

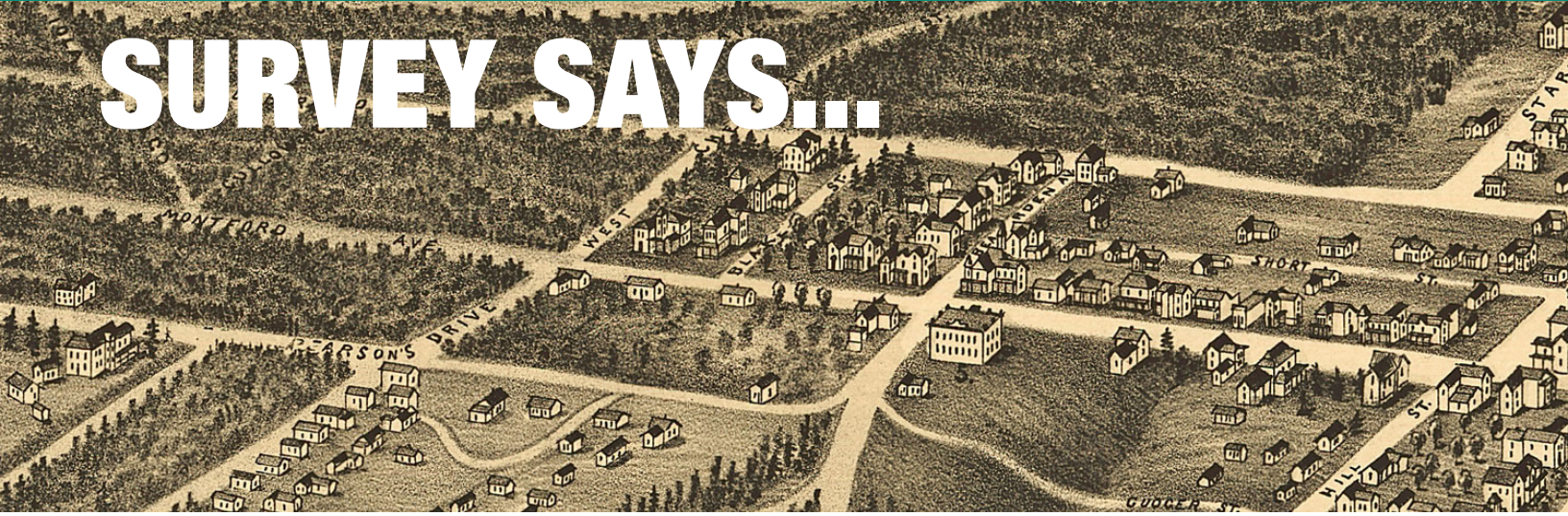


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Forever Montford

SURVEY SAYS...



Montford Residents Survey Results

Dear Montford Residents,

On behalf of the *Forever Montford Committee* of the Montford Neighborhood Association (MNA), thank you to those who participated in our survey. Believing that a connected and informed community is a safer community, the survey intended to see if there are ways we can improve communications in Montford. And we received some excellent feedback! We've already started to implement a couple of ideas that were at the top of your lists!

First, a quick overview of the results:

- 99 respondents completed the survey (approximately 4% of Montford residents)
- 89% were full-time residents
- Good balance of new residents and residents who have lived in Montford for a while. About half who completed the survey have lived here under 8 years, nearly 30% under 2 years, half over 8 years, and 40% over 10 years!

- 75% thought the MNA was doing a good job in communicating, 25% thought it could be improved
- Most people get their information on what's going on in Montford through the newsletter, ListServ, NextDoor Montford, and word of mouth from their neighbors. Others called out the website (www.Montford.org), Facebook and Montford and North Asheville Neighbors magazine.

When we asked people what other sources of information they'd like to have about the goings-on in Montford, the top 3 were:

1. Welcome Packets to new residents
2. Neighborhood Representatives (i.e. Block captains)
3. Printed newsletters delivered to homes

Other ideas were block parties, flyers or signs at public places in Montford, community watch, and neighborhood directories.

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EVERY WEEK

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.

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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.

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It was a year ago when we began the campaign to get back the bus shelter on Montford Avenue that was destroyed by a drunk driver. Through neighborhood donations to our GoFundMe site, the Montford Neighborhood Association, fundraising events, and contributions by local businesses, we raised the \$17,000 needed for constructing and installing the structure plus city fees. So many in the neighborhood said they contributed because the unique structure and its history board added so much to the feeling and personality of Montford. This was truly a neighborhood undertaking.

It all came to fruition the week before the *Montford Holiday Tour of Homes* when...what **wasn't** suddenly **was** again!

It feels so good to see it back, and many here have seconded that to me. It also feels so good to live among people who care about our neighborhood and who won't hesitate to act to improve it. Go Montford!

Lewis Rothlein

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Survey

Continued from front page...

Below are the two ideas we're moving forward with currently:

Welcome Packets—We've started assembling content that we believe new residents would like to know (and in our opinion should know) and plan to start distributing these in February. The plan is for the MNA to distribute packets based on hearing about new residents moving in. An MNA board member or Forever Montford committee member will hand-deliver a packet to the new resident, personally welcoming them to the neighborhood. It's a basic hands-on approach. We will also count on the community to let an MNA member know of new neighbors and want to make sure they have received a packet.

Printed Newsletters Home Delivered—While we love this idea and believe it is a great way to make sure it has a broad distribution, it is expensive, mainly because it is 10 to 16 pages and between printing and mailing, it adds up. We've decided to test an idea that would be less expensive and analyze the results to see if it helps broaden readership. The idea is to send a postcard to all households in Montford, informing residents that a newsletter has been posted on the website and can be found at www.Montford.org. For those who would prefer to receive a printed newsletter in their mailbox, there will be an opportunity to subscribe for a fee that will cover the cost of the printing and mailing. This information will be posted on the website in March, and we'll communicate it in the first postcard mailing in February. We'll share the results of the test and the plan for future mailings.

Neighborhood Representatives/Block Captains—

This project will take more time, thought, and input from the community. We'll continue to keep you apprised on this initiative if and when it moves forward.

A special thank-you to all those, who said they'd like to be involved in the MNA or committees that support the local events, such as the Montford Music and Arts Festival, Tour of Homes, and clean-up events. By the time you've read this, we'll have already contacted you directly with the current openings and needs.

Sherree Lucas



Welcome Packet Cover Idea

NEWSLETTER AD RATES

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Resource Directory	\$15
Business Card	\$35
1/4 Page	\$60
1/2 Page	\$100
Full Page	\$200

Forever Montford

Tree Grant Success

Lynn Raker

Thank you, Montford, for taking one small step in the big fight against climate change! As a result of the MNA Tree Grant, there has been a recent flurry of tree-planting activity in the neighborhood. Since October, the grant program has generated 32 new trees – 27 which are in the ground and 5 awaiting their new homes. The total spent on planting, including the trees and contracted labor (in some cases) was \$8,143.55. The MNA provided grants totaling \$1,868.94.

Don't despair if you have not yet planted your tree. There is still time this spring to plant, or you can plan now for your fall investment in a greener future. The MNA is still offering matching grants for up to \$150 per tree with a maximum of \$300 per household. In other words, the MNA will give you \$300 to plant 2 trees at \$300 each, or \$200 to plant 4 trees at \$100 each, or any other combination up to the maximum \$300 match. So, start planning and planting today for a greener tomorrow!

The grant application may be downloaded at:

http://montford.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/TreeGrant_2019_1209.pdf



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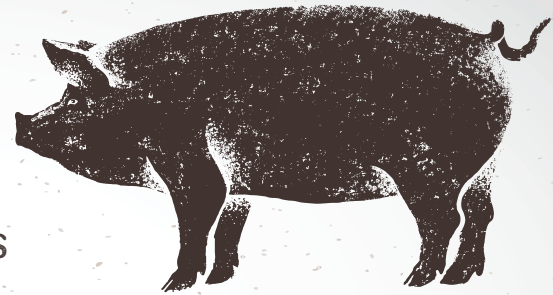
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- **Sarah Baker is our new Community Resource Officer. Contact her at sbaker@ashevillenc.gov**



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Montford Neighborhood Association Community Meeting

January 16, 2020 7:00pm - Archetype Brewing

- Introduced to our **newest Community Resource Officer, Sarah Baker**. She has been with APD for seven years. Lieutenant Geoffrey Rollins and Officer Baker offered detail on Asheville going to four districts from three prior to 2020. Our previous CRO Justin Wilson has been reassigned. Last month saw 60 calls for crime prevention. One mail theft and the suspect has been arrested. A plea to ALWAYS lock doors as there was one B&E. One porch theft occurred. Damage to a property as a camped man did and was identified. Tuesday and late Thursday appear to be the time for more crime. USPS scanned delivery is a helpful option. There will be a citizens police academy starting March 5 from 5:30-9. Contact APD if interested. The new police chief is David Zach. The non-emergency phone number is 828.252.1110. Sarah's email is sbaker@ashevillenc.gov. The new fire station on Broadway Street will have a police substation.
- Karina the owner of **Archetype** spoke and thanked us for utilizing their establishment for our meetings. She is very aware of Broadway road issues and very interested in helping to lead the effort so just reach out to her. We will work out a plan for the timing of our quarterly community meetings and communicate that to our neighborhood.
- **Forever Montford** has several initiatives going. The tree grant program continues and there is still money there to be distributed; just have to do the proper paperwork prior to purchase and planting. Phase 2 at the North Star Academy is partially finished. There is going to be a tree master plan for Montford Avenue. The effort has begun on the bus shelter at the Verge Apts which is in poor repair. The Montford sign planter is fixed but some plantings still need to occur. We did have the survey and communication is important to our community. The newsletter is a big discussion topic.
- **The Montford Tour of Homes** was a tremendous success. Over \$20K raised with over 700 attendees. Thanks for the fantastic weather.
- **Bus shelter update**. The new one is in place and the roof has been modified on the existing one on the west side of Montford Ave.
- The **kudzu issue** on the Reems Creek Greenway was discussed. Perhaps work with Greenworks to determine if anything can be done.
- The **Elizabeth Place** building project is still in status quo.
- **Broadway** was discussed and parking remains a MAJOR issue. MNA has begun discussions on permitted parking along this corridor. Will there be a road diet there?
- **The listserv** appears still in flux—working for most but an issue with others. Google will be investigated as an option— Greg Mayer at One Click Fix to assist.
- The **I26 project** was discussed at length. Zoe Shoemaker spoke and is spearheading the efforts with the National Protection Act of 1966 with project 106. The Aesthetics Committee has been very active in determining opportunities to mitigate the monstrosity that will be built. Contact Susan Loftis if interested in assisting.



Respectfully submitted,
Dan Rogers



Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

Montford Action Agenda 1/9/20

Members present: Chair Bryan Moffitt, William Eakins, Gordon McKinney, Emily Spreng, Stephanie West, Charles “Ed” Flowers, Stephanie West

Staff present: Alex Cole, Shannon Tuch, Jannice Ashley, Aarin Miles

Item, Summary and Action

23 Courtland Avenue, 99999 Courtland Avenue (PIN 9649110689), 99999 Woodside Place (PIN 964911067), & 99999 Gudger Street (PIN 9649111622)—Preliminary subdivision approval request to recombine four existing lots and subdivide into three new lots.

Action—Approved

128 Cumberland Avenue—Construction of two-story, 4,775 square foot primary structure and one-and-a-half story, 1,400 square foot accessory 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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Thank you so much!
Katie Devoe

- **Date:** Thursday, March 12, 3-6 p.m. • **Location:** New Belgium Brewing Co., Asheville, NC (21 Craven St.)
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Green Corner

Mitch Russell

Why the Green Corner may be turning brown in the coming year(s):

Methane leak regulation to be rolled back

This will obviously lead to an increase in greenhouse gas thereby accelerating climate change.

Repealing the Obama-era clean water rule

Drinking water sources will be fouled and the potential for health declines increased, plus wildlife will be harmed.

Weakening the Endangered Species Act

Plants and animals will be harmed in the name of economic progress. Certain scientific tools used by scientists to determine future decline to species due to climate change won't be allowed.

Affordable Clean Energy to help coal plants stay open

States will have more control over determining emission rates & the federal government will have less. Per CNBC, one of the administration's goals is to allow coal power plants a chance to remain in business despite the rise in other forms of energy generation such as natural gas and solar.

Loosening rules restricting auto pollution

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