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## NINTH ANNUAL MONTFORD MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL

# Greenway Fundraising Gets Off to Good Start

### Ron Phillips, Fundraising Coordinator

I'm excited to share with you the progress we are making on donations for the Reed Creek Greenway Project. At this point, we have collected over \$4,000 in individual donations. We sincerely thank everyone who has made a contribution. Our donors' names are listed at the end of this article.

### Two-Thirds of the Initial Goal

The Montford Neighborhood Association is challenging all area residents and businesses to contribute to the completion of the Reed Creek Greenway between Catawba Street and W.T. Weaver Boulevard, the precious "missing link" that has been sitting in disarray for the last three years.

The MNA is committed to matching \$6,000 of donations. In a little more than a month, we are over two-thirds of the way to this initial goal.

### Impressive Progress at the Site

If you haven't seen what UNCA is doing with the site around the greenway—and what Montford neighbors and UNCA students, faculty, and staff accomplished together during the March 31 Community Work Day—please stop by. You'll be pleasantly surprised at how much work is being done to clean up the site and make it more visually appealing to those who walk or drive by or live in the immediate vicinity.

Clearly, UNCA will be a great neighbor for the greenway and for all of Montford.

### How to Contribute

To donate to the greenway completion project, simply go to our website [www.montford.org](http://www.montford.org). By clicking on the RiverLink button on the left, you can donate via credit card (PayPal). If you would prefer to mail a personal check, please make it payable to Wanda Newman, Treasurer, Montford Neighborhood Association, 28 Soco Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

We encourage donations in \$50 increments (the cost of a linear foot of trail) if possible. RiverLink will send you a Deed of Support for your contribution.

### Thanks to These Generous Donors:

Amani Duncan, Brian Elston, Brian Stanley, Catherine Brown, Cathy Williams, Christopher Manning, City Real Estate, Dana Irwin, David Goodrum, David and Debi Patterson, Betsey and Mitch Russell, Ellen and David Nutter, Trudy Galynker, James Gallagher, Janet Zusi, Jean Wheelock, Jodi Schwab, Karen Kellow, Lael Gray, Laura and Travis Lowe, Laura Thomas, Louisa's Porch Bed & Breakfast, Maroth de Marothy, Michael Lynn, Pam Jo Brown, Rebecca Banner, Ron Phillips, Sandra Friedlander, Suzanne Colwell, William Eakins, Sharon and Vic Fahrer, William Jacobs and Susan Posey, Fredilyn Sison, Suzanne Bolding, Jenny and Louis Wilker, R.B. Thompson, Roxanne Semon and Jim Semon, Carol Stangler, Wanda and Joe Newman, E.V. vonSeldeneck, Susan Eggerton, John Fragale, George Schluderberg, Sid Border, Kerry and Liz Kenemer.



**GREENWAY GROUNDBREAKING?** No, not yet, but fundraiser Ron Phillips and lots of other folks helped clear the way at the Community Workday on March 31.

If we have inadvertently omitted your name, please let me know at [rphillips4975@mac.com](mailto:rphillips4975@mac.com) or (828) 333-5078. Your contribution will be acknowledged in the May newsletter.

## Montford Neighbors Upset by Aftermath of Drug Bust

### Joe Newman

As this issue of the newsletter went to press, many residents were still concerned about the high-speed procession of vehicles that came down Montford Avenue on Tuesday, March 27.

At about 3:00 that afternoon, a cocaine sting occurred near the intersection of Pearson Drive and West Chestnut Street. The suspect managed to escape police and flee in his car down Montford Avenue at speeds that may have approached 100 m.p.h.

Following close behind was a stream of as many as 25 police vehicles, also traveling at high speeds. Near the intersection of Montford Avenue and Zillicoa Street, the suspect crashed his car into a sewerage construction site injuring three workers, one seriously. The suspect, also injured, was captured trying again to evade police.

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UNCA students clear the creek bank.

### Big Turnout for UNCA's Community Work Day



Dutch O'Connor and Mark Nishino plant laurel.

# MONTFORD'S NINTH ANNUAL MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, MAY 19

## Festival Preview

### Music on the Montford Avenue Stage

Ben Scales, Festival Co-Director

We're really excited about this year's music, which combines a bit of star power with the wide diversity of styles we've all come to expect from this festival. As always, every act has direct ties to our neighborhood.

In between musical acts, we'll be entertained by **Asheville Shakespeare**, the professional touring company of the Montford Park Players, Morris dancing from **Asheville Morris Men** and **Ashgrove Garland**, including a Maypole celebration, and the return of the **Mountain Lion Chinese Dragon dancers**. Plus, there will be surprise performers, and a special guest MC - or two.

Here's this year's schedule of musical performances on the Montford Avenue Stage.

**11:00 a.m.— Kon Tiki.** Tropical lounge swing. The band is Lin Llewellen on ukulele, Russ Wilson on drums, Hank Bones on guitar and lap steel, and Henry Westmoreland on tuba. Described as "Sailing the South Seas (on a Balsa log Raft)," the band features the soulful crooning of Wilson and Bones set against the sweet wahine vocals of Llewellen. [www.myspace.com/kontikimusic](http://www.myspace.com/kontikimusic)



**12:15 p.m.— Ira Bernstein and John Herrmann.** Ira is a world-class percussive step dancer and one of the co-founders of the Montford Festival. As in years past, he'll be joined for this performance by John, the legendary Zen Master of Old-Time, on fiddle, banjo, and guitar, and other musicians 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)



**1:15 p.m.— Buncombe Turnpike.** Buncombe Turnpike plays a variety of heartfelt tunes ranging from traditional and contemporary bluegrass to gospel and hand crafted originals. With their crowd pleasing demeanor, seasoned musicianship, and powerful vocals, the band has made a name for itself among traditional and contemporary listeners alike. [www.buncombeturnpike.com](http://www.buncombeturnpike.com)



**2:30 p.m.— Snake Oil Medicine Show.** Fronted by former Montford resident Caroline Pond, the Snake Oil Medicine Show is an eclectic and fun mix of bluegrass, jazz, reggae, and dance grooves from all over the world. Being based in the NC Mountains gives their music a hillbilly undertone, but travels to Europe and Jamaica have greatly influenced their music. [www.reverbnation.com/snakeoilmedicineshow](http://www.reverbnation.com/snakeoilmedicineshow)



**3:45 p.m.— Free Flow Band.** Making their return to the Montford Festival after last year's successful debut is this trio of performers with their unique brand of "Old Skool R&B and Funk." Percussionist and lead singer Roger "Lil' Rog" Ware, keyboard player Kevin "Kazual" Collins sharing lead vocals, and Darrell "BNote" Griffin on bass and vocals will take you to a place they like to call Planet Funk. [www.freeflowband.info](http://www.freeflowband.info)



**5:00 p.m.— David Holt and the Lightning Bolts with Reggie Harris.** For over three decades, David's passion for traditional music and culture has fueled a successful performing and recording career. He has earned four Grammy Awards and performed and recorded with many of his mentors including Doc Watson, Grandpa Jones, Bill Monroe, Earl Scruggs, Roy Acuff, and Chet Atkins. [www.davidholt.com](http://www.davidholt.com)



**6:15 p.m.— WestSound.** The sensation of the past three years' festivals, WestSound will once again rock the avenue with high-energy Motown, blues, R&B, and soul that had 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)



We hope this line-up will provide a little something for everybody for our ninth annual celebration of all things Montford.

## Streets Will Close during the Festival, Saturday, May 19

- Montford Avenue between Cullowhee Street and West Waneta Street
- Cullowhee Street between Montford Avenue and Cumberland Avenue
- East Waneta Street • Soco Street

All will close at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday and reopen by 10:00 p.m. No driveways will be blocked in the event of an emergency. Please remove any vehicles parked on the street no later than 7:00 a.m. on Saturday.

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## Festival Preview Music on the Soco Street Stage

Dave Baker, Soco Stage Coordinator

Springtime brings thoughts of festivals, sunshine, and good times. The Ninth Annual Montford Music and Arts Festival fortunately has that and a lot more. The Soco Street stage was wildly successful last year and should prove to be even more so in 2012. Check out the amazing talent that we have for your listening and dancing pleasure.

**10:00 a.m.—Evergreen EMBE Marimba Band.** This group of twelve-to-fourteen year olds from Evergreen Community Charter School performs primarily on handmade Zimbabwean style marimbas as well as a variety of other percussion instruments.



EMBE, a Swahili word for mango, also stands for Evergreen Multicultural Beat Ensemble, whose purpose is to explore music from around the world. [www.evergreencs.org](http://www.evergreencs.org)

**11:00 a.m.—Dub Kartel.**

This band is a seven-piece instrumental reggae act from Asheville. Formed in 2010 from members of Shining Rock, "The Farm"-based funk band Strut, and Common Foundation, Dub Kartel makes music that will make you dance away your worries. [www.facebook.com/pages/Dub-Kartel/170159459714894](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Dub-Kartel/170159459714894)



**Noon—BitterSweet.** Wanda Newman's bluesy vocals and straight-ahead piano blend with Joe Newman's mellow voice and acoustic guitar. BitterSweet entertains with blues and rock hits, from Roberta Flack to Adele, mixed with gems that are 'way too cool ever to make the Top 40. [www.facebook.com/BitterSweetAsheville](http://www.facebook.com/BitterSweetAsheville)



**1:00 p.m.—The Secret B Sides.** "We all knew about the Secret B-Sides way back when . . . But when the local old-school-meets-new-school soul/funk/R&B outfit dropped its sophomore album *Flowers & Chocolate* earlier this year, those sultry, sweaty, swaggering sounds hit just the right note." Alli Marshall, *Mountain Xpress*. [www.thesecretb-sides.com](http://www.thesecretb-sides.com)



**2:00 p.m.—The Judas Horse.**

The Judas Horse has been referred to by one reviewer as "slow core" with a mix of folk band and danceable post-punk, while another reviewer has said, "the trio has carved a niche in a style full of emotions with the ability to allow the creation of a sound . . . full of charm and never too cloying but making a direct contact with the listener's imagination." The Judas Horse performs after their Southern Regional Tour and release of their new vinyl and digital *Holy War*. [www.thejudahorse.homestead.com](http://www.thejudahorse.homestead.com)



**3:00 p.m.—Lyric.** Pop, rock, funk. With the standout voice of Leeda Jones, Lyric is a group made up of natural talents that will take you to a place you can't forget, a group that uses music as an expression of pain, joys, and hope. This street team is a born replica of the legends that created movements. [reverbNation.com/lyricfans](http://reverbNation.com/lyricfans)



**4:00 p.m.—Jahman Brahman.**

Shred 'N' Flow is how Jahman Brahman describes their unique style, meaning dynamic sound with a wide breadth of influence but a focus on rich and fluid progressions of energy. From classic rock to electronica to punk to jazz, elements from many genres are found in the band's music as it unfolds into powerful jams and creative compositions. [www.jahmanbrahman.com](http://www.jahmanbrahman.com)



**5:00 p.m.—Pick Your Switch.** "Twangy, driving Americana . . . [Paul] Edelman and his three-piece band Pick Your Switch (featuring Dave Baker on bass and vocal harmonies and Elzy Lindsey on drums) . . . may get loud and raucous, but there's always careful attention given to melody and storytelling." Laura Blackley, *Take5/Citizen-Times*. [www.pickyourswitch.com](http://www.pickyourswitch.com)



**6:00 p.m.—The Swayback Sisters.** The Swayback Sisters are a close-harmony, country-soul trio based out of Asheville and comprised of Laura Blackley, Cary Fridley, and Mary Ellen Bush. Their music pays loving homage to the likes of Bessie Smith, Ola Belle Reed, and Memphis Minnie, and their live shows bridge the past and future, with one foot firmly planted in the here and now. [www.reverbNation.com/theswaybacksisters](http://www.reverbNation.com/theswaybacksisters)



MontfordFest celebrates the diversity of music and art in our region, especially from the Montford neighborhood. So come out and enjoy our free one-day festival and be sure to stop by the Soco Street stage for some great live, local music!

CALENDAR

**Montford Neighborhood Association Meetings:**

- Third Tuesday of every month, Montford Community Center, Pearson Drive
- Next meeting: Tuesday, April 17, 2012, 7:00 p.m. with nominations for officers and at-large board members. All residents are welcome! Everyone in Montford is a member of the neighborhood association.

**Montford Easter Event:**

- Egg hunt and family fun cosponsored by MNA and Montford Community Center, Saturday, April 7, 11:00 a.m., Montford Park.

**Lenoir-Rhyne University Open House:**

- Center for Graduate Studies of Asheville invites Montford residents to drop by, learn about master's programs, tour state-of-the-art classrooms. Tuesday, April 24, 5:30-7:00 p.m., second-floor board room of Chamber of Commerce, 36 Montford Avenue.

**Montford Park Players:**

- 40th anniversary season opens with Shakespeare's *As You Like It*, 7:30 p.m., Thursdays-Sundays, April 12-29, Asheville Masonic Temple on Broadway downtown. Buy tickets at [montfordparkplayers.org](http://montfordparkplayers.org).
- Outdoor season begins with *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)*—Apocalypse Now!—May 10-26, Hazel Robinson Amphitheatre behind Montford Community Center.

For more information contact John Russell at 254-5146 or [john.russell@montfordparkplayers.org](mailto:john.russell@montfordparkplayers.org).

**Ninth Annual Montford Music and Arts Festival:**

- Saturday, May 19, Montford Avenue and Soco Street, family-friendly fun all day.
- LaZoom bus tour with proceeds to the festival, Sunday, June 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m., tickets at [www.montford.org](http://www.montford.org).

**Montford Community Center Activities:**

- Community Yard Sale and Afterschool Youth Bake Sale, Saturday, April 14, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Yard sale tables \$5—reserve now.
- Registration open for summer playground program for rising first-sixth graders. Program fills quickly—contact the center soon.
- Youth hula hoop class sponsored by LEAF, Mondays, 4:30-5:30, free. No new students after April 9 class.
- Indoor climbing wall, Mondays in April, 5:30-7:30 p.m., \$2 for Asheville city residents.
- Adult yoga, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:00-9:00 a.m., bring your mat, free.
- Martial arts, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m., \$10 per class.
- Badminton and table tennis, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30-8:00 p.m., free.
- Juggling, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m., free. Contact Kim Kennedy at 253-3714 or [montford@ashevilenc.gov](mailto:montford@ashevilenc.gov).

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

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

**Montford Neighborhood Website**

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

**Montford List Serve**

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

**Lenoir-Rhyne to Host Open House on April 24**

**Find Out What Our University Has for You**

**Welcome neighbors!** The Center for Graduate Studies of Asheville invites you to a Montford Open House on **Tuesday, April 24**. Come on over to our place to learn more about our graduate programs starting this fall and get a sneak peek at our state-of-the-art classrooms.

**LENOIR-RHYNE UNIVERSITY**

Center for Graduate Studies of Asheville

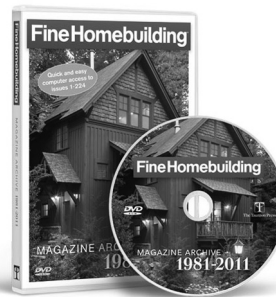
Our master's programs are especially designed to meet the needs of the Asheville community and include a Master of Science in Sustainability Studies, MBA in Tourism and Hospitality, and Master of Arts in Counseling. For a full list of programs visit [Asheville.lred](http://Asheville.lred). Feel free to call us at (855) 232-4723.

- Date: Tuesday, April 24
- Time: 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- Location: Second-floor board room at 36 Montford Avenue, home of the center and the location of Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center.

*The Lenoir-Rhyne University Center for Graduate Studies of Asheville provides excellent graduate education that develops innovative leaders prepared to serve the current and future needs of Western North Carolina and beyond.*

**Montford Architect McDonough Recognized by Fine Homebuilding**

The nation's "largest and most trusted residential construction magazine" has honored Michael McDonough by selecting one of his projects as the cover for the 30-year magazine archive set.

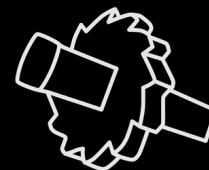


One of Michael's projects in the Village of Cheshire in Black Mountain was originally on the cover of *Fine Homebuilding's* Fall 2010 issue. Now, with 30 years of covers to choose from, the editors of the magazine have selected the image (shown here) as the cover for the DVD archive set.

Congratulations Michael!



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## We Salute Our Festival Donors and Sponsors

### Daphne Young, Fundraiser-in-Chief

We shine the spotlight on all of the donors and sponsors who have committed to support the 2012 Montford Music and Arts Festival. Their generosity is overwhelming and allows us to continue to host the best festival in Western North Carolina. Please continue to patronize the businesses, and say "thank you" to our donors.

There is still time to put your name on this list. It's never too late to donate or become a sponsor. As of press time the list looks like this.

#### Individual Donors:

**John Fragale** – Thank you for all you do to make the festival a success!

**Brian May** – Your steadfast support over the years is greatly appreciated!

**Valerie Marott** – Thanks, my friend, for your support!

**Parrish Rhodes** – Thank you again to this year's first individual donor!

#### Business Sponsors:

##### March Commitments

**Chinese Acupuncture and Herbology Clinic**, 369 Montford Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801, 258-9016, [www.ashevilleacupuncture.com](http://www.ashevilleacupuncture.com)

"We recognize the uniqueness of your healing journey and are honored to walk this path with you. It is our intention to always demonstrate faith in your ability to heal physically, emotionally, and spiritually."

**VegHeads**, 705 Merrimon Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801, 505-8540, hours 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday, and 10:00 a.m.-midnight, Friday-Saturday.

"VegHeads is a vegetarian and vegan drive-thru dedicated to serving natural, wholesome food . . . FAST!"

##### January and February Commitments

**A Bed of Roses, Victorian Bed & Breakfast** – 135 Cumberland Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801, 258-8700 or toll free (888) 290-2770, [www.abedofroses.com](http://www.abedofroses.com)

**All Kids Pediatrics** – 131 McDowell Street, Suite 100, Asheville, NC 28801, 350-KIDS (5437), [www.allkidspediatrics.com](http://www.allkidspediatrics.com)

**Bionic Man Painting Co.** – 215-7772, [pdixon@yahoo.com](mailto:pdixon@yahoo.com)

**Fired Up! Creative Lounge** – Two locations: 26 Wall Street, Asheville, NC 28801, 253-8181, and 321B North Main Street, Hendersonville, NC 28792 698-9960, [www.fireduplounge.com](http://www.fireduplounge.com)

**Gray Line Trolley Tours of Asheville** – Box 2115, Asheville, NC, 28802, 251-TOUR (8687), [www.GrayLineAsheville.com](http://www.GrayLineAsheville.com)

**Greenlife Grocery** – 70 Merrimon Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801, 254-5440, [www.wholefoodmarkests.com](http://www.wholefoodmarkests.com)

**Grove Arcade** – One Page Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801, 252-7799, [www.grovearcade.com](http://www.grovearcade.com)

**LaZoom Tour Company** – 90 Biltmore Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801, 225-6932, [www.lazoomtours.com](http://www.lazoomtours.com)

**Lenoir – Rhyne University Center for Graduate Studies of Asheville** – 36 Montford Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801, (855) 232-4723, [www.asheville.lr.edu](http://www.asheville.lr.edu)

**Mountain Song Guitars** – Candler, NC 28715, 665-0505, [www.facebook.com/MountainSongGuitars](http://www.facebook.com/MountainSongGuitars)

**Nine Mile Restaurant** – 233 Montford Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801, 505-3121, [www.ninemileasheville.com](http://www.ninemileasheville.com)

**98.1 The River** – 1190 Patton Avenue, Asheville, NC 28806, 259-9695, [www.981theriver.com](http://www.981theriver.com)

**PLI – Plasticard – Locktech International** – 605 Sweeten Creek Industrial Park, Asheville, NC, 28803, 210-4754 or toll free (800) 752-1017, [www.plicards.com](http://www.plicards.com)

**Progress Energy** – 555A Brevard Road, Asheville, NC 28806, (800) 452-2777 – Customer Service, (800) 419-6356 – Power Outages, [www.progress-energy.com](http://www.progress-energy.com)

**The New Classical Academy** – 38 Stoney Knob Road, Weaverville, NC 28787, 658-8317, [www.thenewclassicalacademy.org](http://www.thenewclassicalacademy.org)

**Trout Insurance** – 279-4681, [www.TroutInsurance.biz](http://www.TroutInsurance.biz)

Contact me, Daphne Young, at 254-0690 if you need additional information or to pledge your support.

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

## Get on the Bus!

### *LaZoom Tour Will Roll to Benefit the Music and Arts Festival*

#### Sharon Fahrer, Festival Co-Director

Laugh your Asheville off for a good cause on the funniest tour of the city. Join us Sunday, June 3, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The tour departs the lower parking lot of the Asheville Visitor Center behind the Chamber of Commerce building on Montford Avenue.



The cost is only \$25.25 per person, with complimentary beer and wine. LaZoom Tour will donate all proceeds to the Montford Music and Arts Festival. Tickets are for sale now on at [montford.org](http://montford.org). Just click on the LaZoom banner in the left column and follow the normal checkout process.

All the skits will be new, so get on the bus again even if you took the tour last year. You'll get a different perspective of Asheville. It'll be a blast!

## Montford Easter Event

Saturday, April 7, 11:00 a.m., Montford Park

Join the Easter Bunny for Egg Hunting and Family Fun



## Ready for Urban Gardening?

### AB-Tech Will Get You Started

**Haven Hanford, Program Assistant, Global Institute for Sustainable Technologies, A-B Tech**

The Global Institute for Sustainability Technologies (GIST) and Bountiful Cities are partnering to offer three classes this spring and summer that are especially relevant to Montford urbanites, especially since two will be taught right in the neighborhood in the Pearson Garden.

The first, **Understanding Urban Agriculture**, will explore the increasing relevance of urban farming, its constraints, impacts, and benefits to a more sustainable future. Local examples will be discussed and new ideas explored. This class will meet on the **Enka Campus** on Tuesdays April 10 and 17 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and costs \$25.

The next two classes will both meet, rain or shine, under a covered pavilion in the **Pearson Garden** at 408 Pearson Drive. The first one, **Planning and Preparing Your Urban Garden Space**, will cover the fundamental things an urban gardener needs to consider in order to grow plentiful, healthy organic food. We'll cover common gardening techniques and philosophies, how to plan your growing space, how to decide what and how much to grow, as well as soils, watering, and composting. This class will meet on Tuesdays, April 24 and May 8, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. It costs \$40.

The other Pearson class, **Growing Food in Your Garden**, will include such topics as cool and warm season crops, favorite varieties of common western North Carolina vegetables, weeding, watering, and common pests. It will meet on Tuesdays, June 12 and June 19, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. It costs \$30.

In both classes in the Pearson garden there will be some hands-on garden activities. Please dress accordingly and bring water and gloves if you want to use them.

To register for any or all of these classes go to AB-Tech Registration Information at [www1.abtech.edu/ce/registration](http://www1.abtech.edu/ce/registration). A fourth class in this series will be taught in the fall.



## Green Corner

### Earth Day Celebrations and Events

**Mitch Russell**

Earth Day in Asheville stretches from Saturday, April 14, to the end of the month. Here are some of the many events on the agenda.



#### Opening Day of the North Asheville

**Tailgate Market**, [www.northashevilletailgatemarket.org](http://www.northashevilletailgatemarket.org). Veggies, baked items, plants and plant starts, and yummy food-based goodies. **April 14** and every Saturday from then on until November, 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. at UNCA.

**Wilma Dykeman RiverWay Walking Tours**, [www.riverlink.org/walktour.asp](http://www.riverlink.org/walktour.asp), sponsored by **RiverLink**. Wonderful scenery, including wildflowers. **April 14** at 10:00 a.m. and **April 28** at 3:00 p.m. at Richmond Hill Park. FREE.

**Wild and Scenic Film Festival**, [wnca.org/events/wild-scenic-film-festival](http://wnca.org/events/wild-scenic-film-festival), sponsored by **Western North Carolina Alliance**. Free raffle entry with door prizes and speakers. Food and drink available for purchase. **April 19**, 7:00-10:00 p.m. at Fine Arts Theatre. \$6 for students and \$10 for the general public. Special one-year WNCA membership offer that includes film festival is \$10 for students and \$25 for the general public.

**Asheville Earth Day**, [www.avleearthday.org](http://www.avleearthday.org). Fifth annual all-day family Earth Day celebration, with environmental/conservation booths, kids' activities, art, music, food, and more. **April 21**, Noon-10:00 p.m. on Lexington Avenue. FREE.

**Warren Wilson College** presents **Earth Day and Fiddles and Folklife**, [www.warren-wilson.edu/~elc/earthdayguide.pdf](http://www.warren-wilson.edu/~elc/earthdayguide.pdf). Environmental activities (hands-on and presentations), fiddle contest, plein-air paintings for sale to benefit the Environmental Leadership Center of Warren Wilson College, horse-drawn cart rides, and much more. **April 21**, 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. on the Warren Wilson College campus, Swannanoa. Some activities and workshops are FREE.

**Hard to Recycle Event** sponsored by **Asheville GreenWorks**, [www.ashevillegreenworks.org](http://www.ashevillegreenworks.org). Recycle hard plastic, DVDs, CDs, small appliances, and cell phones as well as TVs (for \$5 donation). **April 28**, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Asheville City Public Works Department, 161 South Charlotte Street. FREE.

**Hike to Johnson Branch Farm** sponsored by **Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy**, [www.carolinamountain.org/news\\_and\\_events/cmlc\\_public\\_hike\\_johnson\\_branch\\_farm\\_april\\_28th](http://www.carolinamountain.org/news_and_events/cmlc_public_hike_johnson_branch_farm_april_28th) Difficult hike on private land featuring streams, waterfalls, views and wildflowers. **April 28**, 10:00 a.m.-?



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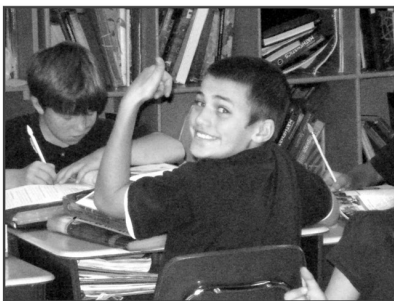
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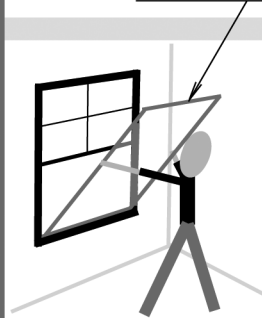
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Volunteer shifts typically are 2-3 hours long and are often done in teams. Some of the roles include **staffing barricades, selling CDs, t-shirts, and banners, greeting people and answering questions at the MNA booth, being a stage hand, removing litter, and working on the festival set-up or tear-down team.**

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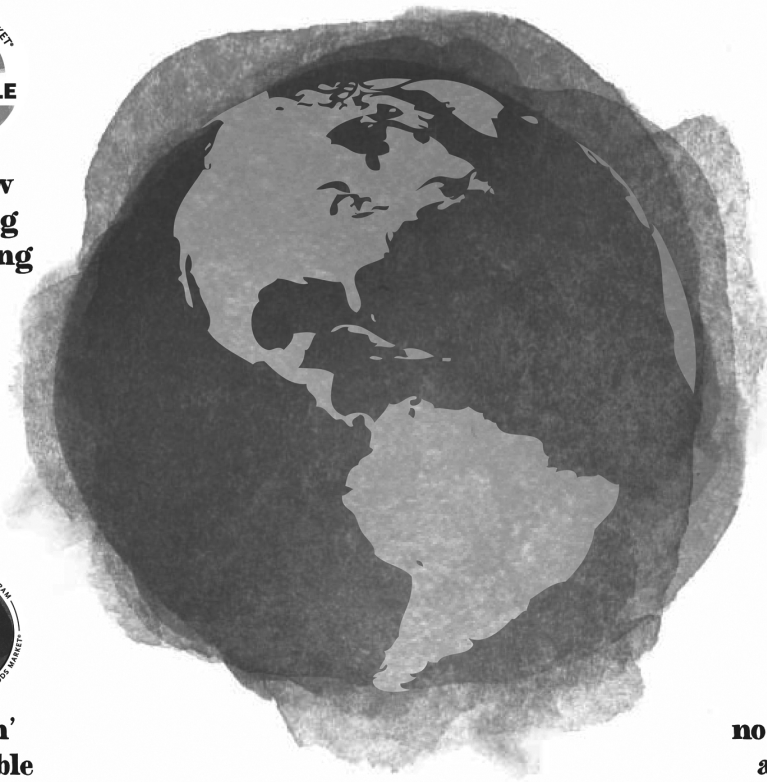
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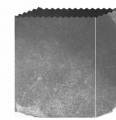
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## Montford Community Center News

**Kim Kennedy, Center Director**



What is pink, purple and green all over? Montford Park on Saturday, April 7, during the annual **Easter Egg Hunt** of course! Come enjoy some family fun while children aged 11 and under scramble around collecting those precious eggs. (Don't forget to bring your basket.) The fun, which also includes bunny tattoos and goodie bags, begins at 11 a.m. sharp. This event is cosponsored by the Montford Neighborhood Association and Montford Community Center.

The spring **Montford Community Center Yard Sale** will be held Saturday, April 14, from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Over 30 vendors will be selling their gently used items, so stop by and take a peek. The Montford Afterschool program will also be hosting a bake sale to raise money for an end-of-the-year trip, so bring your sweet tooth.

The **Indoor Climbing Wall** will be open Mondays in April from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for open climbing. Fees are \$2 per session for Asheville city residents and \$5 for non-residents and include belaying (when available) and harness rental.

Last call for any Hula Hoopers who would like to perform at LEAF! The **Hula Hoop** program is for youth 5-14 and meets on Mondays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. The group will perform at LEAF on May 12 or 13. Hoopers must attend the March 26 or April 9 programs. There will be no class on Monday, April 2. Starting April 9, we will begin working on the routine for LEAF and will be unable to take any new students.

Put on your dancing shoes for the **Spring Fling Dance** to be held on Friday, May 11, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Youth 11 and under will enjoy music, dancing, pizza, raffles, and a variety of games. Cost is just \$5 and includes pizza dinner. If you would like to donate a raffle prize, please call Shateisha at the center.

Registration has begun for the **Summer Playground Program**. For rising first through sixth graders, this program meets throughout the summer from 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Session I runs June 11 through July 6 for \$160 per child plus a \$15 registration fee. This program fills up quickly, so register soon.

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

## Resource Directory

**Advertise in the Resource Directory—The monthly rate is only \$10.00**  
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## Montford Neighborhood Association News

### Bill Wheeler, Secretary

The regular monthly meeting was called to order on March 20, 2012 at 7:02 p.m. in the Montford Community Center on Pearson Drive by President David Patterson. Other board members present: Susan Eggerton, vice-president; Bill Wheeler, secretary; and at-large members Joe Newman, Pam Jo Brown, Sharon Fahrer, Ron Phillips, Laura Lowe, and Michael McDonough. Also present: Karen Cragolin, RiverLink; Chris Joyell, Asheville Design Center; Marc Hunt, City Council member; Judy Daniel, City Planner; Community Resource Officer Jeremy Woody; John Pierce, Joy Flora, Melissa Ackerman, and David Todd of UNCA; and several more neighbors and community members.

### Safety and Security

CRO Jeremy Woody reported that the past month has been very quiet. The police have responded to several requests for assistance at the Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry on Cumberland Avenue. An initiative is in the works by police and other city departments to approach and offer assistance to several people who are living in the woods next to Isaac Dickson School.

### MNA Financials

Joe Newman reported on behalf of Treasurer Wanda Newman. The budget is in sound shape with several large deposits totaling close to \$7,000 reflecting contributions from Montford Music and Arts Festival sponsors and vendors.

### Greenway Fundraising Challenge

Ron Phillips reported that over \$3,000 has been raised from the public to go toward construction of the Reed Creek Greenway extension through the 525 Broadway property recently purchased by the UNCA Foundation. The MNA has set aside up to \$6,000 in matching funds and hopes the public will meet that full amount. Several ideas were put forth at Ron's request for ways to reach more people. Suggestions included contacting area businesses and local newspapers. John Pearce, UNCA Vice Chancellor of Finance and Treasurer of the UNCA Foundation, added that the university will promote the fundraiser as well. See Ron's story on the front page for more details.

### 525 Broadway

John Pearce reported that the UNC Asheville has been working with city departments on wording for an easement to allow the city to start work on the greenway extension to follow the banks of Reed Creek as well as working on plans for soil erosion control and stabilization of the site.

City Planner Judy Daniel said that two groups in the city government have been working on designs and legal issues regarding the greenway. Ms. Daniel said that the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department will be spearheading the design work.

David Todd of the UNCA Facilities Department reported that they have been busy in the past few weeks clearing out invasive species from the land and reworking the fence line to allow public access from Cumberland Avenue to Zillicoa Street.

The university is inviting neighbors to join students, faculty, and staff for a community work day of planting and mulching on the site on Saturday, March

31, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Neighbors are asked to bring their own water, gloves, and tools, and the UNCA Foundation will supply planting materials, t-shirts, and food. See the photos on the front page for coverage of this event.

Melissa Ackerman, landscape architect with UNCA, spoke of the university's plan to install new landscaping along the perimeter of the property closest to Cumberland Avenue to provide a buffer for the neighborhood. Included are native shrubs and 68 new trees, all of which will be installed during the March 31 planting and mulching day. UNCA will also clean the banks along Reed Creek.

### Klondyke Playground Project

Chris Joyell of the Asheville Design Center presented ideas for the construction of a playground to be located at the Klondyke Apartments. Spearheaded by the ADC and aided by Klondyke residents Curtis James and Julia McDowell, who run the Just Folks Organization, a non-profit supporting Ashevilleans in need, the design/build project would involve residents in contributing design ideas and employ some residents in a training/work program. It is hoped this model will work for similar projects throughout the city.

The ADC has asked for a grant from the MNA of \$1,500 to help fund the playground, which is expected to be built this summer. Other financial contributors include Asheville Affiliates and Charlotte Street Computers. The MNA board will review the request at a meeting later this month.

### Montford Avenue/Cullowhee Street/Soco Street Intersection

MNA board member Michael McDonough reported that the HRC reviewed the city's application for work at the intersection at its meeting this month and that city representatives asked to appear again next month with more information on the design.

### Announcements

MNA board member Sharon Fahrer reported that the LaZoom Bus Tour company has set aside 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 3, for a special fundraiser night for the Montford Music and Arts Festival. The bus tour is reserved for neighbors who pay \$25 for tickets with all proceeds going to the festival budget.

MNA President David Patterson stated that MNA board nominations for the 2012-13 year are due by the April 17 meeting.

David also announced that Lenoir-Rhyne University Center for Graduate Studies of Asheville has an open house scheduled on Tuesday, April 24, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Neighbors are invited for a tour of the center's new facilities located in the Chamber of Commerce building on Montford Avenue.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.



## MNA Seeks Nominations for May Elections

### David Patterson, President

The Montford Neighborhood Association will hold its annual election of officers and at-large board members at the May 15 meeting. Nominations are due by the April 17 meeting. Neighbors may bring nominations to the April meeting or email them to me at [dpatterson@montford.org](mailto:dpatterson@montford.org).

## Drug Bust

Continued from front page...

### Neighbors Raise Questions

Minutes later, the Montford list serve lit up with the start of a conversation that is still going on. As neighbors talked with neighbors and the *Citizen-Times* and WLOS-TV reported more details, it became clear that many residents were upset with several aspects of the incident.

While expressing sympathy with the tough work that police officers do, some neighbors questioned the timing of the drug bust, which went down while school buses filled with children were on the road. First to post on the list serve was Cate Scales, distraught because her children had gotten off their bus on Montford Avenue only minutes before the stream of vehicles sped past.

Moreover, the Asheville Police Department issued an official statement that police vehicles did not “chase” the suspect. What constitutes a chase, then? neighbors wondered. At newsletter press time, the police were still investigating the incident and the officers’ actions.

The incident has been a top story for several days on the *Citizen-Times* website. See “Montford residents disagree with timing of drug bust in Asheville” by Romando Dixson and Joel Burgess at [www.citizen-times.com/article/20120331/NEWS/303310027](http://www.citizen-times.com/article/20120331/NEWS/303310027), which will link you to other coverage in the *Citizen-Times*.

## Montford Park Players to Open 40th Anniversary Season with *As You Like It*

John Russell, Managing Director

The Montford Park Players, North Carolina’s longest running Shakespeare Festival, opens its 40th anniversary season April 12 through 29 with Shakespeare’s comedy *As You Like It* at Asheville’s historic Masonic Temple, 80 Broadway Street.

This comedy, the very first play presented by MPP in 1973, follows its heroine Rosalind as she flees persecution in her uncle’s court, accompanied by her cousin Celia and Touchstone the court jester, to find safety and eventually love in the Forest of Arden. There’s plenty of Shakespearean poetry, frivolity, and cross-dressing along with the famous “All the world’s a stage” soliloquy. Come join the merry displaced band in the forest at The Masonic Temple.



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Performances are Thursday through Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. with 2:30 p.m. matinees on Saturdays and Sundays. The first and second Thursdays, April 12 and 19, are “Pay What We’re Worth Nights”: No reservations—see the show and THEN pay what you think we’re worth!

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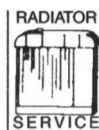


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- STEP 4: Mash yolks with fork in a medium bowl. Gently fold in mayonnaise, dry mustard and chives, season with salt and pepper to taste; gently mix until well combined.
- STEP 5: Carefully spoon yolk mixture into reserved whites. Arrange on a serving platter, and garnish with paprika and fresh chives. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

# The Montford Houses of Tizdale and Sarah Linn

## Part 1: A Look Inside 129 Cumberland Avenue

Zoe Rhine, North Carolina Room, Pack Memorial Library

Dr. Tizdale E. Linn, a young orthopedic surgeon, and his wife Sarah moved from Cincinnati to Asheville in 1891, hoping for a better climate that would improve his health. Dr. Linn thought there was no better investment than real estate, and being able to build nice homes was important to both him and his wife.



129 Cumberland, 1910-1918. North Carolina Collection, Pack Memorial Library, Asheville.

Soon after moving to Asheville, Linn acquired the services of architect Richard Sharp Smith to design the family home at 129 Cumberland Avenue (originally numbered 113 Cumberland), which was built between 1893 and 1896.

Dr. Linn painted in watercolor as a hobby and apparently made several nice paintings of the surrounding mountains. Sarah, a graduate of the vocal department of the Cincinnati College of Music, was a talented musician who often performed as soprano soloist for the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville. As a member of the Civic Betterment League, she had great influence on the movement that resulted in the planting of trees along the city's streets and parks.

The Linns had a child, Margaret, born in 1898. Margaret recalled in a memoir how as she grew older her parents made bedtime a little later on winter nights so that she could hear portions of Dickens, Hawthorne, and James Fenimore Cooper. Her father enjoyed mathematics and taught Margaret all of the multiplication tables. "When I opened the door of a room to have a chat with him when he was at the home, a voice would greet me like this: 'What does nine times six equal?'"

As soon as Dr. Linn had paid in full for the family home, he began to save to invest in more land. Before his death in 1908 at the age of 39, he had Richard Sharp Smith design four more houses and a small apartment house in Montford.



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*Information and older photograph from The Peggy Linn Pritchard Collection, MS107, North Carolina Collection, Pack Memorial Library. Visit the North Carolina Reference Desk on the ground floor of the library or contact us at nc.reference@buncombecounty.org or 250-4740.*



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**Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County**

**March 14, 2012, Meeting—Action Agenda for Montford**

Asheville City Building, First Floor North Conference Room, 4:00 p.m.  
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Members present: Hillary Cole, Ashley Black, Joseph Carney, Nan Chase, Brian Cook, David Nutter, Tracey Rizzo, Brendan Ross

Staff present: Stacy Merten, Peggy Gardner, Marsha McGlohon

Item and Summary	Action
Cullowhee/Soco/Montford intersection—pedestrian improvements .....	Continued
42 Pearson Drive—rear addition, after the fact .....	Approved
36 Montford Avenue—sign, after the fact.....	Approved
155 Flint Street—construct new two-story, single-family residence.....	Continued

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**April 11, 2012, Meeting—Tentative Agenda for Montford**

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

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

Cullowhee/Soco/Montford—continued from March 2012, pedestrian improvements

155 Flint Street—continued from March 2012, construct new two-story, single-family residence

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

254 Pearson Drive—add dormer to front elevation, add three skylights on sides and rear

63 Elizabeth Street—add double garage with apartment above, reconfigure driveway

Bishop Place—construct new two-story, single-family residence, Queen Anne style

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