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TEMPLE AVERY MONTFORD CENTER

Calendar

Facility Closures:

August 8 - 5:00pm-8:00pm

September 1

Dart Side of the Moon Nerf Night

August 15 and 29 from 6:00PM-7:30PM

Splash of Colors (Toddlers)

August 16 from 1:00PM-1:45PM

Easel and Eats

August 13 from 5:00PM-7:00PM

Bad Art Bonanza

September 12 and 26 from 6:30pm-7:30pm

Memory Vault

September 2 from 11:00am-12:00pm

September 4 from 5:30pm-6:30pm

Senior Fall Class

September 8, 15, and 22 from 1:00pm-2:00pm

Afterschool

First Day - August 25

Registration Opens - July 28

For more Information Contact:

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Cyrano de Bergerac

Directed by Mandy Bean

August 8 – August 30, 2025

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August 8–

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MINUTES - MONTFORD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (MNA) QUARTERLY COMMUNITY MEETING

July 23, 2025 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

President: Randy Hall

Treasurer: Susan Eggerton

VicePresident: Bill Eakins

Secretary: Tom Fehsenfeld

At Large: Marti Boyles, Susan Loftis, Karen MacNeil, Ken Pitts, Lynn Raker

Ex Officio: Ross Terry

Website: <https://montford.org>

Listserv: montford@googlegroups.com

Welcome & Introductions

President Randy Hall welcomed approximately 20 neighbors to our quarterly meeting

APO Community Resource Officer - Officer Isaiah Senyak

Officer Senyak reported that since our last meeting, in the Montford neighborhood, there have been:

one incident of vandalism and the suspect was arrested

one attempted breaking and entering and the investigation is ongoing

- larcenies
- 3 car thefts (one vehicle unlocked, two vehicles unlocked with keys left in)

- 2 incidents of fraud
- one suspicious person located and charged with drug paraphernalia
- 2 driving while intoxicated
- one civil disturbance resulting in an arrest and seizure of narcotics
- 9 larcenies from a motor vehicle
- 41 traffic stops
- 27 separate instances of crime prevention
- one subject who was stalking women has been arrested and charged with stalking

He reminded everyone to keep their vehicles locked—most of the larcenies from motor vehicles were from cars that were unlocked.

We can keep up with incidents by viewing the www.communitycrimemap.com, or by signing up at www.ashevilenc.gov/service/sign-up-for-avl-alert/. Also, you can report homeless encampments in the Asheville app.

Capt. John Brown discussed the upcoming Citizens Police Academy. It is a 10 week program to educate people about how the APD works, applications close down 8/28. Classes are scheduled for one evening per week, September 18

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– November 20, each Thursday from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM. It includes a simulation of a de-escalation situation. Dinner is provided each week before class. You can find more information by using this link: <https://asheville.seamlessdocs.com/f/APDCitizensPoliceAcademy>

Neighborhood Services Specialist Trey Irby

The Asheville Planning & Zoning Commission has a vacancy. Trey invited Montford residents to apply and have a voice on the development of the city. More information can be found at this link: <https://www.ashevillenc.gov/departments/city-clerk/boards-and-commissions/>

Elevate AVL is a project of the City to promote and encourage sustainability and climate justice. Trey invited neighbors to check it out. The website includes a link for a [Climate Action Toolkit](#).

The City has also opened applications for its [Neighborhood Matching Grants Program](#) (NMG). This program helps Asheville's neighborhood-based organizations fund various improvement projects by providing a dollar-for-dollar matching grant of up to \$5,000. The program is designed to strengthen relationships between neighbors, cultivate the spirit of volunteerism, and create projects for the benefit of their communities. There will be workshops about the program. Neighborhoods can only receive one grant at a time. The city has \$60,000 available.

A neighbor brought up the problem of junk vehicles that

have been parked at the corner of Flint and Elizabeth St. for several years. Trey was familiar with the problem. He said the delay in getting them removed was due to uncertain ownership of the house and vehicles. He will follow up to see what can be done.

Electrify Asheville-Buncombe

Emily Hurd presented information about Electrify Asheville-Buncombe. This is a local program\ partnering with Clean Energy NC that started in 2024. Its goal is to assist Asheville and Buncombe County in convert to 100% renewable fuel by 2042. Their focus is on helping residents, businesses, and institutions replace all fossil fuel powered equipment and appliances with electric powered ones.

They offer a free consultation service about converting to electric equipment, available rebates, connections to reliable local contractors, and affordable financing options. They offer inclusive financing for clean energy upgrades. More information can be found at www.letsgoelectric.com

Kudzu Removal on the Reed Creek Greenway – Matt Jernigan, Susan Loftis & Karen MacNeil

Residents from Montford have been working for several years to remove invasive plants from the greenway. Volunteers have stepped up to participate in work days continued next page



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and the City of Asheville helped with a neighborhood grant. This year, we are planning to limit the growth of kudzu, the primary invasive, by planting shade trees. This is made possible by the profit earned on our garden tour.

We have also made an agreement this year with Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church to work on property they own that abuts the greenway. Invasive plants do not respect property lines!

The team that has been leading this effort encourages everyone to show up for the work days. Announcements are made on the Montford Listserv.

Garden Tour Results — Lynn Raker

The garden tour was very successful with more than \$24,000 in earnings. This included \$10,000 in sponsorships.

We are very interested in having people volunteer their gardens for our next garden tour in 2027.

We will have our Holiday Tour of Homes the second Saturday after Thanksgiving, which is December 6th.

MNA Financial Report

The Association is in a strong financial position. A copy of the financial report is attached to this email.

Community Space Uplift and FEMA – Susan Loftis

Thanks to a grant from the City of Asheville's Community Space Uplift program, Odyssey School will be receiving enhanced audio-visual equipment in September. This will allow the Montford Neighborhood Association and other community groups to broadcast community meetings on the Internet for those who cannot attend in person.

There is still one FEMA office open in Asheville handling claims from Hurricane Helene storm damage. It is located on Cox Ave right across from the post office. Those who wish to discuss claims are advised that It is best to just walk into the office.

Stumptown Update – Karen MacNeil

Stumptown was a thriving community of Black residents that was located in the area now occupied by the Tempie Avery Community Center. Its development was started in the 1880s. The neighborhood was redlined in the 1930s, eliminating investment in the community, and it was later devastated by "urban renewal." Karen MacNeil continued next page

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informed neighbors about events that celebrate the families who lived in the Stumptown area. The Montford Neighborhood Association donated \$1,000 to help support a reunion of families at the Tempie Avery Community Center.

More information about Stumptown, its history, and events can be found at the websites:

<https://montfordandstumptown.com/> and <https://amiworthen.com/category/montford-stumptown/>

Tempie Avery Montford Community Center – Seth Jackson

Manager Seth Jackson invites everyone to check out activities at the Tempie Avery Community Center located at 34 Pearson Dr. The Center offers a wide variety of activities including: badminton, table tennis, aerobics, school age programs, summer camps, volleyball, pick-up basketball, a fall bocce league, and a bridge for fun group. More information can be found at www.avlrec.com. Fall program guides were handed out at the meeting.

The next MNA meeting will be held at 6:30 at the Odyssey School, October, 22, 2025. Hope to see you there!

Tom Fehsenfeld, Secretary



New Moon - Music in the Park (Weather permitting)

Trey Crispin
0 to 1 Solutions LLC
Tai Chi Instructor

Join us and bring your blanket dinner on Saturday, August 23rd for music in Montford Park from 5pm to 7pm (Music starts at 6pm). We will be playing acoustic instrumental music that is easy to dance to or simply enjoy listening to. This is a donation event and is free to the public.

August New Moon - August 23
September New Moon - September 21
October New Moon - October 21
November New Moon - November 20



Join The Montford Listserve, I did!

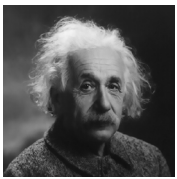
The Montford listserv is a neighborhood discussion list. This is the place where you can exchange news about the neighborhood.

Visit <https://montford.org/montford-listserve/>



BUNCOMBE COUNTY LIBRARIES

Pack Memorial Library 67 Haywood Street in downtown Asheville



"The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library."
—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.
- **Free internet access, public computing, and Wi-Fi.** Photocopy and printing services are available for a small fee.
- **Free laptop and hotspot lending program.** Laptops and hotspots are now available for a free 30 day loan with a library card.
- **Free tickets to local attractions.** Use your library card to sign up for Zoom passes, which are free tickets to local attractions like the WNC Nature Center, the NC Arboretum, or the Asheville Museum of Science.
- **Free digital audiobooks, e-books, magazines, and movies.** The Libby app from Overdrive provides downloads of these items to your smart phone, tablet, or computer. It's like an Audible subscription service, but free with your library card.

- **A vibrant and inviting children's library.** 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.** The Buncombe County Special Collections Library provides researchers the resources and expertise they need to understand and interpret the history of Western North Carolina.
- **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>

Parking in the Civic Center parking ramp is free for the first hour. The library is also walkable from the Montford neighborhood.

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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.

For the first six months we had **24 new neighbors** move into Montford. 11-were from out of state, 5-were from the AVL area or in state, 8-were left an introductory letter, but did not ask for 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

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.

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

To date, we have 200+ neighbors who have signed up, and we invite you to join as well.



Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

Montford Action Agenda 07/09/25

Members Present: Chair Will Hornaday, Vice-Chair Sioux Oliva, Amy Moxley, Cecil Holt, Leslie Humphrey, Robert Mays, Bill Roberts, Hans Skouby, Amy Gharst

Staff Present: Alex Cole, Jannice Ashley, Carly Gillingham, Drew Wilson, Matt Holloway

Item, Summary and Action

97 Starnes Avenue (PIN 9649222041) - After the fact approval to install a new section of fencing along western property boundary. Applicant: City of Asheville/Al Kopf
Action—Approved

45 Pearson Drive (PIN 9649025880) - After the fact approval to install a new post and wire fence in rear and side yards. Applicant: Debbie Southern
Action—Approved

265 Cumberland Avenue (PIN 9649045369) - Construction of a one-and-a-half story, 978 square foot accessory structure. Applicant: Andrew & Jennifer Ayala
Action—Approved with Conditions

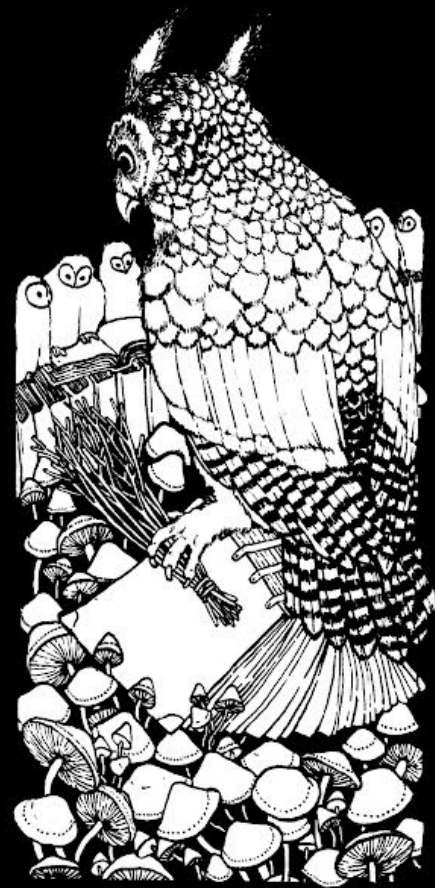
255 Cumberland Avenue (PIN 9649046297) - Site work, including repair of existing concrete walkway, replacement of existing driveway with new brick paver material, replacement of existing concrete retaining wall with stone and installation of French drain in rear side yard. Applicant: Patrick Smith
Action—Approved with Conditions

HRC Application Portal

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Secure Food, Garbage and Recycling

Food and food odors attract bears, so don't reward them with easily available food, liquids or garbage.



Remove Bird Feeders When Bears Are Active

Birdseed and grains have lots of calories, so they're very attractive to bears. Removing feeders is the best way to avoid creating conflicts with bears.



Never Leave Pet Food Outdoors

Feed pets indoors when possible. If you must feed pets outside, feed in single portions and remove food and bowls after feeding. Store pet food where bears can't see or smell it.



Clean & Store Grills

Clean grills after each use and make sure that all grease, fat and food particles are removed. Store clean grills and smokers in a secure area that keeps bears out.



Alert Neighbors to Bear Activity

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Blackberry Cobbler

This blackberry cobbler has a light and fluffy cake-like topping instead of the traditional biscuit-style. My fiancé said this blackberry cobbler was the best she's ever had. Serve warm with heavy or whipped cream.

Directions

- 1 Gather the ingredients.
- 2 Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease a 9x13-inch baking dish.
- 3 Prepare the berries: Whisk sugar and cornstarch together in a small bowl. Place blackberries into a mixing bowl and drizzle with melted butter. Sprinkle cornstarch mixture over top, then toss until evenly coated.
- 4 Spread into the prepared baking dish.
- 5 Make the batter: Whisk flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt together in a mixing bowl until evenly blended. Stir in milk, melted butter, and vanilla until combined but still slightly lumpy.
- 6 Pour over berries in the baking dish.
- 7 Bake in the preheated oven until berries are tender and the crust is golden brown, 55 to 60 minutes.

8 Enjoy!

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/218009/barons-blackberry-cobbler/>

Prep Time: 15 mins
Cook Time: 55 mins
Total Time: 1 hr 10 mins
Servings: 10
Yield: 1 9x13-inch cobbler

Ingredients

Berries:

- ½ cup white sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 6 cups fresh blackberries
- ¼ cup unsalted butter, melted

Batter:

- 2 ½ cups all purpose flour
- 1 ½ cups white sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups milk
- ¼ cup unsalted butter, melted
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract



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Green Corner

Erin Hiatt

For this month's Green Corner, we are interviewing a new local, sustainability-minded businesses that could use your support!

Our sixth feature is The Closetorium Fashion Library, located at 5 Sweeten Creek Rd, Asheville, NC 28803.

Hours as of August 2: Mon-Sat from 4-8pm

Q: How does a Fashion Library work?

A: The Closetorium is a fashion library on a mission to provide real tangible solutions to our textile waste problem & our over-consumption of cheap clothes made by fast fashion. The Closetorium acts like a library, except instead of withdrawing books, you withdraw a new wardrobe! Members join & gain access to THE BIGGEST CLOSET ON EARTH! By offering clothing in a swapping model, we are able to extend garment lifespan, provide endless luxury, save money on clothes & most importantly, keep textile waste out of the landfill.

Q: What is the origin story of The Closetorium?

A: The Netflix documentary "Buy Now" shines a spotlight on overconsumption through excessive production of cheap products. Fast Fashion industries are mass producing low quality clothes for us to buy, throw away & buy again.

I thought to myself, if we could just share instead of buying new, we could fix this broken system.

Q: What range of items do you offer and how do you source them?

A: We are working to curate a diverse array of options for all

styles, sizes & genders but it takes working together to get there! Our wardrobe is 100% community donated. We hope to emphasize natural materials, & discourage toxic petroleum based materials which now make up 2/3 of all clothes.

We intend to collaborate with sustainable makers, local businesses & designers who make ethical practices a priority.

Q: How do you recycle unwanted clothes?

A: We encourage up-cycling to avoid sending anymore textile waste to the landfill & have 2 sewing machines ready for members to get creative! We have a whole section of "Tailoring approved" articles & hope to host workshops focused on sewing & sustainability. The Closetorium isn't just a fashion library, it's a revolution! A sustainability sanctuary with fashion focused flare! At The Closetorium, the energy is "getting ready with friends", interwoven with environmental justice.

Q: Where can readers follow you or stay up to date?

A: Follow us on instagram & Facebook (@closetorium)! And check out our website www.theclosetorium.com where you can become a member. We're looking for people interested in getting involved whether that's becoming a member, donating quality clothing, or volunteering to help expand the mission far & wide!

Let me know what other local businesses you would like to see interviewed at montfordgreencorner@gmail.com.



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