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Holiday

24TH ANNUAL Tour of Homes

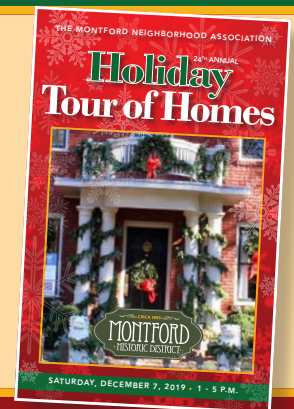


SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019 • 1 - 5 P.M.

Explore 9 homes in Asheville's most historic and unique neighborhood this holiday season.

Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased online at **MontfordTour.com** anytime before Dec. 7, or in person Dec. 1-7 (cash or check only) at the Asheville Shop, Visitors Center, 36 Montford Ave.

The Tour is held rain or shine, and refunds are not available.



www.MontfordTour.com

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Our Homes

2019 will be the 24th annual Montford Holiday Tour of Homes. This is your chance to explore lovingly restored historic homes and carefully crafted new houses in historic style. There will be 9 houses on the Tour—Saturday, December 7, from 1-5 PM.

Visit montfordtour.com for more info and Tour updates.



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178 West Chestnut Street



230 Pearson Drive



235 Pearson Drive, The Wright Inn



194 Flint Street



321 Pearson Drive



20 Woodlawn Avenue



31 Panola Street



139 Montford Avenue

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

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

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

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

Open Basketball—Sundays 5-7pm Free.

Open Volleyball - Sundays 11am - 2pm. \$5/person

Wednesday Line Dancing—Wednesdays 12-1pm and Thursdays 10:30-11:30am Free. Instructor donation accepted.

NEW class! Self Defense—For children ages 4-10 and a their parent(s). Saturdays 10-11am. Call 242-4863 for more information. The first class is free

NEW class! Cyr Wheel—Thursdays 6:30-8pm This is a 6 week course that offers the unique ability to get a full-body workout, free yourself in gravity-defying movement, increase mindfulness and presence, and have the time of your life all at the same time! For more details, call Josh Wise 828-505-9694

Open Gym Times—Mondays 12-3, Tuesdays 9-3, Thursdays 12-3 and Fridays 9-3.

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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Fang Says



This Year's Trick or Treat went off without a hitch...even with the cold wind and rain.

Have a safe and pleasant Holiday Season.

I'm outa here. See you next year.

Forever Montford

Don't miss these 2 great opportunities to contribute to the Montford neighborhood, courtesy of Forever Montford committee of the Montford Neighborhood Association:

Lynn Raker

- This coming Saturday (11/9) from 9:30 am – 11:30 am: Montford North Star Academy landscaping (phase 2). Come help spruce up what was installed last year and plant a few more trees and shrubs. This will not be as extensive (or strenuous!) as last fall's project, but we still need all the help we can get. Just bring yourself, garden gloves and a rake and shovel if you have one. Show up at 9 am (or anytime after) on Montford Ave side of building at 90 Montford Ave, and we'll put you to work.



- The next Saturday (11/16) from 9:30-11:30: Neighborhood Spruce-up in preparation for 12/7 Home Tour. Meet at the Montford Convenience Store, 231 Montford Ave with garden gloves and your choice of weeding tool, rake and/or shovel. We will provide bags for debris.

We look forward to a good turnout for both events!



Sing in the Holidays

December is getting close and with it the 2019 Montford Holiday Tour of Homes. The Tour is Saturday, December 7 from 1-5. I am putting together a group of carolers again this year. We'll be wandering from tour home to tour home, serenading the residents and visitors. This activity is family-friendly and very much "everybody plays". We are looking for enthusiasm rather than vocal prowess. It's a lot of fun, and you get a free admission to the tour! We'll sing from 2-4 to give you time before or after to see the homes for yourself.

If you would like to join us, please reply to j.biard@computer.org and let me know.

Grace and peace,
Jim Biard





Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

Montford Action Agenda Oct 9, 2019

Members present: Chair Bryan Moffitt, William Eakins, Emily Kite, Gordon McKinney, Craig Cline, Benjamin Mitchell, Gail Lazaras, Charles “Ed” Flowers, Emily Spreng, Stephanie West, Valeria Watson

Staff present: Alex Cole, Stacy Merten, Jannice Ashley

Item, Summary and Action

4 Houston Street—Request for preliminary subdivision approval to create 5 new lots from existing .53 acre lot with one existing primary structure.

Action—Approved

26 Courtland Avenue—Amendment to CA 19-00581PZ to construct a screened porch on rear elevation of new addition instead of a deck.

Action—Approved

150 Cumberland Avenue—Construction of two-story, 808 square foot addition on rear elevation and 179 square foot screened porch on north elevation.

Action—Approved

99999 Harrison Street—Construction of new 2,729 square foot, one-and-a-half, 2,729 square foot story primary structure (PIN 9649216715).

Action—Approved

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

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Is Our Listserve OK?

Ross Terry

For Now! Yahoo Groups was acquired by Verizon some time back and last month we were informed that Yahoo Groups will undergo major changes. Private groups (like our Listserve) will remain, however, many features will be removed. You have probably noticed some glitches recently.

Because Yahoo Groups' future is not looking great, Dan Rogers and Greg Meyer are taking proactive steps to replace our Listserve with a more sustainable service.

Stay tuned.



Development in Montford - Update

Bonnie Gilbert

On October 9th at the Asheville/Buncombe Historic Resources Commission meeting, attendees were informed that the applicant for the 23 Elizabeth Place project had withdrawn their application. With month after month of continuances for the project, many neighbors who attended the meeting breathed a sigh of relief. The reality of the withdrawal means that the applicant, Boulevard Development, LLC., has the right to reapply immediately with the same or modified plans since the HRC did not make a ruling on the application. Local TV station, WLOS, reported inaccurately that the developer's architect, Row House Architects, had withdrawn from the project, but that is not the case. The future of the three parcels on the corner of Starnes Avenue and Elizabeth Place has yet to be determined but Montford Neighbors should fully expect to see a project resurface in coming months.

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Green Corner

Mitch Russell

Insects, heating service and bears, oh my!

As has been the case for the past few years we have started the rainy season before the cold sets in for fall and winter. With the rain and cold, and the last few days of warming weather come insects, the need for having furnaces/heating units serviced and saying goodbye to our large furry friends.

Stink bugs, ants, camel crickets and all sorts of other creepy crawlies will decide that our warm and dry homes are a great place for a five or six-month vacation. The best way to battle them is to keep your house clean and use diatomaceous earth or boric acid. Both are low toxicity and relatively harmless to humans and pets. A piece of paper and a cup works too.

Servicing your heating unit will save you money, be more energy-efficient and eliminate potential fires. Remember



to keep the heat down as low as you can tolerate saving even more money and the environment.

Finally, bears. They'll be looking for the last bit of sustainable food for the long winter when their metabolism slows. They may be seen on warm days periodically throughout fall and winter. In 2018 I saw a yearling on the Parkway in February when it was in the '50s with lingering snow on the road shoulder.

Enjoy the last fleeting days of "fall", mid 60's-70 when I wrote this, and be thankful for the beauty that the season brings.

Resource Directory

House Histories

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

- For more information call Sharon at 777-1014

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