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Calendar

Art in the Park

Friday, April 12 from 5-7pm. \$10 for Ages 40+. Location: Montford Park.



Lil' Picasso's Toddler Art

Wednesdays, April 10, 17, and 24 from 1:30-2pm. \$5/ class for Ages 3-5 accompanied by parent/guardian.



Blast for the Past Adult Game Time

Sunday, April 14 from 2-4pm. \$5 for Ages 20-50.

Toddler Craftin' Through the Season

Wednesdays, March 13 and April 10 from 6-7pm. Free for Ages 3-5 accompanied by parent/guardian.

Montford Community Car Show

Saturday, May 11 from 3-5pm. Free. This will be our 2nd Annual Car Show with more amazing cars to view. Anyone with a car they are interested in showing can contact Seth Jackson at sjackson@ashevillenc.gov to register.



Montford Family BINGO Night

Thursday, April 25 from 6:30-7:30pm Free Anyone under the age of 13 must be accompanied by parent or guardian.

Montford Toddler Groove Fusion

Saturday, June 1 from 3-5pm \$5 Ages 3-5 years old accompanied by a parent or guardian

For more Information Contact:

Seth Jackson - Recreation Facility Manager - Tempie Avery Montford Center - Asheville Parks and Recreation
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Earth Day Spruce-up

Join your fellow Montford neighbors for an Earth Day spruce-up on Saturday, April 20 from 9:00am-11:00am.

We'll concentrate on:

Beautifying the traffic islands at All Day Darling and Montford Park and removing litter in these areas.

Sprucing up all the plantings by the corner store and removing litter in these areas.

Picking up trash at Magnolia Park, Hummingbird Park, Montford Park, the Waneta Garden, and along the Reed Creek Greenway removing litter along streets in these areas.



Please let me know if you plan to participate by Wednesday, April 10, here or by text/phone, at 828-474-5120.

Happy Spring!!
Mitch Russell



Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

Montford Action Agenda 04/10/24

Members Present: Sioux Oliva (Chair), Will Hornaday (Vice-Chair), Amy Moxley, Sara Groce, Alexander Ellenbogen, Celesta Gorman, Shannon Watkins

Members absent: Jenny Bowen, Annie McDonald, Claire Thomas, Maria Delsasi

Staff Present: Alexandra Cole, Madelyn Stone, John Maddux

Please refer to the website (www.ashevillenc.gov) for the full approved minutes after the following month's meeting.

Item, Summary and Action

112 Pearson Drive - After the fact approval request to modify existing door and window openings on rear, side and front elevations. Roof replacement and painting of brick masonry.

Action—Approved

450 Montford Avenue - Rehabilitation of existing accessory structure, including adding a new window opening, garage and pedestrian door replacement, roof and stairway replacement, and addition of a mechanical unit.

Action—Approved

HRC Application Portal

The city is now accepting HRC applications digitally via the Development Portal at this address:

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When: 6:30 p.m. on April 24

Join us and engage with the
neighbourhood.



**Introducing the Montford
Neighborhood Directory**

**Would you like to get in touch with your
neighbors more easily?**

**Do you have hobbies or special interests that
you would like to share with others?**

**Do you want to be more involved in the
Montford community?**

If you answered yes to any of these questions, the Montford Neighborhood Directory is for you. The Montford Neighborhood Association has created an online directory, making it easy to do all of the above. It is a secure directory which is stored on Google Docs, so you will need a Google account to access the directory. No Gmail is required, just a Google account. No Google account? No problem, it is a few easy steps to create one and you can keep your old email address.

To date, we have 130 neighbors who have signed up, and we invite you to join as well. Neighbors have already started forming social groups using the Directory. They have expressed interest in Book Clubs, Supper Club, Wine Club, Hiking, Yoga, Tennis, Gardening, Crafts, Cooking, Baking, Woodworking, Painting, Playdates and more. If you would like to join, simply send an email to montford.directory@gmail.com

From The Archive - April 28 years ago

The First April Newsletter. Editor: Deena C. Knight; Contributing Writer/Editor: Fairfax Arnold;
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Special Historic Issue

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UPCOMING

- April 6. Easter Egg Hunt and hot dog lunch. Bring your kids to the Montford Park at 11 a.m.
- April 10. Historic Montford Meeting at 7 p.m. at the Greek Center on Cumberland Ave. Jim Barrett, director of Pisgah Legal Services, will talk about the services offered to Montford neighbors. Everyone is invited to attend.
- April 18-26. Asheville Heritage Celebration of Place. For a free brochure that includes a schedule of events, call The Preservation Society of Asheville and Buncombe County at 254-2343.
- April 20. Earth Day Clean Sweep and Cookout. Pick up trash bags at the Montford Resource Center. Cookout is at the Montford Park at 4 p.m.
- May 5. Community Flea Market. 8 a.m.-Noon at the Cumberland Ave. Baptist Church parking lot. Donate clothes, appliances, sporting goods, nick-nacks, furnishings — whatever — to help raise money for the neighborhood Citizens on Patrol efforts and the Montford Legal Fund.
- May 10th, 7p.m. Limited Liability Corp. meeting. Resource Center.
- Early June, 2nd Annual Street Dance.

Montford: A Neighborhood Rich in History

One of the main reasons people are currently drawn to Montford is because of its historical charm. Houses that were built 100 years ago still line the streets. In front of many of the homes are brick sidewalks that have been worn by a century of soles. And a stroll through the neighborhood's Riverside Cemetery reminds us who was here first.

Before the latter part of the 1800s, what is now known as Montford was farmland scattered with a few houses. Owning a good portion of the land — approximately 75 acres — were the Rankins, who lived at the house that still stands facing what is now known as Elizabeth Place (named for Elizabeth Rankin). The Rankins built the grand Greek Revival mansion around 1846 and operated a dairy and a tannery on the land.

In 1889, a group of prominent businessmen, including the Rankin's son-in-law James Bearden, formed the Asheville Loan and Construction and Improvement Company. The firm purchased much of the land from the Rankins and began selling lots at the southern end of Montford Ave. (then known as Academy St.). The company failed and was taken over by wealthy lumberman George Willis Pack, who donated the land for Montford Park and who is responsible for much of the neighborhood's development.

Some of the area's movers and shakers

bought sites in Montford, including doctors, lawyers, store owners, and architects. Several of these residents found immortality in Thomas Wolfe's autobiographical "Look Homeward Angel," such as tuberculosis specialist Dr. Eugene Byron Glenn (Dr. Hugh McGuire in Wolfe's novel); wealthy businessman Gay Green (Big Jeff White); merchant Louis Lipinsky (Louis Rosalsky); and mail carrier Fergus Strikeleather (Fergus Paston). Wolfe wrote of Montford Ave. or "Montgomery Avenue" in the book, as "the most fashionable street in town." But, as early city directories show, Montford has always been home to a mixture of wealthy and working class citizens of diverse cultures.

From 1893 to 1905, Montford was an incorporated village of about 50 people, with James Edward Rumbough as its only mayor. (See related article in this newsletter on the Rumbough House.)

The architecture is as varied as the people who originally lived here. Some of the earliest houses are Queen Anne and feature impressive towers. Many of the

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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: lesleinmontford@gmail.com

Ashima Nair: ashimanair@gmail.com

Goats on the Greenway

Karen MacNeil

Montford Neighborhood Association (MNA) is excited to announce our next phase of environmental stewardship and new partnership with Mountain Goatscapes.

This spring we will be welcoming goats to the Reed Creek Greenway! Goats excel at removing invasive plants which in turn will help restore the health of our trees and enhance biodiversity in our neighborhood. You will notice the new arrivals making themselves at home in the sunny greenspace on the south side of Cauble Street towards the end of April.

Goatscapes is a continuation of MNA's work with Kudzu Culture to build community while learning how to harvest and use all parts of the kudzu plant, especially the root crowns! Last year our efforts were funded by a City of Asheville Neighborhood Matching Grant and included contracting with Raven Invasive Plant Management to remove invasive plants from the area around the pedestrian bridge between Cauble and Ocala St. To match



that grant money in volunteer hours, the MNA organized participation from 59+ volunteers at 4 community events, the removal of 200+ kudzu root crowns from Reed Creek

Greenway (along with 20+ bags of trash), and an Invasive Species Awareness Week proclamation passed by City Council on Feb 14 in 2023.

For 2024, Montford Neighborhood Association is funding the goatscapes and the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church has pledged support for our educational outreach initiatives. Please stay tuned for upcoming workshops led by Kudzu Culture that teach volunteers how to identify, harvest, and use kudzu for both culinary and craft purposes.

For those interested in learning more and contributing, the MNA is adding a Friends of the Reed Creek Greenway tab to our website and will be giving updates at meetings about this project. Please visit the MNA website at <https://montford.org/> or email Karen at urbanforestalliance@gmail.com.

For more information on our wonderful partners:

<https://www.mountaingoatscapes.com/>

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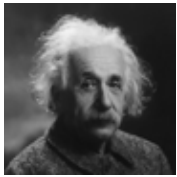
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—Albert Einstein

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.
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The library has books for all ages and reading levels, and board games, and sporting equipment available to lend.

- **Thousands of unique local historical records, photographs, maps, and memorabilia.**

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- **Bookends Used Bookstore offers bargain prices for a wide variety of books and media, including vintage and collectible materials and bestselling fiction.** Proceeds from the sales benefit the library programming.

For more information, visit the library or their website: <https://www.buncombecounty.org/governing/depts/library/branch-locations/pack-memorial.aspx>

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Green Corner

Erin Hiatt

For this month's Green Corner, let's take a look at another regular house chore: laundry.



Washing

- For washer and dryers, [run full - but not overfull - loads](#)
 - > Check your machine for specific instructions but 3/4 full is a good rule of thumb
 - > Too small loads waste energy and can damage clothes
 - > Too large loads risk items not being properly cleaned
- Default to cold water
 - > In most cases, cold water can get the job done - washer and detergents are now designed to work well with cold water
 - > Cold water helps clothes last longer by reducing shrinkage, fading, or wrinkling, relative to hot water
 - > Cold washes used half the energy of hot, since 90% of a washer's energy use can come from heating up the water
- Use hot water sparingly
 - > Hot water is really only needed to sanitize items to avoid the spread of germs, like say a sick family member's bedding or a dirty cloth diaper
 - > Hot water may sanitize but it doesn't mean it removes stains – many stains actually become more permanent/fixed after washing with hot water. Try the magic of pre-soaking

- [Use the right amount of detergent](#)
 - > If your clothes are sticky, stiff, or smell off when they come out of the washer, you may be using too much detergent. It can also dull colors and make whites off-color
- Avoid bleach
 - > Bleach is corrosive (bad for plumbing and skin) and its frequent use is linked to various respiratory issues, including asthma.
 - > Bleach is toxic in waterways, harming aquatic plants and animals
- Whiten using [safer options](#)
 - > Used correctly, hydrogen peroxide, baking soda, oxygen-based bleach, and more are all great alternatives for whitening
- Do not use fabric softener
 - > It can irritate skin, leave residue on clothes, washers, and dryers, and make towels less absorbent
 - > Fragrances, preservatives, and colorants can include many harsh chemicals
- Filter for microfibers
 - > Consider a bag or washing machine filter that can capture harmful microfibers - the micro plastics shed by common fabrics like polyester and nylon

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Drying

- Hang dry clothes whenever possible
 - > Save energy, lengthen the life of your clothing, and whiten with the sun
- Adjust the heat
 - > Only very thick fabrics need high dryer temperatures to dry
 - > A lower temperature, longer drying cycle is typically more energy efficient than a short, hot one
- Do not use single-use dryer sheets
 - > Single use means more waste
 - > They leave residue on dryers that can reduce your dryer's sensor effectiveness
- Use reusable dryer sheets or dryer balls
 - > They can help reduce drying times and static - but pay attention to temperature restrictions to ensure effectiveness

- Empty the filter and clean the vent
 - > Lint poses a fire hazard and also causes machines to run less efficiently

Happy laundry day!

You can find past Green Corners on the Newsletter Archive page.

Resource Directory

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