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## Montford's Biggest Party, Asheville's Coolest Festival Tenth Annual Music and Arts Festival



### Springtime in Montford



**The hunt is on!** Running for eggs at the Easter Event on March 30 in Montford Park. Cosponsored by the Montford Community Center and Montford Neighborhood Association, the annual event is a favorite of kids, parents, grandparents, and friends.



**Getting the job done.** Montford neighbors working hard on April 6 at the UNC Asheville/Montford Greenway Workday. By the numbers: 119 gardeners—including 30 from Montford—planted 64 trees and 100 perennials. Special thanks to UNCA for holding the event.



### The Festival Needs Your Help

*It's Easy to Volunteer*

**Kim Kennedy and Linda Meade, Volunteer Coordinators**

Come be a part of our very own Montford Music and Arts Festival on Saturday, May 18. This will be the Tenth Annual Festival, and it's sure to be the biggest and best one yet.

One-hundred volunteers are needed to make this year's festival a success. We need volunteers for short time slots in a variety of continued on page 14...

### I-26 Corridor—Back in Play

*Some Local Leaders Want to Revive the Project*

**Lael Gray**

On Tuesday, May 9, from 8:15 a.m. - noon, the Asheville Chamber of Commerce will present an Interstate 26 Corridor Summit at the North Carolina Arboretum Education Center. The summit will include information and discussion regarding plans for the entire section of I-26 that runs from South Carolina to Tennessee.

Montford residents are encouraged to attend because the route and size of the interstate will affect the future of our neighborhood.

#### **Direct Impact on Montford**

Montford is one of the neighborhoods that will be impacted by the I-26 Connector, a section of the highway that will continued on page 14...



# Celebrating Ten Years of Montford Music

## Ben Scales, Festival Director

The first Montford Arts Festival was held on March 21, 2004, inside Pyper's Place, which is now Nine Mile Restaurant, and Sweet Heaven Ice Cream Shop, which is now a real estate office. Ira Bernstein coordinated the music for festival founder Sharon Fahrer. The first performer that day was Peggy Seeger. What followed was a collection of music made by the musicians who called Montford home.

## Deep Roots in Montford

Although the festival has grown quite a bit over the years, that central theme

has remained constant. All the acts booked to perform at every Montford festival feature performers who are connected in some way to the Montford neighborhood, usually as current or former residents. Our neighborhood has a history that's deep and diverse, and *this is the music of our neighborhood*.

The schedule for this tenth annual event includes many of those who performed at that first one in 2004. The diverse and entertaining lineup of professional performers, along with 50 artists and a juried art show, highlights the artistic strength of one of Asheville's oldest neighborhoods.

## Music on the Montford Avenue Stage

### 11:00 a.m.—Paul's Creek.

Featured performers at MerleFest, Paul's Creek is rooted in traditional sounds, with a focus on singing and harmonies, old time songs and dance, mountain stories and humor, all accompanied on instruments including guitar, banjo, fiddle, upright bass, Dobro, harmonica, and feet. Plus, we're excited to announce that legendary fiddler Arvil Freeman will be with them for this one. In the summer he reigns over Shindig on the Green downtown with the Stoney Creek Boys and has played with everyone from the Sauceman Brothers and Bascom Lamar Lunsford to Raymond Fairchild, the Stanley Brothers, Marc Pruett Band, 40 West, and more. [www.carolrifkin.com](http://www.carolrifkin.com)



### 12:00 noon—Ira Bernstein, Riley Baugus, and John Herrmann.

Ira is a world-class percussive step dancer and one of the cofounders of the Montford Festival. Ira is the only musical performer to have performed at every year's festival. Just as at our first festival in 2004, Ira will be accompanied by Grammy award winner Riley Baugus, who has recorded with Willie Nelson, Alison Krauss, Robert Plant, Tim O'Brien, and Dirk Powell, among others. Also, as in years past, John Herrmann, the legendary Zen Master of Old-Time, will perform on fiddle, banjo, and guitar for a classic set of music and dance celebrating the rich traditions of the Southern Appalachians, plus, maybe, another special guest or two. [www.tentoepercussion.com](http://www.tentoepercussion.com)



### 1:00 p.m.—Tater Diggers.

This old-time "power trio" of former Montford resident Caroline Pond on fiddle, Kevin Scanlon on banjo, and Ben Scales on guitar returns to the festival for the first time since 2009. The Tater Diggers play Appalachian string band tunes from the likes of Bascom Lamar Lunsford, Charlie Poole, Uncle Dave Macon, and Tommy Jarrell, sea shanties, work songs, and original songs written in the style of their musical forebearers. The band also infuses spices of Cajun and reggae, western swing, and rock and roll into the music of the past. For several years, the Tater Diggers have held down a regular weekly gig at the 1900 Inn on Montford, entertaining guests with classic banjo and fiddle tunes reflecting the rich musical heritage of southern mountains. Ben also performed at the first Montford festival in 2004 as a solo artist. [www.taterdiggers.com](http://www.taterdiggers.com)



### 2:15 p.m.—WestSound. The

sensation of the past four years' festivals, WestSound will once again rock the avenue with high-energy Motown, blues, R&B, and soul to get everybody humming, singing, and dancing. Don't miss them! [www.facebook.com/pages/WestSound/215017765645?v=info](http://www.facebook.com/pages/WestSound/215017765645?v=info)



### 3:30 p.m. – Pick Your Switch.

Award winning songwriter and performer Paul Edelman—The jangling Sparrow—fronts his red hot rock trio, Pick Your Switch! Montford residents Elzy Lyndsey (drums) and Dave Baker (bass and harmonies), originally from New Orleans, have been a rhythm section together for 20 years. You right that's tight. Edelman, originally from Philadelphia, brings his lyrically driven song crafting and journeyman performances to a ferocious Telecaster. The band is already being acclaimed by fans and peers throughout the region for an incredulous live show. Most people can't believe such a wall of sound can come from three men. [www.facebook.com/pickyourswitch](http://www.facebook.com/pickyourswitch)



### 4:45 p.m.—The Billy Sea.

Founded by slide guitar revolutionary Billy Cardine, The Billy Sea creates "Global Americana" music that pulls influence from all corners of the world. Cardine, a classically trained pianist in his youth, eventually fell in love with the sound of the slide guitar and plays Dobro, Chaturangui, Weissenborn, and Electric Steel guitars. Former Montford resident River Guerguerian commands a wide range of musical styles with his unique blend of percussion instruments, combining elements and experience from all over the world and resulting in a powerful rhythmic perspective that is both familiar and otherworldly. Bassist Jake Wolf adds his intricate and original mix of musical elements as a powerful melodic voice and a driving rhythmic force on the six-string bass. [www.thebillysea.com](http://www.thebillysea.com)



### 6:00 p.m.—Pure Fiyah Reggae Band.

Fronted by Montford's own Ras David Graves on bass, the band featuring King Ayoola on lead vocals, Ras Naphtali on drums, Jahdai on guitar, and Ras Michael on keyboards will have the collective hips of the 'hood swaying to the authentic one-drop rhythms. Pure Fiyah plays traditional roots reggae infused with elements of R&B, funk, soul, and rock & roll. "Our music is the sounds of the system, the good, the bad and the oppressed ones" - [www.reverbnation.com/purefiyahreggaeband](http://www.reverbnation.com/purefiyahreggaeband)



**Two Stages of Music and Dance! Tasty Food and Drink! Arts, Crafts,**

## Music on the Soco Street Stage

**10:15 a.m.—Evergreen Community Chorus.** This unique, multi-generational group is made up of students, staff, parents, and siblings from Evergreen Community Charter School. The chorus is about 30 strong, including Montford residents Lael Gray and her daughter Malina Japp, and they accompany themselves on a variety of instruments including piano, banjo, guitar, fiddle, percussion, and mandolin. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1DRppvx30](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1DRppvx30)



**11:00 a.m.—The Glampas.** Montford resident Jeff Japp performed at the first Montford festival in 2004, and now he's back on lead guitar and vocals for the Glampas, a band that pays tribute to the 1970s, bringing back the glam-powered sounds of that era. They'll thrill us to the sounds of favorites from David Bowie, The Sweet, Cheap Trick, Wings, Thin Lizzy, Roxy Music, Electric Light Orchestra, Alice Cooper, Argent, and many more. [www.theglampas.com](http://www.theglampas.com)



**12:00 noon—Empire Strikes Brass.** A gumbo of musicians from bands such as the Squirrel Nut Zippers, Karl Denson's Tiny Universe, Firecracker Jazz Band, Common Foundation, and Kung Fu Dynamite (just to name a few), Empire Strikes Brass is a New Orleans second-line style brass band that is determined to bring funk, rock, and a lot of energy to the festival. The ESB core group includes on cornet Je Widenhouse, a regular Montford festival performer who played at the first festival in 2004. [www.empirestrikesbrass.com](http://www.empirestrikesbrass.com)



**1:15 p.m.—Swayback "Revival."** Laura Blackley and regular Montford festival performer Cary Fridley, both from the Swayback Sisters, will lead an all-star band of pickers including Scott Sharpe on steel through a set of old-school country soul, Appalachian-style folk ballads, and dirty acoustic blues. [www.swaybacksisters.com](http://www.swaybacksisters.com)



**2:30 p.m.—Vollie McKenzie and Kari Sickenberger and the Western Wildcats.** A true honky tonk western swing band with great pedal steel and vocal harmonies. Vollie grew up in a rich musical environment of gospel and Appalachian string music and was equally influenced by the genius of Hank Williams and Ray Charles. Kari is a singer's singer, getting to the heart and soul of each song she sings and conveying that emotion to the audience. Both Kari and Vollie are former Montford residents, and both performed at the first Montford festival. They'll be joined by Lyn Netherton, one of the best pedal steel players in the Southeast, and Jeff Hersk on upright bass.



**3:45 p.m.—Buncombe Turnpike.** Returning to the festival for the third time, Buncombe Turnpike will play a variety of heartfelt tunes ranging from traditional and contemporary bluegrass to gospel and hand-crafted Buncombe Turnpike originals. With their crowd pleasing demeanor, seasoned musicianship, and powerful vocals, the band has made a name for themselves among traditional and contemporary listeners alike. [www.buncombeturnpike.com](http://www.buncombeturnpike.com)



**5:00 p.m.—The Mad Tea.** Garage pop duo and long-time Montford residents, The Mad Tea play high-energy rock 'n' roll that creates a freakout rock 'n' roll vibe everywhere they go. Listeners are drawn by one-man-band Jason's Krekel's driving drums and surf guitar licks and the bouncy beat of Ami Worthen's electric guitar and tambourine. Tight harmonies and catchy songs tie the sound together. Mix in a playful sense of humor, and it makes complete sense that the band is a frequent opener for hillbilly rockers Southern Culture on the Skids. They played at the first Montford festival as Mad Tea Party with Lora Pendleton on bass and Je Widenhouse sitting in on cornet. [themadtea.wordpress.com](http://themadtea.wordpress.com)



**6:15 p.m.—Free Flow Band.** Returning to the festival for the third year running is this trio of performers with their unique brand of "Old Skool R&B and Funk." Lead singer and percussionist Lil' Rog shows his love of Motown and R&B as he takes you on a musical journey of sweet soul music. Sharing the lead vocal duties and playing keyboards is founder Kevin "Kazual" Collins, who has performed with Point of View and Crystal Blue and has musical influences ranging from Blues to Hip-Hop, from Jazz to Soul. Darrell "BNote" Griffin, on bass and vocals, provides the heartbeat of the Free Flow band. He has played bass for such artists as Expose, Eugene Wilde, Gerald Levert, and Betty Wright. Together, these guys are guaranteed to take you to a place they like to call Planet Funk! [www.freeflowband.info](http://www.freeflowband.info)



We hope these acts, and more, will provide a little something for everybody for our tenth annual celebration of all things Montford.

## Entertainment between the Music

We'll be treated to performances by strolling actors and singers from the **Montford Park Players**, Morris dancing from the **Asheville Morris Men** and **Ashgrove Garland**, and the **Chinese Lion Dance** by the Mountain Dragon Gong Fu School. There may also be some surprises in store.



Plants, Nonprofits, and Kids' Activities! Family Friendly Fun All Day!

## CALENDAR

### Montford Neighborhood Association Meetings:

- Third Tuesday of every month, Montford Community Center, Pearson Drive.
- Next meeting: May 21, 2013, 7:00 p.m. Annual election of officers and board members.

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

### Tenth Annual Montford Music and Arts Festival:

- Saturday, May 18, Montford Avenue and Soco Street, family friendly fun all day.
- Volunteers needed! Contact Kim Kennedy and Linda Meade at 253-3714 or montfordr@asheville.gov.

### LaZoom Bus Tour to Benefit Music and Arts Festival:

- Sunday, June 2, 6:30 p.m. \$25. For reservations contact Daphne Young at 254-0690.

### Montford Park Players:

- *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)*, Thursdays through Sundays, May 9-26, 7:30 p.m., Hazel Robinson Amphitheatre. Fundraiser for free outdoor Shakespeare season. [www.montfordpark-players.org](http://www.montfordpark-players.org).

### Mother's Day Greek Luncheon and Bake Sale:

- Sunday, May 12, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 227 Cumberland Avenue. Contact church office at 253-3754.

### Montford Farmers Market:

- Wednesdays, May-November, 2:00-6:00 p.m., Chamber of Commerce parking lot.
- May 1 - Garden Gala, May 29 - Strawberry Celebration.

### I-26 Corridor Summit:

- Tuesday, May 9, 8:15 a.m.-noon, North Carolina Arboretum Education Center, \$15. Contact [jjoyce@ashevillechamber.org](mailto:jjoyce@ashevillechamber.org).

### Montford Community Center Activities:

- Third Annual Spring Fling Dance for youth 11 and under, Friday, May 10, 5:30-8:00 p.m. \$5
- Summer Playground Program for rising first to fifth graders, June 10-August 8, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., \$10 registration plus \$40 per week. Call now to preregister.
- 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, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., \$2.

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

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

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

### Montford Neighborhood Website

- Visit Montford's information-filled and user-friendly website [www.montford.org](http://www.montford.org).
  - Contact webmaster Ross Terry 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.

## Saluting our Generous Sponsors, Challengers, and Donors Here's Our Second Festival Challenge!

### Daphne Young and David Baker, Fundraising Coordinators

Montford resident and longtime festival supporter **Brian May** has issued a *second* festival challenge. Brian has generously offered to match up to \$600 in donations from neighbors and friends. When we include the \$1,000 from the first festival challenge, made by **Hernan and Lou Ann Navarro**, we have a total of \$1,600 in matching funds offered by Montford residents.

It gives me great pleasure to say that our neighbors and friends have met these two challenges with great enthusiasm, bringing our total funds raised by press time to over \$3,200.

We are now focused on raising the additional \$1,000 that I set as a goal in the first challenge, making the total we can raise at least \$4,200. I know we can reach this goal!

A huge **Thank You** to all our sponsors, challengers, and donors for what you've already done. Because of you, the show will go on.

### Neighbors and Friends Who Met the Challenges in April

**Catherine Brown**

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**Asheville on Bikes**—216-3584, [www.ashevilleonbikes.com](http://www.ashevilleonbikes.com).

"Asheville on Bikes cultivates the culture of commuting and urban cycling within our city through celebration and advocacy. We believe bicycling has a direct impact on the health of our community."



**Brother Wolf Animal Rescue**—31 Glendale Avenue, Asheville, NC 28803, 505-3440, [www.bwar.org](http://www.bwar.org).

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Thank you again to all these fine folks. Pride in our neighborhood is busting out all over.

Remember, we’re not finished. We’re still seeking sponsors and donors. You have time to make the final list.

Please feel free to contact Dave Baker at 279-3160, [davidbaker@bellsouth.net](mailto:davidbaker@bellsouth.net), or Daphne Young at 254-0690, [mgm1013@charter.net](mailto:mgm1013@charter.net), with questions or for more information. You can also visit our website [www.montfordfestival.org](http://www.montfordfestival.org).

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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## Streets Will Close during the Festival, Saturday, May 18

Montford's Tenth Annual Music and Arts festival is only two weeks away. As the big day of Saturday, May 18, approaches, we want to make you aware of how you will be affected by street closings.

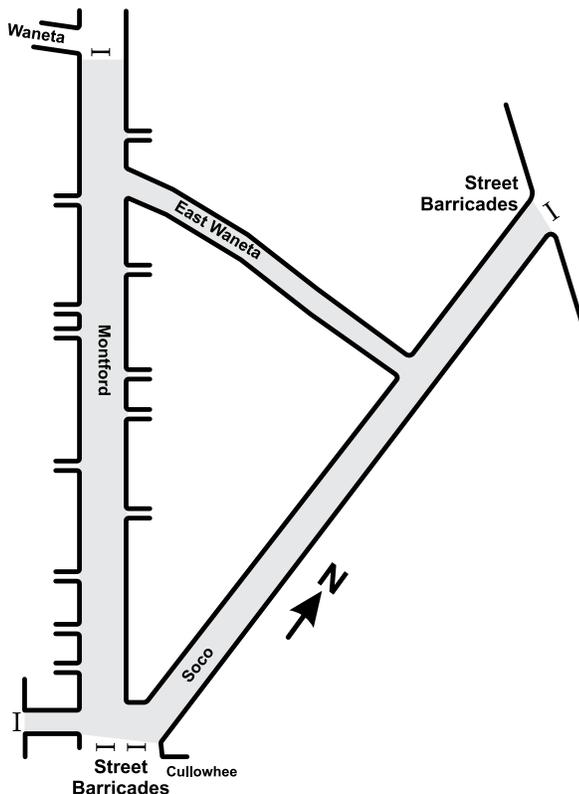
The following streets will close at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 18, and will reopen by 10:00 p.m.:

- **Montford Avenue between Cullowhee Street and West Waneta Street**
- **Cullowhee Street between Montford Avenue and Pearson Drive**
- **All of Soco Street**
- **All of East Waneta Street**

We ask that you remove any vehicles parked on the street on Friday evening, if possible, or by 7:00 a.m. at the latest on Saturday morning. No driveways will be blocked in the event of an emergency. Please use Cumberland Avenue and Pearson Drive as alternate routes.

If you have questions, contact Festival Director Ben Scales at 225-4840, Ross Terry at 254-3509, or Joe Newman at 254-5111.

The festival will draw several thousand people and bring a large number of visitors to Montford. Let's make sure our sidewalks and curbs are clean so we can look our best.



## Please Leave Your Pets at Home

Although just about everybody in Montford loves animals, and most of us have pets, many festival-goers may be surprised to learn that the City of Asheville prohibits pets and other animals from being present at outdoor special events. To comply with public safety and health guidelines, events must restrict attendees from bringing any animals into the event site. The only exceptions are animals who assist people with visual, auditory, or mobility impairments.



So please leave your pets at home. If your dog accompanies you to the festival site anyway, despite this advance notice, we'll ask you to check your canine friend into Brother Wolf Doggie Daycare for \$5 an hour with a two-hour maximum stay.

Thanks for understanding, and we'll see you at the festival.

## The Big Purple Bus Rolls Again LaZoom Tour Will Benefit Music and Arts Festival

**Daphne Young, Fundraising Coordinator**

For the third year in a row, you'll get an opportunity to *laugh your Asheville off* for a good cause. Come join us on the funniest tour of the city on Sunday, June 2. The 90-minute comedy tour is historical and hysterical. The bus leaves from the parking lot of the Asheville Visitor Center behind the Chamber of Commerce on Montford Avenue at 6:30 p.m.

The cost is only \$ 25 per person, with complimentary beer and wine. Plenty of interesting prizes will also be given away. LaZoom Tours will donate all proceeds to the Montford Music and Arts Festival.

### So Get on the Bus!

Tickets are now on sale at [www.montfordfestival.org](http://www.montfordfestival.org). Now is the time to head for the festival store and purchase your ticket.

You never know what to expect, skits are ever changing, and the entertaining tour guides are the best. Come on and board the Big Purple Bus and you will NOT be disappointed. For additional information, contact me at 254-0690.



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## Mrs. Addie Cornelius Greenlee and Her Blind Daughter Miss Cleophus Searching for Montford's Early African American Residents

Zoe Rhine, North Carolina Collection, Pack Memorial Library



As a followup to the story in the March 2013 *Montford Newsletter*, we've continued to look for descendants of Lucretia and John Greenlee who owned property on Cumberland Avenue prior to the development of Montford. I wrote to the library and genealogical society in Marion, North Carolina, and contacted a few Greenlees now living in Asheville.

### A Man Remembers Helping a Blind Woman, Half a Century Ago

A local man now in his sixties recalled doing chores when he was eight or ten years old for a Miss

#### Mrs. Addie Greenlee

Cleophus Greenlee, who was blind. Cleophus's mother Addie, whom she had cared for, had died, and by then Cleophus herself needed help with things like chopping wood for the fire and going to the store.

As young boy, the man was chosen to work for Cleophus Greenlee because he was, in a word, fearless. The other children in the neighborhood thought Miss Cleophus had special powers because she went about her business, blind as a bat, as though she could see. That spooked the children.

The boy was given one rule: He could not move anything.

#### What the Records Show

So I continued digging, curious to see whether Mrs. Addie and Miss Cleophus Greenlee were related to the Lucretia and John Greenlee family who lived on Cumberland Avenue.

The Buncombe County Death Index gives the death date for Cleophus Greenlee as December 10, 1962, and states:

#### Miss Greenlee Dies, Age 71

Blind since the beginning of World War I, Miss Cleophus Greenlee cared for her paralyzed mother and did all of the homework until the older woman died a few years ago. . . . Miss Greenlee was the daughter of the late George and Addie Cornelia Greenlee.

The death date for Cleophus's mother, Addie Greenlee, was listed as September 18, 1955. Her obituary in the *Asheville Times* (September 19, 1955), which gave her age as 90, was the kind one sometimes finds that shines a light on a particular person and community, long since dimmed.

Addie was working as a laundress at the first Battery Park Hotel, and the obituary says she was

the first to do the linens of the George W. Vanderbilts when they arrived here to visit in the 1880s. She also worked for the Woolseys, the Vanderbilts, the du Ponts, the Buckners, the Miners, the Johnstons, the Cockes, the Lymans, the Kimberlys and many other old families here.

Even more revealing, the obituary states that "Mrs. Greenlee, who was born April 15, 1865, the day President Lincoln died . . . was the daughter of newly-freed slaves of Allen Conley of near Marion."

Although Cleophus, the daughter, is blind, Mrs. Greenlee served as her "eyes" and together they took care of themselves for many years with very little outside aid. They lived on about the same spot on Greenlee street [later becoming number 177] that Addie and her husband, George, took up residence in 1884. George was a pioneer painter here.

Mrs. Greenlee's general sophistication and speech reflected her long life with educated people. She attended the Baptist and Episcopal schools here and also enjoyed private tutorage in homes where she worked.

#### From Slavery to Freedom and Accomplishment

Addie was born in Marion, North Carolina, to Patsy Conley (also spelled Connelly), who later lived in Asheville. George Greenlee was born in Asheville in 1864, the son of George and Rachel Clutz Greenlee. In 1885, Addie and George married in Asheville, both age 20.

There is an 1872 indenture between Nicholas W. Woodfin and Thomas W. Patton, executors of the last will and testament of James W. Patton for four

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acres of land on Haywood Road that was being conveyed to a "George Patton (alias George Greenlee a man of colour)." It is probable that George had previously been a slave of Patton's and, when freed, took the name of Greenlee.

George and Addie had four children, Arnold, George Jr., Henry, and Cleophus. George died in 1912 and was given a Mason's funeral which also included observances by the Eastern Star, the Odd Fellows, and the St. Lukes, all orders to which he belonged. His obituary said that he had accumulated considerable property in Asheville and had met with much success as a detective. George, Addie, and Cleophus are buried in Riverside Cemetery.

**The Greenlee Property Today**

The Greenlees donated property to the city for Greenlee Street, which lies outside the Montford Historic District but the within the Montford neighborhood. The street runs off Hill Street which connects to Montford Avenue right above the Asheville Chamber of Commerce. Interstate I-240 effectively cuts the area off from the city, but as the street reaches Hill Street at its highest peak before descending to Riverside Drive, there are very nice views toward the city and the mountains.

The North Carolina Room of Pack Memorial Library is seeking more information about the descendants of Addie and George Greenlee. Were they related to the Lucretia and John Greenlee family on Cumberland Avenue or to any of the other Greenlee families who lived in Asheville at the time? Please contact us at [nc.reference@buncombecounty.org](mailto:nc.reference@buncombecounty.org) or 250-4740.

**Montford Neighborhood Association News**  
 Brian Elston, Secretary  
 See [montford.org](http://montford.org) for minutes of the April 16 meeting

**Montford  
 Community  
 Center News**

**Kim Kennedy, Center Director**



Calling all youth in grades K-5: Come out and get your groove on at the **Third Annual Spring Fling Youth Dance** on Friday, May 10, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Bring your dancing shoes and your best dance moves and enjoy a variety of up-to-date music. Your \$5 donation includes a slice of pizza, chips, cookies, drink, and raffle ticket. Miscellaneous \$1 items will be available for purchase.

The **Montford Playground Program** is a great place for your child to have some fun this summer. The program meets weekdays, June 10-August 8, from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and provides a full day of activities for your rising first-through-fifth grade child. The cost for city residents is a \$10 registration fee plus \$40 per week, which includes most field trips, lunch, and snack. Preregistration is required. Don't wait—this program will fill quickly.

Mark your calendar for this year's **Hot August Night 5K** to be held Saturday, August 17, at 7:00 p.m.

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## Pearson Garden Kicks Off Growing Season

### *On Tap: Educational Workshops and Group Workdays*

Katy Kanfer



The grounds were buzzing with both bees and people at Pearson Garden on Sunday, April 14, for a day filled with tours, workshops, food, and waltzing. Upwards of 80 people came and went during the day's activities, which included planting potatoes, turning compost, and painting garden signage.

At the dinner hour, scratch-made pizzas baked in the garden's cob oven steadily made their way to hungry visitors. Just before dusk, Calin Campbell and David Brown of the fiddle/banjo duo Contraversial started a set of waltzing tunes that filled the pavilion with smiling dancers.

It was a delightful day to kick off the growing season and connect with neighbors and friends interested in annual gardens, permaculture, herbs, bees, chickens, and much more.

### **Workdays and Workshops**

Montford neighbors are invited to come and sit, stroll, and enjoy Pearson Garden anytime. You can get involved in gardening by coming out for Group Work Days, which are on Mondays from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Pearson Garden also hosts hands-on, educational workshops—great for beginners and experienced gardeners alike—every third Saturday from 2:00-5:00 p.m. (suggested donation \$15-50).

The garden is located at 408 Pearson Drive, past the Dead End sign and on the left. For more information about getting your hands dirty at the garden contact Allie or Randal: [allie@bountifulcities.org](mailto:allie@bountifulcities.org), [randal@bountifulcities.org](mailto:randal@bountifulcities.org)

### **2013 Pearson Garden Community Education Workshop Series**

**March 17**—Plant Propagation & Seed Swap

**April 20**—Compost and Soil Fertility

**May 19**—Maintaining Healthy Plants

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## Hamilton Community Garden Enters Fifth Season

### *Chicken Coop, Bee Hives Attract Attention*

E.V. vonSeldeneck

Spring is here in full force, and we are pleased to be in our fifth season of growing in the Hamilton Community Garden beside the Chestnut Street Bridge.

We began our planting season this year on March 16 with help from Jim Bixby (Tacoma Circle) and my partner Aicha Mahr, planting potatoes, sugar snap peas, kale, spinach, lettuce, collards, turnips, and swiss chard. This month we will be planting our warm-season crops including tomatoes, sweet potatoes, tobacco, green beans, zucchini, squash, eggplant, and buckwheat.



Who you gonna call?

### **Thanks to Our Wonderful Neighbors**

My deepest gratitude to our neighbor, Betty Hamilton, who graciously allows us to continue using her property for the gardens, and to our very kind neighbor Beatrice McGahee, who allows for our chicken coop—which attracts a lot of visitors, young and old—to be located just a few feet from her home. None of this could happen without their willingness and trust.

### **If You See a Bee Swarm, Call Me**

We also enter this 2013 growing season with 18 laying hens and four thriving bee hives. Mary Beth Gwynn (Starnes Avenue) and I have been managing the bee hives together, and this will be our third year with bees. This spring we are looking to expand our bee yard by catching a swarm and adding it to our top bar hive.

If you spot a swarm in Montford, please contact me at 582-0016 and we will come get it. A swarm of honeybees will appear as a tight cluster of bees in one central place, usually hanging from a tree limb. The photo above shows a swarm we were lucky enough to find on Cumberland Avenue in spring 2011.

Workdays in the garden this year will continue to be on Fridays, so if you would like to come down and join us or just visit, make Friday the day. You can walk to the end of Elizabeth Place, or you can watch the action from above on the Chestnut Street Bridge. Happy spring!

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This show is a fundraiser for the free outdoor Shakespeare season. Buy tickets at [montfordparkplayers.org](http://montfordparkplayers.org) for performances on Thursdays-Sundays, May 9-26, at 7:30 p.m. in Hazel Robinson Amphitheatre.



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## Montford Has Its Own Bake Shop

### *The Montford Walk-In Bakery*

Jennifer Drake Thomas, Owner/Baker

#### Did you know there's an artisan bakery right here in our neighborhood?

It's a close-to-home business featuring hand-crafted breads. Locally grown, stone-ground grains—thanks to Carolina Ground Mill—make up the bulk of the ingredients used. Seasonal herbs, vegetables, and fruit enhance and flavor much of what I create.

The Montford Walk-In Bakery (MWIB) is tucked away up a steep gravel driveway on a woody lot at 305 Westover Drive in Montford Hills. The bakery is just what the name says: a walk-in-and-pick-up-your-order bake shop. I designed my bakery with the neighborhood in mind. It's an easy-access bakery, especially for my Montford neighbors.

Armed with a 2008 Baking and Pastry Arts degree from A-B Tech, I started up my home business four years ago with the Department of Agriculture's seal of approval. The bakeshop is separate from the house with its own commercial equipment and a hand-built, wood-fired oven on the patio. Our neighbors and customers love the pizza parties we throw.



#### How does the MWIB operate?

It's an on-demand business. Customers sign up for weekly e-mails that arrive in their Sunday evening inbox. The baked goods are listed for the week, and customers order online by Tuesday evening. Fridays are my main baking and pickup day. Other days are reserved for special orders. Being a small biz ensures flexibility, of course.

#### What does the MWIB bake?

A weekly variety of crusty, organic, stone-ground, whole-grain breads is the mainstay of the business along with crackers and granola. Pies and tarts are offered seasonally and cookies and special birthday cakes occasionally. Baking wholesome, healthy breads is my main focus.

Good bread in the time-honored craft requires wild-cultivated yeast starters and pre-ferments that create flavor, crusty texture, and superior nutrition. The multigrain sourdough bread (very mild) has been a business mainstay ever since I opened the door to customers. I'm a rye bread aficionado, so I try to offer a different rye every week.

The best thing about having the bakery is all the people I've been able to get to know from the Montford neighborhood and beyond. The customer loyalty has been amazing to me. Visiting with children who walk over to pick up their family's bread is always fun. Walk-in customers with dogs receive a bakery dog bone treat.

#### Baking and cooking classes

I offer them once in a while. With the patio, wood-fired oven, and herb garden, small groups get lots of attention and hands-on experience. Whether the focus is on pizza, flat breads, bread, pie crust, or chocolate truffles, it's always a fun time for everyone.

Please check out the Montford Walk-In Bakery website at [www.montfordwibakery.com](http://www.montfordwibakery.com).

## Annual Election of Officers and Board Members

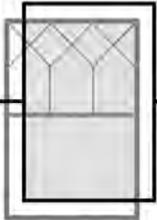
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**April 10, 2013, Meeting—Action Agenda for Montford**

Asheville City Building, First Floor North Conference Room, 4:00 p.m.  
Contact Stacy Merten: 259-5836 [www.ashevilleenc.gov/hrc](http://www.ashevilleenc.gov/hrc)  
Members present: Hillary Cole, Nan Chase, Brian Cook, Capi Wampler, David Carpenter, Pat Cothran, David Nutter, Tracey Rizzo, Brendan Ross  
Staff present: Stacy Merten, Peggy Gardner, Jannice Ashley

Item and Summary	Action
20 Watauga Street.....	Approved
99 Pearson Drive.....	Approved
38 Elizabeth Place / 7 Woodlawn .....	To be amended
5 Cullowhee Street.....	Approved with conditions

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

**May 8, 2013, Meeting—Tentative Agenda for Montford**

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

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

- 41 Starnes Avenue—motion to continue
- 38 Elizabeth Place/7 Woodlawn Avenue—retaining wall (amendment)
- 5 Cullowhee Street—new construction (amendment)

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

- 83 Cumberland Avenue—new accessory structure
- 110 Cumberland Avenue—rebuild front porch
- 139 Montford Avenue—new single-family residence

**Preliminary Review**

- 18 Starnes Avenue—new single-family residence

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### Next, sign up for your shift at [SignUpGenius.com](http://SignUpGenius.com)

Once you've reviewed the job descriptions, sign up for the shift of your choice at [SignUpGenius.com](http://SignUpGenius.com).

1. Go to [www.sigupgenius.com](http://www.sigupgenius.com).
2. At the top of the webpage, click on the tab labeled **Find a Sign Up**.
3. In the **Search** block, enter [volunteers@montfordfestival.org](mailto:volunteers@montfordfestival.org).
4. Click on the **2013 Montford Music and Arts Festival** link under active signups.
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6. Under **My Comment**, please enter your desired t-shirt size and your cell phone number.
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## I-26 Corridor

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be expanded through West Asheville and cross the French Broad River north of Patton Avenue. Much community conversation has surrounded this section, particularly regarding how the project might include improvements to the Bowman Bridge (formerly Smoky Park Bridge), the opportunity to create increased connectivity between neighborhoods on both sides of the river, and the hope that bike and pedestrian access will be incorporated into the design.

The Montford Neighborhood has worked closely with other neighborhoods through the I-26 Connect Us Project to express our concerns with the DOT's plans to increase the size of the highway to eight or even ten lanes in some places and with designs for river crossings that include multiple flyovers.

### Postponed in 2010, the Project May Be Revived

In 2010, the I-26 Connector was placed very low on the Department of Transportation's list of priority projects, due to the high cost of the project, and was postponed until further notice. The project has not been dropped, however, and there is still interest on the part of some local leaders to see the project placed back into the DOT's upcoming plans. Many believe that the dangerous conditions on the Bowman Bridge need to be addressed as quickly as possible through this project.

A working group recently convened consisting of City Council members Jan Davis and Mark Hunt; County Commissioners Holly Jones, Brownie Newman, and Joe Belcher; former Asheville Mayor Lou Bisette; and WNC Alliance Executive Director Julie Mayfield. Julie has been very active with the I-26 Connect Us Project and continues to confer with members of that group in order to represent the neighborhoods' interests to the working group.

A report from the working group is expected at the May 9 summit. Price for admission will be \$15. For more information, contact [jjoyce@asvillechamber.org](mailto:jjoyce@asvillechamber.org).



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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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