



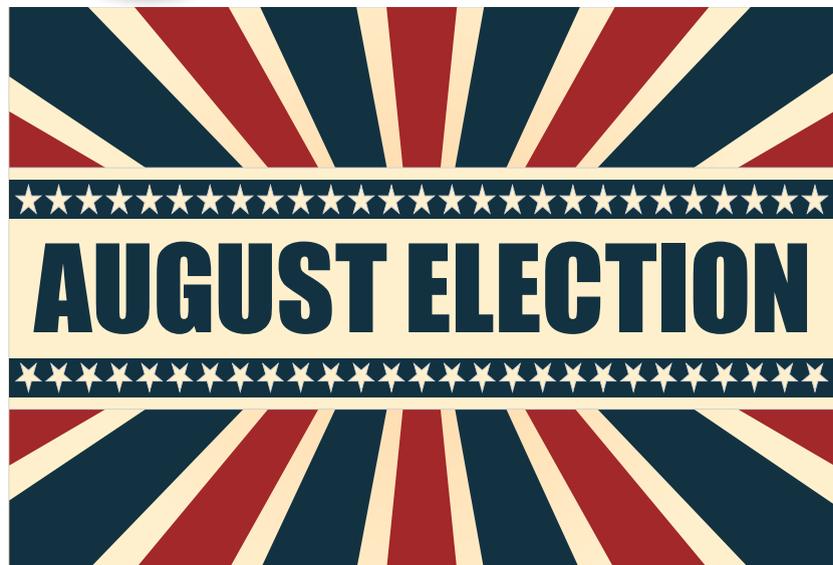
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2016

is election day in Mountain Brook. Offices up for election include:

Position	Currently Held By
Mayor	Lawrence T. Oden
2	Jack D. Carl
4	Virginia C. Smith

The qualification period for candidates is July 5 through on July 19, 2016. Please visit the City's website (www.mtnbrook.org) for updates, news and announcements regarding the election. Other dates of interest:

August 8	Last day for a resident to register as a qualified elector for the August 23, 2016 general municipal election.
August 18	Last day for a voter to apply for a regular absentee ballot. Last day to publish the list of qualified voters.
August 22	Last day for a voter to apply for an emergency absentee ballot (for persons required by their employer to be out of town on election day). Voting machines are to be sealed. Absentee ballots, if mailed, must be postmarked by August 22nd. Hand delivered absentee ballots must be received by 5 p.m.
August 23	Election day!

For information about voter registration, please call the Jefferson County Board of Registrars at 325-5550.



Polling Location Change

The State of Alabama has established six polling locations within the City of Mountain Brook. For consistency, the City of Mountain Brook has established the same polling locations for its City elections held every other [even] year. Beginning with the August 23, 2016 general City election, the Locksley Fire Station polling location will be re-assigned to Mountain Brook Community Church located at the intersection of U.S. Highway 280 and Cahaba River Road.

The Locksley polling location was less than ideal due to access, parking, and exposure to the elements. Please join the City officials and poll workers in expressing your gratitude to the members of Mountain Brook Community Church for hosting the State and local elections starting August 23.

Registered voters should expect to receive a postcard this summer notifying them of their voting location for the August City election.

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Jack Carl

Alice Womack

Lloyd Shelton

City Manager:

Sam S. Gaston, 802-3800

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

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City of Mountain Brook Employees of the Year

The City of Mountain Brook is pleased to announce the 2016 Employees of the Year.



Pictured left to right: Officer Drew Moore- sworn employee Police Department, Ashley Eason- non-sworn employee Police Department, LaTorya Mines-Parks & Recreation Department, Rodney Wood-Public Works, and Kevin Wilson- Fire Department

New Deputy Fire Chief

Stacey Cole was promoted to Deputy Fire Chief for the City of Mountain Brook on March 1st, 2016. Chief Cole recently served as Battalion Chief “C” Shift Battalion Commander for the City. Chief Cole began working for the City of Mountain Brook in 1990. Prior to that, he served in the United States Navy as a navigation specialist on submarines.

Chief Cole was promoted to Lieutenant as a company officer in 2003. In 2005, he was promoted to Captain and then Battalion Chief in 2009. Chief Cole is a graduate of the Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic Program at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and he has a Bachelor of Science degree in Fire Science from Columbia Southern University.

Chief Cole is looking forward to his new position with the City, and he is excited to see what the future holds. “I first want to take the time to get comfortable in

my new role, and then examine who we are today as a staff and look toward our next step.”

He also gave thanks to former Fire Chief Robert Ezekiel, stating “Chief ‘Zeke’ taught me to be a man of integrity. If you lose that, then you do not have much worth. You have to trust what people are saying to you, and you want people to trust what you are saying to them.”

Chief Cole and his wife, Jennifer, have two children – Katelyn and Zachary. You can catch him out on the golf course when he is away from work, or spending time with his family.



New Fire Chief

On March 1, 2016, Chris Mullins officially became the new Fire Chief for the City of Mountain Brook. Chief Mullins has been with the Fire Department since 1996, where he started out with an ALS Engine Company serving as a firefighter and paramedic. In 2002, he was promoted to Lieutenant. From there, Mullins was promoted to Captain in 2006 and then to Fire Battalion Chief in 2008. He also served as the Emergency Medical Services Division Director until he was promoted to Deputy Fire Chief in 2015.

Chief Mullins holds an Associate’s degree in Fire Service Management from Shelton State Community College, a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Administration from Athens State University, and a Master’s degree in Emergency Management from Jacksonville State University. Chief Mullins also completed his Emergency Medical Technician paramedic training at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Chief Mullins is excited to see what the future holds, but wants to keep the structure that is already in place. “Nothing major really needs to be changed, because we are already in good shape thanks to the foundation that was previously laid out. As technology advances I am sure that we will take a hard look at what all is coming available, but my main goal is to maintain the highest quality of service that we



can provide to the citizens of Mountain Brook.”

Chief Mullins gave high praise to former Fire Chief Ezekiel, stating that integrity is the most important thing that he learned from him. “He taught me to be a person of integrity, and to build and guard your credibility. Integrity is something that ‘Zeke’ showed by example.”

In his spare time, Chief Mullins enjoys singing in a Southern Gospel quartet at church, hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family. Chief Mullins is married to his wife, Kelly, and they have three daughters – Abrielle, Eden, and Kailey.

Board Appointment / Reappointment

APPOINTMENT:

The following Council appointment was made:

- K.C. Hairston – Municipal Judge

REAPPOINTMENT:

The following City Council reappointment was made:

- Turner Williams- Municipal Judge



Michael Glaze received the 2016 Code Official of the Year Award



At the 53rd Annual Conference Board meeting of the Alabama Association of Plumbing, Mechanical, and Gas Inspectors, Michael L. Glaze was awarded Code Official of the Year Award for 2016.

This is a much deserved award for all of his professionalism in inspecting plumbing and gas installations for the City of Mountain Brook. He also excelled in his career as a plumbing and gas professional prior to his hiring here in 2008 as a City

of Mountain Brook Building Inspections Officer. His father Mr. Bob Glaze (former Chief of Plumbing and Gas for the City of Birmingham for over 30 years) was in attendance for the award.

Michael spends most of his free time with his church and charity duties, family camping, and according to a media report was noted in a recent news story as quite an extraordinary Dutch Oven Chef!!

Recognition of Police Chief — Ted Cook

Mountain Brook Police Chief Ted Cook was one of 13 Police Chiefs from around the State to earn the highest level of police executive level training offered by the Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission (APOSTC), the Certified Law Enforcement Executive Program. The awards were presented at the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police (AACOP) Winter Conference in Montgomery on March 3, 2016.

Chief Cook was awarded the 240-hour Certified Law Enforcement Executive Program certificate and given the designation of Certified Law Enforcement Executive.

The Certified Law Enforcement Executive Program is part of a coordinated training opportunity provided by the AACOP, APOSTC, and the University Partnership of Alabama. Each module of training requires the chief of police to submit to testing and scoring before earning the classroom hours.

Courses that are completed during the training focus on topics including



leadership skills, human relations, internal personnel policies, communications, and external environment issues.

UAB Park Study

A year long study of our parks is in progress. Dr. Gavin Jenkins and Dr. Hon Yuen from UAB are heading a study of how parks support the health and well-being of a community. This will also provide the city with more information about the people who use our parks and what activities are important to them.

During this study, college students will be observing activities in Overton Park, Jemison Park, and Cahaba River Walk. Most of their work will be strictly observation, but in Jemison Park they will ask volunteers to wear a tracker that

will tell them where the user went and spent most of their time. They will have a table set up in the park for issuing the trackers if you are interested in participating in the study.

These students will all be identified by their uniforms and badges. They will also place signs around the park to signify their presence and be happy to answer any questions. If you have questions or concerns about their presence or behavior in the parks, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 802-3877.

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UAB Department of Occupational Therapy
and
Mountain Brook Parks and Recreation



Arbor Day Posters

The Alabama Cooperative Extension Service held their annual Arbor Day Poster Contest this past February. Local elementary students were asked by the Mountain Brook Tree Commission to take part in the contest by creating their own Arbor Day poster. The theme for the posters was “Trees are Terrific: Inside and Out!,” and the theme had to be included on each student entry. Over two hundred posters were submitted, and the Mountain Brook Tree Commission had the

challenging task of selecting a winner and runner-up from each elementary school. The following were chosen: from Mountain Brook Elementary—Kendall Crabtree (winner), Hayden Hawkins (runner-up); from Brookwood Forest Elementary—Sarah Suskeep (winner); from Crestline Elementary—Mia Dunlap (winner), Lucy Clapp (runner-up); from Cherokee Bend Elementary—Lucy Kerr (winner), Palin Wilkinson (runner-up). Winners were given a \$25 Village Gold gift certificate,

and runners-up were given a \$15 Village Gold gift certificate. The winning posters were then sent to the judges at the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service.

One of the local winners, Mia Dunlap, was chosen as the overall winner for the state’s Arbor Day Poster Contest. Mia, a fifth grader at Crestline Elementary, was invited to travel to the State Capitol in Montgomery for a tree planting ceremony that was hosted by Governor Robert Bentley and Secretary of State John Merrill.

Along with attending the ceremony, she was asked to speak on the topic: “What Arbor Day Means to Me.” Also, she was awarded \$50, a one-year Alabama Urban Forestry Association membership, and an Arbor Day Proclamation signed by Governor Bentley. The Mountain Brook Tree Commission would like to congratulate Mia on this wonderful accomplishment, and would like to say thank you to all the students who participated in the contest!



Fountain of Memories

A new drinking fountain has been installed on Beechwood Road by the bridge between Overbrook Road and Woodhill Road. It was donated by Arjun Lakhapal in memory of his uncle, Sundeep Caplash. Mr. Caplash enjoyed running in Jemison Park and the memorial fountain is a fitting tribute to him. The Park and Recreation Department and Friends of Jemison Park added some native plants around the fountain to help beautify the area.



The "Ole" Mill – Does Anyone Know Who Made This Replica?



While browsing in an antique store in Boaz, Alabama, Mountain Brook Police Sergeant Al Eason found this replica of The "Ole" Mill. According to Al, he immediately knew it "needed to be back in Mountain Brook." He purchased the replica and donated it to the city. The antique store owner is trying to get the booth owner and Al together to discuss where this replica was previously purchased. Sergeant Eason's act of kindness is a true example of how city personnel care about this city's deep history.

Our challenge: Can anyone tell us who made this replica and when? If so, call the City Manager's office at 205-802-3800.

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

REMEMBER IT IS MOSQUITO SEASON!

The City's Mosquito Control Project starts in April with us putting out briquettes. We will begin fogging the right of ways in May.

- Remove all standing water from around your property (tree holes, lily ponds).
- Clean out clogged gutters. Mosquitoes will use any source of standing water available to breed.

For more information on mosquito control visit the Jefferson County Department of Health's website, (www.jcdh.org) search word is "Vector Control" phone 205-933-9110.



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.



Recent City Council Actions

The City Council had adopted or amended the following ordinances since January 11, 2016:

- **Ordinance No. 1948 – Regulating the installation and operation of small cell antenna in the public right-of-way and private property.**
- **Ordinance No. 1949 – Amend Chapter 14 of the City Code with respect to fees associated with small cell antenna installations.**

The City Council has approved the following projects since January 11, 2016:

- Authorized agreement with the Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority (MAX) for their provision of public transportation services in the City for fiscal year ending September 30, 2016.
- Approved conditional use application submitted by Meta Fitness (service use) for 3150 Overton Road.
- Authorized franchise agreement between the City and Crown Castle with respect to their installation of small cell antenna in the public right-of-way.
- Authorized issuance of a purchase order and execution of such other documents that may be determined necessary with respect to the purchase of telecommunication services (Layer 2 Ethernet, Internet, and SIP Trucking) from AT&T

based on the pricing as awarded by the State of Alabama.

- Recognized Doris Kenny for her 15 years of service as Executive Assistant to the City Manager, Mayor and City Council.
- Authorized installation of a street light between the houses located at 4402 and 4406 Briar Glen Circle in the amount of \$1609.06.
- Approved the construction plans with respect to the ALDOT Project of Mountain Brook Sidewalks – Phase 9 along Brookwood Road, Crosshill Road, Oakdale Drive, Spring Valley Road and Woodvale Road and agreed to perform ongoing maintenance.
- Authorized renewal agreement (one year extension) between the City and Birmingham History Center with respect to the management of the City’s artifacts exhibit in a display case at City Hall.
- Authorized agreement with Father Nature for invasive plant removal services in Jemison Park.
- Authorized multi-jurisdictional agreement between the City of Mountain Brook, City of Birmingham, City of Vestavia Hills, and Jefferson County with respect to the preliminary engineering costs associated with grant-funded roadway improvements to be performed by ALDOT along Cahaba River Road from Highway 280 to Key Drive. City of Mountain Brook would be responsible for

\$5,560.00 in shared costs associated with the project.

- Authorized Stone & Sons Electrical Contractors, Inc. to provide the installation of generators for back-up power for traffic lights on U. S. Highway 280 in the amount of \$34,000.
- Authorized the installation of two street lights at 3601 and 3625 Westchester Circle in the amount of \$1,644.97.
- Recognized Orsen L. (Pete) Johnson for his 7-plus years of service as Municipal Court Judge with the City of Mountain Brook.
- Recognized Chief Robert W. (Zeke) Ezekiel for his 22-plus years of service as Fire Chief of the City of Mountain Brook.
- Appointed Christopher J. Mullins as Fire Chief of the City of Mountain Brook.
- Reappointed Turner Williams as a Municipal Court Judge of the City of Mountain Brook.
- Ratified the City’s engagement with Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC with respect to their provision of HVAC scheduled maintenance bid administration services.
- Authorized the Police Chief to make application to East Central Alabama Highway Safety Office for a grant for traffic safety enforcement purposes.
- Approved the planting of a Nuttall Oak in the sidewalk area of English Village by Continental Bakery, contingent upon no opposition

from businesses in the area, in the amount of \$3,456.62.

- Authorized Walter Schoel to review Furnace Branch flooding concerns.
- Authorized Ethernet and Internet facilities upgrades at Fire Station Number 2 in the amount of \$8,503.
- Authorized the sale—for consumption off-premises only—of beer and wine at the Crestline Piggly Wiggly.
- Authorized the installation of a street light on Overton Road across from the entrance to the Lockerbie Subdivision.
- Authorized an agreement with Jefferson Country with respect to future storm debris removal.
- Authorized the execution of the Jefferson County hazard mitigation plan.
- Authorized the execution of an agreement between the City and Bearden Services, LLC, to demolish the house located at 2234 Cahaba Road pursuant to the Notice of Court Action in Case No. 01-CV-2015-901808.00.
- Approved a resolution expressing the council’s opposition to HB375 and companion SB335, which prohibit a governing body of a municipality from entering into a contract with a private auditing or collecting firm.
- Approved the 2016 road paving list comprised of more than 30 streets, drives, lanes and roads.

Building Permit Activity

Permit Type:	4th Quarter - 2015		1st Quarter - 2016	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	14	\$9,035,519	10	\$ 4,720,540
Alterations/Additions	70	\$6,428,459	78	\$11,097,907
Repairs/Other	165	\$2,348,527	192	\$ 4,018,839
Totals:	249	\$17,812,505	280	\$19,837,286



New Businesses

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT SERVICES

- Burns Healthcare Enterprises, Inc. (dba\Always Best Care), 4 Office Park Circle, Suite 1096, 205/874-9730
- OnBoard Search & Staffing, LLC, 217 Country Club Park, Suite 437, 205/540-6232
- Prepaid Technologies, LLC, 6 Office Park Circle, Suite 215, 205/871-6144

AMBULATORY HEALTH CARE SERVICES

- Christine Le Psychology, LLC, 15 Office Park Circle, Suite 140, 205/208-9628
- Interact Psychological Services, 15 Office Park Circle, Suite 140, 205/523-8219

AMUSEMENT/RECREATIONAL

- Meta Fitness Studio, LLC, 3150 Overton Road, 205/381-3100

CLOTHING AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES STORES

- Cotton & Quill, LLC, 53 Church Street, 256/874-4592

CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS

- Ash Renovations, 6 Office Park Circle, 205/739-9898
- Woodcrest Building Co., LLC, 16 Office Park Circle, Suite 12C, 404/585-8457

CREDIT INTERMEDIATION AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

- First US Bank, 300 Office Park Drive, Suite 175, 205/587-7004

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

- Lane B. SLP, LLC, 15 Office Park Circle, 205/206-9860
- McGiboney, Roberta G. (dba\ Conscious Body Healing Arts Center), 300 Office Park Drive, Suite 205, 205/936-0171

GROCERY, FOOD AND BEVERAGE STORES

- Clubview Holdings, LLC (dba\ Dinner), 73 Church Street, 205/249-8317
- Crestline Piggly Wiggly, LLC, 41 Church Street, 205/531-7415
- Healthy Vending of Alabama, 3650 Bethune Drive, 205/492-6943
- Wok Express AL, LLC, 3150 Overton Road, Suite 105, 205/901-0331

RETAILERS

- Gallery Space, LLC (dba\ Gallery 1930), 1930 Cahaba Road, 205/910-5842
- Little Lu Fondue, 911 Euclid Avenue, 205/901-9364

PERSONAL SERVICES

- Ballard, Brook (dba\Brooke Ballard Massage), 402 Office Park Drive, Suite 205, 205/862-8928
- Family Share Concepts, LLC (dba\Spiro Salt Room & Massage Therapy), 2816 Culver Road, 205/445-0448
- Lukima, Bahia (dba\Va'hy Body Therapy), 402 Office Park Drive, Suite 205, 310/775-1946

- Makofski, Perrin (dba\ Conscious Body Healing Art Center), 300 Office Park Circle, 205/783-1070
- McHellon, Roderick (dba\ Massage By Roderick), 402 Office Park Drive, Suite, 205/482-1732
- Troncale, Nadine M. (dba\ Body Kneads), 402 Office Park Drive, Suite 205, 205/223-2740
- Warren, Kristina (dba\Renew Therapeutic Massage), 402 Office Park Drive, Suite 205, 205/490-5211
- Whitaker, Jennifer (dba\Limbs Massage Therapy), 402 Office Park Circle, Suite 205, 205/223-0748

PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

- Agnew Investment Management, 3 Office Park Circle, Suite 317, 205/835-7114
- Alabama Vision Center, LLC, 3928 Montclair Road, Suite 100, 205/592-3911
- Chen, Harriet (dba\Harriet Chen Photography), 3304 Hermitage Road, 608/206-4468
- Herring Law Firm, LLC (The), 6 Office Park Circle, Suite 100, 205/378-8216
- James David Mills, Attorney, 201 Office Park Drive, Suite 105, 205/324-5525
- Jeffrey Dungan Architects, Inc., 1906 Cahaba Road, 205/329-7030
- Kate Tinney Albright, LLC, 402 Office Park Drive, Suite 210, 205/260-0083

- Mashburn Psychological Services, 15 Office Park Circle, Suite 140, 205/286-6917
- McDonald Graham, LLC, 3341 Sandhurst Circle, 205/807-7936
- McDorman & Walker, 4 Office Park Circle, 205/983-4380
- McRae, Gina A., 21 Ridge Drive, 205/910-0701
- Tasha B. Davis Interiors, LLC, 3737 Dunbarton Drive, 205/807-2152
- Taylor Plosser Davis Architect, LLC (dba\Taylor Plosser Davis, AIA), 12 Office Park Circle, Suite 207, 205/999-3511
- USA Executive Search, LLC, 3 Office Park Circle, Suite 212, 205/873-3592
- Village Pet Care P.C., 2921 Cahaba Road, 205/582-2468
- Virginia McCary Design, 4308 Warren Road, 205/566-5146
- Webster LTD, 3216 Sterling Road, 205/871-2100
- Wiley, Cindy, 3036 Asbury Park Place, 205/266-0374

REAL ESTATE

- 3 F Homes, LLC, 9 Office Park Circle, Suite 215, 205/208-9793
- Ragan Land Company Inc., 6 Office Park Circle, Suite 100, 404/731-5559



Quarterly Crime Statistics

	4th Quarter 2015	1st Quarter 2016
Robbery	1	2
Robbery (aggravated shoplifting)	0	0
Burglary/Residence	12	7
Burglary/Business	0	1
Theft	44	51
Theft from Vehicle (UBEV)	16	6
Auto Theft	3	2
Assaults (Other)	2	1
Identity Theft	19	26
Criminal Mischief	7	6
Drugs	28	26
Family Violence	1	3
Accidents	270	232
A With Injuries	23	13
A With Fatalities	0	1
Calls For Service	6,959	6,689
House Watches	540	395
Property Stolen	\$436,148	\$426,831
Property Recovered	\$184,739	\$19,612

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.

Schedule of Meetings

CITY COUNCIL*	2nd & 4th Mon.	7:00 p.m. <i>(Call 802-3800 for time of Pre-Meeting)</i>	City Hall
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 & REC. 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

Public WiFi Expanded

THE CITY IS PLEASED TO PROVIDE FREE, PUBLIC WIFI AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- Crestline Village • Overton Park • Mountain Brook High School athletic complex
 Brookwood Forest Elementary playing field
 Rathmell Sports Park • English Village
 Mountain Brook Elementary playing field • Pre-council room at City Hall

While expansion of this service to other areas of the City is contemplated, progress has been slower than desired. The technology used to deploy WiFi requires clear line-of-sight between the transmission and receiving equipment which has proven to be a challenge. We also need host businesses in strategic locations to allow the installation of an Internet service and related transmission equipment. The City will continue to explore other installations.

To get online using the City's free public wireless networks follow these steps:

- Verify your wireless connection is enabled or on
- Navigate to the list of available wireless networks
- Locate the connection named, "City WiFi." Select this network and click "Connect"
- Open any browser to see the City of Mountain Brook's WiFi Access welcome page
- After reading the terms and conditions, click continue.

The public WiFi networks are free to the public, filtered, and monitored by the City. As with any public WiFi, users assume all risk associated with using the service and should always exercise good judgment and caution to avoid unauthorized access of their private information. If you have questions or comments about the City's public WiFi network, please call our technology staff at 802-3819 or 802-3820.



The City of Mountain Brook contracted with Dunn Construction Company to resurface streets which began March 28, 2016. Phase one of the project will begin on Vine Street from West Jackson Blvd. to Dexter Avenue. Vine Street and the adjoining parking spaces will be closed during the day for at least the first three days of the project. Phase two of this year's paving will begin in early summer. Please pay close attention to traffic control and drive safely. The streets to be resurfaced this year are as follows:



PHASE 1

- Vine Street - From West Jackson Blvd. to Dexter Avenue
- Memory Court - All
- Mountain Avenue - All
- Elm Street - North of Euclid Avenue
- Main Street - North of Euclid
- Cherry Street - North of Euclid
- Peachtree Road - All
- Peachtree Circle - All
- Ross Drive - All
- Forest Avenue - All
- Fairmont Drive - All
- Lorena Lane - All
- Braddock Avenue - All
- Heritage Circle - All
- Azalea Road - All

- Montgomery Drive - All in city
- Bentley Drive - All
- Camellia Drive - All
- Sims Avenue - Between Camellia and Beech
- Nash Circle - All
- Beech Street All in city
- Beech Court - All
- Beech Circle - All in city
- Beech Lane - All in city
- Fox Hall - All
- Greenbriar Circle - All
- Haygood Street - All in city
- Sims Avenue - Hagood to Montevallo
- Eastis Road - All
- Greenbriar Lane - Euclid to Montevallo

- Norman Drive - All
- Winthrop Avenue - All
- Alden Lane - All
- Clarendon Road - All

PHASE 2

- Alden Lane - All
- Montevallo Road - From Montcrest to Greenbriar
- Old Leeds Road - From Forest Glen to Cherokee Road

If you have any questions concerning the paving please contact Jackie McClendon (802-3875) project coordinator.

Sidewalks Update

The City of Mountain Brook is receiving federal money to construct two new sidewalk projects. The two projects are a part of our sidewalk master plan, Phases 5B and 9.

Phase 5B includes installing a new sidewalk along Shades Creek Parkway from Cahaba Road to Windsor Drive. This will serve as the Jemison Trail/Shades Creek Greenway connection between Jemison Park and Brookwood Village. The project is currently scheduled to be under construction this summer and completed by the beginning of 2017.

Phase 9 includes the installation of a new sidewalk along Brookwood Road, Crosshill Road, Spring Valley Road, Woodvale Road, and Oakdale Drive.

This sidewalk will connect the existing sidewalks at Mountain Brook Presbyterian Church on Brookwood Road to the existing sidewalks on Oakdale Drive at the entrance to Mountain Brook High School. Currently, the project is expected to be under construction by the end of this summer and take about a year to complete.



COMPOST

Our compost operation is in full swing at the Public Works facility located at 3579 East Street across from Rathmell Soccer Complex. We load open-bed vehicles Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and in the afternoons between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Call our office (205-802-2390) if more information is needed.

TRASH PICKUP

Loose-leaf pickup service has ended for this

season. All loose leaves and small trash items need to be containerized for curbside collection. Larger trash items should be on the curb for the knuckle-boom truck collection. Work done by a contractor is not eligible for pickup by Waste Management.

SPECIAL ITEMS DISPOSAL

Paint cans - Remove the lids from all of the cans. If there is paint inside, put sand, dirt, or kitty litter in the cans with the paint for absorption. Place the cans curbside with the lids off for pickup.

Appliances with freon (such as refrigerators and air conditioners) will not be picked up until the freon has been drained and a certified sticker has been placed on the item. A technician at an appliance service department can provide the freon removal. The items can then be placed at the curb for pickup.

ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP

Dirt, rocks, gravel, concrete, bricks, construction materials, batteries, and tires.

Emmet O'Neal Library News

Summer
Reading Kickoff
May 22

On your mark, get set...READ! Start your summer off with a bang at the summer reading kickoff carnival. On Sunday, May 22, bring your sneakers, skates, scooters, and strollers for the Thomas Hughes Brinkley Memorial Fun Run at 3:00. Stick around for the carnival at 3:30. A carnival wristband gets you unlimited access to all the game booths set up by the Junior Women's Committee of 100, or you can buy individual tickets as you go. The carnival also includes food trucks, concessions, a train ride, and a cooling shower from the Mountain Brook Fire Department.

In addition to raising essential funds for the Children's Department through the kickoff carnival, the members of the JWC volunteer their time throughout the year to help the children's librarians with everyday tasks. Special thanks go to Carnival Chairs Adria Graham and Leigh Anne Nomberg, Fun Run Chair Emily Bynum, and JWC President Bronwyne Chapman and Vice President Grace Kipp.

Children's Department

MAY 30 – SUMMER READING PROGRAMS BEGIN

We have something special for children of every age this summer. For **newborns through age 36 months**, parents are invited to our regular lap-sit storytimes. The programs you know and love from the school year – **Patty Cake, Mother Goose, and Toddler Tales** – will continue throughout June and July. Be sure to register for these online. Space is limited, and spots fill up quickly.

Preschoolers will love our weekly morning show. Performers from all over the country make their way to the Emmet O'Neal Library to bring you puppet shows, magic, music, and interactive science. These programs are on **Tuesdays at 10:30**.

Brand new this year, **rising kindergarten, first- and second-graders** can attend a program designed specifically with them in mind. On Tuesday afternoons at 3:30, parents can sign in and drop off their kids for 45 minutes of fun at **LOL:GO!** Whether it's LEGOs or crafts, science or sports, we'll provide activities and

games to entertain, educate, excite, and interest your kids.

Rising 3rd – 6th graders will find their favorite after-school activity continuing as an afternoon diversion all summer long. On **Thursdays at 3:30**, **SNAP** will host gaming tournaments, wacky science experiments, crafts, and game shows for the upper elementary crowd. On **June 2**, we will bow to tradition and popular demand: the first SNAP of the summer will be an all-out extravaganza of messy, slimy, utterly insane team games. Meet us on the lawn. Wear something old...

Olympic readers going into 3rd – 6th grade can participate in **Bookmania** in the summer, too. Check the summer reading calendar for book selections and dates, then register online to reserve your place.

For details and specifics about all these programs, pick up a summer calendar in the Children's Department or view it online at www.eolib.org.

SUMMER CAMPS



All camps are for registered patrons only, so be sure to visit our website starting May 1 and reserve your spot before they're gone.

GLAUB MEMORIAL CAMP

Each year, the Glaub family and friends make it possible for us to offer the Geoffrey Glaub Memorial Summer Camp for **rising 3rd – 6th graders**. At this year's camp, which

will take place **June 13-16**, campers will have the opportunity to learn circus feats – like juggling, acrobatics, and clowning – from a professional. Campers will demonstrate their new skills on the last day of camp.

MAKERS CAMP →

Let your kids tap into their creativity in the library's makerspace. We'll bring **rising 4th – 6th grade** campers into the makerspace and give them a tour of the technology available to help them put their ideas into action. Young makers will have the chance to create something incredible using the tools and resources we provide. Register online for one of the camps (each camp is two afternoon sessions): either **JUNE 20 AND 22 OR JULY 18 AND 20**.



JuneMakerCamp2: Elementary students at Makers Camp experiment with LED throwies.

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more Summer fun!



Prizes 1: Xtreme Readers participate in reading challenges to earn chances to win giant, awesome prizes.

ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, READ! & XTREME READS

Whether you prefer paper or screen, our summer reading program is ready for you. Keep track of the books you read (or books being read to you, for pre-readers) to earn chances to play our Olympic challenge. The more times you play, the sooner you win free books – you can even get a free book every week if you read enough! For older readers (rising 3rd – 6th grade) with more reading endurance, you can train a little harder with the Xtreme Reads program (think: more books, more prizes). And readers of all ages can stop by any time to play the famous clue game – visit every week to find a different clue and win a different prize.

JULY 26 – SUMMER READING FINALE

The summer reading race ends with a party on Tuesday, July 26. We'll bring the pizza and Roger Day will bring the musical fun – all you have to bring is a picnic blanket and your family to celebrate the 2016 summer reading finale.

July 28 – XTREME READS FINALE

Kids who have participated in the Xtreme Reads program will celebrate their summer of triumphant reading with a pizza party, where they will also find out who won the big Xtreme Reads prizes.

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Want to go above and beyond to support your local library? Visit the Children's Department to ask how you can become a library champion and get your name featured on an Olympic flame in the library.

Emmet O'Neal Library Celebrates Summer Reading For ALL AGES!

It's hard to believe summer is fast approaching, but the library is ready to roll into the summer months. We will kickoff Summer Reading for folks of all ages on **Sunday afternoon, May 22nd**. Adults and teens may register for our summer reading programs, chat with our librarians about our plans for this summer, and win a book from our prize cart!

For teens this summer, we've got the cure for the summertime blues at The Emmet O'Neal Library. We're going to kick off the summer with our first ever **Pixels and Pancakes** program. We'll be flipping pancakes while you flip over Super Smash Bros. Throughout the summer we'll have **Horcrux Hunts**, **Quidditch Matches**, even an **escape room** where you'll be timed at how quickly you can solve the puzzles to break out of the **Gringotts Vaults** (no dragons will be harmed

during this program). If you're looking for a great way to spend your summer, then look no further than The Emmet O'Neal Library!

Our programs for adults this summer include:

- **June 4th – Fundamentals of Self Defense**
- **June – Summer Book Preview** with Katie & Holley – discover your next favorite read!
- **June 16th – Adult Summer Reading Literary Trivia Night** – register your team or join one on site and test your literary skills.
- **July 28th – Birmingham Arts Journal Preview Party** – our 5th Annual celebration of this local gem.
- **August 2nd – Bad Art Night** – the most fun night of the year! Bring a friend and make bad art, compete for prizes, meet new people, and have fun!



Local Author Book Release Party & Signing
Sunday, May 15th
3:00-4:00 p.m.

We have a special treat in May when Mountain Brook author Jack L. Mauldin will be at Emmet O'Neal Library for the release of his new children's book *The Christmas Ant*. Dr. Mauldin is known by many Mountain Brook residents. He has been a physician for nearly 40 years, with a practice in Gastroenterology. His inspirational book, the first in a planned series, is based on a true story. He and his wife, Nancy, as well as his sons and grandchildren, reside in Mountain Brook.

The Christmas Ant is an inspirational story about creating friendships, offering true gifts and never giving up. A boy and a small ant create a unique friendship on Christmas Eve. Vivid illustrations show how both characters learn the true values of friendship and the importance of helping one another.

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This popular series of programming is made possible by a grant from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation through Smart Investing @ Your Library®, a partnership with the American Library Association. Our programs continue on May 12th and June 2nd. Topics to be announced! Smart Directions @ EOL presentations will take place in the library's community meeting room. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and the program will begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Katie Moellering at kmoellering@bham.lib.al.us or 205-445-1118.



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Mountain Brook Junior High and Mountain Brook High School are among the top secondary schools in Alabama and the Southeast, and are known for academic excellence, and highly successful athletic and fine arts programs. Fostering these student pursuits at all grade levels is the business of Mountain Brook Schools. Mountain Brook Schools also have a range of programs meant to contribute to a healthy school climate and to the formation of leadership and character in students.

“We want to focus on doing our part to support the development of the whole child,” said Superintendent Dicky Barlow. “We are proud of our students, who volunteer widely and are deeply involved in the culture of their schools and activities in the community.”

In the last issue of THE REPORTER, we presented examples of these programs in Mountain Brook’s elementary schools—programs designed to promote the positive development of the whole child. In this issue of The Reporter, we will focus on programs at Mountain Brook Junior High. In the final installment of this series, to be published this summer, we will highlight Mountain Brook High School’s efforts to foster good citizens.

Junior High Students Bond, Learn at Lead Conference

On April 28th, ninety Mountain Brook Junior High students will be heading for the beach. The annual LEAD student conference (formerly STRIDE) will be, for these students, exciting, inspiring, and exhausting. They will return to Mountain Brook with strong new bonds with their peers, and an array of new leadership skills.

In 1988, Coach David Knott, then an assistant principal at Mountain Brook Junior High, initiated STRIDE, a conference especially made for MBJH students.

He approached a speaker he had heard at another conference, John Hewitt, who Knott had noted related well with students and delivered a message in a manner David believed would be well-received by MBJH students.



LEAD teams participates in parade, which showcases their team theme.

Initially designed as a conference to help students make wise decisions about drugs and alcohol, the STRIDE experience evolved in to a conference about leadership. In 2013, conference organizers changed the name of the event to LEAD to reflect what had

I am looking forward to LEAD this year. It sounds like a great experience and I am glad I get to be part of it. I hope to create new friendships and take what I learn home with me.

- Crawford Poynor



"Skyfall 007" Secret Agents look the part. Right: LEAD team members in one of many team-building exercises held in preparation for the conference.



become the true focus of the conference. The Spartan Council is responsible for the conference and spends considerable time in the academic year preparing for the late-April conference.

"LEAD is an experience you will never forget," said Olivia Rodrigues, at a recent gathering of the LEAD team. "You get to meet new people and create special bonds with them. It is place where you can be yourself and feel safe."

Eighth and ninth grade students apply for LEAD. There are criteria for selection, including good academic and conduct standards. Ninety are selected by a drawing, but within the constraints of having balanced numbers of 8th and 9th graders, and boys and girls.

The group is divided into 8 teams. The composition of the teams is a key to the success of the program, said Larry McCain, one of the faculty sponsors for LEAD. "We spend a lot of time putting the teams together so that new relationships will be forged. If

we know, for example, that two students already have a close relationship, we will have them on different teams. In addition, we want to make sure each team has a mix of personalities, the kinds of kids who might not normally gravitate toward each other in a school setting." That practice is designed to discourage the natural tendency for students to form secure and familiar cliques.

Each team is designated by a color. Prior to the trip, each team develops a team theme based on their color. The yellow team might create a Wizard of Oz theme (Yellow Brick Road!). Other teams might be "Sky Blue," or "Grey's Anatomy." As the trip approaches, each team creates a parade float, based on their team theme. The day before they leave for the trip, they put on a parade.

Prior to the beach weekend, the students meet and work together in guided conversations and exercise, in which students learn about conflict resolution,

engage in role-playing, and learn how to lead without being bossy.

At the beach, the students and sponsors are in for a fun time, but an extremely busy experience. As it turns out, John Hewitt, the Nashville-based speaker mentioned above, has continued to be involved in the LEAD program as a presenter for almost all years since the original STRIDE conference in the late 1980s. Participants work through a series of bonding, trust-building and other exercises.

"They do have time on the beach," said Mr. McCain, "but we have activities planned for most of that time as well."

We met with the Spartan Council recently to



learn about LEAD and found a group of junior high students who were eager to share their experiences.

“Last year I went on LEAD and it was awesome,” said Zach Shunnarah. “Not only were the activities fun, but the leadership aspects were life-changing. LEAD was one of the best times of my life.”

Blake Fenn demonstrated an understanding of the core value of the LEAD experience. “I met and bonded with people on my team that I had never known and built great relationships with people while learning the qualities of being a good leader.”

Perhaps the most impressive evidence of a meaningful and lasting experience is that many of the teams continue to meet with each other long after their LEAD weekend is over. For example, if one happens to be at Mountain Brook High School at the right time, one might find a group of Mountain Brook High School students meeting for breakfast. They meet regularly. One might observe that they don't look like the kind of young people that would naturally be tight-knit. There were a LEAD team at Mountain Brook Junior High.

I can't wait to get to meet new people and have a great time. My favorite thing about the weekend is how everyone builds each other up the whole time. LEAD is an amazing opportunity to become a leader.

- Georgia Stewart

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Mountain Brook High School students at the April 8 Relay for Life

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