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2013 Montford Holiday Tour of Homes

Saturday, December 14, 1:00-5:00 p.m.



ON THE TOUR: Shoffner House (c. 1907), 257 Montford Avenue.
Home of Bill Jacobs and Susan Posey.

Cate Scales, Tour Coordinator

Homes and Businesses—We Need You

Join us to help make the 18th Annual Montford Tour of Homes the best yet. We are still seeking homes or businesses to participate in this year's tour. Show off your renovation magic or your new construction, or recommend a neighbor whose home you admire. If you're a local builder/contractor with projects in Montford, let us know about a project you'd like to showcase. continued on page 2...

No Leaf Vacuum Collection in Montford

Bag Your Leaves for City Pickup, Follow Loose Brush Collection Rules
City of Asheville Sanitation Department

The shift to bagged leaf collection in lieu of vacuum trucks was made in an effort to increase frequency of leaf collection, improve public safety, improve water quality, and save costs.



Bagged Leaf Collection

Reusable leaf bags are now available at City of Asheville fire stations on a first come, first served basis. Leave bags untied in the leaf bags or a reusable container, and mark them "leaves." Please don't mix brush with leaves.

For residents with a Monday and Tuesday trash collection, bagged leaves will be collected the first and third week of each month. Residents with a Wednesday and Thursday trash collection will have bagged leaves collected during the second and fourth week of each month. Place bags at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on the Monday of the assigned collection week. Bagged leaves are collected year round.

Composting is an alternative for loose leaves, and is great for the soil in your garden.

For further information contact the City of Asheville at 251-1122 or visit www.ashevilenc.gov/sanitation.

A "Rustling Company" Develops a Streetcar Suburb

Part Four of Rediscovering Montford's Early History

Zoe Rhine, North Carolina Collection, Pack Memorial Library

Asheville was the first city in North Carolina to have an electric streetcar system, and Montford was likely the first electric streetcar suburb in the state.

Streetcar suburbs, defined as planned communities built around a streetcar line, represented a unified development rather than a city growing out one lot at a time. Created by one developer, they often contained wide streets which were often shaped to the contours of the land. Houses with prominent front porches facing the street created a close-knit neighborhood. continued on page 10...



Willis E. Collins House, 170 Cumberland Avenue. Collins purchased this property from the ALCI on September 21, 1891. Photo taken June 1893 before sleeping porches were added. Photo description says that trolley car tracks can be seen to the left. North Carolina Collection, Pack Memorial Library, Asheville.

Montford Neighbors Volunteer to Spruce Up Montford Park

Joan Miller

Montford Park got a bit of a facelift in October, thanks to the financial support of the Montford Neighborhood Association and to neighbors donating time and materials. This is the kind of news we're delighted to highlight often in this newsletter.

Thanks to Paul Dixon of Bionic Man Painting who donated the paint. Susan Eggerton did the landscaping under both signs. David Patterson did a beautiful job of painting and lettering.

And special thanks to Seth Hender-Voss from City of Asheville Park Planning and Development for coordinating the effort with the city. Also thank you to Ross "Hands" Terry for assistance in hanging the new signs.



☾ CALENDAR ☀

Montford Neighborhood Association Meetings:

- Third Tuesday of every month, Montford Community Center, Pearson Drive.
- Next meeting: November 19, 2013, 7:00 p.m. Watch the list serve for agenda items.

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

Montford Holiday Tour of Homes:

- Our 18th annual, Saturday, December 14, 1:00-5:00 p.m. Tickets \$20, available December 1-14 at Asheville Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center Gift Shop, 36 Montford Avenue.

Go Out and Vote!

- Tuesday, November 5—Asheville City General Election

The polling place for Montford residents is Isaac Dickson Elementary, 90 Montford Avenue. Voter information at www.buncombcounty.org/vote.

Montford Park Players:

- Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, December 5-22, Thursdays-Saturdays at 8:00 p.m., Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Asheville Masonic Temple, 80 Broadway, downtown.
- For more information and reserved tickets, see www.montfordparkplayers.org.

Montford Farmers Market:

- Wednesdays, now through November 27, 2:00-6:00 p.m., Chamber of Commerce parking lot.
- November 20—Holiday Market. www.montfordfarmersmarket.com.

Montford Recreation Center Activities:

- Jingle Bell 5K Run Walk, Saturday, December 7 at the center. More information and registration at jinglebellrunasheville.kintera.org.
- Annual Holiday Donations Drive for students in Afterschool Program. Bring donations to the center by Tuesday, December 17.
- Holiday Camp held this year at Stephens-Lee Center on weekdays, December 23-31 (not 24 or 25), 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. \$25 per student. Sponsorships needed. Register at any recreation center by Thursday, December 19.
- Developing Future Male Leaders program, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Montford Center Assistant Director William Hoke leads young men in grades 3-5 and up to grade 8. Call for more information.
- Afterschool Program for children in grades K-5, Monday-Friday, with all-day care on most teacher workdays, holidays, and snow days. Call for more information.
- Adult yoga, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:50-8:50 a.m., \$1
- Youth martial arts, Tuesdays, 6:00-6:45 p.m., \$10 per class
- Adult martial arts, Tuesdays, 6:45-8 p.m., \$10 per class
- Juggling, Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Call for dates and details.

Contact Kim Kennedy and William Hoke at 253-3714 or montfordr@ashevilenc.gov.

American Red Cross Blood Drive:

- January 14, 2014, Lenoir-Rhine University Center for Graduate Studies of Asheville, 36 Montford Avenue. For more information, contact paul.knott@lr.edu.

Tour of Homes

Continued from front page...

We'd love to promote your work!

Local businesses—please consider becoming a tour sponsor. We have several options for you to choose from.

Calling All Neighbors

We invite you to share your talents. Artists and musicians, entertainers of all kinds, we welcome your ideas to enhance the tour experience. Help out by being a docent, providing baked goods, caroling with the Montford Park Players, or creating a refreshment station on your street.

The Montford Holiday Event of the Year

Saturday, December 14, 1:00-5:00 p.m. **Tickets are \$20, available December 1-14 at the Asheville Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center Gift Shop.**

(Located at 36 Montford Avenue, just one block from Interstate 240 and adjacent to downtown Asheville and Montford neighborhood.)

With your ticket you will receive a map with all tour locations and information about the individual properties. Proceeds benefit the Montford Neighborhood Association's community improvement projects and assist with funding programs at the Montford Recreation Center.

Throughout the self-guided tour, enjoy all kinds of holiday fare: festive treats, baked goods, hot drinks, music, and entertainment, thanks to wonderful neighbors who donate their time and talents.

For more information go to www.montfordtour.com. Or contact tour coordinator Cate Scales at 280-1576. Look for more details about the tour in your December *Montford Newsletter*.

American Red Cross

Blood Drive

Save the Date



Paul Knott, Director, Lenoir-Rhine University Center for Graduate Studies of Asheville

Mark your calendar for the afternoon or early evening of **January 14, 2014**, for the American Red Cross Blood Drive at 36 Montford Avenue, sponsored by Lenoir-Rhine University. If you are an active donor and plan to donate that day, refrain from donating after **November 19, 2013**. And thank you, blood donors!

Questions? Contact me at paul.knott@lr.edu.



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This Thanksgiving, Why Not Thank a Pollinator?

Phyllis Stiles, Director, Bee City USA

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As we gather around the Thanksgiving table this year, perhaps we can take a moment to thank the hardworking pollinators that helped most of our food grow.

According to the USDA, about one-third of the human diet comes from insect-pollinated plants, and the honey bee is responsible for 80 percent of that pollination. Even the plants that cows eat (alfalfa and clover) to make milk, cheese, butter, ice cream, and beef depend on pollinators.

This summer, Asheville City Council voted unanimously to become the inaugural **Bee City USA** with a commitment to making our environment more hospitable to pollinators. Pollinators include the well-known honey bee (brought to America by European settlers in the 1600s) as well as her lesser-known native cousins, the hardworking, fuzzy bumble bee, and others.

All pollinators travel from flower to flower during sunny days that are warm enough for flight, visiting as many as 1000 flowers per day, gathering nectar and spreading pollen along the way. The honey bee is the only bee to convert the nectar to honey for overwintering. Surviving the winter is honeybees' greatest challenge, and because you shouldn't open the hive during cold weather (bees have to keep the center of the hive about 95 degrees or so to keep the brood and themselves alive), you don't know until the first warm days of spring whether a hive made it. Beekeepers make up losses by dividing hives in the spring, but that becomes more and more difficult the greater the hive loss.

Flowers evolved nectar as pollinator bait to do what plants cannot do for themselves—move the pollen (the sperm) to the plants' ovaries to make seeds. Fruit and nuts are welcome bonuses.

We have about 4,000 species of native bees in the United States, but that number is declining every year due to pesticides and loss of pollinator habitat. America's honey bee colonies are also dying in unprecedented numbers, as much as 30 percent or more each year, due to imported mites, pesticides, and diseases.

Pollinators depend on flowers with nectar; without them, they starve. Moreover, without the pollinators, 80 percent of all species of flowering plants and trees will eventually become extinct.

According to the Xerces Society Guide, *Attracting Native Pollinators*, "In China's Sichuan Province, one of the largest apple producing regions in the world, farmers perch on ladders in mountainside orchards to pollinate blossoms by hand. The farmers have adopted this practice because wild bees are now absent in their area, and beekeepers refuse to bring in their honey bee hives due to excessive pesticide use in the orchards."



One of Phyllis's backyard beehives. Painting by neighbor Barbara Fisher

When we take care of the pollinators by planting native plants that flower in succession throughout the growing season and only using pesticides when there is no alternative, not only are we ensuring food supplies for both man and animal, we also are encouraging beneficial insects that prey on true crop pests, like aphids. All of the fragrant, colorful flowers aren't so bad either!

So as you scoot that cranberry sauce onto your bite of turkey, thank a pollinator. And when you savor that sweet potato casserole, thank a pollinator. When that salty green bean crosses your lips, thank a pollinator. If you like a cup of coffee with your apple pie, thank a pollinator. You might even consider capping off the evening with a honey toast to our little striped friend, the honey bee.



Happy Thanksgiving!

Phyllis Stiles is Director of Bee City USA, a program of the Center for Honey Bee Research, located in Asheville. Phyllis and Richard have lived on Courtland Avenue since 1984, where they share their yard with two beehives. She can be contacted at beecityusa@gmail.com. Bee City USA is making the world safer for pollinators, one city at a time. Learn more at www.beecityusa.org.



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Wake - The Foot Sanctuary

Melissa Long, Montford Resident,
Owner, Wake

Autumn in Montford and the surrounding hills means plenty of opportunity for hiking and walking. With winter temperatures and dryer air just around the corner, it becomes even more important that you take care of your feet.



Wear warm, cushioned socks. Cruelly, as we get older, we lose fat in the ball and the heels of our feet. Look for cushioned socks, made from a durable wool (or synthetic if you have issues with sweaty feet). A great warm sock can also help to prevent chilblains, a condition most notably the result of poor circulation, but exacerbated with exposure to cold. It can result in feverishly itchy toes after spending time outside in the cold.

Exfoliate (try for once per week). You can buy an inexpensive and reusable pumice stone at a local pharmacy, spa, or grocery store. There are plenty of great foot scrubs for purchase, but you can also make a sugar mixture with coconut oil or olive oil (making a thick paste) and either rub it into your heels and feet with your hands or work it in with a pumice stone. Add a few drops of tea tree oil and mint to kick up the antimicrobial properties.

Moisturize before going to bed. Your body is in replenishment and rebuilding mode at nighttime so it makes it a great time to let your feet soak in the moisture as you sleep. When you wake up, your heel cracks will be gone and you will be ready for the day. Over time, you will notice a difference in the amount you need to apply because your new foot routine will make a difference in overall softness.

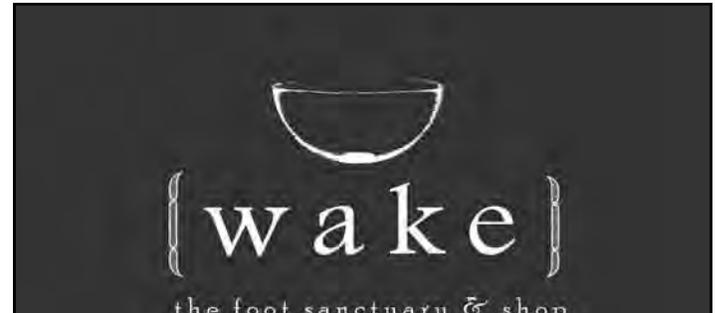
Stretch and massage AT LEAST once per week. The yoga pose of downward dog (a quick Google search will give you a demo) is wonderful for stretching out your feet. Simply get into position, raise your heels as high as you can, and then lower slowly and repeat two to five times.

Alternatively, cross your foot over a knee while sitting on a comfortable chair, place your fingers between your toes, and gently point and flex your foot. It feels amazing! Once you have stretched them out, gently knead the balls of your feet, your arches, and your heels.

Soak in Epsom salts or a soak of your making. Epsom salts work particularly well for achy tired feet, soothing the skin, and can help with conditions like psoriasis. A nice foot soak warms your whole body and is a great finishing ritual to the end of a busy day. If this sounds like too much trouble, stop in at **Wake - The Foot Sanctuary** (in the historic Grove Arcade) for some amazing foot soak formulations and let us pamper those tootsies to the fullest! They will thank you.

Melissa, her husband Brian, and their 18-month-old son Jack have been living in Montford since April of this year and in the greater Asheville area for about two and a half years. They live on Gay Street near the community center and could not be more thrilled to be a part of this bustling community. Melissa loves walking to work every day, passing other walkers and patrons at Tod's, from her home base in Montford.

**Come to the MNA Meeting
on November 19.
Try it—you might like it.**

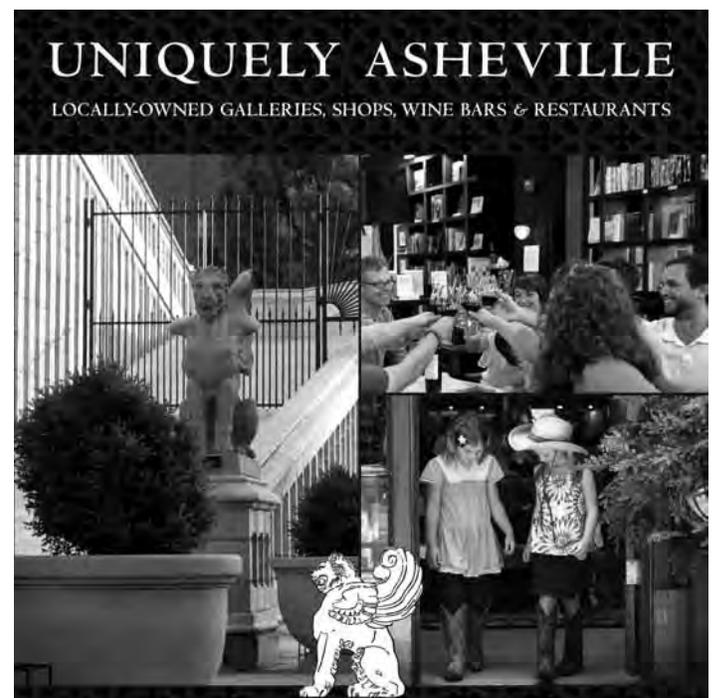


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New Master Plan for the Montford Recreation Complex

Revisiting the Playground and the Entire Site

Seth Hendler-Voss, City of Asheville Park Planning and Development Manager

The City of Asheville will be embarking on an effort to update the master plan for the Montford Recreation Complex at 34 Pearson Drive. The impetus for the revision is the need for a new playground located closer to the Montford Recreation Center, existing traffic and parking complications, and the expansion plans of the Montford Park Players.



The new plan will complement the exciting transformations currently taking place within the recreation center. Construction is currently underway on a new wooden basketball court and bleachers. New LED lights were added to the gym in October, making it one of the first gyms in the region with LED technology, and it also received a new paint job. The gym will be virtually brand new and attract a greater level of use by the community.

Wanted: Public Participation in the Planning Process

The city will hire a consultant to lead the participatory master plan process, which will include significant public input at multiple stages. The plan is to hire the consultant this fall and begin the public input and design process this winter. The city is exploring the possibility of linking our planning efforts with those of the Montford Park Players, to achieve a cohesive vision.

We expect the master plan will be completed in the spring, at which point the city will begin the site design process for the new playground and associated changes spurred by its new location. There will be additional opportunity for public input in the playground design process. Look for public input advertisements by the city early this winter.

Please contact me with questions at shendler@ashevillenc.gov

Montford Community Recreation News

Kim Kennedy, Center Director



Annual Holiday Donations Drive

While finding those great after-Thanksgiving sales, please keep in mind there are a lot of families in Montford that struggle each year just to put food on the table. We will be collecting donations for our afterschool program families of backpacks, markers, mittens, hats, socks, small toys, and canned and dried goods. There are 23 youth in our afterschool program who count on this help to see them through the holidays. Please bring all donations to the Montford Center by Tuesday, December 17. Thanks in advance for your help; the generosity of this neighborhood is always amazing!



Holiday Camp Sponsorship

Another way to help our youth is to sponsor a child in our Holiday Camp program. We generally have 16-20 youth who need the program and who need assistance with the \$25-per-child program fee. Last year the neighborhood raised enough funds to sponsor all the youth who wanted to attend from the Montford neighborhood, and we hope to repeat that this year.

Holiday Camp at Stephens-Lee Center

When youth are out of school, we are open for fun! Our holiday program meets weekdays, December 23-31 (not December 24 or 25) from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., \$25 per child. Since Montford Center is still undergoing renovations, the program will meet at the Stephens Lee Center at 30 George Washington Carver Street. Register at any of the recreation centers by Thursday, December 19.

Jingle Bell 5K Run

Put bells on your shoes and antlers on your head and get signed up for this year's Jingle Bell run/walk. The event will be held at Montford Center on Saturday, December 7. Registration information can be found at jinglebell-runasheville.kintera.org.



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Brady Preyss

A new massage therapy business is celebrating its grand opening in the month of November. Unity Healing Arts will be seeing clients for advanced therapeutic massage and bodywork sessions at 15 Zillicoa Street right off Montford Avenue.

The Medium Is the Massage

The business boasts a small team of highly trained massage therapists who enjoy using their knowledge and backgrounds in movement, dance, yoga, and athletics to help provide, besides bodywork, ideas for at-home self care. With a cozy ambiance in their cottage office space, Unity Healing Arts is hoping to build long-lasting relationships with clients by providing individually tailored massage sessions.

There are a variety of treatment options to choose from, including deep-tissue massage, hot-stone massage, The Ultimate Sports Massage, and other specialty treat-

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Wednesdays
2 - 6 pm**

Come celebrate the flavors of Fall
and join us for the following market events!

Happy Hour/Harvest Market 10/30
Holiday Market 11/20

Follow us on Facebook or Twitter
to keep up with our busy market!

www.montfordfarmersmarket.com



Your Neighborhood Market— Still Going Strong until Thanksgiving

The **Montford Farmers Market** always has something new and exciting to offer our community. Please stop by each **Wednesday from 2:00-6:00 p.m.** at 36 Montford Avenue right behind the Asheville Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The market is still adding vendors even as we near the end of the season. New offerings for the fall include Rachel's Delectables with a selection of frozen handmade mini-cheese cakes. Sakshi's Roasted Chestnuts—you may have seen him outside of Greenlife; we have him onsite at the market until the end of the season. Sweet Monkey Bakery has crazy breads and bagels made fresh for us. La Gringa Tamalara brings handmade vegetarian tamales and other Mexican fare frozen so it's easy to keep on hand for busy evenings.



And lastly, our two new food trucks give you fresh farm to table experience: Randall's Cove fresh BBQ, in sandwiches or larger orders to go, and Roaming in the Raw with raw snacks and smoothies. Our market will be open until **November 27**, and then we'll see you next year.



Future Events

November will bring our **Holiday Market** on the **20th**. You'll be able to get fresh produce, meats, cheese, bread, and vinegar for holiday cooking but also one-of-a-kind gifts from our artisan vendors. Holiday shopping at the market is a great way to support small local businesses in Asheville.

Keep up with what's going on in your neighborhood market: www.MontfordFarmersMarket.com, and our Facebook page www.facebook.com/pages/Montford-Farmers-Market.

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.

- For more information call Sharon at 777-1014

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 Cemetery tour CDs are also available at the Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center or by calling the number above.

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Montford Neighborhood Association News

Pam Jo Brown, Secretary

The Montford Neighborhood Association held the regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Isaac Dickson Elementary School (William Randolph campus) on Montford Avenue. MNA Board members included David Patterson, President, Brian Elston, Vice-President, Pam Brown, Secretary, Susan Eggerton, Treasurer, and at-large board members Daphne Young, Susan Murray and Joe Newman. Also attending were the following representatives from Asheville City Schools: Dr. Bobbie Short, Interim Superintendent; Charles Glazener, Executive Director for Communications and Community Relations; Michele Lemell, Healthful Living/ Safe Schools Coordinator; Don Sims, Director of Maintenance and Property Maintenance; Ruleta Hughes, Assistant Principal, Isaac Dickson Elementary; and John Legerton, Architect. Special guests also included William Hoke and student participants in the Developing Future Male Leaders program he is leading at the Montford Recreation Center, and Seth Hendler-Voss, Landscape Architect for Asheville City Park Planning and Development. Community Resource Officer Todd Brigman and several other neighbors also attended.

David Patterson called the meeting to order.

Safety and Security

CRO Todd Brigman provided the safety and security report. Officer Brigman reported that while incidents of breaking and entering have been low in our area, several areas of town have seen a rash of break-ins to cars and homes. Officer Brigman reminded the group to remain vigilant and be aware of unusual events or persons acting in a suspicious manner in our neighborhood. He reported that several of the recent arrests resulted from community reports

to the Asheville Police Department (APD). He also reminded the group that it is important to keep an inventory of valuables, including the serial numbers of electronics, that can be used to cross-reference recent activity with pawn shop inventory.

Officer Brigman reminded the group that residents can request an officer to come to their home and perform a safety assessment of their property. If anyone is interested, residents can email Officer Brigman at tbrigman@ashevilenc.gov.

He also informed the group about APD's Police to Citizen (P2C) website intended to allow easier access for certain event information as well as the ability to obtain some incident reports online: apdp2c.buncombecounty.org. Citizens can look up specific incidents or track the number of incidents in an area.

Any suspicious activity should be called in to the APD at 252-1110

Isaac Dickson School Bus Lane Update

Charles Glazener, Executive Director for Communications and Community Relations at Asheville City Schools, introduced Interim Superintendent Dr. Bobbie Short. Both reported that the transition of Isaac Dickson students to the William Randolph School campus has been well received by Dickson students and the faculty of the school. Dr. Short thanked Montford residents for being such good neighbors and stated the school wants to also be a good steward of the community. She asked whether there was any input or questions from the group about the safety and traffic patterns, and the group responded that they are becoming more familiar. Don Sims, Director of Maintenance, described the work that has been done to clean up the cones and appearance of the new safety fencing and lane.

Dr. Short then introduced John Legerton, architect for the new Isaac Dickson building, who gave a brief update noting that safety fencing has been put up around the old building and that demolition is scheduled to begin in early November 2013. The new campus is scheduled to be completed in June 2015. He also brought renderings of the new campus and remained after the meeting to discuss the new school design with those interested.

Montford Recreation Complex—Master Plan for Playground and Park

David Patterson introduced Seth Hendler-Voss, Landscape Architect for Asheville City Park Planning and Development, who discussed his work managing deferred maintenance issues with our parks. See Mr. Hendler-Voss's article on page 5 of this newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 19th.




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Green Corner

Building Organic Matter during Winter Months

Mitch Russell

As I write this, we are at the peak of fall foliage, and soon tree limbs will be bare. Most people probably won't think about planting or gardening for another four or five months, but why wait until spring to work nutrients into the soil?

You can make the soil work for you and can take advantage of the cooler weather and fewer flying pests interfering with your work by planting cover crops. They help build organic matter when you turn them under in the spring, retain soil, suppress weeds and so much more. Two excellent choices are winter rye and Austrian winter pea.

Like leaves on trees, the days for planting cover crops are dropping. So, get out there today and plant away!





Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

October 9, 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/hrc
 Members present: Capi Wampler, Brendan Ross, Nan Chase, Jo Stephenson, David Carpenter, Patricia Cothran, J. Ray Elingburg, Woodard Farmer, David Nutter, Tracey Rizzo
 Staff present: Stacy Merten, Peggy Gardner, Jannice Ashley

Item and Summary	Action
29 Tacoma Street—amendment to new single-family residence	Approved
116 Flint Street – renovations	Approved
139 Montford Avenue—new cottage on alley	Approved
109 Santee Street—new single-family residence and cottage	Approved with conditions

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November 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

8 Short Street—new single family residence
 226 Flint Street—new single family residence

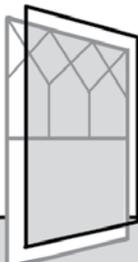
Preliminary Review

76 Flint Street—new single family residence
 166 Montford Avenue—new single family residence

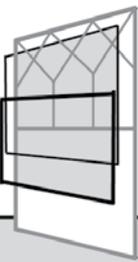
Other Business

Comments from Commissioners, Public and Staff

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- For Montford's Community Resource Officer, Todd Brigman, call 777-0455 or email tbrigman@ashevillenc.gov



Streetcar Suburb

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Trees and sidewalks gave a feel to the community that survives today. It is my sense from reading the known reportage about the early development of Montford that by the end of 1891, the streetcar suburb of Montford Park was basically established with a large part of the property laid out as initially planned. It is amazing to think how progressive the Asheville Loan, Construction and Improvement Company (ALCI) officers must have been.

Laying Out Streets

Called a “rustling company” by the *Asheville Daily Citizen* because it moved so energetically on its plans, the ALCI got right to work developing the suburb after the purchase in June 1890. An October article announced that active operations on the property were about to begin. It corrected the originally published acreage of 1,000 acres to 600 acres total, with 400 being on the Asheville (east) side of the French Broad River. An Asheville city map of 1886 shows the only streets—all about one block long—that were laid out in the area before the ALCI’s involvement: Flint Street running from Haywood Street to Cherry Street, Mulberry Street (later Cumberland) running off Cherry, Short Street parallel to Cherry, and then Academy Street, the only road of any length.

By October 1890, ALCI had already advertised for bids for developing the first three miles of streets, which were to be built in the next 30 days. Included were an extension and two branches of the principal thoroughfare, Academy Street, which became Montford Avenue, Pearson Drive, and Cumberland Avenue. All were set at 70 feet in width.

ALCI announced the publication of the plat of its property in the *Daily Citizen* of December 3, 1890, dating an important document that was undated on the original. The plat was drawn by Nier and Hartford, engineers from Chattanooga, Tennessee. Along with the notice of the plat map, the company announced the sale of their first four lots, three of which were on Montford Avenue—the first published use of the new name. Under agreement with the company, each purchaser agreed to erect a dwelling to cost not less than \$3,000 and to complete the work within six months.

Building Infrastructure and Selling Lots

A company ad placed January 3, 1891, advertises broad avenues being constructed, a complete water and sewer plan, and an electric street railway running through the property. The contract for the streetcar line was announced April 2, 1891. J.G. White of New York City was to lay 1.75 miles of rails for \$20,000 to be completed by June 1 of that year—in just two months.

On May 25, 1891, the *Citizen*, accompanied by the president of the ALCI, George S. Powell, took a trip to look at the work of the “rustling company out at Montford Park” and reported that the work was quite advanced. Montford Avenue ran right through the center of the company’s property, and by this time the gutters were paved and 250 Norway maple trees had been planted along the edges of the sidewalks. The street railway was then being constructed down West Chestnut Street from the Montford Avenue intersection.

Cumberland Avenue, West Chestnut Street, Magnolia Avenue, Cullowhee Place, Iola, Panola, Watauga, Soco, Ocala, Tacoma, and Santee streets, Ocona Circle, Hibriten Drive, and Riverside Drive were all being laid out by the time of the May 1891 article, varying in width from 50 to 62 feet. The company had spent over \$35,000 on streets, water, and sewerage.

Twenty lots had been sold. The following month the ALCI would sell 40 acres on the west side of the river to Major Robert Bingham for the location of the Bingham Military School. Development was going well. The May 1891 article in the *Asheville Daily Citizen* summed it up:

this company of prominent Asheville men would take columns. This much is sure, Montford park and drives will long be among the city’s most attractive resorts. Visitors will go there for rest and enjoyment, and residents will go to praise the work and foresight of the pushing company that has made the improvements.

Riding the Electric Railway

The regular schedule for the Montford Avenue electric railway was announced July 14, 1891, and the *Citizen’s* reporters were not about to miss it. Returning to Montford Park to try out the new streetcar line, they rode from the city down Montford Avenue to West Chestnut and on to Cumberland, ending at this point in time at Zillicoa. The cars were built by the Gilbert Company of New York and the track, the reporters noted, was well built with top-of-the-line Johnson girder rails.



The Suburban Achievement in Montford. North Carolina Collection, Pack Memorial Library, Asheville.

The *Citizen* also noted that “both lakes were filled with clear, pure water and a fountain played in the center of the grounds.” They sounded their approval by saying, “The amount of work they have done in improving the property is astonishing.” The company sold a total of 36 home lots in 1891.

As David Bailey concluded in *Trolleys in the Land of the Sky*, “Montford Park became the place to live and the foremost influence on the civic and social life of the city, remaining so until the ‘crash’ of 1929.”

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