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MOUNTAIN BROOK DEBT FREE

The City exercised its right to redeem the balance of its Series 2007 General Obligation Warrants in the principal amount of \$3,675,000 on October 1, 2015. The early redemption occurred without penalty or premium from cash reserves. After the early redemption,

the City has no debt securities outstanding. Prior to paying off this debt, the City had the lowest debt ratio of the largest 25 cities in Alabama. The early redemption will yield annual savings for debt service in the amount of \$360,000 beginning in fiscal 2017. The Series

2007 General Obligation Warrants were issued in October 2007 in the principal amount of \$5 million and scheduled to mature October 1, 2027 with interest rates ranging from 3.875% to 4%.

License Renewals

Business license fees for the year ended September 30, 2015 totaled \$2.7 million representing more than 7% of General Fund revenue for the year.

Business license renewals for the City are due on January 1, 2016 and delinquent January 31. Licenses not renewed in a timely fashion are subject to penalties and interest.

If you have any questions concerning the renewal of your license or payment of taxes, please call the Revenue Examiner, Jack Bankston at (205) 802-3808 or the Revenue Department at 205-802-2400 option 4.

New businesses may apply for a license by printing an application from our website www.mtnbrook.org. The business license application may be found by clicking "Businesses" on the top navigation bar and then looking for "Business Application" under "Forms".

GRASS CUTTERS/TREE SERVICE
Anyone doing any type of business

in the City must apply for a Business License. This includes grass cutters, landscapers, and tree trimming/removal services. Any yard debris resulting from these service providers must be removed from the property by the contractor. The City's garbage contract does not provide for the yard debris pick-up created by contractors. Homeowners, please assist the City by requiring your contractors to "finish" the job.



HOME BASED BUSINESSES

Please be aware that home-based businesses are required to obtain a home occupation permit which is also available from our website www.mtnbrook.org by clicking "Businesses" on the top navigation bar and then "Home Occupation Application" under "Forms". Home Occupation Permits must be approved by the City Planning Department before issuance. These permit applications must also be accompanied by a Business License application.

ESTATE/YARD/GARAGE SALES

Estate/yard/garage sales are permitted in the City under specific conditions. Such sales may be conducted no more than once during a calendar year. Sales shall be limited to two consecutive days in duration. A permit is required for each sale. Permits may be found on our website www.mtnbrook.org by clicking "Businesses" on the top navigation bar and then "Garage Sale Permit Application" under "Forms".

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For advertising or Chamber of Commerce information, call 871-3779

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Be Safe! Wear Reflective Clothing

Fall is here!

That means the days are getting shorter. It is getting dark earlier each day and is staying dark later into the morning. If you usually walk or exercise early in the morning or late afternoon, please wear reflective clothing.

Remembering to wear reflective gear while running, walking, or bicycling at night is very important. Reflective gear gives the runner a better sense of awareness, and it gives drivers a better view of him or her. It is not enough to just wear bright clothing; reflective outerwear is designed to reflect to a driver's eye when approaching you. On cold nights, don't make the mistake of wearing your reflective vest under your jacket or sweatshirt. An alternative to reflective clothing could be reflective tape or bands that you can put on several parts of your body. The more body you cover with reflective gear, the better off you are.

Alabama law requires pedestrians to use a sidewalk "where a sidewalk is provided and its use is practical." When a sidewalk is not available, either because there is not a sidewalk or because using an existing sidewalk is not practical, pedestrians are to walk or run on the left side of the street, facing oncoming traffic and yield the right-of-way to vehicles in the roadway.

Mountain Brook City Ordinance requires individuals that walk, jog, or run in City streets during the hours of 4:30 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. wear either (a) reflective clothing between the waist and shoulders on the front and back with a coverage of at least fifty (50) square inches or (b) strobe style continuously flashing lights at least two (2) inches in diameter between the waist and shoulders that are visible from the front and back.

When bicycling at night, make sure you have working lights on both the front and back of your bike. On the front, it should be a solid light. On the back, it should be a blinking light below the back of your seat allowing better visibility to cars and for recognition that you are a cyclist. Also, **DON'T FORGET YOUR HELMET!** It is just as important to wear a helmet as it is to make sure you have reflective tape on your helmet while night riding. Remember, covering your body with as much reflective gear as possible is the key!

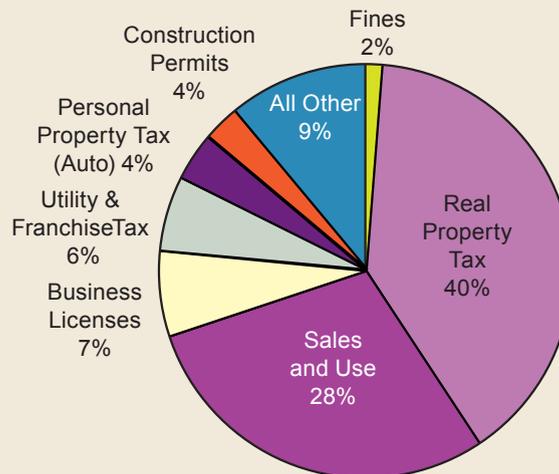
2016 Budget Adopted

The City Council adopted the 2016 budget at its September 14, 2015 meeting with a General Fund surplus of \$744,000. The General Fund revenue budget totals \$35.9 million representing a 5.4% increase over the fiscal 2015 budgeted revenue. Some of the more significant General Fund revenues include:

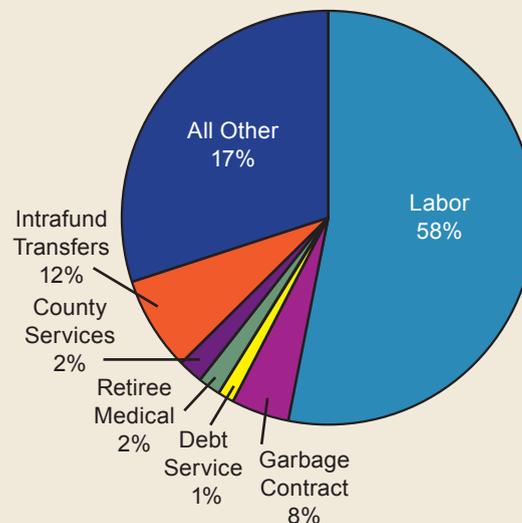
Source of Revenue	2015	2016	Percentage Change
Real estate tax	\$13,765,000	\$14,311,000	1.6
Sales tax	9,834,000	10,640,000	2.4
License & franchise fees	3,028,000	3,173,000	0.4
Utility taxes	1,481,200	1,541,100	0.2
Automobile property tax	1,217,900	1,291,300	0.2
Construction permits	1,189,000	1,137,000	(0.2)
Fines	561,000	573,000	0.0
All other	2,942,940	3,217,870	0.8
Totals	\$34,019,040	\$35,884,270	5.4%

The chart below depicts the relative importance of the various sources of revenue in the General Fund:

2016 GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET-\$34 MM

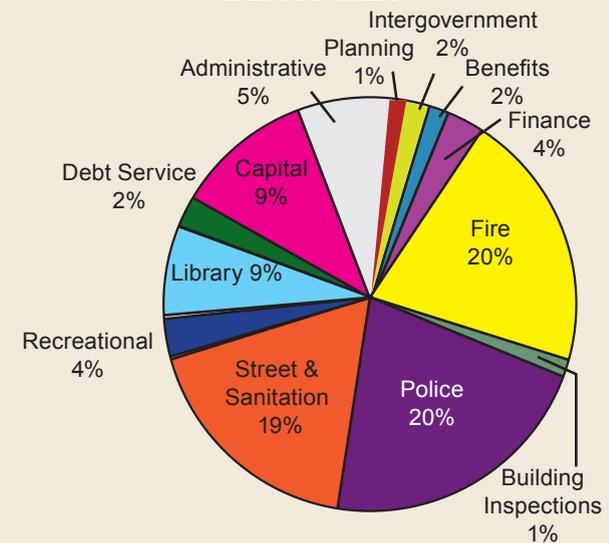


2016 GENERAL FUND EXPENSE BUDGET



2016 General Fund expenses total \$35.2 million which represents a 5.3% increase from last year's budget. The charts below illustrate the functional and departmental composition of the City's General Fund expenses:

2016 BUDGETED EXPENSES BY DEPARTMENT





Renewals continued

CONTRACTORS

Residents, please remember that when hiring a contractor to build, renovate, or repair your home or hiring a service company, to verify with the Revenue Department that the contractor is licensed to work in the City by calling (205) 802-2400 option 4. Generally, any contracting work performed within the City limits must be permitted. Permit applications may be obtained at City Hall, located at 56 Church Street. The City's permitting regulations exist for the protection of property owners.

Fire Department Safety Tips

Fall and winter can present unique safety considerations in your home and yard. Listed below are some safety tips to help you have a safe and enjoyable autumn.

MULCH, PINE STRAW AND LEAVES

- Make sure landscape lighting is not covered with leaves, pine straw or mulch to prevent overheating and fire.
- Ensure auxiliary generator exhaust discharges are clear of leaves, mulch or pine straw.
- When raking and bagging leaves, be aware of the possible presence of Copperhead snakes.
- **BURNING LEAVES IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN BROOK!!!!**



SPACE HEATERS

- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from space heaters.
- Turn heaters off when you go to sleep or leave your home.
- Plug space heaters directly into wall outlet. **DO NOT USE EXTENSION CORDS OR POWER STRIPS!!!!**

GENERAL FIRE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- Check your Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Detectors to ensure they are functioning properly. Change the batteries twice each year, when the time changes.
- Have a fire extinguisher in the kitchen and garage. Know how to use it.
- Make, and practice, a home fire escape plan.
- Never use a stove or oven to heat your home.
- Never operate a generator inside your home, including the basement or garage.

If you have questions, please contact the Mountain Brook Fire Department at 205-802-3838. They want to make sure you are safe this winter!

CANDLE SAFETY

- If possible, avoid using lighted candles.
- If you must use candles, ensure that they are placed in sturdy holders.
- Keep candles away from children and pets.
- Be sure to extinguish candles after each use.
- Never leave burning candles unattended.

- Department does not inspect fireplaces or chimneys.
- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out.
- Do not burn paper in your fireplace
- Put the fire out before you go to sleep or leave your home.
- When cleaning the fireplace, put ashes in a noncombustible container with lid and store outside, at least 3 feet from anything that can burn.
- **DO NOT PLACE ASHES IN PAPER OR PLASTIC BAGS!!!!**

FIREPLACE SAFETY

- Have your fireplace and chimney inspected each year by qualified professionals. The Mountain Brook Fire

Quarterly Crime Statistics

	2nd Quarter 2015	3rd Quarter 2015
Robbery	3	2
Robbery (aggravated shoplifting)	0	0
Burglary/Residence	5	12
Burglary/Business	2	0
Theft	45	53
Theft from Vehicle (UBEV)	6	32
Auto Theft	0	1
Assaults (Other)	2	3
Identity Theft	26	24
Criminal Mischief	13	9
Drugs	30	18
Family Violence	12	3
Accidents	240	237
A With Injuries	10	7
A With Fatalities	0	0
Calls For Service	8,234	7,830
House Watches	548	747
Property Stolen	\$252,526	\$401,773
Property Recovered	\$1,514	\$103,815

WANT TO HELP US GET THESE NUMBERS LOWER?

1. Lock your vehicle
2. Take your keys
3. Don't leave valuables in plain view in your vehicle
4. Keep lawn and sports equipment around your home secured when not in use.
5. Keep doors locked and use your security system when you're not at home.

See it! Hear it! Report it! Let us know when you see suspicious activity in your neighborhood.

Recent City Council Actions

The City Council has adopted or amended the following ordinances since June 22, 2015:

- Ordinance No. 1937 – Provide for stop sign on Brookwood Road at Crosshill Road.
- Ordinance No. 1938 – Adopt the Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016.
- Ordinance No 1940 – Provide for two stop signs on Spring Valley Court (eastbound and westbound) at its intersection with North Woodridge Road and to provide for punishment for violations thereof.

The City Council has approved the following projects since June 22, 2015:

- Recognized Jerry Weems for 30 years of service as Building Inspections

- Superintendent to the City of Mountain Brook.
- Accepted bid from Commercial Flooring for purchase and installation of carpet at Emmet O’Neal Library in the amounts of \$64,870 for the first floor and \$\$61,880 for the second floor.
- Accepted proposal for professional services with Sain Associates with respect to the sidewalk and lane shift on Overbrook Road at Mountain Brook Parkway.
- Recommended issuance of Retail Table Wine license to State of Alabama, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for IZ Café (English Village).
- Authorized agreement with Trobaugh and Company, LLC for auditing services.
- Authorized the Water Works and Sewer Board to install one fire hydrant to service the

- new Piggly-Wiggly on Vine Street.
- Approved disposal of certain items of personal property which are no longer needed for municipal purposes.
- Awarded bid for LED replacement lighting in villages to Innovis Lighting, LLC in the amount of \$195.80 per unit.
- Authorized agreement with Stone & Sons Electrical Contractors to perform intersection improvements at Montevallo Road and Montrose/Church intersection.
- Authorized agreement with Stone & Sons Contractors to perform traffic signal improvements at Mountain Brook Parkway & Overbrook/Pine Ridge Road.
- Requested Alabama Power Company to install a street light at end of alley at Hoyt Lane.

- Authorized Fire Protection Emergency Medical Services agreement at 719 Shades Creek Parkway.
- Authorized the early redemption of the Series 2007 General Obligation Warrants on October 1, 2015.
- Established the employees’ and retirees’ monthly premiums for medical insurance effective October 2015.
- Authorized the execution of an APPLE grant administration agreement with respect to the study and evaluation of the various bridges in the City.
- Authorized an agreement between the City and Canterbury United Methodist Church to allow the City to construct a sidewalk along Overbrook Road on Church property.
- Approved the conditional use application submitted by Craig Martin for an outpatient veterinary clinic/

- grooming facility at 2921 Cahaba Road.
- Approved the conditional service use application submitted by Melanie Pounds for an interior design studio at 2822 Petticoat Lane.
- Authorized the execution of the Gorrie-Regan and Associates’ Attendance on Demand Order Form and related Customer Agreement.
- Authorized the execution of the professional services agreement submitted by Skipper Consulting, Inc. with respect to a traffic study at the intersection of Old Leeds Road at Crosshill Road in the amount of \$5,000.
- Effective October 6, 2015, salaries of all employees of the City of Mountain Brook, The Emmet O’Neal Library and Parks and Recreation were increased by 1.5% over the current salary schedule.

- Authorized the execution of the professional services agreement submitted by Skipper Consulting, Inc. in the amount of \$2,500 with respect to a traffic study to determine the advisability of installing a pedestrian crosswalk crossing South Brookwood Road at its intersection with North Woodridge Road.
- Rejected all bids publicly opened on September 8, 2015 with respect to the purchase of a fire pumper.
- Approved and authorized the suspension of deferred compensation plan deposits to Lincoln Financial, Nationwide Retirement, and Valic, effective date to be determined.
- Approved the conditional service use application submitted by David Nguyen for a nail salon at 2709 Culver Road, limited to 12 stations.

Leaf Season Schedule

This year leaf collection will begin on Monday, November 2nd. Waste Management will collect loose leaves from the curb (not in the gutter) November 2nd through the first week in March. Loose leaves are taken to the City’s Public Works facilities to be turned into compost. Bagged leaves cannot be used for compost. Every residence will receive four (4) leaf

pick-ups during leaf season.

Waste Management has mailed information to every residence in the City on leaf pick-up with the planned weeks of service for that area. If you have not received this information from Waste Management, please call them at 841-2740.

When you rake or blow your leaves, please do

not deposit them in the City’s gutters or storm drain inlets as this is in violation of City ordinances. Please do not blow them on your neighbor’s property either. This is in violation of being a “good neighbor”. Loose leaf pick-up piles cannot contain any sticks, branches, rocks or other debris as they will damage the vacuum equipment.





New Businesses

WHOLESALE/RETAIL

- Christine's on Canterbury - Clayton, Jean, 2404 Canterbury Road, 205/871-8297
- Highland Collections, 6 Office Park Circle, Suite 114, 205/835-5487
- Jelly Bean Tots, LLP, 3911 Seven Bark Circle, 678/826-9965
- Maluff Enterprises, LLC, 2828 Culver Road, 205/215-6149
- Reflections Diamond Jewelry, LLC, 2408 Canterbury Road, 205/982-4888
- Thomas H. Beckbe & Company, LLC, 507 Euclid Avenue, 434/409-1013

RESTAURANTS

- Sawtooth Cookhouse Crestline, LLC, 49 Church Street, 205/380-2653

MANAGEMENT/CONSULTING

- BBC Media, Inc., 6 Woodhill Road, 205/777-1042
- College Insight, 4212 Stone River Circle, 205/870-7809
- Fischer Studios, Inc., 3844 Arundel Drive, 205/936-1460
- Palladium Press, LLC, 2 Office Park Circle Suite 3, 205/879-6016

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- Anthony L. Renta Landscape Architecture, LLC, 3 Office Park Circle, Suite 100, 205/545-7639



As we approach the holiday season, Waste Management, which provides garbage, trash and recycling services to our residents, observes Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day as holidays. If your garbage, trash and recycling services fall on one of these holidays or one of the following days during that week, your service will be delayed by one day. For Friday routes, service will occur on Saturday.

Additionally, Waste Management observes Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day with pick up delayed by one day.



Holiday Tips

The Holiday season is fast approaching. With it typically comes increased crime. Here are just a few things you could do to help protect yourself:

WHEN SHOPPING...

- Pay attention to your surroundings.... if someone seems to be watching you, they may be sizing you up for a crime.
- Try to park in well-lit areas. Lock your car doors.
- Do not leave anything of value visible inside your car.
- Avoid placing valuable items in the trunk in public.
- Don't leave your purse in the shopping cart unattended...you're just making it easy for someone to steal or pilfer your purse.

COMING HOME LATE AT NIGHT:

- Avoid shortcuts that are not well traveled or well lit.
- Know what stores are open in your neighborhood late at night. If you suspect that you are being followed stay away from lonely quiet blocks and head for the store you know to be open.
- When walking to your car or on your way home, keep your keys in your hand until you are safely inside for added protection.
- If someone drops you off at home by auto, ask the driver to wait until you are safely inside before they leave.
- If a motorist bothers you while you are walking, turn around and walk in the opposite direction of the car.



Schedule of Meetings

CITY COUNCIL*	2nd & 4th Mon.	7:00 p.m.	City Hall <i>Call 802-3800 for time of Pre-Meeting)</i>
BOARD OF EDUCATION	2nd Mon.	3:30 p.m.	Call Board of Ed Office 871-4608
LIBRARY BOARD	3rd Tues.	4:45 p.m.	Library
PARK & RECREATION BOARD	2nd Tues.	5:00 p.m.	City Hall
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT	3rd Mon	5:00 p.m.	City Hall
PLANNING COMMISSION	1st Mon.	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE	3rd Wed.	8:00 a.m.	City Hall
TREE COMMISSION	3rd Tues. (odd months)	5:15 p.m.	City Hall
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	3rd Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	City Hall

Building Permit Activity

2nd Quarter - 2015		
Permit Type:	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	8	\$11,423,500
Alterations/Additions	122	\$14,559,640
Repairs/Other	211	\$ 3,512,972
Totals:	341	\$29,496,112

3rd Quarter - 2015		
Permit Type:	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	14	\$12,750,600
Alterations/Additions	87	\$15,128,635
Repairs/Other	223	\$25,143,996
Totals:	324	\$53,023,231

Board Appointments/Vacancies

APPOINTMENTS

The following City Council appointments were made:
 Susan Elliott – The Emmet O’Neal Library Board
 Sim Johnson – Tree Commission
 Helen Drennen – Parks & Recreation Board

REAPPOINTMENT:

The following City Council reappointment was made:
 Henry Lapidus – Board of Zoning Adjustment

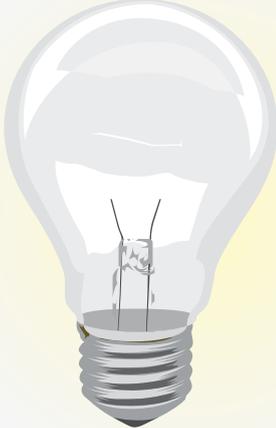
Take Pride in our City

Do your part to keep our City clean and attractive. Litter is not only unattractive but costly to clean up. Trash and litter should be properly deposited in a waste container or recycling bin. Large trash items should be left at the curb (not in the street) for pick up by Waste Management.

Additionally, pets should be curbed at all times and never soil our sidewalks, playing fields or your neighbor’s yard. Pet owners should immediately and properly clean up any accidents that may occur.

“Don’t just do what’s your responsibility, do what needs to be done.”
 ~Pivot



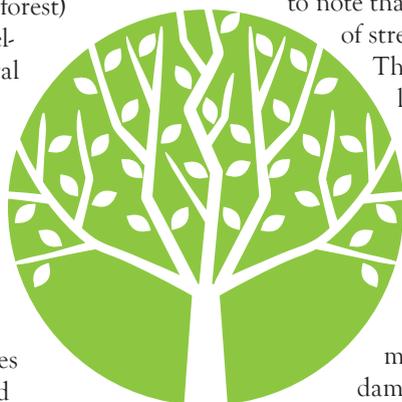


Street Light Out?

Alabama Power Company maintains nearly 400 street lights on the streets and alleys of our city. However, they do not regularly check for street lights that are not working. If you see a street light that is out, please report it to the City Manager’s office at 802-3800 or gastons@mtnbrook.org so the City can coordinate its repair with Alabama Power Company.

PROTECTING YOUR TREES!

It is relatively easy to establish and grow new trees, but as a tree ages, it becomes less vigorous and less adaptable to disturbance and/or injury. Even under ideal conditions (i.e. forest) this is true. In a developed area, this natural degradation is compounded by any number of different implications, complications, hazards, and challenges. Biological and/or weather-related stressors/injuries are practically beyond our control, but they are responsible for a minority of overall tree mortality in a suburban environment. Construction and remodeling, landscaping, utility installation/repair, etc. can all very easily inflict direct or indirect damage beyond that which a mature tree is capable of handling. These usually involve direct mechanical damage, root



loss, soil compaction, changes in soil chemistry or composition, poor drainage or hydrological modifications, and nutrient deficiencies/toxicities. It is important to note that each and every instance of stress/injury accumulates.

That is to say, each episode leaves the trees progressively weaker and more susceptible to subsequent problems. Too often we are left to consider limited and comparatively ineffective remedial actions/treatments to address “post-damage” symptoms. Consider integrating existing trees into the master plan, in hopes of avoiding or at least minimizing the impact of a proposed activity; “an ounce of prevention...” certainly applies here. Hire or consult with a professional, Certified Arborist to maintain your trees and to advise you prior to embarking on your next project.

Don Cafaro
City Arborist

New Crosswalk at Overbrook Road and Pine Crest Road

The city recently installed a pedestrian crossing on Overbrook Road at the intersection of Pine Crest Road. After receiving several requests for a crosswalk at this intersection the city contracted with Skipper Consulting, Inc. to study the proposed crosswalk. The city installed the signage and striping as recommended in the report from Richard Caudle of Skipper Consulting.

At the August 24, 2015 City Council meeting the council approved an agreement with Canterbury United Methodist Church to construct an 85 foot sidewalk along Pine Crest Road from the new crosswalk on Overbrook Road to the parking entrance at the church. Mountain Brook Public Works crews will build the new sidewalk in October.



New Trash Receptacles

The Parks and Recreation Department has replaced all the old wooden trash receptacles with new metal ones. These not only look better, but should hold more trash. There are a total of 33 receptacles that have been replaced within the parks. The one pictured is in Jemison Park.

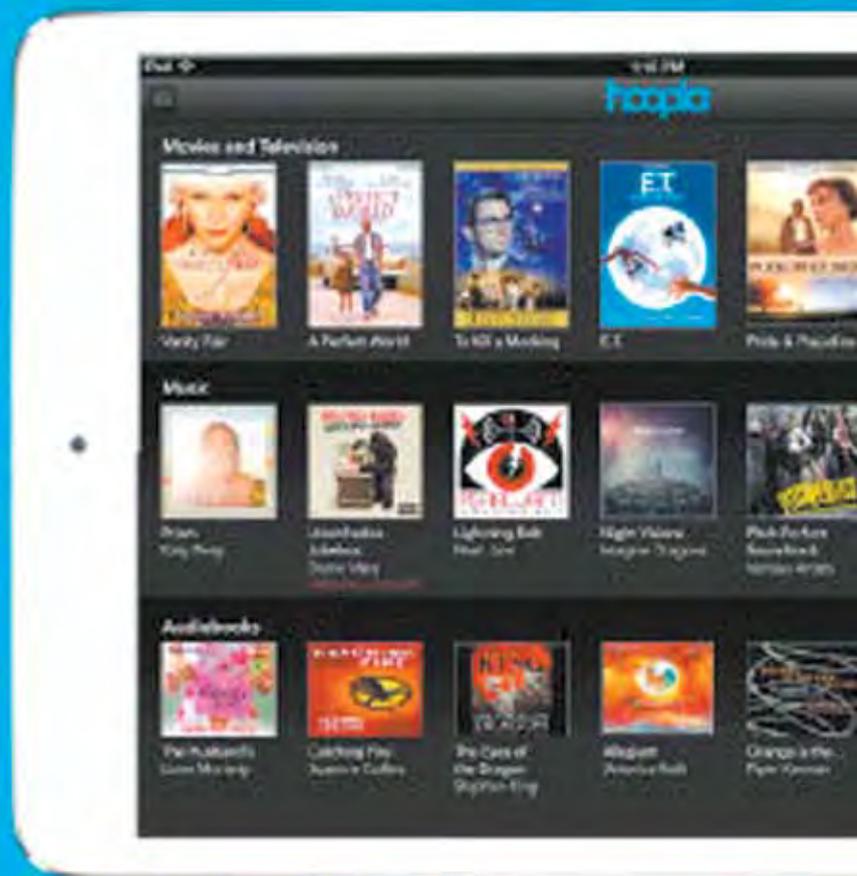
Tot Lot’s new playground

The Crestline Tot Lot will be getting a new playground. The wooden posts on the swings deteriorated to the point they had to be removed. Because of this, all new equipment will be placed in the Tot Lot. Construction should begin around the first week of November and the park will need to be closed during this time. Updates will be posted at the park by the gate, on Facebook, and the City’s website.



Emmet O'Neal Library News

News From the Emmet O'Neal Library



Hoopla Comes to Mountain Brook

This September, as part of its 50th birthday celebration, Emmet O'Neal Library announced the availability of thousands of movies, television shows, music albums, eBooks, audiobooks and comics, all available for mobile and online access through a new partnership with hoopla digital (hoopladigital.com).

Mountain Brook card holders can download the free hoopla digital mobile app on their Android or IOS device or visit hoopladigital.com to begin enjoying thousands of titles - from major Hollywood studios, record companies and publishers - available to borrow 24/7, for instant streaming or temporary downloading to their smartphones, tablets and computers.

"We're always looking to expand our digital offerings to become a truly accessible resource for the community," said Amanda Westfall, Reference

Librarian at Emmet O'Neal Library. "With hoopla digital, we are able to do that in a more impactful way than before. The service grants our patrons 24/7 access to dynamic materials, while eliminating waits and holds. They only need their library card to stay connected

and can access this content via the hoopla app or web site - free of charge. Hoopla Digital's automatic return also means no late fees."



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Smart Investing at Your Library

EOL is pleased to announce the return of a very popular program series on personal finance and investing. This series is made possible by a grant from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation through Smart Investing @ Your Library®, a partnership with the American Library Association.

The new series, Smart Directions @ EOL, will provide programs for adults of all ages and activities planned by and for teens, as well as new books, DVDs, databases, and more. Many of you may remember Dr. Andreas Rauterkus, Assistant Professor of Finance at UAB, from our popular first series. We are delighted to welcome him back this fall with the following programs, which will be held on Thursday evenings and

include dinner. Please join us!

Thursday, November 5th - Understanding the Banking System, including the roles of the Federal Reserve and the FDIC

Thursday, December 3rd - Understanding the Stock Market, including your rights as an investor and as a shareholder

Thursday, January 7th - Understanding the Global Financial System, including exchange rates, foreign currency, and how foreign markets affect our money



Smart Directions @ EOL presentations will take place in the library's community meeting room. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for dinner and the program will begin at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Katie Moellering at kmoellering@bham.lib.al.us or 205-445-1118.

Emmet O'Neal Library News

It's Happening at Emmet O'Neal

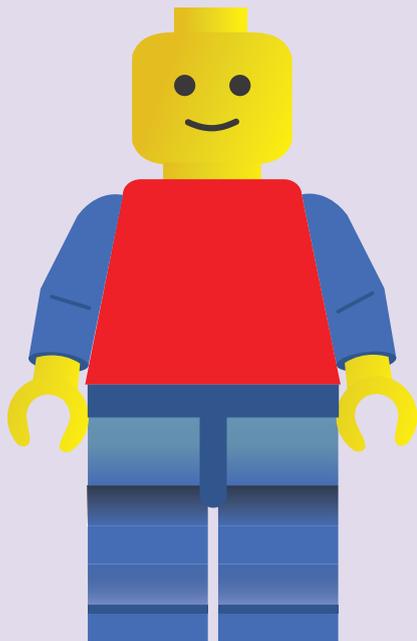
Programming:

Visit us at www.eolib.org to view more program details and to register.

NOVEMBER

- Thursday, Nov. 5, 3:30pm – SNaP: Game On
- Tuesday, Nov. 10, 5:30pm – Family Night: Arthur Atsma's AtsMagic
- Thursday, Nov. 12, 3:30pm – SNaP: Craft – Pipe Cleaner Ninjas
- Wednesday, Nov. 18, 3:30pm – Farmer Jason
- Thursday, Nov. 19, 3:30pm – SNaP: Movie & Popcorn - Cinderella
- Thursday, Nov. 19, 6:00pm – Bookmania: The Sword of Summer by Rick Riordan (must register)

No programs the week of Thanksgiving



Families enjoy the LEGO tabletop at the new Discovery Table.

Children's Department News

Discovery Table

Come visit our newest play-and-create installation, the Discovery Table. Rotating tabletops include a LEGO building board, a set of train tracks, and a light box. All

the pieces necessary for play on each tabletop are stored in attached compartments, so you don't have to bring anything except yourself and your creativity.

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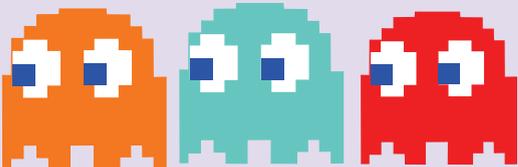
DECEMBER

- Thursday, Dec. 3, 3:30pm – SNaP: Game On
- Tuesday, Dec. 8, 5:30pm – Family Night: How the Grinch Stole Christmas movie
- Wednesday, Dec. 9, 3:30pm – Fancy Nancy's Splendiferous Holiday Hairdo Hullabaloo
- Thursday, Dec. 10, 3:30pm – SNaP: Movie and Popcorn – Star Wars: A New Hope
- Thursday, Dec. 17, 3:30pm – SNaP: Star Wars Mania
- Thursday, Dec. 17, 6:00pm – Bookmania: Star Wars books (must register)

No programs the weeks of Christmas and New Year's

JANUARY

- Thursday, Jan. 7, 3:30pm – SNaP: Game On
- Tuesday, Jan. 12, 5:30pm – Family Night: MadCap Puppets' Once Upon the Clock
- Thursday, Jan. 14, 3:30pm – SNaP: Craft – Canvas Art
- Wednesday, Jan. 20, 3:30pm – Snowy Mad Science
- Thursday, Jan. 21, 3:30pm – SNaP: Movie and Popcorn – Inside Out
- Thursday, Jan. 21, 6:00pm – Bookmania: Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer by Kelly Jones (must register)
- Thursday, Jan. 28, 3:30pm – SNaP: Life-Size Pac-Man



Movers & Makers

The latest addition to our programming calendar is a storytime for preschoolers aged three to five. Movers and Makers, which takes place weekly on Wednesdays at 1:30, is a chance for caregivers to participate with their little ones in engaging activities that build cooperation and encourage reading and school readiness skills. Attendees watch puppet stories, create crafts, interact with tactile, movement-oriented toys, and invent new ways to make music and stories. Patrons who are interested in attending should register their child at www.eolib.org.

Teen Corner

Fall is a great time for teen students to establish great study habits at The Emmet O'Neal Library. We have three private study rooms for students and other patrons to utilize plus free Wi-Fi, low cost printing, and professional librarians to assist them with finding just the right text or article. Your teenagers will also love

our monthly teen trivia contest where they can form a team with up to four of their friends and compete against other students from area schools for great prizes, and don't forget the library hosts a monthly gaming program for teens on the first Saturday of each month from 1-4 pm. If you have any questions, give us a call at 445-1121. We'll see you at the library!



Preschoolers get creative and active at the brand new Wednesday afternoon storytime, Movers & Makers.



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Pictured: Representative David Faulkner, Mr. Dan Bundy – 2016 Chamber President, Mr. Miller Gorrie and Mr. Hatton Smith

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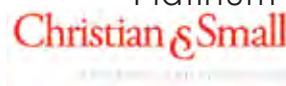


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WILL HAVER TAKES HOME ALABAMA RETAILER OF THE YEAR SILVER AWARD



Will Haver and his team. Photo by Hal Yeager

Will Haver, owner of Mountain Brook-based Otey's Tavern, took home the silver award in the \$1-5 million dollar category. Haver serves as the president for the Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce and also runs another successful restaurant chain – Taco Mama.

The Retailer of the Year judges praised Haver and his staff for Otey's impressive growth and their commitment to the community. Haver credits Otey's growing productivity results to the extraordinarily low turnover rate in its staff. He also cited a new emphasis on catering efforts over the past year, allowing him to hire a full-time catering director.

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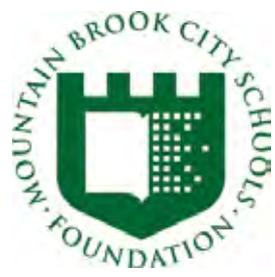
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2016

\$36,889.50

2017

\$11,325.00

2018

\$9,870.00

Class Gift Program Update

Mountain Brook High School Class Gift Captains have been hard at work contacting over 400 families to participate in their child's Class Gift Program.

As of October 16th, gifts and pledges have been received for each program. The totals are shown above.

The Class of 2018 recently elected their Gift Program Student Class Captains, Lacy Smith and Anne Mitchell Welch.

"I am very excited to begin working with Lacy, Anne Mitchell, and all of the Student Captains. They will not only help to raise money for each of their class gifts, but will serve as Foundation Ambassadors as well," Stephanie Maxwell, Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation Executive Director said.

2015 Schaeffer Eye Center Fashions for the Foundation is Right Around the Corner!

The Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation will hold its third Fashions for the Foundation on Monday, November 9th at 11:30 at the new Grand Bohemian Hotel Mountain Brook.

The Show has a new venue and a new look. Guests will be treated to a delicious lunch in a beautiful ballroom with great models, fashions and entertainment. Emcees for the event are Caroline and Martha of Stylebriefs.com.

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Celebrity models, including Sara Evans, will be wearing fashions and accessories from Elle, Harrison LTD, Ivory and White Bridal Boutique, Lilla, Little Lavender, Marella, Monkee's of Mountain Brook, Mountain Brook Sporting Goods, Mountain High Outfitters, Once Upon a Time, The Impeccable Pig, The Lingerie Shop, The Pants Store, Snap Girls, Swoop, Village Sportswear and more. Other models include Mr. Mike Thompson, Mrs. Kathryn Harbert, Mr. Tommy Sisson, Dr. Dicky Barlow, Dr. Brooke Schaeffer Kaplan, MBHS Athletic Director Benny Eaves, MBHS Varsity Volleyball Coach Haven O'Quinn, Senior Volleyball Players, MBHS Band Director Jason Smith, Mountain Brook School Principals and more.

Music will be provided by DJ COCO, and Eyewear Fashion Designer Gai Gherard will be on hand to share the latest eyewear styles.

Tickets can be purchased through the Foundation's website at www.mtnbrookschoolsfoundation.com.

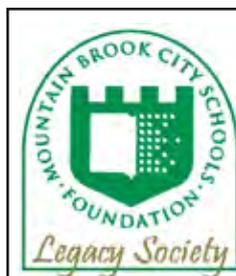


Elizabeth Bullock
 Math

Foundation Receives \$1 Million Bequest in Memory of Mrs. Elizabeth W. Bullock

Mr. Richard "Dick" S. Bullock passed away in September of 2014, but not before he made estate plans to immensely impact several organizations in the Birmingham area. In particular, Mr. Bullock's estate left a bequest of \$1 million to the Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation in memory of his predeceased wife Mrs. Elizabeth W. Bullock, a longtime teacher in the Mountain Brook High School Math Department.

The extremely generous donation received by the Foundation last month is designated to benefit the Math Departments of Mountain Brook Junior High and High Schools. These funds will be invested in the Foundation's Endowment and distributed per Mr. Bullock's wishes each year.



Planned gifts are a way to help the students of Mountain Brook beyond your lifetime without affecting your current cash flow.

If you have already made plans to include the Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation in your estate plan, please notify the office so we can include you as a member in the Foundation's Legacy Society. Thank you.

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LEARNING TECHNOLOGY BUNDLE A HIT AT MBHS

The 2015-2016 school year began with a landmark event at Mountain Brook High School. All students now have access to a new technology bundle. The technology bundle consists of a companion device (Dell touchscreen Chromebook), technology support and repairs, filtering, management, secure Wi-Fi access, and software such as Google Apps for Education and Microsoft 365.

During the 2014-2015 academic year, a large focus committee, consisting of educators, parents, and students, reviewed Apple, Windows, and Chrome devices based on the instructional needs of the school. The committee was unanimous in selecting the Chromebook as the device that met

“We needed to make sure we can reasonably manage and filter web access for a trusted and safe learning environment.”

Students use the Chromebooks by signing in via a Google Apps password. The Chromebooks and the accounts are owned by the school. This allows the school to monitor student activity which occurs with those accounts, even off campus. Content that is shared through student email and saved in the cloud is filtered for inappropriate and/or questionable content in an effort to keep students safe. In the event that inappropriate content is found, depending on circumstances, the student will receive a warning email. Other serious concerns raised by the content is reported to school officials, who follow typical protocols to keep students safe or correct any inappropriate behavior.

Mountain Brook Schools partnered with the Mountain Brook Schools Foundation, which supported the program’s funding, and MBHS families to make this plan a reality. The technology bundle is supported through a lease program enabling students to keep their device for their entire time at Mountain

Brook High School. Because of this partnership, there will only be a small increase in the technology fee.

The faculty works with students to ensure that they are trained on use of the device, access to resources, safety, support, and responsibilities.

“We are very excited about the technology bundle and the resources that it will provide our students and faculty,” said Principal Hood. “So far, we have seen this program substantially change the way students and faculty are approaching learning.”

“As with everything we do, we try to stay focused on student learning, not the technology.”

- MBHS principal Amanda Hood

the identified criteria of instructional tools, filtering, access, warranty, and value. However, the committee took care not to focus too much on which is the best hardware.

“As with everything we do,” said MBHS principal Amanda Hood, “we try to stay focused on student learning, not the technology. Our continued philosophy of instruction is that learning is facilitated through relationships and content. Technology and devices are simply tools used to support instruction as determined by the instructor.”

“In recent years, we have seen increased need for devices that can be appropriately used for instruction in and out of the classroom,” said Dr. Missy Brooks, Director of Instruction. “There has been some experimentation with the use of cell phones and, over time, we knew we needed to focus less on that approach, and more on a uniform device. We needed it to access digital resources such as textbooks. We needed the ability to collaborate with various tools, including digital ones. Putting all that together, a notebook-style device seemed most appropriate.”

But the touchscreen Chromebook, the device ultimately selected, is just one part of the bundle. “We are aware, as parents are, of some of the potential problems with personal online access by students at school,” noted Donna Williamson, the school district’s Director of Technology.





High School Recognizes National Merit Seminalists for 2015-2016



1st Row, (L-R): Frances Hancock, Louisa Collins, Angela Fu, Tessie Baren, Sophie Brint
 2nd Row (L-R): Ruben Sun, McKinley Hamilton, Sarah Winston Nathan, Sara Chandler Mitchell, Helen Catherine Darby, Brianna Lipp, Elizabeth Nabors
 3rd Row (L-R): Jack Tucker, Benjamin Honan, Dylan Bowen, Luke Hartman, Eric Voigt, Coke Matthews
 4th Row (L-R): Duncan Manley, David Creel, Jeffrey Jones, Patrick Trammell, Charlie Cope, Cole Summersell

High School Recognizes National Merit Commended Students for 2015-2016



First Row (L-R): Helen Camp, Allye Lott, Margaret Doody, Millie Livingston
 Second Row (L-R): Emily Howell, Lauren Mussell, Elizabeth Statham
 Third Row (L-R): David Kirkpatrick, Cameron Nall, Owen Ross, Jake Sansom, Harlan Winn

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