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Welcome
March
Spring is upon us



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Calendar

Aerobics with Karen Griffin
Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 PM

Pick-Up Volleyball
Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 PM (Starts 4/9)
Fridays from 10:00-2:00 PM

Pick-Up Basketball
Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM (Starts 4/7)
Sundays from 3:00-6:00 PM



Youth/Teen Pick-Up Basketball (15 under)
Sundays from 1:00-3:00 PM

Homeschool Table Top Club: Dungeons and Dragons

2/24, 3/10, 3/24 from 12:30-2:30 PM
Ages: 10-17 (Pre-Registration Requested)

For more Information Contact:

Seth T. Jackson, Recreation Facility Manager
828-253-3714

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Listserve, we 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/>

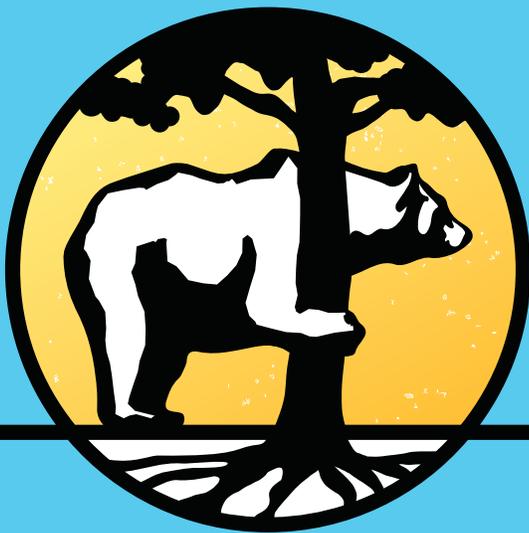
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The Latest Dirt

By Cherie Morris

It's coming! "Astronomical spring, also known as the vernal or March equinox, marks the beginning of spring in the Northern Hemisphere.

It occurs when the sun crosses the equator from south to north, aligning directly with it and causing day and night to be nearly equal in length." This year, it will happen on March 20 and, if you like precision or need to head outdoors to do a little dance, at exactly 10:46. If the exactness of science isn't your thing or if you need something more visceral, head over to the Asheville Botanic Garden because Mother Nature doesn't believe in calendars or watches. Spring has arrived in the Garden!

The ephemerals love to take advantage of our occasional



brief bursts of warm weather, however their beauty is spectacular but short-lived. They will grow, bloom and set seed in just a few weeks. Trillium, (*Trillium sessile*) commonly known as Toadshade, is a common favorite. They are easily recognized by their mottled leaves (vaguely resembling toads!) and bear a striking central deep magenta flower. The colonies of Trillium are literally everywhere! Not quite as prevalent are the yellow and white Trilliums. Keep your eyes open!

One of my personal favorites is the delicate Oconee Bells (*Shortia galacifolia*.) There is only one patch of this rare perennial, but the search is well worth it. Take the upper Creighton Trail until you reach a rock wall. The Oconee Bells, native only to the southern Appalachians, will be on the right, a gathering of small, sweet ballerinas in white fringed tutus, swaying in recognition of Spring.



We can't forget Bloodroot. (*Sanguinaria canadensis*) Despite its ominous name, which comes from the orange-red sap it exudes, it sports a cheerful white, daisy-like bloom with a bright yellow, smiley-face center. The Bloodroot collections are scattered so stay observant, especially near the rock outcrop!

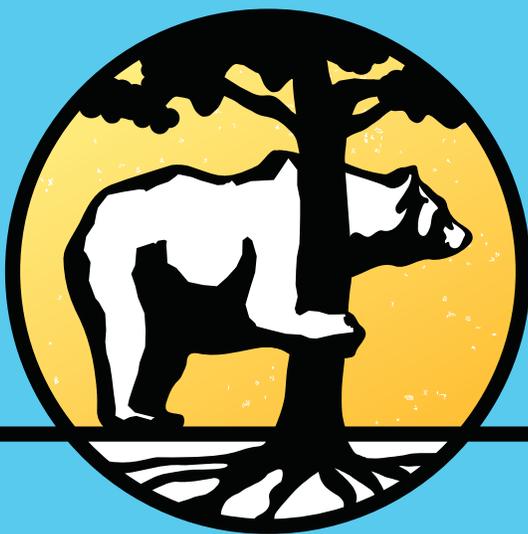
While I didn't observe them last week, Mayapples (*Podophyllum peltatum*) will make their appearance shortly. Look first for the lobed leaves which resemble a tiny beach umbrella. Tucked underneath is a single white flower of 6-9 petals. They spread by underground rhizomes so they will appear in groups that will disappear by summer. Interesting factoid: the leaves, stems, roots and seeds are highly toxic, but an extract from the rhizome is used in a cancer drug!

One final salute to spring. Please, despite the universal urge, do not pick or dig up any plants in the Garden. Many are rare and/or toxic to both humans and pets. In case you've always wondered, that's two reasons why we don't permit dogs on the trails. That and the squirrels. Happy Springtime hiking!

Check our website at www.ashevillebotanicalgarden.org



bloodroot



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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.

Dan Sanford: sanford.danielj@gmail.com

Judith Sanford: sanford.judith@gmail.com

Leslie Humphrey: leslieinmontford@gmail.com

Ashima Nair: ashimanair@gmail.com



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Green Corner

Erin Hiatt

For this month's Green Corner, we are interviewing another local, sustainability-linked businesses that would welcome your support!

Our tenth feature is **rEvolve**, located at 697 Haywood Rd. Ste. B.

Current hours are:

Sun-Th 11-6

Fri & Sat 11-7

Trades M-F Open to 4pm

Q: What is rEvolv and how did it get started?

A: rEvolv buy•sell•trade is a small woman-owned business located in West Asheville. We buy and “trade” clothing, art, accessories & housewares for “cash” or store credit.

I started it because Asheville is a really expensive city, and I found that I couldn't afford to shop for clothing at most of the vintage shops here. Being able to “trade” makes it easier for people to get new clothing without spending as much out of pocket.

Q: What range of items do you offer and what trade/consignment or local vendor items are you most interested in?

A: We offer everything from vintage to modern clothing, masculine & feminine, and all sizes up to 4X. We have local art, music, antiques, locally made jewelry, and lots of odds and ends. I love history and odd things!

Q: How does sustainability fit into rEvolv's story or mission?

A: I went to school for Natural Resources Management and Environmental Policy. I hate that so many pieces of clothes end up in landfills. Our goal is to eradicate textiles from entering landfills, while also educating people about the benefits of shopping secondhand. You can find incredible pieces for a fraction of the cost while keeping things in cycle rather than disposing into landfills. We do not accept “fast fashion” clothing – we



are promoting slow fashion designers + vintage styles to teach people to see QUALITY over QUANTITY.

Q: Any favorite customer interactions or stories?

A: We have some really incredible “regulars” at the shop. It's especially nice when we build friendships at the shop. I can't tell you how many days these people lifted my spirits and reminded me that we can make it despite all the hard times. Especially after Helene, so many customers reached out to offer support and that really helped me push through my family's being displaced for two months. *and still so many families are displaced – I think about that all the time. I'm lucky and privileged. It's a grounding thing to think about.

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

A: Your best bet is via Instagram @ revolve_merc

Let me know what other local businesses you would like to see interviewed at montfordgreencorner@gmail.com. You can find past Green Corners on the [Newsletter Archive page](#).



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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>

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MONTFORD ARTS FEST: SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 11:00 - 6:00

Don't miss the fun! Montford musicians will be at Pypers Place 233 Montford Avenue. Artists will be at the Montford Arts Center, 235 Montford Avenue. Come join the celebration!

Hear these Montford musicians and more:

Irene Pypers-Scott
Peggy Seeger
Ira Bernstein with Riley Baugus
Polecat Creek
Vollie McKenzie
The Mad Tea Party
Jeff Japp
J.P. Delanoye
The Chinese Dragon Dancers

DeWayne Barton
Paul Moore and Cailin Campbell
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Kristin and Keturah
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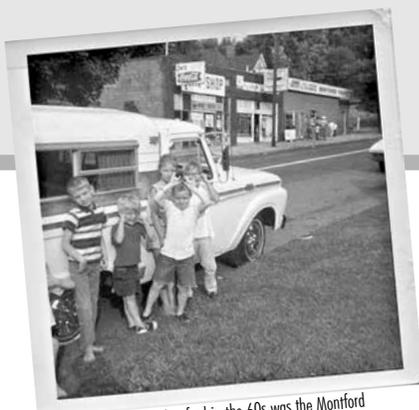
Meet or greet many of these artists:

Katrina Bass
Trace Bates
Donna Brown
Zack Brownlee
Mary Jo Brezney
Eli Corben
Rudy Dukovich
Jesse Fahrer
Dan Fredericks
Taylor Gibson

Dana Irwin
Boyo McCaskill
Parrish Rhodes
Joan Richards
Stuart Roper
Aisha Von Seldenack
Janice Mead
Lesley Anna Mullen
Terri Owen
Colleen Webster

Buy raffle tickets starting March 10 and win great prizes to benefit the restoration of Montford Park. Prizes include CDs, artwork and more.

For more information and to donate raffle prizes contact Sharon at 777-1014 or stop by the Montford Arts Center at 235 Montford Ave.



The "Hub" of Montford in the 60s was the Montford Pharmacy, the Rainbow Laundymat and the Quick Shop—photo courtesy The Willingham.

Schedules will be posted at Pypers and the Montford Arts Center March 14. Watch for flyers!

Calendar:

March 8: Community meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Montford Recreation Center, 32 Pearson Avenue.

March 21: Montford Arts Fest

April 11: Easter Egg Hunt in Montford Park.

May 22: Montford Garden Tour

June: Community Yard Sale

August 16: Community Day at the Recreation Center

October 16: Tour of Homes

Next Issue!

CHINESE MEDICINE

NON PROFIT EVENTS

KIDS CORNER

POLICE UPDATE



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www.montford.org

HISTORIC RESOURCE COMMISSION Application Deadline is:

March 23rd at 5pm for the April 14th meeting

April 20th at 5pm for the May 12th meeting

HRC meets 2nd Wednesday each month, 1st Floor, North Conference Room in the Asheville City Building

Contact Stacy Merten 259-5836

<http://www.ci.asheville.nc.us/planning/boards.htm>

Resource Directory

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Happy March Montford!



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Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

Montford Action Agenda 03/11/26

Present: Sioux Oliva (Vice-Chair), Amy Moxley, Robert Mays, Jenny Bowen, Cecil Holt, Leslie Humphrey, Bill Roberts, Hans Skouby

Absent: Will Hornaday (Chair), Celesta Gorman, Shannon Watkins

Staff: Alex Cole, Jannice Ashley, Aspen Johnston, Haley Mahoney

Item, Summary and Action

53 Birch Street (PIN 9639826325) -

Replacement of existing partially collapsed stone retaining wall. Applicant: Patrick Haramija

Action—Approved with Conditions

345 Montford Avenue (PIN 9649040738)

- Replacement of existing partially collapsed stone retaining wall. Applicant: Patrick Haramija

Action—Approved with Conditions

101 Santee Street (PIN 9639855198)

Construction of a new driveway. Applicant: Carole King

Action—Approved

265 Cumberland Avenue (PIN

9649045369) - Alteration of existing retaining wall in front yard. Applicant: Jennifer & Andrew Ayala

Action—Continued to April

207 Pearson Drive (PIN 9639943018) -

Construction of a two-story, 450 square foot addition on rear elevation. Applicant: Sarah Brown & Bryan Clift

Action—Approved

16 Short Street (PIN 9649119551) -

Installation of fifteen (15) solar panels on south facing portion of roof. Applicant: Lily Ardrey

Action—Continued to April

51 Watauga Street (PIN 9639942542)

- Replacement of foundation wall on south and east elevations; removal of existing retaining wall and construction of new retaining wall. Applicant: William Rabbino

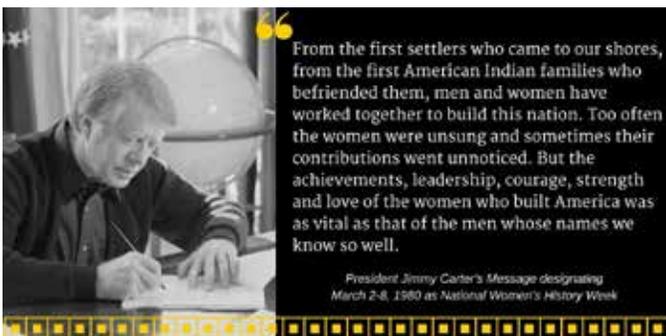
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HRC Application Portal

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

<https://develop.ashevillenc.gov/>

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



Women's History Month

Every year, March is designated Women's History Month by presidential proclamation. The month is set aside to honor women's contributions in American history. Did You Know? Women's History Month started as Women's History Week . . .



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