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## TEMPIE AVERY MONTFORD CENTER

### Mark Your Calendar

**Afterschool**—Begins August 23, 2021 Will also be offering an afterschool program specifically for pre-teens this year.

**Parent Night Out**—August 20, 2021 from 6-8 pm Ages 7-11

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### Coronavirus (COVID-19) Community Update for Aug. 10, 2021

***More than 90% of all newly investigated cases are in those not fully vaccinated***

Since the COVID-19 update at the Aug. 3 Board of Commissioners meeting, the COVID-19 incidence rate has grown to 219 per 100,000 per week, which is a two-fold increase from two weeks ago. More than 90% of all newly investigated cases are in those not fully vaccinated. In addition, the number of inpatient beds with COVID-19 has grown to 8.3%. Hospitalization data are lagging indicators, since the new cases rise as individuals become sick, with hospitalizations following.

The current rate of incidence is 7.4%, up from 3.4% three weeks ago.

On average, 67 new cases are entering the public health workflow daily.

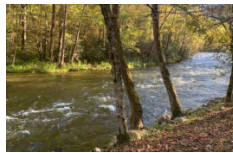
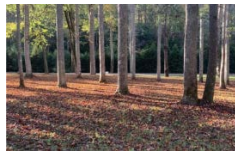
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## Montford Avenue Traffic Calming Update

### SUMMARY

- **Good news:** Asheville's Department of Transportation is proposing the installation of "speed cushions" and another center island/crosswalk on Montford Avenue
- Speed cushions are a special type of speed hump proven to slow speeders while also **not** impeding emergency responders or normal traffic flow
- The Montford Neighborhood Association is continuing to advocate for additional safety measures elsewhere in Montford
- **Next Steps:** We'll be gathering signatures from residents on or near Montford Avenue to demonstrate support for the DOT's proposal

We have some very good news to report on efforts to reduce speeding on Montford Avenue. Ken Putnam, Asheville's Director of Transportation, is proposing to install speed cushions and another center island/crosswalk on Montford Avenue.

We have likely all experienced "speed bumps" and "speed humps" which encourage drivers to reduce their speed to avoid an uncomfortable jolt when driving over a bump/hump in the road. However, the City would never use these on Montford Avenue, since Montford Avenue is an emergency response route, and they would reduce emergency response time.

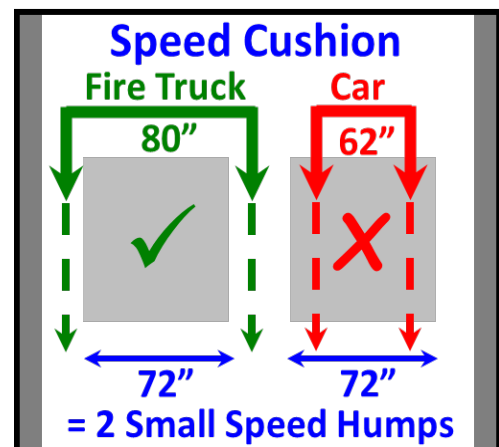
So, what is a "speed cushion"?

The speed cushion is like a traditional speed hump, but with one major exception. Unlike traditional speed humps, speed cushions have cutouts which break them into sections creating several small traditional speed humps. The number of these small speed humps will vary based on the width of the road.

The accompanying pictures hopefully make the description clearer. The "breaks" in the speed cushion are strategically placed with the resulting speed humps narrow enough for emergency vehicles to straddle and travel unimpeded. However, the individual humps in the speed cushion are still too wide for cars and pickup trucks to straddle, allowing them to



function like traditional speed humps. This all works because the typical speed hump is 72 inches wide, while the tire track width on cars and pickup trucks is less than 70 inches while fire trucks are more than 80 inches wide.



Speed cushions offer the best of both worlds. They provide a proven traffic calming tool to reduce speeding for normal traffic, while not hindering emergency response, which is why the Asheville Fire Department and Asheville Department of Transportation both approve their use in Asheville. Speed cushions are widely used in other communities for this very reason.



The Asheville Department of Transportation has installed eight speed cushions approximately 350 feet apart along 2500 feet of Hazel Mill Road. Asheville DOT and AFD were pleased with this initial test, and hence their desire to extend to other areas of Asheville. The accompanying picture is one of the asphalt speed cushions currently on Hazel Mill Road, and are the type and look of what would likely

be used on Montford Avenue (*of course, subject to final DOT design*). However, Montford Avenue is more than twice the width of Hazel Mill Road. As a result, Montford Avenue might require as many as five speed humps across rather than the two across on Hazel Mill Road.



The speed cushions are tentatively planned to be spaced 300-400 feet apart along the entire length of Montford Avenue starting at Klondyke thru to the Montford North Star Academy. The accompanying picture is an illustrative example of what Montford Avenue might look like (*of course, subject to final DOT design*).

The combination of the new speed cushions...the current traffic lights...the current center island crosswalks...plus the potential addition of another center island crosswalk (*final location still TBD, but it will be near Waneta St*), has the potential to create a much safer environment for pedestrians and cyclists...as well as for drivers exiting their parked cars on Montford Avenue.

**QUESTION:** What does it feel like to drive over the speed cushion? When you think of driving over a speed cushion, don't think of it like driving over a severe speed bump in a parking lot. The speed cushion does not hinder the flow of normal traffic; it just hinders speeders with a jolt as they travel over the speed cushion. People driving *at the speed limit* will feel very little effect from the speed cushion. And there is no loss of on-street parking.

**QUESTION:** Why is the focus on Montford Avenue? The combination of high levels of speeding and high traffic volume (~4000 vehicles per day), make Montford Avenue the most dangerous street in Montford. Prior traffic studies on Montford Avenue have shown more than 60% of vehicles are speeding on any given day, with more than 260 vehicles

per day traveling between 40-70 mph. You may have seen the recent video posted on Montford Listserv showing a vehicle traveling at 80 mph on the wrong side of the road through the Montford Park crosswalk! Research studies have shown a pedestrian has only a 10% chance of survival if struck at 40 mph. We have been very lucky thus far.

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**QUESTION:** Why do we feel that speed cushions will be effective in calming traffic? Studies in other communities (US, Canada, UK, etc) have shown that properly designed and installed speed cushions are effective in calming traffic down to 25-30 mph. As mentioned earlier, Asheville has already tested speed cushions. However, if reckless drivers still want to speed even after these traffic calming additions to Montford Avenue, they will still selfishly speed. Speed cushions have no effect on motorcycles. But this initiative will make it more uncomfortable for speeders and would reduce the chance of something horrific happening on Montford Avenue.

**QUESTION:** Were other traffic calming solutions considered? At our October 2018 Montford Neighborhood Association meeting we had an extensive discussion about potential solutions for Montford Avenue. Since that meeting, we have been in active discussions with the Asheville DOT on our long list potential remedies...albeit with a lull during the COVID shutdown. After reviewing our ideas as well as their own, the DOT felt that speed cushions and the additional center island/crosswalk was the best solution based on their expertise and experience.

**QUESTION:** Why don't we also put speed cushions or speed humps on other streets in Montford? That could be the case in the future if these traffic calming installations prove successful. But under the current Asheville DOT policy, Montford Avenue is the only street in Montford that currently meets the City's criteria to justify the installation of these traffic calming devices. The Montford Neighborhood Association and other concerned residents will continue to encourage DOT and APD to address other safety issues across the rest of Montford. This Montford Avenue initiative is just addressing the most dangerous situation first.

**QUESTION:** What is the implementation time? It is important to note that these potential Montford Avenue changes are still in the very early planning stages, and the design is not finalized and there is no defined implementation date. Nothing is definite; however, we are very hopeful. Ken Putnam (Director of Asheville DOT) has personally expressed his intent to proceed, however this is subject to his marshaling sufficient staffing and resources. We are encouraging DOT to implement as soon as possible.

**QUESTION:** What are the next steps for Montford? The Montford Neighborhood Association Board has already given its unanimous support to Ken Putnam on the proposal. However, the Transportation Department's formal process requires a signed petition be submitted that shows sufficient neighborhood support for this initiative. It would require support from at least 60% of Montford Avenue residents (and adjacent streets). DOT is preparing the petition, and we will circulate it for signatures as soon as it is ready.

**QUESTION:** How can Montford residents learn more? This topic was discussed at the July 28 Montford Neighborhood Association meeting. We will continue to provide updates in the Montford Newsletter, and when appropriate on Montford Listserve. In the meanwhile, feel free to reach out to Marc Voorhees ([mvoorhees@gmail.com](mailto:mvoorhees@gmail.com)) and Lynn Raker ([lynn.raker@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.raker@gmail.com)) with questions or comments.

## MNA Community Meeting — July 28, 2021

Michael McDonough called the meeting to order at 7:06. He introduced the current Montford Neighborhood Association board members present. Thanks to Archetype Brewing for hosting our gathering. And thanks to all who chose to attend and learn. Several items were discussed:

Millie Farmer detailed the home tour. It will occur Saturday, Dec 4, 2021 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. It is their 25th anniversary. Obviously did not occur in 2020 due to Covid. Four homes are confirmed and the goal is ten. The Montford Park Players at the Hazel Robinson Theater will host a behind the scenes event.

Lynn Raker, the Garden Tour chair, detailed the fantastic success of the Tour. 12 fantastic gardens were enjoyed by over 1000 people. Online ticket sales were stopped at 1000 as this inaugural event was determined to be a success. It netted over \$21K which will go to projects to enhance Montford. Will we do another tour? That is TBD. Lynn will always welcome volunteers who wish to participate in the planning and execution of more tours.

Lynn reported that \$2500 remains in the tree grant program which is a 50% match paid back to the homeowner. They must fill out a grant application prior to purchase and that can be found at [Montford.org](http://Montford.org); submit and gain approval. We prefer native trees to be planted - Michael offered to assist in tree choosing. MNA is also working to have trees planted on public right of ways; perhaps on Montford Avenue although Mark Foster of the COA is particular about locations. There have been Washington Hawthornes planted on Pearson Ave. UNCA needs nudging about the kudzu which has been choking our trees near the Greenway.

Brenda Mills, Interim Equity and Inclusion Director, stated that the current community resource officers are not committed to particular areas as in past. She appreciates the Montford neighborhood involvement.

Anise and Seth from the Tempie Avery Center introduced themselves as newer employees from there.

Randy Hall reported that the bus shelter on the North end of Montford Avenue is going to happen. We have been working with the COA and the city will provide the shelter. UNCA and the Verge apartments each donated \$1000 to cover the cost of installation so no money from MNA. The shelter will be similar to the one at the Chamber of Commerce and we plan to have history panels on it similar to others in Montford.

Terry Peters reported that we have \$70K in our account and we want to spend the money wisely. Randy indicated that we should have a strategic plan (perhaps 10 years) and he volunteered to be on the strategic planning committee. All of us should be thinking of projects to be considered. Susan Roderick suggested playgrounds need to be considered. Perhaps tree canopy planning and safe parks are objectives. Randy wants people to vote on spending the money, not just the Board determining the spend. Ben Scales suggested we should have a brainstorming session with a facilitator; a retreat perhaps.

A postcard blast to gain more engagement was discussed. Millie Farmer has a data base of Montford residents to aid in this effort. Millie says that in the last two years, 100 homes have changed hands. Ross Terry should detail this effort in the newsletter soon. Maybe erect a sign on Montford Avenue detailing community objectives once they are selected. Listserv and Facebook get some traction but not a huge amount. Montford Neighbors group is run by Ross and he is looking to hand it off to another volunteer.

Forever Montford has welcome packets for new homeowners. Contact Randy or Lynn if you know of new neighbors.

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## Community Meeting

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Ben reported on the Festival. First Festival occurred in 2004. Questions were asked about the Festival mission and viability. Much discussion occurred on these. All of the playing groups are affiliated with Montford. Ben states that the next Festival is likely to be May 2022. He needs volunteers for Festival committee. Contact him at b...@benscales.com if interested. Michael volunteered to serve.

Is Montford in the Coalition of Asheville Neighborhoods (CAN)? Tony Micocci thinks no and he was the informal representative for Montford at Michael's request. It was agreed that Montford should be a formal part of CAN.

Mark Voorhees moved to Montford in 2018 and has been actively pursuing strategies to reduce speeding, especially on Montford Avenue. Ken Putnam of COA has proposed speed cushions for Montford Ave due to no speed bumps or humps allowed due to emergency vehicles issue. Speed cushions have breaks in them to allow firetrucks and buses to not have issues while cars would have to deal with the cushions. Mark had detailed information to hand out to the meeting attendees. Cushions are fairly new to Asheville as they are only on Hazel Mill Road currently. The cushions would stretch from North Star Academy north to Klondyke apartments. The timing is TBD. We would need to create a petition for persons to obtain signatures of residents 300 feet or less from the center of Montford Avenue. Would need to obtain at least 60% approval for this concept to proceed. Stay tuned on this one. Randy suggested that Montford should have some skin in the game. Perhaps a three way stop at Watauga would assist. There was concern about cars going an alternative route (Cumberland or Pearson). Contact Mvoo...@gmail.com for additional information.

Tony Micocci sat through a 3 ½ hour meeting of the City Council and reported that the new fire station planned for Broadway was approved. The noise

ordinance was approved 5-2 after a lengthy discussion. Only commercial is impacted, not residential. Amplified music was contentious. Rabbit Rabbit is a major issue to downtown residents. The HVAC units at Mission Hospital are a major issue to Kenilworth residents. Ben Woody of the COA has been leading this effort for over two years. CAN invited city council members to homes during concerts so they could understand the issue more thoughtfully.

New board members were discussed. Randy Hall and Mark Voorhees were nominated as new board members with Ross Terry to serve in an ex officio role.

We concluded the meeting at 8:40pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan Rogers





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The MNA will pay up to 50% of the cost for planting a tree on your property - up to \$150 per tree and up to \$300 total per household. Any Montford property owner, renter or local organization may apply.

#### *Here's how to complete an application and receive reimbursement:*

1. Visit Montford.org and the "Links" pull-down tab for a copy of the grant application.
2. Complete and submit the grant application as instructed on grant form.
3. Wait for approval of grant.
4. Purchase and plant your tree/trees (or contract the project).
5. Send an email when project is complete of completion (to [lynn.raker@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.raker@gmail.com)).

When selecting your trees, think native. Native tree species, as an integral part of nature's food chain, are more beneficial to our ecosystem. A list of native canopy and understory trees, evergreen and deciduous, may be found at the end of in the Montford Historic District Design Guidelines: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1shfSDGJQ\\_r0cjzCrtLnh017Mg8GCip6F/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1shfSDGJQ_r0cjzCrtLnh017Mg8GCip6F/view).

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## Forever Montford

### WELCOME PACKET

#### Randy Hall

Forever Montford, a committee of the Montford Neighborhood Association (MNA) has created a Welcome Packet for new Montford residents. The packet contains information such as a brief history of Montford, a list of MNA board members along with contact information, Montford listserv, Montford newsletter, neighborhood parks, events (due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns, be sure to confirm event dates/times), restaurants, maps, volunteer opportunities and much more. Packets are being delivered by MNA board and Forever Montford committee members upon learning of new residents. Recipients of the Welcome Packet have shown great appreciation with one neighboring writing, "Looks like we lucked out in the neighbor and neighborhood department! I appreciate the history and local information. Well done, and thank you for your thoughtfulness." If you are new to Montford or know of a new resident, please



contact one of the below, and we will coordinate delivery of a Welcome Packet.

Randy Hall: [cpabanker@yahoo.com](mailto:cpabanker@yahoo.com)

Leslie Humphrey: [leslie@squarepeginc.net](mailto:leslie@squarepeginc.net)

Sherree Lucas: [sherree.l.lucas@gmail.com](mailto:sherree.l.lucas@gmail.com)

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## Generative Momentum

### By the Montford Community Club



We are grateful for the energy and generative momentum of the Montford & Stumptown Fund kickoff event at the Pearson Garden. Many thanks to everyone who attended and donated!

As we shared in the May newsletter, 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/Hill Street (census tracts 2 and 3). Justice-minded neighbors can join us in raising \$557,000 (the median cost of a home in Montford) by June 2022. Decisions about how the monies raised are invested will be made by current and former Black residents.



While addressing the impacts of centuries of systemic racial inequities must happen on a national scale, we also believe in the power of neighborhood level efforts to heal, repair, and restore. We are putting love into action where we live.

For more information about the fund (including a map with historical dates for context), to donate, and to get involved in this emergent effort, visit [montfordandstumptown.com](http://montfordandstumptown.com).



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## MONTFORD PARK PLAYERS

### Montford Park Players Presents Shakespeare's Rarely-performed *Pericles*

Produced by Montford Park Players  
at the Hazel Robinson Amphitheatre

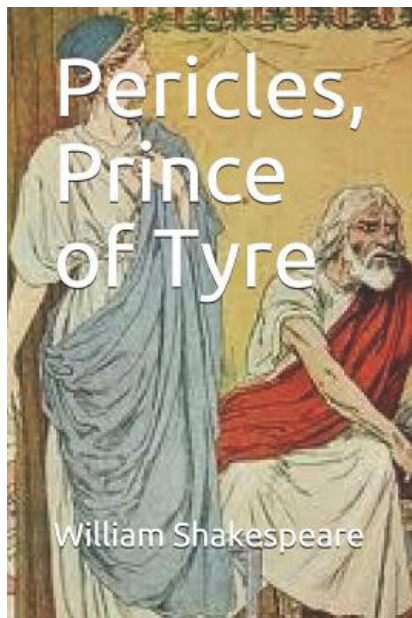
#### Show Dates:

September 3-12, 25, October 2, 8  
Friday, Saturday and Sunday @ 7:30pm

Hazel Robinson Amphitheatre  
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Montford Park Players, an Asheville theatrical tradition, is proud announce their upcoming production of the World Premiere of the grand adventure *Pericles* by William Shakespeare. The play will be performed in repertory with *Macbeth* and all performances will be at the Hazel Robinson Amphitheatre at 92 Gay Street in the heart of Asheville's historic Montford District. Dates for *Pericles* are September 3rd-12th, 25th, October 2nd and 8th, all on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings at 7:30pm. For safety, only those with tickets will be allowed at each performance.

Tickets are available at [montfordparkplayers.org](http://montfordparkplayers.org) and are, as always, FREE.



### Montford Park Players Presents the Great Tragedy of Shakespeare's *Macbeth*

Produced by Montford Park Players  
at the Hazel Robinson Amphitheatre

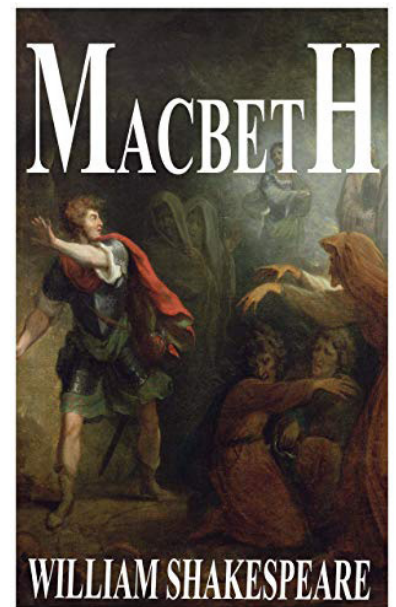
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### Montford Action Agenda 06/09/21

Present: Chair Emily Kite, William Eakins, Will Hornaday, James Vaughn, Maggie Brousaides, Sara Gardner, Stephanie West, Gail Lazaras, Sioux Oliva

Absent: Emily Spreng, Darin Waters

Staff present: Alex Cole, Avery Tew, Jannice Ashley

#### Item, Summary and Action

#### **90 Montford Avenue** (PIN 9649114539) -

Rebuild existing stone retaining wall along rear property boundary.

**Action**—Approved with conditions

**240 Pearson Drive** (PIN 9639848399) - Modify door and window openings on existing accessory structure; construct new section of 4' tall metal picket fencing in front and side yards; construct stone pillars adjacent to driveway and install 4' tall metal picket gates between.

**Action**—Continued

#### **23 Cumberland Circle** (PIN 9649048359) -

Construction of a new 2-story, 3,268 square foot primary structure.

**Action**—Approved with conditions

#### **119 Cumberland Avenue** (PIN 9649127798) -

Modifications to existing non-contributing structure to accommodate new residential use.

**Action**—Continued

### Montford Action Agenda 07/14/21

Present: Acting Chair Gail Lazaras, Sioux Oliva, Sara Gardner, Will Hornaday, Georgene Falcon, Stephanie West

Absent: Chair Emily Kite, Emily Spreng, Darin Waters, James Vaughn

Staff present: Alex Cole, Avery Tew, Jannice Ashley

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- Modifications to existing non-contributing structure to accommodate new residential use.

**Action**—Continued

#### **83 West Chestnut Street** (PIN 9649128919) -

Construct a two-story, 544 square foot addition on rear elevation. Applicant: Rob Moody

**Action**—Approved

#### **141 Cumberland Avenue** (PIN 9649136015) -

Preliminary subdivision recombination request to add a portion of the lot known as 141 Cumberland Avenue to the lot known as 77 Magnolia Avenue.

**Action**—Approved

### 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

These are what work for me and are minimally invasive to the environment.

Find what works for you and be thankful that DDT isn't part of our lives anymore. And that October is only two months away!!! Oh yeah and no cicada broods this year. ....

With all of the rain, my yard is covered in mosquitoes. As such I've been slathering on various citronella-based sprays. We also have Spartan mosquito eradicator "tubes". In addition to those two lines of defense, I'll spray Skintastic on my jeans and shirt(s). Finally, I use mosquito dunks or pellets containing *Bacillus thuringiensis*.

I, along with 25% of other adults per a Consumer Reports 2018 survey, don't use DEET due to unfounded potential toxicity. EPA, New England Journal of Medicine, Environmental Working Group, WHO and Consumer Reports have all deemed products containing DEET to be safe if used correctly.

I learned of a class-action lawsuit over Spartan mosquito eradicators pertaining to misleading statements. I also discovered that it's salt, sucrose, yeast & H2O. I'll be hacking those next year!

The biggest line of defense is removing leaves, vines and any other dense vegetation. Also, emptying saucers under pots or any other item that collects water and is a breeding ground for the bloodsuckers.



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