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Montford Residents Offer \$1000 Challenge

Montford residents Hernán and Lou Ann Navarro have offered, for the third year in a row, to match up to \$1000 in donations from Montford neighbors and friends. Hernán and Lou Ann have been a huge support of the Montford Music and Arts Festival, this year on May 16. We appreciate the Navarros.

Let's join together again to meet the challenge, and exceed our goal. Any amount you donate will help, no matter how small. It all adds up! Please take advantage of this opportunity to invest in your neighborhood.

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We Need Volunteers *Montford Music and Arts Festival*

Kim Kennedy, Festival Volunteer Coordinator

Dear Montford Neighbors,

We are again looking for volunteers to help with this year's festival Saturday, May 16, 10am-7pm. We have some new pre-event jobs, so I'm appealing to you earlier this year. If you have volunteered before, check the link I sent you in a recent email, and sign up for a shift.

If you are new to the signupgenius.com volunteer signup program, I would be happy to send you the link or even take your volunteer information over email or the phone. Whatever is easy for you!

Pre-festival we need helpers to pass out flyers on cars and on sign poles. The day of the festival, jobs include manning barricades, serving at the welcome booth or the silent auction booth, picking up trash and doing festival cleanup, checking in vendors, vendor space marking, and setup and cleanup.

Looking for Angels With Trucks and Trailers

One of the most difficult tasks is the truck convoy spots. We need individuals with a

truck or trailer to pick up tables, tents, and other equipment and bring them to the festival grounds Saturday morning by 7am (pick up equipment Friday night and store at your home if possible) and we need people with trucks to pick up the same equipment on Saturday night after the festival and deliver it back to Montford Center.

Volunteering is a great way to give back to your Montford community. Stand up and show how proud you are to be a member of this vibrant community and sign up to help today!

Kim Kennedy, Montford Center Director
34 Pearson Drive, Asheville. 253-3714 or 552-1888. KKennedy@ashevillenc.gov



CALENDAR

MONTFORD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

- Third Tuesday of every month, Montford Community Center, Pearson Drive.
 - Next meeting: **April 21, 2015**, 7pm. Watch the list serve for agenda items.
- All residents are welcome. Everyone in Montford is a member of the neighborhood association.

SUNDAY ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCES

- April 19
 - May 3
 - May 31
- 19 Zillicoa Street, 4-6:30pm; \$6/\$5 (for Old Farmers Ball members). Beginner's session, 3:30pm. Mostly first and third Sunday afternoons. **Check schedule for changes.** Oldfarmersball.com, 230-8449. Caller with live music. Newcomers welcome; dress comfortably with comfortable shoes; fragrance-free



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Alternatives to Pesticides Workshops

Phyllis Stiles

Remember a century ago when all food was organic? (It's OK if you don't remember personally!) Rampant pesticide use has put the monarch butterfly's existence at risk, and caused worrisome declines among all pollinators. Adverse impacts on humans are also well documented. Want to learn about alternatives to pesticides and how towns are adopting new pesticide policies and practices?



Join the Asheville Alternatives to Pesticides Coalition for a free, four-part workshop series at Lenoir Rhyne University on Montford Avenue on **the last Friday of each month, 6-9pm**, beginning in March. Light refreshments will be served.

- **March 27:** Dream of a Toxic-Free NC
- **April 24:** Pesticides Kill More Than Pests: Keeping Bees & Other Wildlife Safe
- **May 29:** Towns That Are Reducing Their Pesticide Footprint
- **June 26:** It All Starts At Home: Alternatives to Chemical Pesticides

Phyllis Stiles, Director, Bee City USA, beecityusa@gmail.com
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Community Recreation News

Kim Kennedy

Hop on over to Montford Park on **Saturday, April 4, 11am for our annual Easter Egg Hunt.** Tattoos, goodie bags and a visit with the Easter bunny are all part of the fun. Don't forget your basket! This FREE event is sponsored by the Montford Neighborhood Association and Montford Community Center.

Bring your cash and take advantage of some fantastic deals at our **annual Spring Community Yard Sale on Saturday, April 11, 8am-1pm.** We have over 50 tables of great merchandise including glassware, books, prom dresses, furniture, baby items, electronics, tools, and more.

Youth 3-7 years will enjoy our **NEW Bug Buddies program, Mondays, April 13 and 20, 4-5pm** for just \$10 per



child. Youth will explore the world of creepy crawlers through games, crafts, stories. Pre-register by Thursday, April 9.

Register for the **Summer Playground Program** this month. Rising first graders to fifth graders will enjoy this active program featuring games, special events, crafts, field trips, and enrichment activities. Cost is just \$40 per week; \$30 each additional child. Register online at ashevilenc.gov. Don't have a child to register, then consider sponsoring a child for a week.

For more information on the Montford Community Center, call Kim Kennedy at 253-3714.

Care & Feeding Of Pollinators

Phyllis Stiles

“To a bee, a flower is the fountain of life. And to the flower a bee is a messenger of love.”

Khalil Gibran, “The Prophet” (1923)

Bees, beetles, and butterflies emerge in spring with huge appetites. They’ve been hibernating over the winter as a pupa or an adult just waiting for sunny days to herald a fresh new year. Since, with few exceptions, most of them live only weeks rather than months or years, they didn’t know if winter would ever end, as it’s their first and only winter.

The winter survivors must lay eggs to ensure the future of their species. If they are butterflies or moths, they will carefully select the plant that will host their eggs—a plant that will provide the leafy nourishment their caterpillar will need when it hatches. If it’s a queen bumblebee, she will find a protected dry patch of ground, perhaps under a native grass plant, to build her colony of 500-600 bees. She will make little wax pots and provision each one with nectar and pollen and then deposit her egg on top of the food before sealing the pot.

A honeybee worker will make up to 12 foraging trips a day to collect her body weight in pollen or nectar each trip. She will return to her colony where a



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receiving worker bee will take the pollen or nectar load and pack it into a cell in the honeycomb. In western North Carolina, she must collect as much as possible in spring before our trees (maple, willow, holly, gum, fruit trees, locust, tulip poplar) stop blooming.

Make your yard a delicious buffet bar for pollinators throughout the growing season. Here are some easy-to-grow native perennials rich in pollen and nectar. When planting, place a labeled Popsicle stick or other marker near the plant, so you don’t forget it’s there next spring!

Spring: Purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*), Phlox (*Phlox divaricata* or *stolonifera*), Blue wild indigo (*Baptisia australis*)

Summer: Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*, *syriaca* or *tuberosa*),

Beardtongue (*Penstemon digitalis*), Cutleaf coneflower (*Rudbeckia laciniata*), Dense blazing star (*Liatris spicata*), Bee balm (*Monarda didyma*)

Fall: Aster (*Symphyotrichum* species), Goldenrod (*Solidago Canadensis*), Joe-pye weed (*Eupatorium fistulosum*)

Go to beecityusa.org/resources

to find an annotated list of recommended species that are native to the greater Asheville area, including common and Latin names, bloom time and color, height, growing conditions, associated pollinators, and nurseries that sell the plants.

If you would like to volunteer during a workday at a pollinator garden, contact beecityusa@gmail.com.





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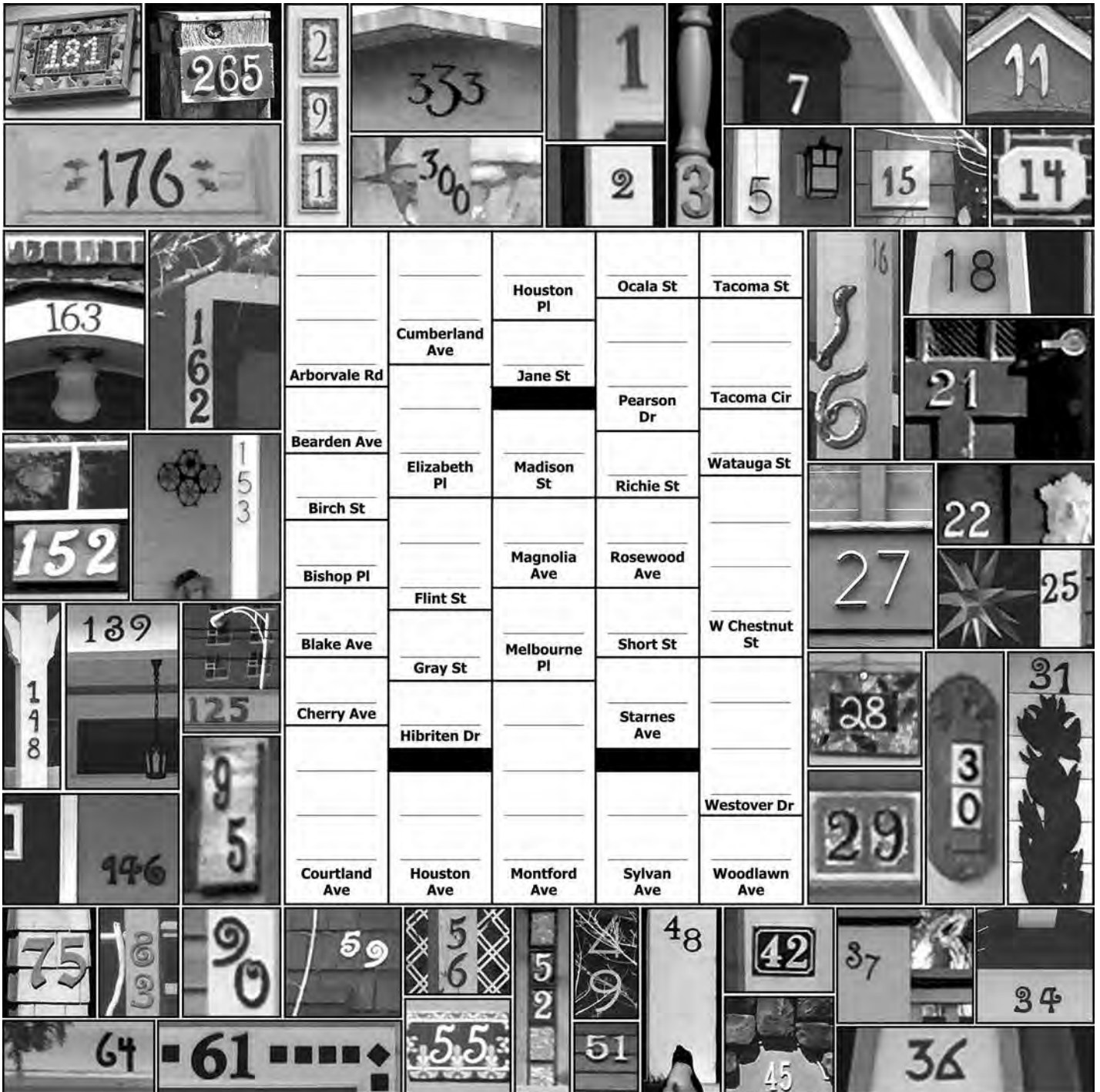
Tour your remarkable memory by feat and our wonderful neighborhood by foot, then pencil each house number onto a street name match in the answer grid. Sorry if we missed your street this year.

Puzzle numbers are featured on (or near) a Montford house (or business), and are visible from the street (or sidewalk). Google map and social electronic assistance is discouraged.

How to Enter the Contest

Use a smart phone (or pad) to photograph your answer grid and email it to montpuzzle@yahoo.com no later than April 20, 2015. In the email, send a neighborly ID like "Bob and Bea on Cullowhee" so we can note winners and otherwise delightful entrants. Team efforts should result in one entry. Three contest winners will receive Montford neighborhood gifts.

Additional copies of the 2015 Montford House Number Tour puzzle are available from montpuzzle@yahoo.com.



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Montford Neighborhood Meeting, March 2015

Joan Miller in lieu of David Patterson, Board Secretary, who was under the weather

Neighbors and some others met March 17 at 7pm for a lively meeting. It was St Patty's Day. Many attendees wore green.

Board members present were Brian Elston, President, Michael McDonough, Vice President (who I might add, had to skip out on a St Patrick's Day event at the Orange Peel to be present), and Daphne Young.

Officer Todd Brigman did not appear, and how crazy is that, that an Asheville police officer might have something more important to do than attend a Montford neighborhood meeting.

Susan Eggerton, Treasurer, was not in attendance, so there was no financial report. Susan's absence is excused, as she had just gotten back the day before from the pleasure of visiting her new granddaughter for a month in England, and then the next day, was putting together a remembrance for her iconic, beautiful brother Fred in a truly epic outdoor memorial service the day after.

Duke Energy Substation in Montford

Jason Walls represented Duke Energy to talk about the new substation, predicted to be up and working in 2018. It is slated to be built in the parcel of land between the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce site and the new Isaac Dickson school, though the actual substation imprint hasn't been determined yet. Its final size is estimated to be 220 feet x 280 feet. The tallest building will be 80 feet, but most of the buildings will be 30 feet or less.

The site was attractive because transmission lines already run through Hill Street, past the school, and down along the French Broad River.

This substation is one of three Duke plans in the next several years. While electricity load has increased by more than 50 percent, the last substation was built in 1975.

Electricity needs have far outgrown capacity at this point.

Several employees and parents from Isaac Dickson were in attendance. The major concerns expressed were about safety, the electromagnetic fields produced by the substations and lines to and from. Other Montford residents voiced concerns over what a nearby substation would do to housing prices, and the appearance of the whole project.

A follow-up meeting was proposed, with Duke engineers, who could answer questions more specifically. That meeting will be advertised on the Montford listserv and this newsletter as it approaches.

More Questions re the Substation

Most of the following questions by concerned residents and parents were not answered, but again, an EMF expert as well as other spokespersons will be at the next meeting, slated for the fall:

- Is the site zoned for such a building and use?
- If locals don't approve in the end, can the site location still be changed?
- Is it possible to put a high-voltage substation underground like on Wall Street?
- Do the lines going into and coming out of the substation have more or less electrical field output than the substation itself?
- Why must this neighborhood be first amongst the three substations? (Answer: because it has the biggest need.)
- Will Duke Energy put money into education to lower energy needs in general?

- Will Duke Energy put money into reimbursing homeowners for their reduced home values after the substation goes up?
- Is there an equivalent new substation in the area we can look at? (Answer: West Asheville—West Side, Riverview)
- Can you build hills and plant trees to dissipate the EMF effect?

Montford Neighborhood Board Nominations

Brian Elston announced new board member nominations will be due in April. Submit names to any one of the board members for May elections, which will occur at the May neighborhood meeting (May 19). Serving on the board is an excellent way to meet new people and give back to your neighborhood.

Historic Tax Credit

The Historic Tax Credit, which expired in January, 2014, is being revisited by Susan Fisher. Some residents have received the credits for construction on historic homes, and would certainly like it to come back. There is a bill in the Senate pending.

Needed: Volunteers for the Montford Music and Arts Festival

Ben Scales made an appeal for volunteers for the Montford Music and Arts Festival, May 16, 2015. Go to MontfordFestival.org to find contact information, as well as ideas on how to help. Also visit the front page in this newsletter for more information. We also need money donations, if you can't be there to volunteer. Any amount is welcome.

Ask Away, Montford!

Dear Kelli,

I moved here for a quiet community, but my neighbor is so noisy. He rides his moped (without the muffler I might add), for all hours of the night. Is it appropriate to toss a broomstick into his spokes next time he passes?" — Ezra U.

Dear Ezra,

Montford generally is a quiet community with understanding and aware individuals. Unfortunately, I don't think that a broomstick to the spokes is your best bet. Though it may be appropriate, might I suggest instead that you speak with your neighbor about the noise. Let him/her know that the moped is quite loud and that you would really appreciate a muffler or less late night rendezvousing. Do you share a landlord? Perhaps you can let your landlord know that there is an issue. Or, one of my all-time favorite ways to deal with confrontations that you might prefer to avoid, leave a note! "Dear Moped-er, please consider a muffler for your mode of transport, as it is a very distracting when you zip around at all hours of the night. I find you rude and inconsiderate!" Or you can file a noise complaint. But what is considered a "noise disturbance?" According to ashevillenc.gov, "Noise is any sound or combination of sounds which, because of its volume or quality, tends to disturb reasonable persons of normal sensitivity or to interfere with normal human activity. [Section 10-82 (c)]" And you seem like a perfectly reasonable person to me!

I doubt this will resolve the issue quickly, but it is an option if the occurrence is ongoing.

Dear Kelli,

All this warm, sunshine-y weather has got me itchin' to get outdoors. What are your suggestions?—Sincerely, Really Hated Winter

Dear Really Hated Winter,

Well, Really Hated Winter, so did I! The time change seems to get harder every year and I'm so glad we're back from the dark side. There are TONS of things to do in WNC (hiking, tubing, mountain biking, disc golf), but plenty of options right here in our own neighborhood as well!

There's a community garden near Nine Mile (visit Montford Community Garden on Facebook) you can get involved with. Montford Park has a basketball court and tennis courts, as well as benches for reading or spectating. There are lots of sidewalks to take strolls through the historic district (there's a house with a garden of Barbie bodies!). Nine Mile and Tod's Tasties and Chiesa offer different food items (or place an order with the Montford Walk-In Bakery and plan an afternoon walk to jaunt on over to pick it up!).

Montford Park Players is opening their free summer series starting on May 15 with Romeo and Juliet. The 12th Annual Montford Music & Arts Festival will be taking place on May 16th. Plus you can take a trolley tour! You can hop on at the Visitor's Center, and hop off at any of the stops along the way. You can also become an ambassador and ride for free with any two additional paying adults! There's so much to do, you should probably get started right away!

Got a question that you need answered? Weather got you down? Love life on the rocks? Let us know! Ask Away! by e-mailing TheBandGeek@hotmail.com with "Montford Newsletter Question" in your subject line. Not all questions may be answered and are subject to Answerer's discretion. Thanks for reading!

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Thirty Great Hikes

By Timothy P. Spira

If you love waterfalls, here are some of the best hikes in the Southern Appalachians. And if you love plants—or simply would like to learn more about them—you will be in hiking heaven: naturalist Tim Spira's guidebook links waterfalls and wildflowers in a spectacularly beautiful region famous for both. Leading you to gorgeous waterfalls in Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, South Carolina, and Georgia, the book includes many hikes in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and along the Blue Ridge Parkway. As he surveys one of America's most biologically diverse regions, Spira introduces hikers to the "natural communities" approach for identifying and understanding plants within the context of the habitats they occupy—equipping hikers to see and interpret landscapes in a new way. Each of the 30 hikes includes:

- a detailed map and GPS coordinates
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- an associated plant species list

Also featured:

- beautiful color photographs of 30 destination waterfalls, 125 plants, and more
- detailed descriptions of 125 key plant species
- 22 drawings to help identify plant structures
- a glossary of botanical terms

About the Author

Timothy P. Spira, professor of biology at Clemson University, is the author of *Wildflowers and Plant Communities of the Southern Appalachian Mountains and Piedmont: A Naturalist's Guide to the Carolinas, Virginia, Tennessee, and Georgia*.



Thanks Chiesa, as Noted by Mitch Russell

Chiesa is donating the proceeds of their Poor Box to Isaac Dickson this month. What a great way to support your local Italian restaurant and neighborhood school!



"A poor box is an alms box for voluntary contributions for relief of the poor. It is called in some places corbona (a treasure box) and has been found in churches from the earliest days of Christianity."

Resource Directory

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Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

March 11, 2015 at 4pm Tentative Agenda for Montford Item and Summary and Action

170 Montford Avenue—Rear addition and new garage.....Approved

April 8, 2015 Tentative Agenda for Montford

New Business

23 Courtland Avenue—Amendment to shift, add, and restore windows and doors and to construct a skylight

42 Cumberland Avenue—Amendment to increase setback, remove stairway on south elevation, and removal of two trees along property boundary

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Something Moved

Marci Spencer, March 2015

“It was Easter Sunday, April 20, 2014,” begins a story, recorded in the book, *Pisgah National Forest: a History*. “A family drove eastbound on I-40 to Exit 90 at Nebo to the Grandfather District Ranger Station. Shoveled dirt, draped tarps and a newly graveled walkway beside the parking lot promised a new nature trail. However, the Ranger station was closed. And yet, something moved. It was just a quick glimpse, but certainly not imagined. There it goes again! “Did you see that?” a little girl whispered.

“I think so,” a grandmother whispered back.

“Sh-sh-h-h! There it goes again! And another one!” the little girl said. No bigger than a ping-pong ball, a fuzzy tan blur, camouflaged in bright morning glare and pale grass, rolled across Grandfather’s front yard.

A vocal, protective parent swooped overhead before landing hard on the turf nearby. “It’s wings are broken,” the little girl feared. “It’s hurt.”

There, within yards of I-40 on the front lawn of the Grandfather District’s home, a killdeer performed one of nature’s enchanting displays. Feigning




a broken wing and screeching a painful plea, it diverted the attention of hungry predators or just the intrigued innocent. Tiny killdeer babies scurried out of harm’s way.”

Be careful. Although it’s related to seashore plovers, the killdeer scrapes out its nest, not on the beach, but in front yards, playgrounds, city parks, or even graveled driveways. Rearing its young from March to April, a killdeer might choose to nest in peaceful Montford Park. Look for robin-sized adults with a bright-white belly, a black, double-striped breastband and a long, rusty tail. Single-striped, downy babies resemble their parents.

Tread lightly; and, if eggs or babies go unnoticed, take heed. Careless footfalls will be scolded harshly.

Although the shrill, piercing cries may not sound like, “Kill deer! Kill deer! Kill deer!” to you (or me), scientists aptly provided the killdeer with its Latin name, *Charadrius vociferus!*



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