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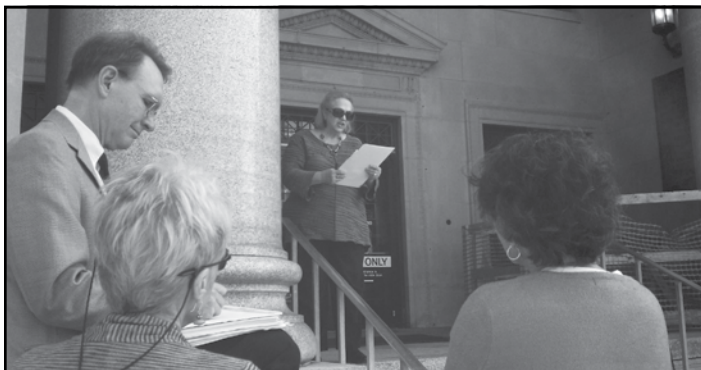
THE NEWSLETTER OF ASHEVILLE'S MOST HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD
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Bank Is New Owner of Health Adventure Property

Use of Museum Tract Unclear

Mark Barrett

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SOLD ON THE COURTHOUSE STEPS: City Attorney Bob Oast (L) and Montford residents watch Rebecca York of Raintree Realty and Construction auction the site.

TD Bank has just become the owner of the 10 acres on Broadway Street where The Health Adventure once planned to build a museum.

But it will take a while for the next use of the property to be known.

TD bid \$1.2 million in a foreclosure auction of the property that began Monday, October 17. The period in which someone could make a higher bid ran through late October.

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JOIN US FOR THE 2011 MONTFORD TOUR OF HOMES



Saturday, December 10, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Tickets available December 1 at the Visitor Center Gift Shop
and online: www.montfordtour.com

We have several properties committed to be on tour this year but are still searching for homes! If you're house-proud, please let us know if you would be willing to be a part of this wonderful neighborhood event.

If you would like to sponsor a home or volunteer for the event, please contact
Cate Scales - scalesfamily@charter.net or 280-1576

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Bag Your Leaves!

No More City Vacuum Collection

City of Asheville Sanitation Division

In an effort to address community concerns, conserve costs, and improve water quality, changes to the brush and leaf collection program were submitted as part of the budget which was adopted by City Council on May 24. Since July 1, the frequency of brush and bagged leaf collection has changed from once per month to twice per month.

Another change is the elimination of loose leaf collection by vacuum trucks. All leaves must be bagged for collection. Any type of lawn or garden bag may be used. The city will provide large leaf bags to residents on a first-come, first-served basis at local fire stations.

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CALENDAR

Montford Neighborhood Association Meetings:

- Third Tuesday of Every Month, Montford Community Center, Pearson Drive
 - Next meeting: Tuesday, November 15, 7:00 p.m.
- All residents are welcome! Everyone in Montford is a member of the neighborhood association.

Montford Tour of Homes 2011:

- Saturday, December 10, 1:00-5:00 p.m. Tickets available December 1 at the Chamber Visitor Center Gift Shop or at www.montfordtour.com. To sponsor a home or volunteer, contact Cate Scales at 280-1576 or scalesfamily@charter.net

Montford Community Center Activities:

- Adult yoga continues on Mondays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:00-9:00 a.m. Bring your mat. Free.
- Fun Day Out program for youth, most teacher workdays and holidays. \$5.00 plus field trips. Preregistration required.
- Youth Basketball registration underway, play begins end of November.
- Annual Holiday Donations Drive for families of children in afterschool program. Please bring donations to the center by Friday, December 9.
- Holiday Camp, December 21-30 (except December 26), 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. \$35 for first child and \$25 for each additional child. Register by December 15.
- Year-round martial arts, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m. \$10 per class, no preregistration, first class free. Contact Mark Small at 285-2929 or msmall@main.nc.us.

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

WNC Historical Society Lecture Series—Civil War in the Mountains:

- Dr. Gordon McKinney, Saturday, November 5, 2:00 p.m., Reuter Center, UNCA. Contact 253-9231 or education@wnchistory.org for reservations.

WNC Foster/Adopt Fall Festival:

- Saturday, November 12, 2:00-5:00 p.m., Crowne Plaza. Contact 258-0031, ext. 347, or ejourdan@familiesotogether.net.

Montford Farmers Market:

- Wednesdays, 2:00-6:00 p.m., Chamber of Commerce lower parking lot, Montford Avenue. Contact green-toeground@yahoo.com.

Montford Neighborhood Website

- Visit Montford's amazing 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.

Get involved in the Montford Neighborhood Association.

Contact David Patterson
at dpatterson@montford.org

Greek Festival Thanks Montford

Dear Neighbors,

On behalf of the Asheville Greek Festival and the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Asheville, we wish to thank our Montford neighbors and the Montford Neighborhood Association for all your support. Our 25th Annual Greek Festival was a great success due to your generosity. Without your support it would be difficult for us to share our delicious Greek food, sweet pastries, Hellenic culture, and Greek traditions with the people of Asheville.

Thank you again for allowing us to hold our three-day party at our home in the heart of Asheville's Most Historic Neighborhood and for the neighborhood's continued support.

Sincerely,

Constantine (Dino) G. Zourzoukis

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Asheville Greek Festival, Chair

Dawn Stucker

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Asheville Greek Festival, Co-Chair and Your Neighbor



Montford Community Center News

Kim Kennedy, Center Director

Annual Holiday Donations Drive

While finding those great after-Thanksgiving sales, please keep in mind the many families in Montford who struggle each year just to put food on the table. We will be collecting donations of backpacks, markers, mittens, hats, socks, board games, toys, and canned and dried goods. We will also be grateful for cash contributions. There are 32 youth in our afterschool program who count on this help to see them through the holidays.

Please bring all donations to the Montford Center by **Friday, December 9**. Thanks in advance for your help; the generosity of this neighborhood is always amazing!

Yoga Classes

Free adult yoga classes continue on Mondays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and Tuesdays/Thursdays from 8:00-9:00 a.m. Bring your mat and come ready to relax.

LEAF African Dance Program

LEAF in Schools and Streets invites you to take part in a free African dance class for Montford

youth and other neighbors with teaching artist Nadirah Rahman. Nadirah is artistic director for Laney West African Dance and Percussion, dancer with Belle Afrique, and dance teacher at T.C. Roberson and Erwin High Schools.

Joining her will be Adama Dembele. For 33 generations, Adama's family has carried the tradition of drumming, dancing, and oral history of the people of Mali and the Ivory Coast. This program meets on Mondays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. This program will include several performances including the Montford Music and Art Festival and LEAF.

Holiday Camp

When youth are out of school, we are open for fun! Our camp program meets December 21-30 (no program on December 26) from 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. The cost is \$35 for the first child and \$25 for each additional child. The registration deadline is December 15.

For information on these and other center activities, contact me at 253-3714 or montfordr@ashevillenc.gov.





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How to Contact the Asheville Police Department



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



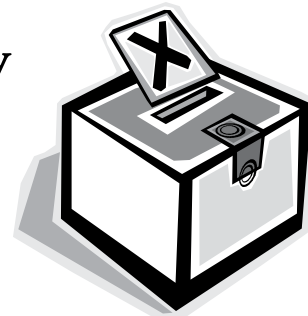
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Montford Ranked Above Average in City Council Primary Voting But Trailed Several Other Historic Neighborhoods

Joe Newman



Voter Turnout in Selected Precincts: October 11 City Council Primary

Polling Place	Turnout of Registered Voters
North Asheville Community Center (North Asheville/Grove Park)	21.87%
Kenilworth Presbyterian Church	18.81%
Beth Israel Synagogue (Norwood Park/Grove Park)	13.50%
Montford Community Center	11.09%
City of Asheville Average	10.12%
Stephens Lee Community Center (Downtown)	9.31%
West Asheville Library	8.44%

Source: www.buncombecounty.org/Governing/Depts/Election

One More Chance to Vote

The field of Asheville City Council candidates has narrowed to six. Listed in descending order by the number of votes they received during the primary, the candidates are Marc Hunt, Chris Pelly, Lael Gray, Jan Davis, Mark Cates, and Saul Chase. The top three vote-getters in the **November 8 General Election** will be our new city council members.

The ¼ penny sales tax for A-B Tech will also be on the ballot.

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- *2 containers (1.75 Oz. Ea.) rainbow sprinkles (2/3 cup)
- *2 packages (2.25 Oz. Ea.) nut topping (1 cup)
- *½ cup mini chocolate chips
- *Nonstick cooking spray
- *2 packages (14 ounces each) square-shaped caramels with sticks included
- *8 large Golden Delicious, Granny Smith or McIntosh apples, stems removed
- *¼ cup water

DIRECTIONS:

1. In large skillet, toast pecans over low heat 3 to 5 minutes or until lightly browned, stirring frequently. Transfer to pie plate or wide, shallow dish to cool completely. Stir in sprinkles, nut topping and chocolate chips. Freeze 15 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, spray cookie sheet with nonstick cooking spray. Insert 1 stick halfway into stem end of each apple. Unwrap caramels and place in medium saucepan; add water. Heat over medium-low heat 8 to 10 minutes, stirring until caramels are melted and mixture is smooth. Reduce heat to low.
3. Dip and swirl each apple into melted caramel until evenly coated, using a spoon to pour caramel onto apple near the stick and allowing excess to drip off into saucepan. Dip top and roll sides of apples in nut mixture to evenly coat. With gloved hand, lightly press mixture into caramel. Place apples, stick side up, onto prepared cookie sheet. Refrigerate at least 1 hour or up to 2 days. To serve, let apples stand at room temperature 30 to 45 minutes or until caramel softens slightly.

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Pitch in and Have Fun as a Festival Committee Member

The Montford Music and Arts Festival has openings for committee positions. We meet as few times as possible but need help with art vendors and volunteers.

Join our committee and be part of the 9th annual festival.
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Montford Neighborhood Association News

Bill Wheeler, Secretary

The regular monthly meeting was called to order on October 18, 2011, at 7:04 p.m. in the Montford Community Center on Pearson Drive by President David Patterson. Other board members present: Bill Wheeler, secretary; Vice President Susan Eggerton; Treasurer Wanda Newman; and at-large members Karen Kellow, Joe Newman, and Ron Phillips. Several other neighbors and community members were also present.

MNA Financials

Treasurer Wanda Newman reported that the MNA account balance was about \$19,800. In the Special Funds category, \$1,750 has been spent, and \$1,745 remains for the 2011 budget.

Safety and Security

CRO Jeremy Woody was absent from the meeting because of illness. No news or issues related to safety and security were discussed at the meeting.

Presentation from WNC Green Building Council

Representative Jake Sadler of the Green Building Council presented a program titled Neighbor Saves sponsored by this non-profit organization whose goal is to promote sustainable building practices. For details, see Jake's article on page 8 of this newsletter.

525 Broadway (former Momentum Site) Update

Ellen Nutter, member of the MNA ad hoc committee in charge of following developments related to the site, reported that TD Bank placed the only bid—\$1.2 million—on the property in the auction held on October 19 on the Buncombe County Courthouse steps. This bank already was the primary lien holder in the bankrupt project known as Momentum. If no other bids are made during a required period of time, TD Bank will own the property. Ellen said it is not known what the next step will be, but as others at the meeting pointed out, in these types of cases the new owner will most likely be looking for a company interested in purchasing the land for development.

Ellen noted that the city's Planning and Zoning Department has indicated no willingness to consider rezoning the land from its current institutional status. David Patterson said that the current zoning may offer the neighborhood more protection from development, as the institutional zoning requires buffers from adjacent residential zoning.

The ad hoc committee will continue to monitor the situation and report to the neighborhood. See Mark Barrett's story on the front page of this newsletter for further information.

Soco Street Rezoning

Karen Kellow and Ellen Nutter reported that the application for rezoning a lot at the corner of Soco and Waneta was reviewed recently by the Asheville City Council on a first reading. The council voted 4-3 in favor of rezoning

approval, which was one vote short of the five required to pass. A second reading at a future council meeting will most likely be made and will require only four votes for approval at that time.

The current property owners are interested in subdividing the single lot into two, but the property is not large enough to be subdivided into two conforming lots under the current zoning. Therefore the owners are applying for rezoning to allow development of a smaller lot than that which currently exists in most of Montford.

The MNA objects to this rezoning request based on two points: It will set a precedent for other property owners who wish to do the same, which can increase the current density of the neighborhood; and in this particular case, the streets are so narrow that increased traffic due to increased density will be a problem.

Announcements

David Patterson made the following announcements:

Montford Festival Logo: The competition to design the Montford Music and Arts Festival logo continues; details for participation can be found on the festival's website, which is linked at montford.org.

City Leaf Pickup: As the article on the front page explains, the City of Asheville has changed its requirements and procedures for collecting leaves. All leaves will need to be bagged for pickup. Bags are being given away for free at area fire stations while supplies last. There will be no more loose leaf pickup.

Thomas Wolfe 8K Run: This race will take place on October 22 through Montford, so drivers are asked to beware of traffic changes and slowdowns due to runners on the streets.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.





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Green Corner

Making Your Home the Greenest

Mitch Russell

If you didn't have a chance to check out *The Greenest Building*, the documentary that the Preservation Society of Asheville and Buncombe County presented at the Fine Arts Theater last month, don't fret. Here's some information that can help you decide where to start making your home the greenest it can be.



Where to Find Resources

While searching for the biggest areas of sustainable improvement, I came across several general resources that may be helpful.

From the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Sustainable Solutions for Historic Houses in Northern California (www.epa.gov/brownfields/sustain_plts/reports/green_home_guide_final.pdf)

From the U.S. Green Building Council: REGREEN: Residential Remodeling Program (www.regreenprogram.org/)

From National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI): *NARI Green* (www.greenremodeling.org/)

On this page of the Montford Newsletter, Jacob Sadler's article on the Nature Saves program sponsored by the WNC Green Building Council, a regional nonprofit, can point you toward other resources and more: a neighborhood-based plan for getting the work done.

Your Steps toward Energy Efficiency

According to the US Department of Energy, "Heating and cooling account for about 56% of the energy use in a typical U.S. home, making it the largest energy expense for most homes."

Progress Energy has an online energy audit that takes about 15 minutes and can save you hundreds of dollars. If you don't want to take the time to complete the audit, then it makes sense to start with having your heating/cooling system serviced so it will run as efficiently as possible. Next change your old thermostat from the old style dial to digital.

A good next step is to make your home as airtight as possible. Fill in those gaps around windows, doors, and holes in siding. Build It Naturally on Biltmore Avenue across from Mamacita's carries a line of green sealers and adhesives that can do the job.

Sealing and wrapping ducts would be another relatively low cost but energy saving project. Certain Teed and Owens-Corning both manufacture green duct wrap, but Knauf Insulation has created a better and greener duct wrap.

Following that step can be upgrading appliances to more energy-efficient models. Look for Energy Star models that can save hundreds in energy usage.

If you're really serious about reducing your energy consumption, consider adding or upgrading insulation in walls and ceilings and under floors. There are many types of insulation, and your U.S. Department of Energy has created a handy guide on adding insulation to an existing home. It covers evaluating insulation needs, R values, estimated cost and payback, and types of insulation.

Finally, the ultimate in energy savings: installing a solar or geothermal hot water system or whole-house solar or other renewable energy system. There are numerous solar/renewable energy installation companies in the area with First Light Solar having several connections to Montford.



Regional Nonprofit Can Help You Weatherize Your Home For Less

NEIGHBOR \$AVE\$: Working Together, Saving Energy

**Jacob Sadler, Residential Outreach Coordinator,
Western North Carolina Green Building Council**

Save money, save energy, and build community—all while weatherizing your home.

The Western North Carolina Green Building Council, a regional nonprofit organization, has designed a unique new program to help Asheville residents weatherize their homes for a fraction of the typical costs. The aptly named Neighbor Saves program offers residents the opportunity to save money and energy on home energy efficiency improvements through teamwork.

Neighbors Working in Teams

Funded through a grant from the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina, Neighbor Saves participants work in teams along with an experienced supervisor to perform the most cost-effective energy efficiency measures on one another's homes. Typical improvements include ductwork sealing, air sealing, attic insulating, and more. Each team will coordinate six-hour workdays helping weatherize their teammates' homes in exchange for having their teammates help weatherize their own home.

With utility bills and energy costs continuously rising, this long-term solution is accessible to everyone who has the ability and willingness to work together building community and working to save energy.

Costs and Savings

Participants pay for materials and \$25 an hour for the supervisor's time, which includes an on-site energy assessment of the home.

It is anticipated that participants will save 20-30 percent on their utility bills for an investment in time and materials of about \$500, on average, which can be financed for up to 12 months through Self-Help Credit Union.

To find out more about the program, please visit www.NeighborSaves.org or contact WNCGBC at info@wncgbc.org or 254-1995.

Bag Your Leaves!

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Bagged Leaves Collected Year Round

Bagged leaves are collected once a month throughout the entire year as part of the city's bi-weekly brush collection. Place bags or containers at the street by 7 a.m. on Monday of your collection week. Any type of lawn or garden bag will be fine to use. When the bags are emptied, they are left for you to reuse again. Here are a few guidelines to ensure that your bagged leaves are collected:

- Do not tie bags or place lids on containers.
- Do not mix trash with the bagged leaves.
- Place bags or containers near the street by 7 a.m. on Monday of your collection week. **For residents with a Monday or Tuesday trash collection day, your bagged leaves will be collected on the first and third week of each month.** For residents with a Wednesday or Thursday collection day, you bagged leaves will be collected on the second and fourth weeks of each month.
- If using a container write "leaves" or "brush" on the container for crews to easily identify the container and not confuse it for trash collection.
- There may be community resources available to assist residents who are unable to bag their leaves. Please call 2-1-1 or visit www.211wnc.org to learn more.

Burning of Loose Leaves

The burning of leaves is not permitted in the city, and violators risk a fine from the Asheville Fire Marshal's office. Fines can range between \$250 to \$500 or more, and violators may even be arrested. For more information on this, contact the Asheville Fire Marshal's office at 259-5641. If violators are caught burning leaves, the Sanitation Division can issue a \$50 fine in addition to any fines from the Fire Marshal's office.

Composting and Other Options for Disposing of Loose Leaves

One of the easiest and quickest ways to dispose of loose leaves is to compost them. By running a mulching mower over the leaves, the leaves will compost directly into the lawn. Another way to compost them is by raking them into a compost pile. When spring arrives the leaves will have decomposed and will be a great soil additive for gardening.

The Buncombe County Landfill, located at 85 Panther Branch Road, will also accept leaves free of charge. For directions, go to www.buncombecounty.org/common/general/directions_landfill.pdf or call 645-5311.

How to Prepare Brush for Collection

Tree limbs, brush, and shrub trimmings must be piled loose at the curb and must be free of other debris. Tree and shrub trimmings cut by contractors are the responsibility of the contractors and are not picked up by the Sanitation Division.

Tree limbs must be 4 feet or less in length and 6 inches or less in diameter. Thorny type trimmings must be placed in a separate pile.

Please note that the city does not collect grass clippings (homeowners may compost or leave grass on yard to fertilize lawn) or garden waste including vines and waste from flower or vegetable gardens.

Visit www.ashevillenc.gov/sanitation or call 259-5857 for additional assistance.



Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

October 12, 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: Hillary Cole, Aaron Wilson, Brian Cook, Brendan Ross, Nan Chase, J. Ray Elingburg, Joe Carney, Ashley Black

Staff present: Stacy Merten, Peggy Gardner, Jannice Ashley

Item and Summary

Action

254 Pearson Drive.....Approved

169 Flint StreetAmended and continued

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

November 9, 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

169 Flint Street—eliminate front retaining wall and replace concrete steps and fan portion of walkway with new concrete

New Business: Public Hearings—Certificates of Appropriateness

7 Rosewood Avenue—extension of rear dormer and roofline

17 Panola Street—addition of porch to rear elevation

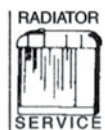
Other Business

Comments from commissioners, public, and staff

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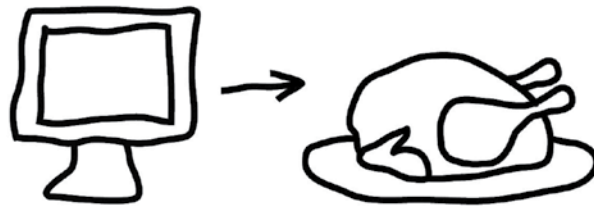
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Health Adventure

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TD officials declined comment on what the bank might do with the property. Regulators these days are urging banks to get unwanted real estate off their books, and banks almost always seek to sell property they acquire in foreclosure.

The Health Adventure spent \$8 million in donations on work to clear the property, install infrastructure, plan exhibits, and do other work on the museum, but the actual building was never even started.

The nonprofit filed for bankruptcy in April and became part of Park Ridge Health. It is in the process of moving from its previous location in Pack Place downtown into new, larger quarters in Biltmore Square Mall.

The foreclosure "has no impact . . . from a business standpoint" on The Health Adventure, said Jason Wells, vice president with Park Ridge Health.

The Health Adventure borrowed \$1.8 million against the property in May 2007 from Carolina First Bank and still owed \$1.4 million as of April, according to court records. TD Bank acquired the loan when it took over Carolina First last year and initiated foreclosure proceedings in August.

Because the amount owed TD is less than its \$1.2 million bid, no money changed hands when that bid won the auction.

Dean Pistor, owner and broker at local real estate agency Realty World Marketplace, said it would probably be easiest to sell the property for multi-family development, most likely rental apartments.

The rental market is doing well as people have difficulty getting loans to buy houses. Pistor said a mixed-use project would be much tougher for a developer to get bank financing for or attract tenants to.

TD Bank has been "dumping" property it has acquired through foreclosure for as little as 10-20 percent of what it is owed, and it's likely the Broadway property will sell cheaply, he said.

The property's "institutional" zoning would allow a variety of uses, including up to 16 apartments or condominium units per acre. Projects involving more than 50 housing units or 100,000 square feet of commercial space on the site would require City Council approval.

Montford residents complained when The Health Adventure had trees removed from the site and want to have input on what happens next to the property.

"There's just a lot of interest," said David Patterson, president of the Montford Neighborhood Association. "We're anxious to work with whoever the new neighbors might be."

Patterson wrote a letter that's been placed in the court file for the foreclosure case notifying a future owner "the property's value to the community at large as well as to the Montford Community makes us want to have a voice in the development of this property." The association is eager to work with a new owner "in developing a thoughtful and 'green initiatives' project that is scaled to and is appropriate for our city and our wonderful neighborhood," he wrote.

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