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Food & ~~Blood~~ 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.
- Ingles, 225 Charlotte Highway - 12p.m. - 4p.m. (relocating from Fairview Elementary and AC Reynolds Middle)
- 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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Join The Montford Listserv

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/>





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 2025 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

From the Heart

Lots of little things. . . All the people who had power and set out outlets for those who didn't. All those who had wi-fi who opened their front porches for those who didn't. The neighbor who opened their outdoor hot tub for people to dip buckets in for flushing water. The house on Montford avenue with a table set up by the sidewalk with free needed supplies, and it became a regular thing, with neighborhood people buying supplies to set on the table.

Strangers asking how you are doing as you passed them on the sidewalk; the appearance of gray water tanks; the restaurants offering free food; Harris Teeter offering free water and ice; and request after request on the Montford list-serve generously answered. I do believe our shared experience, including the Montford kindness, has made our neighborhood closer knit.

Lewis Rothlein



Free supplies at 246 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

Boil Water Notice - ASK FANG



Dear Fang,

My neighbor, who claims to be a retired sea captain, told me that the boil water notices are just a lot of hype. He said he has been drinking it right out of the spout. What to do?

—Thirsty in Montford

Dear Thirsty,

Unless you are a gargoyle or a fish, I would **not follow** his advice. I followed similar advice years ago, and look what happened to me. Humans should follow the Boil Water Notice Advisory. Also, you can stay up to date by joining the Listserve (google group). The Listserve provides real-time information and entertainment too. <https://montford.org/montford-listserve/>



Forever Montford

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: leslieinmontford@gmail.com

Ashima Nair: ashimanair@gmail.com

Neighbor to the Rescue

John Sloop's truck was crushed by a huge tree. However, that did not stop him from grabbing his chainsaw to help others clear neighborhood streets.



Emergency Car Power

I used my electric vehicle as a mobile power source to run a pump at two Montford neighbors houses that had flooded basements. I got both of their basements pumped out totaling thousands of gallons of water over 24 hours when they otherwise had no electricity.

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Smart Feller Tree Works

Down trees got you down? Contact us for all your tree removal and pruning needs! We are locally licensed and insured. Please call for free estimates. Montford references available. Thanks.

- 828.545.5503

Square Peg Construction Inc.

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




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Free Meals, Supplies, and Water



Montford Convenience Store employees distributing free supplies.



Nine Mile's free meal line.



Crystal Meyers traveled from Charleston to deliver water to her fellow tenants.



BOO!
Did I scare you?
Trick or Treat is
coming to Montford?



Pro Bono Tree Removal and Volunteers

Pro bono publico (English: 'for the public good'), usually shortened to pro bono, is a Latin phrase for professional work undertaken voluntarily and without payment. Thank you Smart Feller Treeworks for putting me in touch with **Biltmore Church** in Arden. Thank you **Baptists on Mission** who showed up in Montford with their chainsaws.

Biltmore Church:

<https://biltmorechurch.com/>

Baptists on Mission:

<https://baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/By-Mission-Type/Disaster-Relief/Hurricane-Helene>

Oh did I mention the *semi-professional arborists*? Dave Boyles in the Red Cross photo helped me and my son Alex remove a ton of limbs before the Baptists arrived.

Ross Terry



Baptists on Mission



Volunteers Dave and Marti Boyles

Helping Hands, LDS

The neighborhood as well as the entire city has been amazingly helpful and resilient over the past 4 weeks as we struggled to find our bearings.

I want to share that there are teams of volunteer workers associated with Helping Hands, LDS, currently working on storm cleanup on private properties in the area. I talked to a couple of volunteers today who came down from Sevierville TN and were working at a neighbor's with a team of at least 9 workers, some operating chainsaws. Apparently there is an application online for anyone who would like to check into their services.

Lynn Raker

Go to Helping Hands, LDS:

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/topics/humanitarian-service/helping-hands?lang=eng>

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Green Corner

Erin Hiatt

For this month's Green Corner, we can simply take a moment to acknowledge the climate disaster we have collectively experienced and are still going through with our community.

Any act of kindness and support you have provided to impacted friends, family, neighbors, and strangers — like those featured in this month's newsletter — is its own act of crucial community climate resiliency.

Feel free to reach out to me at montfordgreencorner@gmail.com if there are any topics you would most like to see covered in upcoming Green Corners, whether that is spotlighting neighborhood cleanup opportunities/ideas, personal and community resiliency — or anything that helps fuel hope and remember we can continue to make an impact.

Remember to vote if you have not already.

Let's continue to take care of each other.



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Asheville



What bears are doing now

OCTOBER AT A GLANCE:

- Hyperphagia is in full-swing.
- Bears may be awake and searching for food up to 20 hours a day.
- Many bears also look for den sites.
- Some pregnant females may den up by the end of the month.
- As days shorten, vehicle collisions rise.



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