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## Seasons Greetings Montford!

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Montford  
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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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## Removing Kudzu

**Karen MacNeil**

Workshop Abstract: Kudzu Culture is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that reconnects people with kudzu while growing a regenerative kudzu economy in the Southeastern United States. Kudzu Culture partners with stakeholders like Urban Forest Alliance to host educational, hands-on workshops that teach community members how to responsibly and effectively interact with kudzu. The kudzu growth existing along the Reed Creek Greenway and adjacent treeline negatively affects native species and must be eradicated. The goal of Kudzu Culture, Urban Forest Alliance, MNA, and other stakeholders is to strategically remove sections of kudzu growth through a multi pronged approach that includes private contracted removal and ongoing community hands-on removal occurring during seasonal workshops. Community removal, facilitated through Kudzu Culture workshops, circulates removed biomass into crafts and products like baskets, wreaths, paper, wovens, and non-woven materials. Biomass will also be processed into fertilizer and mulch that can be fed back into the site.

## Winter: “Weaving Birdhouses from Kudzu Vines”

**February 26, 1-4pm** (part of Invasive Awareness Week)

Learn to identify kudzu vines when the leaves are dormant; Harvest old-growth vines and runner vines for bird houses, basketry, woven fencing, and wreath making; Hot kudzu root tea samples will be served.

## Spring: “Ephemerals in the Kudzu”

**April 29, 10am-1pm**

Learn to identify young kudzu growth shoots; Harvest shoots; Identify and mark clusters of native ephemeral species emerging in kudzu growth; Pickled kudzu shoot snack samples will be served.

## Summer: “Kudzu Blossom Harvest”

**August 5, 10am-1pm**

Learn to identify kudzu blossoms and how to prevent seed pod development; Harvest kudzu blossoms; Kudzu blossom drink samples will be served.

## Fall: “Making the Mulch of Kudzu”

**November 5, 1-4pm**

Learn how to “chop and drop” kudzu to make mulch, compost tea, and other materials for farming and gardening; Hot kudzu root tea samples will be served.

Ask questions and learn more by contacting Karen MacNeil at [urbanforestalliance@gmail.com](mailto:urbanforestalliance@gmail.com).



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*Montford*





We had a great turnout this year for what is now a Montford Holiday tradition. *A special thanks to Ellen Nutter and her Elves for making this happen.*



# Montford Lights!™

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## Timeline Installed

History panels have now been installed on the bus shelter at the north end of Montford Avenue. A big shout out to Lynn Raker and Ami Worthen for critical input on this project and to the stars, Sharon and Ross, for pulling it all together. We will create a sign acknowledging MNA partners, UNCA, Verge Apartments and City of Asheville. A ceremony celebrating this collaborative effort will be held at a later date.

~Randy Hall



## Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

### Montford Action Agenda 11/09/22

**Present:** Chair Emily Kite, Vice-Chair Emily Spreng, Will Hornaday, Sioux Oliva, Maria DeIsasi, Amy Moxley

**Absent:** Sara Groce, Shannon Watkins, Shelly Jackson

**Staff Present:** Alex Cole, Avery Tew, Jannice Ashley

### Item, Summary and Action

#### 311 Cumberland Avenue (PIN 9649044731)

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

**Action**—Approved with conditions

**75 Cherry Street (PIN 9649216687)** - Modify existing window and door openings and construct two-story deck on rear elevation; remove four (4) mature trees.

**Action**—Approved with conditions

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#### 74 Pearson Drive (PIN 9649023937) –

Replace seven (7) non-original vinyl windows with new wood windows; replace brick steps in front yard with concrete; rebuild existing concrete steps at rear elevation; remove one (1) invasive tree of heaven in rear yard.

**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](http://www.ashevillenc.gov)) for the full approved minutes after the following month's meeting.

## Resource Directory

### Historic Walking Tours

Stroll the neighborhood or downtown. Walking tours of historic Montford, Riverside Cemetery, Biltmore Village and downtown Asheville, call 777-1014.

### Smart Feller Tree Works

• Ira Friedrichs • 545-5503 (NEW cell) • irafriedrichs@gmail.com.

Down trees got you down? Contact us for all your tree removal and pruning needs! We are locally licensed and insured. Please call for free estimates. Montford references available. Thanks.

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*Millie*

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...we truly **adore** Millie, she is the best! - J.K.

It would be difficult to imagine a better agent to work with than Millie. - D.A.R.

Working with Millie is the best experience I've ever had with a realtor ... she answered questions I didn't know I had. Millie's **fun personality** helped bring ease to the selling process. - A.M.

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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](mailto:cpabanker@yahoo.com)

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Ashima Nair: [ashimanair@gmail.com](mailto:ashimanair@gmail.com)

Lynn Raker: [lynn.raker@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.raker@gmail.com)

**Director Applications now open!**

The Montford Park Players, North Carolina's longest running Shakespeare Festival, announces a Call for **Directors for our 2023 Season**, opening May 19!

2023 will celebrate our 51st Season and MPP has scheduled a delightful summer with a theme of "Adventures on the High Seas". Our 2023 Season will include:

Open	Close	Show
5/19/2023	6/17/2023	Peter Pan (specific version TBD)
6/23/2023	7/22/2023	Twelfth Night
7/28/2023	8/26/2023	Treasure Island by Honor Moor - a world premiere
9/01/2023	9/30/2023	The Tempest
10/6/2023	10/28/2023	Alice in Murderland by Will Storrs - our Halloween show!



**MONTFORD PARK PLAYERS**

Directors interested in working with us should download the Director Application at: <https://www.montfordparkplayers.org/about-us/volunteers-page/> and submit it to Deanna Braine Smith, Production Manager at [deanna.brainesmith@montfordparkplayers.org](mailto:deanna.brainesmith@montfordparkplayers.org) **no later than midnight, December 31, 2022.**

Interviews are tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 14, 2023 and interview times will be scheduled for each candidate. Questions may be addressed to Deanna at her email address, above.

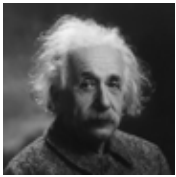
We look forward to hearing from you!

John Russell  
Executive Director





## 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.
- **Free digital audiobooks, e-books, magazines, and movies.** The Libby app from Overdrive provides downloads of these items to your smart phone, tablet, or computer. It's like an Audible subscription service, but free with your library card.

- **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.



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## Green Corner

### Erin Hiatt

Now that we've talked about recycling and refill in the past two newsletters, another great strategy for reducing your environmental footprint while supporting the local economy - especially around the holidays for quick but unique gifts - is exploring resale and refurbished items. Asheville is once again an amazing place to live for these options even beyond the better known Goodwill, Salvation Army, Plato's Closet, Play It Again Sports, and Habitat for Humanity, etc. options. And there's a price point for everyone, from budget conscious to vintage and restored. Some even list their inventories and allow you to shop online!

For thrifting specifically, first check out [this list](#) (I have avoided posting too many duplicative below for miscellaneous items in particular) and note that several listed also benefit local charities or nonprofits. Keep in mind, the list below is only scratching the surface of what's available in our area. Forgive me if I missed your favorite spot!

## Local Options

### Furniture/Home Goods and Materials/ Miscellaneous

- Antique Tobacco Barn
- Atomic Furnishings
- Bittersweet Antiques
- Lexington Park Antiques
- Marquee
- New Moon Marketplace
- ScreenDoor
- Scroungers Paradise
- Sunnyside Trading Co.
- Sweeten Creek Antiques & Collectibles
- The Garage On 25
- The Regeneration Station
- ...and too many others to count!

### Athletic/Outdoor Gear and Equipment

- Power Fitness Asheville
- Second Gear



### Books/Comic Books/Games/Media

- Asheville Comics
- Asheville Horror - North Asheville
- Bagatelle Books
- Battery Park Book Exchange
- Blue Ridge Comics
- Comic Envy
- Downtown Books & News
- Morgan's Comics
- Mr. K's Used Books, Music and more
- Orbit DVD
- Pastimes

### Apparel & Footwear

- Clothes Encounters
- Clothes Mentor
- EMOTE
- Enchanted Forrest
- Hip Replacements
- Lost and Found
- Mine & Yours
- rEvolve
- Ragtime
- Reciprocity
- Street Fair
- Sugar Britches
- Twice Round
- Wildflowers
- WORN Vintage
- ...and lots more!

It is worth noting as well that in recent years, a lot of big retailers now have at least online resale offerings on their websites, from REI to Madewell to IKEA, so even if you're looking to shop online and/or for a specific brand, there are more options to consider as you peruse eBay, Facebook Marketplace, Craigslist, ThredUp, The RealReal, Poshmark, etc.

Finally, if after the holidays you find yourself with some items you don't need, yard sales, consignment, donation, exchange events, and simply giving it away (check out Buy Nothing) are great ways to extend the useful life and lessen the environmental impact of just about anything by giving it a new home rather than throwing it away.

Happy Holidays, everyone! As always, if you have an addition or suggestion, let me know at: [montfordgreencorner@gmail.com](mailto:montfordgreencorner@gmail.com).

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