Celebrate Spring!

The Festival Is Just Around The Corner! Saturday May 18!

The Montford Neighborhood Association presents the **16th Annual Montford Music & Arts Festival, Saturday, May 18 from 10:00am – 7:00pm** on Montford Avenue in Asheville. Performers include Billy Jonas Band, Snake Oil Medicine Show, WestSound, Buncombe Turnpike, Free Flow Band, Whitewater Bluegrass Company, Powder Keg, Mystic Knights, Asheville Morris Men, and Ashgrove Garland, Budo Mountain Family Martial Arts, and Chinese Lion Dance by the Mountain Dragon Gong Fu School.

The first "Montford Arts Festival" was held on March 21, 2004, inside Pyper's Place, which is now Nine Mile Restaurant, and Sweet Heaven Ice Cream Shop, which is now a real estate office. Ira Bernstein coordinated the music for the festival founder, Sharon Fahrer. The first performer that day was Peggy Seeger. What followed was a collection of music made by the musicians who called Montford home. Though the festival has grown quite a bit over the years, that central theme has remained constant. All of the acts booked to perform at the Montford Festival feature performers who are connected in some way to the Montford neighborhood, usually as current or former residents. "Our neighborhood has a history that's deep and diverse," says Ben Scales, festival co-director, "and this is the music of our neighborhood."

Visit montfordfestival.org for details.

2019 Montford Music and Arts Festival Entertainment Schedule

10:45am—Whitewater Bluegrass Company

11:30am—Buncombe Turnpike

12:15pm—Powder Keg

1:15pm—Billy Jonas

2:30pm—Mystic Knights

3:45pm—Free Flow Band

5:00pm—Snake Oil Medicine Show

6:15pm—WestSound

Also performing: Asheville Morris Men and Ashgrove Garland Dancers, Budo Mountain Family Martial Arts, and the Mountain Lion Chinese Dragon Dance.

Help Support The Music and Arts Festival

Volunteers

We would be happy to have you join us in making this festival happen. Despite the fact that we've hosted this festival for so many years, it still takes many months of planning and organization by the committee and at least 70 volunteers to make it happen when the time comes. **Call Shana at 253-3714** or visit: www.montfordfestival.org/?q=recruit_volunteers

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Badminton—Join this active group of players on Friday nights 5:30pm - 8:00pm, Wednesdays 11-2, and Sunday mornings 9am - 11am.

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

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—

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



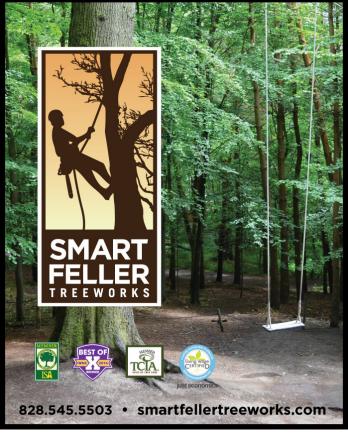
May 18

May 31:
Outdoor Movie at Montford Park.
Free

April 27:
Slacklining and fun at
Hummingbird Park 10am - 2pm
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





Neighborhood Spruce-up Day - April 13

The Montford Neighborhood Association is holding a neighborhood spruceup on Saturday, April 13 from 9:30 until noon. The spruce-up is in advance

of the Montford Music and Arts Festival on May 18 and the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church's annual Palm Sunday luncheon on April 14. The Church's luncheon, which is a fundraiser for the Ladies Philoptochos Society, attracts hundreds of people to the neighborhood—many of whom park and walk along Cumberland Avenue, Soco street, and Cullowhee street. Volunteers will meet at the Montford Convenience Store at 9:30 to form teams to mulch the intersection plantings and pick up litter along the streets and sidewalks.







Montford Bus Shelter Update

Hello Montford neighbors,

Thank you once again—your generosity continues to shine! In the last two weeks, volunteers delivered letters explaining the campaign to get our bus stop back to 450 Montford porches, with the goal of reaching people who do not get or read the Listserv or Montford Nextdoor It produced donations that bring our collected total to \$13,200—amazing for only two months—just under 90% of our \$15,000 goal! We are so close.

Because the letters worked so well, I would like to get more out to the Montford streets that we didn't hit, and so I'm looking for volunteers to put letters on porches of houses not yet reached. Here are the streets that HAVE been covered: Pearson, Rosewood, Hawthorne, Elizabeth St., Short St., Montford Ave., Cauble, Cumberland Circle, Richie, Gray, Jane, Madison, Houston St., Houston Ct.

If you are willing to deliver letters to a street not covered, please email me (ashtangaguy@aol..com) with what

street or streets you will cover and how many letters you need (it truly doesn't take long to count houses; from my car, I counted all the houses on Pearson in 10 minutes). And, **THANK YOU SO MUCH** in advance!

Of course, it is not too late to make a donation toward rebuilding the bus stop that was destroyed last year by a drunk driver. No donation is too small or too large! There are two ways you can donate:

- 1. GoFundMe. Click on the following link: gofundme. com/rebuild-montford-bus-stop.
- 2. A check to the Montford Neighborhood Association. In the memo line, write "Bus Stop". Mail the check to Montford Neighborhood Association, PO Box 7181, Asheville, NC 28802.

Thank you so much!

Lewis Rothlein (for the Montford Neighborhood Association)

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

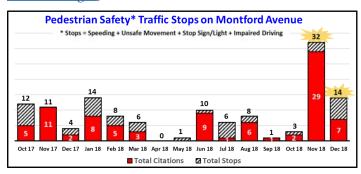


Slow Down Montford Update

We continue to work on three ways to improve traffic safety in Montford.

#1—Work with the Asheville Police Department to increase traffic enforcement.

Following this past summer's traffic speed study on Montford Avenue, APD promised to increase traffic enforcement starting in November. The chart below shows the trend in "pedestrian safety" stops on Montford Avenue for speeding, unsafe movements, stop sign/light and driving impairment. The increased enforcement activity in November is clear on the chart. Unfortunately, the enforcement activity fell back in December as APD addressed other priorities. If increased traffic enforcement is something that you favor, you can make your voice heard by emailing your concerns to APD's Captain Gudac (ggudac@ashevillenc.gov), Lieutenant Michael Lamb (mlamb@ashevillenc.gov) and Officer Wilson (jwilson@ashevillenc.gov).



This data comes from APD's Traffic Stop Portal, but unfortunately there is a 2-month lag in reporting, so we don't yet have access to more recent data.

#2—Work with Asheville Department of Transportation on design changes on Montford Avenue.

Lynn Raker (MNA Board Member) and Marc Voorhees (Montford resident) continue to meet with Ken Putnam (Director of Asheville DOT) and Andrew Cibor (Asheville DOT City Traffic Engineer), with the most recent meeting on January 31. Examples of the options currently being evaluated by the City Traffic Engineer are shown below. The only option that has been eliminated is the dedicated bike lane. Montford Avenue is only 41 feet wide, which is

not wide enough to support a dedicated bike lane and still have parking on both sides of the street.

- Reduce speed limit to 25mph
- Dedicated painted bike lane
- Paint speed limit markings on road surface
- Add "residential" speed limit signs
- Create new center-island cross walk
- Add "State Law to Yield" sign at crosswalks
- Narrow the road with striping (like Kimberly)
- Install "Your Speed Is" radar signs

Illegal passing of school buses parked on Montford Avenue to drop off and load Montford North Star Academy students continues to be an issue. Buses are restricted from using the lower parking lot because of potential conflict with car riders. City transportation staff confirmed that they have been brought in to observe the problem. In a January meeting with school principal Shannon Baggett, MNA Board Chair Michael McDonough and Board member Lynn Raker, Ms. Baggett discussed the school's future plans for a bus "pull-in", which would be designed to create safer conditions for the students. A comprehensive and creative design for the pull-in could further enhance the school's appearance and include traffic calming measures on Montford Avenue and would hopefully set the tone for maintaining a safer speed along the Avenue.

#3—Work to raise community awareness

on the dangers of speeding.

Residents have placed more than 35 "Slow Down Montford" yard signs within the community. To request a

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Please Drive Safely
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sign, send an email to: <u>SlowDownMontford@gmail.com</u> with your address. They are \$10 each while supplies last. We also have a few bumper stickers still available; those are free while supplies last.

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Get Ready for Native Plant Swap in May Charlotte Caplan

The day after the Montford Festival, there'll be a huge Native Plant Swap at Charlotte Caplan's house on Courtland Avenue.



Plant swaps are a great way to diversify your garden collection at no cost. Now is the time to separate your perennials, dig up self-seeded "volunteers", or take cuttings. Pot them up, keep them watered, and bring them to the event. For each plant you bring, you can take one away, for free. No plants to contribute? No problem. We'll have a surplus for sale at modest prices.

The emphasis will be on plants that are native to the Southern Appalachians, so expect to see bloodroot, beebalm, mountain mint, green and gold, joe-pye weed, little bluestem, rose pinks, sweetshrub, pawpaws, and more. But we'll accept other non-invasive plants too, and even houseplants.

When: Sunday, May 12, 9am—2pm

Where: 39 Courtland Avenue

Parking: On the street, or at the North Star Academy

on Montford & Courtland

Questions: ccap|annc1@juno.com (contact me if

you want to pick up some free pots)

Proceeds will support the Blue Ridge Naturalist Network, a 501(c)(3) non-profit "Connecting people who love the natural world". Visit us at www.brnnetwork.org or facebook.com/groups/BRNNmembers.

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Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

Montford Action Agenda Mar 13, 2019

Members present: Chair Bryan Moffitt, William Eakins, Emily Kite, Gail Lazaras, Benjamin Mitchell, Valeria Watson, Hillary Mannion, Amanda Warren, Craig Cline, Emily Spreng Staff present: Stacy Merten, Alex Cole, Jannice Ashley

Item, Summary and Action

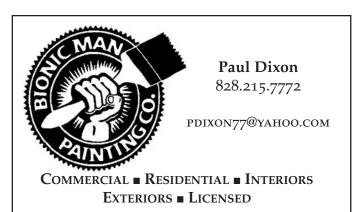
179 Montford Avenue—Renovation of existing house and accessory structure; work to include: replace asphalt shingle roof with new asphalt shingle roof, refurbish windows and repair siding as required; Rear elevation - construct new screened porch and patio, enclose rear porch and construct new landing, relocate 2 existing windows and 2 doors, install 2 new wood windows

in existing openings, replace 1 window with new wood window; Front elevation - replace non-original porch railing with new wood railing and repair porch flooring, replace screening in second floor sleeping porch opening; Accessory structure - Replace asphalt shingle roof, replace original garage doors; Site - Remove 3 mature trees and install new section of driveway in rear yard **Action**—Approved with conditions

72 Woodlawn Avenue—After the fact approval request to regrade area of yard adjacent to driveway and construct a boulder retaining wall **Action**—Continued

50 West Chestnut Street—After the fact approval request to remove original concrete walkway in front yard, install new pebble walkway with stone edging, construct stone retaining wall **Action**—Continued to May

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



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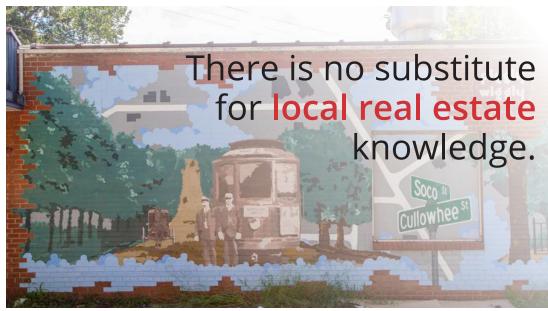
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MONTFORD NEIGHBORHOOD TREE PLANTING INCENTIVE GRANT

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Visitors to the Montford neighborhood are easily impressed with its robust tree canopy. Broad leafy branches of majestic oaks and maples still grace many of our historic properties. But each year more of these treasured trees are compromised by age, disease, encroaching construction, and other threats to the urban forest. It is up to us to ensure our neighborhood tree canopy is protected, nurtured and replaced at a pace that exceeds its decline.

Trees are a life force. They absorb CO2 from the air and release oxygen back. In one year, an acre of mature trees can provide enough oxygen for 18 people. Trees help clean the air by absorbing other gases, pollutants, and particulates in their leaves and bark. They help conserve energy by shading our homes and businesses. They slow runoff, hold soil in place and help with stormwater control. Trees host beneficial insects and are critical for pollination. They provide food and shelter for wildlife and humans. They buffer unsightly views and unwelcome noises and they increase property values.

We cannot live without our trees, and it is up to us to ensure the health of our urban forest. With the recent upsurge in development, the City of Asheville has recognized the need to become more proactive in maintaining a healthy urban forest. While new construction in Montford may not seem as rampant as in other neighborhoods, trees are being removed at an alarming pace. The Montford Neighborhood Association would like to be a part of the solution by helping with tree selection, location and incentive funding for new and replacement tree planting. Our goal is for tree planting to always be a primary consideration and not an afterthought. *

About the Grant: As an incentive to plant trees for restoration and maintenance of the urban forest, the MNA may provide 50% matching grants for up to \$150/

tree with a \$300 maximum per applicant. Any Montford property owner (or renter with the owner's permission) or approved local organization may apply. Grant applications will be processed on a first-come, first served basis, and award of grants is at the discretion and funding availability of the MNA.

- The completed application is required.
- Trees must be planted on the owner's property (residential or commercial) within the Montford Neighborhood. (Montford boundaries: I-240 to the south, Route 19/23 to the west, Broadway to the east, Riverside Drive to the north)
- Selection of tree species and location for planting must be approved by the MNA. Large canopy trees and native species are encouraged. A recommended tree list is included the Montford Historic District Guidelines: www.ashevillenc.gov/civicax/filebank/ blobdload.aspx?BlobID=27904
- Planting may be performed by the owner or contractor. The cost of contract labor may be included in the \$150 maximum/ tree.
- It is the responsibility of the property owner to locate any underground utilities by calling 1-800-632-4949 3-12 days prior to digging.
- Grant reimbursements will be made within 3 weeks following confirmation that the tree has been planted.
- It will be the applicant's responsibility to properly care for and maintain the trees.
- The MNA shall be held harmless in all matters related to the tree, including, but not limited to, the selection, planting, and maintenance of the tree.
- * Trees larger than 6 inches diameter at breast height (DBH) may not be removed within the Historic District without a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) from the City of Asheville Historic Resources Commission, and replanting may be required when trees are removed. For more information on historic district requirements please see the Montford District Guidelines:

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TREE PLANTING INCENTIVE GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Date of Application:					
Applicant Name:					
Address:					
Phone: Email:					
Address where tree/s are to be planted if differ	ent from abo	ove:			
TREE TYPE	SIZE	QUANTITY	TREE COST	CONTRACT LABOR COST (OPTIONAL)	
Total cost of trees and planting: Owner contribution (minimum 50% of total): Total grant requested (not to exceed \$150/tree Tree Planting Diagram - In the area below, sket planted. Include any buildings and overhead utility.	ch a simple d	iagram of whe	re your propos	_	
Applicant Signature:			Date		
If not property owner, Owner's Signature:			Date		

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Green CornerMitch Russell

I really wanted to write about the renewal of spring and seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, but like many days over winter as I was motivated to ride my bike up Elk Mountain I just couldn't do it.

Instead, I offer up more on last month's topic of the 1st R in Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Reduce. My reasoning is the recent death of two whales that were found with plastic in their throats and stomach respectively. One off the NC coast in January and the other in the Philippines in March.

The ocean is no place for plastics nor are our local waterways since ultimately they flow to the Atlantic or Caribbean. Along the way, the plastic decomposes releasing toxic chemicals that can

affect the food chain from top to bottom. The immediate threat to us is not as direct as through the ocean, where our seafood is being contaminated by microplastics and the toxicity found in decomposing plastics, which are derived from petrochemicals.

The best way to protect our waterways from plastics, especially grocery bags, zippered lunch bags, other plastic bags, and containers is to bring our own non-plastic bags or containers.

Tying garbage bags so that trash is less likely to escape & putting them in a garbage can is another easy way to keep oceans, rivers, lakes plastic free.

When visiting the river, lake or beach don't leave trash where it can get washed away or blow into the water.

Finally, pick up any plastic regardless of where it is located since it'll end up in a waterway eventually.

In short, don't trash our waterways!

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