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Next game: Friday/Saturday July 10/11. To watch a fun video, go to cardiotennis.com

If you are interested email or text/call Laurie Tinnell at laurietinnel@gmail.com or 941-224-0207.

Daphne Young

Montford is lucky. It has had more than a handful of men and women who've been willing to spend the effort toward a *sense of*, an *experience of*, community. Daphne Young is one of them. Daphne stepped down as a board member of the Montford Neighborhood Association in May. She's not going away; her contribution just won't be as formal as it has been for years.

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C A L E N D A R

MONTFORD PARK PLAYERS A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

The Montford Park Players, North Carolina's longest running Shakespeare Festival, will open A Midsummer Night's Dream, the second production of its 2015 outdoor season. It runs **June**

5-July 4, Friday-Sunday at 7:30pm at the Hazel Robinson Amphitheatre, 92 Gay Street in Montford. Bring a picnic, bring your favorite beverage and bring your canine companion! Saturdays will feature MPP's Cutest Dog Contest.

Bust a move through the concrete jungle, and fall under the spell

of rapping sprites, fly girl fairies, rude boy mechanicals, and funky fresh lovers in this hip-hop inspired production. Directed by Jason Williams. The production features artwork by noted Asheville artist Dustin Spagnola, costumes by Elizabeth Evans, and choreography by Kristi DeVille.



• Saturday, June 20, the

park will be transformed into a day-long Midsummer Faire, a treat for the whole family. Admission is free, donations will be accepted.

Visit montfordparkplayers.org, email us at info@ montfordparkplayers.org or call the box office at 254-5146.

COMMUNITY RECREATION NEWS

Kim Kennedy

Dear Neighbors, The Montford Center is looking for sponsors! Children in the Summer Playground Program need your contributions. Our camp is full with 60 youth, and we want to make sure they all can continue to attend for the full summer. For as little as \$10 you can pay for a child to attend a week of camp. Checks made payable to the City of Asheville and mailed to Kim Kennedy/

Montford Center, 34 Pearson Drive, 28801. Thanks to Vic and Sharon Fahrer for our first donation!



Spots are filling quickly for the **Beyond-the-Page Comic Camp**, August 3-7, 8:30am-5:30pm at

West Asheville Park, ages 8-12; \$50

per child. Explore the world of comics, cartooning, and creating characters and adventures. Participants will focus on comics as an art form and learn about character and story development through creative games and activities. Bring lunch, water bottle, swimsuit, and towel every day.

- Summer Playground June 15 August 13; \$40/week for first child
- Developing Future Male Leaders June 23 – August 11; \$10 for the summer
- Climbing Wall Mondays 5:30-8:00pm; \$5 per climber; \$9 for belay service, if needed.
- Martial Arts Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00pm; \$10 per person



- Adult Community Basketball Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30pm; \$1 per person
- Table Tennis Mondays, 5:30-8:00pm and Saturdays, 11:00am-2:00pm; FREE
- **Badminton** Thursdays, 5:30-8:00pm & Saturdays, 9:00am-11:00am; FREE
- Family Basketball Saturdays, 9am-11am; FREE
- Ukulele Club Mondays, 6:00-8:00pm; FREE add photo of ukulele somewhere near
- Hot August Night 5K Race

Saturday, August 15, 7pm. Register at active.com or call for registration form. Adults: \$20; Youth 12 & under \$15. There is a \$5 discount if you register by August 7. Race starts near the Community Center on Pearson. Awards ceremony follows the event. Runners and walkers of all ages welcome!



For more information on

the Montford Community Center, call Kim Kennedy 253-3714. Visit ashevillenc.gov/parks for our summer guide. Join us on facebook at facebook.com/APRCA

SUNDAY ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCES

• June 7 and 21

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.







Mike Merritt Artworks Mike Merritt

Seed and Sky Jewelry **Kelsey Loomer**

Rob Travis Photography Rob Travis

Thank you to Dana Irwin and Megan Kirby, who were the art judges for the Montford Music and Arts Festival.

Montford Festival—Thank You Again, Sponsors!

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Duke Energy Substation Update Sarah Patten

This past December, Duke Energy announced it plans to build a large, 115-kilovolt power substation next to the future site of the new Isaac Dickson Elementary School (IDES) on Hill Street in Asheville.

The IDES PTO (parent-teacher organization) and the Asheville City School Board strongly object to the location of a substation next to the new school.

Specifics

- Duke Energy bought 16.93 acres of land December 18, 2014, for \$5.35 million. The acreage partially encircles the new Isaac Dickson Elementary School on Hill and Gudger streets. Duke plans to build a power substation on this land that would be operational by early 2018.
- Duke has said that the substation footprint will be approximately 280 x 180 feet with at least one 80-foot tower and an average tower height of 30 feet.
- The current plan places the substation 200 feet from the school property line.
- This will be a 115,000-kilovolt substation.

- Two other schools are in proximity to the site—Hill Street Daycare Center and William Randolph School.
- Duke Energy representatives have indicated that they may add additional substation capacity on the same property next to the school in the future.

A Duke Energy representative attended a Montford neighborhood meeting in January. At that meeting, it was indicated Duke would not rule out the potential that the remaining acreage would be sold or leased to other interests.

The IDES PTO remains concerned about serious potential health and safety concerns related to putting a substation next to a school with 500+ young children. There is also the concern that the substation will seriously diminish tax payers' \$23 million investment in this new school building and will undermine Isaac Dickson's track record as one of the top-achieving schools in the state.

Specific Health and Safety Concerns

• Electromagnetic fields (EMF's): There is concern and uncertainty about the emission of potentially dangerous electromagnetic fields (EMF)—a form of radiation, by the substation. The results of scientific and medical studies of the health effects of EMFs are mixed. Some valid studies show an increased risk of childhood leukemia and other cancers for children exposed to EMFs. The World Health Organization





(WHO) classifies EMF as a possible carcinogen. Other studies do not find a link. If there is any risk of cancer and other serious health problems with EMF exposure, and until we have conclusive data that there is no risk, why would we put a substation next door to where 500 children spend 6-8 hours a day, nine months out of the year?

- Power substation explosion: On May 6, 2015 a Duke Energy power substation exploded in Candor, NC. The explosion produced large flames and billowing toxic smoke.
- Electrocution: There have been cases in which children have climbed over or under a fence to enter a substation area and been electrocuted and killed. The most recent case was in Florida in October 2014 when a boy was killed when he scaled a fence and entered a substation located next to a park to retrieve his basketball.
- Possible injuries related to fencing: Many substations are surrounded by fencing topped with barbed wire. There are concerns about injury if children climb a barbed-wire fence.

On May 31, a community-wide forum was held about the plans for the power substation next to Isaac Dickson Elementary School. Mayor Esther Manheimer and Senator Terry Van Duyn agreed to discuss our concerns and possible solutions. The August newsletter will detail that May meeting and include any more information the school and community have learned about plans. For more information contact Sarah Patten at sarahcpatten@gmail.com.





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Final Roll Call—Montford Festival

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Fundraising from the Montford Challenge has reached \$4,045. **WOW!** Let me present to you the names of our Challengers and wonderful neighbors who donated:

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"Were you chosen?" **Marci Spencer**

Were you one of the fortunate ones? Did he choose your backyard? Did he grace you with his elegant presence and bold, handsome appearance?

If he arrived to feed among chickadees, cardinals and goldfinches, you would have noticed. Like many who posted their photographic captures on Facebook, you would have observed in awe. This was

no ordinary day. The male rose-breasted grosbeak had just invited you to spend time with him and his natural world.

Midnight-black coats a brilliant white underneath, like a distinguished gentleman in a fine tuxedo. Perching proudly erect, he sports a big, round head and a distinctively large white bill. The eye-catching rosy-red necktie creates the commanding presence, though. Like young men who have dressed for the prom, however, no two neckties are tied exactly the same.

No two red throat patches, some birders claim, on the rose-breasted grosbeak are patterned alike. Did you have the same rose-breasted visitor at your feeder each day? Or, were they different individuals, fueling up on your black-oiled sunflower seeds after returning from Peru? The answer was in the necktie.

The luckiest of all will hear the grosbeak's rich, melodious song, proudly delivered from the highest point of a tall tree. Henry David Thoreau remarked once that the rose-breasted grosbeak was "our richest singer, perhaps, after the wood thrush." Birdcall tutorials on CD and tape report that his whistled, peppy song "sounds like a robin who took voice lessons." Do you hear his sweet serenade? Then you have won the prize. He has chosen your home as his.

In late spring, males arrive about a week before females, defending one to two acres as home territory. In song, he charms his brownstreaked mate into joining him. They form a close bond. Together, they forage, identify boundaries and chase away intruders. Unmistakable "chink-calls," likened to the sound of squeaky car brakes, communicates their location.

Courtship intensifies. Courtship displays vary, but some are quite dramatic. After a long flight up, flashing bright white wing bars on dark black wings, the male drops beside the female, droops his wings, spreads his tail, fluffs his breast, rotates from side to side and hip-hops, zig-zag fashion, along a limb. She finds this alluring.

Photo credit: Paula Wise

On a forked limb, about 10 feet off the ground, the pair builds the nest, snapping off twigs and picking up sticks with their large seedcrushing bills. They prefer a shallow, loosely laid, open-weaved construction. Hemlock boughs make nice bedding for four bluishgreen, brown-streaked eggs. Unlike most silent brooding birds, both male and female rose-breasted grosbeaks celebrate in song on the nest. About twelve days later, the young hatch and are fed insects by both parents. Within two weeks, fledglings leave the nest. A second brood is possible.

> With the August molt, the male rosebreasted grosbeak trades in his courtly tuxedo for brownish-streaked travel wear and a faded red collar. By September to mid-October, flocks of grosbeaks head south. The male will change into breeding plumage before he returns next spring.

You may have missed him at your feeder, but listen. He may have chosen a

woods-edge or clearing near you to be his seasonal home. Do you hear him? Sound like a robin, but not quite? More spirited? More captivating? You may have been chosen.





Festival Volunteers Give With Heart

"Individuals play the game, but teams beat the odds," say the Navy SEALS. And the winning 2015 Montford Festival team of enthusiastic, creative volunteers did it again.

For the 12th year, we delighted residents, vendors and visitors alike of all ages with our music, arts, and fine al fresco dining! Give yourselves a hand for our months of preparation and your giant, unified effort on the day itself! Thank you!

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Montford Neighborhood Association Meeting

David Patterson, Secretary

The Montford Neighborhood Association held the regularly scheduled monthly meeting Tuesday, May 19, 2014 at 7pm at the Montford Community Center on Pearson Drive. In attendance were MNA board members Brian Elston, President, Michael McDonough, Vice-President, Susan Eggerton, Treasurer, David Patterson, Secretary, and at-large board members Ellen Nutter, Joan Miller and Daphne Young. There were 11 total in attendance for the meeting.

Brian Elston, President, called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Safety and Security

Asheville Police Officer Brigman was unable to attend.

Isaac Dickson Elementary School / Duke Energy Update

Brian Elston gave an update on the proposed Duke Energy substation to be built adjacent to the new Isaac Dickson school. A public meeting at the school is scheduled for May 31t with members from the city and community invited. Mayor Esther Manheimer will attend. The Montford Neighborhood Association's position is as follows:

The Montford Neighborhood Association supports continued community dialogue and exploration of health and safety issues related to the proposed Duke Energy substation in our neighborhood. The MNA recently included this issue at our monthly meeting, where discussion included numerous questions, possible companion land uses, exact location of the substation, and health/ safety concerns, which revealed that there are too many unknowns at that point to understand if this site is suitable for the substation, or a threat to health and safety.

We encourage representatives of Duke Energy to present to the community more details about the exact location/configuration of the substation (and distance to adjacent properties), proposed buffer elements, proposed additional land uses, and studies that address health and safety concerns, while exploring alternative sites that pose less risk.

Festival Update/LaZoom Tour

Kim Kennedy, Montford Center Director, informed the group that over 5000 attended this year's Montford Music and Arts Festival. Also, LaZoom comedy bus tour tickets are selling fast. If interested, contact Dave Baker at 279-3160.

Montford Garden

A memorandum between the HRC and the MNA is being worked out regarding the plot known as Montford Community Garden at the corner of Waneta Street and Montford Avenue. MNA has indicated a willingness to fund a redesign and landscaping of the plot. Ongoing maintenance will be provided by MNA and community volunteers.

Newsletter

The group discussed the search for a new editor for the newsletter. Current editor Joan Miller informed the group that current responsibilities precluded her from carrying out her duties, but would consider staying on with a reduced number of issues. MNA Board will discuss further at the next Board meeting.

MNA Board Elections

New Board is as follows: Brian Elston — president, Michael McDonough - vice president, Susan Eggerton — treasurer, David Patterson — secretary. At-large board members: Ellen Nutter, Ross Terry, Joan Miller, Sue Russell, and Leslie Humphrey.

Treasurer's Report

Susan Eggerton, Treasurer, gave the MNA financial report showing Festival income and expenses. Festival appears to be a big success this year.









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Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

Montford Action Agenda, May 13, 2015

Item and Summary and Action

45 Short Street – Rehabilitation of existing house, including replacement of asbestos siding with new material.....Approved with conditions (*CA will not include installation of new siding)

Go to ashevillenc.gov for the full approved minutes after the following month's meeting.

Tentative Agenda, June 10, 2015, 4pm

Old Business

14 Lodge Street—Replacement of granite kick plates and front entry doors

New Business

37 Courtland Avenue—Removal of 6 trees and shifting of alley 339 Cumberland Avenue—Construction of new driveway and retaining wall

133 Montford Avenue—Construction of new two-story rear addition and deck

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Daphne Young

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The experience of community doesn't happen by accident, unless it does—like when a catastrophic event brings neighbors together out of necessity. That's rare and doesn't apply to Montford. The other way it happens is because some people have a vision that it's important to help people have a sense of place, and they think about creative ways to make it happen, and then they make it happen. It's a lot of hard work, and it's not required. Some people just seem hell-bent on making the world a better place, and Daphne is one of the successful ones.

Joe and Wanda Newman (formerly lived on Soco

Street)—Daphne Young is one of Montford's hardest working and most productive neighborhood volunteers. She started attending MNA meetings to win support for the block parties she was helping to organize in Montford Hills. Before she knew it, she'd agreed to take over fundraising for the annual Montford Music and Arts Festival. With Daphne in charge, the number of sponsors and the amount of money raised went through the roof. Our free springtime festival was able to pay its bills and also generate funds for the MNA's neighborhood improvement projects such as extending the Reed Creek Greenway and supporting the Montford Community Center's work with neighborhood youth.

Daphne is genuinely modest. It took a lot of arm twisting from friends to persuade her to serve on the MNA's Executive Board.

She is a woman of faith who visits the sick, attends funerals, and does whatever else she can to comfort people. She's generous with her free time even though she holds a demanding job with the Buncombe County Board of Elections.

Kim Kennedy (Montford Community Center

Director)—Daphne is one of those people who will step up to help when nobody else will. She is a happy soul who looks at the good in everything.

Daphne was instrumental in getting the neighborhood to purchase tents, trashcans, and coolers for the neighborhood to use at block party events. She also supports the staff and programs at the Montford Community Center with donations and constant words of encouragement.

I feel very privileged to call Daphne my friend.

Sharon Fahrer (Visionary and Former Director of the Festival, Historical Tours Leader, Montford Avenue Neighbor, Voluntary Consultant For All Things Montford and Historical . . .)—Whatever Daphne does she puts her whole self into and does it right. Her passion is infectious. Her sense of humor keeps you laughing. I knew from the moment we met I wanted to be her friend.

Daphne had organized a block party on her street and she came over for advice. I knew we needed to get her on the Festival committee!

Mary Trauner (Soco Avenue Neighbor, Festival Website Tsarina)—It has been a pleasure for me to work with Daphne in representing the Montford scene in a number of ways.

We have worked together on the Festival committee for about three years now. She is one of the most talented and successful fund raisers I have ever known. (I'm pretty sure that she knows everyone in Asheville. It takes forever to walk down the street with her as one person after another stops her with a greeting.) While our attempts to show up in our go-go boots as fill-in acts between bands hasn't yet happened, I'm confident we'll get there.

Daphne got a few of us, four altogether, to form the Montford Sauntering Club where we successfully finished several 5K runs around town. I consider Daphne a good friend now.

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If you ever get a chance to work with Daphne on any Montford event or project, take it. I assure you, it will not only be successful, but it will be a blast.

Pamela (Daphne's Little Sister)—Daphne....Well!!!!!

Daphne is My Best Friend, My Best Critic, and the Best Sister a Girl could have. She is very passionate in everything she does. Her enthusiasm is contagious.

When we were growing up, Daphne was in charge of taking the neighborhood kids to the local movie theater to see Walt Disney films.

She is direct, blunt at times, but she always has your best interest at heart.

I am blessed to have Daphne in my life. She sends me encouraging text daily, keeps me grounded, and most of all she loves unconditionally. This, from the bratty baby sister.

The one thing that gets Daphne excited, really excited, is Fire Trucks and all they entail. (The Big Red Truck, the Siren, and the Outfits! (Editor's Note: Who knew?)

Thank you Daphne Young.

Bee In The Know

Don't Spray a Bee Swarm or Hive

If you have a bee hive or swarm and don't want them in your yard, don't disturb them, **don't spray them** or try to kill them. Though they can seem intimidating, swarms aren't really dangerous. The bees are just moving to a new home and are highly vulnerable.



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Pollinator Garden Needs Volunteers Saturday Mornings

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It All Starts At Home: Alternatives to Chemical Pesticides

Join the Asheville Alternatives to Pesticides Coalition for the last of their free, four-part workshop series at Lenoir Rhyne University on Montford Avenue **Friday, June 26, 6-9pm**. Light refreshments will be served. Phyllis Stiles, Director, Bee City USA, beecityusa@gmail.com

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