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Happy Holidays from the Montford Neighborhood Association

Dear Montford,

The Montford Holiday Tour of Homes was a great success last Saturday! The weather was lovely, and it was such a treat to see so many people enjoying our beautiful neighborhood.

Tickets were sold out, and attendance was over 700 people, breaking all previous records by at least 200. Over 200 Montford neighbors worked on the Tour, and we thank each of you – the Tour would not be possible without your help.

Special thanks to Tour homeowners Mickey and Woody Farmer, Alice Martin, Susan Murray, Tim Owen, Sheri and Chris Riffle, Betsy Pappas and Debbie Southern, Carolyn and Wayne Toal, and Merissa Gail Walkenstein. Hardworking committee members included Jim Biard, Marti Boyles, Jerry Conner, Trudy Galynger, Randy Hall, Gary Holstein, Susan Loftis, John Morris, Terry Peters, David Stanley, Dale Slusseer, Ross Terry, and Rita Yerby.

Gross receipts were over \$23,000, and funds will be used for operations of the Montford Neighborhood Assn. Our newest project is the Tree Incentive Grant, available to all Montford residents. Plant a tree or two and the MNA will pay half the cost, up to \$300.

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We are already looking forward to next year. If you would like to nominate a house, or work on the Tour, please let us know. It takes a village!

Thanks to all!

Ellen Nutter - elnutter@aol.com



Thank You Tour Photographers!
Gary Holstein and Cherie Morris



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

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

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Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

Montford Action Agenda Nov. 13, 2019

Members present: Chair Bryan Moffitt, Emily Kite, Gordon McKinney, Craig Cline, Gail Lazaras, Emily Spreng, Stephanie West, Valeria Watson

Staff present: Alex Cole, Stacy Merten, Shannon Tuch, Jannice Ashley

Item, Summary and Action

3 Cumberland Avenue—Preliminary subdivision approval request to divide existing 0.93 acre lot into four new lots.

Action—Continued

166 West Chestnut Street—Construction of porch extension on rear elevation.

Action—Approved

207 Pearson Drive—Construction of two-story, 800 square foot primary structure adjacent to existing accessory structure; demolition of shed roof addition on rear elevation of existing accessory structure and installation of new door; construction of new gravel parking area in rear yard of primary structure.

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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Forever Montford

While our country roils in its political discontent, you can take comfort here at home that Forever Montford (FM) is working for all of its residents. A project-driven subcommittee of the Montford Neighborhood Association (MNA), FM is taking baby steps toward big goals:

- Improve communication: A recent survey sent through Montford listserv and Montford Nextdoor is the first step toward planning an overall neighborhood communication strategy. Please respond to this brief survey so MNA can most effectively get the word out to you. ***See Survey article and link below.***
- Enhance schools: FM recently installed Phase 2 landscaping at Montford North Star Academy. Neighborhood and school volunteers planted a native dogwood tree and new shrubs, raked leaves and mulched beds.
- Clean up streets: Each year, FM sponsors spring and fall neighborhood spruce-up days.
- Improve transportation: FM is now on the list with City staff to replace the rickety bus shelter on Montford Ave. at The Verge apartments. We also are working with the city's Transportation Department on traffic calming measures for Montford Ave. and parallel streets, where speeding continues to be a problem. By the way, FM sincerely thanks Lewis Rothlein for his amazing effort raising funds to replace the bus shelter on Montford Ave. at Cullowhee St.
- Fight climate change: This fall, FM sponsored 13 new trees in the neighborhood with the new MNA tree planting grant (Grant Application Here > http://montford.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/TreeGrant_2019_1209.pdf). Thanks to proceeds from the Montford Holiday Tour of Homes, we still have funding.

We encourage you to participate as you are willing and able – attend the MNA meetings, volunteer to help with projects, respond to the survey, and PLANT A TREE. Help make Montford a forever neighborhood!

Lynn Raker



Photo courtesy: The North Carolina Room, Pack Memorial Library



Dear Montford Residents,

The Forever Montford Committee of the Montford Neighborhood Association would like your feedback on how information on Montford is obtained and shared by its residents. It won't take longer than 5 minutes and your participation is very much appreciated.

Here is the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H3CFKC6>

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Green Corner

Mitch Russell

This month's Green Corner is somewhat of a PSA, but still keeping with the color theme of the season, green.



1. Shop local. You'll be supporting local businesses and keep your money here, plus you'll reduce pollution compared to shopping online, especially if you walk.
2. Unplug lights or put on a timer to turn off at 9:30.
3. Take your Styrofoam packaging materials & tree lights to the Rainbow Recycling post holidays event on Saturday, January 4, 10am-1pm at the Hopey & Co., 3018 US Hwy 70 West, Black Mountain. Can't make it? Hard 2 Recycle for 1st quarter is January 18, 10am-2pm at 1298 Patton Ave, 28806.
4. Kick your tree to the curb for pick-up or drop off at the county landfill, 85 Panther Branch Rd., Alexander, 28701.
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