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What a Festival! Complete Coverage Inside

Greenways Shape the Future of Montford and Asheville

Reed Creek Greenway to Extend through Former Momentum Site

Marc Hunt, Past Chair, Asheville Greenway Commission

How Asheville's Greenways Began

In the late 1990's, city leaders like Leni Sitnick, Chuck Cloninger, and Irby Brinson acted on a vision to knit the community together in a greener and healthier way with a new network of greenways. The city's Greenways Master Plan was born with over 20 miles mapped.

Initially strong enthusiasm was set back in 1999 with the very narrow failure of a municipal bond referendum that would have spurred implementation of perhaps half of all the planned greenway miles. The resulting slow start did yield a few great projects, including the section of the Reed Creek Greenway in Montford that parallels Broadway between Cauble Street and Catawba Street. With successful recent additions near *continued on page 13...*



GREENWAY WILL HUG BROADWAY BETWEEN WEAVER BOULEVARD AND CATAWBA STREET

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Farmers Market Moving to Montford

Wednesday Co-op to be Held in Chamber Parking Lot Starting June 22

Nicole Delcogliano

On June 22, the farmers of the Wednesday Co-op Market are moving to the Chamber of Commerce parking lot on Montford Avenue.

Move Will Increase Access and Allow Growth

The Wednesday Co-op Market has been in existence for 11 years and has experienced significant growth. Many experienced farms such as Full Sun Farm, Flying Cloud, Gaining Ground, Spinning Spider Creamery, and Blue Hill farm are among those moving to our new location behind the Asheville Chamber of Commerce.

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Joyce Thornburg Is Living the Dream

Montford Painter Is Artist of the Month at Atelier 24 Lexington

Ross Terry

Joyce Thornburg is proof you can live your dream at any age.

Five years ago, Joyce took early retirement from a three-decade career in newspaper advertising in Miami to return to her North Carolina roots. Her goal to be a full-time artist became an all consuming passion, and she immediately set up a studio on the sunporch of the Victorian home in Montford she shares with her husband and three cats.

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CALENDAR

MONTFORD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETINGS:

- THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH, MONTFORD COMMUNITY CENTER, PEARSON DRIVE
- NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 7:00 P.M.

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:

- *THE COMEDY OF ERRORS AND DOUBLE FALSEHOOD (THE DISTREST LOVERS)*, JUNE 3-26, FRIDAYS-SUNDAYS, 7:30 P.M.
- THE ASHEVILLE SHAKESPEARE I, JULY 1-3, FRIDAY-SUNDAY, 7:30 P.M.
- *ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL—NOT A LOVE STORY*, JULY 8-31, FRIDAYS-SUNDAYS, 7:30 P.M.
- AUDITIONS FOR *JULIUS CAESAR*, SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M., AND SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 1:00-5:00 P.M. CONTACT INFO@MONTFORDPARKPLAYERS.ORG OR 254-5146.

RECEPTION FOR MONTFORD ARTIST JOYCE THORNBURG:

- SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 6:00-8:00 P.M., ATELIER 24 LEXINGTON GALLERY, DOWNTOWN. ARTIST OF THE MONTH AT THE GALLERY. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT 505-3663 OR VISIT WWW.ATELIER24LEXINGTON.COM.

MONTFORD COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES:

- MONTFORD PLAYGROUND PROGRAM FOR RISING FIRST THROUGH FIFTH GRADE YOUTH, WEEKDAYS, JUNE 13-AUGUST 11, 9:00 A.M.-5:30 P.M. COST FOR SESSION 1 IS \$175 (4 WEEKS) AND FOR SESSION 2 IS \$210 (5 WEEKS). PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. CALL SOON!
- AFTERSCHOOL ADVENTURES PROGRAM. \$30 PER WEEK FOR HOMEWORK TIME AND STUDY HELP, AFTERNOON SNACK, GAMES, CRAFTS, FIELD TRIPS, AND MUCH MORE. REQUIRED PREREGISTRATION BEGINS AUGUST 1.
- 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.

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

BACK OF THE HOUSE BASH:

- BENEFIT FOR WNC HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 3:00-7:30 P.M., SMITH McDOWELL HOUSE, 283 VICTORIA ROAD, GREAT MUSIC AND FOOD, \$10 FOR ADULTS. CALL 253-9231 OR VISIT WWW.WNCHISTORY.ORG.

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- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2:00-6:00 P.M., CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PARKING LOT, MONTFORD AVENUE. CONTACT GREENTOEGROUND@YAHOO.COM.

MADISON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BENEFIT LUNCHEON:

- KEYNOTE SPEAKER AUTHOR KAREN WHITE, \$35, THURSDAY, JULY 14, HOMEWOOD ON ZILLICOA STREET. CALL (828) 649-3741 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

HOW TO CONTACT THE HRC

- 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.

Thanks to Festival Volunteers

Ron Phillips

The Montford Music and Arts Festival could not have been the success that it was without the help of so many neighbors who gave generously of their time to help. With some showing up well before 7:00 a.m., they got right down to business staffing the MNA booth, greeting people at the street barricades, selling merchandise, emptying trash, and doing the ever-important work of setting up and breaking down.

We'd like to thank the following folks for their efforts:

Pam Brown, Susan Eggerton, Ranjeev, Travis Lowe, David Goodrum, Kathryn Moore, Caroline Mason, Pamela Dupuis, Mary Trauner, Liz Lesesne, Karen Kellow, Jenny Wilker, Mike Hunter, Michael McDonough, Frank Cummings, Elizabeth Hunter, Deidre Levine, Gregg Homolka, Leslie Humphrey, Lucy Archie, Vita and Dru Ruvolo-Wilkes, Jacqueline Larsen, Debra Patterson, Tige Hopper, Sharon Hines, Joe Emison, Vic Fahrer, Phyl Stiles, Mark Askinas, Michael Dubrosca, Bill Hamilton, William Saupe, Holly Stiles, Trudy Galyner, Eva Humphrey, Rebecca Banner, and several other folks who pitched in wherever they saw we needed help. Sorry if I left out anybody's name!

In Sharon Fahrer's article on page 4, she acknowledges the Festival Planning Committee members who worked hard before, during, and after the festival.



I CAN SIT DOWN NOW.
They all showed up.

Final Roll Call of Sponsors

Daphne Young

Great Big Thanks from the Montford neighborhood to all the sponsors who invested in our community and contributed to the awesome success of our Eighth Annual Music and Arts Festival. Without them, it would not have been possible. Please patronize these establishments, stop by to say hello, and don't forget to thank the neighbors who so generously supported the festival.



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SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

Montford Architect Receives Griffin Award

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 Adaptive Reuse to Diana Bellgowan for her architectural work on Curate at 11 Biltmore Avenue.

Congratulations Diana!

Since 1979, the society has awarded the Griffin for the "protection and preservation . . . of our most visible and beautiful historic buildings." Over the years, a number of Montford residents have received the honor.



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MONTFORD TURNS OUT FOR SPRING



Looking Back on the Eighth Annual Music and Arts Festival

Sharon Fahrer, Co-Director

Montford has spirit, Montford has pride. We showed it all off on May 21 at the Eighth Annual Music and Arts Festival. With the weather cooperating beautifully, two stages worth of musicians and one hundred vendors brought Montford Avenue and Soco Street to life.

Planning Committee Worked Hard . . .

Thanks to the members of the festival planning committee who invested hundreds of hours over the past eight months, this event was the best. The members were Ross Terry, Jerry Conner, Laura Lowe, Elzy Lindsey, John Fragale, Wanda Hawthorne, Bill Wheeler, Joe Newman, David Patterson, and, last but not least, Volunteer Coordinator Ron Phillips, Soco Stage Coordinator Dave Baker, Fundraising Director Daphne Young, and Festival Co-Director Ben Scales. MNA Treasurer Wanda Newman kept up with the steady flow of money coming in and going out. You all were the greatest!

How will we top it next year?

. . . With a Lot of Help from Our Friends

Thousands of dollars were raised in sponsorship. We booked first-class entertainment with several Grammy awards among the performers. We set up a prestigious juried art contest judged by the director of the Center for Craft, Creativity and Design at the UNCA Kellogg Center. For the first time, we had a Doggie Daycare operated by Brother Wolf (thanks to John Fragale) and a Bike Corral staffed by Asheville on Bikes (thanks to Bill Wheeler). We did publicity and social networking, built and maintained websites, dealt with a myriad of insurance and permitting issues.

And on festival day, more neighbors than we could count showed up to volunteer.

Keeping It Free, Helping the Neighborhood

Above all, we met our goal: a **FREE festival** for the benefit of our special neighborhood.

We hope that when the final numbers come in, we will have money left over to fund neighborhood programs such as the many activities for youth and adults at the Montford Community Center. Thanks to everyone who planned, helped, volunteered, and made it all possible.

Montford Stage Fills the Avenue with Music and Dance

Ben Scales, Festival Co-Director

We had another fabulous day of music at this year's Montford Music and Arts Festival, courtesy of the neighborhood association and its generous sponsors. I appreciate this opportunity to recap the performances of that very special day.

The weather was perfect all day long, and the trees along Montford gave us much-appreciated shade over most all of the audience most of the day.

The first act of the morning, **Braidsteam**, fronted by neighbors Rita Hayes and Jeff Johnson, provided a pleasant eye-opener for the day, serenading the street with their unique blend of classical, new-age, Celtic, and Baltic melodies.

Following them, **Free Planet Radio** continued the world music explosion with a cerebral set of jazz fusion, complete with intricate time signatures and diverse instrumentation. This Asheville supergroup is comprised of Chris Rosser, former neighbor River Guerguerian, and two-time Grammy-award winning bassist Eliot Wadopian. (*Editor's note: See if you can count the Grammys — there will be a test at the end.*)

The street was all "banging and singing" along with **Billy Jonas and Friends**, including yours truly and my son Charlie, as the world-renowned family entertainer invited us all to Join The Band.

Ira Bernstein and Riley Baugus followed with an inspired set of old-time fiddle-banjo tunes, interspersed with our neighbor Ira's incredible dancing and informative story-telling by both Ira and Riley. Ira, who co-founded the festival with Sharon and coordinated the music for the first two years, regularly wows audiences all over the world. And as a special treat, Ira was accompanied by Grammy award winner Riley Baugus, who has recorded with Willie Nelson, Alison Krauss, Robert Plant, Tim O'Brien, and Dirk Powell, among others. Riley also performed at the very first Montford Festival, way back when it was held inside of Pyper's Place, where Nine Mile now resides. What a thrill to see these two performing together at our festival again!



Next up, making their much-anticipated return to the festival, was the **Firecracker Jazz Band**, sporting a new line-up featuring guitarist extraordinaire Hank Bones and drummer Russ Wilson. Though a few of the faces have changed, the FJB still cooks with the same Red Hot energy that got the dancers all warmed up for what was coming next . . .

WestSound. These guys had a wedding gig to get to, but they decided to keep the bride waiting while they pumped their smoking R&B up the avenue for us. And as in years past, all the lovely ladies were shaking it hard with singer Regina Duke on her powerful rendition of "Brick House." With the crowd begging for an encore, brothers Randy and Oscar Weston decided to risk our ire to rush off to the wedding. I hope the happy couple understands just what a sacrifice we made for them.

Fortunately, we had a pretty strong act coming up next—four-time Grammy award winner **David Holt and His Lightning Bolts**. David regaled us with songs and stories from his travels around Appalachia and beyond as his stellar band ripped through these Americana classics.

From "old-time" to "old-skool," the next act **Free Flow** put a charge into the audience and a lift in everyone's step with their unique brand of R&B and funky Rock & Roll. Lil' Rog, Kevin "Kazual" Collins, and Darrell "BNote" Griffin, along with their friends on guitar, saxophone, and drums, made it nearly impossible to stand still as took us all to the place Free Flow likes to call Planet Funk!



In between acts, we were treated to terrific performances by the **Asheville Morris Men and Ashgrove Garland dancers**, the **Asheville Shakesperience**, and the **Mountain Dragon Lion Dancers**, all returning to festival, and ensuring that our set changeovers were as entertaining as the sets themselves.

The tunes from the 2010 Montford Music and Arts Festival are still humming in my ears. I'm already looking forward to next year! (*OK. How many Grammys did you count? Answer on page 13.*)

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Music and Arts Festival Juried Art Contest Winners



FIRST PLACE: Artifactual Adornments, artists Bryan and Bridgette Davis



SECOND PLACE: Indigo Brown, artist Methany Brook



THIRD PLACE: Melting Mountain Pottery, artist Joey Sheehan

Madison County Library Fundraiser Set for July 14

Author Karen White to Speak at Montford Luncheon

Megan Adams



KAREN WHITE

The Friends of Madison County Library will host their seventh author luncheon on July 14, and we're so pleased to announce that southern novelist Karen White will be the keynote speaker. The luncheon will be held on Thursday, July 14, 11:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m., at Homewood, the big stone house on Zillicoa Street in Montford.

Children's Services Department to Benefit

This annual fundraiser, held to raise money for the children's services department at the Madison County Public Library, enables the library to offer the children's summer reading program.

After six years, the Library Friends decided to look for a new location to host this popular event. Working with the Homewood staff has been a pleasure. We look forward to welcoming luncheon attendees to lovely Montford.

About Karen White

Karen White is a best selling author who makes her home in Georgia and uses her love of the South as both inspiration and setting for the 14 novels she has written. Through her books, readers can journey from Mississippi to Savannah and on to the low country of South Carolina. The mountains of North Carolina have also figured into White's writings. The author says that after finishing *Gone with the Wind* as a seventh grader—she skipped school to do the reading—she knew she was destined to grow up and become either Scarlett O'Hara or a writer!

White's novels include 2007's *Learning to Breathe*, which received several honors including the National Readers' Choice Award and the Booksellers' Best Award. Her highly praised novel *The Memory of Water* won the Bookseller's Best Award in 2009. Several of White's other best selling novels have been recognized by the Southern Independent Booksellers Alliance (SIBA), including *The House on Tradd Street*, *The Girl on Legare Street*, *On Folly Beach*, and *The Color of Light*.

White's fourteenth novel, *The Beach Trees*, set in Biloxi and New Orleans pre-Hurricane Camille (the 1950s) and post-Katrina, was released in May.

Ticket Information

Tickets are \$35. The cost of a ticket includes a buffet luncheon, program by the author, book signing by the author, and door prizes. There will be a silent auction during the event. Tickets can be purchased at any location of the Madison County Public Library system or by calling (828) 649-3741.

Because seating is limited, the Friends encourage everyone to purchase tickets early. Don't miss this event.

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Montford Community Center News

Kim Kennedy, Center Director

Summer Playground Program and Outdoor Adventure Camps

The warm weather brings the start of the Summer Playground Program and Outdoor Adventure Camps. There are still spots left in the playground program if your child would enjoy crafts, games, field trips, cultural arts, nature exploration, tennis, swimming, and using the indoor climbing wall. Call for more information; preregistration is required.

Wanted: Advisory Board Members

The Montford Community Center is looking for members for its Advisory Board. We really want to increase community support and involvement in the center, and the board is a great place to gather ideas. The minimum time commitment is attending our meetings on the second Tuesday of the month, but we hope board members will get involved in center events and programs as well.

Afterschool Adventures Program

Registration begins August 1 for the 2011-2012 Afterschool Adventures Program. For just \$30 per week, your child will enjoy homework time and study help, an afternoon snack, games, crafts, field trips, and much more. Preregistration is required.

Calling All Runners

Our annual Hot August Night 5K Race will be held Saturday, August 20, at 7:00 p.m. Register at www.active.com or call for a registration form.

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



Montford Farmers Market

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WEDNESDAYS • 2:00 - 6:00 PM

Starts June 22, 2011

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(in the Chamber of Commerce parking lot)

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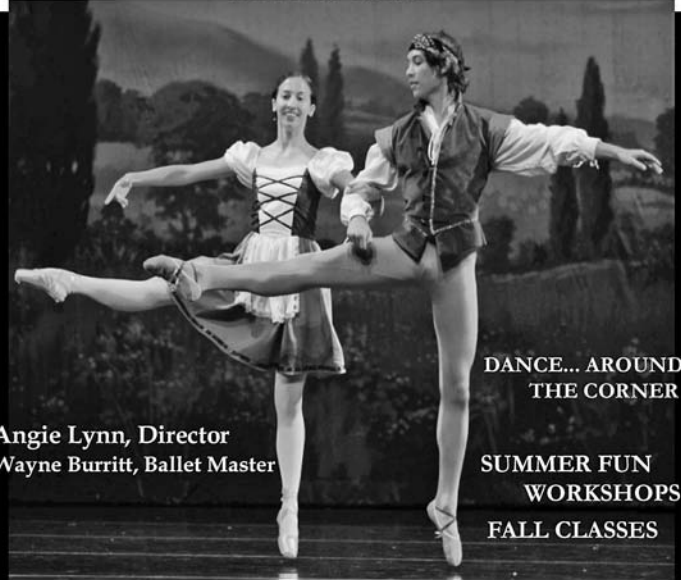
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Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

**June 8, 2011, Meeting—Tentative 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/

New Business: Public Hearings—Certificates of Appropriateness

- 162 Cumberland Avenue—split rail fence on back alley
- 320 Montford Avenue—sunroom addition to accessory structure
- 438 Montford Avenue—renovation of outbuilding to residential use
- 79 Cumberland Avenue—rear addition
- 262 Cumberland Avenue—new construction of a residential structure
- 299 Montford Avenue—new construction of a residential structure
- 43 Pearson Drive—construct vinyl fence (after the fact)

Other Business

Comments from commissioners, public, and staff

May 11, 2011, Meeting—Action Agenda for Montford

Members present: Nan Chase, Jonathan Lucas, David Nutter, Capi Wampler, Hillary Cole, Diane Duermit, Aaron Wilson, Ashley Black, Joe Carney

Staff present: Stacy Merten, Jannice Ashley, Jennifer Blevins

Item and Summary

Action

- Montford Avenue at Cullowhee Street—install sidewalk extensions..... Withdrawn
- 44 Elizabeth Street—remove deck and build porch on rear of house Approved with conditions
- 277-279 Montford Avenue—eliminate muntins from lower sash on windows Denied

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

Back of the House Bash



June 18, 2011

Enjoy music and fun on the grounds of the
Smith-McDowell House

283 Victoria Road (on A-B Tech campus)

Rain or Shine - seating and music
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- 4:00 Letters to Abigail
- 5:00 Dave Desmelik Trio
- 6:30 Appalachian Fire

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How to Chicken Responsibly

Cathy Williams

The Year of the Chicken for Ashevilleans came in with a Big Cluck in 2009. The newly relaxed animal ordinance for keeping city chickens passed in April of that year, and ever since the Asheville Chicken Club, an active monthly support group, has been meeting to educate CHiCKenErS about the joys associated with humane and responsible hen ownership.



Learning the Rules

Having hosted that many monthly meetings, I am frequently surprised at the number of people who are not familiar with the new laws. Just as there were restrictions prior to April 2009 for keeping chickens in the city, some restrictions remain along with rules we must all follow. The changes in the laws were hard fought, and one of the city's main objections was based on concerns for whether the city has the resources to monitor compliance and respond to complaints.

Last year the Animal Services department responded to almost 300 calls concerning city chickens. Our animal services officers are unsung animal welfare heroes in my book. Their time can be redirected from chasing loose chickens and rooster to better serving our community. So the question is: What can the Asheville CHiCKenEr community do to reduce the number of calls? The answer: Be familiar with the rules.

Laws in a Nutshell

Here are some highlights of what current and future CHiCKenErS need to know about keeping urban hens. As with any pet, compliance basically involves one's ability and willingness to provide humane care and respect for your neighbors. If you think about the laws for dog ownership, it's easy to substitute the same provisions for chickens. A responsible CHiCKenEr must:

- provide for safety and welfare (covered runs, no free roaming, adequate shelter, predator protection)
- store feed properly in metal cans to reduce the chances of attracting predators such as dogs, opossum, racoons, even bears
- provide a sanitary environment (no overcrowding, no drainage issues, proper waste disposal)
- keep no roosters
- pay an annual permit fee based on the total number of pets (for one to six animals, \$25 and no inspection; for more than six animals, \$50 with inspection)
- place housing fewer than 10 feet from your neighbor's property line.

Compliance under current laws is complaint driven, but animal services personnel reserve the right to inspect your yard if necessary. Inspections are not currently conducted during the permit application process unless you have more than six animals (cats, dogs, chickens, in toto). When personnel come to visit your property, they will be looking to make sure your yard is large enough to accommodate a safe and sanitary environment.

For More Information

You can view the complete animal ordinance at the websites listed below or go to www.ashevillenc.gov/uploadedFiles/Departments/Police_Department/Police_Services/Animal.

Permit applications may be obtained at the next Chicken Club meeting on **Monday, June 13**, or from the Water Department in City Hall.

To join the Chicken Club and learn more about how to be a good chickener visit: www.meetup.com/Chickener-Support-In-Asheville or Mother Hen's Chicken Club on Facebook.

Via con Fresh Huevos!

Green Corner

After Spring Cleaning, Recycle and E-Cycle

Mitch Russell

Haven't done all your spring cleaning yet? It's not too late.

Bag up those clothes you outgrew over the winter and donate them to area nonprofits, or better yet get out and enjoy the spring weather to shed a few pounds.



Recycling at the County Landfill

Old paint or analog TV's lying around and driving you crazy? Recycle them and numerous other items at the county landfill. Buncombe County accepts household hazardous waste and electronics every Friday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (except Fridays before or after a holiday), at a special drop-off area at the landfill. For more information, contact the landfill at 250-5462. While you're there, get a pickup-truck load of mulch for \$10.

E-Cycling at Isaac Dickson

Finally, Isaac Dickson Elementary School is accepting cell phones and their batteries/chargers, inkjet printer cartridges, iPods and Mp3 players, digital cameras, pocket PCs, handhelds, PDAs, and Palm Pilots. Drop off your e-cycling at the Isaac Dickson office this summer.



Free Shakespeare Returns for the Summer!

With the Montford Park Players at Hazel Robinson Ampitheatre



- *The Comedy of Errors* and *Double Falsehood (The Distrest Lovers)*, June 3-26, Fridays-Sundays, 7:30 p.m.
- *The Asheville Shakespeare I*, July 1-3, Friday-Sunday, 7:30 p.m.
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Montford Neighborhood Association News

Pam Brown, Secretary

The regular monthly meeting was called to order on May 17, 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, Pam Brown, secretary, Wanda Newman, treasurer, and at-large members Laura Lowe, Joe Newman, Tim Schaller, Michael McDonough, Sharon Fahrer, and Elizabeth Hunter. Also present were Montford Recreation Center Director Kim Kennedy, Community Resource Officer (CRO) Jeremy Woody and another police officer, HRC Director Stacy Merten, Marc Hunt from the Asheville Greenway Commission, Tom Roberson from the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce, and several other neighbors and community members.

Safety and Security

CRO Jeremy Woody reported another relatively quiet month. The group discussed the recent postings on the list serve regarding speeding on Montford Avenue, and Officer Woody stated that he has requested the electronic speed monitor. Also discussed was speeding on Watauga Street. Officer Woody reminded the group that because there is no posted speed limit on Watauga, the legal speed defaults to 35 mph. This is true for all streets in Montford with no posted speed limit.

MNA Financials

Wanda Newman updated the group on accounting activities for the last month and reported the recent donations and sponsorships for the upcoming music and arts festival.

MNA Nominations and Elections

Motions were made and seconded for the nominated executive board officers and at-large board members for the upcoming year. The motions passed. The new board members are as follows: President - David Patterson, Vice President - Susan Eggerton, Secretary - Bill Wheeler, Treasurer - Wanda Newman, and at-large board members Michael McDonough, Karen Kellow, Pam Brown, Joe Newman, Laura Lowe, Elizabeth Hunter, Ron Phillips, and Sharon Fahrer.

Eighth Annual Montford Music and Arts Festival

Sharon Fahrer reported on the donations, booth rentals, and planned music for the two stages. Credit was given to all who have worked so hard to make this the largest festival to date. She also announced the fundraiser for the MNA by LaZoom: a private comedy city tour on Sunday, June 5, at 6:30 p.m. The \$25.00 tickets will be available for sale at the festival. The group was reminded that more festival volunteers are still needed.

French Broad Farmers Market in the Chamber of Commerce Parking Lot

Tom Roberson, director of Visitor Services at the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce, announced that the farmer's market currently held on Wednesdays at the French Broad Co-op was planning to move to Montford in the lower level of the Chamber's parking area. He explained that in the process of filing for permits, it was discovered that while the Chamber building site is zoned CB, the parking lot is still zoned RM8, which does not allow tailgate or farmer's market activity.

Tom introduced Kevin Toomey of Ten Mile Farm who is coordinating the move. Both discussed the request to rezone the parking lot. The group discussed implications of this rezoning request for the future of our neighborhood. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled next week with someone attending from City Planning and Zoning. The meeting will be held in one of the Chamber's meeting rooms. Details will be announced on the list serve. For more information on the farmer's market, see the story on the front page of this newsletter.

HRC Update

Stacy Merten, director of the Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County, discussed the changes in staff and in the application process for Certificates of Appropriateness (CA's). As of April 11, all applications for CA's must be submitted to the Development Services Center (DSC) located at 161 South Charlotte Street. The DSC staff under Stacy's supervision also receive Minor Work applications. Residents questioned Stacy about the process of including the BellSouth and Momentum properties in the Montford Historic District. Stacy suggested that a letter from the MNA approaching the current owners would be the first step.

The Health Adventure, Momentum Site, and Reed Creek Greenway

Tim Schaller and Michael McDonough discussed the recent lease approved by Pack Place for The Health Adventure for 18 months. Also discussed was the possibility of fines for the fencing at the Momentum site, but it was unclear who would be liable for the fines.

Marc Hunt, past chair of the Asheville Greenway Commission, attended the meeting and informed the community that the Reed Creek Greenway will survive the recent bankruptcy because the city has fee-simple ownership of the greenway corridor through the property. Those in attendance were relieved to hear this news. The group discussed using the June MNA meeting to develop a vision for the use of the Momentum site on Broadway. See Marc's article on the front page of this newsletter.

There was no additional business. The meeting was adjourned.





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Greenway

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Carrier Park and along Hominy Creek, and thanks to increased citizen involvement, hope is now on the rise for better things to come.

What might Asheville's Greenways program have in store for Montford? Take a look at the map as you read about these projects.

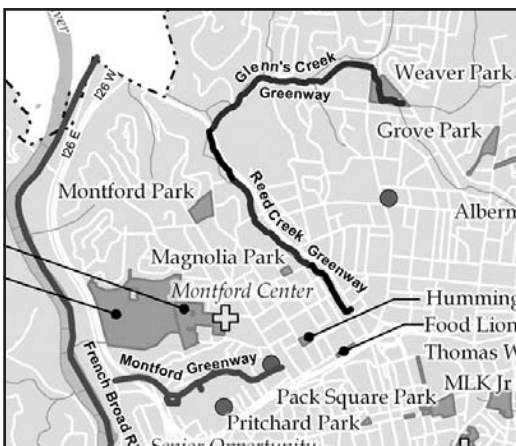
Reed Creek Greenway

Ground has just been broken for the extension of this greenway from Cauble southward along the creek to Magnolia Street, and it will more than double the existing length. Look for completion by fall this year. Further extension southward toward town is also on the drawing board.

Note that the city owns outright a greenway corridor through the site of the failed Momentum project, extending from Catawba northward to the intersection of Broadway and Weaver Boulevard. Construction of this segment will come after the site's future is settled and funding can be gathered for construction.

Montford Greenway(s)

This greenway is envisioned to extend from the Chamber of Commerce campus westward along the creek behind the future Montford Commons development and Isaac Dickson School, ultimately reaching into the river district. A separate parallel segment is being considered for addition to the master plan map as well, one that would extend from Montford Community Center along the southern edge of Riverside Cemetery into the river district.



French Broad River Greenway

With future implementation of the Wilma Dykeman Riverway plan, it is envisioned that with major reconfiguration of transportation infrastructure in the river district, a network of greenways, bike lanes, and parkland will develop, extending northward to Woodfin and allowing for connections into Montford like those outlined above.

Greenways improve community livability, transportation choices, health, and the environment. What can one do to help projects forward? Participate in public meetings and visioning processes at the city and county levels, support efforts by the Community Association in its involvement, and urge elected leaders to plan and fund more greenways. Most importantly, get out and enjoy!

Learn more about our greenways planning at www.ashevilleenc.gov and www.buncombe-county.org.

Answer to Count the Grammys:

There were seven Grammy Awards among the musicians who played the Montford Avenue Stage.

Farmers Market

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Founding market member Vanessa Campbell of Full Sun Farm says, "I am excited about increased accessibility to parking for our existing and new customers and our proximity to two elementary schools. We couldn't grow physically or customer-wise at our current location, and this move will be an opportunity for newer and existing farms to increase and diversify our customer base."

The market has a strong presence of produce growers, all from within a 50-mile radius of Asheville. All the growers use organic practices. We also have a plethora of value-added products.

What the Market Will Offer Montford

Montford resident Lucy Archie, a longtime CSA member of Green Toe Ground, says, "Like everything we love in Montford with its convenience to downtown, having the market in such close proximity will be a huge bonus. Parking will no longer be an issue or deterrent, and the availability of seasonal produce and other goodies will produce a win-win for Montford residents, the city, and the members of the market! I would try and get there early, because as tasty as everything is, it will sell out—quickly!"

Moving from its current location at 76 Biltmore Avenue, **the market will start at the Chamber on Wednesday, June 22. The hours will be 2:00-6:00 p.m.** For more information, contact the market manager at greentoeound@yahoo.com.

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Painting Every Day

A prolific artist, Joyce paints every day. As she expresses in her artist statement, "I am a prolific artist. My paint brush is a broom for my brain and the utensil that feeds my soul. I paint every day because I HAVE TO!"

Getting Her Work Out

Besides filling her walls at home with her art, Joyce has shown at Battery Park Art, American-Folk Art Gallery, and Oliver's Folk Art.

She currently exhibits at Atelier 24 Lexington Gallery in downtown Asheville, where she is the featured artist for the month of June. **You're invited to the opening reception on Saturday, June 11, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Joyce also has a working study/gallery at the Wedge Studios in the River Arts District. Her efforts to get her work "out there" resulted in the honor of being a finalist in the 2010 People's Biennial. In May, Curra's Restaurant in Weaverville invited Joyce to display her art there for several months.

Joyce's Medium and Portfolio

Her medium is acrylic on canvas, wood, paper, and recycled doors. Her entire portfolio can be seen at her website, www.joycethornburg.net.



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Quick Apple Oatmeal Breakfast Bowl



INGREDIENTS:

- *1/2 apple - chopped w/ peel
- *1/4 cup Irish oatmeal
- *1/3 cup water
- *1/4 cup plain 0% FAGE yogurt
- *1 tsp brown sugar
- *2 tsp raisins
- *A few pecan halves
- *Sprinkle of Cinnamon

DIRECTIONS:

Put apple, water & oatmeal in a bowl. Water should almost cover apples & oatmeal. Microwave on high for about 2 minutes until apple chunks are soft and oatmeal is cooked. Stir well and add the yogurt, brown sugar, raisins and pecan. Sprinkle with cinnamon....
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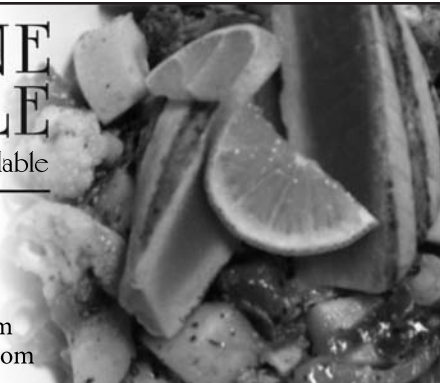
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