



# MONTFORD

THE NEWSLETTER OF ASHEVILLE'S MOST HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD  
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## Upcoming Festival—Volunteers Needed

### Kim Kennedy

There is no better way to support your neighborhood than volunteering at the Montford Music and Arts Festival. The festival is **Saturday, May 21** and we need volunteers from 7am all the way until 9pm.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks from monitoring a barricade or passing out flyers, to running the silent auction booth or picking up trash, and much more. We have over 70 shifts to fill which means we need you!

We are still in need of people with pickup trucks to help with delivery and return of equipment to the Montford Center. To sign

up, contact Kim Kennedy at [kkennedy@ashevilenc.gov](mailto:kkennedy@ashevilenc.gov) or at 253-3714. You can also go to [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) and view what shifts are available. Directions on logging on are posted on the [montford.org](http://montford.org) website.



### Our Good Neighbor Parrish Rhodes

#### Joanie Miller

Parrish Rhodes passed away on March 13 at age 84. I know many of you knew her. She lived in Asheville for 15 years, on Chestnut Street, and before that, Montford Avenue. When she found out she didn't have long to live, she wrote a note to a few friends that was practical and a little irreverent. Her last line was,



“Don't pity me—I've had a reasonable run!” Her daughters, Heidi and Marla, flew in to help when Parrish was feeling ill, staying at her bedside. She died soon after in a hospice care facility.

Parrish was a community-minded yet independent spirit.

#### Joe Newman wrote:

As far as I know, she was the first in Montford to put up a Little Free Library. The first one was in the community garden at the corner of Waneta and Montford. She ordered and paid for it, and David and Leslie Humphrey of Square Peg did the carpentry, painting, and installation.

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### Ladies and Gentlemen!

Step right up, step right up! The Montford Neighborhood Challenge is now in full swing and needs you to participate. Once again, **Hernán and Lou Ann Navarro** have offered to match up to \$1000 in donations from Montford neighbors and friends.



But wait, there's more... **Brian May and Scott Merrill** have also issued a donation-matching challenge of \$1000! These four people are some really generous folks who care a lot about our community. Do you want to be a part of that number? Any amount you donate will help, no matter how small. Let's do our best and meet this challenge with a neighborhood goal of \$2,000, Then Hernan, Lou Ann, Brian and Scott will match it for a total of \$4,000!



These funds will provide much-needed support for the Montford Music and Arts Festival to be held May 21, 2016, as well as for various neighborhood improvements. Let's join together again this year and exceed our goal.

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CALENDAR

**Montford Neighborhood Association Meetings**

- Third Tuesday of every month, Montford Community Center, Pearson Drive.
- Next meeting: **Tuesday April 18, 2016**, 7pm. Watch the listserv for agenda items.

All residents are welcome. Everyone in Montford is a member of the neighborhood association.

**Community Recreation News**

**Kim Kennedy, Community Center Director**

**Ukulele**

Mondays, 6-8pm, FREE

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# Ladies and Gentlemen!

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## How Can I Donate?

The Montford Neighborhood Association is a 501(c) (3) charitable organization. Donations are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by the tax code. All proceeds from the festival help fund community projects and activities of the Montford Neighborhood Association.

## Montford Challenge Donation Form

How Do I Donate?

- Make checks payable to the Montford Neighborhood Association (MNA) and mail them to Susan Eggerton, MNA Treasurer, po box 7181, Asheville, NC 28802. Write "Montford Challenge" in the memo section of your check.
- Go to montfordfestival.org, proceed to the festival store Donation link and make your donation using PayPal.
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Cut along the line, and return this section with your donation (unless you donate online)

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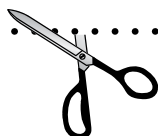
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Thank you for your support! Sincerely,  
Dave Baker  
sponsorship@montfordfestival.org



## 2016 Music and Arts Festival Heralds Spring

*Saturday, May 21, 10am – 7pm,  
Montford Avenue*

### Jerry Connor

It's that time again and are we in for an even greater neighborhood treat. As reported in the last newsletter, the new festival layout will stretch down Montford Avenue from Chestnut to Waneta. Moving to one street isn't the only big news. Here's what to expect this year:

- A larger children's area with activities, games of chance, balloon art, face painting, the bookmobile, and an interactive art project for both kids and adults.
- The largest gathering of food vendors since Bele Chere, offering everything from empanadas, crepes, BBQ, fire-baked pizzas, specialty meals and sandwiches and snacks, from funnel cakes to deep fried Oreos, French Pastries and our home favorite Greek spanakopita and pastries. The new Food Plaza will stretch from Waneta to Cullowhee with expanded seating. And don't forget Nine Mile, Chiesa, and Tod's Tasties, as they are also part of this festival.
- More artists and craft persons displaying their gallery-quality work between Chestnut and Cullowhee along with plants and shrubs for sale.
- Another addition this year will be "Montford Square," a performance place on Montford Avenue, noon to 5pm, with the Asheville Morris Men, the Ashgrove Garland Dancers, the Mountain Lion Chinese Dragon, Ninja Kids Club Karate exhibition, and others.

Plan to come and stay for the day, bring your appetites, your kids, your friends and love of music and art. The Montford Music and Arts Festival is an annual project of neighborhood volunteers and the Montford Neighborhood Association. It is funded through donations, sponsorships, and vendor fees. For complete list of vendors visit [montfordfestival.org](http://montfordfestival.org).

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# Crows: Naughty Ninjas

**Cherie Morris**

There's something about crows – black, menacing ninjas, muttering “Nevermore.” Personally I'm a crow lover and I will try to convert you – resistance is futile!



## Caw! Caw!

Yes, they can be noisy, but so can humans when we get together. Like many of us, crows are very social and surprisingly family oriented. Let's start with the “caws” that seem most prevalent early in the morning. This is the standard communication that serves as greeting, warning, general gossiping, kids arguing and males bragging. In April the communication will change to a higher pitched whining when the females are stuck on a nest and saying, “FOOD! Over here, dear!” Dutifully, dad and his family helpers will deliver a tasty morsel. Extended family groups often include kids from previous broods, parent's brothers and sisters and occasionally neighborhood “adoptees.” Family groups can number as large as 15, and the kids often hang around for years, squabbling and playing. Sound familiar?

## Extremely Intelligent Birds

Crows are opportunistic feeders, basically omnivores. They're also part of nature's clean-up crew, darting expertly into traffic, tidying up remains of more unfortunate and less agile neighbors. Super intelligent, crows can mimic human words and a variety of sounds. Curiosity, not always an advantage, leads them to inspect shiny objects and often collect them in nests which have yielded spare change, nuts and bolts, and lost earrings. Years ago, as a docent at Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo, I became fond of a rescued crow, no longer able to fly. He was dubbed Edgar Allen Crow and quickly became a favorite resident. He loved to wolf whistle at all the girls and could deftly mimic a barking dog causing frequent confusion in the bird enclosure! Then he enjoyed a good chuckle (oddly similar to his keeper's) at our expense.



## Local Crow Bar

If you would like to observe crows more closely, having mature trees in your neighborhood is helpful. Leave a pile of small sticks and dryer lint for nesting. To create a local “crow bar,” try tossing some food scraps in a location where possums and raccoons can't reach them or leave some shiny pennies in a birdbath or feeder. Normally crows are not visitors to seed feeders but curiosity (or juicy grapes!) can attract them. If you should glimpse a wing tag on one, be sure to notify the Cornell University Ornithology Lab. They love to know where their tagged birds land!

Next issue: the mockingbird, avian defensive tackle.

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## Natural Neighborhoods: Sustaining Trees in Montford

**Lisa Wagner, Montford Resident, Former Director of Education, South Carolina Botanical Garden, Clemson University**

We live in a historic neighborhood with abundant trees, but they weren't all here when Montford was established over a century ago.

The next time you're walking or driving in the neighborhood, notice the diversity of our urban forest canopy. Can you spot the mature scarlet and white oaks, Eastern hemlocks, sycamores, Eastern white pines, black cherries, and red maples? Or, you might recognize favorite ornamentals such as Norway spruce, European linden, or flowering cherry. These trees make up much of Montford's urban forest community, certainly its canopy, and provide a natural diversity of habitats for birds, pollinators, and other wildlife.

### Observing the Mature Varieties

Many of the largest trees were probably planted early in Montford's history by homeowners or were street tree plantings included as part of early development efforts. (A walk through Riverside Cemetery or a visit to Biltmore Estate provides an excellent introduction to the kinds of trees that were being planted at the time; many are still planted today). A venerable ginkgo on Cumberland Avenue probably reflects a homeowner's enthusiasm for the species; it's now a huge tree, delighting us with its size and fall color.

What can we do to promote the health of the urban forest in Montford? The City of Asheville, Asheville GreenWorks (a community-based non-profit), and other organizations continue to plant trees along streets and in parks, but as residents, we have an equally important role to play.

### Carefully Replacing Trees and Shrubs

As we lose trees and shrubs for various reasons, we have

the opportunity to replace them with equally species-rich arrays. We have excellent choices available, both native and non-native. When space permits, long-lived native trees such as oaks, tulip poplars, and sugar maples help re-knit the ecological backbone and functioning of an urban neighborhood. If smaller trees are more suitable, there are good choices for natives and non-natives alike (see the species list in the Montford Historic District guidelines, available on the City of Asheville's website, for suggestions). Our

lot sizes differ as do the character of the streets in our neighborhoods, but choosing to add trees and shrubs that diversify our landscapes is a key determinant of long-term neighborhood forest health.

### It Matters—Attentive Planting, Diversity, Mulch

We can continue to make Montford a more natural neighborhood through creating healthy landscapes which incorporate a diversity of trees, shrubs, and perennials, providing natural habitat for a variety of birds, insects, mammals, and other animals, while providing an abundance of nature for human inhabitants and our companion animals.

My garden group recently mulched a small planting spot next to the Montford corner store; it's adjacent to the recently installed stoplights and median curbs, so it's a small step toward making the intersection more attractive. There are lots of opportunities in our neighborhood for additions of plants, large and small. Let me know if you need any suggestions!

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## Dog of the Month: Argos from Sylvan Avenue

Sue Russell

Argos, named for Ulysses' loyal pooch who waited 20 years for his master's return, graces the lives of Jim and Roxanne Semon. Approaching 16 years of age, his gait is slow these days and the back legs shake a bit. But one thing that doesn't shake is this old gentleman's disposition--gentle, dignified, patrician even.



Argos had a rocky start in life, was found dirty, hair matted and alone on a country road in Ohio. Jim and Roxanne were looking for a new dog when they came upon him at a local shelter. He put a full court press on Roxanne to take him home. Literally. He pressed up against the cage and when he finally got out, crawled up into her lap. He was pretty big, even then as a yearling, but he won the case. He's been with the Semons ever since.

Argos has lived with runners and became one too, really enjoying a spin. If you've lived in Montford for awhile, you might remember seeing him glide by. He's also enjoyed swimming but when it came to retrieving, despite being largely retriever, it was no dice. Balls laid at his feet or then gently tossed were regarded quizzically. And that look, that he pulls out from time to time--his "Socrates" look with some lateral head moves and a comprehending look emanating from those gentle eyes. The Semons attribute his current pretty good health and strong heart for his age to his running. Just like for the humanoid, exercise must do good for the canines, too. So, here's to you Argos. We salute you and are glad *Dog of the Month* could start with such a good dog.



Young Argos Enjoyed Motoring

(Note: *Dog of the Month* is a new feature. Montford is made up of people, old houses and of course, our dogs. If you have a canine you want to suggest for *Dog of the Month*, email [suegrussell@att.net](mailto:suegrussell@att.net))

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By Sue G. Russell

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### Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

#### Montford Action Agenda, March 9, 2016

##### Item And Summary and Action

- 139 Montford Avenue—Construction of new accessory structure..... Continued
  - 246 Montford Avenue—Retroactive approval for metal roof.....Approved
  - 135 Flint Street – Removal of existing rear deck and construction of new rear deck and screened porch.....Approved
  - 23 Tacoma Street – Construction of new primary structure..... Continued
- Go to [ashevillenc.gov](http://ashevillenc.gov) for the full approved minutes after the following month's meeting.

#### Tentative Agenda, April 13, 2016, 4pm

##### New Business

- 32 Soco Street—Removal of existing metal shingle roof and installation of asphalt shingle roof
- 45 Pearson Drive—Construction of rear addition, rear screened porch, and side entry porch
- 8 Short Street—Construction of new two-story primary structure



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## Parrish Rhodes

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In addition, Parrish contributed to the Montford Music and Arts Festival every year, and listened to the music from her front porch. I believe she contributed what the bible calls the “widow’s mite”—a small gift that means a lot considering the modest means of the giver.

She was a cool, artistic, generous woman.

### Jennifer Thomas of the former Walk-In Bakery on Westover:

Parrish found my bakery after I advertised it in the Montford News. She didn’t waste time becoming a regular and trusty customer ordering granola every week along with rye or sourdough whole wheat. She would alternate the slices of bread in the freezer for variety. Of course I would always get drawn into long conversations with her. . . . I must say that every time I saw her my encounter was always unique and stimulating. She was never banal.

But the first meeting with Parrish was about 20 years ago at the Montford laundromat which preceded Nine Mile and Pyper’s Place. Our washer was broken and I was settled in the laundromat for several hours. She was there hanging out waiting for her laundry, sketching or reading or just being friendly.

### An Accomplished Woman of Many Interests

Lively and inviting, cussing hard and laughing harder, Parrish was a beautiful tribute to creativity and original thinking. She was comfortable living alone. That said, she very much enjoyed a good conversation, about cooking, jazz, painting, movement, books, or the environment and our carbon imprint. She was adamant that we as a community should not feel powerless, and wrote to local papers about climate change, what we as a community could do, never just a complaint, always gentle, well researched, substantive.

Parrish played jazz on her keyboard with abandon, having played the piano all of her life. She was often frustrated that she couldn’t find difficult enough sheet music. Her daughter Heidi said she handled knitting the same way. Not able to find patterns challenging enough, she’d just go it alone and make them up.

### From a review by Parrish on eBay:

“Probably my favourite collection of all times. Almost every number makes me smile with delight - Pascal Wetzels transcriptions are luscious - wish I could find more from him. I leave the piano with a grin on my face and goosebumps on my arm. I only play Brubeck, McPartland, and Bill Evans now, after

about 50 years of classical playing. Didn’t do a lot of grinning with Mozart or Beethoven...”

### From an exhibit flyer in 2004, Asheville Gallery of Art, where Parrish’s art was being exhibited:

“*Out of this World* consists of a series of watercolor paintings on canvas and paper, based on views from the Hubble telescope, NASA, and other astronomical sources.

Rhodes taught herself to paint in the 1980’s to express her delight at being on the Isle of Wight, a small island off the coast of England. In the mid 1990’s she moved to New Zealand to study the Maori language. While there she began teaching watercolor classes at the local art clubs, and exhibiting and selling in local art galleries. Rhodes has painted and exhibited in England, Australia, Canada, and Germany [and more recently in Asheville and Hendersonville].

She became well known for the success of classes she taught in “right brain” drawing, basic watercolor, and experimental watercolor. Rhodes firmly believes that Betty Edwards’ “right brain” approach should be learned and taught by all elementary school teachers so that children will grow up with creativity as an integral part of their consciousness.”

### Her Early Days On Stage

Heidi told me a story about when Parrish played a lead role in *St. Louis Woman* at the Nashville Community Playhouse in 1952. She had been courted by Nashville theatre, though any long-term success wasn’t to be realized because Parrish’s mother wouldn’t hear of it, and she had to move back home. The musical was a collaboration between Harold Arlen and Johnny Mercer. Parrish played Lila, one of the leads. The co-authors of the book *St. Louis Woman* were Arna Bontemps and Countee Cullen. Cullen was a black man, and when he and his wife showed up at the theatre (facts here cannot be checked—it might have been Mrs. Countee Cullen alone), they or she were not admitted entrance due to their skin color. When she heard that this was happening, Parrish refused to go on that night, until Cullen was then given a seat (although at the far back of the theatre).

### Parrish Rhodes’ To Do List

Finally, I end with something Parrish’s daughter found while sorting





through her things. As Heidi said, it's more of a bucket list (this isn't exhaustive, and I wish I could share it in her own handwriting):

- go on a helicopter
- hot-air balloon
- glider ride
- learn to sail (done)
- have an exhibition in the U.S. (done)
- ride Concorde First Class (crossed out because one can't anymore)
- ride First Class internationally (done)
- learn to play the flute (done)
- play piano for an audience (done)
- own an electric car
- ride on a Harley Davidson
- see the whales
- learn hypnosis
- see/participate in a Christo happening (she wrote him a letter, but never heard back—they conjectured Christo thought she was too old)

I'm not sorry Parrish left so swiftly after her illness; she wanted it that way. But now that weeks have passed, the reality that we're not going to have coffee (she'd say her daughters thought she made lousy coffee, but she didn't mind!) over lively talks in her sunny living room about crazily divergent topics, we're not going to shop at Green Life, where she would impart ideas and wisdom only a true foodie could know—those are in the past. As talented and young-hearted and worldly as Parrish was, she was also a truly comfortable person to be with. Our tattooed 84-year-old friend is gone, and I just want to say, Christo got it wrong.



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