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Thanks to Montford for Stepping Up to Help the Greenway

Chris Pelly, Asheville City Council Member and Liaison to the Asheville Greenway Commission

The Montford neighborhood, Asheville's oldest subdivision, has once again demonstrated the power of a united community. Seeing a need and rising to the occasion, residents and businesses raised a total of \$12,000 toward extending the Reed Creek Greenway to W.T. Weaver Boulevard.

It was a proud moment for me on September 8 when, as emcee of the ribbon cutting event, I witnessed Ron Phillips presenting a \$12,000 check to RiverLink on behalf of the Montford Neighborhood Association as this newest link in Asheville's growing greenway network was christened.

Getting the Most Out of Our Resources

The financial support provided by Montford is enabling the City of Asheville to stretch scarce resources further and expand greenways more quickly. As one of the newer members of City Council, I am learning the hard reality of the limits to our city's financial capacity. With ever increasing demand

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Montford's Ron Phillips hands over the big check to Karen Cragolin of RiverLink. More Greenway Photos and Stories on Page 4

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Take the 2012 Montford Holiday Tour Challenge

Cate Scales, Tour Director



A STAR OF LAST YEAR'S TOUR: Proctor House (1924), 91 Tacoma Circle

still surprised every year with the beauty and thoughtful craftsmanship of the homes that surround us.

Here's What You and Your Street Can Do

This year I challenge YOU to nominate homes or businesses that you'd like to see on the Montford Holiday Tour on Saturday, December 8. Who has the coolest house on your street? Which B&B would you like to visit?

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That's right . . . a challenge!

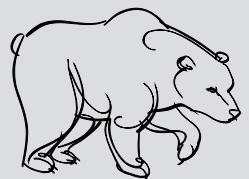
When I'm out walking in the neighborhood, I always keep an eye out for potential homes to add to the long list of amazing homes that have been on the annual tour, thanks to their owners who have graciously participated. This is my tenth year of coordinating the tour, with a one-year hiatus when Charlie was born in 2005, and I'm

Plans for Bear Blossom Art Show Cancelled

Joe Newman

There will be no three-day art show on Cumberland Avenue next summer.

As reported in last month's *Montford Newsletter*, the fine art and craft show that artist-organizers Linda and Carl Caristo proposed to hold in June 2013 ran into opposition from several Cumberland Avenue residents at the August meeting of the Montford Neighborhood Association. After a pointed discussion, the Caristos agreed to confer again with neighbors who live along the affected stretch of the avenue.



Second Meeting

The street meeting held in early September gave Cumberland residents an opportunity to explain their objections in more detail and the Caristos a chance to respond. The objections centered on the inconvenience and harm residents said they would

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CALENDAR

Montford Neighborhood Association Meetings:

- Third Tuesday of every month, Montford Community Center, Pearson Drive.
 - Next meeting: Tuesday, October 16, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
- All residents are welcome! Everybody in Montford is a member of the neighborhood association.

Benefit for Reed Creek Greenway:

- Hosted by Kevin and Jo Hogan on Sunday, October 28, 4:00 p.m. at 273 Pearson Drive. Enjoy good food, good company, fine art raffle. Contact hosts by October 21 at 254-4055 or scouser415@aol.com for tickets. \$20 to support extending the greenway northward.

Montford Park Players Present Macbeth:

- Thursdays-Sundays, 7:30 p.m., October 11-28, Asheville Masonic Temple Theatre, 80 Broadway Street downtown. Buy tickets at 254-5146 or online at www.montfordparkplayers.org. For more information contact John Russell at 254-5146 or john.russell@montfordparkplayers.org.

Paint4theCureArtExhibit:

- Throughout October at the Grand Bohemian Hotel and Gallery, Biltmore Village. A portion of every art purchase price will go to breast cancer research.

Get Out and Vote!

- On Tuesday, November 6, at William Randolph School, 90 Montford Avenue, or vote early from October 18-November 3 at other Buncombe County locations. Visit buncombecounty.org/vote or call 250-4200 for further information.

Montford 2012 Holiday Tour of Homes:

- Saturday, December 8, 1:00-5:00 p.m. Nominate a home, volunteer your own, or offer to help. Contact Cate Scales at 280-1576 or scalesfamily@charter.net.

Montford Community Center Activities:

- Super Saturdays, October 6 and November 3, free family fun with basketball, table tennis, and board games, noon-4:00 p.m.
- Halloween Party for families with children 12 and under, Saturday, October 27, 6:00-9:00 p.m. \$3 to support youth programs.
- Homeschool Fall Festival, Wednesday, October 31, noon-2:00 p.m.
- Afterschool program for children in grades K-5, Monday-Friday. \$30 per week.
- Youth Fun Day Out programs on most teacher workdays and holidays. \$5 plus field trips. Preregistration required.
- Yoga classes, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:50-8:50 a.m. \$1.00.
- Open badminton and table tennis play, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Free.

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@ashevilenc.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.

It's Almost Time to Vote!

Early Voting Begins October 18



Election day is Tuesday, November 6, but you can vote early from October 18-November 3.

If you live in Montford and are registered to vote at your Montford address, your polling place is William Randolph School, located at 90 Montford Avenue next to the Chamber of Commerce. If you wait until election day to vote, go to Randolph School.

Vote Early

But why wait? Early voting is available at 18 Buncombe County sites you can find at buncombecounty.org/vote under *Voting Info* or by calling 250-4200. All these locations will be open Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., October 18-November 3. They will also open on Saturday, October 20 and 27, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., and Saturday, November 3, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Some locations will also offer Sunday voting. Check the website for details.

Montford's closest early voting places are the North Asheville Library, 1030 Merrimon Avenue, and the UNC Asheville Justice Center, 200 Wellness Way.

On the Ballot

You will be able to vote for the offices of U.S. President and Vice President, U.S. House of Representatives, and a variety of state and local offices including North Carolina Governor, North Carolina State Senate and House of Representatives, and Buncombe County Board of Commissioners. Voters will also be able to weigh in on a referendum on the sale or lease of the City of Asheville Water System.

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Groundbreaking for Klondyke Homes Playground



After several months of planning, work on the playground officially got underway on Thursday, September 20. Standing behind the row of shovel wielding Klondyke kids are Cody Hume and Jen Mayer of Charlotte Street Computers. Gene Bell, executive director of the Housing Authority of Asheville, lends a hand at far left, and Samantha Bowers of the Housing Authority stands at far right.

Coordinated by the Asheville Design Center, other funding partners include Asheville Greenworks, Asheville Affiliates, and the Montford Neighborhood Association. The MNA made the first financial commitment to the project.

Klondyke residents helped design the playground and will do most of the construction work during the month of October.

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Convenience Store and MNA to Provide Security Officers

For Trick-or-Treating on Wednesday, October 31

For the fifth consecutive year, the Montford Neighborhood Association and Vickie Korkmaz, owner of the Montford Convenience Store, are working together to help insure a safe time for trick-or-treaters. The association and the store will hire two off-duty police officers to patrol on Halloween night, Wednesday, October 31. Ms. Korkmaz and the MNA will share the cost.

The association and the convenience store have a common interest in the well-being of the neighborhood. We want to make Montford a safe place on Halloween and every other day of the year. The MNA is pleased to continue this working relationship with Ms. Korkmaz and the store's employees.

Thank You and Best Wishes, Officer Woody



The Montford Neighborhood Association thanks Officer Jeremy Woody for his tireless efforts and guidance in making Montford a safer neighborhood during his years of service as our Community Resource Officer. We wish him much success in his new police department pursuits.

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Thanks for Making Our Greenway Fundraising, Phase One, a Success

Ron Phillips, Fundraising Coordinator

I had a great privilege on September 8.

The \$12,000 check I presented to Karen Cragolin of RiverLink at the ribbon cutting for the new section of the Reed Creek Greenway represented money donated by residents, businesses, and friends of Montford, coupled with \$6,000 in matching funds from the Montford Neighborhood Association.

It made me proud to be a part of this terrific neighborhood.

Tremendous Progress So Far

As Karen explained, "These funds will be used 100 percent exclusively for the extension of the greenway through the UNCA property." Karen also noted that RiverLink has received a \$25,000 grant for storm water and erosion control. This is tremendous progress toward the overall goal of \$60,000.

I would like to say thanks to each and every person and business who contributed to this very important project for our beautiful neighborhood. Your generosity is overwhelming, and it goes to show that we can, as a community, make a difference in the outcome of what was once an eyesore for Montford.

More Progress to Come

As we move into phase two of our fundraising, more events in the fundraising efforts will be forthcoming, including a benefit at the home of Kevin and Jo Hogan on Sunday, October 28, at 273 Pearson Drive. Your invitation is on this page.

Thanks to all involved!



CUTTING THE RIBBON: (L-R) Susan Barlow, City Greenways Commission; Asheville Mayor Terry Bellamy; Lauren Tamayo, U.S. Olympic Cyclist; City Council Member Chris Pelly; Unidentified.



OLYMPIC STAR POWER: Lauren Tamayo, 2012 Silver Medalist in Track Cycling (R), and City Council Member Chris Pelly

Let's Take the Next Step toward Completing the Greenway

Join Us on October 28 for Good Company, Tasty Feast, Fine Art Raffle

Kevin and Jo Hogan

It's time to jumpstart phase two of the fundraising drive for Reed Creek Greenway. We're holding a benefit on Sunday, October 28, at our residence at 273 Pearson Drive. Festivities will begin at 4:00 p.m.

We're feeling excited about the recent ribbon cutting for the new section of the greenway and the \$12,000 contribution by the neighborhood toward extending the greenway to W. T. Weaver Boulevard. But we know much work remains to be done.

The proceeds of the benefit will help close the gap between the funds raised by Montford and RiverLink in phase one and the estimated \$60,000 it will take to build the greenway northward through UNC Asheville's Broadway tract.

Tickets Include Feast and Raffle

Tickets are \$20 per person. We'll prepare Spit Roast Turkey as the main course for a wonderful feast.

Your ticket will also enter you in a raffle for a Hoss Haley bronze candelabra, a Josh Copus ceramic platter, and a silk screen print by Kevin Hogan. Additional raffle tickets may be purchased for \$10 each. You do not have to be present to win. Please feel free to volunteer your time and talents to help with the raffle.

Sponsors of the benefit include RiverLink, Nine Mile, Modesto, Wedge Brewing, Josh Copus of Clayworks, and Hoss Haley.

Please Let Us Hear from You by October 21

Call 254-4055 or email scouser415@aol.com for tickets. Make checks payable to the Montford Neighborhood Association and mail to 273 Pearson Drive, Asheville NC 28801.



Hoss Haley, Candelabra. Bronze, 7 ¼" high. 2012. Photo Steve Mann



Josh Copus, Platter. Ceramic. 17" X 17" X 2 ½". 2012. Photo Steve Mann



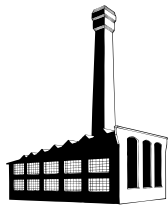
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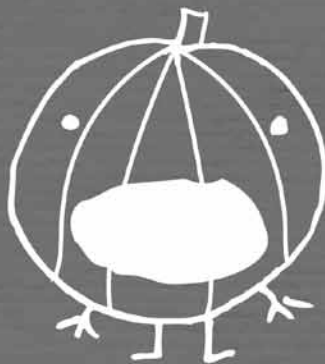
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Montford Neighborhood Association News

Brian Elston, Secretary

The regular monthly meeting was called to order on September 18, 2012, at 7:02 p.m. in the Montford Community Center on Pearson Drive by Vice President Michael McDonough. Board members in attendance were Pam Jo Brown, Sharon Faher, Ellen Nutter, Daphne Young, and Susan Eggerton.

Safety and Security

CRO Jeremy Woody reported that there has been an increase in vandalism caused by graffiti in the North Asheville area. Most of the vandalism has occurred on Merrimon Avenue.

Officer Woody has responded to recent complaints about campers and has issued warnings/citations to those in violation of the no-camping ordinance. Do not hesitate to call the Asheville Police Department's (APD) nonemergency number, 252-1110, to report suspected violations.

Sergeant Hunter of the APD solicited support for a Soap Box Derby he is organizing for North Asheville neighborhoods. A Soap Box Derby involves small cars built from a kit and then rolled down a street to race against other cars. The cars are nonmotorized and propelled by the street's downward grade. Sergeant Hunter would like to use Montford Avenue as the street.

The purpose of the event is to bring the neighborhoods together and raise money for charity. Ideally, he would like Montford to build or sponsor a car to race against other North Asheville neighborhoods. Sergeant Hunter is still gathering information and support in order to make this event a reality. He can be reached at ehunter@ashevillenc.gov.

Lastly, Officer Woody reported that this will be his last MNA meeting as he is stepping down in order to pursue another opportunity within APD. His last day is October 3. He is not sure who his replacement will be, but he will still be involved and still be active on the Montford list serve. Officer Woody was heartily thanked for his excellent service to the neighborhood.

MNA Financials

Treasurer Susan Eggerton provided an overview of the monthly financials. The association's financial health is good. The total amount of donations for the Greenway was \$12,600. The Trash-to-Cash Yard Sale was also a success, financially and otherwise. The next fundraising event will be the Holiday Tour of Homes.

Greenway Ribbon Cutting

The Reed Creek Greenway ribbon cutting on September 8 was also a great event. The event was well attended and included guests such as Mayor Bellamy, Chris Pelly, Marc Hunt, and the Blue Ridge Cycling Team. In all, the approximate number of guests in attendance was 75.

Haywood Street Property

As things stand, the Asheville City Council has agreed to sell the Haywood Street property across from the basilica to the McKibbin Group. Since the McKibbin Group outbid St. Lawrence Church, there may be some hard feelings between the two groups. The MNA is currently waiting to see how things shake out between the two groups prior to offering suggestions/input.

Bear Blossom Fine Art and Craft Show

Although no update on the show was presented at the meeting, see Joe Newman's story on the front page for news about the event's cancellation.

New Business

The ground breaking for the Klondyke Homes Playground is scheduled for September 20 at 5:00 p.m. See the photo and news on page 4.

City Council is holding a public hearing for the proposed business district tax on October 9.

New attendees were introduced, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Montford Residents Invited to Paint4theCure Art Exhibit

Adrienne van Doreen

All Montfordites are invited to visit my upcoming solo art exhibit **Paint4theCure**, to be held throughout October at the Grand Bohemian Hotel and Gallery in Biltmore Village. I paint in my Montford home studio at 17 Hibriten Drive. Fellow Montford resident and gallery director, Constance Richards, timed this exhibit for early October in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month.



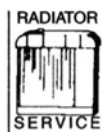
My dance-inspired paintings are intended to help raise awareness about breast cancer, mammograms, and self-checks, and to raise funds for breast cancer research. Careful study reveals that each oil painting includes a subtly crossed pink ribbon representing the deeper purpose and meaning of the art.

From "Army Green" to "Painting Pink"

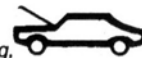
Ten years ago my life took a about face as I changed from military intelligence officer to artist. I have been touched very personally by breast cancer and wanted to use my art to make a difference. My paintings draw the strong parallel between the femininity and strength required for dance and the similar qualities required to battle breast cancer.

Since retiring from the Army, I have raised over \$200,000 dollars for charities. My book, *The House that Faux Built: Transform Your Home with Paint, Plaster and Creativity*, funded a Habitat House. Although a local girl, I have become known internationally and have been featured on NBC HouseSmarts, HGTV, the *Washington Post*, *Romantic Homes*, *More Magazine*, and other media.

Constance and I hope you will visit this exhibition. If you make a purchase, a portion of the price will be donated to breast cancer research; you may choose whether these funds will go to a local or national charity.



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Montford Park Players to Open *Macbeth* October 11-28 at the Masonic Temple Theatre

John Russell, Managing Director



The Montford Park Players, North Carolina's longest running Shakespeare Festival, presents *Macbeth* on Thursday-Sundays, October 11 through 28, at Asheville's newly restored Masonic Temple Theatre, 80 Broadway Street downtown. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m.

In William Shakespeare's tragedy about power, ambition, deceit, and murder, the Three Witches foretell Macbeth's rise to King of Scotland but also prophesy that future kings will descend from Banquo, a fellow army captain. Prodded by his ambitious wife, Lady Macbeth, he murders King Duncan, becomes king, and sends mercenaries to kill Banquo and his sons. His attempts to defy the prophesy fail, however; Macduff kills Macbeth, and Duncan's son Malcolm becomes king.

Presented in an intimate format with only 90 seats per performance, this is a stunning and spooky production you won't want to miss at Asheville's beautiful Masonic Temple. Tickets are \$12 advance and \$15 day of show and are now available by calling the box office at 254-5146 or online at www.montfordparkplayers.org. Park free at Home Trust Bank, 10 Woodfin Street.

Due to depictions of graphic violence, this production is not recommended for children.

Thursday, October 11, is Pay What We're Worth Night! No reservations—the first 90 to arrive will be seated. See the show, then pay what you think we're worth!

For more information contact me at 254-5146 or john.russell@montfordparkplayers.org. Digg this post, recommend it on Facebook, Tweet about it, and tell a friend.



Resource Directory

Advertise in the Resource Directory—The monthly rate is only \$10.00
Send a brief description (30 words or less) and contact information. **More than 1,500 newsletters** are distributed monthly throughout the neighborhood and are also available on the **Montford website** and at the Pack Memorial and North Asheville Public Libraries. Call 258-2207 for more information.

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Manson McIntyre and the Settlers' Cabin in Montford Park

A Mystery

Zoe Rhine, North Carolina Collection, Pack Memorial Library



North Carolina Collection, Pack Memorial Library, Asheville

Recently we were looking at this postcard with a patron who said, "That's Manson McIntyre standing under the tree." Incredulous, we asked her how she identified this person, and she told us that in our newspaper clipping file on history, there is an article from the 1930s that describes this picture.

The patron, Cathryn McLeod, a former Montford resident who has been researching African American families living on Pearson Drive, was correct. We were able to add the information to our original description of the photo, where we had pondered over the fact that there were only two rows of shingles on the cabin.

What's the Story behind the Photograph?

Taking the photo at face value had left us scratching our heads in confusion. Were we to assume that all these people lived in this incredibly small living space? Was this the bleak reality of life for African Americans in Asheville in the first years of the 20th century?

The caption, which was published with the photo in the *Asheville Citizen-Times* on July 3, 1932, reads: "Do you know that Asheville staged festivals back in the nineties? About the summer of 1889 or 1890, a group of Indians was brought from the Cherokee reservation to participate in a festival here. In connection with their visit, this old-time settlers' cabin was erected near the present site of Montford Park. The cabin was a make-shift affair and was not habitable. Manson McIntire or Mance, an old negro man, who was a respected and well known resident of the Asheville community, stands under the tree in the right. Others in the picture are his relatives and friends."

Historical Intrigue

The photograph is full of historical intrigue, and with some questions answered—a man's name and life saved from obscurity—many questions still remain. As it turns out, Manson lived near Montford Park in a house that was then at 144 Pearson at the corner where it turns opposite Waneta Street. Mason's house was replaced before 1928 with the Colonial Revival home of Gay Green, now 152 Pearson.

It would appear that the image was intended to be what we now see as a stereotypical view, a picture designed to shape people's thoughts about how this family lived. Or was it more innocently staged as a nostalgic scene of bygone days? Why was a black family posed rather than a white family? We can only wish to find a photograph of Manson and his family standing in front of their Pearson Street home.

Finding Out More about Manson McIntyre

We were able to discover that Manson was born in Asheville on January 12, 1832, to Pricella McIntyre. In the 1880 census, Manson is listed at age 50 with his wife Annetta, age 35, and four children, Carrie age 13, Mary 9, Edward 7, and Charlotte 3. Manson was deeded property on Pearson in 1882 and 1886 by Mira McDowell Holland, daughter of Nicholas Woodfin, and Mira's husband William Alexander Holland, a Confederate veteran.

We know that Nicholas Woodfin and his wife Anna deeded a considerable amount of land on Pearson to Tempie Avery, formerly a slave and later a servant to the Woodfin family. Were Manson, who would have been 33 at the end of the Civil War, and his mother Pricella once slaves of the Woodfins? Nicholas was by far the largest owner of enslaved persons in Buncombe County in the 1860 slave schedule. He owned 122 slaves; the second largest was James W. Patton with 78.

In 1911, the year before Manson died, he deeded his property to his daughter Carrie and her husband Dr. Hubert Turner, who at that time lived in Detroit, Michigan, where Manson died on December 21, 1912.

Looking for a deed between Turner and Gay Green, we find the heirs of Manson McIntyre, all living in Detroit, Michigan. They are listed as Lottie (assumed to be a nickname of Charlotte) Seabron and her husband William, Mary A. Brazelten, a widow, and George F. McIntyre. We found a WWII draft registration card for George in Chicago with a birth date in Asheville of 1880, so he was born after the census taker recorded the McIntyre family.

That is all that we've been able to find out. If anyone has any more information about the Annetta and Manson McIntyre family or the mystery of the photograph, please contact us.

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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Your tax dollars at work!

I recently volunteered for the City of Asheville Office of Sustainability at the Southern Green Living Expo. I learned some interesting things about the programs offered, what the city is doing to reduce its carbon footprint (for example, lowering the amount of energy consumed in the form of fossil fuels), and what the city is doing to save money.

You may have heard about the street light replacement program that is utilizing LED lights to replace current street lights. After the installation of approximately 9,000 LED street lights citywide is complete, the municipal carbon footprint will be reduced by 8%, and the cost savings will be over \$580,000 annually. These savings will be reinvested in additional sustainability projects and programs, including efficiency and renewable energy improvements.

Energy efficiency investments have also paid off recently at City Hall, where lighting improvements and occupancy/vacancy sensors offer an annual savings of about \$15,000 in operating costs. The Information Technology Services Department's energy efficiency initiative to implement new data management strategies, right-sizing employee computers, and the installation of a new super-efficient Server and SANS Unit have resulted in a 75 percent cut to the department's energy consumption.

There are still other areas and programs where savings are being made that you can read about at www.ashevillenc.gov/Departments/Sustainability.aspx. Thanks to Laura Piraino of the Office of Sustainability for fact checking this Green Corner.



Montford Community Center News

Kim Kennedy, Center Director

On Saturday, October 6, and Saturday, November 3, from noon-4:00 p.m., the public is invited to come to the center and play basketball, table tennis, or board games. Youth can bring their indoor riding toys too. These **Super Saturdays** are free of charge.



On Saturday, October 27, from 6-9:00 p.m., the Montford Center will host a **Halloween Party** for families with children 12 and under. The fun will feature a bounce house, spooky carnival games, cake walk, mini-haunted house, face painting, and goodie bags. Admission is \$3, which includes a hotdog snack pack. All proceeds go to support youth programs.

Homeschool fall festival will be held on Wednesday, October 31, from noon-2:00 p.m. Come enjoy food and fun, and don't forget to wear your costume.

Youth Fun Day Out programs are held on most teacher workdays and holidays. The cost is just \$5 plus field trips. Preregistration is required. Montford Center is hosting "Dodgeball Day" on Monday, November 12, and Holiday Camp on December 26, 27, 28, and 31.

Youth Basketball registration is underway. Play begins the end of November.

For more information on the Montford Community Center, call Kim Kennedy at 253-3714

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Helping the Greenway

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for services and newly imposed state limits on our ability to grow through annexation, the collaborative model exhibited by the Montford neighborhood is an important option for achieving improvements such as greenways.

Participation, Pride, Ownership

As someone who comes from a neighborhood organizing background, I understand this higher level of civic engagement is not the easy path. But I have also seen firsthand how greater citizen participation leads to an elevated level of pride and ownership in the outcome. The Reed Creek Greenway is *your* greenway because *you're* helping to make it happen. By stepping up, Montford neighbors are a model for civic engagement for all of Asheville.

Thank you, Montford neighbors, for leading my example and helping make the Reed Creek Greenway a reality.

Tour Challenge

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I've noticed some ambitious restoration work going on, and I'm thrilled that folks are taking on these treasures and bringing them back to life. Do you think your neighbors would enjoy sharing their hard work and preservation skills? I'd also like to include on this year's tour some of the newer homes that have popped up in our midst. The diversity of homes in our historic neighborhood is what makes this tour so unique.

As well, I challenge you to think about ways your street in Montford can support the tour. Refreshment stops on porches, art sales, live music, and baked goods all made last year's tour a full fun day for us and our guests.

Proceeds go to the Montford Neighborhood Association and allow it to continue to offer help and do projects in our community. Our neighborhood tour raises much-needed funds and is just darn fun.

Take the First Step

Please call or email me if you would like to take on this challenge and help me line up a fantastic holiday tour this year. Names, contact info, and addresses of possible houses would be great, and I will be happy to send the homeowners a request to participate. And, if you receive a note from me, please know that you are being asked because your home or business is admired and appreciated. I sincerely hope you'll consider joining us for this wonderful event!

The 2012 Montford Holiday Tour will be held on **Saturday, December 8, from 1-5:00 p.m.** Tickets will be available starting December 1 at the Visitor Center Gift Shop. For more information contact me at 828-280-1576 or scales-family@charter.net.



Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

September 12, 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: J. Ray Elingburg, Brendan Ross, Nan Chase, David Nutter, Joseph Carney, Hillary Cole, Capi Wampler, Jo Stephenson, David Carpenter

Staff present: Stacy Merten, Peggy Gardner, Bob Oast

Item and Summary	Action
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150 Cumberland Avenue—new accessory structure	Continued
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Please refer to the website www.ashevillenc.gov for the full approved minutes after each month's meeting.

October 10, 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

150 Cumberland Avenue—new accessory structure (continued from September)
63 Elizabeth Street—amend application to widen curb cut

New Business: Public Hearings—Certificates of Appropriateness

55 West Chestnut Street—repair/replace front door; complete foundation stucco on west elevation

Preliminary Review

41 Cumberland Circle—new single-family residence with full basement

Other Business:

Thomas Wolfe Cabin update
Discussion and recommendation concerning food trucks in historic districts
MOA Veteran's Administration building
Update on Wilma Dykeman plan
Committee reports
Comments from commissioners, public, and staff



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Bear Blossom

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suffer as a result of the three-day exhibition and the street closing it would require. The residents who attended the meeting told the Caristos there was strong opposition to the art show from neighbors who live on Cumberland between West Chestnut Street and Flint Street, the portion that would be closed.

After the meeting residents consulted with City of Asheville officials and learned that, contrary to the organizers' statements, the city permit process does require organizers to show support from affected residents for events that involve street closings.

Plans Shelved

Having said on several occasions that they would not proceed with the festival in the face of strong neighborhood opposition, the Caristos have informed MNA President David Patterson that they will not hold the festival on Cumberland Avenue. As I was writing this article, Linda Caristo told me by phone that it seems unlikely the show will take place anywhere in Asheville next year.

Even so, Cumberland Avenue residents have gathered signatures for a proactive petition that has been filed with the city, a statement of opposition to any event that requires the closing of their section of the avenue.

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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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