



# MONTFORD

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## Sneak Preview of the 2013 Montford Festival

**Ben Scales, Festival Director**

Your festival committee is hard at work planning the 10th Annual Montford Music and Arts Festival, which takes place this year on **Saturday, May 18**. As in recent years, we'll have two stages of entertainment and two streets lined with artists and vendors.

### Music

Nostalgia will be a common theme among this year's music as we celebrate our tenth year as a festival. On March 21, 2004, Sharon Fahrer organized an event she called the Montford Arts Fest inside of what is now Nine Mile Restaurant.

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Montford's biggest party, Asheville's coolest festival

## UNC Asheville/Montford Workday Set for April 6

*Help Get 525 Broadway Ready for the Greenway*

**John Pierce, UNC Asheville Vice Chancellor of Finance and Campus Operations**

We've scheduled the Reed Creek Greenway workday for **Saturday, April 6, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** UNC Asheville students selected this date in conjunction with our Greenfest activities, and we're inviting Montford residents and other folks from the community to join us.



We'll be remulching the area landscaped last year and working near the creek doing invasive plant removal and some planting. We'll have lunch ready around noon.

As April 6 approaches, watch the Montford list serve for more information and a request for RSVPs so we'll know how many neighbors to expect.

Last spring's workday was a big success. Please put on your gloves, roll up your sleeves, and we'll have a good time together again this year.

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## Meet Todd Brigman

*Montford's New Community Resource Officer*

Hello Montford Residents! I want to take a moment and introduce myself to all of you. I have been recently assigned as the new Community Resource Officer of North Asheville. I will be your direct contact and liaison with the Police Department for any issue that involves law enforcement.

I have been employed with the Asheville Police Department for over seven years and hold the rank of Senior Police Officer. I am originally from the Asheville area. I left Asheville and attended  
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## Neighbors Raise Questions about 2013 Property Reappraisal

*At Informational Meeting with County Tax Staff*

**Joe Newman**

A small number of Montford neighbors turned out on a rainy February evening to talk property taxes with Buncombe County Tax Director Gary Roberts and Real Estate Assessment Manager Linda Brown.

As residents began to receive their new property valuations in late January, the Montford list serve lit up with  
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Montford residents Marilyn Hastings (L) and Pam Jo Brown (R) talk with Buncombe Tax Director Gary Roberts

CALENDAR

**Montford Neighborhood Association Meetings:**

- Third Tuesday of every month, Montford Community Center, Pearson Drive.
- Next meeting: March 19, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

All residents are welcome! Everybody in Montford is a member of the neighborhood association.

**Community Tree Conference:**

- Lenoir-Rhine Graduate Center, Montford Avenue, March 15-16. Register at [www.ashevillegreenworks.com](http://www.ashevillegreenworks.com) or call 254-1776.

**Montford Easter Egg Hunt:**

- Saturday, March 30, 11:00 a.m., Montford Park.

**UNC Asheville/Montford Greenway Workday:**

- Saturday, April 6, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Cumberland Avenue and Catawba Street.

**Bring It to the Bee!**

- Spelling Bee to benefit Literacy Council of Buncombe Council, Thursday, April 11. Teams must sign up by March 28. Contact Michelle Robinson at 254-3442 or [michelle@litcouncil.com](mailto:michelle@litcouncil.com).

**Montford Community Center Activities:**

- Adult yoga, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:00-9:00 a.m., \$1
- Badminton and table tennis, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30-8:00 p.m., Free
- Adult basketball, Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Free
- Adult martial Arts, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. \$10
- Youth lion dancing, Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00 p.m., \$10
- Open climbing wall, Tuesdays in February, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., \$2
- Afterschool program for children in grades K-5, Monday-Friday. \$30 per week
- Youth Fun Day Out programs on most teacher workdays and holidays. \$5 plus field trips. Preregistration required.

Contact Kim Kennedy at 253-3714 or [montfordr@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:montfordr@ashevillenc.gov).

**How to Contact the Historic Resources Commission (HRC)**

- Stacy Merten, Director, Asheville City Building, 259-5836 or [smerten@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:smerten@ashevillenc.gov).

**Montford Neighborhood Website**

- Visit Montford's information-filled and user-friendly website [www.montford.org](http://www.montford.org).
- Contact webmaster Laura Lowe at [webmaster@montford.org](mailto:webmaster@montford.org).

**Montford List Serve**

- Go to [www.montford.org](http://www.montford.org) and click on Join the Montford List Serve.

**Montford Community Center News**

**Kim Kennedy, Director**

**Stumptown History Celebrated**

Thirteen Montford youth participated in the Tenth Annual Black History Expo at Stephens-Lee Center on February 23. The youth performed a short play titled "Remembering Stumptown" based on the articles Jenny Wilker wrote for the February and March 2011 issues of the *Montford Newsletter* (available online at [montford.org/?p=1339](http://montford.org/?p=1339)).



It was very exciting for the youth to learn about this piece of history. We hope to continue the educational process by inviting former Stumptown residents come to talk with the kids about their experiences in Stumptown over the next few months.

**Assistant Director William Hoke**

Please help me welcome William Hoke as the new assistant director of Montford Center. William has been in the recreation department for nine years serving in a variety of ways, but most recently he was the assistant director of the Grant Center. William will be bringing a lot of new creative ideas to our programs and events.

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Hop on over to Montford Park on **Saturday, March 30, at 11:00 a.m.** for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Tattoos, goodie bags, and a visit with the Easter bunny are all part of the fun. You might even be lucky enough to get to see some real bunnies this year. Don't forget your basket! This event is cosponsored by the Montford Neighborhood Association and Montford Community Center.

**Community Yard Sale**

The spring Community Yard Sale will be held **Saturday, April 13, from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** Rent a table for only \$5 to get rid of your gently used items or just come by the center and do some shopping. Tables will go fast, so don't wait. All funds collected from the table donations and bake sale help support our end-of-the-year youth trip.

**First Saturdays**

Montford Center is open the first Saturday of the month from noon-4:00 p.m. Come shoot some basketball or play with the toddler riding toys, board games, or coloring. Adults may join the Asheville Table Tennis Club in a few rounds of table tennis. There is no charge for these open hours.

See the Montford Calendar on this page of this newsletter for other center activities and events.

For more information on the Montford Community Center, call Kim Kennedy at 253-3714.




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**Get involved in the Montford Neighborhood Association.**

Contact David Patterson at [montford33@bellsouth.net](mailto:montford33@bellsouth.net)

# Bright Easter Sunday Follows Stormy Friday One-Hundred Years Ago in Montford

Cathryn McLeod



At 4:00 in the morning on Friday, March 21, 1913—two days before Easter—Montford residents and nearby neighbors were jolted awake by what the *Asheville Citizen* described as “one of the hardest wind storms in the history of the city. Trees were uprooted, fences blown away and a great deal of damage was done.”

The gale’s victims found that after a brief lull, the storm merely changed direction, unnerving those whose dwellings were not well constructed. In the darkness, buildings shook and cold rain poured, while hail, thunder, and lightning created misery.

But at dawn, Montford sparkled like a new day in June.

## Swell Dressers

Come Sunday morning, many places of worship were well decorated with Easter lilies and lilies-of-the-valley. Crowds of “swell dressers,” with some notable “extreme styles of fashion,” enjoyed Asheville’s brilliant spring morning, filling streets and churches and giving full display of milliners’ and tailors’ best works.

## At Riverside Cemetery: Church Services and Floral Tributes

Several church services commemorating resurrection morning were well attended at the Montford cemetery. During the previous year, almost 90 interments had been made there, including remains transplanted from Asheville city and church cemeteries that were being closed.



On this Easter Sunday, family and friends carried great quantities of beautiful flowers along Montford Avenue and Pearson Drive to mound on the graves of their departed. The *Asheville Citizen* reported the next day that the wealth of floral tributes had scarcely been equaled in beauty and quantity on any previous occasion, and certainly never surpassed.

## Egg Hunts

It must have been a cheerful show: the multicolored parade of dapper suits, long silk dresses, and feathered hats that just wouldn’t quit, arms loaded down with spring’s bounty in remembrance. Children skipped beside their parents, showing off baskets of painted eggs they’d collected in several of Montford’s children’s parties. According to the *Citizen*, “Scores of children were delighted yesterday with the assortment of brilliantly colored Easter eggs which ‘Bre’r Rabbit’ had left in his wake” on that sunny day in Montford, March 1913.

## Montford Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30, 11:00 a.m.,  
Montford Park



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## Festival Fundraising Gets Off to Running Start

### Daphne Young and David Baker, Fundraising Coordinators

We are so very excited to be fundraising for the *Tenth* Montford Music and Arts Festival.

Many past sponsors have once again taken the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful celebration. Several new sponsors have come on board and thrown their support our way. To all of you, we say thank you, and please keep believing in what we are doing. Without any further chatter, feast your eyes on our prestigious list of sponsors thus far.



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**The Festival Needs Your Support**

Don't miss out on the opportunity to add your business or individual name to this list.

For additional information on donations and sponsorship, please contact Dave Baker at 279-3160 or davidlbaker@bellsouth.net and Daphne Young at 254-0690 or mgm1013@charter.net. You can also check out our festival website, [www.montfordfestival.org](http://www.montfordfestival.org), for complete festival information.

All proceeds from the Montford Music and Arts Festival help fund the community projects and activities of the Montford Neighborhood Association.



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# Palm Sunday

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# “Ex-Negro Slave Is Owner Of Property: Lucretia Greenlee, Age 80, Has Three Lots”

—*Asheville Citizen*, September 13, 1913

Zoe Rhine, North Carolina Collection, Pack Memorial Library

On a stretch of Cumberland Avenue that was still a dirt road in 1913, Lucretia Greenlee lived in the first block of north of Cherry Street. Lucretia owned a nice little house at 21 Cumberland and had a fair-sized piece of land all around her, property left by her husband John when he died in 1900.

### A Racially Diverse Block

Several other African American widows lived in houses near Lucretia. As the map shows, Sarah Battle lived across the street at 18 Cumberland. Hattie Anderson, also a widow, lived next to Sarah at 12. All three women worked as laundresses. Sarah’s house was close up by the road, and a small dwelling sat behind it where several black families resided over the years, including Fannie Egerton and her husband Tolliver.

Going north down Cumberland, away from town, the street became home to white families. Realtor Columbus Mills lived at 21, the lot next to Lucretia. John Lacy, a cabinet maker, lived directly across the street at 24, and William Zurburg, manager of the Hotel Berkeley pool room, was another neighbor at 30.

This is how the block looked in 1913, anyway, when a reporter with the *Asheville Citizen* stopped by to talk to Lucretia, who was then 80 years old. Apparently a lot of white folks had stopped by wanting to know what she wanted for her lots. Lucretia informed the reporter that she had told them she had no need to sell, knowing that her children would take care of her when she got “old.” Besides, she said, none of the offers of \$1,000, \$2,000, and one something higher had satisfied her.

### How the Greenlees Got Their Land

John and Lucretia Greenlee were “raised up in slavery” in Marion, North Carolina. Lucretia had been born in Virginia in 1833 to John and Lucinda Howard. The Greenlee surname may have come from one of three large slaveholders near Marion or perhaps from the town of Greenlee in central McDowell County.

John and Lucretia officially married in McDowell County in 1866, shortly after passage of the 13th Amendment outlawing slavery. This was the same year that the North Carolina General Assembly ordered former slaves to have their marriages recorded.

The Greenlees came to Asheville with their ten children around 1879. John Greenlee, who had worked as a farm laborer in Marion, found a job in Asheville working as a coachman for an Englishman, who fortunately advised him to save up his money and buy land, which he did.

In 1885, at age 67, John purchased a parcel of land—which then seemed “out in the country”—from William Brown for \$77. At least four of their children lived with them early on: James H., Howard, Ada, and Minnie. The land adjoined the property of Mrs. Harriet E. Sondley, mother of Asheville lawyer and historian EA. Sondley.\*

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**The Greenlee Property Becomes Part of a New Neighborhood**

By the fall of 1890, only five years after the Greenlees bought their property on Cumberland Avenue, the parcel seemed much closer to the city. The Asheville Loan, Construction and Improvement Company was starting to lay out streets for a new residential neighborhood, at that time called *Montford Park*. Although the Greenlees' land, located on Cumberland Avenue between Cherry Street and Starnes Avenue, lay outside the original boundaries of the new development, within a few years the entire area between Cherry and Zillicoa Streets would become known as *Montford*.

Lucretia did not live as long as she thought she would. She died in 1914. Her daughter Ada became owner of the property where she lived along with her husband, Theodore Green, when they married in 1921. Ada died at the age of 50 in 1929 and was buried at South Asheville Cemetery. Her death certificate shows that she was born in Asheville.

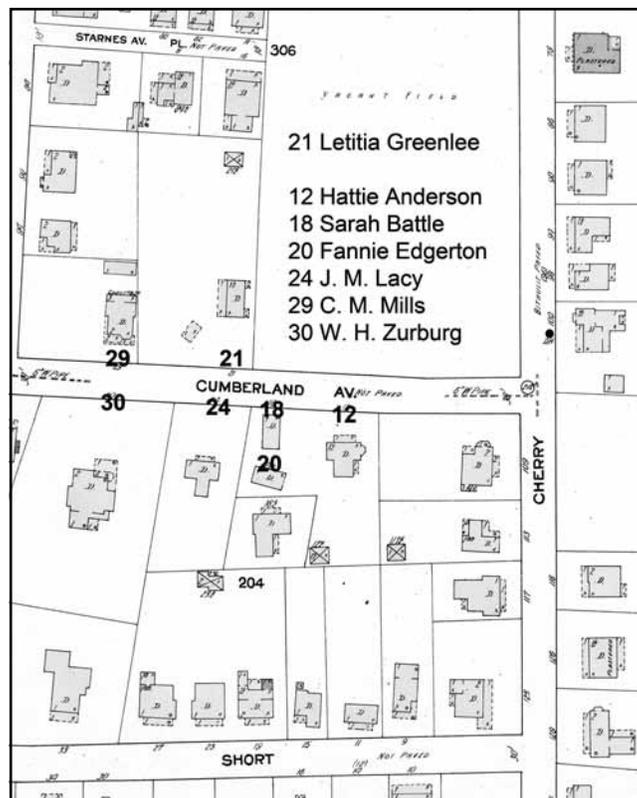
**A Chapter in African American History**

The story of the Greenlees and their property can give us valuable and sometimes surprising insights into life in Montford, Asheville, and the South. Their story is an example of the African American history we should celebrate not only in the month of February but year-round.

Some of this article is based on the *Asheville Citizen*, September 3, 1913. Asheville city directories and the federal census provided other information.

The North Carolina Room of Pack Memorial Library is seeking more information about the descendants of John and Lucretia Greenlee to further document this family. Please contact us at [nc.reference@buncombecounty.org](mailto:nc.reference@buncombecounty.org) or 250-4740.

\*John Greenlee bought other property in Asheville, including 16 acres that he also purchased in 1885 for \$150 which he sold two years later for \$933, making \$783 on his investment.



Sanborn Fire Insurance Map (1913). Names and addresses labeled by Betsy Murray, Pack Memorial Library.



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## Bring It to the Bee!

### Literacy Council Looking for Teams, Donations for Annual Spelling Bee

Literacy Council of Buncombe County

#### Did you know?

Nearly 20% of adults in Buncombe County do not have a high school diploma or GED and one in 10 adults cannot read at or above a basic level. In the 2011-12 fiscal year, over 200 Literacy Council volunteer tutors served nearly 380 students, teaching them to read, write, and speak English. Our mission is only accomplished because of the support of caring community members and business partners.

#### How can you show your support of the Literacy Council of Buncombe County?

You can bring it. Bring it to the Bee! Be a part of what's sure to be this year's most spirited, most talked-about fundraiser! The Literacy Council of Buncombe County (LCBC) invites you to participate in the 21th Annual Spelling Bee.

This year's theme, Bring it to the Bee, will set the tone for an evening filled with raucous laughter and nailbiting competition among some of Asheville's most notorious rivals. In the spirit of the movie "Bring It On," teams are encouraged to put on their most spirited outfits and attitudes!

Fifteen teams of three adults each will compete in the word challenge of their lives on **April 11, 2013**. Recruit your best spellers, we'll send you the prep word list, and you can start studying now so you can challenge your spelling nemesis to join you and Bring it to the Bee!

#### Some highlights

- Teams must have both spelling and concentration skills in order to disregard the pandemonium caused by a costumed, cheering audience! Prizes will be awarded to best team costume and best audience member costume.
- Win valuable prizes! While only one team can win the competition and be crowned Bee Champion, many teams will receive prizes for participating.
- Teams enjoy local fare and beverages before the show so there's no tummy-rumbling to distract the spellers. Enjoy a dessert reception during intermission so you're jazzed up for the second half!
- Pilfer another team's word! Purchase supplementary details! Teams that raise additional funding can purchase the opportunity to "cheat" during the competition.
- Returning this year as Emcee is David Ostergaard of Bright Star Touring Theatre and LaZoom!

#### How do teams sign up? A.K.A. Show Me the Money!

One of the ways in which the Bee supports the LCBC's dynamic programs is through the team fee, which is \$250. Before you throw down your pompoms and say "I can't do that," there are many ways to bring this money to the Bee.

The LCBC will provide access to Crowdrise, a fun and easy-to-use fundraising web site. You can solicit donations from your company or organization, coworkers, friends, your Great Aunt Gladys, your pharmacist, whomever. Often the little donations add up to a cheatworthy stash. We can also offer some



pointers on using social media to reach more people who want to support literacy. You have until the date of the event to raise the money.

#### Eager to compete?

We will limit the competition to 15 teams, so be sure to reserve your spot by contacting Michelle Robinson at 254-3442 or michelle@litcouncil.com today. You can find more information at our website, litcouncil.com.

No teams accepted after **March 28, 2013**. Please note that team members' names may be submitted at a later date.

#### Want to support the Bee, but don't have a team?

Consider sponsoring a team – we'll help find some great spellers who can Bring it to the Bee as your representative. Encourage your team to bring both their sense of adventure and their spirit of competition to the Bee! So get excited, and get ready—"It's ON!"

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### Can You Identify This Photo?

Sharon Fahrer found this photograph at the Montford Community Center and took it to the North Carolina Room at the Pack Library. It appears to show the members of one of the African American women's social clubs that were popular in Asheville and other cities. Did these women live in Stumptown or one of the other historically African American areas of Montford?

If you can identify any of the women or their organization, please contact the staff of the North Carolina Room at 250-4740.

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- For the Crime Prevention Division, call 259-5834.
- For Police Dispatch, call 259-5888.
- For Montford's Community Resource Officer, Todd Brigman, call 777-0455 or email [tbrigman@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:tbrigman@ashevillenc.gov)

## Calling All Tree Huggers! Community Tree Conference in Montford, March 15-16

Susan Roderick, Executive Director, Asheville  
GreenWorks



Planting a tree at the Montford Community Center in honor of Phyllis Sherrill, city leader and former Stumptown resident, 2009.

Learn all about caring for trees at the Community Tree Conference March 15 and 16 at Lenoir-Rhyne Graduate Center on Montford Avenue.

On Friday, March 15, there will be an all-day conference with slide shows and a special program on the Treasured Trees of Buncombe County. Saturday the 16th will feature an outdoor, how-to session on in the Chamber of Commerce parking lot.

As a resident of Montford, I invite all my neighbors to attend. We have many Treasured Trees in our historic neighborhood. The overall tree canopy is mature with many maintenance challenges, and there are many new homes have young trees that could benefit from early pruning and care.

### Knowledgeable, Experienced Presenters

Philip van Wassenaer, an internationally recognized tree expert from Ontario, Canada, will speak on designing with trees in mind and how to save large older trees. If existing trees are to be saved on a construction site, planning needs to take place. Philip will outline strategies for keeping mature trees alive for many more years and including older plantings in landscape designs.

Mindy Maslin, who founded Tree Tenders of Philadelphia, will present tips on how to start a program in Asheville and other cities across North Carolina. Jessica Piskorowski, leader of Toronto's Tree Tenders, will give a presentation on creating better tree care in neighborhoods.

Sponsored by Asheville GreenWorks and Lenoir-Rhyne, the conference has a fee of \$40 which includes lunch, snacks, and prizes. Asheville GreenWorks received a grant from the North Carolina Urban Forestry program to conduct this educational program for the general public. To sign up go to [www.ashevillegreenworks.org](http://www.ashevillegreenworks.org) or call 254-1776.

## Green Corner Get Down! How Low Can You Go?

Mitch Russell

No, it's not about the dance floor. It's about lowering your carbon footprint, and it's intended to help Asheville lower its carbon footprint through the City of Asheville Office of Sustainability's "HowLowCanAvlGo" campaign.

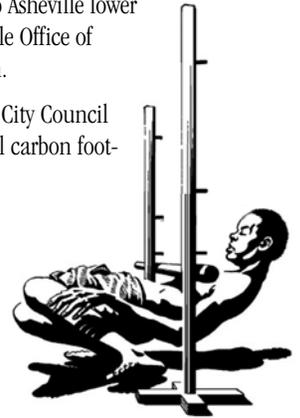
The impetus for getting low was an April 2007 City Council resolution committing to reduce the municipal carbon footprint 80 percent by the year 2050.

### Six easy things can you do to lower your personal carbon footprint

- Stay abreast of what can be recycled through Curbie at [curbie.com/Curbie/Asheville.html](http://curbie.com/Curbie/Asheville.html).
- Lower your water temperature when washing clothes. Most detergents are created to clean as well in cold water as in warm or hot.
- Turn off the lights when you leave a room.
- Unplug electrical items when not in use. For example:
  - Kitchen--microwave and toaster oven
  - Office--computer and printer
  - Den/living room--TV and DVD player/entertainment center
  - Bedroom--heating pad and humidifier
  - Bathroom--hair dryer and electric toothbrush
  - Any room--window unit and dehumidifier
- Adjust your thermostat often, based on the outside temperature.
- Reduce the temperature of your hot water heater.

When we all work together, we feel better about getting down and seeing how low Asheville can go.

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**Volunteer!**  
to help with the Montford Music  
and Arts Festival or other events  
throughout the year.  
Contact Sharon Fahrner  
at 777-1014.

## School Gardening Grants Available

### Apply to Extension Master Gardener Volunteers of Buncombe County

Mary Koppenheffer

The Extension Master Gardener Volunteers (EMGs) have small grants available for the upcoming 2013-2014 school year for schools in Asheville/Buncombe County to create Learning Gardens for students. Grant awards vary, but the average amount is \$250.

School Grants Program applications will be evaluated to determine how well the applicant's program meets the Extension Master Gardeners' mission. Some of the selection criteria to be considered include type of program for which the funds are sought, educational goals of the program, and number of students to benefit.



EMG volunteer Nina Holladay works with Isaac Dickson Elementary students. The school received a 2012 School Garden Grant.

### What Are Learning Gardens?

Learning Gardens provide hands-on educational experiences allowing students to apply concepts in math, science, and environmental education—even art and literature—in practical settings. Helping area schools is one way the EMG volunteers serve the community. Since 2007, the group has donated more than \$13,000 to 29 schools, helping more than 300 teachers and over 4,500 students.

Funds for the school grants are raised through EMG events, including the biannual garden tour and other events.

### How to Apply

The application deadline is *April 30, 2013*. Full details and applications may be found at the Buncombe County Extension website, [www.buncombe.ces.ncsu.edu](http://www.buncombe.ces.ncsu.edu). For questions call the Extension Office at (828) 255-5522 or contact Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Carolyn Mann at [crman-navl@gmail.com](mailto:crman-navl@gmail.com).

The Mission of the Extension Master Gardener Volunteers of Buncombe County is to provide education and current research-based urban horticultural information through North Carolina Cooperative Extension programs and activities, while striving to improve and preserve our natural environment.

## Resource Directory

### Advertise in the Resource Directory

Send a brief description (30 words or less) and contact information. **More than 1,500 newsletters** are distributed monthly throughout the neighborhood and are also available on the **Montford website** and at the Pack Memorial and North Asheville Public Libraries. Call 258-2207 for more information.

### House Histories

Learn the story of your house. Who lived there, who owned it and what they did for a living.

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### Historic Walking Tours

For by-appointment walking tours of historic Montford, Riverside Cemetery, and downtown Asheville, call 828-777-1014. A self-guided CD or downloaded MP3 tour of Riverside Cemetery is available online at [www.history-at-hand.com](http://www.history-at-hand.com) Cemetery tour CDs are also available at the Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center or by calling the number above.

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### Special March Events at Montford Books & More

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# Montford Neighborhood Association News

## Joe Newman for Brian Elston, Secretary

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President David Patterson on Tuesday, February 19, 2013, at 7:10 p.m. at the Montford Community Center on Pearson Drive. Board members in attendance were Sharon Fahrer, Joe Newman, and Daphne Young. Also present were Community Resources Officer (CRO) Todd Brigman and other neighbors.

### Safety and Security

David Patterson introduced Senior Police Officer Todd Brigman, Montford's newly designated CRO. Officer Brigman stated that he comes to his new assignment from the Asheville Police Department's Logistics Unit and that he will be working closely with Officer Brian Griffen. See the story on the front page for more about our new CRO.

Neighbors attending the meeting welcomed Officer Brigman and joined David in discussing the role of the CRO in such MNA activities as the annual Montford Music and Arts Festival and Easter Egg Hunt. The CRO also helps arrange off-duty police security around the Montford Convenience Store on Halloween night.

### UNC Asheville-Montford Workday at 525 Broadway

As Vice Chancellor John Pierce of UNC Asheville explains in his invitation on the front page of this

newsletter, the university is inviting Montford to participate once again in a workday to help prepare for the greenway. The workday will take place on Saturday, April 6, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

### Tenth Annual Montford Music and Arts Festival

Festival committee members Sharon Fahrer and Daphne Young stated that planning and fundraising are underway for the festival, which will take place this year on Saturday, May 18.

### Literacy Council Spelling Bee

David and the group discussed an email from Jesse Figuera of the Literacy Council of Buncombe Council about the Spelling Bee to be held on Thursday, April 11. For more information, see the story on page 8 and visit the website litcouncil.com.

### Nominations for MNA Officers and At-Large Board Members

See the block on page 15 for the announcement that nominations for officers and at-large board members are due by Tuesday, April 16, the date of the MNA's April meeting.

### Vehicle Parked at Various Locations in the Neighborhood

Joined by several neighbors at the meeting, David explained to Officer Brigman how a large gray truck or van has been parked and left for days at a time at several different locations in Montford. APD Lieutenant Bill Wilkie has looked into the matter, and Officer Brigman said he would as well.

### Easter Egg Hunt

Montford Community Center Director Kim Kennedy announced that the annual Easter Egg Hunt, cosponsored by the center and the MNA, will be held on Saturday, March 30, in Montford Park. See the Community Center News on page 2 for more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.




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# Montford Festival

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At the time, that space was called Pyper's Place, and Ira Bernstein assembled and coordinated the talent that day. Peggy Seeger was the first performer.

This year, we'll be gathering many of those who performed that day to return for the tenth annual event, including Vollie McKenzie and Kari Sickenberger, River Guerguerian, Ira Bernstein and Riley Baugus, the Mountain Lion Chinese Dragon dancers, The Mad Tea, and your humble scribe, to whom Sharon has graciously passed the title of festival director.

Other confirmed performers include Pick Your Switch, WestSound, and Paul's Creek, with more acts to be announced later.

## Two Streets of Booths

Montford Avenue and Soco Street will be lined with more than 90 booths featuring arts, crafts, plants, public service groups, and more. Come hungry because there will be a great variety of food and drink vendors including some of your favorite food trucks.

The festival has a growing list of sponsors, but we desperately need more. Please read Daphne Young's story on pages 4-5 and contact her at 254-0690 or [mgm1023@charter.net](mailto:mgm1023@charter.net).

Visit our website [www.montfordfestival.org](http://www.montfordfestival.org) for up-to-the-minute information. May 18 will be here before you know it!



**Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County**  
**February 13, 2013, Meeting—Action Agenda for Montford**

Asheville City Building, First Floor North Conference Room, 4:00 p.m.  
 Contact Stacy Merten: 259-5836 [www.ashevillenc.gov/business/development\\_services/planning\\_zoning/historic\\_dist/](http://www.ashevillenc.gov/business/development_services/planning_zoning/historic_dist/)

Members present: Hillary Cole, Brian Cook, David Carpenter, Nan Chase, David Nutter, Brendan Ross

Staff present: Stacy Merten, Peggy Gardner, Jannice Ashley

Item and Summary	Action
38 Elizabeth Place—retaining wall.....	Approved w/conditions
5 Cullowhee Street—single-family residence .....	Approved w/conditions

Please refer to the website [www.ashevillenc.gov/hrc](http://www.ashevillenc.gov/hrc) for the full approved minutes after each month's meeting.

**March 13, 2013, Meeting—Tentative Agenda for Montford**

Asheville City Building, First Floor North Conference Room, 4:00 p.m.

**New Business: Public Hearings—Certificates of Appropriateness**

276 Cumberland Avenue—porch roof  
 41 Starnes Avenue—back porch, side porch, and fence  
 29 Tacoma Street—single-family residence

**Other Business**

Review brick samples, City Hall renovation  
*Montford Guidelines*, update on accessory structures committee  
 Comments from commissioners, public, and staff

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## 2013 Property Reappraisal

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questions and concerns. The February 7 meeting sponsored by the Montford Neighborhood Association gave neighbors a chance to get answers and learn more about the reappraisal process.

### Determining Market Value

After an introduction by MNA President David Patterson, Mr. Roberts explained that the 2013 reappraisal is the first since January 1, 2006. Over the last seven years, Roberts pointed out, the real estate market has experienced decline followed by somewhat of a recovery. The goal of the real estate reappraisal process, which is mandated by state law, is to revalue property at 100 percent of market value.

Roberts explained that county property appraisers determine property value by considering such factors as comparable sales within the last 18 months, land prices, replacement costs, and depreciation. In considering comparable sales, the tax office may “qualify” sales by collecting information from property owners, realtors, contractors, lending institutions, and others to assure that the sale prices are reliable and reflect fair market value.

### Twelve “Neighborhoods” within Montford

Ms. Brown noted that the tax office views Montford as made up of 12 smaller “neighborhoods”—areas where the homes are relatively similar in size, condition, age, and other characteristics. When the tax office considers comparable sales in appraising a home, it uses data from the “neighborhood” within Montford where the home is located whenever possible.

### No Increase in Valuation for Most Properties

Brown explained that for the majority of the 1,100 properties in Montford, the assessment did not increase—a statement that seemed to surprise several neighbors at the meeting. She further noted that the mean value of property in Montford did go up, however, because of the higher assessments that some neighbors received.

Although several neighbors complained at the meeting or on the list serve that their 2013 property valuations increased by 10, 15, 20 percent or more, Brown stated that the tax office has received few appeals from Montford.

### Three Ways to Appeal

Residents who attended the meeting asked questions about such issues as the difficulty of finding comparable sales for certain homes and the wisdom of separating lot and home prices in the appraisal process. Several neighbors also inquired about what to do if they don’t agree with their new assessment.

The two tax office representatives explained there are three ways to file an informal appeal from February through April 7, 2013.

- Tear off, fill out, and return the Informal Review form at the bottom of the 2013 Value Notice, adding extra pages if necessary.
- Call the Buncombe County Tax Office at (828) 250-4940 to schedule an appointment.
- Go to [buncombetax.org/appeal/](http://buncombetax.org/appeal/) and fill out the online appeal form, which makes it easy to attach photos and other information.

Roberts and Brown emphasized that owners who appeal should provide data—factual information—to the Tax Office.

Property owners who do not accept the results of the informal appeal may then make a formal appeal to the Board of Equalization and Review, North Carolina Property Tax Commission, North Carolina Court of Appeals, and North Carolina Supreme Court.

### Exclusions for the Elderly and Disabled

Finally, Mr. Roberts and Ms. Brown explained that exclusions are available for elderly and disabled property owners. These exemptions from paying a portion of property taxes are based on the income of the resident.

Much of the information presented at the meeting is summarized in the brochure *Buncombe County 2013 Property Tax Reappraisal* available from the Buncombe County Tax Office, located downtown at 35 Woodfin Street, Suite 315. Property owners can also call the office at 250-4940 or go online to [buncombecounty.org](http://buncombecounty.org) and use the pull-down menu under County Services.

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## Resource Officer

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the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. I developed my interest in law enforcement during college and in late 2005 decided it was time to come back home to Asheville.

Since 2006 I worked three years with our patrol division in the Downtown/South patrol district. Then I accepted the assignment as the Logistics Officer for the department for the past four years. Please feel free to contact me by phone or email with your questions or concerns.

I look forward to meeting you all!

**Todd Brigman, Asheville Police Department,**  
777-0455 or tbrigman@ashevillenc.gov

## MNA Seeks Nominations for May Elections

**David Patterson, President**

The Montford Neighborhood Association will hold its annual election of officers and at-large board members at the May 21 meeting.

Nominations are due by the April 16 meeting. Neighbors may bring nominations to the April meeting or email them to me at montford33@bellsouth.net.

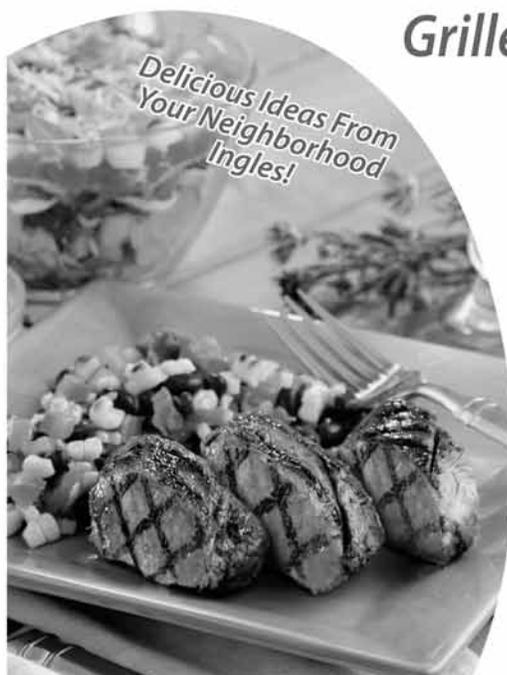
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## Grilled Lime Pork Chops With Black Bean & Corn Salad

### INGREDIENTS:

- \*1/4 cup Fresh lime juice
- \*3/4 cup Olive oil (plus additional for coating grill)
- \*2 tsp. Garlic, minced
- \*1-1/2 tsp. Kosher salt
- \*1 tsp. Fresh ground black pepper, to taste
- \*1 tsp. Ground coriander
- \*6 Boneless pork chops, fat trimmed

### DIRECTIONS:

STEP 1: In a small bowl, whisk together lime juice, oil, garlic, salt, pepper and coriander. Place pork chops in a large zip-top plastic bag and pour marinade over pork chops. Refrigerate for 2 hours. STEP 2: Preheat grill on medium heat. Oil grill rack with oil. STEP 3: Place pork chops on grill and grill 3-4 minutes. Using tongs, turn pork chops a quarter turn to create hatch marks and grill 3-4 minutes. Flip pork chops over and repeat the process. Hold chops using the tongs to create grill marks on the edges, if desired. Proper internal temperature is 150°. STEP 4: Serve pork chops with Black Bean and Corn Salad.

### Black Bean and Corn Salad

- \*2 medium Ears of corn, husks and silk removed
- \*1/4 cup Black beans, rinsed and drained
- \*1 small Tomato, small dice
- \*1 small Jalapeño pepper, finely chopped
- \*2 Tbsp. Green bell pepper, small dice
- \*2 Tbsp. Red bell pepper, small dice
- \*1/4 cup Jicama, peeled, small dice
- \*2 Tbsp. Green onions, chopped
- \*1 Tbsp. Vegetable oil
- \*2 Tbsp. Fresh cilantro, chopped
- \*1 clove Garlic, minced
- \*2 tsp. Fresh lime juice
- \*Dash Ground cumin
- \*1/4 tsp. Kosher salt

### DIRECTIONS:

Step 1: Grill corn over medium heat, turning frequently, until corn is golden brown, about 10-15 minutes. Remove corn from grill and let cool; cut corn from cob. Step 2: In a medium bowl, combine all ingredients and mix until well blended.

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