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## A Very Cool Hot August Night



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### Better'n A Stick In Your Eye

Mitch Russell

Please cut back shrubs and tree limbs that hang down over sidewalks or grow into the path of walkers, runners, and all other pedestrians on sidewalks.

I have been accosted no less than six times in the past week by said villains. If you don't have trimmers I am happy to come cut anything, overhanging the sidewalk, up to 6 inches in diameter.



#### Comments from Susan Roderick

It's a jungle out there! I hand prune as I walk around—I go up  
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### Basilica Yard Signs— A Perspective

Kathleen Lyons

Hello neighbors,

By now, most of you have seen the photographs of the Basilica springing up in yards all over Montford.



It shows the Basilica with a stand of trees in front of it, instead of a tall building blocking the view or the existing gravel pit and chain-link fence. That's what the sign is about; it's a tasteful request that the City Council honor our desire to put some green space in front of the Basilica.  
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☾ CALENDAR ☀

**MONTFORD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETINGS**

- Third Tuesday of every month, Montford Community Center, Pearson Drive.
- Next meeting: **September 17, 2015**, 7pm. Watch the list serve for agenda items.

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

**COMMUNITY RECREATION**

**NEWS**

Kim Kennedy

**Montford Center Advisory Board**

We are reviving the Montford Center Advisory Board and we need your help. If you are interested in getting involved in your community center, then come by our meeting Thursday, September 10 at 6pm and find out what we are all about.

**Fall Community Yard Sale**

Saturday, September 12 is the Annual Fall Community Yard Sale. You can reserve tables at the recreation center for \$5 per table or have a sale at your house and be on our map for \$10. Tables at the community center are first-come-first-served and they fill fast so get your money in soon. Deadline to be on our yard sale map is Wednesday, September 11. (You do not need to promote the "Trash for Cash" sale as the neighborhood is not involved with that any longer. I will still make a map if needed, as I listed above.)

**Two New Yoga Classes**

Two new Yoga Classes are coming to Montford Center. Hatha Yoga on Wednesdays, September 16 – October 21, 9:15-10:30am for \$50 per person taught by Vanessa Sanducci. A minimum of 10 are needed for this program to run. Beginning October 2, we will also have Chair Yoga on Fridays, 10:30-11:45am for \$10 per class or \$50 for 6 classes, taught by Ellen Morrissey.

If you would like a copy of our fall brochure or have questions, send an email to Kim Kennedy at [kkennedy@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:kkennedy@ashevillenc.gov) or call 253-3714.

**Calendar Items**

- Afterschool Adventures, M-F 2:45-5:30pm
- Snow Care (on most City of Asheville inclement weather days)
- Fun Day Out (teacher workdays) – Sept 25, 28, Oct 26, 27, Nov 11, 25 from 8:30am-5:30pm \$5
- Holiday Camp – Dec 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30, 31 from 8:30-5:30pm \$40 per child
- Youth Tennis, Monday-Thursday, September 21 - 24, 4-5pm, \$10 per child
- Developing Future Male Leaders- Fridays, Sept 18-May 20, 2016, \$10 per child
- Diamonds in the Rough – Wednesdays, September 23-December 16, 5:30-7:30pm, \$5
- Prehistoric Pals – Monday, October 5 & 12, 4-5pm, \$10 per child
- Co-ed 4-on-4 Volleyball Tournament – Sunday, Oct 18, 9am-4pm, \$40 per team
- Zombie Mania – Saturday, October 24, 9am-noon, \$5 per child
- Fall-o-Ween – Saturday, October 30, 5:30-7:30pm, \$5 per child
- Holiday Craft Fair – Saturday, November 14, 10am-4pm. Vendor booths \$15
- Co-ed 2-on-2 Volleyball Tournament – Sunday, December 13, 9am-4pm, \$20 per team
- Holiday Gift Making – Monday, December 7 from 4-6pm or Saturday, December 12 from 10-noon; \$10 per child per session
- Climbing Wall – Mondays, 5:30-8pm; \$5 per climber + belay fee if needed
- Gong Fu Martial Arts – Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm, \$10
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**The Birthday House**

**Sunday, September 13**

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 Tickets/Tour Details at [gpsmna.org](http://gpsmna.org)

Come inside the homes that you admire from the outside!  
 Here's a small sample of the jewels you'll see.

**The Art Deco Estate**

From the outside, this prominent residence is notable for its curvilinear, "eyebrow" tiled roof. But local legend has it that the inside has served as a genuine Prohibition-era speakeasy and social club. Picture young debutants making their entrance down the lovely staircase in the 1920's and 30's. A large bar rumored to be from the original Battery Park Hotel, is located in the basement and will be restored.

**The Name Dropper**

This lovely stone home boasts connections to Asheville's most prominent citizens. In 1918 E.W. Grove (Grove Park Inn) purchased

the property. A.M. Griffing (Griffing Rose Garden) bought the newly built home for \$50,000 in 1926. The home designer was Charles Parker (architect of the Grove Arcade) and the builder was W.J. Jackson Construction (builders of the first skyscraper in Asheville, the Jackson Building). This home is located near St. Mary's Episcopal Church where the "church ladies" have drinks and sandwiches for purchase.

**The Birthday House**

Come celebrate the 100th birthday of this prairie style house designed by Richard Sharpe Smith. The diamond-shaped living room windows, coal fireplaces, and hardwood floors are just some of the original elements that remain. Although a middle class home, the servants' floor bell in the dining room floor made it easy to summon servants from the basement.

Outside, a remnant of the Asheville street car route separates the back yard from Macon Avenue neighbors.

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## North Carolina Banjo Clinic Coming to Montford

The North Carolina Banjo Clinic will be coming to Montford **Friday, November 13 and Saturday, November 14.**

The NCBC is an intensive two-day banjo instruction event. Group classes start at 9am and end at 4:30pm each day. All teachers are either semi- or full-time professional players and instructors. We will offer both bluegrass and old time banjo instruction.

### Cost

Early-bird registration for both days is \$275 until October 1. The price after October 1 is \$295. Registration for one day only is \$150.

We will also offer banjo setup (Saturday only) and private after-clinic hours one-on-one instruction, though there are usually ample opportunities to seek individual instruction during the clinic.

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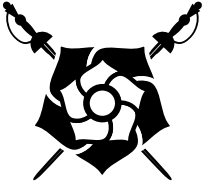


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County**

**Montford Tentative Agenda, September 9, 2015, 4pm**

19 Birch Street—Construction of new single family home (Alex Cole)


230 Pearson Drive—Construction of addition on existing accessory building; modification of rear stair; modification of rear basement entry and installation of new door; construction of new stair along north elevation (Alex Cole)

181 Flint Street—Construction of new one-story accessory building (Alex Cole)

**New Business**

286 Cumberland Avenue—Reconfiguration of window openings on rear addition and installation of new wood windows

11 Arborvale Road—New two-story addition



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### Neighborhood Invitation



**September 25, 26, 27**

Friday, Saturday 11am – 9pm, Sunday 11am – 4pm  
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church at 227 Cumberland Avenue

### Greetings Neighbors!

Once again it's Greek Fest time in Montford. There will be lots to learn, see, do, and definitely EAT!

### Live Music

Please come and enjoy the Greek sounds of Nick Demos & Greek Islanders. Experience a world of dance as you watch our youth groups and adult teams performing in authentic costumes.

### Join Us For a Service

Tour our Church where you can learn about the rich 2000-year-old religion of Orthodoxy which is the cornerstone of Greek culture and tradition. Join us for Vespers Service on Saturday, September 26 at 5pm and Divine Liturgy Service on Sunday, September 27 at 9am.

### Shop

Shop in our Agora (Marketplace) where you can take a little piece of Greece home with you. There you will find imported Greek jewelry, luxurious silk Pashmina wraps, Pysanky easter eggs, Greek sailor hats, religious icons, and other Greek items.

### Cooking Demos and Food and More Food

Love the food at the festival? Enjoy live cooking demonstrations. Stock your pantry with Greek food items from the Bakaliko (grocery store) including Greek cheeses, imported olives, olive oil, spices, and other imported delicacies.

Finally, allow the scents of oregano, garlic, and cinnamon to take you away on culinary excursion to the Mediterranean and feast upon a



cornucopia of the best Greek cuisine outside of Athens, Greece. Each area you visit offers a different surprise from tangy tzatziki-topped gyros, to the Arni (lamb shank), spanakopita, pistachio, moussaka inside at the traditional food line, to the decadent handmade pastries like baklava.

Visit [holytrinityasheville.com/greek\\_festival](http://holytrinityasheville.com/greek_festival), Facebook us at Asheville Greek Festival, or call 253-3754.

### Thank You Montford

We at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church are so grateful for the support you, our fellow neighbors, have giving us during our Greek Festival and over the past 60 years we have been part of the Montford Neighborhood! Thank you for allowing us to hold our three-day party at our home in the heart of Asheville's Most Historic Neighborhood!

Sincerely,  
Constantine "Dino" Zourzoukis  
Asheville Greek Festival 2015 Chairman  
Dawn "Pebbles" Stucker  
Asheville Greek Festival 2015 Co-Chairman

## Duke Energy Update

### Update from Jimmy Flythe, Duke Energy Regional Director of Community Relations

While the development of the Hill Street Substation is still on hold, Duke started cleaning up the site the week of August 10.

Jimmy Flythe, Duke Energy Regional Director of Community Relations, says this is absolutely no indication that we are starting to build on this site. The work is needed to be a good neighbor and better secure the property.

There is a lot of trash and undergrowth on the site. Our security personnel and the Asheville Police determined that clearing the undergrowth will make it easier for police to see inside the area and keep trespassers off. This will also improve the appearance. It's a large lot and it's very overgrown, so it is a fairly large amount of work.

### Isaac Dickson Construction

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**Curbside recycling** includes containers for products commonly found in grocery stores - bottles, cans, drink boxes, as well as paper & cardboard.

Placing ANY OTHER materials into your recycling bins or carts creates *significant* problems for curbside recycling facilities.

**NEVER** put Hard-to-Recycle items in with your curbside recyclables.

NEVER put ANY plastic bags, cereal liner bags, chip bags or any kind of plastic film in your curbside recycling. This kind of plastic **will clog recycling equipment, forcing the entire facility to close down for workers to cut it off by hand with boxcutters!**

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over my head by about a foot and try to keep the sidewalks clear for two people to pass, but some of the invasives like ivy and wisteria grow back within a day it seems! The other “gripe” I have about our wonderful ‘hood is that folks take pretty good care of their front yards and even garden a bit, but let the edges go to hell because they don’t ever go out that way—they leave by way of their driveways and don’t realize that the appearance from the front is “jungly.” The bed and breakfasts and many of the private homeowners do a fantastic job and I know the original owners of those beautiful homes are looking down from heaven and smiling.

### Basilica

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#### City Council Election

We’ll elect new City Council this fall, and they’ll decide what to do with the land. So when the candidates come to your door asking for your vote, please point to your sign, and ask for their vote for green space.

When City Council understands that most residents want to save a little space for trees during this building boom, we believe they will preserve that land and the view of the church.

#### Where to Get Signs

My front porch is set up with Yard Signs and Petition boards. There is also a box of Yard Signs on the front steps available to anyone anytime and will remain there until the elections are over.

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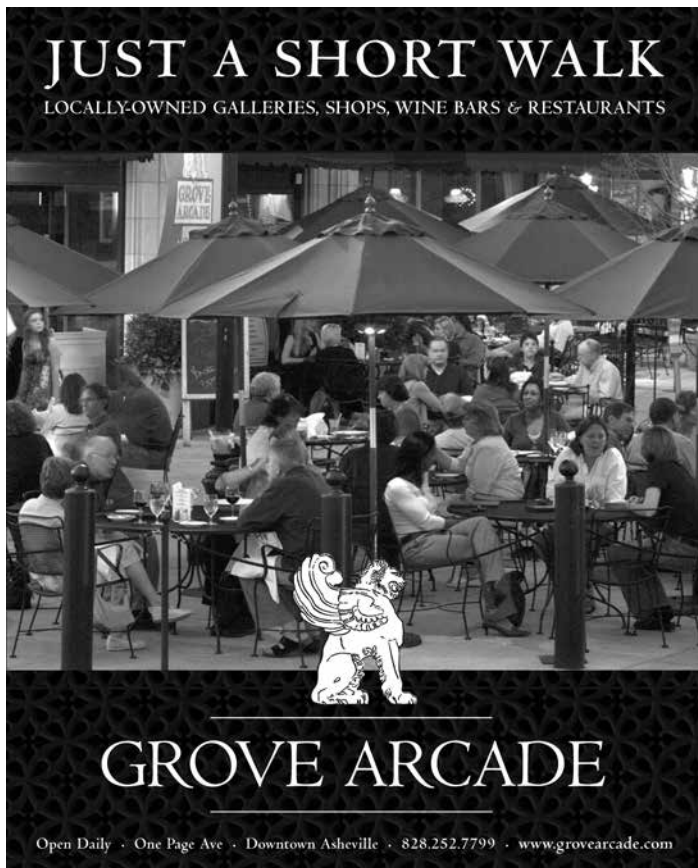
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