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Happy St. Patrick's Day!



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Mark Your Calendar

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

Montford Glow Night - Basketball

March 26 from 6-9pm
Ages: 6-12

Community Access Art Night

March 18 from 6-8pm
Art Focus: Charcoal Drawing



Stretch and Grow Parent/Toddler Yoga

March 2, 9, and 16 from 10:00-10:30am
Age: 2.5-5

Messy Mornings Toddler Program

March 7, 9, and 11 from 11-12pm
Ages: 2.5-5

Tykes on Bikes

Wednesdays, March 2-April 16 from 10-10:45am
Ages: 3-5



Learn to Navigate Day Hike

March 27 from 9-5pm
Black Balsam

Montford Open Gym Basketball

Wednesdays and Fridays from 12-2pm
Closed: March 4 and 25

Montford Open Climbing

March 8 from 12-3pm
March 30 from 6:30-9:30 PM

Climbing Together - Women's Climbing Program

March 11, 18, and 25 from 6-8pm

Belaying Clinic

March 10 from 5-6pm

Learn 2 Climb

Mondays, February 28-March 21 from 12-2pm

4 on 4 Glow Basketball

March 19 from 5-7pm
March 26 from 3-5pm

5 on 5 Basketball

March 5 and 12 from 5-7pm

Asheville Women's Film Festival

March 30 from 6-8pm

An evening short film screening showcasing local female filmmakers. All proceeds will be donated to HELPMATE Domestic Violence Services.

<https://www.ashevilenc.gov/news/film-festival-to-benefit-helpmate-calls-for-works-from-local-women/>

(check out the city website for more information or if you are interested in submitting a short film)

You can use the QR attached if you would like to support HELPMATE.



For more Information Contact:

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ASK CLAN O’LEARY

Dear Clan O’Leary,

I thought about getting out of town to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day, but I wanted to check with you guys first. Is there anything to do in Asheville on St. Patrick’s Day? - Shane

Hi Shane,

Sounds like you are new to Asheville. Folks here are always looking for an excuse to celebrate and party. There’s no need to travel to Chicago or Savannah—lots to do here in the “Land of the Sky”.

MAR 10 - Dropkick Murphys - St. Patrick’s Day 2022 Tour is hosted at The Orange Peel.

MAR 12 - Green Mile Crawl: Asheville, NC is hosted at Registration Location: Daddy Mac’s.

MAR 16 - St.Patty’s Cookie Decorating is hosted at Catawba Brewing Company.

MAR 17 - 25th Anniversary Party at Dirty Jack’s is hosted at Dirty Jacks.

MAR 18 - 25th Anniversary Party at the Mansion is hosted at Green Man Brewery.

MAR 19 - The 5th Annual Lucky’s St. Patrick’s Day Crawl is hosted at Twin Leaf Brewery

MAR 20 - St. Patty’s Day Charcuterie Workshop hosted by Asheville Charcuterie Co. is hosted at Catawba Brewing Biltmore Village.

More here:

<https://allevents.in/asheville/saint-patricks-day#>

<https://www.eventbrite.com/d/nc--asheville/st-patricks-day-parade/>

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MNA Community Meeting

Virtual Meeting. February 23, 2022

Michael McDonough called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. Thanks to Randy Hall for hosting our virtual meeting. There were approximately 38 attendees.

- MNA is a 501c3 entity and as such, we are looking for an accounting professional to file our tax returns. Would love to have a volunteer but have money for payment. Please contact Terry Peters if you have any questions.
- The tree planting incentive program continues. MNA will reimburse 50% of the cost of purchase/planting up to \$300. Approval must occur prior to planting.
- The bus shelter at the North end of Montford Avenue is complete and in place. Thanks to UNCA and the Verge apartments for their financial support. The City of Asheville has awarded a plaque which we will display at the shelter. We also will display graphic panels (thanks Sharon Fahrner and Ross Terry) which should be available in a couple of months. Will plan to have

a celebration event when all pieces are ready. Thanks Lynn Raker and Randy Hall for your leadership with this effort.

- Montford Music and Arts Festival is in limbo for 2022. Ben Scales needs to have some volunteers step up and assist. The Festival could be smaller scale and more local. Contact Ben if interested.
- MNA has around \$65,000 in the bank so if one has ideas of improvements please present them to our board.
- We did have a nominating committee prepare a slate of candidates for board elections. The slate is: President - Michael McDonough, Vice President - Leslie Humphrey, Treasurer - Terry Peters, Secretary - Dan Rogers, At large - Lynn Raker, Ellen Nutter, Randy Hall, Susan Eggerton, Karen McNeil and Ross Terry (ex officio). The vote was unanimous for the slate.
- Marc Voorhees continues his leadership for speed cushions on Montford Avenue. The effort is on pause until the new fire station on Broadway is up and running and COA can establish new response times.

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There is discussion about adding an additional island for traffic calming along Montford Ave. The current calming measures on Montford Ave are in place due to collaboration of several parties with MNA taking the lead.

- Kudzu efforts continue with an event led by Kudzu Culture on April 2 and 3 from 1pm to 4pm. Meeting will occur at Cauble and Broadway location. The goal is to dig up the kudzu root crowns. The plan is to start near this location as a pilot program as kudzu eradication will be a long term effort. Thanks to Karen McNeil for her leadership on this effort.
- Hazel Robinson amphitheater music events were discussed. Several neighbors have noise and parking issues. Apparently the Montford Park Players are allowing amplified music vendors to use the facility which is not legal with COA. Another issue is music playing late at night from the children's playground. A meeting will occur with the new Parks and Recreation Director the week of Feb 28.
- The development along Broadway and Cauble has a virtual meeting scheduled March 2 at 5:00 with P&Z.

- Stumptownvideo interviews are found at monfordandstumptown.com/resources. Thanks to Ami Worthen and Jason Kreikel for their leadership.
- No Tour of Homes the last two years - maybe Dec 2022 so stay tuned. If no Tour of Homes there will be another Montford Lights like 2021 which was a big success. Plans are in place for another Garden Tour likely summer 2023.
- Sinkhole on Montford Avenue was discussed with no resolution announced. Expensive efforts are expected and the homeowner is liable.
- Someone mentioned concerns with HRC.
- Future community meetings will be held the 4th Wednesday of April, July, October and January, starting at 6:30 pm. Hopefully we will meet at Archetype Brewery on Broadway Street instead of virtual.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Rogers - Secretary



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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Community Update for March 1, 2022

COVID-19 Indicators Improving in Buncombe County

Buncombe County continues to see improvements in several local COVID-19 indicators. Compared to last week's 237 new cases per 100,000, the current Buncombe County COVID-19 case rate has dropped to 155 new cases per 100,000. Additionally, the percent positivity continues to decline from 12.2% in the week prior to 8.6% this week. New deaths have also decreased, with five new deaths being reported to the dashboard in the past week. This is a decline from 5.3 new deaths per 100,000 per week to 1.9 deaths per 100,000. Hospitalizations continue to drop with 5.0% of inpatient beds and 15.1% of ICU beds occupied with COVID-19 patients.

COVID-19 vaccinations continue to increase in Buncombe County with 69% of the total population having received at least one dose and 66% of the total population having received their full primary vaccination series. Public health

officials continue to encourage those not yet vaccinated to get the doses they need today and emphasize the importance of the booster doses as well.

Get more information here:

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



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Any Montford property owner, renter, or local organization may apply. Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Award of grants is at the discretion and funding availability of the MNA.

Although "fall is for planting", spring is a fine time too!

Find additional information and the grant application at [Montford.org](http://montford.org).

Click "Links" then "Tree Grant"

or go to this link: http://montford.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/TreeGrant_2019_1209.pdf



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Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

Montford Action Agenda 02/09/22

Present: Chair Emily Kite, Vice-Chair Emily Spreng (before 5:45), Gail Lazaras, Will Hornaday, Sara Groce, James Vaughn

Absent: Vice-Chair Emily Spreng (after 5:45), Stephanie West, Sioux Oliva, Georgene Falcon, Shannon Watkins

Staff present: Alex Cole, Shannon Tuch, Avery Tew, Jannice Ashley

Item, Summary and Action

43 Elizabeth Place (PIN 9649228855) - Construction of a two-story, 3,109 square foot primary structure.

Action—Approved w/ following conditions: that door specifications, revised site plan, revised front elevation drawing, and final color palette be submitted to staff for review and approval

265 Cumberland Avenue (PIN 9649045369)

- Modify multiple window and door openings and replace non-original vinyl windows on side and rear elevations; remove existing covering over rear entry and construct new deck with small hip roof covering.

Action—Approved w/ following conditions: that revised elevation drawings, floor plans, and manufacturer specifications for new doors and windows be submitted to staff for review and approval

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.

Spring Spruce up Day

Randy Hall

Our next neighborhood spruce up day will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2022, from 9:30 a.m. - noon. We will meet at the intersection of Montford and Soco. Please bring gloves, water to drink, rakes, and shovels. Let's enjoy fellowship with each other as we tackle common areas within our neighborhood.



Dear Go Local Loyalists,

Wow! February was such a busy month for us at Go Local! So much to share but I want to start with a big thank-you to all of those who supported Love Asheville Go Local month! Whether you visited an independent local business (multiple times hopefully!), played the #828 challenge on social media, downloaded and used the new smartphone app (we currently have 524 downloads and counting!), attended one of our free online classes taught by a local independent business member, bought a card for yourself, a family member, friend or neighbor, we appreciate you!



In addition to February being dedicated to our local independent businesses, it was also when we presented the first checks to the Asheville City Schools representing the 50% donations collected from 2022 Go Local card sales. I

am so excited to share that Go Local wrote checks totaling a record \$26,855.50 to the 9 schools and Asheville City Schools Foundation IRL program!

Based on conversations with our school coordinators, below is how some shared they plan to spend the monies:

- Asheville Middle School - AMS Sixth Graders will take a field trip to the Asheville Treetop Adventure Park this April. Students will have a chance to challenge themselves on over 77 unique climbing, rolling, walking, jumping, swinging and rappelling course activities. The funding from Go Local will help offset the costs of the field trip including transportation and entrance fees. The trip is an opportunity to build community and increase positive energy to finish the year off well. This will be the first field trip for all of the AMS sixth graders this year (and most likely, in the last 2 years!).

- Asheville Primary - Go Local funds will help support school shirts for all students, classroom materials, field trip requests, Teacher Appreciation activities, and end-of-year celebrations.
- Claxton Elementary - Funds are earmarked for their first-floor rotunda mural. Ian, a local artist who will paint the mural, will incorporate the ideas and artwork of about 120 Claxton students on the mural development. With left over funds, they'll support Claxton's Social Justice League efforts, which is a full-day training for all new Claxton staff.
- Hall Fletcher Elementary - The funds are being looked at for student/family support, teacher appreciation, helping to fund the Garden Director position, and if needed, to help underwrite the trip to Dallas, TX for the Hall Fletcher Robotics Team to participate in the World Championships.
- Lucy Herring Elementary - The funds will be used to support their school garden program. In conjunction with FEAST, this garden is the heart and soul of their School of Ecology. These donations also provide additional funds into teacher appreciation as a way of supporting teachers through this challenging year. And they provide direct support to students in the form of holiday meals, winter coats, and other items for students in need.
- Ira B. Jones Elementary - They're using the funds on their 3-5 playground, items such as playground equipment and tables to improve students' recess and outdoor experience.
- Isaac Dickson Elementary - Funds will contribute to the creation of a Serenity Garden. Due to COVID, more and more children are experiencing mental health issues and acting out in class. The garden can serve as a place to re-set in a safe and calm environment.



In addition, they've earmarked allocations to Teacher Appreciation Gifts and Emergency Funds for Families.

- Asheville City Schools Foundation - Funds are dedicated entirely to the IRL (In Real Life) after school program for all of Asheville City School middle school students.



This is merely a sampling of how proceeds are planned to be spent. Without exception, the coordinators have shared how important these funds are to the schools and how appreciative they are to be the recipients. As with most things in life, it takes a village to raise these funds. And to our village:

- Thank-you to our business partners who sell the cards. Their sales represented \$10,000 or 37% of the total contribution in February.
- Thank-you to our schools' PTO coordinators, school teachers and staff who spearheaded fundraising efforts using the cards.
- Thank-you to our over 550 business members who honor the card with discounts and perks and makes the card so valuable to our community.
- Thank-you to everyone out there who bought a card for yourself, your family, your friends, co-workers, and employees.

Without exception, you are all rock stars and we love you!

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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.

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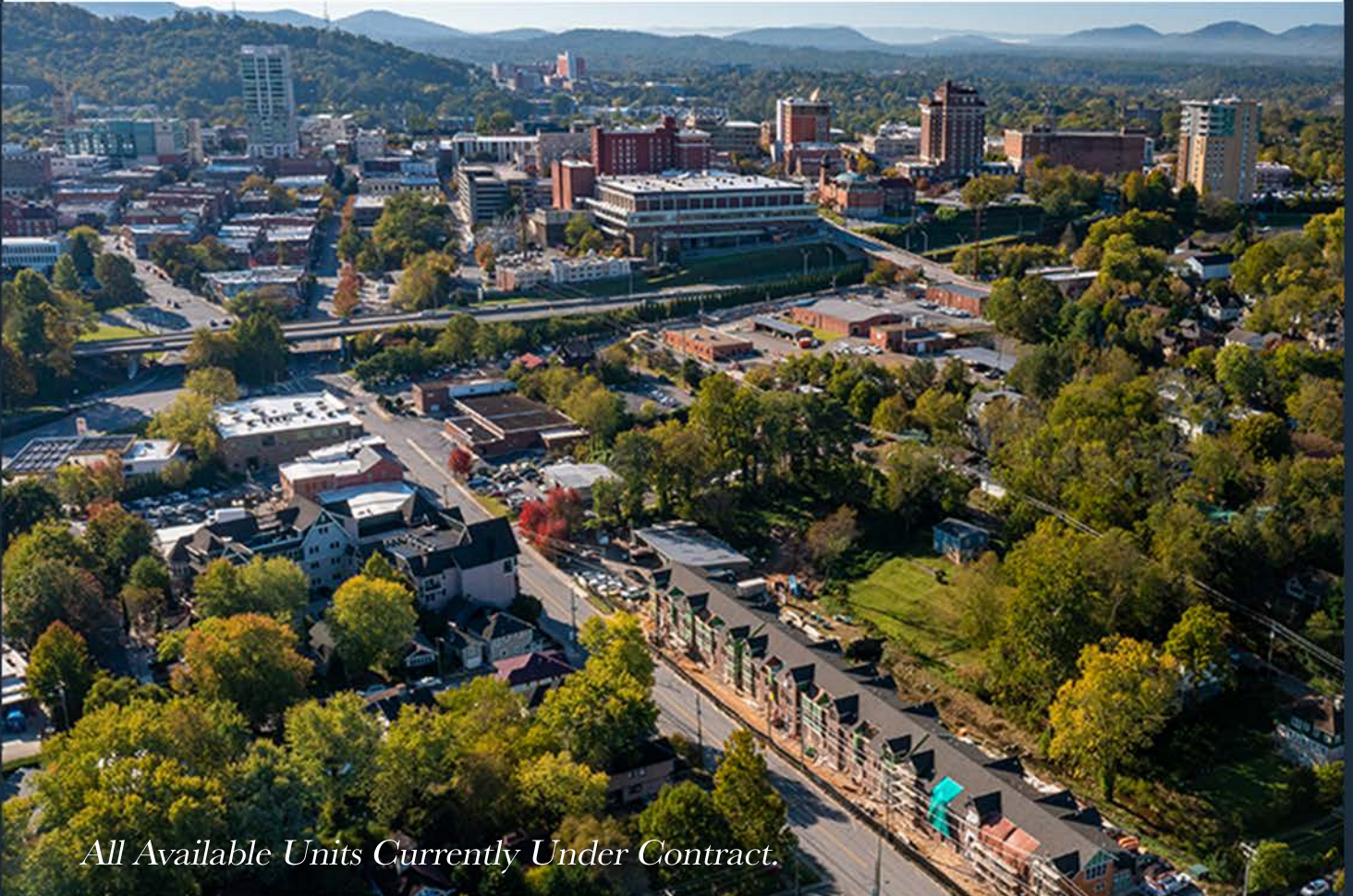
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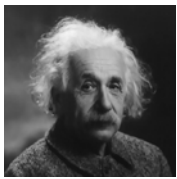
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<https://www.buncombecounty.org/governing/depts/library/branch-locations/pack-memorial.aspx>

Parking in the Civic Center parking ramp is free for the first hour. The library is also walkable from the Montford neighborhood.

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Saturday April 2 + Sunday April 3
1 - 4pm daily

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Green Corner Mitch Russell

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Luckily there were people, mainly men, who understood at some level the importance of preserving landscapes and wildlife for public access. In rural and urban areas our national parks provide wildlife corridors for a variety of wildlife. They obviously provide us humans with opportunities to interact with nature and hopefully comprehend the benefits of nature.

As most of you know we are sandwiched between two amazing National Park Service sites, the Blue Ridge Parkway and Great Smoky Mountain National Park. I saw my first bears, a sow and cubs, climbing up a tree one February just before the Tanbark Ridge tunnel with my son. I’ve seen a bobcat, deer, rattlesnake, while riding my bike-yikes!, and countless birds on the Parkway. People from around the region and country can be found birding during spring on its shoulders.



Take a little, or a lot of, time in the coming day(s) to celebrate the establishment of Yellowstone as the crown jewel of our National Park Service by driving or recreating on/along the Parkway or Great Smoky Mountain National Park or any of the other close NPS sites including, obviously, Montford, Riverside Cemetery or other area historic sites.

*National Park Service

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