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Montford Lights!™

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December 4th

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Details on page 3

Dear Dylan,

I walk almost every day in the neighborhood and have watched the sinkhole on Montford Avenue as it continues to grow. What is going on and how it will be fixed?

— Signed Footloose

Dear Footloose,

Yeah, it is definitely the talk of the Neighborhood. Read about it in this issue on pages 4 and 5. Also, I'm guessing you are not signed up for the Montford Listserve.

Sign up for the Listserve here: <https://montford.org/montford-listserve/>

Maybe you are not a resident of Montford and can't get on the listserv. You can get the scoop from WLOS and *The Citizens Times* online. A web search will get you there too.



Ask Dylan

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Toddler Time at TAM—Mondays 10:00-11:45am from October 4-December 13. Designed to provide a fun and safe play learning environment for parents and children.

Montford Parent's Night Out—Friday 6:00-8:00pm on November 19 and December 17 Ages 7-11 years old. Let the Montford staff watch the kiddos the 3rd Friday of the month and give you a break. Each night will have unique and fun activities planned and led by staff for kids to enjoy.

Montford Youth and Pre-Teen Afterschool Programs—Monday-Friday from 3:00-6:00pm

Fun Day Out (School Work Days)—8:30-6:00pm October 25, November 11, and November 24

Holiday Camp for Youth—8:30-6:00pm December 20-23 and December 27-31

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Saturday, Dec. 4, 4:00-4:30 pm: Montford Park Players, Holiday Performance, Hazel Robinson Amphitheater, 90 Gay St.

4:30-5:00 pm: Parade led by Asheville HS Marching Drumline, Amphitheater to Montford Garden, Montford Ave. and Waneta St.

5:15 pm: Holiday Tree and Menorah Lighting, Montford Garden

5:30-6:00 pm: Asheville HS Holiday Brass Ensemble playing Seasonal Music

6:00 pm: Stroll through Montford and see Montford Lights!

Help make Montford festive for the Holidays. Decorate and turn on your lights on December 4, 2021. Looking forward to seeing you then!

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Montford's Sinkhole

Most of Montford's residents are aware of the sinkhole on Montford Avenue. It has been the subject of much discussion on the Community Listserve. WLOS, the Citizens Times and other media have reported on the story.

The following is from a letter sent by the Montford Neighborhood Association to our City Council. To see the original Document go to <https://montford.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Montford-Sinkhole-Nov-1-2021-2.pdf>.

To Mayor Manheimer, Members of the City Council, and City Manager Debra Campbell:

On behalf of Montford residents, we, the Board of the Montford Neighborhood Association, request your help concerning a sinkhole at 271 Montford Avenue.



This sinkhole opened in late July this summer, has grown considerably since then. It is now about 10-15 feet in diameter and 8-10 feet deep, and it is still growing. As shown in the pictures above, at the bottom of the sinkhole there seems to be a collapsed stormwater culvert. Heavy rains create a backup here, eroding and expanding the pit, damaging a neighboring property and the City sidewalk. If unchecked, it will soon impact Montford Avenue roadway and other houses and trees. Temporary barriers have been erected, but are not sufficient to protect pedestrians, motorists, or nearby properties. This dangerous situation is worsening each day.

The sinkhole began on private property, but has expanded into the public right-of-way. It is not clear on what caused it, but it appears that stormwater from Montford Ave is part of the issue. Regardless, the sinkhole exists, and it is a clear and present danger to people and property.

We understand from the City of Asheville website that the City is required by the federal Clean Water Act to "reduce stormwater infrastructure failures. . . , and reduce flooding on streets and private property. . ." <https://www.ashevillenc.gov/department/public-works/stormwater-services-utility/>

We encourage you to work to resolve this issue ASAP. Three months have passed, infrastructure is failing and flooding is increasing.

Please keep us informed on progress on this issue.

Respectfully,

Montford Neighborhood Association

Michael McDonough, President - Leslie Humphrey, VP - Dan Rogers, Secretary - Terry Peters, Treasurer
Ellen Nutter - Lynn Raker

Our Neighborhood Sinkhole

Marc Voorhees

The sinkhole at 271 Montford Avenue opened on July 22nd. Since then, many residents have driven by it and wondered about it. But most of us just assumed that someone (like the City) must be working to fix it. But when Nat Dickinson (who lives literally right on the edge of the sinkhole) described the situation at the October 27th MNA Meeting, it became very clear that that was a very bad assumption and a very bad situation. Little to nothing was happening. Since then...

- On October 28th, a plea was made on ListServ asking residents to voice their concern directly to City Council. And that prompted many emails to the City from Montford residents.
- On November 2nd, the MNA Board sent a letter to the City voicing their concern.
- John Boyle (a.k.a. The Answer Man) of the Citizen-Times was contacted and encouraged to investigate. He published his article on November 8th. It is a very good article which contains a lot of new information for the community. The article link is attached below.
- On November 8th, the City issued a response to all the above. *See the response to the right.*

After nearly four months, it is up to the reader to decide if this is a satisfactory response by the City. If you have an opinion, you are encouraged to contact Asheville City Council at AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov and the City Manager at dcampbell@ashevillenc.gov

John Boyle article: <https://www.citizen-times.com/story/news/local/2021/11/08/montford-sinkhole-fix-sight-whos-responsible/6291693001/>



Montford Avenue Sinkhole Response

The sinkhole in the Montford neighborhood is a result of the collapse or blockage of the existing century-old stone culvert that was most likely installed by the developer or property owner building the house at 271 Montford Avenue when they needed to build the driveway for the residence.

When the drainage infrastructure is on private property, it is the property owner's responsibility to maintain this infrastructure on their property. The City of Asheville is responsible for maintaining the stormwater infrastructure within the right-of-way on City maintained-streets.

Once the sinkhole developed, City's Stormwater Division personnel contacted the property owners to advise them this was on private property and would need to be fixed.

Since the sinkhole is in the immediate vicinity of the sidewalk, City of Asheville Stormwater staff have proactively barricaded off that portion of the sidewalk for public safety. Unfortunately, it may be somewhat of an inconvenience for pedestrians, but they should use the sidewalk on the opposite side of the road until such time as the sinkhole is repaired and the sidewalk on that side can be reopened.

The stormwater runoff from this entire drainage basin does enter four large storm drains. However, the collapsed stone culvert on private property has prevented the normal flow of this stormwater runoff. This has led to the water finding its own path underground, thus creating the sinkhole.

The property owner at 271 Montford has hired an engineering firm to design the repair of the drainage system on private property which will also then solve the issue of the sinkhole. The engineer has told the City plans for the work will likely be submitted to Development Services in mid-November.

The City of Asheville will make any necessary repairs to the roadway infrastructure such as the sidewalk once the private drainage system has been repaired and the sinkhole subsequently filled in.



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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Community Update for Nov. 9, 2021

Buncombe County COVID Trends Show No Major Change- Vaccination Remains Critical to Keep Moving in Favorable Direction

Buncombe County saw the COVID-19 case rate increase from 107 last week to 113 per 100,000 this week. The percent positivity has remained fairly constant for several days and is now at 4.4%, which is a decrease from 4.7% last week. It is likely that these trends will continue to go up and down with some plateauing as we continue the slow decline in transmission.

The death rate decreased with 4 deaths in Buncombe County residents reported in the last week, bringing the death rate per 100,000 to 1.5, down from 2.7 deaths last week. Hospitalizations continue to be low and are trending favorably at this time.

Please continue to monitor your symptoms and get tested if you have symptoms consistent with COVID-19. StarMed offers testing at Harrah's Event Center Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and on Sundays at A-B Tech from noon until 4 p.m. Testing locations can be found at Find My Testing Site NC.

Here in Buncombe County, the vaccination rate for total the population continues to slowly increase with 64% of the total population partially vaccinated and 61% fully vaccinated. With the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) authorization and last week the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendation that children 5 to 11 years receive a lower dose Pfizer vaccine. Buncombe County HHS and many other providers in our community began vaccine administration to 5 – 11 year olds last week with many providers coming online and outreach events scheduled for the coming weeks. BCHHS administered about 180 first doses to children 5 – 11 years old and an additional 90 parents/caregivers/adults received their first, second, or booster dose on Friday at the BCHHS COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic located at 40 Coxe Avenue.

Vaccine is available, including at doctor's offices, hospitals, local pharmacies and grocery stores. COVID-19 vaccines are free, regardless of insurance and immigration status and the only thing required for the pediatric dose is parental consent.

Stacie Saunders, BCHHS Public Health Director, urges parents to get their children vaccinated as cases of COVID-19 among children in the U.S. rose approximately 240% during the most recent surge. "The vaccine provides a safe, tested way to help keep school-aged children healthy and can help get kids back to safely being with their family and friends which will be especially important during the upcoming holidays." Please visit www.buncombeready.org for more information on local vaccination events and make plans today to get your children vaccinated..

Get more information here:

<https://www.buncombecounty.org/countycenter/news-detail.aspx?id=18543>

Community Through Kudzu

An Educational Greenway Maintenance Initiative

**Saturday November 27, 2021
10am - 1pm**

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Join Kudzu Culture, Montford Neighborhood Association, Urban Forest Alliance, and City of Asheville Parks and Recreation in this collaborative and educational maintenance initiative. Become an ecological steward in our community!

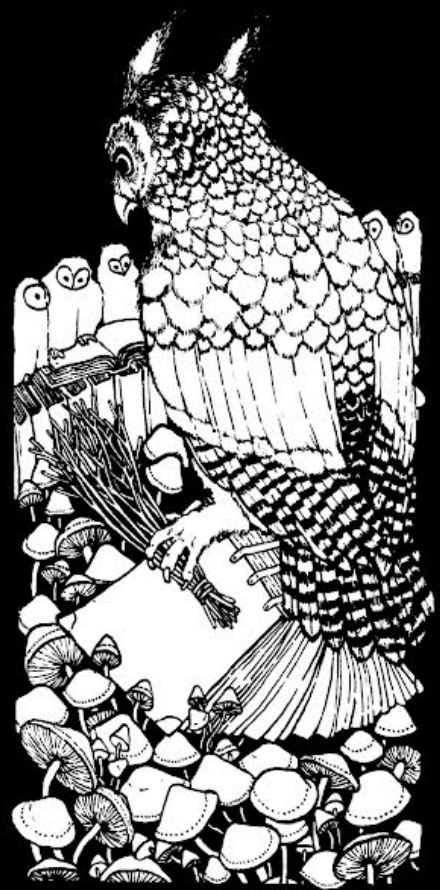
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**Volunteer Opportunity and
One Last Blast before the
Long Winter**

10:00am on Saturday, November 20th

Dear friends,

We have an Amphitheater to winterize and some beer to drink!

Starting at 10am in November 20th and continuing until we are done, we're taking down parts of the stage, throwing out a lot of the cumulative trash from the season and generally readying the grounds and stage-house for the off-season. We can use your help!

Skilled or unskilled, patron or member, we'd LOVE for you to join us for one last get-together for the sake of Montford Park Players. We'll be providing the lunch and the beer!

Bring gloves and any tools that might help, but even if you don't have, there's much we can use your help with.

We'd love to see you!

Many thanks in advance,
John Russell, Executive Director



**Historic Resources Commission of Asheville
and Buncombe County**

Montford Action Agenda 10/13/21

Present: Chair Emily Kite, Gail Lazaras, Emily Spreng, Stephanie West, Will Hornaday, James Vaughn, Sara Gardner, Sioux Oliva, Georgene Falcon, Shannon Watkins

Staff present: Shannon Tuch, Avery Tew, Jannice Ashley

Item, Summary and Action

37 Watauga Street (PIN 9639943578) - After the fact request to modify rear yard; construct a new 2-story, 1,152 square foot accessory structure; construct a 24' x 14' swimming pool and hot tub within a new 60' long patio entertainment area

area; construct two new sections of 8' retaining wall; construct new roof overhang on rear elevation of primary structure.

Action—Continued

HRC Application Portal

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

<https://develop.ashevillenc.gov/>

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

242 Montford Avenue and 246 Montford Avenue

Excerpt from:
*Doctoring & Development : The Houses
of Dr. & Mrs. T. E. Linn*

by Dale Wayne Slusser

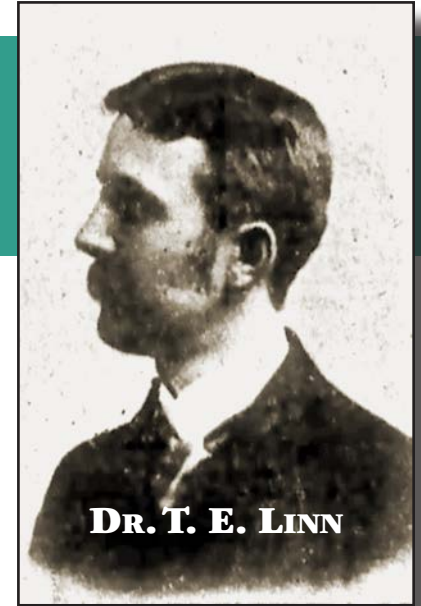
Read the complete article at:

<https://psabc.org/doctoring-development-the-houses-of-dr-mrs-t-e-linn/>

In an unpublished autobiography, Margaret Houston Linn Pritchard writes, that her father, Dr. Tisdale E. Linn, “thought there was no better investment than real estate,” and that besides wanting to invest in real estate to provide for his family, that her father also “had a dream of helping to develop Asheville, by having erected some very nice houses.” [1] Margaret additionally tells us that her “Mother shared this dream with him,” and that “they both had the ability to accomplish what they planned”.

[2] The houses built or remodeled by Dr. Linn and his wife are good examples of how Asheville’s historic neighborhoods were developed, mostly one house at a time.

Before completing their development on W. Chestnut Street, in 1899, Dr. & Mrs. Linn decided to begin a new development on Montford Avenue. In May of 1899, Dr. Linn purchased two lots, from George W. Pack (earlier developer of Montford) on the westside of Montford Avenue, between Cullowhee on the south and Waneta Street on the north. [18] The two lots were “hillside lots”, sloping down from the front to the back of the property. Appropriately, Dr. Linn hired Richard Sharp Smith to



DR. T. E. LINN



In 1899, Dr. & Mrs. Linn decided to begin a new development on the westside of Montford Avenue, between Cullowhee Street on the south and Waneta Street on the north. These two cottages, at 242 Montford Avenue (photo left) and 246 Montford Avenue (photo right) were designed and built concurrently. Rather than using the English-cottage style, architect Richard Sharp Smith chose to design the two houses in a more “modern” bungalow style, each with a single side-gabled roof with a single front dormer, overhanging a first-story front porch.

design two cottages, each with “walk-out” basements, to take best advantage of the sloping sites. The two cottages were designed and built concurrently. Rather than using the English-cottage style, architect Smith chose to design the two houses on Montford in a more “modern” almost-bungalow style, each with a single side-gabled roof with a single front dormer, overhanging a first-story front porch. I say “almost-bungalow” because, although the general shape and configuration is similar to the then budding American Arts & Crafts bungalow style, the detailing such as the shingled gables with their flared bottom course over a crown molding separating them from the siding below, as well as the multipaned window sash are design elements from the Shingle and Queen Anne styles. The May 13, 1899 edition of the Asheville Citizen Times announced that, “Contractor T. E. Davis will superintend the construction of two eight-room houses on Montford Avenue for Dr. T. E. Linn, on the lots recently purchased from Mr. Pack.”[19]

Although construction was completed on both cottages by the Spring of 1900, T. E. Linn was not able to rent out the cottages at first, due to an unforeseen development. Apparently while the two cottages were being built, or shortly thereafter, the city decided to regrade Montford Avenue. In November of 1900, following the latest Board of Aldermen meeting it was reported that, “Dr. T. E. Linn made complaint to the board about the two cottages of his on Montford Avenue, He stated that the houses were built on the old grade which he thought was a permanent one. That since the new grading had been done, one of his cottages was three or four feet and the other six feet below the sidewalk and that this condition of affairs had prevented him from renting them. After discussing the matter some time, it was referred to the street committee.”[20] Although I can find no resolution to Dr. Linn’s dilemma, I do find that by May of 1901, Dr. Linn was able to lease at least one of the cottages.[21] Also, today Montford Avenue is slightly lower than the front porches of each cottage. Both of the Linn cottages on Montford remain.

The 246 Montford Avenue cottage, although it appears much like its original appearance, is now a multi-family dwelling, having been divided into a few small apartments.

The house at 242 Montford Avenue changed hands numerous times over the years but has remained a single-family dwelling. In recent years Douglas and Theresa Baird purchased the house from William and Kathy Metcalf in 1992. In 2020, after Douglas passed, Theresa sold the house to Steven and Kimberly Kupres. The Kupres immediately started an extensive restoration project which resulted in a Griffin Award by the Preservation Society of Asheville & Buncombe County for its sympathetic restoration/rehabilitation [A1].

In June of 2021, Christa Sperling and Jeff Thomas purchased the newly restored house at 242 Montford, relocating from Brooklyn, NY to be closer to Jeff’s parents who live in Charlotte, and to enjoy all the outdoor activities Asheville has to offer. [A2]

Compiled by: Dale Wayne Slusser, October 2019

1. Memoir written by Margaret Linn Pritchard, “Just sweetly Haunted Houses”, Transcription 8/7/2003. -MS107.0016, Part 2, page 2.- Buncombe County Special Collections, Pack Memorial Library, Asheville, NC.
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18. 05/10/1899 George W & Frances Pack to T E & Sarah Linn LOT 24 25 BLK 10 BK 104 P 232 Db. 111/202.-. – Buncombe County Register of Deeds, Asheville, NC.
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- A1. Addition by Trudy Terry.
- A2. Addition by Christa Sperling.

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MNA Community Meeting

October 27, 2021

Michael McDonough called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

- The Tour of Homes committee is planning Montford Lights! to substitute for the cancelled Tour of Homes. All are encouraged to decorate for the holidays. Kick off is Saturday, December 4, starting at 4 pm, including Dickens' Christmas performance by Montford Park Players at Hazel Robinson Amphitheater, a parade led by the Asheville HS marching drumline to Montford Garden, where there will be a tree lighting, Asheville HS Holiday Brass Ensemble playing seasonal music and on-your-own stroll through the neighborhood to enjoy decorations..
- The tree planting incentive is still in place. Submit a grant application to Lynn Raker for approval prior to purchase and planting. The grant form is available on Montford.org.
- Kudzu Culture will hold an educational event Novmber 27, beginning at 11:00 at the Tempie Avery Center. Additionally, MNA is looking to start the kudzu eradication process in 2022 somewhere along the Reeds Creek Greenway.
- Tempie Avery Center continues their programs for the youth in our community. Center director Seth Jackson provided updates.
- Pete Wall from CoA Parks and Recreation and Rebecca Cipriano from Capital Projects presented updates on improvements proposed for Magnolia Park. The park will be shut down during the construction. We will advise on the timing when it is known.
- The bus shelter on the north end of Montford Avenue is complete. Thanks to Verge Apartments and UNCA for their monetary donations for the installation. Panels similar to the ones at Soco are in the planning stage.
- Speed cushions on Montford Avenue are still being discussed with the CoA. The cushions will slow down speeders but not drivers doing the speed limit. They also will allow emergency vehicles to traverse at any speed by straddling the cushions. Timing TBD
- MNA financials were discussed. We have money in the bank and strategic spending is to be discussed.
- Dan Rogers is the official representative of the Coalition of Asheville Neighborhoods for Montford.
- All current board members wish to continue with Ross Terry becoming an ex officio officer. The nominating committee suggests adding Randy Hall, Susan Eggerton, Karen MacNeil and Marc Voorhees. Voting will occur at our next meeting in January.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Rogers

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From the Vault: The Montford Newsletter 20 Years Ago!



OLD HOUSE FINDS NEW HOME

Before there was a Biltmore House, Richmond Hill or the Manor Inn, there was a simple, one-story cottage on Bailey Street (now Asheland Avenue) that ever since has provided a modest home to working families in the town of Asheville for well over 100 years.



The Preservation Society of Asheville and Buncombe County has moved the house, pictured above, from Asheland Avenue to Montford where it will be permanently located on Short Street. Due to the expansion of the Job Securities building on South Grove Street, this building, one of the last residences on Asheland Avenue, was in danger of demolition. The Preservation Society purchased the 1880's structure for \$10.00 from the developers and a lot on Short Street from Neighborhood Housing Services. The move took 8 hours and was an awesome event. Crews stood by to move traffic lights and wires out of the way. When the house is installed onto its new foundation an open house party will be sponsored by the Preservation Society. Look for announcements in the Citizen Times. The former resident, Ms. Macy Harrison, of the Asheland house has moved to Montford. We welcome her to the neighborhood. The house will be sold by the Society once it is on its new foundation.

For further information contact Alan Fleishel at 254-2343.

"Relocation is always a last resort for preservation, but we feel the house merits such action...Historic resources are irreplaceable. Once they're gone, they're gone forever."

Alan Fleishel

How it Began

When the Asheland property was purchased by BOC Enterprises of Asheville last year to expand the existing Employment Security Commission building on Grove Street, the Preservation Society was offered the house with the understanding they would move it. "Relocation is always a last resort for preservation, but we feel the house merits such action," said Alan Fleishel, executive director of the Preservation Society. "Historic resources are irreplaceable. Once they're gone, they're gone forever."

The Short Street lot is made up from two small land parcels purchased by the Preservation Society from Neighborhood Housing Services and the Housing Authority

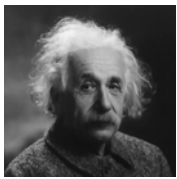
of the City of Asheville. In preparation for the move, Michael Hining Architects has completed a site plan and foundation design for the house when it arrives. The Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County supported and encouraged the relocation of the house to the historic Montford neighborhood by invoking flexible design standards, which helped the Preservation Society work out the difficult details at the new site.

Once moved, the house will be offered for sale. The buyer will agree to rehabilitate it and follow the design guidelines set out by the Historic Resources Commission for the Montford Historic District. This old house features a steeply pitched, cross-gable roof. With approximately 1,000 square feet, the house has had a number of minor alterations and additions but still retains its cross-shaped floor plan. There are three main rooms, a kitchen and a bathroom. A central chimney serves three fireplaces, all with their original wooden mantels. In the early 1900s, the house had a detached kitchen which is no longer visible on the Asheland property.

"This is not a grand house but was built as a working man's cottage," said Chris Slusher, Executive Director of Neighborhood Housing Services and a board member of the Preservation Society. "With the original residential neighborhood on Asheland all but lost, this historic house is a rare survivor from that time period. It will be a wonderful addition to Short Street as part of the redevelopment and improvement of that block in Montford." The cost to move the house will be around \$50,000. Even with that investment, the move makes economic sense, according to Fleishel. "It is a solid house built with quality materials and competes with any other older house on the market," he said. There are also historical and emotional merits to the cottage, according to Slusher, as many people in Asheville are familiar with the house and want something positive to happen to it. "There is a great deal of sentiment for this house," he said. "Change is an incremental process. Unless we look carefully every day at the changes around us, before we know it we have lost significant pieces of our community and heritage."



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Green Corner Mitch Russell

I emailed a few weeks ago about a new free composting program started by the City of Asheville. Did you know that almost 50% of our garbage in Asheville could be composted? This compostable organic matter in a landfill leads to methane, which is a contributor to greenhouse gas emissions.



There are three ways to compost locally:

- Starting your own backyard composting
- The free city program
- Paid pick up businesses like CompostAvl and CompostNow

Regardless of which route you take you'll be helping to reduce methane, helping reduce space in the landfill and creating a rich soil amendment.

Backyard composting

Build or purchase your own composter. Plenty of options online. You'll also want a countertop/under sink bin to collect scraps, but limited-no meat since you'll have unwelcome guests and subpar compost. You can compost any organic matter including leaves and yard waste.

City affiliated composting

Sign up online. Link at the end of this section.

Pick up a counter top/under sink bin from Stephens Lee Recreation Center, 30 George Washington Carver Ave, Asheville, NC 28801

Place food scraps, egg shells, paper towels etc into the bin & hang onto greasy boxes/to go containers that you may compost as well

Drop off at Stephens Lee Recreation Center, off of S Charlotte St, or the landfill in Alexander.

Go to this link to sign up, https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fzMKZKRG7iKjR5Q59vJWBmpkBnVfyKtps2LjXixn5qMY/viewform?edit_requested=true

Recap

Backyard composting is the most labor intensive and can attract unwanted guests, but produces an amazing soil amendment for free minus the composter and your time.

The city program is the cheapest, especially if combined with other errands in the area. The downside is having to drive to either place to drop it off.

Pick up composting is the most expensive, but the most convenient. It also gets dinged since they drive to pick it up.

Regardless of which way you choose to compost you'll be making a difference!

