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TEMPIE AVERY MONTFORD CENTER

AUGUST CALENDAR!**Montford Toddler Water Days**

August 6 and September 3, 10:00-12:00 PM

Messy Mornings Toddler Program

September 1 11:00-12:00 PM,

Painting Projects Day

\$5

Learn 2 Climb - Day

Session Tuesdays, August

30 - September 13, 12:00-1:30 PM, \$20

**Learn 2 Climb - Evening Session**

Fridays, September 2 - 16, 6:00-8:00 PM
\$20

Afterschool

Starts August 29, Monday-Friday
3:00-6:00 PM

**Cultivating Abundance
Year Round Gardening
Workshop w/ Lynx
(Bountiful Cities)**

August 24 4:00-7:00 PM,
Free for the Community

**Tempie Avery
Montford Center
Car Show**

September 10,
5:00-7:00 PM
Free for the Community



Fresh Start Kindergarten Camp, August 29 - September 2, 9:00-2:00 PM, \$10

For more Information Contact:

Seth Jackson

Recreation Facility Manager

Tempie Avery Montford Center

Asheville Parks and Recreation


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Thank You!

The Montford Neighborhood Association (MNA) acknowledges people who have contributed article content, photographs, research, and advice making this Newsletter possible. This list would take up several pages if we researched the archive. This list just covers 2018 to the present. Please let us know if we missed anyone.



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A Special Thank You!

We would like to acknowledge the people who made the **Bus Shelter Montford Timeline** possible. The panels are finished but we are waiting on the printing and installation. Watch the Listserve for up dates. ~ Sharon Fahrner and Ross Terry

Lynn Raker	Michael McDonough	Trudy Terry	Marcia at Henco North
Randy Hall	Lenora Randolph	Joe Newman	
Oralene Simmons	Buncombe County Special Collections at Pack Memorial Library	the Montford Neighborhood Association board	
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Community meeting minutes

July 27, 2022

Michael McDonough called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm at Archetype Brewing on Broadway Street. Approximately 50 neighbors were in attendance.

- Randy Hall detailed the strategic plan efforts and the four main components of the plan: Community Enhancement, Neighborhood Character & History, Recreation, and Trees & Natural Features.
- Lynn Raker detailed the tree grant option - up to \$300 reimbursement for planting trees.
- Karen MacNeil detailed the invasives effort including the Raven Invasive management option. We will likely try to apply for CoA matching grant of up to \$5000. Montford would have to match with money, sweat equity, or in-kind donations. Meredith Stroud spoke on ECO (Bob Gale the principal) and Karen will reach out to speak with Bob. Leslie Mullen on Bearden had success with kudzu.
- APD Lt. Brian Griffin spoke. He is part of the community engagement division. He stated that many of the violent shootings in Asheville have been near housing units. APD is down 40% in staffing. He discussed the many homeless camps in Asheville,

especially on Cherry Street. Still no suspect yet on the assault on Pearson - vehicle was a gold Honda. Fires are an issue on South Montford Avenue and are likely caused by vagrants (Code enforcement is the driver for fires). If you see an issue, try to reduce anonymity by addressing the person but do not try to handle it by yourself. If you see someone pulling door handles on cars call the non emergency hotline at (828) 252-1110. Discussed speeding and stated that hard to patrol with staffing so reduced - Montford Avenue is likely bound for speed cushions - waiting on CoA emergency response from the new fire station on Broadway. Email concerns about homeless, etc. to apdcommunit...@ashevilleinc.gov.

- Seth Jackson detailed efforts at Tempie Avery Center. Contact him with any questions.
- MNA has nearly \$57K in the bank for activities. Part of the efforts with strategic planning is to smartly find ways to invest in our neighborhood.
- Susan presented her intention to approach HRC to modify guidelines about putting additions on one's residence. Asked for interest from others and their possible concerns for other guidelines.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Rogers - Secretary



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Jazz in Montford Garden

by Merissa Gail Walkenstein,
Panola Street

The Montford Jazz Band played at Montford Garden (257 Montford Ave.) on July 24th. This is a talented group of high school musicians who were playing their last neighborhood 'concert' before 3/4ths of them head off to college and conservatory.

The group features my son, Ben Gregory, on piano, Walker Whitley on drums, Sara Nell Chase on bass, and Henry Candler on trumpet. Ben grew up on Panola St and was a dedicated member of the band program at SILSA/Asheville High. He will be attending the Miles Davis Jazz Studies Program at UNC Greensboro.

With the giant sink hole having just gotten filled in, it was a special time to celebrate using the garden. Many thanks to Randy for mowing, and next door neighbors Matt & Sarah for providing power!



Jazz Band cranking out the tunes.



Neighbors Randy Hall and George Zourzoukis enjoying the Concert.



Sink Hole: Before and After - Yay!



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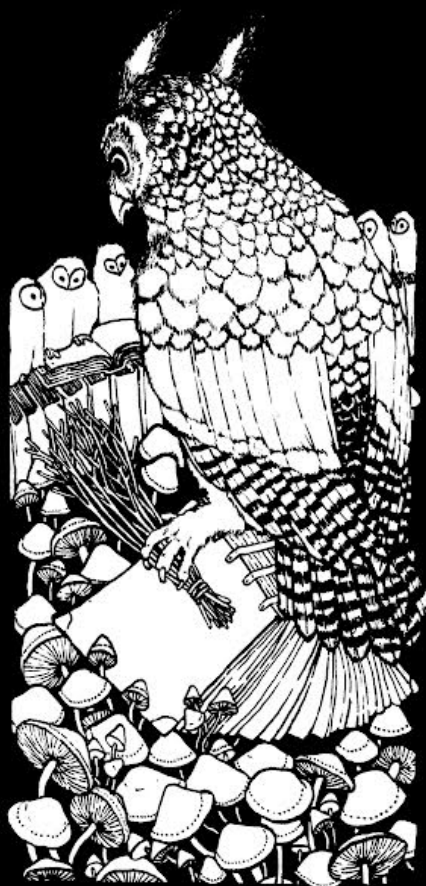
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Remember, Fall is for planting!

Find additional information and the grant application at Montford.org. Click "Links" then "Tree Grant"

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



Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

Montford Action Agenda 07/13/22

Present: Chair Emily Kite, Gail Lazaras, Sara Groce, Shannon Watkins, Shelly Jackson

Absent: Vice-Chair Emily Spreng, Will Hornaday, Sioux Oliva, Stephanie West

Staff present: Alex Cole, Avery Tew, Jannice Ashley

Item, Summary and Action

I317 Cumberland Avenue (PIN 9649044736) - Preliminary subdivision approval request to divide an existing 0.68 acre lot into two new lots.

Action—Approved

249 Cumberland Avenue (PIN 9649140200) - Preliminary subdivision approval request to divide an existing 1.35 acre lot into two new lots

Action—Approved

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.

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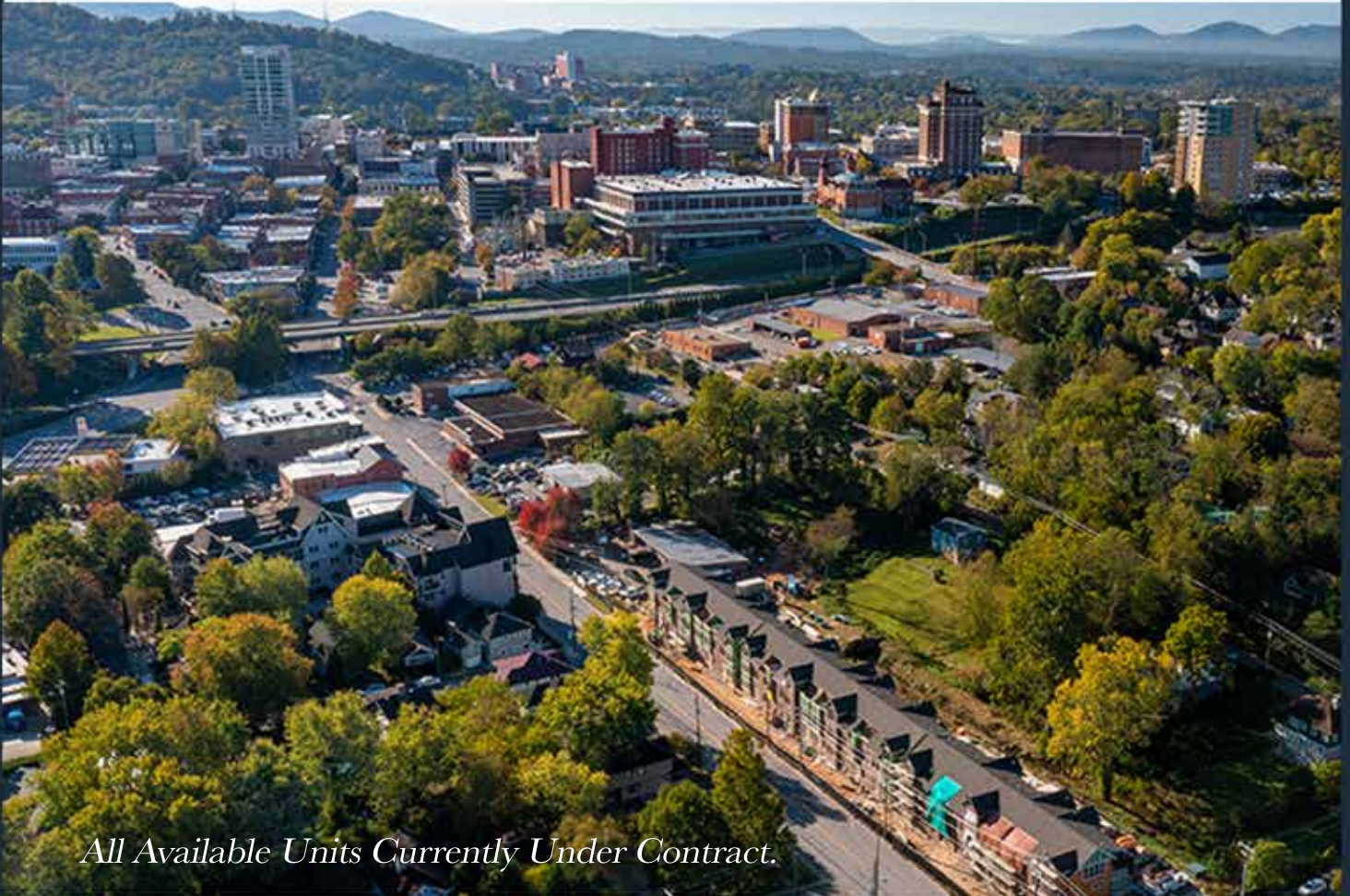
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*Forever Montford***WELCOME PACKET****Randy Hall**

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.

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Montford Park Players Brings the Action with The Three Musketeers

by Catherine Bush

Produced by Montford Park Players
at the Hazel Robinson Amphitheatre

Show Dates:

August 19-September 17 Friday,
Saturday and Sunday @ 7:30pm

Hazel Robinson Amphitheatre 92 Gay St. Asheville, NC

Montford Park Players, an Asheville theatrical tradition, is proud to announce their upcoming production of the action/adventure/comedy *The Three Musketeers*. All performances will be held at the Hazel Robinson Amphitheatre at 92 Gay Street in the heart of Asheville's historic Montford District, from August 19th through September 17th on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings at 7:30pm. In the effort of safety, only those with tickets will be allowed at each performance and, although not required, masks are recommended. Tickets are available at montfordparkplayers.org and are, as always, FREE.

The plot centers on d'Artagan, a young man with aspirations of joining the elite Musketeers. Having just arrived in Paris, he antagonizes and then befriends the three greatest of the Musketeers - Athos, Porthos and Aramis. Not yet able to join the corps himself, he nonetheless gets drawn into a dubious plot by Cardinal Richelieu to undermine the Queen of France and the English Duke of Buckingham. There is much scheming, swordplay and silliness to be had before everything gets resolved.

Director Rodney Smith has been directing all over Asheville for years, having worked with Different Strokes Performing Arts Collecting, Attic Salt Theatre Company and The Magnetic Theatre, but he considers this to be his crowning achievement. As he said, "I have loved this story, in almost all its versions, since I was a kid. The opportunity to bring my own vision of it to the stage ranks in the top three on my theatrical bucket list."

Smith continued, "We are looking to create a live-action summer blockbuster movie for the stage. Stunning, original costumes, huge set pieces filled with swordplay and dance, wrapped in an immersive soundtrack will take you out of your seat, and into the play."

The Three Musketeers is appropriate and bound to be a great time for the entire family! Come out for all of the swashbuckling fun!

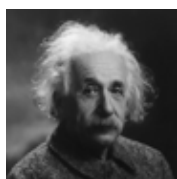
Montford Park Players has been presenting Shakespeare and other classical works to the Asheville community since 1973 and has since grown to be one of Western North Carolina's most beloved and well-known cultural attractions.

For more information or to obtain tickets, go to montfordparkplayers.org, or call (828) 254-5146.





Pack Memorial Library 67 Haywood Street in downtown Asheville



“The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library.”
—Albert Einstein

Are you new to the neighborhood or has it been a long time since you last visited Pack Memorial Library in downtown Asheville? There are endless resources to explore or to discover:

- **Over 150,000 items available for browsing and lending.** These resources include books, periodicals, CDs, DVDs, and research materials. The library also participates in statewide resource sharing and offers inter-library loans.
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- **Bookends Used Bookstore offers bargain prices for a wide variety of books and media, including vintage and collectible materials and bestselling fiction.** Proceeds from the sales benefit the library programming.

For more information, visit the library or their website:
<https://www.buncombecounty.org/governing/depts/library/branch-locations/pack-memorial.aspx>

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Black bears have relatively short, curved claws (often under 2 inches) that are well adapted for climbing trees and tearing into rotten logs in search of insects. They’re also well-suited for opening lever-style handles and sliding doors, unscrewing jar tops, opening coolers and picnic baskets and pushing up unlocked windows.



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Black bears are strong enough to peel down a window that’s open an inch or two and flexible enough that even large bears can crawl through an open window if they see or smell something interesting inside. Research shows that leaving your window cracked open only drops the temperature inside your vehicle by a degree or two, but makes it much easier for a bear to pop out the window to get inside.

Bears are very smart and very strong, and many trapped bears have no problem clawing their way out of the average vehicle. But fur coats are better at keeping bears hot than cool. When temperatures soar, the interior of a car can get hot enough to kill a trapped bear in a matter of minutes.

Even if the bear does manage to get out, many wildlife management agencies have firm policies that dictate that bears that enter homes and/or vehicles must be destroyed.

TIP: Many insurance policies do not cover wildlife damage to vehicles or homes.

Does your home have doors or windows? Is there a fridge in your garage?? Read The Full Article:

<https://bearwise.org/the-two-second-solution-that-keeps-stuff-safe-and-bears-wild/>



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