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Montford Works with Crime Stoppers



NO TOLERANCE FOR CRIME

Neighborhood Offers Additional Reward for Arrest in June 6 Assault

David Patterson, President, Montford Neighborhood Association

At the June meeting of the MNA, a motion was approved to offer additional reward money in the hope of generating new leads in the June 6 attack on a female Montford resident.

After several conversations with Interim Chief of Police Wade Wood, Pam Brown and I met with the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department to discuss the Crime Stoppers Reward Program. The reward process is now in place for the Montford incident, and the Asheville Police Department is handling any new leads.

How the Crime Stoppers Reward Program Works

Crime Stoppers has a committee that meets to decide how much money (they have their own funds) will be awarded based on the type

and severity of the crime with a maximum of \$2,000. Funds offered by Montford will be in addition to the Crime Stoppers reward.

Hope for New Leads

On Friday, July 15, WLOS-TV 13 conducted interviews with the victim and with Pam Brown and me that aired that evening. The *Citizen-Times* has picked up the story as well. Twenty-five or so *Reward* signs have posted around the neighborhood and at Montford businesses. We are hopeful that all of this effort will produce new leads leading to an arrest and conviction.

At the very least, I hope that some positive news about Montford comes out of all of this. We have tried to stress safety, security, and that we will not tolerate crime in our community.

Crime Stoppers: 255-5050

Asheville Police: 252-1110

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Neighborhood and City Collaborate to Improve Street Lighting

Pam Brown

Our neighborhood will be a little brighter and safer thanks to all of you who responded to the streetlight request on the list serve. Special thanks to the City of Asheville's Public Works Department for conducting a streetlight survey in Montford.

Working together, Public Works and the neighborhood have identified ten streetlights that were burned out or not functioning properly. All have been reported to Progress Energy for repair. In addition to these repairs, Public Works has ordered one new streetlight added on Cumberland Avenue south of Montford Park and is reviewing other areas where new lights may be appropriate.



BETTER LIGHTS, SAFER STREETS

Lighting in Montford Park and Hummingbird Park

The Montford Neighborhood Association has also been working with the superintendent of
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Three COOL Changes in Montford This Summer

Joe Newman

1. Cool New Market. The Montford Farmers Market has been in full swing in the Chamber of Commerce's lower parking lot on Wednesday afternoons, 2:00-6:00 p.m. Check out the fresh fruit and veggies, crafts, cold draft beer, lots more.

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I GOT THE FRESHEST IN TOWN

CALENDAR

MONTFORD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETINGS:

- THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH, MONTFORD COMMUNITY CENTER, PEARSON DRIVE
- NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 7:00 P.M., FEATURING UPDATES ON SAFETY AND SECURITY AND DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED CHARRETTE FOR THE FORMER MOMENTUM SITE

ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME! EVERYONE IN MONTFORD IS A MEMBER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION.

MONTFORD PARK PLAYERS—FREE SUMMER SHAKESPEARE RETURNS TO HAZEL ROBINSON AMPITHEATRE:

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- AUDITIONS FOR ROMEO AND JULIET, SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 1:00-4:00 P.M., AND TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 6:00-9:00 P.M., WITH CALLBACKS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 6:00-9:00 P.M., WITH CALLBACKS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 6:00-9:00 P.M., MASONIC TEMPLE, 80 BROADWAY. DOWNLOAD AUDITION PIECES AT WWW.MONTFORDPARKPLAYERS.ORG.
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- RECYCLE PHONE BOOKS AT THE CENTER BY AUGUST 18. HELP THE CENTER WIN \$500!
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- HOT AUGUST NIGHT 5K RUN THROUGH MONTFORD, SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 7:00 P.M., AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER. REGISTER AT WWW.ACTIVE.COM OR CALL FOR A REGISTRATION FORM.
- NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERT AT THE CENTER. SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, NOON-5:00 P.M.

CONTACT KIM KENNEDY AT 253-3714 OR MONTFORDR@ASHEVILLENC.GOV.

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- STACY MERTEN, DIRECTOR, ASHEVILLE CITY BUILDING, 259-5836 OR SMERTEN@ASHEVILLENC.GOV.

Montford Neighborhood Website

- VISIT MONTFORD'S REDESIGNED AND ENHANCED WEBSITE WWW.MONTFORD.ORG.
- CONTACT WEBMASTERS LAURA AND TRAVIS LOWE AT WEBMASTER@MONTFORD.ORG.

MONTFORD LIST SERVE

- GO TO WWW.MONTFORD.ORG AND CLICK ON JOIN THE MONTFORD LIST SERVE.

Should Montford Hold a Charrette for the Former Momentum Site?

Should the Montford Neighborhood Association sponsor a charrette—a collaborative planning session open to the community—to help determine the future of the former Momentum site?

The MNA needs to hear from you. Please come to the August 16 meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Montford Community Center, to voice your opinion of the charrette proposed by the Chris Joyell of the Asheville Design Center (ADC).

For background, see the MNA News for July 19, 2011, in this issue.



Win \$100!

Design the Logo for the Montford Music and Arts Festival

The Montford Music and Arts Festival needs a logo we can use on all our merchandise, letterhead, and t-shirts. A \$100 prize will be yours if your design is chosen.

Check out the website www.montfordfestival.com for ideas about the festival. Please use no more than three or four colors. Do not include "9th Annual" in the design as all logos will not contain that information.

The deadline for submissions is October 15. You can send your design as a jpeg, pdf, or vector file. Contact Jerry Conner at carolinacomp@bellsouth.net or 255-0249 with questions or to submit your design.

Concerned about Crime in Montford?

Join the list serve at www.montford.org. Officer Jeremy Woody reads and posts on our list serve. Join neighbors keeping neighbors informed.



Montford Builder Honored with Griffin Award

Mark Marshall Recognized for Restoration Work

Joe Newman

At a ceremony held at the Monte Vista Hotel in Black Mountain on May 24, the Preservation Society of Asheville and Buncombe County presented a Griffin Award for Restoration to Mark Marshall of Ages Past Builders and Interiors for his work on the Asheville School's Boyd Chapel.



Congratulations, Mark! Our apologies for overlooking this great news in the June-July issue of the newsletter.

Ages Past Interiors has recently merged with CS Interiors to form Trio Design Build. See the back page of this newsletter for a profile of the new Montford business.

A Kinder, Gentler HRC

Karen Kellow

I want to let you know I experienced something very different at the July meeting of the Historic Resources Commission. I had gone to ask the HRC to move up the date it had set to take action on a violation of our *Design Review Guidelines for the Montford Historic District*. After leaving and reflecting, I realized I was wrong . . . and that I liked the new, kinder HRC I saw at the meeting.

There are a number of new commissioners on the HRC as well as some veterans who were brave enough to help see Montford through our revision process. Based on our long history, I personally have remained cautious about our dealings with the HRC. But the way the commissioners handled the case I'm going to describe gives me great encouragement and could go a long way toward reframing Montford's historically rocky relationship with the commission.

Here's What Happened

One of our neighbors honestly did not understand the *Guidelines* and put up something in the front yard that clearly did not comply. In June, the HRC gave this homeowner six months to resolve the issue, and then several commissioners personally volunteered to help the owner, finally asking the HRC staff to assist as well.



A MONTFORD TREASURE: Gray-Revell House (1897), 110 Cumberland Avenue. North Carolina Collection, Pack Memorial Library, Asheville.

To me, the infraction looked like a cut-and-dried situation. I thought the problem should not be allowed to drag on for months and months and that it needed to be addressed ASAP.

When I asked the commissioners what had caused them to be so lenient, I got some interesting responses, from "sympathy for the plight of the owner and desire to be fair" to "we always take economics into consideration when working with everyone." One commissioner summed it up with, "I am proud of our decision."

Changing My Mind

I'm embarrassed to admit that I was still stuck in my old mindset about the HRC. The infraction was a pretty big one. The commissioners had upheld the *Guidelines*, to be sure, but they had been surprisingly gentle in terms of resolution. Too gentle, I thought.

But walking the dog always helps, and soon I cleared my perspective and realized the HRC had done the right thing. The members seemed proud of their decision—maybe even passionate about it—and based on what I heard at the July meeting, this approach may well be the way of the future.

The HRC's actions in this instance show we can turn a corner on this relationship, which will be a good thing. I hope this decision will set a precedent for future actions. Job well done, commissioners!



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Before Renovating, Building, or Making Major Landscape Changes — Check the HRC Guidelines

Here's a neighborly reminder about the *Design Review Guidelines for the Montford Historic District* (revised effective July 30, 2010). The *Guidelines* are critical to you if you plan on making any changes or additions to the exterior of your home or your yard. We have quite a few new homeowners who may not be aware of all the modifications that are covered and that require a Certificate of Appropriateness (CA) from the HRC.

You can go online to montford.org and link to a copy of the *Guidelines*. For questions and concerns, contact Stacy Merten, Director of the HRC, at 259-5836 or smerten@ashevillenc.gov.



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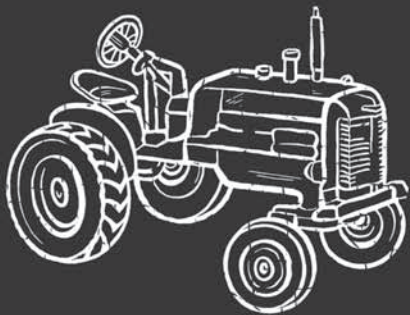
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- For Police Dispatch, call 259-5888.
- For Montford's Community Resource Officer, Jeremy Woody, call 552-9423 or email jwoody@ashevilenc.gov.



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No Fatalities as Blaze Destroys Historic Montford Home



A fire in the early morning hours of Saturday, July 23, destroyed the home at 41 Cumberland Circle. Two people were taken to the hospital, one for smoke inhalation and another for injuries suffered when he jumped from a window to escape the fire. Two cats have been missing since the blaze.



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Montford Neighborhood Association News

Bill Wheeler, Secretary

Minutes of the June 21 Meeting

The regular monthly meeting was called to order on June 21, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Montford Community Center on Pearson Drive by President David Patterson. Other board members present: Susan Eggerton, vice president; Bill Wheeler, secretary; Wanda Newman, treasurer; and at-large members Sharon Fahrner, Karen Kellow, Laura Lowe, Ron Philips, Pam Brown, and Joe Newman. Also present were Kim Kennedy, Montford Community Center Director; Interim Asheville Police Department (APD) Chief Wade Wood; APD Lt. Bill Wilkie; APD Community Resource Officer Jeremy Woody; APD Officer Brien Griffin; Marsha Stickford, City of Asheville Neighborhood/Volunteer Coordinator; David Foster, Assistant Director, Asheville Public Works Department; and a number of other neighbors and community members.

Announcements

The Montford Farmers Market opens on Wednesday, June 22, 2:00-6:00 p.m., in the parking lot behind the Asheville Chamber of Commerce.

The City of Asheville has changed brush and leaf pickup schedules to every other week. The city will no longer pick up loose leaves; they must be bagged.

MNA Financials

Treasurer Wanda Newman reported the current accounting activities for the past month, including a tally of income and expenses for the 2011 Montford Music and Arts Festival.

Safety and Security

In light of the June 6 assault in Montford, CRO Jeremy Woody was joined by Lt. Bill Wilkie and Officer Brien Griffin to address neighborhood concerns. Officer Woody reported that:

- The assault of a female pedestrian on Cumberland Avenue during the early morning hours of June 6 was committed by a male subject and appears to be a random incident. Police are searching for witnesses to the assault in hopes of identifying the perpetrator.
- An arrest has been made in the June 20 stabbing in a home on Pearson Street. This incident appears to have stemmed from a domestic situation.
- The tenants at 185 Pearson who have been the subject of numerous disturbance complaints have vacated the property.

Officer Woody displayed maps that the APD uses in recording frequencies, types, and locations of crimes in Asheville. The maps reveal that Montford is not an area of higher criminal activity than other parts of the city. He indicated that these maps are available for public review on the APD website under Crimemapper and that the website also contains crime prevention tips. In addition, Alan Dunlap, APD Crime Prevention Officer, is available to speak with groups such as the MNA.

Following a neighbor's voiced concern that the June 6 assault was not reported to police quickly, Lt. Wilkie encouraged neighbors to call 911 whenever they notice anything suspicious. He stressed that it is the APD's job to respond to all calls. A nonemergency number, 252-1110, is also an option for reaching police.

After the APD's presentation, a motion that the MNA post a \$1,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator of the June 6 assault was made, seconded, and passed. Pam Brown volunteered to work with Interim Police Chief Wood to determine whether this could

be done in partnership with Crime Stoppers. For more information on this incident and the reward, see David Patterson's story on the front page of this newsletter.

David Foster, Assistant Director of Public Works, reported on safety from the standpoint of lighting. All public street lights are maintained by Progress Energy, and neighbors are asked to contact Progress Energy to report any lights that are not working. Mr. Foster also said that the city and Progress Energy can do a walk-through of Montford to identify dark areas that need either upgraded or added lights. Anyone interested in discussing these issues may contact him at dfoster@ashevilleenc.gov. He noted that parks such as Montford Park are maintained by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department and any lighting changes would come through that department. Pam Brown's front-page story provides more information.

Mr. Foster also said that the milling and resurfacing of Montford Avenue is budgeted for the upcoming year, most likely in the spring, at which time the upgrades to the Montford Avenue/Soco Street/Cullowhee Street intersection will take place.

Pam Brown discussed her interest in keeping the Neighborhood Watch program active.

Momentum Site

Following interest from some neighbors to take a more proactive stance on the future use of the bankrupt Momentum site, Chris Joyell of the Asheville Design Center discussed the process of design charrettes and the center's role in providing professional guidance to the MNA for articulating goals and reaching a consensus on what Montford neighbors want to see that site used for. Mr. Joyell will send a proposal to President David Patterson to review and recommends a September date for a charrette in order to get the best attendance from the neighborhood.

New Business

Kim Kennedy asked that all neighbors bring in telephone books that need to be recycled. If the Montford Center collects the most phone books of any Community Center, it will win \$500 from the 2011 Telephone Book recycling Drive. The competition ends on August 18.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.



Minutes of the July 19 Meeting

The regular monthly meeting was called to order on July 19, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Montford Community Center on Pearson drive by Vice President Susan Eggerton. Other board members present: Bill Wheeler, secretary, and at-large members Sharon Fahrner, Karen Kellow, Laura Lowe, Pam Brown, and Joe Newman. Also present were Community Resource Officer Jeremy Woody and several other neighbors.

MNA Financials

Joe Newman presented the current accounting on behalf of Treasurer Wanda Newman.

Safety and Security

CRO Jeremy Woody reported that it has been "quiet" in the past month with only one report of vandalism. He also noted that there have been no new leads in the recent assault case on Cumberland Avenue.

Several residents expressed concern about a neighbor who recently had been involuntarily committed to the hospital after displaying erratic and threatening behavior towards them. Officer Woody said that the Asheville Police Department had removed all weapons found from the man's house and stressed that neighbors should contact police if the man continues to display threatening behavior after his return to the neighborhood.

Pam Jo Brown gave an update on the MNA's offer of reward in the June 6 assault case. Pam described Montford's work with Crime Stoppers and commented on the positive press coverage generated by the MNA's reward offer. She said she will try to get more press coverage with the goal of obtaining new leads and an eventual arrest and conviction in the case. On the front page of this newsletter, David Patterson further explains the MNA's efforts.

Pam also gave an update on the efforts to improve lighting in the neighborhood. She details the cooperative work of the MNA and the city in her story on the front page.

HRC Update

Karen Kellow, who was involved in the recent HRC *Guidelines* revision process, reported on her positive impressions during a visit to last month's HRC meeting. Karen explains her hopes for a "kinder, gentler HRC" in the article on page 3.

Momentum Issues

Recent Asheville Citizen-Times Editorial. Susan Eggerton reported that David Patterson will be writing a letter to the *Citizen-Times* editor in response to the recent op-ed commenting favorably on Momentum's announced move to Biltmore Square Mall. Several neighbors stated that the response should not be one of "sour grapes" but should show positive steps of how Montford is dealing with the unfinished construction site.

Charrette. Susan Eggerton reported that Chris Joyell of the Asheville Design Center (ADC) has proposed attending the August MNA meeting to discuss the means, methods, costs, and possible outcomes of having the ADC run a design charrette this fall. The intent of the charrette would be to allow Montford neighbors to have input into how they would like the now-derelict Momentum site developed. Some of those present expressed concern about the cost and benefits of holding the charrette since the property is privately held and the charrette ideas could be completely ignored. It was agreed that after Mr. Joyell's presentation the neighborhood would vote on authorizing spending money on an ADC-run charrette. Joe Newman will run a story in the upcoming newsletter about the August presentation, and Susan Eggerton will handle news of the charrette within the broader community.

Momentum Section of Reed Creek Greenway. With The Health Adventure no longer developing the greenway through the former Momentum property, Bill Wheeler will contact current Greenway Commission members regarding strategies for completing that section of the greenway and report his findings at the next meeting.

New Business

Susan Eggerton suggested that a future MNA meeting focus on the upcoming City Council election by inviting all candidates to address Montford concerns and their positions on city-wide issues.

Susan Fahrer reminded attendees that there is still some neighborhood interest in exploring the possibility of extending the Montford Historic District boundary, which now covers only the Chamber building, to the entire Chamber property including the parking areas to the west of the building.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



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Montford Community Center News

Kim Kennedy, Center Director

Recycle Phone Books by August 18 and Help the Community Center

Please recycle your old telephone books at the Montford Center. AT&T will give the community center that collects the most phone books a \$500 award to use toward a special event or program. If your business would like to collect phone books from your coworkers, we would be happy to come pick them up. Just call me at 253-3714.



Hot August Night 5K Run

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

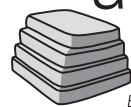
Afterschool Program

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Neighborhood Concert at the Center

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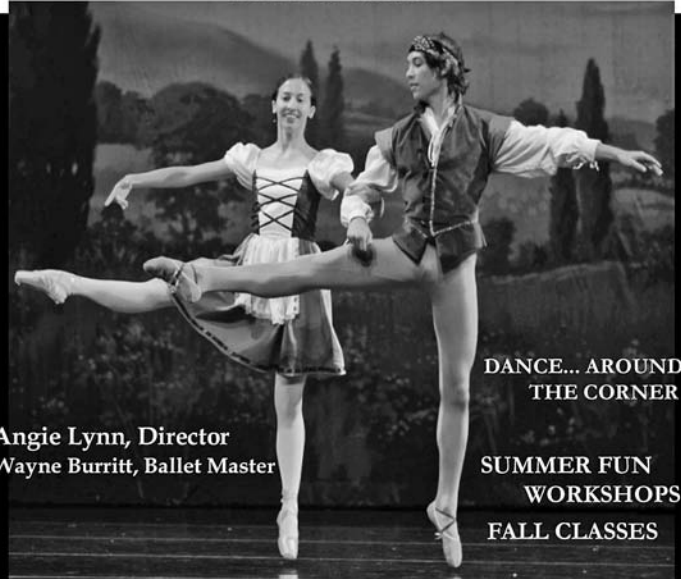
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Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County
June 8, 2011, Meeting—Action Agenda for Montford

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: Capi Wampler, Diane Duermit, Nan Chase, John Dean, David Nutter, Joe Carney, J. Ray Elingburg, Brian Cook

Staff present: Stacy Merten, Jannice Ashley, Jennifer Blevins

Item and Summary	Action
438 Montford Avenue—renovation of outbuilding	Approved with conditions
79 Cumberland Avenue—rear addition	Approved
162 Cumberland Avenue—split rail fence in rear yard	Approved
320 Montford Avenue—sunroom addition	Approved with conditions
262 Cumberland Avenue—new construction	Approved with conditions
299 Montford Avenue—new construction	Approved with conditions
43 Pearson Avenue—vinyl fence	Continued - January 2012

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July 13, 2011, Meeting—Tentative Agenda for Montford

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

Old Business: Public Hearings—Certificates of Appropriateness

262 Cumberland Avenue—amend previous Major Work CA to change window muntins

New Business: Public Hearings—Certificates of Appropriateness

41 Elizabeth Place—remove deteriorated back porch and rebuild

Other Business

Comments from commissioners, public, and staff



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Members present: J. Ray Elingburg, Brian Cook, Aaron Wilson, Nan Chase, Joe Carney, Brendan Ross, Ashley Black, John Dean, David Nutter, Capi Wampler, Jonathan Lucas, Hillary Cole

Staff present: Stacy Merten, Jannice Ashley

Item and Summary	Action
262 Cumberland Avenue—amend CA to change window muntins	Withdrawn
41 Elizabeth Place—remove deteriorated back porch and rebuild	Approved with conditions
43 Pearson Drive—discussion of vinyl fence	Hearing reopened to reconsider time frame for removal

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August 10, 2011, Meeting—Tentative Agenda for Montford

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

Old Business: Public Hearings—Certificates of Appropriateness

43 Pearson Drive—reconsider timeframe for removal of vinyl fence

New Business: Public Hearings—Certificates of Appropriateness

39 Courtland Avenue—demolish existing garage and replace with new two-car garage

227 Cumberland Avenue—change roof form and stucco over brick façade of Hellenic Center

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When botanists Tim Spira and Lisa Wagner joined the faculty at Clemson University 18 years ago, they enjoyed visiting Asheville for special weekend getaways with their golden retrievers—first Chessie, then Mocha, and now Woody.

After many years of staying in pet-friendly hotels downtown and enjoying the cultural diversity and mountain surroundings of Asheville, they started looking for a small weekend or summer home near downtown.

Arborvale House

Montford and a then-three-year-old cottage designed and owned by local architect Stephen Beili made a perfect match. A key attraction was the view of the forested ravine behind the house on Arborvale Road, combined with the small size and open architecture of the eco-friendly home.



The “low maintenance” landscape idea was quickly abandoned for stone raised beds in part of the former driveway, a meadow garden, and a sedum bed in front, with native plantings on either side of the house. They’ve cleared the ravine forest of most of the invasive ivy, bittersweet, and burdock, with a variety of native trees and shrubs added to the understory. Their next step is to start adding native woodland perennials in the understory.

Blog and Book

Lisa is the director of education at the South Carolina Botanical Garden, and Tim is a professor in the Department of Biological Sciences. They’re native plant gardeners who have created diverse natural habitat gardens at their home in Clemson and are working on their landscape in Asheville. Lisa reflects on their experiences in their gardens and elsewhere in her blog *Natural Gardening* at www.naturalgardening.blogspot.com.

Recently, the University of North Carolina Press published Tim’s book *Wildflowers and Plant Communities of the Southern Appalachian Mountains and Piedmont: A Naturalist’s Guide to the Carolinas, Virginia, Tennessee, and Georgia*, which reflects 10 years of field research and numerous photo expeditions.

This summer, Tim is devoting much of his time to book talks and guiding wildflower hikes. He recently spoke at Montford Books and several other local venues. His presentations reveal his love of teaching about the natural world and encourage audience members to share their enthusiasm for our diversity of wildflowers and ask questions about their favorite native plants.

You can find Tim and Lisa walking around the neighborhood with Woody or gardening in their front and backyard. Look for Tim’s book at Montford Books as well as other local and regional booksellers.

Green Corner *Xeriscaping in Montford*

Mitch Russell

This month’s Green Corner aims to keep your garden green for next year. Xeriscaping has been used in the Southwest for decades and may be a wise investment here as well since rain seems to be unpredictable.

The basic principle of xeriscaping is to reduce water usage. Some ways to do so are reducing or eliminating the lawn, grouping together plants of similar watering needs, utilizing the drip line of trees to water when it rains, mulching to retain water, and using drought-tolerant, ideally native, plants.

Some drought-tolerant natives for your yard might include butterflyweed, yucca, black-eyed Susan, purple coneflower, green and gold, heuchera/alumroot, spiderwort blue or white wild indigo, pink muhly grass, broomsedge bluestem, crossvine, and sweetshrub.

Here’s a website that has great information on xeriscaping: xeriscape.sustainablesources.com.



Coop School! *Coming in September*

Cathy Williams

My Search for a Teacher/Mentor

When I first began to think about *really* raising chickens, I didn’t know a teacher/mentor for the kind of chicken I wanted to do. I did know I wanted my experience and care of my chickens to be guided by principles of humane treatment.

I didn’t want to feed my girls just anything, like rotten food scraps, moldy bread, GMO (genetically modified) corn, or soy-based feed for that matter. I wanted to provide good nutrition just like I would for any other pets. I wanted to acknowledge and celebrate their sweet chicken ways with plenty of dirt scratching areas, provide opportunities for them to eat juicy bits from the grass in my backyard, and create an environment filled with variety.

After a while, when it was apparent I wouldn’t find a teacher/mentor, I set out to become one. The most effective mode of instruction was visiting other people’s setups, seeing how they chickened, when they did what and why. I want to share what I learned from my three years of research and hands-on successes and mistakes.

My Solution: Mother Hen’s Coop School

If you are contemplating what it might be like to raise chickens this fall or next spring, you’ll want to be part of Mother Hen’s Coop School’s first class. Classes are for folks who want to learn how to chicken with care and compassion.

The format for the four classes will encompass casual discussion and question-and-answer sessions with handouts, recommended reading lists, reference sources for local supplies, hands-on demonstrations, and a mini-Asheville Coop Tour, culminating with the last class when we visit my coop. Graduates receive discounts on field trips and special events.

Coop School will also showcase four product sample kits. Each kit contains Mother Hen’s favorite tried-and-true products and will be available to purchase online, locally, and in class. Class participants receive a substantial discount.

I’m currently working on selecting the best venue. In the meantime, upcoming Coop School class dates and times will be posted at www.thechickenclub.wordpress.com. Subscribe and receive updates. You can email me at cathy@motherhenconsulting.com.

Save the dates—Monday evenings in September—and as always, via con huevos!





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Historic Walking Tours

For by-appointment walking tours of historic Montford, Riverside Cemetery, and downtown Asheville, call 828-777-1014. A self-guided CD or downloaded MP3 tour of Riverside Cemetery is available online at www.history-at-hand.com Cemetery tour CDs are also available at the Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center or by calling the number above.

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RENT A TABLE AT THE MONTFORD COMMUNITY 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, September 2**, to Sharon Fahrner, 333 Montford Avenue.

For more information call Sharon at 777-1014 or email fahrner@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 10.

Name: _____

☐ I want to rent a table at the 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.

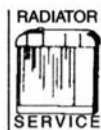


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COOL Changes

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2. Cool New Greenway. Work is moving fast on extending the Reed Creek Greenway from Magnolia Street to Cauble Street, where it will tie into the existing stretch between Cauble and Catawba. The greenway will eventually run alongside the former Momentum property all the way down Broadway to Weaver Boulevard.



GETTING THERE SECTION BY SECTION

3. Cool New Mural. Something fishy has happened on the Cherry Street wall of Hunter Banks at the head of Montford Avenue. The new mural is the work of artists Scott Allred and Jeremy Russell.



URBAN ART AT MONTFORD'S GATEWAY

Sweet Plantain Hash Burritos



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INGREDIENTS:

- *2 pork chorizo links
- *1 ripe (fairly but not all black) plantain, peeled and diced (about the size of a dice)
- *1 can Delmonte Summer Crisp or 1 cup fresh corn
- *1/2 cup black beans, drained and rinsed
- *1 cup medium salsa (reserve 1/2 cup)
- *2 tbsp cilantro, roughly chopped
- *4 Whole wheat tortillas)

DIRECTIONS:

Heat a medium saute pan and add chorizo, break up so it cooks in pieces. After it has been browning/cooking for about 3 minutes add plantains. Cook until chorizo is browned. (about 5 more minutes). Meanwhile wrap 4 tortillas in aluminum foil and heat in the oven (300 degrees) Add in black beans, corn and 1/2 of salsa to chorizo and plantain mixture and cook until heated through. Remove tortillas from oven and fill with hash, sprinkle with cilantro and roll up like burrito. Serve with additional (reserved) salsa.

*Delicious Ideas From
Your Neighborhood Ingles!*

Street Lighting

Continued from front page...

parks to identify lights inside Montford Park that do not work. The locations of four park lights have been sent to Progress Energy for repair. The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department is obtaining a cost estimate for installing a new light and pole to enhance the center of the park and improve safety in the area behind the restroom building. We hope the city will make this improvement.

We have asked both Public Works and Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts to evaluate Hummingbird Park at the corner of Starnes Avenue and Cumberland Avenue with attention to the dim lighting on the streets in the area and the fact that there are NO lights in the park. We are hoping for improvements here, too.

How to Report Lighting Issues

If you note any other lighting issues, please contact me at pamjobrown@charter.net, and I will report them to Public Works. Or you can contact the city directly using the information below.

One of the most important safety tips is to be aware of your surroundings. With repaired and improved lighting, our streets can be a little safer now. We are grateful that the city and law enforcement departments have been so responsive to the MNA's requests.

Street Lighting: Richard Grant, Public Works, rgrant@ashevillenc.gov

Park Lighting: Kathleen Connor, Superintendent of Parks, kconnor@ashevillenc.gov

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Hot August Night 5K Race

Saturday, August 20, 7:00 P.M.

Who's This Race For?

Runners who want to enjoy a competitive run through historic Montford Community. 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.

What's the Entry Fee?

Adults

\$20 (\$15 if registered by August 12)

Youth 12 and Under

\$15 (\$10 if registered by August 12)

How Do I Register?

Fill out the attached entry form and return 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/5k-race/asheville-nc/hot-august-night-5k-2011. Race day registration will be held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Only the first 150 registrants will receive a t-shirt; size is not guaranteed.

Who Gets the Prizes?

We will award prizes to the top 3 overall male/female runners and to the top female/male in the masters division. We also will have awards for the top 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 are not guaranteed.

Will There Be Food?

Refreshments will be available to all runners after the race.

Where Can I Park?

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

How Do I Get My Race Packet?

Packets will be available for pickup Friday, August 19, from 4-6:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 20, 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 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 20, 7:00 P.M.

Montford Community Center

Complete this form and return to:
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34 Pearson Drive, Asheville, NC 28801

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

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After August 12

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Adult T-shirt size (s):

☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ 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.)

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Spotlight on a Montford Business *Dynamic Montford Businesses Unite to Form Trio Design Build*



Montford residents Mark and Gini Marshall, owners of Ages Past, and Cate Scales, owner of CS Design, have merged their design-build businesses to better serve their existing and new clientele.

Trio's Origins

Mark and Gini have known Cate through Montford functions over the years and really appreciate her enthusiasm and her passion for design. Cate is grateful to collaborate with the Ages Past duo, who have been leaders in renovation and new construction in Asheville since 1998. Both companies had been busy with multiple projects, even throughout the recession, growing because of the need for affordable, creative, renovation and building solutions in a tight economy.

In January of 2011 the three design-build professionals decided to combine their businesses to offer a fresh new perspective in building and renovating. Trio, the name of the new company, offers quality craftsmanship and interior design with an emphasis on local, sustainable, affordable solutions for any commercial or residential project. The Trio team feels fortunate to live and work in this wonderful historic neighborhood and to have participated in the revitalization of many homes in Montford.

Beginning with the Client's Needs and Goals

Thoroughly enjoying the building and design process, the team starts each project with the client's needs and goals, the most important elements in any design-build project. Together they create a project that will enhance their client's environment and fit the budget as well. When a project is finished, the day of the big reveal is always great fun, seeing all the concepts fall into place and the clients experience the newly finished spaces.

Recent Montford Projects

The team has been working with a client on Pearson Drive to update and uplift her spaces. After many months of collaborating and organizing, we are working with her to make her home very functional—and truly hers. The long-term goal is a home where the family can relax, be creative, and spend time together. Piece by piece, the team is transforming the home to fit their needs and lifestyle. Seeing all the concepts fall into place and experiencing how the newly finished spaces affect the family is incredibly uplifting.

Trio has worked with many Montford residents in new construction and interior design projects and enjoys collaborating with other tradespeople from the neighborhood. Architect Diana Bellgown has recently designed a house for a client that will be built by Trio, a cottage on Pearson Drive. Living and working in Montford have many benefits: It's an easy commute, and the opportunities to help preserve our neighborhood aesthetic through new construction and rejuvenating historic gems abound.

Please visit Trio's new website and see more of what this new design-build group has been working on: www.trioasheville.com.



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