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Montford Park Players Celebrate 40th Season

Travis V. Lowe

The Montford Park Players, our neighborhood's beloved free Shakespearean theatre company, is in the middle of its 40th season, and it has been quite a year so far.

The Players began the year with securing an award grant from Buncombe County Tourism Product Development Fund to improve and grow the Hazel Robinson Amphitheatre. Their annual spring outdoor fundraiser, *The Complete Works of Shakespeare: Abridged*, was their most profitable of all time. Then the Players launched into their free outdoor summer season with three of the Bard's most famous comedies.



The Merry Wives of Windsor

Breaking Attendance—and Laugh—Records

They began the season in June with the wit and ribaldry of *Much Ado about Nothing*. This was followed by *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in July, which broke continued on page 13...

Celebrate Montford Issue

Greenway Ribbon Cutting Set for Saturday, September 8

Montford to Present \$12,000 Check to RiverLink



Ron Phillips, Fundraising Coordinator

On the Saturday after Labor Day, please join us at 11:00 a.m. on the Reed Creek Greenway at Cauble Street for two ceremonies.

One is the official opening of the completed sections of the greenway. The other is the presentation to RiverLink of the funds that Montford residents and others have contributed toward extending the greenway from Catawba Street to W.T. Weaver Boulevard. The Montford Neighborhood Association matched the first \$6,000 raised through individual and business contributions.

Mayor Terry Bellamy is scheduled to cut the ribbon. Members of the Greenway Commission, staff of the Transportation Department, and other City of Asheville staff and officials will also be present. continued on page 13...

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Black Bear Takes Afternoon Stroll in Montford

Possible Theatrical Interests?

Daniel Kent

It was a quiet, sunny afternoon in Montford on July 9, and I was at home on West Chestnut Street alone enjoying my day off. I was walking into the kitchen when I noticed a big black silhouette out of the corner of my eye. I turned to look out into my fenced-in backyard and was shocked to see a black bear.

As naturalist Adolph Murie has said, "A bear a long distance from a scale always weighs more." With that in mind, my realistic estimate is that this bear weighed in the vicinity of 300 pounds.

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Afternoon on Gay Street, July 9

Lenoir-Rhyne University Announces Grand Opening Center for Graduate Studies of Asheville Celebrates Its Debut

Paul Knott, Director

A graduate center is rising in Asheville, and we are ready to celebrate!

We invite YOU to join Lenoir-Rhyne University President Wayne Powell and L-R faculty leaders for our Grand Opening Celebration. We are excited to introduce you to the newly appointed Asheville faculty and give you a tour of our new facility.

Date: Monday, August 13

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: 36 Montford Avenue

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LENOIR-RHYNE UNIVERSITY

Center for Graduate Studies of Asheville

CALENDAR

Montford Neighborhood Association

Meetings:

- Third Tuesday of every month, Montford Community Center, Pearson Drive.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, August 21, 2012, 7:00 p.m., featuring discussion of the Bear Blossom Art Festival planned for Montford.

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

Lenoir-Rhyne University Center for Graduate Studies of Asheville:

- Grand opening celebration, Monday, August 13, 5:00 p.m., 36 Montford Avenue.

Hot August Night 5K Road Race through Montford Historic District:

- Saturday, August 18, 7:00 p.m., Montford Community Center. See registration form on page 6.

Ribbon Cutting for Reed Creek Greenway:

- With presentation of Montford's \$12,000 check to RiverLink. Saturday, September 8, 11:00 a.m., on the greenway at Cauble Street.

Trash to Cash Montford Community Yard Sale:

- Saturday, September 8, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. See sign-up form on page 4.

Montford Park Players Free Summer Season Continues:

- *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, July 27-August 18
- *Richard II*, August 24-September 15

All plays presented Fridays-Sundays at Hazel Robinson Amphitheatre. For more information contact John Russell at 254-5146 or john.russell@montfordparkplayers.org.

A Day with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

- Educational bus tour sponsored by Western North Carolina Historical Association, Saturday, September 15, departing 7:30 a.m. Call (828) 253-9231 or email smh@wnchistory.org.

Montford Farmers Market:

- Now open for the season, Wednesdays, 2:00-6:00 p.m., lower parking lot, Chamber of Commerce building, 36 Montford Avenue.

Montford Community Center Activities:

- Afterschool program for children in grades K-5, Monday-Friday, all-day care on most teacher work-days, holidays, and snow days. \$30 per week plus \$5 for all-day programs.
- Educational classes and art and PE for homeschooled youth and teens. Preregistration required. Classes begin at end of August.

Contact Kim Kennedy at 253-3714 or montfordr@ashevillenc.gov.

How to Contact the Historic Resources Commission (HRC)

- Stacy Merten, Director, Asheville City Building, 259-5836 or smerten@ashevillenc.gov.

Montford Neighborhood Website

- Visit Montford's informative and user friendly website www.montford.org.
- Contact webmaster Laura Lowe at webmaster@montford.org.

Montford List Serve

- Go to www.montford.org and click on Join the Montford List Serve.

Bear Blossom Art Festival Planned for Montford

June 21-23, 2013

Linda Caristo

Bear Blossom will be a juried fine arts and crafts festival. The entire focus will be on high-quality art. Our goal is to create an enjoyable, classy art affair that will eventually achieve top national ranking.

The location will be Cumberland Avenue between West Chestnut Street and the Greek Orthodox Church. There will be 75-100 artists, creative local food vendors, possibly local wine, but no amplified music or loud performances. A preview event will probably be held Friday, June 21, from 5:00-9:00 p.m.. Hours on Saturday the 22nd will be from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and on Sunday the 23rd from 11:00 a.m-5:00 p.m.

About the Directors

This show is being created by two local artists, Carl Caristo and me. A native of Hendersonville, North Carolina, I am a member of the Southern Highland Craft Guild and Carolina Designer Craftsmen and the founder of the Atlanta Dogwood Festival Artists' Show, which began in 1990. I have organized many art events including the Festival of Fires for the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta. My paternal grandmother's house still stands on Starnes Avenue in Montford. Carl is experienced in detailed project management. He will be responsible for layout, logistics, and site plans.



Beautiful Setting on Cumberland Avenue

Full-time professional artists need more opportunities to sell their work directly to the public in Asheville. Cumberland Avenue was selected because of the relatively flat street shaded by beautiful old trees and the historic ambience of the homes.

A successful art show must be held in a comfortable, pleasant atmosphere, and we feel this area is perfect for both artists and patrons. We want this to be an enjoyable event for the Montford neighborhood.

Carl and I plan to present these plans at the August 21 meeting of the Montford Neighborhood Association. In the meantime, you can contact me with any questions or comments at 691-7700.

How to Contact the Asheville Police Department



- For emergencies, call 911.
- For nonemergencies and to report suspicious activity, call 252-1110.
- For the Crime Prevention Division, call 259-5834.
- For Police Dispatch, call 259-5888.
- For Montford's Community Resource Officer, Jeremy Woody, call 552-9423 or email jwoody@ashevillenc.gov.



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The Montford Houses of Tizdale and Sarah Linn

Part 4: Twin Cottages on Montford Avenue

Zoe Rhine

Having clearly established a pattern of paying off one property before building another and using Asheville architect Richard Sharp Smith for the design, the Linns' fourth and fifth houses were built on a good site they picked out and purchased in 1906.

The following year they erected two attractive frame cottages of seven rooms each at 242 and 246 Montford Avenue, both designed by Smith. The lots were side lots with deep back yards, so there was space to finish off basement rooms if needed. Originally, the houses were somewhat similar and painted grey with white trim, with 246 having a shingled upper story.



242 and 246 Montford Avenue, 2003, taken by Pack Memorial Library staff for documentation

The North Carolina Room at Pack Memorial Library

A house can tell many stories. Do you know the history of your house? You could share any pictures or documents with us, and we would carefully preserve the information to share with the community. Don't know your home's history? We may have photographs and information you would enjoy!

North Carolina Reference Desk
Buncombe County Public Libraries, 67 Haywood Street, Asheville, NC 28801
nc.reference@buncombecounty.org, 250-4750

This photograph of Dr. T.E. Linn was recently found in the *Asheville Gazette News, Midwinter Special Edition*, February 1905. Dr. Linn moved to Asheville from Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1891 and began a general practice here in 1893.



WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

local tomatoes

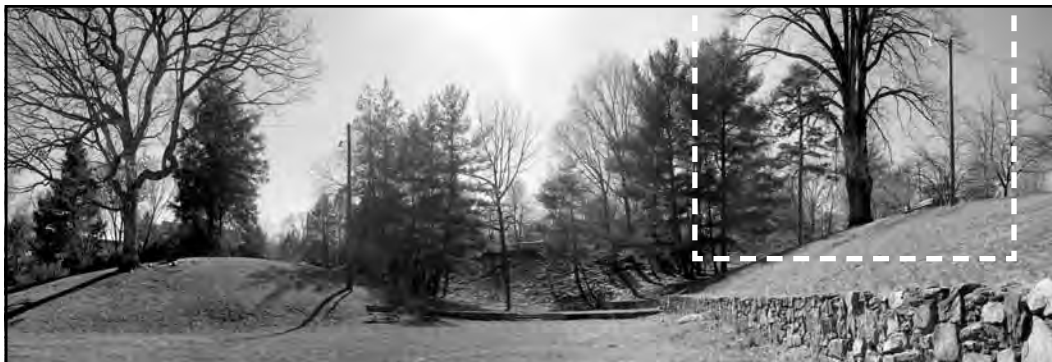
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The Loss of an Old Tree in Montford

Andrea Treolo

The Montford neighborhood has many beautiful old trees. Living near Montford Park affords me the opportunity to see familiar trees each day. In the winter, their branches offer a stark silhouette against the sky. During the other seasons, their branches are robust, filled with color and foliage.



Hillside Panorama in Bright Light

As a senior photography major at UNC Asheville, I took photographs in the park this past winter. I live in a cottage built in 1927 and perched high in the treetops on a hill. The trees surrounding the cottage are a blissful sanctuary. I sit in wonder as I see them out every window of my home.

As I took photos in the park on one sunny winter day, the light was so bright I could barely aim the camera towards the heights. I took several photographs and seamed them together, as shown here, on my computer. There is repetition in the rolling hillsides, as there has been for more than a century. The two trees framing the composition seem like bookends.

After a lightning storm this spring, I could hear noise for several days as trucks drove past our house on the road below. I walked over to the park and discovered the reason for some of the City of Asheville trucks I had seen. The century-

old white oak, on the right side of my panorama, had come crashing down. The stone wall between the hills, running along low beneath the tree boughs, had been damaged.

I saw the stump of the tree was still partially in the ground, cut smooth with a saw. The rings showing its age seemed endless. I walked home and looked at my photographs from the winter, recognizing again the importance of planting new trees in the park.

Old Familiar

The fallen oak was an old familiar, having stood tall against the sky for many years. Benches on either hillside offered a place to sit amidst the lush, soft grass. The tree was something to sit and gaze upon, from one hill to the next.

The park is now missing its century-old companion. The neighborhood misses it, and so do the birds, squirrels, owls, and even the ground, where its shadow was cast on a sunny winter's day.

TRASH TO CASH

MONTFORD COMMUNITY YARD SALE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2012, 8:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

RENT A TABLE AT THE CENTER OR HAVE THE SALE AT YOUR HOME



COST—\$15 for newspaper advertising and a map showing the locations of yard sale homes plus a voluntary 10% of proceeds donated to the Montford Neighborhood Association

OR—\$5 to rent a table at the Montford Community Center plus a voluntary 10% of proceeds donated to the center

Please return the form below with a check made out to the Montford Neighborhood Association by **Friday, August 31**, to Sharon Fahrer, 333 Montford Avenue. For more information call Sharon at 777-1014 or email fahrer@charter.net. For a table at the Montford Community Center, contact Kim Kennedy at 253-3714.

TRASH TO CASH MONTFORD COMMUNITY YARD SALE

I would like to participate in the yard sale on September 8.

Name: _____

I want to rent a table at the Montford Community Center.

Address: _____

I cannot participate but would like to make a cash donation.

Phone: _____

I cannot participate but would like to donate items for the sale.

E-mail: _____

I want to have my sale at my own home.

Eat, Sniff, Play

Montford Resident Directs Camp for Dogs

Kay Loveland

As a clinical psychologist in private practice in Montford as well as a resident here, I am happy to announce that Camp Unleashed Asheville, a four-day, three-night retreat for owners and their dogs, will take place on September 20-23 at Camp Green Cove in Tuxedo, North Carolina, south of Hendersonville.



In addition to participating in Mission Hospital's Paws with a Mission Therapy Dog Program with my Goldendoodle Misha, I have been practicing, writing, and presenting nationally on animal-assisted psychotherapy for over 20 years. I will bring my expertise and love for animals to my job as Camp Director. Coincidentally, I was a former camper and counselor at Green Cove, several years ago, and am delighted to be returning to such a beautiful spot.

The Camp Unleashed program originated in the Berkshires seven years ago, is in its third year in North Carolina, and has been featured on the Rachel Ray Show and in numerous dog publications.

Scholarship Competition

This year Camp Unleashed is offering a special scholarship in memory of my husband Bruce Schell, who passed away from cancer this past December. The scholarship competition is open to anyone who has experienced cancer or whose dog has experienced cancer; it is also open to caregivers. Entrants are asked to write a poem, story, or essay or to submit a piece of art or photograph that describes or illustrates how their relationship with their dog changed and/or helped during their journey together in cancer land.

For further information about the camp and about the scholarship, please visit the website campunleashed.com/Asheville.html.

Camp Unleashed Asheville



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At Camp Green Cove, Tuxedo, N.C. Sept. 20-23, 2012
www.CampUnleashed.net

Reserve now, space is limited,
518-781-0446

What do you do at dog camp?

Activities are centered around the human—dog bond and consist of everything from water sports like dock diving, swimming, kayaking, and canoeing, to agility training and hiking, to barks and crafts and dog photography. There will be lectures from veterinarians as well as special classes with dog behaviorist Kim Brophey of Asheville's Dog Door on the communication style of dogs and problem behaviors.

Campers and their dogs stay together in cabins, and dogs who are ready are allowed to be off-leash. Those who are not quite ready attend classes on reliable recall and get some off-leash play time as well. Each day starts with Yappy Hour, which consists of lots of play for the dogs and good coffee for the owners. Evening brings lower-key activities such as doggie massage, dog movies, or campfires.

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Montford Hot August Night 5K

Saturday, August 18, 7:00 p.m.

Who's This Race For?

Runners who want to enjoy a competitive run through Montford. The 5K course is a great way to see some of the beautiful homes and Bed & Breakfasts that the historic Montford neighborhood has to offer.

When Is the Race?

Saturday, August 18, at 7:00 p.m.

What's the Entry Fee?

<u>Adults</u>	<u>Youth 12 and Under</u>
\$20 (\$15 if registered by August 10)	\$15 (\$10 if registered by August 10)

How Do I Register?

Fill out the attached entry form and return it to the Montford Center with check or money order made payable to the City of Asheville. You can also register online at www.active.com. Race-day registration will be held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Only the first 150 registrants receive a t-shirt (size not guaranteed).

Who Gets the Prizes?

We will award prizes to the top three overall male/female runners and to the top female/male in the masters division. We also will have awards for the top runner in each age group: 10 and under, 11-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34,

35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, and 70 and over. Overall winners are ineligible for age group awards. T-shirts will be given to the first 150 participants and door prizes will be awarded after the race. T-shirt sizes not guaranteed.

Will There Be Food?

Refreshments will be available to all runners after the race.

Where Can I Park?

Parking is available in the lower lots behind Montford Center. **Do not park on Pearson Drive in front of the center.**

How Do I Get My Race Packet?

Packets are available for pickup on Friday, August 17, from 3-6:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 18, beginning at 5:30 p.m.



What's the Race Route?

The start and finish line is in front of the Montford Center at 34 Pearson Drive. Start at Chestnut traveling up Pearson by the center. Go left onto Courtland, cross over Montford, go down Bearden, make a right on Cumberland, take a left on Starnes, left on Flint, left on Magnolia, right on Cumberland, left on Soco, right on East Waneta, and then right on Montford. Take a left on Santee, left on Pearson and right on Birch. You will travel down Birch into Riverside Cemetery. Go straight traveling around the marked loop back to Birch. Take a right on Pearson, and the finish line will be near the Center.

Montford Hot August Night 5K Race Registration Form

Saturday, August 18, 7:00 P.M.

Complete this form and return to:

Hot August Night Race/Montford Community Center, 34 Pearson Drive, Asheville, NC 28801

For more information contact Kim Kennedy at 253-3714 or montfordr@ashevillenc.gov

Name _____	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Address _____	Entry:
City _____	By August 10
State _____ Zip _____	<input type="checkbox"/> @\$15 per Adult <input type="checkbox"/> @\$10 per youth 12 & under
Phone _____	After August 10
Email _____	<input type="checkbox"/> @\$20 per Adult <input type="checkbox"/> @\$15 per youth 12 & under
Birth Date _____	Adult T-shirt size (s):
Age as of 8/18/12 _____	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL
	(Only first 150 get shirts-size not guaranteed)

Waiver

In consideration of the acceptance of the entry, I for myself, my heirs, and assigns, hereby release the City of Asheville, sponsors, race workers, and officials of this race from any and all liability arising from illness and damages I may suffer as a result from participation in such event. I attest that I am physically fit and have sufficiently trained for this event and am aware that participation in any of these events could, in some circumstances, result in severe physical soreness or injury. I understand that the entry fee I pay is NON-REFUNDABLE. Should race officials feel that completion of the event would be injurious to my health, I consent to be removed from the course and treated

Signature _____ Date _____

(Parent or guardian must sign for those under 18 years of age.)

Asheville Redefines Transit?

Longer Waits and Walks on My Bus Routes

Parrish Rhodes

Back in the seventies I worked in the nuclear freeze movement and learned a very important lesson. Senators don't read their mail, their aides do, and aides sort the letters into for and against piles. Senator Ted Kennedy told me that one or two letters on a topic didn't get his attention, but let there be more than twenty, and he'd sit up straight. Senators need to get reelected. They need to get funds. It's much the same now with all public officials; they respond if they hear from many constituents.

When I contacted the North Carolina Department of Transportation after experiencing the new ART (Asheville Redefines Transit) bus routes, which began May 21, I was told they assumed the system was fine—they had only received two complaints.

My Difficult New Route to Earth Fare

Here's one example of my experience with the new routes. Before May 21, I boarded bus 11 in front of my house on Montford Avenue, got off at the bus terminal, boarded bus 15, and was at Earth Fare at Westgate in about 35 minutes total.

Since May 21, I board bus N, get off at the Chamber of Commerce, walk up to the corner of Montford and Haywood, wait for 35 minutes for bus W3, and am dropped off on I-240 at the entrance to Westgate, where I must walk a quarter mile to Earth Fare.

To return, I must carry my groceries back to the highway to take the same W3 bus going west to the end of the route, where it turns around and then returns to the bus terminal. But since the Montford bus N doesn't go to the bus terminal, I must now walk, still carrying the groceries, from the terminal to halfway down College Street and wait 35 minutes for bus N to take me home.

Are They Kidding Me?

Oh, yes, bus N only operates once an hour now instead of every half hour as before. And there is no longer any evening service after 7 p.m., so you can forget about taking the bus to shows at North Carolina Stage Company or the Civic Center.

Far from being environmentally sound, this new system will mean more cars on the road, inasmuch as we no longer can get where we want to go by public transit.

Speak Out!

I'm sure I'm not the only one reading this newsletter who rides the bus or knows someone who does. It's time we let ART know the new routes and schedules are not consistent with good service. Take a look at the new routes and schedules at www.ashevilenc.gov/Departments/Transit.aspx and give ART your comments about the new service to iride@ashevilenc.gov or 253-5691.

They can't change what they don't know about.



A Tribute to Eugene Wilson

Jane Hallstrom

Eugene Wilson, a longtime Montford resident, died Friday, June 29, at 4 p.m. in the John Keever Solace Center in Asheville. He had just been transferred to the facility that morning after his cousins spent the day and night with him on Thursday at his home.

Happy to be on Cumberland Place

Eugene lived in the little yellow house on Cumberland Place, the alley between Starnes Park and Short Street. His home and yard were always immaculate. Just this past spring he'd had a new coat of paint applied to the house, and the hedges and lawn were routinely groomed to perfection.

The hydrangea bush by his front steps is in full flower, only its second year of blooming in a long time. Eugene said it had not blossomed for years, but after his mother died last year in April at the age of 106, the bush bloomed, and again this year, he enjoyed the flowers.

A Life Well Lived

Eugene was in his eighties and lived a full life. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany during the Korean War and had good memories of exploring the beautiful countryside and shops while stationed there. He worked in New York City for about 40 years before returning to Asheville, where he finished out his life in his childhood home.

Many in our area will remember Eugene as the older man who walked with a cane every day or two up to the bus stop on Montford Avenue to pick up a few groceries at Ingles. Because his usual walk proved too painful on the Tuesday before his death, he got a ride to the hospital and began his very brief period of debilitation. On Wednesday he was taken to the VA hospital for a doctor's appointment where he enjoyed the live music and festive atmosphere in celebration of Independence Day.

Eugene liked to sit on his front porch, enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, and was a good conversationalist for those with time to stop for a chat. He was a good man, compassionate, kind, and patient—qualities his mother must have appreciated during the years she suffered from Alzheimer's and he was her caregiver. He was honest, clean, and reverent. He kept up with the news but didn't let it bother him too much.

We'd all do well to follow Eugene's example. We who knew him will miss him.

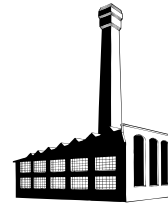


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Green Corner

Reed Creek Update: It's Alive!

Mitch Russell

Last issue, I wrote about the Reed Creek cleanup. After removing the trash, I was thinking that the creek was not in such great shape because I wasn't seeing much in the way of aquatic life, including macro-invertebrates like dragonfly larvae and crawfish. There were a number of fish near the bridges, but not the macros that indicate good water quality.

Flash forward to mid-June when my six-year-old son and I were splashing around in the creek by the condos on Catawba Street. He was being a little "monster" and kept pestering me to let him get into the water. I said go ahead, and just before he got in, what should appear before our eyes but a crawfish and a larval salamander! He and I were both elated that such harbingers of good water quality were present that day in the creek.

Please help do your part to keep the creek clean by making sure that all your garbage is bagged, especially packing peanuts; don't litter; put cigarette butts in the proper receptacles; pick up after your dog; follow instructions for fertilizer and pesticides/herbicides; and pick up trash if you see it in the street. The salamanders, crawfish, and other macroinvertebrates—along with my little monster—will all thank you.



Montford Community Center News

Kim Kennedy, Center Director

Come beat the heat at the **Annual Hot August Night 5K Race** on Saturday, August 18, at 7:00 p.m. Fees are \$20 for adults, \$15 for youth 12 and under. There is a \$5 discount if you register by August 10. The race course runs through the Montford neighborhood. See the registration form on page 6.

Not a runner but want to get involved? Come volunteer to work the race course or finish line. We need 20 volunteers to help this year!

The community center offers an **afterschool program** for children in grades K-5, Monday-Friday, and all-day care on most teacher workdays, holidays, and snow days. The program provides homework time and study help, afternoon snacks, games, crafts, field trips, and much more. Pickup is at 5:30 p.m., and the weekly fee is \$30 plus \$5 for all-day programs.

Montford Center offers **educational classes** as well as **art and PE for homeschooled youth and teens**. Preregistration is required. Classes begin at the end of August.

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



A Day with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Educational Bus Tour Set for Saturday, September 15, 7:30 a.m.

David Nutter

The Western North Carolina Historical Association will conduct an educational tour to Cherokee, North Carolina, to explore the history and the culture of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians (EBCI) on Saturday, September 15.

The Cherokee Experience tour is timed to coincide with the Annual Festival of the Southeast Tribes. We are going to have a series of outstanding speakers.

The tour will include a meeting with the principal chief of the EBCI, a visit to the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, a talk by a tribal member on the oral history of the people, a traditional Cherokee dinner (lunch), an overview of Cherokee culture, a talk on contemporary issues, a visit to the Oconaluftee Indian Village, and the Annual Southeast Tribes Festival.

The tour will depart the Smith-McDowell House at 7:30 a.m. and return to Asheville by approximately 7:00 p.m. We will travel to and from Cherokee on a modern motor coach.

Tickets are \$75 for WNCHA members and \$90 for nonmembers. For more information or to reserve a place on the trip, please call (828) 253-9231 or email smh@wnchistory.org.

Itinerary

9:00 a.m.—Meet Principal Chief Michel Hicks at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian

9:30 a.m.—Museum of the Cherokee Indian tour. Permanent exhibit: 11,000 Years of Cherokee History and Culture. Traveling exhibit: Emissaries of Peace, 1762—Cherokee and British Delegations.

11:00 a.m.—Talk on Cherokee oral history by Jerry Wolfe

12:00 noon—Traditional Cherokee Indian dinner

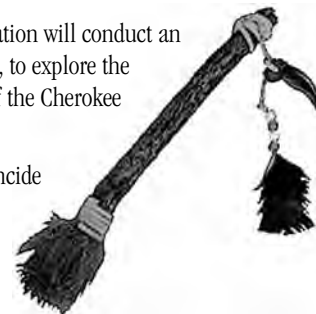
1:00 p.m.—Overview of Cherokee history and Culture by Barbara Duncan, Ph.D.

1:30 p.m.—Discussion of contemporary issues by Carmaleta Monteith, Ph.D.

2:30 p.m.—Oconaluftee Indian Village tour

4:00 p.m.—Southeast Tribes Festival or Qualla Arts and Crafts Coop, Medicine Man Shop

6:00 p.m.—Return to Asheville



Volunteer!

Contact Sharon Fahrer at 777-1014
to help with events throughout the year.

Montford Neighborhood Association News

Brian Elston, Secretary

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President David Patterson on June 19, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Montford Community Center on Pearson Drive.

Safety and Security

Community Resource Officer Jeremy Woody reported that there have been three incidents in Montford over the past month. First, an individual was traveling down Montford Avenue without any clothes or ID around 3:00 a.m. on June 18. He was arrested and charged with being intoxicated and disruptive.

Second, a citizen reported to police that an individual was seen looking into vehicles and attempting to break in. The person was arrested and charged with tampering with a motor vehicle. CRO Woody stated that there has been a recent uptick in Asheville regarding vehicle break-ins and reminded everyone to secure vehicles.

Third, two persons were engaged in an argument when an individual went outside and discharged a firearm. The police responded and arrived at the house on Pearson Drive. After the police obtained consent, they searched the house. Ultimately, the individual was charged with possession of crack/cocaine and possession of a firearm by a felon.

MNA Financials

Treasurer Susan Eggerton reported that the budget is in sound shape. The final figures for the Montford Music and Arts Festival revealed that the festival came out in the black.

Reed Creek Greenway Fundraising

The Montford neighborhood has met its initial fundraising goal of \$6,000 for extending the greenway to W.T. Weaver Boulevard. The MNA will match these donations. Times and locations were discussed for delivering the proceeds to RiverLink so that Montford's contribution gets the most publicity in order to inspire other groups. As Ron Phillips article on the front page explains, a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly constructed sections of the greenway has been scheduled for the Saturday after Labor Day.

Montford Commons

The Montford Commons development has been sold in a foreclosure proceeding to TD Bank.

Montford/Soco/Cullowhee Intersection

The city is currently repaving Montford Avenue. It is unclear whether the corner store at the intersection will continue its appeal to the Board of Adjustments.


Notice of Asheville Affiliates Event

On June 21, 2012, at Celine and Company's on Broadway, the Asheville Affiliates in connection with Asheville Design Center are hosting a fundraising event for Klondyke Homes. The proceeds for the event will help build a playground for the apartments.

Basilica of St. Lawrence Property

There was a discussion about the plans for the property across from the Basilica of St. Lawrence. Vice President Michael McDonough is volunteering to write a letter to the City of Asheville on behalf of MNA. The letter is going to advocate that the City of Asheville consider a number of factors prior to selling the property.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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June 13, 2012, Meeting—Action Agenda for Montford

Asheville City Building, First Floor North Conference Room, 4:00 p.m.
 Contact Stacy Merten: 259-5836 www.ashevillenc.gov/business/development_services/planning_zoning/historic_dist/

Members present: Aaron Wilson, Ashley Black, Joseph Carney, Nan Chase, Brian Cook, David Nutter, Tracey Rizzo, Brendan Ross, Capi Wampler

Staff present: Stacy Merten, Peggy Gardner, Jannice Ashley

Item and Summary	Action
275 Montford Avenue—basement renovation, retaining wall	Approved
84 West Chestnut Street—front porch renovation, new rear gabled porch, garage conversion, crawlspace door extension	Approved with conditions (rear porch and roof continued to July 11 meeting)

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

July 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

184 West Chestnut Street—reconfigure rear porch and accessory structure

New Business: Public Hearings—Certificates of Appropriateness

36 Montford Avenue—additional and modified signage
 211 Montford Avenue—repair front porch and steps, add missing column



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August 8, 2012, Meeting—Tentative Agenda for Montford

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

New Business: Public Hearings—Certificates of Appropriateness

177 Cumberland Avenue—install custom garage doors
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Montford Park Players

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all records for the previous 40 years of productions, drawing a crowd of 580 on closing night and a total of 2,945 people over the entire run.

Now through August 18, the players are performing *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, and the Hazel Robinson Amphitheatre behind the Montford Community Center has been turned into a circus. The production features stilt-walkers, fire-eaters, butoh narrators, acrobats, and clowns to add to the farcical nature of the festive play and mimic the colorful characters that keep Asheville weird.

And now, for the very first time . . .

The Players will close out their season in September with a play they have never performed before in their 40-year history. They will present the tragedy of *Richard II* in grand form as a steampunk opera. The Players' production combines the political upheaval of King Richard's reign and the social upheaval of the industrial revolution to create a world of grotesque beauty that gives resonance to Shakespeare's words. Civilization turns on its head as Richard's flowery ancestral court falls and a new group of young technologists rise to power.

Help Keep Shakespeare Free

While the Players produce an occasional ticketed fundraiser, most of their productions are still free. Their support still comes from audience donations, playbill advertisements, and contributions of funds, services, and materials from local businesses and patrons. If you would like to make a contribution, The Montford Park Players are a nonprofit organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and all contributions are tax-deductible.

The Montford Park Players perform Shakespeare all summer long every Friday through Sunday, June through September, at the Hazel Robinson Amphitheatre in Asheville. More information can be found by calling (828) 254-5146 or online at www.montfordparkplayers.org.



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Richard II

Greenway Ribbon Cutting

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The greenway is a popular path this summer. With so many neighbors using the greenway for walking, baby strolling, running, and biking, it's the place to be. Imagine being able to continue traveling north past Catawba Street through UNC Asheville's 525 Broadway site to Weaver Boulevard, where you'll be able to cross over and take Glenn's Creek Greenway to Merrimon Avenue and beyond.

I look forward to seeing you on September 8 at 11:00 a.m. Please watch the Montford list serve for further announcements. If you're not on the list serve, go to montford.org and click on *Join the Montford Listserve* under Montford Connections.

Shakespearean Circus Keeps Asheville Weird

John Russell, Managing Director, Montford Park Players

As part of their year-long celebration of 40 years in Asheville, the Montford Park Players have decided to incorporate a bit of their hometown into their latest production. *The Merry Wives of Windsor* will be performed under the proverbial big top as the players turn the Hazel Robinson Amphitheatre into a comedic circus. Fire-eaters, acrobats, clowns, and a stilt-walking butoh narrator join the merry wives and oafish knight Falstaff onstage, blending Shakespeare's farce with some of Asheville's most fantastic freaks.



Both Elizabethan and Ashevilleian

Falstaff's attempts to woo three different women at the same time result in some hilarious comeuppances. His clownishness fits well with the vision of local choreographer/director Kristi Deville, who imagines the action as a rollicking ride that blends Elizabethan themes with Ashevilleian oddness.

As always, the Montford Park Players' summer performances are free. The circus promises to be fun for the entire family and more-than-suitable entertainment for a picnic night in the park. Come support your local nonprofit theatre, and help keep Asheville weird.

The Merry Wives of Windsor runs Friday through Sunday, July 27 – August 18, at the Hazel Robinson Amphitheatre in Asheville. More information can be found by calling 254-5146 or online at www.montfordparkplayers.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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Black Bear

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Getting a Clear Photo

Without hesitation I ran to grab my camera. When I returned within seconds, however, the bear was nowhere to be found. I ran to a side window to see where the bear had gone, and there he was right below the window, three feet under my nose. He was on the move at this point, so I had no time to take a photo.

I watched in amazement as the black bear actually reached up with his giant right paw and opened the gate leading to my front yard. I jumped over the couch to a front window and snapped a quick shot while the bear was standing on his hind legs. Unfortunately, my camera focused on the window screen, and the photo was blurry.

The bear then broke into a rapid trot and ran into the intersection of West Chestnut Street, Pearson Drive, and Gay Street, crossing directly in front of a mom in her minivan. It was as if the bear was late for an afternoon rehearsal of the Montford Park Players, because he jogged quickly up the Gay Street hill heading toward Hazel Robinson Amphitheatre. I ran out onto the porch, made one final attempt at taking a photo of this beautiful creature, and snapped the shot on the front page.

Bearly a Theatre Fan?

After talking to some neighbors over the next few days, I could find no one else who had seen the bear. It seemed that no one had noticed or been affected by the black bear who had decided to take an afternoon stroll through Asheville's most historic district. But the proof has been documented with this photo taken by the camera that my wife Katie believes to be the world's worst. Goes to show her!

So to end this story, I'll just say that yes, folks, there was a black bear in Montford on July 9. Maybe all he wanted to do was spend the afternoon in the park with Shakespeare. We'll probably never know for sure.


Lenoir-Rhyne University

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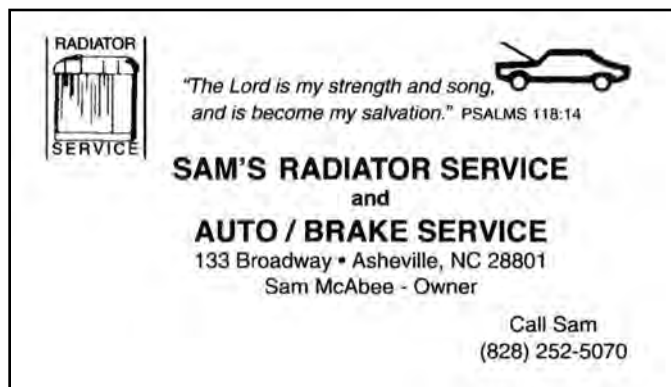
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