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**Join us again this year
and Kick-Off our 2022
Holiday Season with
MONTFORD
LIGHTS!**

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**Montford
Lights!™**

*Kick-Off
4 pm Saturday,
Dec. 10, 2022*

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MONTFORD UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

December 2022

Stretch and Grow—Parent and toddler yoga class that works on balance and increasing motor skills. Thursdays, December 1, 8, and 15 from 11:00am - 11:30am, Ages: 3-5 and parent, \$5 per class.

Bricks 4 Kids—An imagination based program where kids will be challenged each week with a new theme to build out of Legos. Fridays, December 2, 9, and 16 from 6:30pm - 7:30pm, Ages: 7-12.

Holiday Camp—December 19-22 and 27-30 from 8:30am - 6:00pm, Kindergarten - 5th Grade, \$40 per child.

January 2023

Messy Mornings—Intentionally designed to get you and your toddler messy. January 10 (Let's Paint), 17 (Slime Time), and 24 (Marshmallow Dance Art), 2023 from 11:00am - 12:00pm, \$5 per class.

Fun Day Out—January 16 and 25, 2023 from 8:30am - 6:00pm, Kindergarten - 5th Grade, \$5 per day

For more information contact:

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The Montford Neighborhood Association

Invites You to Join us again this year to make Montford Festive and Kick-Off our 2022 Holiday Season with MONTFORD LIGHTS!

Saturday, Dec. 10, 4:00-4:30 pm: Montford Park Players, Dickens' Christmas, 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 and Drum 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 10, 2022. Looking forward to seeing you then!

Some People-Places Make Great Bear Dens

You're probably not surprised that a nicely hollowed out tree, dense thicket or handy cave might appeal to a bear in search of a winter den. But did you know the big pile of brush in your backyard, the crawl space or storm cellar you forgot to seal up for the winter or the shed full of gardening tools and supplies can be just as—or even more—appealing?



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Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

Montford Action Agenda 10/12/22

Present: Vice-Chair Emily Spreng, Gail Lazaras, Will Hornaday, Sara Groce, Shannon Watkins, Maria DeIsasi

Absent: Chair Emily Kite, Sioux Oliva, Shelly Jackson, Amy Moxley

Staff Present: Alex Cole, Avery Tew, Jannice Ashley

Item, Summary and Action

265 Cumberland Avenue (PIN 9649045369)

- Construction of new one-and-a-half, 1,108 square foot accessory structure; repave existing driveway and construct new paved parking/turnaround area in side yard. Applicant: Andrew & Jennifer Ayala.

Action—Approved with conditions

311 Cumberland Avenue (PIN 9649044731)

- Construction of new two-story, 4,375 square foot primary structure and 1,568 square foot accessory structure. Applicant: Aaron Wilson.

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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The Montford Neighborhood Association will contribute up to 50% of your cost for planting a tree on your property - up to \$150 per tree and up to \$300 total per household.

Since September 2019, the MNA has helped fund 65 trees, awarded \$3,800 for tree planting, and leveraged over \$15,000 worth of tree planting projects. 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.

Remember, Fall is for planting!

Find additional information and the grant application at Montford.org.

Click "Links" then "Tree Grant"

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Montford Neighborhood Association

Community Meeting October 26, 2022

Michael McDonough called the meeting to order at 6:40. About 40 persons were in attendance.

The next community meeting will be held on January 25, 2023.

- The MNA board has been working to amend the by-laws. If approved, term limits will impact three current board members.
- The MNA will present a slate of nominees for the board in the January meeting. We are actively seeking out potential candidates. Please email mnaboard@montford.org if you are interested, or would like to suggest a candidate.
- Treasurer's report: Our budget for 2022 shows a negative amount due to no fundraising activities during the year. Terry Peters provided a handout with the information. The MNA bank account has a balance of over \$57K.
- Ben Scales states that the Music and Arts Festival committee will begin meetings in November with the idea for a Festival in May 2023.
- Music at the Hazel Robinson amphitheater was discussed. Kyle Davies of Plugged in Productions detailed the efforts with the City of Asheville to obtain approval to have for-profit events. He discussed complaints and PIP efforts to mitigate them. Tony Micocci had many objections and floor time to address.
- Karen MacNeil worked to obtain a grant from the COA to begin the eradication of kudzu along the greenway. Raven and Kudzu Culture would be our companies of choice for this effort. The grant (\$5000) has to be matched by money, effort, and time.
- Montford Lights is scheduled for December 10 at 4 pm. There will be a Montford Park Players performance at Hazel Robinson Amphitheater. Then the Asheville High

drum line will lead the group to the Montford Garden for the tree-lighting ceremony and AHS Band concert.

- The Montford Garden was discussed and the consensus was that MNA will investigate leasing the Garden from the COA. We want to improve the Garden and we have some schematics to consider for the improvements. LaZoom has donated \$1000 to this endeavor.
- Tree grant remains in place and one may receive up to \$300. Fall is a perfect time to plant trees. Do put in the application first for approval.
- The Garden Tour in 2021 was very successful and plans are for a Tour to occur on June 3, 2023. 10:00-4:00. Nine owners have committed to allowing their gardens to be viewed. There are plans for music to occur at the Montford Garden during the event.
- Halloween trick or treating occurred on October 31.
- Marc Voorhees presented information on crime statistics in Montford. He is advocating for off-duty officers to work a couple of four-hour shifts in Montford to see if this can move the needle. Biltmore Park does this and they are satisfied with the results. More discussion to occur.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15. Thanks to Archetype Brewing Company for allowing us to use their space for our meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Rogers - Secretary





"Let us remember that,
as much has been given us,
much will be expected from
us, and that true homage
comes from the heart as well
as from the lips, and shows
itself in deeds."

- Theodore Roosevelt



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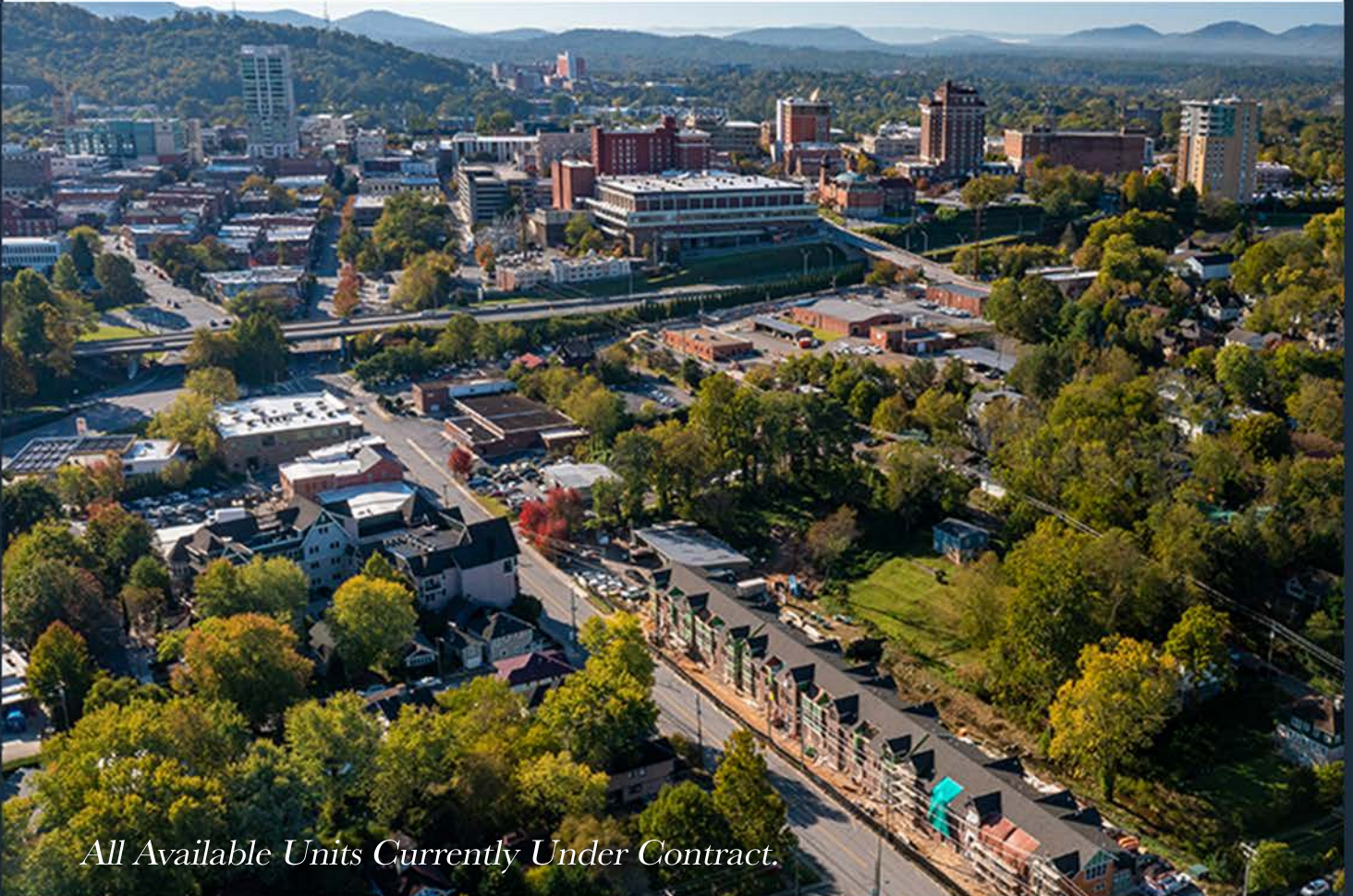


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WELCOME PACKET

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.

Randy Hall: cpabanker@yahoo.com

Leslie Humphrey: leslie@squarepeginc.net

Ashima Nair: ashimanair@gmail.com

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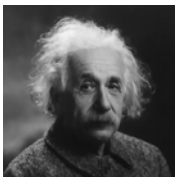
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James Redmon raking leaves on Cumberland Circle. November 1960.



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.
- **Free internet access, public computing, and Wi-Fi.** Photocopy and printing services are available for a small fee.
- **Free laptop and hotspot lending program.** Laptops and hotspots are now available for a free 30 day loan with a library card.
- **Free tickets to local attractions.** Use your library card to sign up for Zoom passes, which are free tickets to local attractions like the WNC Nature Center, the NC Arboretum, or the Asheville Museum of Science.
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- **A vibrant and inviting children's library.** The library has books for all ages and reading levels, and board games, and sporting equipment available to lend.
- **Thousands of unique local historical records, photographs, maps, and memorabilia.** The Buncombe County Special Collections Library provides researchers the resources and expertise they need to understand and interpret the history of Western North Carolina.
- **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>

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



Get your Montford Banner

Three colors to choose from: red, green, and mustard yellow. They are available at the Asheville Visitor Center, 36 Montford Ave.
(828) 258-6101

Green Corner

Erin Hiatt

In last month's column, we did a deep dive into some lesser known recycling options in the Asheville area. This month, we'll explore how refill supports reducing and reusing.

Asheville is fortunate to have several businesses that offer refill/bulk options. Bulk may bring to mind Costco's "stock up" trips for giant quantities, but in reality one of the benefits of refill is that you get exactly as much as you need. Maybe you need a spice for one recipe - why not get it fresh and just in the amount you need? Or get a small amount of a product to see if you like it before committing to more. Second, an environmental benefit of these options is that you help reduce demand for single-use plastic packaging by bringing your own clean and empty container (though most places have options for purchase if you need them!).

Refill 101

Tare: The weight of your container (Tupperware, bag, jar, etc.) when it is empty. Use a scale at home or in-store to weigh empty and write the tare weight on the container,



a sticker, or a piece of paper. When you go to pay, let the cashier know the tare and they will subtract the weight of the container when they weigh the product.

PLU: Stands for Product Look Up. Typically a number is on the bulk container, so the cashier knows what product is in the container. Write the PLU on the container, a sticker, or a piece of paper. When you go to pay, let the cashier know the PLU and they will use that to know the cost by weight of the product.

Local Options

French Broad Co-Op

<https://frenchbroadfood.coop/the-bulk-basics/>

Consumables: Spices, herbs, grains, beans, sugars, flowers, dried fruit, nuts, tea, coffee, oil, vinegar.

Several cleaning items.

Ware Asheville

<https://www.wareavl.com/pages/ware-refill-station-asheville>

Cleaning supplies: Laundry, kitchen, bathroom cleaners of all varieties, baking soda, citric acid.

Personal care: Shampoos, conditioners, lotions, body wash, soaps, sunscreen, toothpaste/mouthwash tabs, shower steams, Epsom salt, hand sanitizer.

West Village Market

<https://www.westvillagemarket.com/bulk-gallery>

Consumables: Spices, herbs, grains, beans, nuts, coffee, tea, DIY nut butters, honey.

Various cleaning and personal care.

To the Brim Refill Store

<https://www.tothebrimrefill.com/products>

Cleaning supplies: Laundry, kitchen, and bathroom cleaners of all varieties.

Personal care: Shampoos, conditioners, lotions, toners, body wash, soaps, toothpaste tabs, and other various plastic-free goods.

Happy refilling! As always, if you have an addition or suggestion, let me know at:

montfordgreencorner@gmail.com.



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