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2021 Historic Montford Garden Tour!

The Garden Tour is just a few weeks away! Twelve beautiful Montford gardens and 12 talented musicians will make Saturday, June 5 a day to remember.

From the brisk online ticket sales, we expect robust attendance. Good attendance translates to needed funds for community projects, such as installation of a new bus shelter to replace the deteriorated one above the Verge Apartments.

As a dedicated Montford supporter, here's how you can help make the day a success:

- Attend the tour on June 5. Discover all the details on the gardens, musicians, and commemorative merchandise at <https://montford.org/garden-tour/>.
- Volunteer to be a docent at one of the gardens. We seek avid gardeners, landscape professionals, and anyone who appreciates a beautiful garden. All volunteers will receive a complimentary pass for the tour (value: \$25), so they may also enjoy the tour during the hours before and after their shifts. To sign up as a docent, visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45AAA923A2F5C07-2021>. Scroll to the bottom of the page to see gardens and available time slots.
- Represent the Montford Neighborhood Association at the ticket distribution table on the morning of the Tour. If you are interested in helping with tickets, please email Randy Hall directly at cpabanker@yahoo.com.

Forever Montford, a projects committee of the Montford Neighborhood Association, is pleased to host the 2021 Historic Montford Garden Tour. We thank you in advance for your assistance with the tour and helping to generate needed funds for Montford Neighborhood Association projects.

We also thank the twelve host gardeners, our musicians and our sponsors who together have given their time and creative talents to make the tour possible.

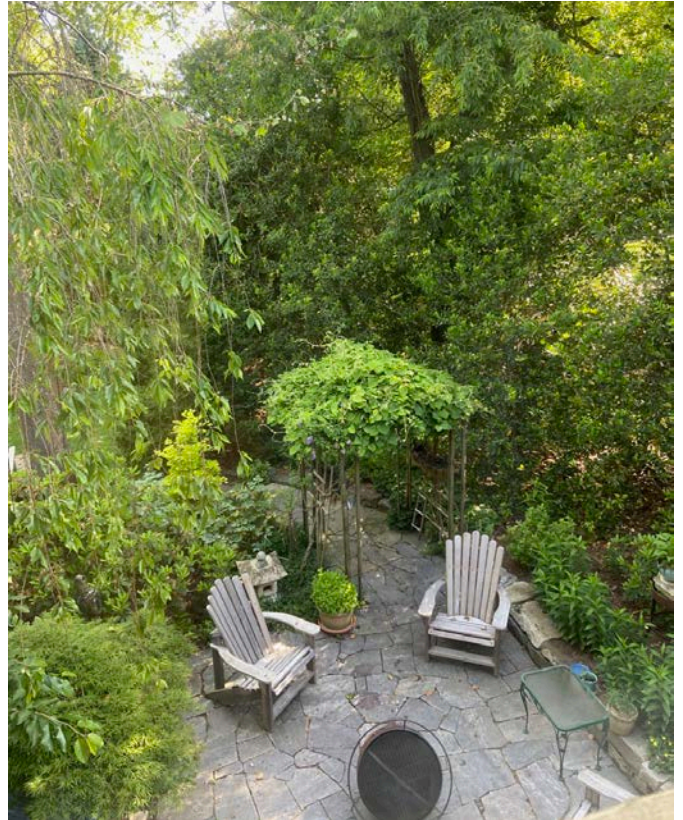


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2021 HISTORIC MONTFORD GARDEN TOUR

June 5, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

<https://montford.org/garden-tour/>

Volunteer to be a docent:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45AAA923A2F5C07-2021>

Explore the gardens:

<https://montford.org/our-gardens/>

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Center Update

At this time, we are continuing to provide Monday-Friday all-day programming in partnership with Asheville City Schools (ACS). ACS provides teaching assistants in the morning as well as breakfast and lunch for the kids. We (Parks and Recreation) provide activities focusing on physical movement and socialization in the afternoons.

PODS: Pandemic's virtual learning students get much-needed help

<https://www.citizen-times.com/story/news/local/2020/10/20/pods-pandemics-virtual-learning-students-get-much-needed-help/3711013001/>



Photo Credit: Asheville Citizens-Times

Calendar - More activities are coming as we re-open.

Summer Playground Camp (at limited capacity) June 7-August 13 from 8:30pm-6:00pm (Monday-Friday) Rising 1st-5th Graders

Yoga with Holly Alexander (beginner class) Saturdays 10:00am-11:00am (currently on softball field).

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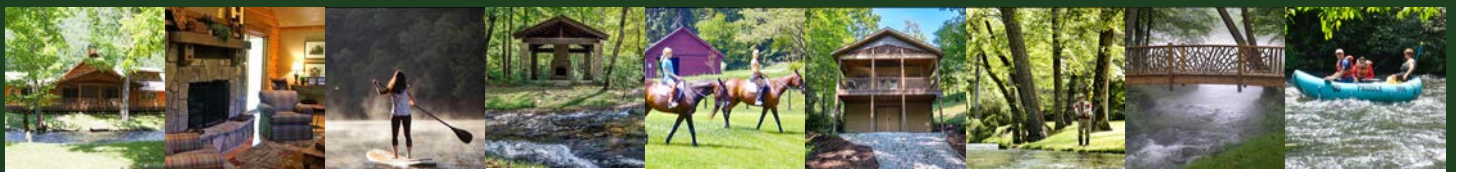


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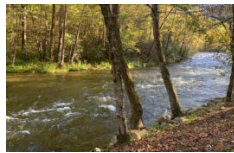
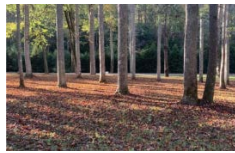
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Beautiful Waterfront homesites Right on the Nantahala River! **Our final phase of waterfront lots ever!** This riverfront community is well-established with around a dozen homes already completed, several under construction and residents already living in the neighborhood.



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The Montford & Stumptown Fund of the Asheville-Buncombe Community Land Trust (ABCLT):

Investing in Black Homeownership

By the Montford Community Club

Editor's note: The Montford Community Club is a new group (named after one from the 1970s-80s), and not the Montford Neighborhood Association. This article is abbreviated, read the full piece at montfordandstumptown.com.

Last summer yard signs popped up along Elizabeth Street to Pearson Drive to Westover to Cumberland, and all along Montford Avenue--Black Lives Inspire. We Are All In This Together. Black Lives Matter. As the call for racial justice swept the nation, house after house declared, "We're in." Now, we have the opportunity to turn those words into action.

Through resident-led efforts, the Montford & Stumptown Fund has been established with the Asheville-Buncombe Community Land Trust (ABCLT) with the goal of creating and protecting permanently affordable housing for Black people in Montford and Stumptown. This fund is designed to help repair the damage caused by centuries of racial inequities in real estate.



This is an invitation for Montford residents' to acknowledge the past and actively work for a more just future. This spring, the fund is actively accepting donations.

Consider donations of all types and sizes:

- Donations of a portion of the equity you've built as property values have increased
- Donations of a percent of profits from the sale of a home
- Donations of a percent of real estate commissions
- Donations of a percent of AirBnB/vacation rental fees
- Donations of a percent of B&B rental fees
- Donations of a percent of long term rental fees
- Donations of a percent of business sales
- Donations of a percent of neighborhood tours
- Donations of real estate
- Spreading the word about the fund to your neighbors

What can you give?

The kickoff fundraising goal is \$557,000--the median cost of a home in Montford.

Funds will go towards the purchase of land and all or part of homes for Black families (either existing or new construction). Each family will own their home outright and lease the land from the ABCLT (which will remain "in trust" for the benefit of the community). There will be a resale formula for shared equity based on the increased value of the home at the time of sale. Funds raised can also be used to help protect ongoing homeownership of legacy Black neighbors. A committee of Black current/former Montford and Stumptown residents and ABCLT board members will make the final decisions on how the fund is invested.

Our target date to meet this goal is June 2022. To donate, go to abclt.org (there is an option to designate a gift to the Montford & Stumptown Fund), or mail a check to ABCLT, 825 Merrimon Ave. Ste C, PMB #141, Asheville, NC 28804, with "Montford & Stumptown Fund" in the note section.

This is a long-term effort initiated by the Montford Community Club and designed to shift who lives and owns homes in Montford. If you would like to join us as a founding donor or as a neighborhood advocate, we would love to have you! Please contact ABCLT Executive Director Anna Zeuvskaya (anna@abclt.org) and let us know how you're interested in participating and a few sentences about your relationship to Montford and to racial justice.

Neighbors are also invited to the Montford & Stumptown Fund Kickoff and ABCLT 3 Year Anniversary event on Tuesday, June 8 from 3 - 6 pm at the Pearson Garden (408 Pearson Drive). Drop by to make a donation, pick up flyers to share, and to get involved.

ABCLT is a nonprofit organization that helps individuals and families build and improve places they call home.

Find more information about ABCLT at abclt.org.



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We need help getting the word out to families who need a meal, and we are always looking for volunteers who can make and deliver meals to an individual or family.

Request a meal: If you would like a hand with dinner one night in the coming weeks OR know someone else who does, sign up here. Please share the link with others who might need a hand, or feel free to nominate someone: www.lasagnalove.org/request

Want to help? You can bake and deliver just one time, once a month, or make multiple lasagnas a week. Volunteering is flexible because the volunteer suggests what they would like to cook (it doesn't have to be lasagna) and the delivery schedule is set up by the volunteer and requestor. Sign up here to help: <https://www.lasagnalove.org>

If you have any contacts with a local outreach organization, church or community group please email us with contact information. We are trying to get the word out to families and get information to possible volunteer cooks.

Kim De and Stacey Conley
Co-Leaders Lasagna Love WNC
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Your local Lasagna Love chapter needs your help. Lasagna Love is a national movement that aims to positively impact communities by connecting neighbors with neighbors through homemade meal delivery. Anyone who needs a meal is eligible. Whether it is a family struggling with illness, issues of food insecurity or a break in a hectic schedule, volunteers are eager to provide a bit of kindness to a neighbor.

Join a Dragon Boat Racing Team and Support Local Charity

Drums & Dragons is WNC Bridge Foundation's premier fundraising event and has raised over \$120,000 benefitting local area non-profits in Western North Carolina since its inception in 2017.

What is a Dragon Boat Race? Visit <https://drumsanddragons.org/about/about-dragon-boat-racing/>

Also, learn about WNC Bridge Foundation: <https://www.wncbridge.org/>

The following describes just a few of the ways event proceeds are being spent in our community:

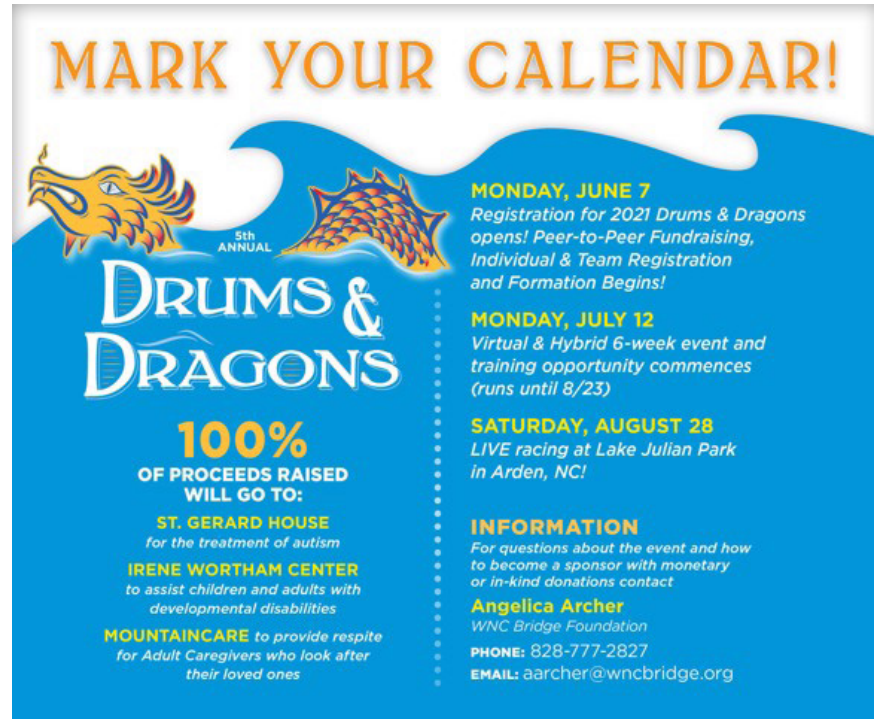
Mountain Child Advocacy Center is applying their funds toward growing their prevention and treatment programs for child abuse—an issue which affects a great number of children throughout our WNC region. <http://www.mtncac.org/>

Irene Wortham Center hopes to purchase a van so that their developmentally challenged clients can travel out into the community, providing them with social interaction with the public. They hope this opportunity will allow educational opportunities for the public in helping them to understand the adversities those experiencing developmental disabilities regularly face. <https://www.ireneworthamcenter.org/>

Pisgah Legal Service intends to support their Elder Law Program with their funds raised, which provides free legal assistance to help low-income seniors (60 and older) to meet their urgent, basic needs. Their lawyers also represent and advise seniors who being abused by their spouse or caregivers, are experiencing consumer fraud or harassment, or at risk of losing their homes or otherwise being misplaced. <https://www.pisgahlegal.org/>

The Community Table of Jackson County will be purchasing more fresh produce and high-quality proteins for their clientele who they serve in their soup kitchen 4 nights per week—of which 70% are elderly or children. <https://communitytable.org/>

Vecinos Farmworkers Health Program will utilize funds to provide emergency needs such as medical payments and/or nutrition for their patients and their families. <https://www.vecinos.org/about/>



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

5th ANNUAL

DRUMS & DRAGONS

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- ST. GERARD HOUSE** for the treatment of autism
- IRENE WORTHAM CENTER** to assist children and adults with developmental disabilities
- MOUNTAINCARE** to provide respite for Adult Caregivers who look after their loved ones

MONDAY, JUNE 7
Registration for 2021 Drums & Dragons opens! Peer-to-Peer Fundraising, Individual & Team Registration and Formation Begins!

MONDAY, JULY 12
Virtual & Hybrid 6-week event and training opportunity commences (runs until 8/23)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28
LIVE racing at Lake Julian Park in Arden, NC!

INFORMATION
For questions about the event and how to become a sponsor with monetary or in-kind donations contact

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Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

Montford Action Agenda 04/14/21

Present: Vice-Chair William Eakins, Will Hornaday, James Vaughn, Emily Spreng, Maggie Brousaides, Benjamin Mitchell, Sara Gardner, Stephanie West

Absent: Jim Coman

Staff present: Chair Emily Kite, Gail Lazaras

Item, Summary and Action

141 Cumberland Avenue (PIN 9649136015)-

Preliminary subdivision approval request to subdivide a 0.66 acre lot with an existing early 20th century 3-story brick apartment building.

Action—Continued

281 Pearson Drive (PIN 9639847855) -

Construction of new two-story 2,325 square foot primary structure and accessory structure.

Action—Approved with conditions

250 Montford Avenue (PIN9649033561) -

Modify fenestration on side and rear elevations.

Action—Approved

25 Starnes Avenue (PIN 9649229388) - Replace non-original front entry door and rebuild deteriorated garage doors on east elevation.

Action—Approved

258 Cumberland Avenue (PIN 9649045175) -

Construct a new 252 square foot, one-story addition on rear elevation.

Action—Approved with conditions

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

HRC Application Portal

The city is now accepting HRC applications digitally via the Development Portal at this address:

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Green Corner

Mitch Russell



For March of this year, I wrote an article on ways to protect our feathered friends from our feline fur babies. Based on the way my pup lunges after birds should have included at least her if not all dogs!

I mentioned that I would be giving dogs equal time so here goes.

Le poop. Dogs do it and most of us pick it up, but sometimes we don't and that's a problem for several reasons. It gets on the bottom of our shoes or feet, it's odiferous and it's not good for our waterways.

In urban areas, fecal counts in waterways can be quite high just from dog excrement. I worked for Rivers Alive in Georgia, which is similar to the Big Sweep here in organizing and providing data from waterway cleanups.

When I wasn't organizing, crunching numbers, or one of many other job-related tasks I was giving presentations, attending enviro fairs at schools, businesses or teaching Adopt-A-Stream protocols, so I was already familiar with a good bit of the info in this article. However...., when I researched Asheville's particulars I found some fascinating tidbits through the websites of Buncombe County Parks and Recreation and Pet Poo Skiddoo, Eco Pet Waste Removal. There are approximately 23,559 dogs in Asheville that produce almost 6.5 million pounds of poo! Magical formulas are provided on Pet Poo.... website. That equals about 720 average male African elephants or for something more tangible and that doesn't create feces it would equal roughly the same weight as 2,130 Priuses or Prii if you prefer. Holy s*** that's a lot of squatting dogs!! So what's the big deal since birds, squirrels, rabbits, bears, etc also poop. True, but not in the same magnitude as dogs and we can't pick up their feces like we can our dog's. The main issue with dog excrement is that it can be highly toxic to aquatic species in the form of bacteria, 23 million parts per gram to be precise based on EPA data, nitrogen, and phosphorus. Nitrogen and phosphorus lead to less oxygen in water and raise the level of ammonia, both of which can lead to aquatic species dying. Even if left in our yards the poo will enter the aquifer and still make its way into waterways. Luckily our drinking water sources are east and south of Asheville.

So the next time Rover makes a poo be sure to pick it up and be a enviro hero and pick up any that didn't get picked up by other dog parents.

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