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**Thank You!** ...to everyone involved in the 16th Annual Montford Music & Arts Festival. A neighborhood festival of this size would not be possible without the help of our wonderful Volunteers and Sponsors.



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**Open Basketball**—Tuesdays 6pm - 8pm. Free.

**Wednesday Line Dancing**—Wednesdays 1:30pm-2:30pm. Free. Instructor donation accepted.

**Saturday Line Dancing**—May 4, June 22, 2:30pm - 5:30pm. Free. Instructor donation accepted

**Open Gym**—*no open gym during the daytime hours throughout summer due to summer camp*

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**Did we miss anyone? Let me know.  
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**16th Annual Montford Music & Arts Festival Juried Art Contest Winners.**



**First Place \$200 plus free booth at 2020 Festival: Amy Massey Studio (Amy Massey)**



**Second Place \$100: Clay Dreaming (Katherine Owen)**



**Third Place \$50: Sacred Seed Designs (Sarah Cole)**





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## Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

### Montford Action Agenda May 8, 2019

Members present: Chair Bryan Moffitt, William Eakins, Gail Lazaras, Valeria Watson, Emily Spreng, Benjamin Mitchell, Hillary Mannion and Craig Cline

Staff present: Stacy Merten, Alex Cole, Jannice Ashley

#### Item, Summary and Action

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

**Action**—Continued

**26 Courtland Avenue**—After the fact approval request to modify front entry stair/landing and install stone patio at front elevation.

**Action**—Continued

**23/27 Elizabeth Place**—Demolish existing one-story, 500 square foot primary structure. Construct two (2) three-story, 9,850 square foot multi-family structures.

**Action**—Continued

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



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## Forever Montford

### Lynn Raker

*Forever Montford* is the new name of what for many years was known as the beautification committee of the Montford Neighborhood. We think this name better reflects the committee's goal to improve Montford's overall livability, not just its appearance. Randy Hall chairs the committee with members Susan Eggerton, Stan Hubbard, Leslie Humphrey, Pam Siekman and Lynn Raker.

Improving the appearance of the neighborhood still ranks high with the committee, knowing how well an area is maintained will have a direct effect on other issues from property values to crime statistics. For that reason, the committee still organizes biannual neighborhood spruce-up days and was responsible for installing new landscaping in front of Montford North Star Academy.

Other active goals of the committee include addressing the condition of the bus shelter in front of Bulldog Apartments on the north end of Montford, talking with City officials about installing trash cans in key public areas and improving the vacant lot at the intersection of



**Forever Montford volunteers at work - April 2019 spruce up.**

Montford and E. Waneta (known to some as "Montford Garden"). Most recently, the committee announced a tree planting incentive grant funded by the MNA to encourage new tree planting and replacement on private property.

In the near future, Forever Montford will initiate a regular column in the newsletter with announcements of new initiatives and status reports on ongoing projects.

If you have an idea to share, or the time and interest to serve on this committee, please let us know. We would love to have representation from all sides of the neighborhood!

#### **Want to learn more?**

Contact Randy Hall, Forever Montford Committee Chairman at [cpabanker@yahoo.com](mailto:cpabanker@yahoo.com).



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## Upgrades to Duke overhead power lines

### Michael McDonough, President MNA

I walked up Montford Ave. with Jason Walls of Duke Energy to hear about upcoming work. At the time, Duke was considering two options on top of the poles, but it appears that after they looked closer, they ruled out the option.

While the underground service would be awesome, the excavation and ground transformers logistics would be very very challenging.

I received my notice from HRC, you might see one as well. As I understand it, the work will be in 2 locations: Montford Ave. I-26 to Chestnut St, Watauga St.

Jason then prepared the following that he asked me to share with our neighborhood:

Thank you for meeting with me last week to walk down Montford Ave. to look at the proposed work to increase the capacity of the electric system serving the community and ensure better reliability.

As discussed last week, we filed for a permit from Asheville's Historic Resources Commission to replace the existing wooden poles and outdated electrical wire with new wooden poles and a new, slightly larger conductor. This work is needed to increase the amount of electricity that can flow to homes and businesses. The poles will be replaced one for one, with no new/additional poles.

The current poles are approximately 40 feet and have been there for decades. The poles will be replaced with wooden poles that are an additional 4 feet higher. The new wire will be slightly larger, approximately the diameter of a nickel. We will use cross arms that are horizontal to keep the poles as short as possible and minimize impacts to vegetation high above the lines today.

We are working to minimize tree clear, trimming and removal along Montford Ave. and Watauga Street.

Our company forester will work directly with the City's forester and the Asheville Tree Commission on vegetation removal, trimming and any replanting needed.

We also considered underground options. While we could bury the electrical lines underground, the communications (AT&T, Charter, etc.) lines would remain and the poles would need to be replaced due to age. Additionally, individual customers would be required to hire an electrician to convert their home from an overhead service to an underground service — at their cost. This involves a new meter base, new wiring into the home and all the trenching required to run cable to the home. Underground services also require placement of pad mount transfers (green boxes) in between the line and the home.

You may have questions, and I am happy to try and address them. We are working with Montford Neighborhood Association chair, Michael McDonough, to schedule a community meeting soon. Michael will share those details soon.

In the meantime, please feel free to email me questions at

[Jason.Walls@duke-energy.com](mailto:Jason.Walls@duke-energy.com).

Sincerely,

Jason Walls

District Manager — Asheville Area Duke Energy

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## Green Corner

### Mitch Russell

As spring heats up and will soon boil over into summer it gets me thinking about heading to the high country.



I often look to the mountains to the west from Montford bridge out of reverence for this space I call home. It saddens me that every year about this time and throughout the summer that they are hazy. That haze has been in existence for eons. Most likely before the advent of vehicles it was due to a combination of rain and carbon dioxide being released by the amazing diversity of flora that populates these mountains. But today it is because of our desire to be able to get anywhere we want at any time.

This brings me to my point that we can choose to help reduce the haze by not getting in our car to go to dinner downtown or Greenlife. We can also not fill our gas tanks or gas cans for lawnmowers or trimmers when the temperature is above 70. At 70 & above more of the nasty particulates become airborne than below 70.

Enjoy the first day of summer later this month on a hike or better yet on a bike ride, emissions-free!

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