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Montford and RiverLink Announce Greenway Fundraising Challenge

Your Contribution Will Help Extend the Greenway

Ron Phillips, Montford Neighborhood Association Board Member

The Montford Neighborhood Association announces a "Greenway Challenge" in conjunction with RiverLink to jumpstart the process of completing the unfinished portion of the Reed Creek Greenway through the former Momentum property along Broadway.

MNA Commits \$6,000 in Matching Funds

The MNA is challenging Montford residents and businesses, as well as the entire Asheville community, to make a contribution to this most worthy cause. For its part, the MNA will provide up to \$6,000 in matching contributions for donations made by individuals and businesses.

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Sneak Preview of the 2012 Music and Arts Festival

Sharon Fahrer, Festival Co-Director

Plans for the 9th Annual Montford Music and Arts Festival are rolling right along. Here's a first look at what's going to happen on Saturday, May 19. Plans seem to be running in twos: two music stages, two new features, and two streets lined with vendors booths.

Two Stages of Music

We'll have some great bands on the Montford Stage, including **David Holt and the Lightning Bolts with Reggie Harris** **WestSound** **Buncombe Turnpike** and more.

On the Soco Stage, get ready for **Pick Your Switch** **The Judas Horse** **BitterSweet**

and more.

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Tom Godleski of Buncombe Turnpike

UNCA Asheville Invites Montford to a Community Work Day at 525 Broadway

Plant and Mulch with Us on Saturday, March 31

Merianne Miller, Director, UNC Asheville News Services

Ready to start spring gardening? Then please join us as we stabilize and beautify 525 Broadway, the 8.9-acre tract formerly owned by The Health Adventure and located at the intersection of Broadway and Catawba Streets.

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CALENDAR

Montford Neighborhood Association Meetings:

- Third Tuesday of Every Month, Montford Community Center, Pearson Drive
- Next meeting: Tuesday, March 20, 2012, 7:00 p.m. featuring further discussion of 525 Broadway and the Reed Creek Greenway.

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

Community Work Day at 525 Broadway:

- Plant and mulch with UNCA students, faculty, and staff to stabilize and beautify the site. Saturday, March 31, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., bring gloves and tools. Contact Scott Arico, UNCA SGA, smarico@unca.edu.

Reading and Workshop on Old-House Restoration:

- Author Ron Tanner at Malaprop's, Monday, March 5, 7:00 p.m.

Bike of the Irish on St. Patrick's Day:

- Sponsored by Asheville on Bikes, Saturday, March 17. Start at City Hall at 1:00 p.m., tour greenways, finish at Wedge Brewing at 3:00 p.m.

Montford Easter Egg Hunt:

- Cosponsored by MNA and Montford Community Center, Saturday, April 7, 11:00 a.m., Montford Park.

Montford Park Players:

- 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.

For more information contact John Russell at 254-5146 or john.russell@montfordparkplayers.org.

Ninth Annual Montford Music and Arts Festival:

- Saturday, May 19, Montford Avenue and Soco Street, family-friendly fun all day.

Montford Community Center Activities:

- Youth hula hoop class sponsored by LEAF, Mondays, 4:30-5:30, free.
- Comedy improv class for adults and youth 6 and over, second and fourth Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., \$1 per class.
- 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.
- Adult basketball, Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m., free.
- Open climbing wall, Tuesdays in February, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., \$2
- Snow Day Program for youth grades K-8, 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m., \$5. Fill out application in advance at the center.
- 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.

Contact Kim Kennedy at 253-3714 or montfordr@ashevilenc.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.

Interfaith Teen Alliance to Work in Montford Community Garden

Mira McMahon, Asheville High School

The Montford Community Garden on the corner of Montford Avenue and East Wanaeta Street will soon receive help from the Interfaith Teen Alliance.

The group of teens from different faiths will be working side by side with one another and several experienced gardeners to revive the garden. The vegetables or flowers grown in the garden will be donated to those who need healthy foods or bright flowers in their lives.



She'll have more help soon.

Thanks to a donation of seeds from Sow True Seeds and the great space of the Montford Community Garden, the Interfaith Teen Alliance will be moving forward with their plans in the coming spring.

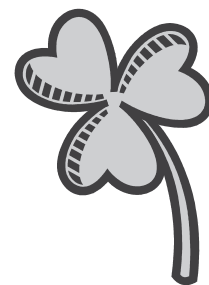
If you have any questions or comments about the garden or the Interfaith Teen Alliance, contact Mira McMahon at mira.mcmahon@gmail.com.

Tour Greenways with Bike of the Irish Ride on St. Patrick's Day, March 17

Get in touch with Asheville on Bikes (AoB) if you're looking for something different to do on St. Patrick's Day this year. According to AoB, "Bike of the Irish takes on a different route and form each year. Wearing Green, highlighting connectivity, and local pub stops are constants."

This year's ride begins in front of City Hall at 1:00 p.m. and highlights Asheville's current and future greenways. Fittingly, the ride culminates at 3:00 p.m. at the Wedge.

For more information, check out the AoB website at ashevilleonbikes.com/ride-your-bike-of-the-irish.



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.





It's Happening Y'all Festival Fundraising Is in High Gear

Daphne Young

February was a busy month for Dave Baker and me. We've been out there boasting about our neighborhood, our festival, and what they mean to us and to Western North Carolina.

Let me introduce you to nine donors/sponsors who committed to the Ninth Annual Montford Music and Arts Festival in February. They join the prestigious list of sponsors who came on board in January.

We welcome our **new** sponsors, A Bed of Roses B & B and Bionic Man Painting, and our **new** neighbor, Lenoir-Rhyne University Center for Graduate Studies of Asheville. Recognition also goes to donor/sponsors who said, "Yes we will support you again!" Much appreciation to all of you.

Individual Donor

Parrish Rhodes—Thank you Ms. Rhodes for being the first individual in the neighborhood to accept the **Montford Challenge**. Please don't let her stand alone.

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Lenoir—Rhyne University Center for Graduate Studies of Asheville—36 Montford Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801, (855) 232-4723, Asheville.lr.edu

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LaZoom Tour Company—90 Biltmore Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801, 225-6932, www.lazoomtours.com

Nine Mile Restaurant—233 Montford Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801, 505-3121, www.ninemileasheville.com

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The New Classical Academy—38 Stoney Knob Road, Weaverville, NC 28787, (828) 658-8317, www.thenewclassicalacademy.org

Please Join Us

Remember, it is not too late to donate or become a sponsor, and no donation is too small. If you have questions, feel free to contact me at 254-0690. Visit our website www.montfordfestival.org for additional information.

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

To Grandmother's House We Go

Mini-Tour Highlights New Construction and Historic Renovation

Alida Woods

On a gray February day, a parade of people, mostly Montford neighbors and friends, made their way down Pearson Drive to visit the brand-new house at 270 and the newly renovated historic home at 301. The open houses were sponsored by Trio, a construction, renovation, and interior design company based in Montford.



Modern Tudor

The newest house on the block was contracted by David Danley and me for David's mother Kim, who will take up residence there as soon as the finishing touches are complete. The design by Montford architect Diana Bellgowan features a cathedral ceiling traversed by wooden beams, with kitchen-living areas that are open and easily accessed. A full bath and bedroom downstairs make living on one floor possible.

An upstairs studio features a lovely view of the cove and a full bath. This space will serve as an art studio for Kim and may double later as a room for a caretaker, should one be needed. A large screened-in porch overlooks the cove. The project has been a joint venture. Thank you to Dwellings for furnishing the house for the day and to Kevin Palme and Stephen Lange for the loan of their spectacular art.

A great grandmother, Kim moved from Oregon to Fletcher 10 years ago to be near her son. At 80, she and David felt even that small distance was becoming a burden. David and I approached Mark Marshall about building a small cottage on the lot adjacent to our home at 282 Pearson Drive. Designing a home for an 80-year-old posed an exciting challenge for Mark. But around the dining room table for almost three months, David, Kim, and Mark plotted the course. Construction began on August 14, and we are now days away from moving her into her new home in Montford.

Renovated Victorian

Across the street, guests were treated to music from the Firecracker Jazz Band and by home-owner Louly Peacock herself on her new baby grand piano. The occasion highlighted the work by Cate Scales and Gini Crowder-Marshall, who have made amazing renovations in one of the finest historic homes in Montford. Designed by architect William Henry Lord and built c. 1900, the home until recently served as rental apartments and a halfway house for AIDS patients. Wandering through the house, which was featured recently as a home of the week in the *Citizen-Times*, guests could see the careful attention to decorative detail. Beautiful period chandeliers hang in the hall and dining room, lovely drapery frames the many windows, and the master bath is a thing to behold.



It was a lively bunch who sipped wine and snacked on goodies and heard the tale of bringing this lovely older home to its former grandeur. The house is lovely but highly livable. Louly lives there with her two children and their double-toed cat! The kitchen and dining areas feel casual and expansive. An art historian, Louly has carefully selected art for her home including painting by Montford's own Kevin Hogan, who lives nearby.

Thank you to Trio for a lovely afternoon and top-notch construction and design.

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Lost Homes of Montford

Harmon Miller House, 171 Montford Avenue

Zoe Rhine and Ann Wright, North Carolina Room, Pack Memorial Library

Harmon A. Miller came to Asheville from his native Kentucky in 1890, hoping to improve his health. One year later, with his health much improved, he founded the Carolina Coal and Ice Company. In 1896 he had Richard Sharp Smith design this house for him. Mr. Miller died in 1931.

The house was purchased in 1947 by Edith Enwright, widow of John "Jack" H. Enwright who had been manager of the Vanderbilt Hotel and then manager of the Langren Hotel at the time of his death. Edith apparently carried out her husband's occupation, and 171 Montford was known for most of the next decade as Enwright's Hotel Club.

The address disappears from the Asheville City directories in 1960. We assume that the house burned. A historically appropriate home designed and built by architect Michael McDonough in 2006 now stands in its place.



North Carolina Collection. Pack Memorial Library, Asheville, North Carolina. Photograph dated March 1941.

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!

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Lauren Keller, Media Liaison, WordRocketMedia.com



Victorian house lovers, DIY-ers, rehabbers, purist preservationists, and romantics of all genres will want to attend the special reading downtown at Malaprop's on Monday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m.

At this event, cohosted by the Montford Neighborhood Association, Ron Tanner will read from *From Animal House to Our House: A Love Story*, his just-published book about his and his wife's adventures restoring a ruined Victorian landmark—and former frat house—in Baltimore, Maryland.

After the reading, Ron will conduct a workshop especially for residents of Montford and other historic neighborhoods in Asheville. If you plan to stay for the workshop, please contact me at lauren@wordrocketmedia.com so Malaprop's can prepare.

Learning the Hard Way

Ten years ago, Ron and his then-girlfriend, Jill, bought a condemned property, former home to Baltimore's most notorious fraternity, completely wrecked, abandoned, and filled with garbage. As if that weren't daunting enough, Ron and Jill had been dating for only six months, and they knew nothing about fixing up old houses. This book is the hilarious, and possibly inspirational, story of their restoration adventures. For a preview, check out the book trailer at www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rx2nt7SRg58.

Ron Tanner's awards for writing include a Faulkner Society gold medal, a Pushcart Prize, a New Letters Award, a Best of the Web Award, and many others. His work has been named "notable" in both Best American Essays and Best American Short Stories, and he has won fellowships from the Copernicus Society, Sewanee Writers Conference, and the National Park Service, to name a few. His short story collection, *A Bed of Nails*, won both the G.S. Sharat Chandra Award and the Towson Prize for Literature. He teaches writing at Loyola University in Baltimore and directs the Marshall Islands Story Project (www.mistories.org).

Advice and Tips

Ron is also a licensed house inspector. At his reading he will be prepared to offer advice and tips, especially for couples who are in the middle of DIY projects in their houses, wrecked or otherwise. Sound like anybody you know?

Ron and Jill also run a website, houselove.org, which offers tours of their house as well as advice and video how-to's to other makeover enthusiasts. Their story first appeared in *This Old Magazine* in 2008. Ron's national book tour is sponsored by his publisher, Academy Chicago Publishers, and he is particularly excited to return to North Carolina, where he grew up in Winston-Salem.



Asheville Catholic School

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Montford Commons Property on Market

Affordable Housing Project Foreclosed

Mark Barrett

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Property once planned for a residential development near downtown to be called Montford Commons is in foreclosure and is scheduled to be auctioned off in March.

Completion of the auction, scheduled to begin March 20 on the Buncombe County Courthouse steps, would almost certainly end the project. It also would put roughly 17 acres or more near Interstate 240 back on the market.

Local company Frontier Syndicate LLC got City Council approval in 2007 to build 220 housing units, most of them apartments. Some commercial space was also possible.

The land generally between the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce and Dickson Elementary School and to the north of Hill Street is mostly vacant now.

Frontier Syndicate later decided to build 251 apartments affordable to middle-class workers and sought government help to make the project happen. But a request that the federal government guarantee a loan was never granted, investor George Gabler said Wednesday. Gabler referred most questions to another investor in the project who declined comment Wednesday. Gabler said the foreclosure action "speaks for itself."

A court official ruled earlier this month that an auction should be set following a foreclosure filing by creditor TD Bank. As of late December, Frontier Syndicate owed \$5.6 million on a \$6.65 million loan made on the property in 2007, according to court papers. Frontier Syndicate acquired the property, which includes more than 50 parcels, in the middle of last decade. Some had held homes decades ago that had since been cleared.

Developers drew up their plans in consultation with Montford residents and neighbors' reaction to original plans was mostly positive.

Changes in plans reduced support somewhat, said David Patterson, president of the Montford Neighborhood Association. But he said he was still disappointed to hear about the foreclosure proceedings. "This is not good news, because you don't know who's going to end up with" the property, he said.

Banks owed money typically win foreclosure auctions then seek to resell the property.

Patterson said he does not expect that someone else will swoop in and start building. "I have a feeling, given the current economy, that it may just sit as it is for a while," he said.



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Green Corner

Planning a No-Plastic Earth Day

Mitch Russell

Thought that since Earth Day is next month on April 22, I would get you thinking about simple acts that are good for the environment. Earth Day can be a day for dedicating ourselves to doing something for our planet. Some of us do this year-round, many seasonally, and others on Earth Day or another symbolic day.



As you may have guessed, I try to be a year-rounder, but I still like to do something extra for Earth Day.

This year I'm vowing not to buy anything prepackaged in plastic or bagged in plastic grocery bags. The reason is that I don't want oil and natural gas to be such an intimate part of my life. Say what? Well, according to the American Chemistry Council, oil and natural gas are the major raw materials used to manufacture plastics.

Refusing plastic grocery bags will be easy since I usually take my own reusable bags with me to the store or ask for no bag if just buying an item or two. I also stash a few paper bags in my car as backups if I forget my reusables.

More difficult this time of year will be finding fresh veggies not packaged in plastic, but hopefully by Earth Day our amazing tailgate markets will be open, and I can achieve my goal of a no-plastic Earth Day.

Wish me luck, and Happy Spring!

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Montford Community Center News

Kim Kennedy, Director

This spring **LEAF** is sponsoring a **Youth Hula Hoop Class** on Mondays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Come and learn tricks and other fun things to do with our hoops and perform at the LEAF festival in May. New students are welcome any time.




Visit Montford Park on Saturday, April 7, at 11:00 a.m. for the **annual Easter Egg Hunt**. Tattoos, goodie bags, and, of course, a visit with the Easter Bunny are all part of the fun. This event is sponsored by the Montford Neighborhood Association and Montford Community Center. Don't forget your basket!

The spring **Community Yard Sale** will be held Saturday, April 14, from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 pm. Get rid of your gently used items for just \$5 per table, or come by the center and do some shopping. Tables go fast, so don't wait to reserve your spot. The Montford afterschool youth group will also hold a bake sale that day to raise money for the end of season event.

Our new **Comedy Improv Class** has been a huge success. Come join us on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for \$1. Adults participate in hilarious group activities in a supportive and positive environment that sends everyone home feeling renewed, refreshed, and high on life.


There are many other ongoing programs at the Montford Community Center including homeschool events, spiral scouts, afterschool, martial arts, yoga, basketball, table tennis, juggling, and badminton.

For a schedule and other information on the center, contact me at 253-3714 or montfordr@ashevillenc.gov.



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Montford Neighborhood Association News

Bill Wheeler, Secretary

The regular monthly meeting was called to order on February 21, 2012, at 7:03 p.m. in the Montford Community Center on Pearson Drive by President David Patterson. Other board members present: Bill Wheeler, secretary, and at-large members Joe Newman, Pam Jo Brown, Sharon Fahrer, Ron Phillips, and Michael McDonough. Also present were approximately 20 other neighbors and community members.

Safety and Security

CRO Jeremy Woody was unavailable for the meeting.

MNA Financials

Treasurer Wanda Newman was out with illness but submitted a written summary of finances for the past month.

Community Garden

Mira McMahon, a Montford resident and Asheville High School student, discussed plans that an interfaith youth group has made for gardening as a service project in the Montford community plot located at Montford Avenue and East Waneta Street. The group has already received seeds from a seed company and will soon be starting a plan for the beds. The goal is to raise vegetables for donation to needy people and flowers for shut-ins and nursing home residents. Ms. McMahon also said that volunteers are welcome to join the effort. See her story on page 2 of this newsletter.

Lenoir-Rhyne University Graduate Center—Asheville Chamber of Commerce Building

Paul Knott, director of Lenoir-Rhyne University Center for Graduate Studies of Asheville, discussed the new center's educational programs, the university's history, and their interest in being a good Montford neighbor. The center will occupy part of the second floor and entire third floor of the Chamber of Commerce building. Dr. Knott mentioned that the center expects no more than 75 students on campus at any one time. The center will be working on an open house so the Montford neighborhood can come and learn more about the programs.

525 Broadway

President David Patterson welcomed back John Pierce, UNCA Vice Chancellor for Finance and Campus Operations and Treasurer of the UNCA Foundation, who gave an update on the property.

The sale of the property was finalized on February 10, and the UNCA Foundation is now the owner of the land.

A variety of improvements will soon be underway. The site will be bush-hogged to remove all invasive plants and scrub. In the near future, the foundation will replace the current fence with a more stable permanent fence, set back further from the street than the current fence, and open up for public use the access road from Cumberland Avenue to Zillicoa Street which was fenced off during The Health Adventure's ownership. The site walls and drainage systems will be reviewed and steps taken to improve them as necessary.

The foundation wants to move forward with any necessary action to allow the City of Asheville, with support from RiverLink and the Montford Neighborhood Association, to finish the stretch of Reed Creek Greenway through the property as soon as possible.

Finally, as Merianne Miller's story on the front page of this newsletter explains, the foundation is inviting neighbors to join UNCA students, faculty, and staff in a cleanup day on the site, scheduled for Saturday, March 31, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Neighbors are asked to bring their own gloves and tools, and the foundation will supply planting material and T-shirts.

Announcements

Board member Ron Phillips reported that the MNA has agreed to donate up to \$6,000 to RiverLink to assist the city with construction of the greenway through 525 Broadway, based on the amount of money contributed by other parties. Ron gives the details in his front-page story.

Board member Sharon Fahrer reported that the Montford Music and Arts Festival is receiving donations, scheduling musical acts, and taking reservations for booths. All indications are that this year's festival will be a success with 90 booths and 2 stages for entertainment. See the festival news on pages 1 and 3.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m..



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UNCA Asheville Invites Montford

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Join Students, Faculty, and Staff

Over the next few weeks, prior to the growing season, UNC Asheville will be on site to remove invasive plants and undergrowth and to improve the property fencing. This work is in preparation for a Community Work Day from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 31, in conjunction with UNC Asheville's annual Greenfest activities. The university hopes to have a good turnout of neighbors joining UNC Asheville students, faculty, and staff for mulching and planting activities. Please bring your own gloves and tools.

Let's Roll Up our Sleeves Together

UNC Asheville representatives will attend upcoming Montford Neighborhood meetings to provide more details about the Community Work Day and about the ongoing efforts with the City of Asheville and RiverLink on the greenway.

UNC Asheville would greatly appreciate your help and input as we move ahead on this project.

If you're willing to join in on Saturday, March 31, please help us plan and prepare by sending an email to Scott Arico in our Student Government Association: smarico@unca.edu. Thank you!

Fear and Loathing on the Wiffle Ball Field

Homer S. Thompson

A lackluster performance on opening day of the Panola Street Wiffle Ball World Championship didn't hold back Mike Hunter from reigning in his third consecutive title. Instead, all the slow start did was give his fellow competitors a false sense of hope. That hope will have to wait another year.

While Hunter began the tournament on his heels, onlookers offered up possible reasons: Was it the new and possibly illegal bat he was using? Was it the recent firing of his personal trainer? Was it a lack of focus after a summer of discontent with his contract? Whatever the case, the two-time defending champ limped out of the opening rounds and advanced to the semifinals on day two, a bit bruised but still in the hunt.

Hot Action in the Semifinals

Also advancing to the semis were Mike "Gator" McDonough, Joe "Mookie Wilson" Donovan, and future Hall of Famer and inaugural Panola Street Wiffle Ball World Champion Bobby Bradley.

Donovan went down in flames against McDonough in the first semifinal. One spectator put it best during the game as he yelled to an unsuspecting Donovan, "Get the bat off your shoulder, you bum!" Needless to say, McDonough fanned Donovan on multiple occasions with a steady diet of nasty screwballs and thereby secured his spot in the finals.

Hunter would not have it so easy. He had to battle back from an early deficit against future first-ballot Hall of Famer Bradley. And while Bradley's pitches were hitting their mark even late into the game, Hunter came roaring back and swatted hit after hit

during a barrage that regained him the lead for good. It would be his record setting sixth consecutive year in the finals.

Championship Game: Hunter Slugfest

For all intents and purposes, that semifinal game would be Hunter's biggest test. The usually consistent and concise pitching of "Gator" McDonough came up short (and wild) in the championship game. Whether it was the residual effect of a late night at Moogfest the night before, we will never know, as McDonough failed to show up for the postgame press conference and has since not spoken to the media at all.

Hunter racked up a record setting performance in the finals. Had there been a towel, I'm sure McDonough would have thrown it in. But he didn't. Instead, what had promised to be an edge-of-your-seat finish to the season ended as a mere cakewalk for the veteran Hunter, who set finals records for runs, hits, walks, homeruns, and grand slams.

And somewhere beneath Panola Street Wiffle Ball Stadium, down in the tunnel leading to the locker rooms, a faint whisper can still be heard, muttering, "Were the Flaming Lips really worth it?"

Post-Championship: Hunter in the Spotlight, McDonough in Hiding

While McDonough has remained silent and has not been seen in public since the finals, Mike Hunter has been relishing the spotlight reserved for superstar athletes. He was a last-minute substitute for Santa at the city holiday parade in November, played a hot set with Warren Haynes, Phil Lesh, and Bela Fleck at the Christmas Jam in December,



signed on to give a series of talks at the Center for Creative Retirement at UNCA, and continues to meet with city council representatives in secret, behind-locked-doors meetings about luring major craft breweries to the area.

Who knows, Panola Street Wiffle Ball Stadium could soon be called Sierra Nevada Wiffle Field or maybe even New Belgium Wiffle Arena. Let's just hope they'll still be able to serve PBR during the games.

Ready for Spring Training?

Obviously looking forward to the upcoming season, Hunter has issued a succinct press release: "Pitchers and catchers should report to spring training ASAP." Those ready to work out can visit Panola Street Wiffle Ball Association on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/Panola-Street-Wiffle-Ball-Association/341389799239256 and then contact Mike at mhunter93@bellsouth.net.

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Greenway Fundraising

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The \$6,000 represents approximately 10% of the total cost to build the trail along the creek. More improvements will be needed once the trail is complete.

“This is a tremendous opportunity to turn what was a very bad scenario for the community into a very positive one. Working in conjunction with UNCA, the Montford community, RiverLink, and the City of Asheville, the MNA pledges support for completion of the final section of this vital link,” said MNA President David Patterson

The portion of the greenway between Catawba Street and W.T. Weaver Boulevard represents a key “missing link” in the greenway.

Every \$50 Buys a Linear Foot of Greenway

The project is funded through donations of \$50 per linear foot. Accordingly, MNA would like to recommend contributions in \$50 increments, but of course any contribution is welcome. Donations are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by the tax code. One-hundred percent of the funds donated will go to construction of the trail.

Karen Cragolin, Executive Director of RiverLink, has announced that donors will be awarded a “Deed of Support” for every \$50 contribution.

It’s Easy to Donate

To make a donation, simply go to the Montford website at www.montford.org and click on the Greenway Contribution button.

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| *¼ cup packed brown sugar | *1 medium shallot, minced |
| *1 teaspoon canola oil | *1 cup extra virgin olive oil |
| *¼ teaspoon salt | *½ cup raspberry vinegar |
| *1 pinch cayenne pepper | *¼ cup chopped fresh parsley |
| | *1 tablespoon Dijon mustard |
| | *4 teaspoons sugar |
| | *2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce |
| | *¼ teaspoon coarse ground black pepper |
| Spinach & Apple Salad | |
| *1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice | |
| *1 large Pink Lady apple | |
| *1 bag (5 ounces) baby spinach leaves | |
| *12 grape tomatoes, each cut in half | |
| *3 ounces crumbled Gorgonzola cheese | |

DIRECTIONS:

- STEP 1: Prepare Candied Pecans: In large nonstick skillet, combine all ingredients and cook over medium-high heat 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Transfer pecan mixture to rimmed baking pan to cool completely.
- STEP 2: Meanwhile, prepare Raspberry Vinaigrette: In medium bowl, whisk together all ingredients. Refrigerate until ready to serve.
- STEP 3: Prepare Spinach & Apple Salad: Place lemon juice in large bowl. Core and cut apples into ¼-inch-thick slices and add to lemon juice; toss to prevent browning. Add spinach, tomatoes, cheese and ½ cup dressing; toss to combine. Serve salad topped with candied pecans.

Music and Arts Festival

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Two New Features

For the first time, we'll publish a full-color souvenir program with performance schedules, band profiles, and advertising. There are still opportunities to place an ad by contacting Jerry Conner at cbearguy@yahoo.com.

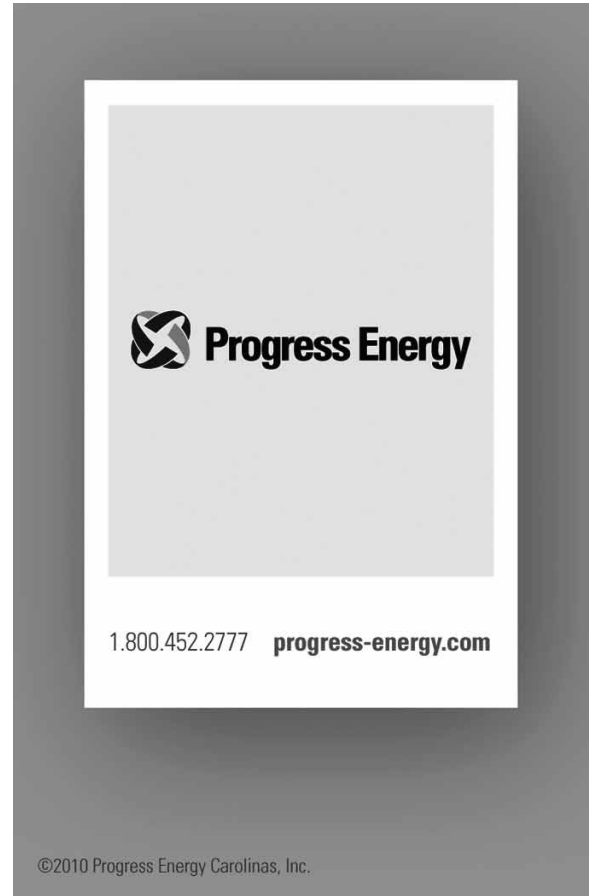
Also new this year will be a children's play area with inflatables.

Two Streets of Booths

Montford Avenue and Soco Street will be lined with more than 90 booths featuring arts, crafts, plants, public service groups, and more. Come hungry because there will be a great variety of food and drink vendors including some of your favorite food trucks.

The festival has a growing list of sponsors, and there are still donor/sponsorship opportunities. Please read Daphne Young's story on page 3 and contact her at 254-0690 or mgm1023@charter.net.


Visit our website www.montfordfestival.org for up-to-the-minute information. May 19 will be here before you know it!



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Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

February 8, 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: Hillary Cole, Aaron Wilson, Ashley Black, Nan Chase, Brian Cook, J. Ray Elingburg, David Nutter, Brendan Ross, Capi Wampler
 Staff present: Stacy Merten, Peggy Gardner, Jannice Ashley

Item and Summary	Action
36 Bearden Avenue—small addition rebuild	Approved
15 Birch Street—new construction, single-family residence.....	Approved with conditions
36 Montford Avenue—sign, after the fact.....	Approved
139 Montford Avenue—window replacement, non-original	Approved with conditions

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March 14, 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

Cullowhee/Soco/Montford—pedestrian improvements
 42 Pearson Drive—rear addition, after the fact
 155 Flint Street—construct new two-story, single-family residence

Other Business

Committee reports
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