



East End/Valley Street Neighborhood Association

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Letter From the President



Renee' White

Welcome to Summer 2022!!! I hope that everyone is safe and well.

My letter for this issue of the newsletter is a plea. I am challenging all residents to attend the Community meetings the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6pm. We have so many areas that we need your help and support. This is just to name a few:

(1) Property taxes (2) Speeding up and down MLK and many other streets in our Neighborhood (3) Crime such as drug selling and violence, neighborhood watch (4) Future of Cappadocia Church (5) Mountainside Park and Memorial Stadium (6) Homeless food pantry (7) Dental program for the disabled and elderly (8) Heritage Festival (9) Preservation of East End History (10) Educational initiatives for our youth (11) Emergency Food preparedness (12) Community garden (13) Reparations (14) Historical markers (15) Beautification of the neighborhood and trash pickup (16) Health awareness (17) Greenways, bike trails and tourism development (18) Developers residential and business (19) Comprehensive vision and plan on the page development for East End to include neighborhood business development (20) Noise and traffic control.

I have listed 20 reasons why you should get involved, certainly one of these issues will or has impacted you in some capacity. GET ON BOARD, JOIN US AND HELP EAST END continue to RISE!!!! Enjoy your summer.

Renee' White, President

East End/Valley Street Neighborhood Association has resumed in-person meetings! The next meeting will be held on Thursday, **July 14 at 6pm at Stephens-Lee Center**. Meetings will be held on the **2nd Thursdays** of each month at 6pm. For meeting location check our website at: [Neighborhood Association | East End/Valley Street \(eastendvalleystreet.org\)](http://NeighborhoodAssociation|EastEnd/ValleyStreet.org) Meetings are for East End/Valley Street residents only. If you are not a resident and would like to present something to the neighborhood, please contact us (EastEndValleyStreet@gmail.com) so that we can see about fitting you into the agenda. We hope to see you there! MASKS ARE ENCOURAGED!

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2022 East End/Valley Street Community Heritage Festival

We Rise As One! The 2022 East End/Valley Street Community Heritage Festival will take place in MLK Park, 50 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive in Asheville on **Saturday, August 27 from 10am to 9pm.**



There will be live music, vendors, food trucks, and a children's area.

The East End/Valley Street Community Heritage Festival Parade on MLK Drive starts at 12pm on Saturday from the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and Alexander Drive to MLK Park. The children's area will be open from 1pm to 8pm.

This year's festival is in honor of the late Mack Moore of M&M Heating & Cooling. East End/Valley Street is Asheville's oldest African-American neighborhood. This is an alcohol free, family friendly festival! Come celebrate with us! Everyone is welcome! www.eastendvalleystreet.org/community-heritage-festival



The 2022 East End/Valley Street Community Heritage Festival in MLK Park in Asheville is accepting **Applications for VENDORS and FOOD TRUCKS.**

Festival hours are

Saturday, August 27 from 10am to 9pm.

Retail vendor fees are \$75, food vendor fees are \$100, and non-profit vendor fees are \$50.

For more information and/or an application contact festival organizer, Connie Jefferson, at (828)273-5967 or email FestivalEEVS@gmail.com. Here is the link to the website where you can also find a vendor application:

<https://www.eastendvalleystreet.org/festival-vendor-information>

Preservation Society Saves Cappadocia Church from Demolition!

Cappadocia FBH Church, founded in 1906, is located in Asheville's East End neighborhood, a historically African American neighborhood.

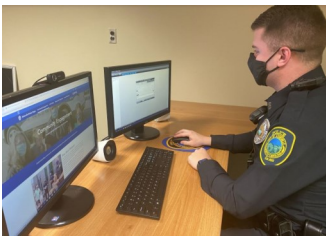
The Preservation Society of Asheville & Buncombe County recently bought two properties in East End/Valley Street. To avoid demolition of the historic structures, they negotiated with the potential developers for a solution that allows for infill construction and preservation.

One of those structures is the former Cappadocia Church built in 1926. With volunteer labor, they have been able to peel back layers to better understand the structure of the building. While there are still many facets of the project to figure out, they're excited to be making progress!

Submitted by Helen Lindberg



Asheville Police Department Community Resource Officer Staffing Issue



The Asheville Police Department is understaffed and currently does not have a dedicated Community Resource Officer (CRO) for our section of Asheville. To contact officers with the community engagement division for non-emergency community issues please call (828)271-6145

and leave a message or reach out to apdcommunityengagement@ashevillenc.gov. Call 911 for emergencies.

If residents would like to remain anonymous while submitting non-emergency crime information, they can download the TIP2APD phone app by searching Asheville PD in the app store. Individuals can also submit an anonymous tip through a text message. To send a text, type in the phone number 847411 and in the message body, type tip2apd followed by the tip.



Helen Lindberg

Dental Program Approved for East End/Valley Street

I am pleased to announce that The East End Valley Street Dental Program has been approved!

We are needing to identify two persons to assist with patient services (paperwork) and administrative dental tasks.

Services will begin soon.

Please contact me, David Jones at 828-713-4644.

Thank You

Historical Marker Installed at St. Matthias' Episcopal Church

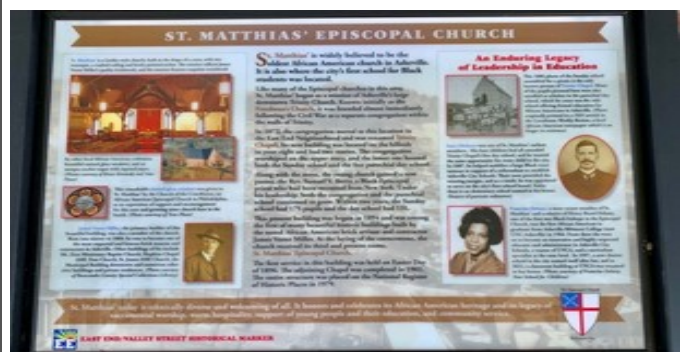
A new historical marker was recently installed at St. Matthias' Episcopal Church on Dundee Street. It is the latest in a series of markers in Asheville's East End neighborhood that celebrate the community's rich African American heritage.



St. Matthias Episcopal Church

The marker will be dedicated this Sunday May 29th at the 11am service. St. Matthias' welcomes you to join them for this service of dedication and blessing!

Special thanks to the East End/Valley Street Neighborhood Association, the Isaac Coleman Fund of Buncombe County, graphic design artist Ross Terry, and all of the archivists, photographers, and others who helped determine its content and design.



Photos and Article by Leslie Abbott

Dr. George Washington Carver Edible Park Work Days

Weather permitting! Join us for more community workdays at the Dr. George Washington Carver Edible Park on Friday, **July 22**, and Friday, **August 26** from **2:30pm to 5:30pm!** The park is located at 30 George Washington Carver Avenue. There is parking in the Stephens Lee Recreation Center parking lot. Lynx Bergdahl, from Bountiful Cities, will be guiding us.

Please bring a mask to this event and expect to maintain social distance practices. We will have some extra tools for folks to use as well as hand sanitizer, but any gloves, loppers, pruners or weeding tools you can bring are much appreciated.



Every month we focus on mulching, light tree and shrub pruning, picking up trash and clearing invasives. We occasionally do some planting depending on the season and what's available. We will include a hands on demo of each technique as well as a tour of the park. Come give your time and support to Asheville's first edible forest ecosystem! We look forward to seeing you!

The community workdays being presented for the residents of the City of Asheville are in partnership with the City of Asheville.

For the most up-to-date information, please visit the Dr. George Washington Carver Edible Park Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Dr-George-Washington-Carver-Edible-Park-620672487948577>

Thank you for all you do!

Helen Lindberg

Little Free Library

The Max Street Little Free Library is now located on MLK Jr. Drive next to the food pantry near the corner of Hildebrand Street!

www.EastEndValleyStreet.org



Photo courtesy of Leslie Abbott

EEVS Food Pantry

The East End/Valley Street Free Food Pantry, on the corner of MLK and Hildebrand, is still open for operation. If you need food, pampers, cleaning supplies, etc., you are welcome to utilize the pantry. We hope that the pantry will be a blessing for people in need.

Please feel free to drop off donations anytime. Items with pop-tops that can be eaten on the spot are especially appreciated. We could also use some help keeping the pantry neat and clean. Please do not place books, videos or items that are perishable in the food pantry.

Helen Lindberg

Dispose of Bulky Items or Appliances

Bulky Item Collection

The City of Asheville will collect chairs, beds, mattresses and box springs, sofas, and other bulky items on request. To request collection of these items, call 828-251-1122. Once you schedule collection, place the item(s) at your curb by 7 a.m. on the scheduled collection day.

Appliances

The City of Asheville collects appliances such as stoves, ovens, refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, washers, dryers, air conditioners, trash compactors, and hot water heaters for a fee of \$5.00 per item, which is assessed on a resident's combined utility bill. Call 828-251-1122 to schedule appliance collection.

North Carolina State Law prohibits the dumping of appliances in a landfill. This law also requires that businesses who sell appliances charge an appliance disposal fee to cover the cost of the appliance. Citizens are encouraged to allow the business selling the new appliance to dispose of the old one.

Large Collections (Moving Into or Out of a Home)

The City of Asheville will collect large amounts of trash, such as from a move into or out of a home, one time only. Call 828-251-1122 to schedule.

Carpet Disposal

When disposing of carpet, roll and tie the carpet with string or twine (not wire) in 4-foot rolls and place at the curb. Call 828-251-1122 to schedule collection.

Small Dead Animals

Small dead animals, such as a cat, dog, or other small household pet, must be wrapped in a plastic bag and placed at the curb. Call 828-251-1122 for pickup.

Helen Lindberg

Stephens-Lee Recreation Center

Register at the Center or online at avlrec.com

Community Chill and Spill FREE | Saturday | 7/16 | 1 - 3pm | Participants will chill with their favorite ice cream treats and spill the tea with their neighbors. Outdoor games and music are part of the fun. Bring your lawn chair!!

Community Choice FREE | Saturdays | 6/11-8/20 (no program 7/2 & 7/30) | 9am - 12pm | Unprogrammed time for community members to access the facility. Choose from a variety of ways to enjoy the center from basketball to board games

Old School Line Dancing FREE | Thursdays | 6/2-/25 (no class 6/30) | 6:15 - 7:15pm | Bring back those old school dances you remember and mix in some new ones. This program features instructor lead dances with video backup.

Zumba Gold FREE | Wednesdays | 6/1-8/31 | 12 - 12:45pm | Up, down and side to side. Learn some new moves, while listening to some great tunes. (class meets in the parking lot when center is not available)

Bid Whist FREE | Mondays | 6/13-8/29 (no class 6/20 or 7/4) | 5:30 - 9pm | Adults will enjoy the unique card game Bid Whist. Light refreshments served.

Scrabble Play FREE | Sundays | 6/5-8/21 (no class July 3) | 12:30 - 4:30pm | Put on your thinking caps and come work your brain with our adult Scrabble Program. Beginners welcome!

Rueda de Casino FREE | Sundays | 6/5-8/21 (no program 7/3) | 1-2pm | Salsa dancing for beginners. Signup up anytime; need not attend the entire program

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She/Her/Hers

Life is like a camera...

FOCUS on what's important.

CAPTURE the good times.

DEVELOP from the negatives.

And if things don't work out,
TAKE ANOTHER SHOT.

Author Unknown

Do you suspect abuse?

To make an adult or child protective services report any time, day or night, call the numbers below:

Adult Abuse (828) 250-5800

Child Abuse (828) 250-5900

Information and Resources

Health and Human Services News and Information www.buncombecounty.org/Governing/Depts/HHS

Asheville Parks and Recreation
www.ashevillenc.gov/departments/parks

Buncombe Rx Card
www.coast2coastrx.com/buncombe-nc

United Way NC 2-1-1 Information Referral
Free and low-cost services and programs to assist you, but they can also connect your call and follow-up to ensure your needs were met. Help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year.

Phone Numbers:

APD Non-Emergency 828-252-1110
Animal Services..... 828-250-6670
Justice Resource Center 828-250-6401
Parks & Recreation 828-250-4260
Public Health 828-250-5000
Voter Registration 828-250-4209

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