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Getting Our Bus Stop Back: What A First Month!

By Lewis Rothlein

The first month of Montford's Bus Stop Initiative showed that many in our community have missed the bus shelter destroyed last year by a drunk driver, and want it back. Donations from the neighborhood poured in during February through the GoFundMe and through checks to the Montford Neighborhood Association (MNA). Most of the donations came from Montford residents, and on top of that were donations and promotions from Montford businesses.

The Bus Stop nights at Rocky's Hot Chicken Shack and Little Jumbo brought in significantly higher numbers of customers than usual, according to their owners, and the donations to Chiesa Italian restaurant's community box (where they are matching donations) came in at a good clip.

So where do we stand, one month in? Adding together what has been contributed to the GoFundMe, plus what has come in from checks

(including what was collected at Rocky's and Little Jumbo), plus what has been collected at Chiesa, in addition to what has been pledged to the cause by Nine Mile and the MNA, our total has reached \$11,225! We are 75% on the way to getting our bus stop back!

So let's keep it up Montford residents -- we are so close! And businesses too (in addition to those already mentioned, we have received donations from Hyatt Place Asheville/Montford Rooftop Bar, Groce Funeral Home, and Mantis Gardens). If you have any questions, email me please at ashtangaguy@aol.com.

You can give in two ways, either the GoFundMe by clicking here www.gofundme.com/rebuild-montford-bus-stop or mail a check to the Montford Neighborhood Association, PO Box 7181, Asheville, NC 28802. No donation is too small or too big!

If you are hearing about this initiative for the first time, you can get caught up on what it is about by clicking this link: http://montford.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Mont_Feb_19_v1-1.pdf.

Let's finish this up, Montford!



Dedication of the Bus Shelters, October 2017

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Capoeira—Learn the Afro – Brazilian art which combines martial arts, dance, and culture. Saturdays 10am - noon.

Peace Education Program— Discover your inner strength and peace. Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm.

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

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

Volleyball—Pickup games every Sunday 11-2. \$5/person.

Martial Arts—Tuesday nights 5:30pm.

Open Basketball—Sundays 5pm-7pm. Free

Wednesday Line Dancing— Wednesdays 1:30-2:30. Free, instructor donation accepted.

Saturday Line Dancing— February 23, March 30, April 13, May 4, 2:30-5:30. Free, instructor donation accepted

Open Gym—Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays 12-3, Wednesdays 9am – 1pm, Fridays 9am – 3pm



SPECIAL EVENTS



April 6, 8am-1pm



April 20, 11am



May 18

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

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Dogwood care:



Have you been worried about your dogwood trees? Do they have dead branches and were their leaves withered and spotted, dropping early last Fall. Have you noticed fewer flowers in the Spring?

Many of the ornamental dogwoods in Asheville are in poor condition. Their needs are different than the woodland dogwoods. They need special attention!

It's never too late to rejuvenate your trees! Care should begin now in March and April before any leaf or flower buds begin to open.

Please go to my website and see our trees that are close to 95 years old. Then contact me for a free consultation.

Rose Care:



Have you been thinking about putting in a rose garden but a bit worried about the care and not sure about the choices? Or have you thought about landscaping with roses to add beauty to your property? Do you have an existing rose garden that seems ungainly and overgrown and you're not sure how to thin and prune?

Now is the time to begin to prune and shape your shrubs, and very soon, visit the local nurseries for your selections.

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Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

Montford Action Agenda Feb 13, 2019

Members present: Chair Bryan Moffitt, William Eakins, Emily Kite, Gail Lazaras, Charles “Ed” Flowers, Valeria Watson, Hillary Mannion, Amanda Warren, Craig Cline, Woodard Farmer
 Staff present: Stacy Merten, Alex Cole, Jannice Ashley

Item, Summary and Action

232 Montford Avenue—After the fact approval request to construct a 38’ retaining wall in front and side yard

Action—Approved

26 Courtland Avenue—Construction of 340 square foot addition on rear elevation

Action—Approved with conditions

Please refer to the website (www.ashevillenc.gov)

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

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.



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- For Montford’s Community Resource Officer Justin Wilson call 828-450-3719

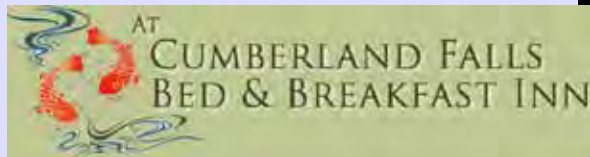
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Green Corner Mitch Russell



In a recent *Asheville Citizen-Times*, "**China, contamination causing Asheville recycling 'crisis,' officials say**", it was pointed out that over the last several years that the city's recycling has become more cumbersome through foreign objects finding their way into the recycling stream. These foreign objects require more effort on the part of Curbie, in our case in Montford, to unclog the processing equipment or remove contaminated material.

You may be asking yourself what are the items causing the problem? The article stated that plastic grocery bags were the main culprit along with foil and paper towels. As mentioned above, these items

can clog equipment and render other recyclables unusable.

What to do with these evil menacing cloggers? Grocery bags may be dropped in outside bins or near the carts indoors at your grocery store of choice. Alternately, never getting plastic grocery bags is even better. Reusing them is good too and then recycle them. Unfortunately, any paper towel, tissue, wipe, etc and foil are not recyclable at this time. Composting is an option for paper although if white & bleached w/a chlorine-based product maybe not the best idea.

In closing, and closing the recycling loop, do it clean by not tossing plastic grocery bags, foil or paper towels into the big blue bin.

Resource Directory

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Sybil H. Argintar, Preservation Planning Consultant

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If you are planning to spend up to \$150,000 on renovation work, with a minimum of \$10,000 spent over a two-year time period, you can utilize this program. We all know that spending \$10,000 can happen in a heartbeat with these grand old places! Design guidelines, the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, must be followed, and photos should be taken before work has begun. The program, unfortunately, is not available for work undertaken and completed several years ago. In exchange for meeting these guidelines, which do consider both interior and exterior proposed changes, there is a 15% tax credit available to you which is taken directly off your State income taxes. Depending upon your individual income, you may be eligible to spread the use of the tax credit over more than one year. Advice from your accountant is recommended.

There is a three-part application that must be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office, which includes a history of the building (to certify it still qualifies as a contributing building), a description of the work to be done with detailed photos of pre-rehab conditions, and a final piece when all work is completed. All work within the footprint of the building is eligible, including electrical, HVAC, plumbing, etc.

Keep in mind, in Montford, as a local historic district in addition to being a National Register Historic District, that the Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County will also review the project, but just for any proposed exterior work. That is a separate application that will need to be submitted concurrently with the State application. Several property owners in Montford have taken advantage of this program—you too can be in on this great opportunity!

Currently, this program is due to sunset on December 31, 2019. It has been renewed before, but if you are planning to renovate, now is the time to get your application in. There is a separate program available for income-producing properties, but more on that another time!

Sybil Argintar is a Montford resident and has owned and operated her business, Southeastern Preservation Services, in Asheville, since 1985. She has worked on a consulting basis with several owners in Montford who have utilized this tax credit program. Feel free to give her a call or an email!

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- **AUG**—Romeo and Juliet directed by Mandy Bean: Aug 2 – 24
- **SEPT**—Winter's Tale directed by Scott Keel: Aug 30 – Sept 14
- **OCT**—16 Years Tried by Travis Lowe, directed by John P. Mendenhall: Sept 20 – Oct 5 (World Premiere!)
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