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Montford Garden Tour**

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Come one, come all to the Montford Neighborhood Community Meeting.

Join us at Archetype Brewery, 174 Broadway Street, on **April 26**. The meeting starts at **6:30pm and ends at 8:00pm**. Be sure to tell your neighbors. FYI, board voting will be on the agenda at this meeting.



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MONTFORD UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

Final session of Art and Soul—4/28 from 6pm-7:30pm. Featuring meditative painting.

Montford Pinewood Derby Competition—Fridays, May 5-26 from 6pm-7:30pm. Youth ages 8-12.

Montford Catch'em All Day—Saturday, April 29 from 3pm-6pm. A day of everything Pokemon.

Descriptions and registration for all programs can be found at www.avlrec.com

For more Information Contact:

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Garden Sponsorship - \$1,000 includes 4 free tickets to the tour, 2 free commemorative posters, Company logo on signing in front of one of the homes on the tour

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Contact Kim Rollin—Garden Tour Committee
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Musician Jason Krekel to Perform at the Montford Garden Tour

The Historic Montford Garden Tour returns on June 3, and along with it some of your favorite local musicians. One of those musicians is Jason Krekel with his Americana roots band *Krekel and Whoa*.

A multi-instrumentalist, Jason began playing music in earnest in the early 1990s. While living in Boone, he immersed himself in an education of guitar, mandolin, bluegrass and old-time and began performing with acts such as *Snake Oil Medicine Show*, *CX-1*, *Blackhole Bluegrass Boys*, and *Larry Keel*.

By the end of that decade, Jason had moved to Asheville and established himself in the eclectic Asheville music scene. Here he collaborated with Ami Worthen (*Mad Tea Party*, now known as *Krekel and Whoa*), Aaron “Woody” Wood (*The Sufi Brothers*), and Jay Sanders (*A.V.A.S*). He also started *The Screaming J's* and *The Krektones* and joined forces with Seattle-based guitar legend Baby Gramps.

A Montford resident since 1998, Jason is a visual artist as well as a musician, finding inspiration from the Alabama and Georgia outsider folk art scenes to craft the linocut prints, paintings, and toy re-creations.

Krekel’s father was musician and songwriter Tim Krekel with whom he collaborated until Tim’s death in 2009. They recorded an album together around 2000, and Jason co-wrote a song on Tim’s last record.



Many of Jason’s bandmates from his career, which now spans four decades, remain creative associates to this day. “Everything I’ve done in my musical life has informed how I play now,” he says. “I’m still excited about music.”

Come enjoy Jason Krekel’s music along with seven other bands in the eight beautiful gardens on tour in the 2023 Historic Montford Garden Tour. **The tour is June 3 from 10 am until 4 pm.** Tickets are \$25 and will be available online at <https://montfordgardentour.org> beginning April 15 or with cash or check at the Asheville Visitor’s Center.

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Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

Montford Action Agenda 02/08/23

Present: Chair Emily Kite, Sioux Oliva, Sara Groce, Maria DeIsasi, Amy Moxley, Chris German, AnnieMcDonald, Leslie Carey, Alexander Ellenbogen

Absent: Vice-Chair Emily Spreng, Will Hornaday, Shannon Watkins

Staff Present: Alex Cole, Avery Tew, Jannice Ashley

Item, Summary and Action

109 Kingsland Alley (PIN 9639-94-5138) - Construction of new one-story, 1,650 square foot structure and new one-story, 526 square foot structure.

Action—Approved with Conditions

18 Houston Street (PIN 9649-01-5857) - Construction of new two-story, 2,854 square foot primary structure.

Action—Continued

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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Green Corner

Erin Hiatt

In honor of Earth Day, let's take a look at upcoming activities in the community for April 22. Undoubtedly more will get added as the month goes on, but here are a few:



Note: All descriptions taken from event websites - some events require pre-registration, fees.

1. **Buncombe County Park Clean Up** (Buncombe County Parks - 9am-12pm) - Clean up various parks throughout Buncombe County in preparation for increased use as warm weather amps up. Volunteers will be provided materials such as gloves, litter pickers, trash bags, loppers, shovels, shears, watering cans, seedlings, bulbs, shrubs, flowers, safety vests, etc.
2. **Haywood Road Cleanup** (New Belgium Brewing - 10am-12pm) - This year's first Haywood Road Cleanup in West Asheville coincides with GreenWorks' 50th birthday and Earth Day. Asheville GreenWorks will supply gloves, safety vests, trash grabbers, and trash bags.
3. **Plant Sale** (French Broad River Garden Club - 9am-3pm) - Browse the amazing selection of unique pollinators, specialty plants, trees, shrubs, vegetable seedlings, herbs, ground covers, organic fertilizer, functional garden art, botanical gifts, planters, and 'previously loved' garden decor.
4. **Party for the Planet** (WNC Nature Center - 10am-3pm) - Additional nature-themed activities for the whole family to enjoy. Also check out [Earth Day Planting Party](#) (April 13), [Endangered Species Day](#) (May 19) and [World Oceans Day](#) (June 10) activities.
5. **Eco Art** (Cellarest Beer Project - 3pm-6pm) - You'll use simple natural materials like mini stumps, sticks, moss, rocks, acorns, seeds, and soil to create an artwork that will grow.

6. **Pisgah Project Day** (Pisgah Ranger Station/Visitor Center) - Accomplish a long list of improvement projects on the Pisgah Ranger District, all in a day's work.
7. **Earth Day 5K** (Carrier Park, hosted by the Green Built Alliance - 8am) - All proceeds from the event will go towards creating a clean energy future through Green Built Alliance's carbon offset program, Appalachian Offsets... a local carbon offsetting opportunity that allows community members' offsets to go toward renewable energy projects for Buncombe County schools or other nonprofit organizations. The next Appalachian Offsets project in the works is for the installation of a PV system on the downtown Asheville United Way building.
8. **April 30 - Drive Electric Earth Day** (Asheville Outlets - 12pm-4pm) - Many tax credits are in place for the purchase of new EVs and the pool to choose from is getting more diverse. Come out and take a ride in your favorite electric vehicle. Experience the thrill of riding an electric bicycle or scooter. Learn about solar and the expanded solar tax credit.

And don't forget! On April 30, responses are due to the [Asheville City Council Plastics Survey](#).

As always, if you have an addition or suggestion, let me know at montfordgreencorner@gmail.com.





Community Through Kudzu

◆ Saturday

April 29 ◆

1 ~ 4 pm

Kudzu Culture, Urban Forest Alliance, and Montford Neighborhood Association invite neighbors and friends to join in kudzu removal initiatives along the Reed Creek Greenway.

◆
The second workshop of 2023 is "Spring Ephemerals and Kudzu Ecology"

Gather at the Reed Creek Greenway at corner of Cauble and Broadway St. in the Montford Neighborhood of Asheville. No registration required, just stop by!



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Environmental Sustainability Symposium

Sponsored by Lenoir Rhyne University

April 12th, 7:00-9:00 PM at Lenoir Rhyne Asheville Campus

Participants will explore the complexities of balancing environmental initiatives, using Montford as a context. Experts in Historic Preservation, Solar Technology, Urban Forestry, Environmental Planning and Sustainability will seek to identify cross-pollination opportunities and discuss emerging technology and policy in various practice areas. A common objective is to preserve the integrity of our historic and natural resources as we seek to contribute to a healthier urban ecosystem.

Location:

Lenoir Rhyne Asheville Campus is at 36 Montford Avenue, Asheville NC 28801. Second floor boardroom is on the Montford Avenue level. Public transport is N-4. Vehicular and bike parking is available behind the building.

Panelists:

Stephen Hendrix, Environmental Planner
John Howard, Historic Preservation Planner
Dave Hollister, Sundance Solar
Ed Macie, Urban Forest Ecologist
Alison Ormsby, Director of Sustainability, UNC Asheville
Jamie Wine, Green Built Alliance and Blue Horizons Project

Facilitator:

Maggie Ullman, AVL City Council liaison to HRC, and former Director of Sustainability

Subject Matter Experts:

City of Asheville related staff and stakeholders

Proposed Agenda:

Welcome: Dr. Michael Dempsey, Dean and Director, Lenoir Rhyne Center for Graduate Studies at Asheville

Introductions: Susan Loftis

Panelist presentations

Questions among panelists and from audience

Summation: Maggie Ulman



Organizers are Susan Eggerton (828.768.8981) and Susan Loftis (404. 545.4815.) Light refreshments are provided by the Montford Neighborhood Association.



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Exciting Changes at the Botanical Gardens of Asheville

How often the volunteers and staff at the Botanical Gardens of Asheville have heard the gardens referred to as “Asheville’s Hidden Gem.” Well, we are about to be hidden no more!




This year will mark some exciting changes at BGA, including welcoming new Garden Manager, Sarah Coury, who is not only a trained horticulturist but an amazing artist and photographer. She and her assistant, UNCA grad Morgane “Roots” Marshall, have perked up the kiosk at the entrance to the Gift Shop, and with Operations Manager Kaita Collins, have created a fascinating table inside the shop for kids to do some hands-on and close-up exploration of garden discoveries.

And yes, the 5-year Molly’s Bridge project is actually scheduled for completion later this autumn! (We have our multiple fingers crossed regarding the infamous supply chain issues.) Sarah, “Roots” and garden volunteers are currently deep into a serious general garden clean-up. We’re also hoping to begin efforts to renovate the exterior of the Visitor’s Center and other BGA structures.

The other good news is that some things never change. The BGA Spring Plant Sale is scheduled for May 12, noon-6 and May 13, 9-3. We will offer a variety of native trees, shrubs and flowers, some grown in the BGA greenhouse, with other varieties offered by local vendors. This is a great time to become a BGA member! You will receive a 10% discount on BGA-grown plants as well as Gift Shop items and larger discounts on classes. Members will also receive a 10% discount on Montford Garden Tour tickets this weekend only! Stop by, take a garden stroll, visit your neighbors, buy some plants and garden tour tickets! Admission and parking, as always, is free.

The Botanical Gardens at Asheville, aka The Botan, is a self-sustaining non-profit. We receive no UNCA, county or state funding. Our operations and staff are supported solely by memberships, donations and plant and Garden Shop sales as well as many dedicated volunteers!

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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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Ashima Nair: ashimanair@gmail.com

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