the Asheville Symphony.

Three members of the Asheville Contemporary Dance Theater — Leigh Hollowell, Charlotte Adams and Julie Gillum — will fill the park with movement.

Sunday in the Park is free. A blanket or lawn chair is recommended.

Newspaper clipping from the *Asheville Citizens-Times* July 10, 1981

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Bus Shelter

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1. A GoFundMe campaign called "Rebuild Montford Bus Stop!" If you wish to contribute toward a rebuild of the bus stop, go to gofundme.com, then click the "search" button on the upper left, and fill in "Montford Bus Stop" Or even easier, just click on this link: www.gofundme.com/rebuild-montford-bus-stop
2. The Montford Neighborhood Association will also begin taking checks earmarked for the bus shelter. If you wish to write a check instead of giving through the Go Fund Me, make it out to Montford Neighborhood Association, indicate it is for the bus shelter, and mail it to The Montford Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 7181, Asheville, NC 28802.
3. Chiesa, Montford's Italian restaurant, is naming the bus shelter as the recipient of its Community Collection Box for February. It is a tradition in the restaurant to collect donations for worthy charities in its box, and owner Newton Clark has generously offered to match the donations up to \$1,000! Thus, at Chiesa, your donations in February will be doubled. Try to get there during February!

4. Little Jumbo, the Montford bar/restaurant, has designated Tuesday, February 19, as Bus Shelter night. It will donate 10% of total sales that evening to the bus stop rebuild. Mark your calendar, please!

How much money do we need? The shelter will cost \$14,000 to be rebuilt from scratch and installed. There are two cost-ameliorating possibilities we are hoping for, an applied-for grant for up to \$5,000, and a contribution of \$2,400 from an organization in the process of deciding. Furthermore, Nine Mile Restaurant has committed to a generous donation. And we're going after other possibilities as well.

We hope the Montford community—residents and businesses—will come through, for its part. If you would like to see the shelter once again grace our neighborhood, please contribute. All donations are tax deductible. No donation is too small, and none are too big! Every donation will help. Let's get this thing done. Please give! And thank you in advance!

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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- **MAY — Shakespeare In Love** Based on the screenplay by Marc Norman and Tom Stoppard and adapted for the stage by Lee Hall, with music by Paddy Cunneen, and directed by Julie Richardson
— May 3-25
- **JUNE — Henry IV, Part 1** (director to be announced)
May 31 – June 22
- **JULY — Robin Hood: Quest for Justice** by Jeff Messer & Robert Akers, Directed by Michael Lilly— June 28 – July 27 (World Premiere!)
- **AUG — Romeo and Juliet** (director to be announced) – Aug 2 – 24
- **SEPT — Winter's Tale** (director to be announced) – Aug 30 – Sept 14
- **OCT — 16 Years Tried** by Travis Lowe, director to be announced – Sept 20 – Oct 5 (World Premiere!) Note: Alternatively, The Winter's Tale and 16 Years Tried may be presented in repertory from August 30 through October 5
- **DEC — A Christmas Carol** (featuring the Montford Moppets)

Be sure to visit us regularly on [FACEBOOK](#) so you can spot the show dates and be on the lookout for audition notices! We have an absolutely amazing season of live theater ahead. You're going to love it!

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