



# MONTFORD

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# Montford Lights!™

*Kick-Off*  
**4:30 pm Saturday,**  
**Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Details Inside,  
Also visit [montford.org](http://montford.org)



**Smart Feller is the Proud Event  
Sponsor of Montford Lights!**

**Saturday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**4:30-4:45 pm:**

Gather at Tempe Avery Playground Parking Lot, on Gay St.

**4:30-5:00 pm:**

Parade led by Asheville HS Marching Drumline, from Tempe Avery to Montford Garden, Montford Ave. and Waneta St.

**5:15 pm:**

Holiday Tree and Menorah Lighting, Montford Garden.

**Til - 5:30 pm:**

Holiday Music provided by Asheville HS Drumline and Flute Players courtesy of Teacher Rita Hayes.

**6:00 pm:**

Stroll through Montford and see Montford Lights!

Help *Make Montford Festive* for the Holidays. Decorate and turn on your lights on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Looking forward to seeing you then!



TEMPIE AVERY MONTFORD CENTER

**Calendar**

**Pick-Up Basketball**

Free - Ages 16+  
 Thursdays - 6-9 PM  
 November 14, 21,  
 December 5, 12, 19  
 Sundays - 4-6 PM  
 November 17, 24, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29



**Pick-Up Volleyball**

Free - Ages 16+  
 Fridays - 10:30AM-2:30PM  
 November 15, 22, December 6, 13, 20  
 Mondays - 10:30AM-2:30PM  
 November 18, 25, December 2, 9, 16



**Candle Making**

Friday, November 15 from 6-7:30 PM  
 \$5 - Ages 18+

**A Bluey Blast**

Wednesday, November 20 from 1:30-2:30 PM  
 Wednesday, December 4 from 1:30-2:30 PM  
 Free - Ages 2-4 accompanied by parent/guardian

**Bad Art Night**

Monday, December 9 from 6:30-7:30 PM  
 Free - Ages 60+ (pre-registration is appreciated)

**Bad Art Night**

Friday, December 13 from 6:30-7:30 PM  
 Free - Ages 35-60 (pre-registration is appreciated)

**Battle of the Brains Teen Trivia**

Friday, December 13 from 6-7 PM  
 Free - Age 12-17

**Cancellation Due to Water Restrictions**

**TAM Cocoa Tasting** - Friday, December 6  
**Teen Bake Off** - Friday, November 22

**For more Information Contact:**

Seth T. Jackson, Recreation Facility Manager | 828-253-3714  
 Tempie Avery Montford Recreation Center | 34 Pearson Dr, Asheville, NC 28801  
[www.ashevillenc.gov/parks](http://www.ashevillenc.gov/parks) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#)



**Join The  
 Montford Listserve**

The Montford listserv is a neighborhood discussion list. This is the place where you can exchange news about the neighborhood.  
 Visit <https://montford.org/montford-listserve/>



# Food & Water Distribution Sites



Food, bottled drinking water, and bulk water for flushing (please bring your own containers, like ½ gallon buckets and water totes) are being distributed throughout the area. Please see below the City of Asheville and Buncombe County at the locations and times:

- Sky Lanes Bowling Alley, 1477 Patton Avenue, Asheville - 9a.m. - 7p.m.
- Black Mountain Ingles, 550 NC-9, Black Mountain, 28711 - 12p.m. - 4p.m.
- Fairview Ingles, 225 Charlotte Highway - 12p.m. - 4p.m.
- Swannanoa Ingles, 2299 US 70, Swannanoa - 7a.m. - 7p.m.
- Linwood Crump Shiloh Community Center, 121 Shiloh Road, Asheville - 9a.m. - 7p.m. (no bulk water for flushing)
- Pack Square Park, 70 Court Plaza - 9a.m. - 7p.m.
- Buncombe County Sports Park, 58 Apac Dr., Candler - 7a.m. - 7p.m.
- 980 Brevard Rd in the At Home store parking lot - 9a.m. - 7p.m.
- 85 Tunnel Rd in the Innsbruck shopping center parking lot - 9a.m. - 7p.m.

If you are not getting the Recovery Resources Updates by email, text, or phone please contact:

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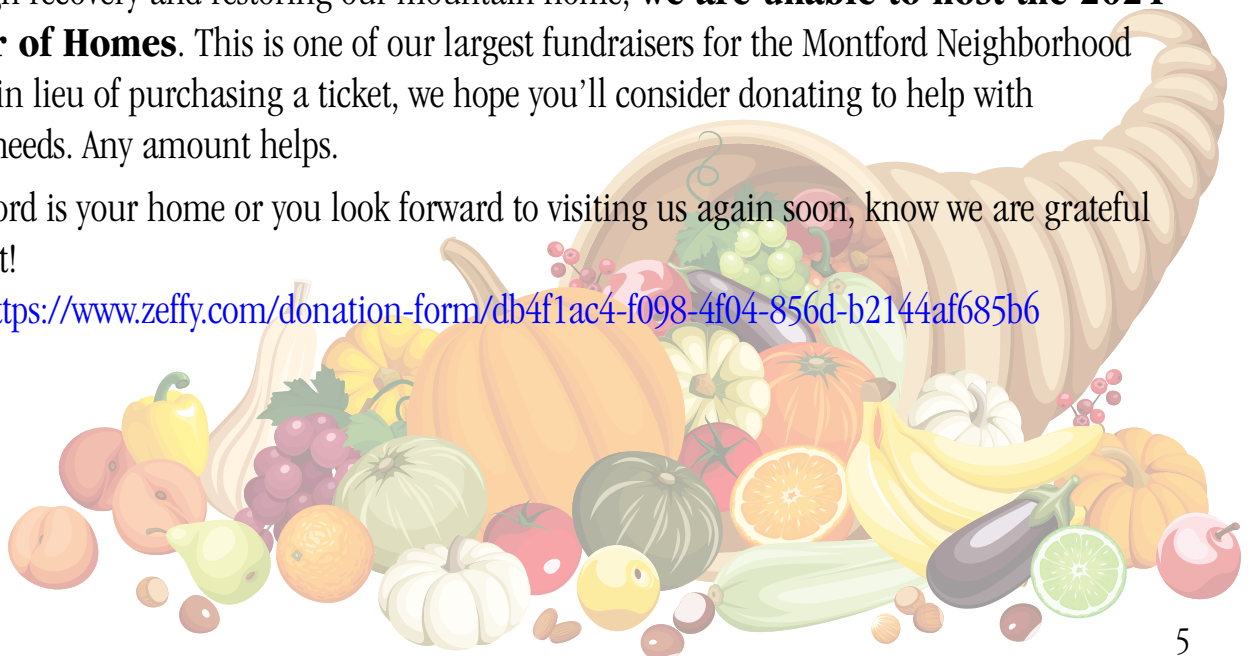


Western North Carolina has suffered unimaginable loss and destruction from Hurricane Helene. As we all work through recovery and restoring our mountain home, **we are unable to host the 2024 Holiday Tour of Homes**. This is one of our largest fundraisers for the Montford Neighborhood Association, so in lieu of purchasing a ticket, we hope you'll consider donating to help with neighborhood needs. Any amount helps.

Whether Montford is your home or you look forward to visiting us again soon, know we are grateful for your support!

Donate Here: <https://www.zeffy.com/donation-form/db4f1ac4-f098-4f04-856d-b2144af685b6>

Cate Scales



## Forever Montford



**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 170 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](mailto:montford.directory@gmail.com)



## 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.

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## Resource Directory

### Historic Walking Tours

Stroll the neighborhood or downtown. Walking tours of historic Montford, Riverside Cemetery, Biltmore Village and downtown Asheville.

- 777-1014.

### Raven Invasive Plant Management

Saving trees and native plants from non-native invasives. Raven IPM is a local, organic, woman veteran-owned business specializing in mechanical removal of invasive plants. No chemicals, just hard work. • (828)866-3200 • [RavenNC.com](http://RavenNC.com)

### Smart Feller Tree Works

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- 828.545.5503

### Square Peg Construction Inc.

Add beautiful custom woodwork to your historic home: New upgrades like wood paneling, built-in cabinetry, trim, doors, stairs and railings. Small details add big impact! Montford references.

- Call your neighbors, Leslie and David Humphrey 277-5164



## **Minutes Montford Neighborhood Association (MNA) Quarterly Community Meeting *Odyssey School, Wednesday, September 6, 2024***

President Randy Hall welcomed everyone to our delayed quarterly meeting at 6:30 PM at Odyssey School, 90 Zillicoa St.

### **Public Safety**

Asheville Police Dept. Community Resource Officer Carrie Lee reported that since our last meeting on July 25, in Montford, there have been these crimes reported:

- 4 auto thefts
- 11 thefts of items from automobiles
- 8 other thefts
- 4 residential breaking and entering
- 1 business breaking and entering
- 2 indecent exposures
- 3 assaults
- 7 damage to property
- 1 communicating threat or road rage
- 1 gun discharge

The police department has provided 20 hours of crime prevention activities for residents during this period.

Carrie also let us know that the police and fire departments have received great support in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene from other jurisdictions. This included work by 96 first responder teams and a number of commercial drone companies.

The police department has just reorganized its districts. Montford will be included in the northern district and will have a new community resource officer, Isaiah Zensak.

### **Neighborhood Services**

Neighborhood Services Specialist Trey Irby reported that the removal of debris from the Hurricane Helene storm is moving into high gear. The City of Asheville has three centers set up to handle the waste. The centers are set

up to process the waste and make it ready for permanent disposal sites by:

- Inspecting and tracking the waste,
- Grinding vegetative debris,
- Compacting bulky debris, and
- Containing household hazardous waste that happens to get through.

Hazardous waste is not generally allowed. These centers can only be used by contractors who have been hired by the city, not privately hired contractors. More detail on these operations can be found at [www.ashevillenc.gov/helene/debris-removal](http://www.ashevillenc.gov/helene/debris-removal).

### **Preservation Society of Asheville & Buncombe County (PSABC)**

PSABC Executive Director Jessie Landl provided general information about the organization and invited neighbors to utilize their services -- which apply to any structure more than 50 years old. They now have five staff people with expertise on both the physical process of preserving and upgrading historic buildings, and on regulations and support programs for historic preservation. Preservation grants are available for working on building and getting approved as a historic structure. They now do survey work to identify historic structures and are seeking volunteers to help.

In addition to technical assistance, PSABC offers grants to home owners who want to launch historic preservation projects on their properties. These grants have grown in size over the years. They now have a special fund to assist in recovery from Helene storm damage. They would be willing to help fund the restoration of historic retaining walls, but not until they get through the Helene relief awards.

PSABC has a newsletter you can sign up for. More information on all these topics can be found at their website: [psabc.org](http://psabc.org).



## MNA Financial Report

MNA Treasurer Susan Eggerton reported that the current fund balance of the association is \$53,899.58 and expense are running below budget for the year. A copy of the current financial statement is included at the end of these minutes. Susan invites anyone with questions about the financials to contact her at [s.eggerton207@gmail.com](mailto:s.eggerton207@gmail.com).

## Reed Creek Greenway Update (Kudzu)

Susan Eggerton reported that work continues to manage the Kudzu infestation on the Reed Creek Greenway. Two hour work parties will be held on Saturday 11/16 and Sunday 12/1. Details will follow on the Montford Listserv.

## Garden Tour Update

Board member Lynn Raker reported that home owners have been recruited to share their gardens. The tour will take place on Saturday, June 7. Ticket sales have been an important fund raiser for our association, bringing in over \$16,000 last year. More details will be coming.

## Holiday Tour of Homes

Canceled this year due to the Helene storm.

## Montford Lights Holiday Celebration

Board member Marti Boyles reported that all preparations have been made. The Montford Players will not be performing due to Helene's disruption, but all other program participants have agreed to participate. It will start at 4:30 on Saturday, December 7. Everyone will assemble at the parking lot behind the Tempe Avery Center and then parade to the Montford Garden Park behind the Asheville High School Drumline for a lighting of the Christmas tree and Menorah, and singing of songs. Our thanks to the Smart Fellers company for hanging huge Christmas balls from the trees.

## New Business from the Floor

When no one raised any new business, President Randy Hall adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Fehsenfeld, Secretary**




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## COA Community Upfit Project Update

### Susan Loftis

Four months ago I applied for a grant from the COA on behalf of [Odyssey School](#) (and MNA indirectly) as a site for the Community Upfit Program, funded by federal American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA.) The project is designed to help communities improve communication, strengthen community ties and improve climate resilience.

The Odyssey School was awarded \$7500.00. Technological improvements will enhance on-site and remote learning capabilities for the school as well as meeting capabilities for the Montford community at large.

More details about the Project from COA Website:

<https://www.ashevellenc.gov/news/city-of-asheville-announces-new-project-to-enhance-neighborhood-resilience-connectivity/>





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## Green Corner

Erin Hiatt

As we move into the holiday season during such a challenging time for the region, it is more important than ever for our community that we try to focus on supporting local businesses. Fortunately, there can be [many environmental and social sustainability benefits inherent to shopping local](#), from supporting local jobs and community investment to often having a lower carbon footprint.

If you know what they'd love, buy it local. Or buy a gift card so they can pick something out themselves or can online if they don't live locally.

Here are a few places to help with your planning:

- [Love Asheville Go Local Database](#) - Not only does buying a Go Local card get you discounts that payback immediately, but funds go to support Asheville public schools and their database includes a variety of amazing filtering criteria, from business type to environmental or social attributes. This database is not post-Helene specific, so check with businesses first that they are open.
- [Explore Asheville from Afar Database](#) - A great compilation for non-locals to also do shopping to support regional businesses and artists.
- [Shop WNC](#) - Information on how to support regional businesses, restaurants, and artists, beyond just Asheville.

In addition to buying restaurant gift cards as presents, you can also consider offloading some of the holiday cooking burden, by checking which local restaurants, bakers, and caterers are offering [holiday meals for dine in or takeout](#).

- [Asheville Independent Restaurants - Restaurants Open After Hurricane Helene Database](#) - Note: they are working on populating which have Thanksgiving offerings.





**Get your Montford Banner**

Three colors to choose from: red, green, and mustard yellow. They are available at the Asheville Visitor Center, 36 Montford Ave. (828) 210-2726

Or if cooking is a key part of the tradition, try to get your ingredients from a farmer's market ([see here post-Helene farmer's market information](#)), [local farmer](#), or regional growers, like those often sourced from at French Broad Co-op. Local food can be one of the best ways to reduce your footprint.

For physical gifts, when possible look for items made with reusable, durable, repairable, recycled, renewable, compostable, and/or recyclable attributes or materials.

Take care, everyone, and wishing you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving.

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

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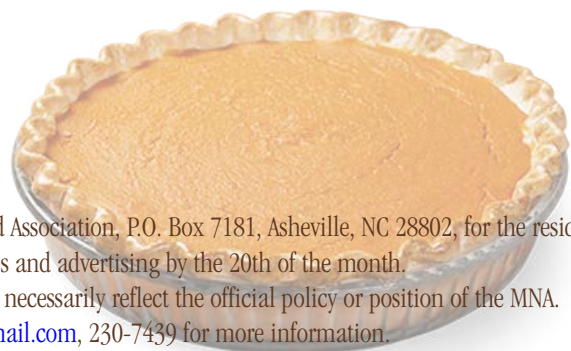
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