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Art & Soul

Fridays, October 6, November 3 & 17, and December 15, 6:30pm-7:30pm Ages 50 and older Fee: FREE

TAM Game Nights

Fridays, October 20 & December, 8 6:30pm-8:00pm Fee: FREE

Toddler Craftin' Through the Season

Wednesdays, October 4 & 18, November 1 & 15, and December 6 & 20, 5:30pm-6:30pm Fee: FREE

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Fridays, October 20, December 1 & 22 6:00pm-7:30 pm
Ages 13-18 Fee:\$10/per class

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Tuesdays, November 7, and December 5, 6:00pm-7:30 pm FREE

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Forever Montford

Plant a tree for Montford!

Fall is the best time to plant that tree you've been dreaming about, and the MNA will help pay for it. A tree will provide beauty and shade, help lower your summer energy costs, clean the air around you, control storm water run-off, provide forage and shelter for wildlife, and increase the value of your home. It can take many years for a tree to reach maturity, so plan now to protect our future canopy.

The MNA will pay up to 50% of the cost for planting a tree on your property - up to \$150 per tree and up to \$300 total per household. Any Montford property owner, renter or local organization may apply.

Here's how to complete an application and receive reimbursement:

1. Visit Montford.org and the "Links" pull-down tab for a copy of the grant application.
2. Complete and submit the grant application as instructed on grant form.
3. Wait for approval of grant.
4. Purchase and plant your tree/trees (or contract the project).
5. Send an email when project is complete (to lynn.raker@gmail.com).

When selecting your trees, think native. An integral part of nature's food chain, Native tree species are more beneficial to our ecosystem. A list of native canopy and understory trees, evergreen and deciduous, may be found at the end of in the Montford Historic District Design Review Standards:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1shfSDGJQ_r0cjzCrtLnh017Mg8GCip6F/view

Make your tree-planting plans soon! Award of grants is at the discretion and funding availability of the MNA.



We appreciate Archetype Brewery offering a vibrant setting for the Montford Neighborhood Association meetings.

Montford Convenience Store

Your local neighborhood store

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Forever Montford

WELCOME PACKET

Dan & Judith Sanford

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, 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.

Dan Sanford: sanford.danielj@gmail.com

Judith Sanford: sanford.judith@gmail.com

Leslie Humphrey: leslieinmontford@gmail.com

Ashima Nair: ashimanair@gmail.com

ASK FANG



Dear Fang,

Someone in my sewing circle said there may be a community meeting this month. Is this just gossip or is it true.

—Gladys Kravitz

Dear Gladys,

Mark your calendar - **MNA Community meeting Wed Oct 25th, 6:30 at Archtype Brewery.**

I always listen to gossip. It usually has a grain of truth. However, you can stay up to date with the facts by joining the Listserve (google group). The Listserve provides real-time information and lively conversations too. <https://montford.org/montford-listserve/>

P.S. You had better stock up on treats. My favorite day is just around the corner.



SAVE the DATE

BLACK MONTFORD & STUMPTOWN FAMILY REUNION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023



Stumptown • Hill Street • Montford • Hillcrest • Klondyke



Black Montford & Stumptown Family Reunion
"Memories and Dreams"

Share stories of the past and visions for the future.

Saturday, October 21, 2023
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Montford Fall Fest & Neighbor Meet-Ups

I wanted to thank everyone who was a part of pulling off the first Montford Fall Fest & Neighbor Meet-Up. I think it was a success because we had a nice turnout and I heard nothing but positive comments!

I would especially like to thank...

- The Montford Neighborhood Association Board for their financial and moral support.
- Our hosts: Ty & Gelly Fenton, Lindsey Foster, Leslie Humphrey, and Merissa Gail
- Our shoppers, sign-putter-uppers, food-setter-uppers, and cleaner-uppers: Christa & Bob, Cherrie Morris, Dave Humphrey, Alison Lyke
- And anyone else I might have forgotten.

Jobs well done!

Tom Fehsenfeld



What bears do in October

October at a Glance: Hyperphagia is in full-swing. Bears may be awake and searching for food up to 20 hours a day. Many bears also look for den sites. Some pregnant females may den up by the end of the month. As days shorten, vehicle collisions rise.

Bears Still Eating More, Sleeping Less

Hyperphagia is still in full swing all over the country in October and will continue as long as food is available. Even bears that won't hibernate until December still industriously look for food practically around the clock and eat as much as they can find. For a bear, there's no such thing as "too fat." All those pounds of fat reserves will keep bears healthy all winter long.

Den-Up Isn't Predictable

The bear calendar is driven less by dates and more by available food, weather and the general health and condition of the bear. In poor food years female bears may den-up by late October or early November; big males may stay out of their dens and search for food until late December or early January.

Editor's Bear Story:

On Sunday just after dusk, Nine Mile customers and I watched as a mother bear and her two cubs scaled my neighbor fence and landed on the sidewalk. She made an attempt to get the cubs to cross Montford Avenue with her while we watched. Mama Bear finally gathered the cubs after running back and forth and startling patrons at Nine Mile. She then vanished into the night.

Climate Matters

Bears in northern climates generally enter their dens earlier than bears in the more temperate South or the warmer regions of the Southwest.



In areas and at elevations where winter is knocking on the door, bears are seriously looking for winter quarters, and may enter their dens by the end of October. Bears in Florida and other parts of the South and Southwest may still be up and eating when the new year arrives.

Some Bears Don't Den

In areas where bears have found dependable year-round supplies of human-provided foods, some bears no longer den at all. Many studies are underway to help us better understand how failing to hibernate affects bears' health and lifespan.

What Makes a Good Den?

Despite folklore, most bears don't den in big caves; bear dens need to be small enough to keep the bear nice and cozy all winter long. Cubs born this year will den with their moms, so she needs a den with room for the family.

Read more at:

<https://bearwise.org/>



MONTFORD PARK PLAYERS

Montford Park Players Presents **ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN MURDERLAND**

by Will Storrs

Inspired by the Lewis Carroll classic *Alice in Wonderland*.
Produced by Montford Park Players at the Hazel Robinson
Amphitheatre



Montford Park Players, an Asheville theatrical tradition, is proud to announce their upcoming production of the World Premiere of *Alice's Adventures in Murderland*, by local playwright Will Storrs.

Show Dates:

October 6-28, Friday, Saturday and Sunday @ 7:30pm
Hazel Robinson Amphitheatre, 92 Gay St. Asheville, NC

Tickets:

Tickets are available at montfordparkplayers.org and are, as always, FREE.

Alice's Adventures in Murderland follows Alice Liddle, who returns to Wonderland after many years and finds it changed into a violent, unrecognizable wasteland. In order to save the world, she used to know from what it has become, Alice must confront the truth about this world and the truth about herself.

Director Deanna Braine Smith, Montford Park Players' Production Manager and Resident Fight Choreographer made her directorial debut two years ago with Montford Park Players' production of *Living Dead in Denmark*. This show gave Smith an "unexpected love for directing weird, unique, fight-heavy shows." With ten years of fight choreography experience, Smith is excited to direct and choreograph Alice's many adventures and fights in this, "dark, violent, re-imagined classic."

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

Alice's Adventures in Murderland would be rated R if it were a movie, so please, no children. If you are looking for a fun, quirky, and free date night this Halloween season, Montford Park Players has you covered!



Green Corner

Erin Hiatt

As we enter October, all things Fall and Halloween are upon us. Consider how you might give your favorite fall treat or tradition a more sustainable upgrade:



Fall Beverages

- Single-use coffee cups are not recyclable in Asheville, so bring your reusable cup to pick up your fall treat (some places will give you a discount).
- If your drink of choice is coffee-based, find out more about the roaster they use. For example, several NC roasters like Black Mountain-based [Dynamite Roasting Co.](#) or Durham-based [Counter Culture](#) (the choice of High Five Coffee and All Day Darling) are committed to more ethical sourcing practices.

Candles

- Opt for biodegradable waxes like soy wax, coconut, rapeseed or beeswax candles over paraffin wax, which is petroleum based.
- Consider essential oil and plant-based scents over synthetic fragrances, which candle form or otherwise can have [human health impacts](#).
- Take a look at the candle “vessel” - can you empty and then recycle or refill/reuse it once the candle has burned out?

Halloween Costumes

- Reuse, swap, thrift, or craft your costume rather than buying new. Cheap Halloween costumes are essentially fast fashion in novelty form – except even worse if they only get worn once before getting tossed. Check out the Dec 2022/Jan 2023 Green Corner for ideas on where to thrift or donate costumes.
- Costume past its prime? The October 2022 Green Corner outlines recycling options.

Decorations

- Reuse, swap, thrift, or craft your decorations rather than buying new. Secondhand shops are often seasonal decoration goldmines. Check out the Dec 2022/Jan 2023 Green Corner for ideas on where to thrift or donate decorations.
- [Compost](#) (the city often organizes a dedicated event) or [get resourceful](#) with your non-painted, candle wax-free pumpkins.
- Avoid fake spiderwebs or other densely netted outdoor decorations that are known to sometimes entangle wildlife. Or at least be sure not to hang them dangling in a potential flight/scurrying path and to check them often.

Candy

- Consider prioritizing one or more positive attributes when buying candy – qualities like organic, Rainforest Alliance Certified, Fair Trade, palm oil free, etc.
- [No palm oil](#) is the easiest switch if you still want to hand out most of the classics.
- Help pick up candy wrapper litter you may see after Halloween.
- Recycle wrappers with [Terracycle](#).

You can find past Green Corners on the [Newsletter Archive page](#).

One year into writing the Green Corner, I'd love to hear from you at MontfordGreenCorner@gmail.com – do you prefer deeper dives on one topic or higher-level thematic articles, like this month's? What information have you found most useful and what would you like to see next?



MONTFORD

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UPCOMING

October 10, Semi-Annual Bake Sale/Fundraiser. Please call the Montford Resource Center if you would like to donate baked goods or your time, 255-4946.

October 11, Historic Montford Meeting at the Greek Center on Cumberland Ave. at 7 p.m. Iby Brinson, director of Parks and Recreation, will talk about the parks in Montford and take suggestions on landscaping and playgrounds. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

October 28, Young Artist Contest, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Montford Resource Center. Lunch will be served to participants. Children are to bring their own colored pencils, crayons, or paints. The Resource Center will supply paper. Certificates will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. The theme is "Spooks, Spirits, and the Supernatural." The age categories are: Under 3; 4 - 6; 7 - 9; and, 10 and Older.

October 31, Resource Center Spook House on Montford Avenue, 6-8 p.m.

MONTFORD, HOW DO YOUR COMMUNITY GARDENS GROW?

If you've ever passed by the community garden on Montford Ave., or the one on Patton Dr., and wondered, "How does that work?", you're not alone. Both of these garden programs are coordinated by MAGIC, which stands for Mountain Area Gardens In Communities.

The site on Montford is a true community garden in that anyone in the neighborhood can pay \$20 to reserve a plot of land for one year. On that plot you can plant flowers, vegetables, fruits, or herbs. According to Roberta Greenman, executive director of the non-profit organization MAGIC, "This garden is operated on an honor system. Occasionally people will take stuff out of it who aren't paying for a plot, but we've experienced very little of that."

Chip Smith, who resides at 91 Elizabeth, put his green thumb to work this year enhancing the exterior landscape of the Montford garden. He planted an abundance of perennial and annual flowers. "My goal is to have all sorts of things blooming throughout the spring, summer, and fall. I used to have a gigantic garden—one that was bigger than the plot of land that my house currently sits on. I just like to grow things. When I'm working in it people come by and tell me how much they enjoy looking at the flowers. That's rewarding. Montford's got all sorts of pretty things here and there, and the garden is

just one more thing that adds to the character of the neighborhood."

The land at the north end of Patton is designated as a Youth Market Garden. In coordination with the Asheville Housing Authority's Youthful Hand Program, youths living in Asheville Public Housing are growing food and selling it back to their communities.

This enables them to learn about gardening, marketing produce, sharing labor, and themselves, says Greenman. MAGIC works with school systems, low-income populations, youth shelters, homeless shelters, and handicapped groups. "People think 'Gardening, that's nice,'" she says, "but many don't realize that gardening can create a sense of accomplishment for individuals."

For more information or to reserve your plot in the Montford Ave. garden, call MAGIC at 251-5666.

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I REMEMBER WHEN ...

Mary Gilbo has lived in the yellow house at 5 Cumberland Place since 1940. Now a spry 88 and active in a local community center, Mary likes to share her memories of Montford and how it has changed in 55 years. For several decades she says she contributed to the family income by working as a housekeeper and cook at 90 Cumberland Ave. for the Pollard family. Mary remembers when there were grand homes in many of the vacant lots that now dot Montford's neighborhood landscape. She can vividly recall how many of the houses met their demise, usually by fire or neglect. She also has memories of Montford Ave. before Hwy. 240 was constructed. Stones and fruit & vegetable stands lined the road up to the top of hill. She mostly misses the small A&P where she did all of her grocery shopping.

Mary says the neighborhood was thriving and beautifully kept when she arrived in 1940, but she has seen Montford go through a period of decline. However, she says it's refreshing to see so many people moving and moving into the remaining homes—where people she knew and have long since passed away once lived. She is hopeful that the neighborhood will continue to improve so that her only son, who lives with her, can enjoy it for years to come.

WHAT'S COOKING?

"Dutch Babies"

Preheat oven to 450°.

Serves 3-4

Ingredients:

3 Jumbo Eggs or 4 Large Eggs (room temperature) 1/2 cup milk
2/3 cup all-purpose flour 1/2 teaspoon salt
Beat eggs in large bowl. Beat in 1/2 cup of milk. Sift 2/3 cup of purpose flour and 1/2 teaspoon of salt into egg mixture. 1/5th at a time. Use a wire whisk to vigorously blend in each portion of the sifted mixture.
Pour into fluted or regular baking dishes that have been thoroughly sprayed with cooking oil. Cook for 10 minutes. Serve immediately in baking dish. Serve with pure maple syrup, jams, or traditional wáy on a plate with confectioners sugar and slices of lemon.

Recipe courtesy of The Block Walnut Bed and Breakfast Inn on Montford Avenue.

CONSTRUCTIONS & RENOVATIONS

On behalf of the Neighborhood Housing Services' Board and staff, I would like to bring you up to date on what's ahead for the fall. For the first time, NHS will build new houses in Montford. We have received a \$125,000 HOME Program Grant from the City of Asheville for this venture. Our goal is to build four affordable houses on sites throughout the community. Our first home will be a two-bedroom cottage, built on a lot at 41 Short St. We are in the process of locating the remaining three sites. Our houses will be compatible with the neighborhood, and we will let our future neighbors know of our plans well in advance.

The biggest challenge is raising the required 25% local match, which is mandated by Federal regulations. To build four houses, we need to raise almost \$30,000 in cash or donated materials. Our fund-raising

committee is working to meet this goal. You will be hearing more about this as the program gets started.

We plan to have an active year with our CottageWorks and home rehab loan programs. Contractors are at work detailing the house we own at 358 Cumberland Ave. We hate to lose an older house, but the structure was too far gone for a sensible rehabilitation project. We plan to market the lot for one of our new construction houses. Work is also under way to rehabilitate the house at 7 Crescent St., our first venture in our expanded "Bantam" target area.

Feel free to drop by our office and share your ideas, concerns, and suggestions. We look forward to working with you to make Montford an even better place to live.—JERRY LEE WOOD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NHS.

P.A.C.T.

POLICE & COMMUNITY TOGETHER

At the request of the Montford Resource Center (MRC) founders, the City of Asheville Police Department stationed a community policing team at the MRC on Montford Ave. P.A.C.T.'s mission is to resolve community based problems while relying heavily on community participation. P.A.C.T. is active in handling resident's complaints, attending neighborhood meetings, and initiating Neighborhood Watch Programs.

The MRC facilitates this partnership with the following activities:

- training of residents in observational skills and reporting of illegal activities;
- training of volunteers to complete incident reports for the Asheville Police Department; and,
- maintaining a daily log of resident's complaints and neighborhood problems.

Since it was put in place earlier this year, P.A.C.T.—along with MRC volunteers—has sponsored a community Easter Egg Hunt and picnic, a community clean-up day and barbecue, and a Young Artist contest/handbook/clean-up. There are ongoing plans for future community oriented activities.

P.A.C.T. To maintain the Montford Resource Center, all it takes is for everyone in Montford to donate \$2 and two hours of their time each month. Call 255-4946 to learn how you can be supportive.

THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER! Let us know what you like and don't. Drop articles or comments by the MRC.

NEWS & VIEWS

• **NEWS:** The residents of Flat St. are forming a Citizens on Patrol effort to rid their street of the unwanted criminal elements. For information on how to get involved, call the Montford Resource Center at 255-4946, or Fairfax Arnold at 252-5809.

• **VIEWS:** In many ways, this is one of the most beautiful neighborhoods I've ever lived in, yet the abundance of trash thrown on the sidewalks, streets, and in vacant lots and parks leads me to believe that many residents have little pride for their community. Every time I go walking, I come home carrying bags of trash. I'm not certain what the solution is to this overwhelming problem. I can only encourage every resident to 1) pick up daily around their

homes; and 2) to participate in neighborhood trash cleanups. Do you have a solution? I'd like to hear what you think.—Denna C. Knight, who resides at 50 Cumberland Ave.

• **NEWS:** Two new businesses have opened in Montford. First, A Bed of Roses Bed & Breakfast has opened on Cumberland Ave. Owner and operator Caroline Logie, whose roots are in Asheville, recently moved from Massachusetts where she ran a B&B for seven years. In addition, equestrian Fairfax Arnold has started the Asheville Carriage Company, which offers 25-minute, horse-drawn carriage rides, Wednesday/Sunday, through Historic Montford.

MONTFORD RESOURCE CENTER UPDATE

The Montford Resource Center opened its doors to the community on January 31, 1995. It is operated entirely by volunteers. MRC is headed by the Coalition of Neighborhood Associations, whereby representatives of all six active Montford community groups meet to prioritize and focus on overall community concerns.

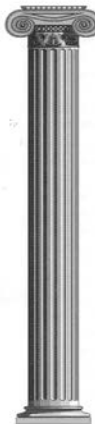
Though still in its infancy and evolving daily, some of the issues the MRC has concentrated on thus far include illegal drug activity, prostitution, excessive littering, and traffic control. Other concerns

focus on the historical preservation of the Montford community; keeping City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission responsive to community needs; promoting the positive aspects of our community; and, facilitating interaction between neighbors.

To remain in operation, the MRC needs volunteers to run it, funds to maintain it, and the neighbors to use and benefit from its services. You are encouraged to report neighborhood problems, offer feedback on neighborhood issues, and utilize the myriad of informational materials available inside the Center.

THIS NEWSLETTER NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

- **New Business in Montford.** Asheville Carriage Company presents Fairfax Arnold and Gypsy Bell for carriage rides through historic Montford. Call for reservations: 254-9890.
- **Thirteen years of writing and editing experience.** Knight Freelance Service will write your brochures, newsletters, flyers, press releases, catalogs, etc. Call 252-7175.



There are many exciting developments taking shape within the Montford community. We're getting crime under control. We're cleaning up our streets and restoring our historic properties. We're building an atmosphere where service-oriented businesses can thrive. And, most importantly, we're creating a neighborhood that offers quality of life for our families.

This newsletter is an attempt to link neighbor to neighbor, as well as provide consistent information about issues important to

Montford residents. In order to pay for this newsletter's monthly production and printing charges, the Montford Resource Center needs the support of area businesses. For only pennies, you can support MONTFORD, while at the same time send your message to 1,000 in your target market. Or, as a supportive community member, your contribution of a few dollars a month can help keep this newsletter in production. For more information, call Gerald Green at 253-9729 or the Montford Resource Center at 255-4946.

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THANK YOU WRITERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS!

October is the 28th anniversary of the Montford Newsletter. The first Newsletter—as we know it—premiered as a 4-page black and white issue in October 1995 (See previous page).

Occasionally we have acknowledged people who have, in recent years, contributed to the pages of the Newsletter. This time however I decided to dig deeper and recognize all those who have **written articles and/or provided images** going back 28 years.

If I missed you let me know. Ross Terry - krtgraphicdesign@gmail.com.

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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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Montford Action Agenda 09/14/23

Present: Chair Sioux Oliva, Emily Kite, Will Hornaday, Maria Delsasi, Claire Thomas, Annie McDoland, Alexander Ellenbogen, and Amy Moxley

Staff Present: Alexandra Cole, Jannice Ashley, Stephanie Dahl and Jackson Marks

Item, Summary and Action

246 Cumberland Avenue - After the fact approval request to replace the metal picket fence surrounding the swimming pool in the rear yard with brick walls and brick paving for pool decking.

Action—Denied after the fact request to replace metal fence in rear yard brick walls.

Approved after the fact request to change pool decking material from pavers to brick.

134 Flint Street - Construction of new door opening and crawl space/basement access doors on north elevation.

Action—Approved: Unanimous

185 Pearson Drive - Modifications to rear elevation, including demolition of small section of exterior wall and construction of a new enclosed porch and deck; modifications to several windows on side and rear elevations.

Action—Approved: Unanimous

HRC Application Portal

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