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Attention Montford residents:

You are invited to attend a meeting and share your thoughts on the adverse effects the I-26 Connector Project will have on Riverside Cemetery.

When: Tuesday, March 17, 2020,
6pm – 8pm

Where: Isaac Dickson Elementary School,
125 Hill St, Asheville, NC 28801

Host: NC Department of Transportation
(NCDOT) & State Historic Preservation Office
(SHPO)

Background information: The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the I-26 Connector Project was published on February 5. Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Federal Highway Administration has determined that the project will have an “adverse effect” on Riverside Cemetery

within the Montford Area Historic District. This requires NCDOT to consider measures to avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate adverse effects to this historic property and include these measures in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), as part of the Record of Decision to be issued this summer... NCDOT has chosen the Design-Build route for this project, which allows some minor design changes to be proposed by the selected contractor; however, the contractor will be required to satisfy the conditions of the MOA. The project may be under contract as early as summer 2021.

Although the project proposes a significantly wider highway than currently exists between Riverside Drive and the entire western boundary of the Montford Neighborhood, only Riverside Cemetery is identified as having potentially adverse effects under the Section 106 statute. The proposed highway along the west boundary of Riverside Cemetery will be elevated and supported by a wall higher than 60 feet in places, creating negative visual impacts and view obstruction, and increased noise and pollution.

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Forever Montford

Spring Spruce-up:

**March 28, 9:30 am - 11:30 am,
meet on Montford Ave. at Soco St.**

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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.

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

Cyr Wheel—Thursdays 6:30-8pm or Saturday mornings. 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

Drumming—Learn traditional Djembe music with Greg Pratt every Thursday 6:00-8:00pm. Join us in exploring this rich and exciting art form! Contact: Greg Pratt 828-279-1577

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

EASTER BASKET DONATIONS BEING ACCEPTED AT TEMPIE AVERY MONTFORD

The housing authorities have asked for Easter baskets for their kids to have to participate in the annual Montford egg hunt. Basket donations will be accepted at Tempie Avery Montford through April 10.



MONTFORD EGG HUNT

MONTFORD EGG HUNT - April 11th, 11:00am at Montford Park. Free.



TEMPIE AVERY YARD SALE

April 4th, 7:30am - noon. Tables available at \$5. Limit two tables per person. Entrance to the event is 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

MONTFORD NEIGHBORHOOD EGG HUNT
 Saturday, April 11
 11am
 Bring your basket and come enjoy the fun!
 Egg hunt begins at 11 am
 Questions: 828-253-3714
 ASHEVILLE Parks & Recreation Montford Park 345 Montford Ave.



We have a fantastic 2020 season lined up for you (and your friends and your family). The run of plays you'll enjoy (completely free!) over the months ahead is enough to make any fan of live theater swoon.

<https://www.montfordparkplayers.org/>

Green Corner
Mitch Russell



My neighbor Denise suggested that I write this month about insecticides, fungicides, etc that are harmful to pollinators after she witnessed someone spraying a pyrethroid based insecticide to rid their home of Box Elder bugs. Trust me, my wife would love it if I did the same since we've been dealing with them for months! That's for another column.

Denise's concern is justified since pollinators are responsible for well pollinating basically everything we eat that is plant-based and by extension any animal that is fed a plant-based diet.

How do you avoid purchasing pyrethroid based or other synthetic "cides"? Reading the labels is the best start and knowing what you're looking for definitely is helpful. Some other bad cides are:

- Organophosphates (e.g., acephate, chlorpyrifos, malathion)
- Carbamates (e.g., carbaryl)
- Neonicotinoids (e.g., imidacloprid)
- Pyrethroids (e.g., deltamethrin and cyfluthrin)

Taken from a handout created by Chatham Co, NC Extension Service

Brand names include:

BioAdvanced by Bayer, Sevin Concentrate, Ortho Home Defense, Bonide Systemic Insect Control, Spectracide, Scotts, Aventis CropScience, Takeda Chemical Sciences, Syngenta, Raid, D-Fense

Some of these chemicals can also be harmful to our pets as well as wild birds, mammals, fish and other insects.

Alternatives can be found at Fifth Season and L.O.T.U.S. Urban Farm and Garden Supply.

17th Annual Montford Music and Arts Festival to be Staged Saturday, May 30th.

Bob Rose, Montford Music and Arts Festival Committee

The Montford Music & Arts Festival, the longest-running and only free-to-the-public festival in the greater Asheville area will stage its 17th annual event on Saturday, May 30, the first time the festival is being held after Memorial Day.

Presented by the Montford Neighborhood Association along tree-lined Montford Ave. in the historic Montford District, the event will run from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. This year's festival was scheduled later in May to avoid conflict with the 50th Leaf Festival, which will be presented May 14-17 at Lake Eden this year.

"This annual event has been a great way for Montford residents to open their neighborhood to our friends in Asheville and remind all of us about the rich history of this historic district," said Dan Rogers, chairman of the Montford Music & Arts Festival Committee. "With free admission, everyone has access to our festival and can enjoy a day of live music, great food, artist displays, and fun activities while mingling with their neighbors."

Perhaps the most family-friendly street festival in western North Carolina, the Montford Music & Arts Festival features a special children's area for face painting, interactive displays, sidewalk chalk art contest, and other fun activities.

Located on Montford Ave. between Chestnut and Waneta Streets just down the street from downtown Asheville, the Asheville Visitors Center and Chamber of Commerce, the all-day event will also feature a music stage with another attractive lineup in 2020. Comprised solely of local musicians, the performing schedule will be announced shortly.

Attendees will also be treated to a wide variety of specialty cuisine, courtesy of food booths and food trucks. Also, more than 100 booth vendors will be on hand, with various artists, craftspeople and nursery plant purveyors selling their merchandise.



Featuring turn-of-the-century "Victorian" homes and several bed-and-breakfast inns, a portion of Montford is proclaimed a National Register Historic District. Many of today's Montford historic homes were designed by Richard Sharp Smith best known as supervising architect for the Biltmore House

World-famous authors Thomas Wolfe and O. Henry are buried in Montford at the nearby Riverside Cemetery, while the community's rich history also dates back to the once-thriving African-American community of Stumptown, which ended in the 1960s.

The very first Montford festival was presented as strictly an arts event in 2004, held inside of Pyper's Place, which is now Nine Mile Restaurant, and Sweet Heaven Ice Cream Shop, now a real estate office.



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Important Festival Information



❖ Vendor Applications ❖

We are taking vendor applications (local artists, commercial vendors, food vendors, and non-profits). Vendors and anyone can go to <https://www.eventslocal.com/events/935> for information and applications.

❖ Committee Positions Available ❖

Be an important part of the Montford Music and Arts Festival and join the committee. We need a social

media person, people interested in helping with logistics and planning, a graphic artist, and a vendor liaison assistant.

Contact Dan Rogers at danalanrogers@gmail.com and Donna Brown 828-230-9474.

❖ Volunteers Needed ❖

It takes a Neighborhood. We have all kinds of volunteer opportunities, from setup to tear down and in between. Join us... *and oh yeah, get a free T-shirt!* Find out more at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084da8aa2ca31-2020> or call Shana Kriewall at 828-253-3714.

67 Furman Avenue



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This large 2230 Sq Ft home has 3 bedrooms and 2 & 1/2 baths. It is one-story with off-street parking and easy wheelchair access in the rear.

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The open floor plan features nine-foot ceilings, custom kitchen with stainless steel and solid surface countertops, and new custom tile bathrooms. Close to everything, it is just blocks from Downtown, Harris Teeter, Trader Joes, restaurants, a bakery, a butcher, and coffee shops.

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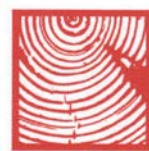
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I-26 adverse effects on Riverside Cemetery

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How to prepare for the meeting: The public and other consulting parties are invited to share concerns and propose ideas for mitigation. NCDOT and SHPO will consider the proposals and resolve the alternatives into the final Memorandum of Agreement.

Only oral and non-electronic visual presentations will be allowed. No written documents will be accepted. It is critical for concerned members of the public to come prepared to share ideas succinctly and compellingly. Your testimony will ensure officials from NCDOT and SHPO fully understand how the enduring serenity and rich history of Riverside Cemetery is tacitly interwoven into the Asheville community.

While many of us share significant angst about the project, please note that the agenda is specific to impacts on Riverside Cemetery, and comments and discussion will be limited to this topic.

To learn more about the I-26 Connector Project, visit the NCDOT project webpage at NCDOT: Asheville I-26 Connector:

<https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/asheville-i-26-connector/Pages/default.aspx>

Montford Neighborhood Association Section 106 Consulting Team

Michael McDonough, Lynn Raker, and Zoe Schumaker

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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.)
- **Cost:** Free • **Website:** <http://www.asapconnections.org/events/csa-fair>



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North Star Academy
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Ross Terry

On the 25th of February Montford North Star Academy (MNSA) held a ***Celebrate! Montford North Star Academy Breakfast.***

Held in the gym, this event included a hardy breakfast and video and live presentations by students and teachers. The scientific displays and models created by the students were impressive.

Quite a large crowd showed up. In addition to parents and Montford residents, the Mayor and City Council, the Buncombe County Commissioners, and various political candidates were in attendance. The Montford Neighborhood Association Board was also represented by Leslie Humphrey, Michael McDonough, and myself.

Montford North Star Academy is a relatively new addition to the Asheville City Schools system. The magnet theme is STEAM which technically stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. A rigorous project based learning and a constructivist methodology are vital components of their curriculum. The Academy is in its third year of existence serving 6th, 7th, and 8th grades for the 2019-2020 school year.

To learn more and/or help support MNSA visit: <https://nc02214494.schoolwires.net/Page/1879>



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Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

Montford Action Agenda 2/12/20

Members present: Chair Bryan Moffitt, Stephanie West, Gordon McKinney, Valeria Watson, Emily Spreng, William Eakins, Benjamin Mitchell, Ed Flowers, Gail Lazaras, Will Hornaday

Staff present: Alex Cole, Shannon Tuch, Jannice Ashley

Item, Summary and Action

191 Cumberland Avenue—Modification of fenestration on non-original, one-story addition on rear elevation

Action—Approved with conditions

382 Montford Avenue—After the fact request to construct shed addition on existing accessory structure; replace all windows in accessory existing structure; construct small outbuilding; install wood privacy fence, walkways and timber parking bumpers and expand parking area.

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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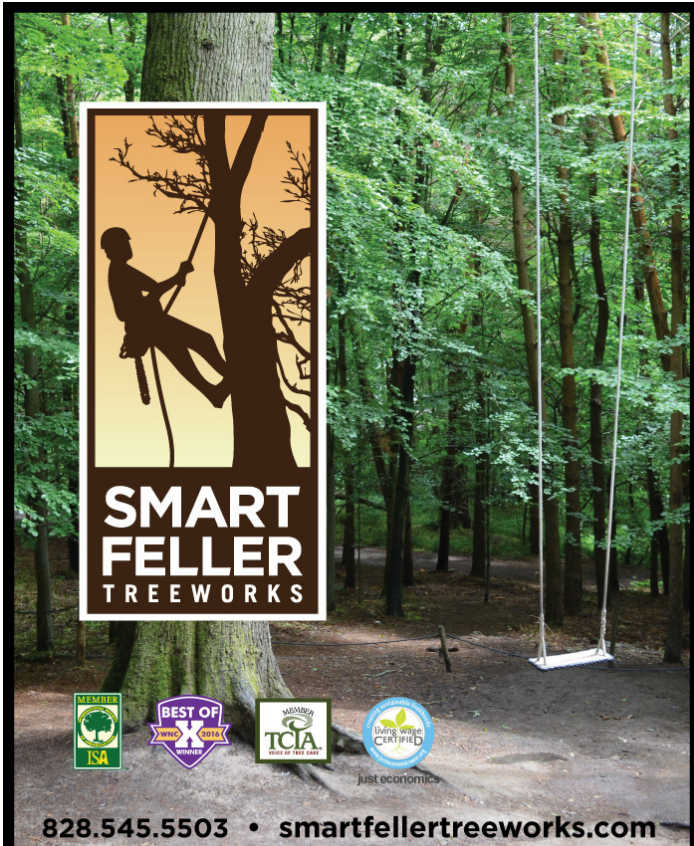
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It's Important to Back Up *Backup advice from OneClickFix*

Businesses are losing huge amounts of data every day, purely because “backing up” is stuck at the bottom of their to-do list. What’s the easiest, most effective way for your business to backup?

You’ve probably heard of file backup by a number of names: Cloud Sync, Cloud Backup or Cloud Storage. They’re all similar enough to be confusing and meaningless enough to be anything. Here’s what they mean and which one you need today.

Cloud Sync

Google Drive, Dropbox, iCloud, etc are services that sync up with a single folder on your computer. They mirror it. When a file changes in one, the sync service rushes to change it on your computer too, so they are always the same. Cloud Sync services are hugely flexible for remote employees, or even those squeezing in a few quick tasks while riding the train to work. They’re ridiculously easy to use, require no training, and the free tiers are enough for most individuals. This all sounds amazing, right? Except. . .when things go wrong, they go wrong big time. Accidentally deleting a file means it disappears from the Cloud Sync drive – almost immediately. Overwriting a file does the same thing, and if an employee makes edits to the wrong file, then those edits are there to stay. If disaster strikes and your local copy becomes corrupted (or ransomed), well you guessed it, the corruption is uploaded too. Cloud Sync services are fantastic for productivity and accessing files on the go, but they simply can’t be relied on as your backup tech.

Cloud Storage

Amazon S3, Microsoft Azure, etc are massive buildings full of storage drives that work just like your local hard drive, except you access them securely via the internet. In fact, when you use a cloud sync app like Dropbox, they’re actually sending your data to one of these locations.

While the sync services have a constant back and forth connection between the storage center and your folder, and as explained above aren’t good for backup, you have another option. You can access cloud storage on a per/GB basis yourself and upload your entire backup as desired. It won’t update with changes on your local network, but it will be safe from disaster. When you need to retrieve a file, you simply login and download it.

Your backed up data is secure, protected against disaster, and always available to you. However, because it relies on you/your employee to handle the backup plan and manually take care of the uploads, this is a high-risk solution. We recommend an automated or outsourced solution so you can get on with business AND be protected.

Cloud Backup

Carbonite, Backblaze backup, Crashplan, etc might not be names you’ve heard before, but they work in the background to monitor changes to files on your computer or network and make sure you’re backed up. You can roll back individual files or whole drives, and even select from earlier backups, not just one. Like sync services, they use cloud storage centers with extra-high security and redundancy so that your data is always there when you need it. Even better, neither you nor your employees need to worry about when it was last done.

Strategy

Let’s take a moment to talk about planning. We recommend starting with the 3-2-1 strategy. This means having 3 copies in total, 2 of them locally such as on your computer and an external drive, and another offsite in the cloud. Using this strategy keeps your business operating when data disasters occur and is an investment in your uptime.

Learn more about setting up with the 3-2-1 method:
<https://www.oneclickfix.com/data-backup-and-recovery/>

ASAP's 2020 Farm Tour

When: Saturday and Sunday, June 20–21, 12–5 p.m. both days

Where: Approximately 20 farms within an hour drive of Asheville

Website: <http://asapconnections.org/events/asaps-farm-tour/>

Admission: Tickets are \$30 per car in advance, \$40 the weekend of the tour

Event Description:

Experience firsthand how food is grown and raised in the Southern Appalachian Mountains! Choose from close to 20 WNC family farms to visit and encounter the sights, tastes, and stories of farm life through guided tours, demonstrations, and hands-on activities. The tour is family-friendly and a wonderful summer adventure for visitors of all ages and interests. Learn more and purchase your tour pass at asapconnections.org.

Thank you so much!

Katie Devoe, **ASAP** (Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project)



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

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