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Arbor Day Activities

The Mountain Brook Tree Commission will be distributing several thousand tree seedlings on Saturday, March 8, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Emmet O'Neal Library in Crestline Village, Piggly Wiggly at River Run, Western Supermarket in Mountain Brook Village and Whole Foods at Cahaba Village. This year's selections include roughleaf dogwood, eastern redbud, white oak, sweetbay magnolia, and longleaf pine. Our annual elementary school program continues, wherein we talk about and provide some fun and interesting facts about trees, and their importance in our everyday lives. This year we will be handing out dogwood seedlings for the children to plant at home.

Arbor Day Saturday, March 8, 2014



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RESIDENT SURVEY

In January, 2000 City households should have received a survey from the City of Mountain Brook regarding municipal services. This survey, administered by the ETC Institute of Olathe, Kansas, will assist the City in setting priorities and long-range goals.

If you received one of these surveys, please complete and return it as soon as possible.

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2013 Employees of the Year



Pictured left to right: Andrew Gidley, Detective Don Garrett, Cathy Boyd, Clint Clark, and Fire/Medic Jon Head

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Detective Don Garrett (2nd from left) is the Police Department Sworn Officer of the Year. Detective Garrett's tireless investigative efforts led to twelve charges being filed against a very dangerous fugitive responsible for numerous burglary cases within the City of Mountain Brook and neighboring cities.

Cathy Boyd is the Non Sworn Police Department Employee of the Year.

Cathy was nominated for her work and efforts in the Dispatch Center especially during the two relocations that were necessary due to the construction of the new Municipal Complex.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire/Medic Jon Head (right) is the Firefighter of the Year recipient for the Fire Department. Fire/Medic Head was instrumental in providing emergency medical care to five

individuals involved in a motor vehicle accident. Jon was off-duty at the time and intervened immediately after the accident happened. The Centerpoint Fire Department arrived on scene shortly thereafter, and Jon continued his assistance by providing patient care in the ambulance to the hospital.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Andrew Gidley (left) and **Clint Clark** (2nd from

right) are the co-employees of the year for the Public Works Department. Andrew and Clint came upon a large tree that had fallen across Old Leeds Road due to high winds. They noticed that a car was under the tree. Three people were still inside the car. Andrew and Clint helped free the three frantic passengers and then offered them comfort and reassurance. The passengers were not injured.

Quarterly Crime Statistics

	3rd Quarter 2013	4th Quarter 2013	Total for 2013
Robbery	0	1	9
Burglary/Residence	11	11	66
Burglary/Business	5	1	6
Theft	68	58	230
Auto Theft	3	1	10
Assaults (Other)	5	1	7
Identity Theft	14	15	64
Criminal Mischief	7	10	38
Drugs	13	23	65
Family Violence	4	3	23
Accidents	226	260	1,023
A With Injuries	20	19	75
A With Fatalities	0	0	2
Calls For Service	7,818	6,990	29,458
House Watches	1,378	902	4,524
Property Stolen	\$385,163	\$234,117	\$1,989,960
Property Recovered	\$45,622	\$2,493	\$604,430

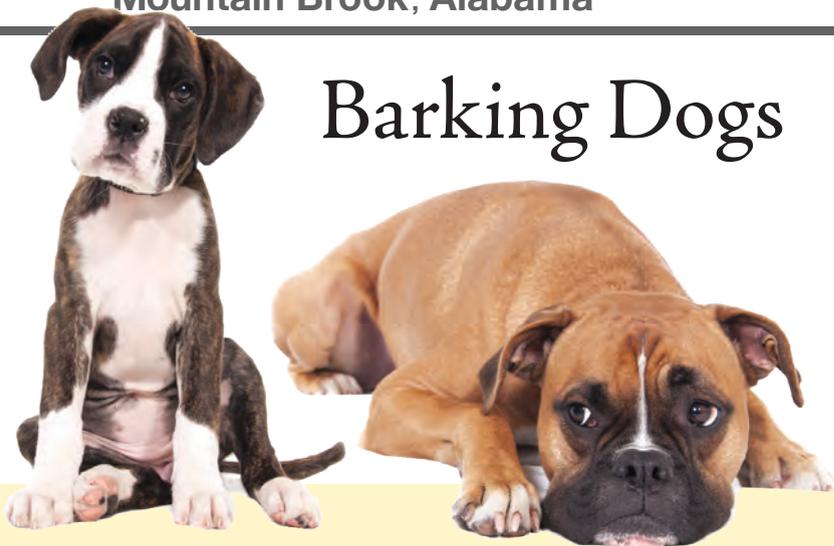
WANT TO HELP US GET THESE NUMBERS LOWER?

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.

Building Permit Activity

Permit Type:	3rd Quarter - 2013		4th Quarter - 2013	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	6	\$3,338,800	7	\$6,068,440
Alterations/Additions	159	\$8,576,346	156	\$8,011,358
Repairs/Other	191	\$2,430,264	116	\$6,721,093
Totals:	356	\$14,345,410	279	\$20,800,891

Barking Dogs



City Code Sec. 6-1. - Noisy animals or fowl.

It shall be unlawful to confine, harbor or keep on a lot, place or premises any animal or fowl that habitually, continuously or intermittently makes or emits sounds or noises of such volume, nature or extent so as to be a public nuisance by reason of being obnoxious or annoying to the ordinary persons in that neighborhood. (Code 1996, § 3-1; Ord. No. 50, § 40)

How do I address barking dogs?

1. Always speak with the dog's owner first! Politely let them know that there is a problem; they may not be aware that there is one.
2. Suggest ways the two of you can co-exist productively, such as delaying your dog's yard time to avoid hours during peak work and sleeping times.
3. Remember you have to live there; it is best you try to work it out.

I spoke with the dog's owner but the problem has gotten worse:

1. Well, it looks like it is time to give Animal Control a call at 802-3844.
2. If problems persist after a phone call from Animal Control, the next step would be to file a report for the noise ordinance violation. This means you will have to swear out a WARRANT to appear in court. From there the decision on how to handle it is made by the judge.

I have been contacted about my dog's barking, what do I do?

1. PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR DOG. Incessant barking could be a clue that there is something wrong, such as boredom, lack of attention or stimulus, improper sheltering, etc..
2. Invest in activities to keep your dog busy. Go on morning and afternoon walks, pay a child to play with your dog for a few hours while you are at work, hire a pet sitter or consider doggie daycare, etc... Remember you have to live there, it is best you try to work it out.
3. Invest in behavior training.
4. Try citronella spray collars, which are a great alternative to shock collars!
5. Stockpile your dog with plenty of toys and treats to keep him or her busy. "Kong toys are great!"

Ashley Martin
Animal Control Officer

City Hall Fountain

The fountain in front of City Hall is up and running! Due to a very generous gift from the Linn-Henley Charitable Trust, the City was able to purchase and install this special feature at the municipal complex.

In case you are wondering what happened to the old fountain that was in front of the previous City Hall from 1979-2010, portions of it have been recycled as a flower planter in Mountain Brook Village on Cahaba Road.



Public WiFi Initiative

In December, the City activated a third public WiFi network at the High School and adjacent Athletic Complex. This latest WiFi addition covers the outdoor areas of the high school complex including the football field, soccer fields, tennis courts, parking lot, and the baseball fields. The City introduced its public WiFi networks at Overton Park in July followed by Crestline Village in August. Other locations for future public WiFi networks include: Mountain Brook Village, English Village, Overton Village,

and various parks and playing fields.

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.

Lane Park



The residential component of the Lane Parke PUD is well under way, and a pre-leasing trailer has been installed along Lane Park Road at the south end of the site. Conceptual drawings for Kessler's boutique hotel have been approved by the Mountain Brook Village Design Review Committee, and building permits are expected to be issued by the City for this component of the project in early 2014, with an anticipated opening

of the hotel in early 2015. The Village Design Review Committee is presently reviewing the new Western Supermarket building and Phase I of the retail component. Expected completion of the retail phase, with individual tenant improvements and move-in, is late 2014. To review the approved amended PUD plans for Lane Parke go to the Planning Department page of the City's website (www.mtnbrook.org).

New Businesses

WHOLESALE/RETAIL

- Burns Healthcare Enterprises, Inc., 2842 Hastings Road, 205/908-7874

WHOLESALE/RETAIL

- John William Jeweler, Clothing and accessories, 81 Church Street, 205/870-4367
- TLJ Estate Jewelers LLC, Estate Jewelers of Mountain Brook, 2405 Montevallo Road, 770/855-0825
- Phonebetty, LLC, Miscellaneous retailer, 3701 Forest Run Road, 205/948-7164
- Holmsted Fines, LLC (dba\Rebecca Williamson Flowers), Florist, 6 Montrose Circle, 205/914-9017
- Baers Den Of Alabama, LLC (dba\Baers Den), Clothing and accessories, 2800 Cahaba Village # 160 901/335-7695

FOOD SERVICE

- Delizioso, LLC (dba\Delicio's), Restaurant, 3150 Overton Road, 205/968-2323
- Brick & Tin, LLC, Restaurant, 2901 Cahaba Road, 205/297-8636

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- Bashes, Belles & Beaus, LLC, Management consulting, 4411 Briar Glen Circle, 225/933-8597
- Ware and Company, LLC, Interior design services, 2718 Cahaba Road, 205/213-3851
- Phone Restore 2, LLC, Mobile phone repair, 2800 Cahaba Village Plaza, Suite 270, 205/641-2809
- Courtney Christy Kelly, Architect, LLC, 3748 N. Woodridge Road, 205/915-2211
- Birmingham Dietitian, LLC, Taste And See, 3848 Arundel Drive, 205/215-4743
- Poole, Robert Q., Worrell, Poole and Company, 2700 Highway 280 East, Suite 246, 205/871-0803
- Worrell, Michael B., CPA, Worrell, Poole and Company, 2700 Highway 280 East, Suite 246 205-/71-0803

SECURITIES & FINANCIAL SERVICES

- Salem, Emeel, Brokerage, portfolio & investment, 2839 Culver Road, Suite 206, 205/414-0009

REAL ESTATE

- Lane Parke Apartments, LLC, Apartment housing, 1000 Lane Parke Court, 205/443-4730

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

- Budget PrePay, Inc., 3940 Montclair Road, Suite 401, 318-671-5707

City Employee of the Year



Terry Webb, Parks Maintenance Supervisor, was selected by the Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce as the 2013 Employee of the Year. He is the first Parks and Recreation employee to receive this prestigious award.

Terry has been with the Parks and Recreation Department for over 25 years and has diligently worked his way up from laborer to division head. His job is vital to maintaining the natural beauty that Mountain Brook is known for by maintaining the six (6) parks we all enjoy in the City. Terry has always embraced the parks as his own and takes great pride in his work.



Recent City Council Actions

The City Council has adopted and amended the following ordinances since October, 2013:

- Ordinance #1894 – Adopted 2014 City Budget.
- Ordinance #1896 – rezoned a parcel of land in the City of Mountain Brook from Residential D to Residential Infill District (RID) and approved a Master Development Plan for property on Montclair Road (Morningside).
- Ordinance #1897 – Authorized placement of a stop sign on Montevallo Park Place at its intersection with Montevallo Road
- Ordinance #1898 – Amended the Cahaba Village Master Development Plan to provide for additional surface parking
- Ordinance 1899 – Amended Chapter 129 of the City code by adding a new “Vine Street Transitional” zoning district and amended Article XXXI and Section 129-416.

The City Council has authorized/approved the following projects since October, 2013:

- Authorized the execution (renewal) of a guard service agreement for the City’s Public Works facility.
- Authorized City Manager to offer continuing medical coverage to eligible employees who elect to retire between November 1, 2013 and May 1, 2014.
- Authorized an amendment to the Flexible Benefit Plan required as a result of the Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act of 2010.
- Authorized the execution of a Change Order (No. 19) with respect to the municipal complex construction project.
- Approved the conditional use application submitted by PNC Bank for service use in a Local Business District.
- Authorized the execution of an agreement between the City and The Mercer Group, Inc. with respect to an organizational and staffing study for the City’s Parks and Recreation Department.
- Accepted the professional services proposal submitted by Nimrod Long & Associates with respect to the Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) sidewalk construction project.
- Awarded the bid for prepared food deliveries for city jail inmates to Western Supermarket in the amount of \$8.50 per inmate per day.
- Authorized amendment to Sain Associates for construction, engineering and inspections fees in an amount not to exceed \$130,000.
- Authorized the execution of a 3-year Auxiliary Audit Agreement between the City and PRA Government Services for tax and license auditing services.
- Authorized execution of agreement between the City and Mercer Group with respect to organizational and staffing study for The Emmet O’Neal Library Board.
- Recommended to the ABC Board the issuance of an 040-Retail Beer and 60-Retail Table Wine licenses to Delicioso, LLC located in Overton Village.
- Awarded the police department uniform bid to Municipal and Commercial Uniforms (MAC Uniforms).
- Authorized the execution of the following professional service contracts for FY-2014:
 - Alabama Symphonic Association - \$10,000
 - Birmingham Botanical Society - \$5,000
 - Birmingham Museum of Art - \$13,000
 - Alabama Veterans’ Memorial Foundation - \$1,000
 - Jefferson County Historical Commission - \$1,000
 - Birmingham Zoo - \$75,000
 - Jefferson-Blount-St. Clair Mental Health Authority - \$2,100
- Declared two (2) police cruiser light bars surplus and authorized their conveyance to the City of Warrior.
- Authorized renewal of a fire and emergency medical services contract between the City and Protective Life Insurance Company.
- Authorized execution of a contractor agreement between the City and Pat Pickle Construction/Plumbing Inc. with respect to renovations of Fire Stations 2 and 3 restrooms.

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
LIBRARY BOARD	3rd Tues.	4:45 p.m.	Library
PARK & RECREATION BOARD	2nd Tues.	5:00 p.m.	City Hall
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT	2nd 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	4th Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	City Hall

*Reminder: City Hall has moved back to 56 Church Street in Crestline Village.

Board Appointments

APPOINTMENT

The Mayor recently made the following appointment:

- Cay Alby – Planning Commission

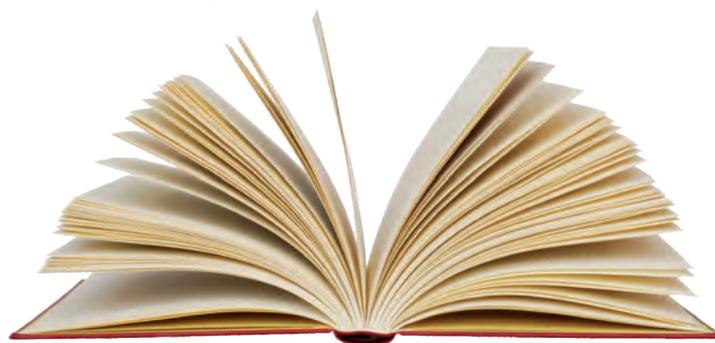
Emmet O'Neal Library News

Children's Department News



New in 2014

If your kids just love the games on our children's AWE touch-screen computers, we've got great news for you! We now offer the same educational programs on traveling tablets so your child can experience the fun anywhere in the library. Visit the Children's Desk and leave your license and library card with us, then the tablet is yours to play with until you leave the building.



SUMMER READING KICKOFF!

Now that the school year is in its second semester, it's time to start thinking about Summer Reading 2014. Circle Sunday, May 18, on your calendar: that's the day of the annual carnival, where we'll kick off a season of ingenious excitement called Fizz! Boom! Read!

Programs for Elementary Schoolers

Have your kids outgrown the lap-sit storytimes? Drop them off for our big-kid stuff. Once your children start kindergarten, they are ready for Library Out Loud, a lively, 45-minute after-school program for K-2nd grade stuffed with acted-out stories, puppet shows, crafts, and a snack. For upper elementary students, look forward to Thursday afternoon SNaP (Seriously, No Adults, Please). Third through sixth graders can come for an hour to enjoy video games, movies, crafts, games, and special guests. For your 4th-6th grade bookworms, try out our monthly Bookmania program. With pizza and wild activities, a book discussion has never been this much fun.

Programs for Little Bitties

You can keep coming to us for the family-friendly programming you love. We offer morning lap-sit storytimes for kids from birth through 36 months: bring your infant to Patty Cake on Thursdays, your one-year old to Mother Goose on Wednesdays, and your two-year old to Toddler Tales on Mondays. Be sure to visit our website, www.eolib.org, to register for these age-specific storytimes. Little ones of all ages are invited to bring their grownups to

Together Time on Tuesday mornings and to Mr. Mac's Family Storytime on Saturday mornings. And remember to slip into your PJ's on Tuesday evenings for our all-ages family event, Evenings at EOL, which brings you stories, movies, games, and performers, including our monthly Family Night.

Emmet O'Neal Library News

Special Programs

Are there any LEGO maniacs in your house? Bring them to LEGOLand, our guided building program on February 5. We'll also have face-painting experts on hand to turn you into a LEGO hero. It's a block party you don't want to miss. And be sure to check out our other After-School Specials and additional programs for the spring. A full calendar is available at www.eolib.org.

February

- February 4, Family Night: MadCap Puppets presents Fantastic Fairytales, 6:00 pm
- February 5, After-School Special: LEGOLand and face painting, 3:30 pm
- February 3 – 8: Come by and make a Valentine for Children's Hospital

March

- March 11, Family Night: TomFoolery comedy juggling act, 6:00 pm
- March 19, After-School Special: Magical March with magician Arthur Atsma, 3:30 pm



April

- April 8, Family Night: BCT presents Little Miss Muffet & the Lost Sheep, 6:00 pm
- April 16, After-School Special: Amelia Bedelia's 50th Birthday Party, 3:30 pm

Birmingham Historical Society Exhibit & Book Signing

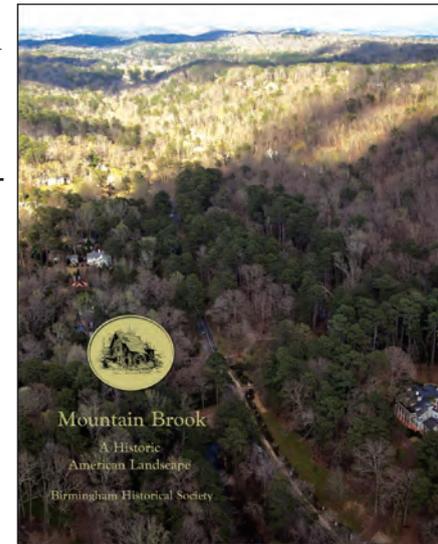
This spring the Birmingham Historical Society will debut *Mountain Brook – A Historic American Landscape*. The book presents a visual record of Mountain Brook's creation – from the leadership of the local Jemison & Company real estate firm to the talents of high-caliber planner and landscape architect Warren Manning. Manning, who traveled here many times during the process, was a national authority with a legacy that included 100 projects with the firm of the noted Frederick Law Olmsted Sr.

The book draws largely from letters, drawings and plans from the Jemison Papers, housed in the Birmingham Public Library Archives. Maps, drawings and numerous photographs document the years from 1926 to 1929—the period of Mountain Brook's earliest design and development. The volume



also addresses Mountain Brook's topography, Manning's careful use of floodplains versus ridges and mountain crests, and the skilled thinking that led to the masterful network of roads weaving through a seemingly undisturbed residential landscape.

Of particular interest are the roadways of Mountain Brook and



the neighborhoods clustered around them, documented in the exhibition "Perfectly Planned: Mountain Brook Roads and Scenic Views," which runs April 13-May 14 in the Community Meeting Room of Emmet O'Neal Library. The exhibition will open as a highlight of an April 13th book signing at the Library. This event will also include remarks by Marjorie White, Birmingham Historical Society director and Birgit Kibelka, a local landscape architect. In the exhibition, aerial and eye-level studies, plus archival documentation, show the deliberate development of Mountain Brook Parkway, Overbrook and Beechwood Roads (including Mountain Brook Village), Dell Road, Cherokee Road, Canterbury and Surrey Roads and Southwood Road.

Please make plans to attend the book signing and exhibit opening on Sunday, April 13th from 2-4pm in the Library's community meeting room. For more information on the event, please contact Katie Moellering, Adult Services Librarian at 445-1118 or kmoellering@bham.lib.al.us.

Emmet O'Neal Library News

Friends of the Library Annual Preview Party & Book Sale

It's the Library event you have been waiting for! The last weekend in February is the giant Friends of EOL Book Sale and you're invited! All donors giving \$25 or more to The Emmet O'Neal Library will receive an invitation to the Book Sale Preview Party on Thursday, February 20th from 6pm-8:30pm. At the Preview Party you'll get first crack at the best books, including beautiful art and coffee table books, collectible items, and rare titles. Visit the Friends page of the Library's website at www.eolib.org/friends.php and donate today! The sale opens to the public Friday and Saturday, February 21st and 22nd from 10am-5pm and on Sunday,

February 23rd from 1pm-4pm.

The Friends work hard to maintain the quality and value of the books for the sale and to that end, they have sought the valuable insight of John C. Jones, USPAP Appraiser, broker of fine art, and appraiser on the PBS Antiques Roadshow, on items that have been donated to the book sale. Some of these items have done well at international auctions but the library will have some of the items that Mr. Jones has appraised as

well. Don't miss your chance to shop for the valuable treasures the Friends of the Emmet O'Neal Library Book Sale has in store!

Drop in, select books for yourself and friends, and support the Library.

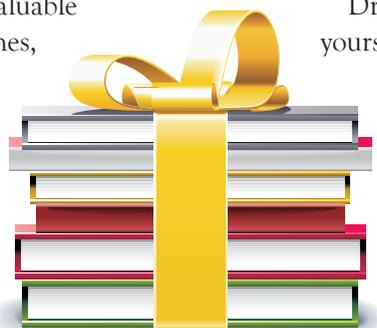
Stop by each day of the sale; you're sure to find something different each time!

Proceeds from the sale fund Library programs for all ages throughout

the year. If you've ever attended the Brown Bag Lunch series, sent your teens off to our Game On programs,

worked on a crafting project at Knit & Nibble, participated in the Library's Summer Reading programs for children, teens, or adults, attended a Standing Room Only special event, or spent time at any of the Library's other regularly scheduled programs, you've taken advantage of the vital resources provided by the proceeds from the annual Friends of the Emmet O'Neal Library Book Sale.

Our Friends group accepts book donations throughout the year in preparation for this sale. Simply ring the doorbell at the back door of the Library and ask for a receipt. We'll do the rest!



The Holocaust

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Birmingham Holocaust Education Center and Emmet O'Neal Library Partner for Holocaust Film Series

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For the second year, the Emmet O'Neal Library and the Birmingham Holocaust Education Center will sponsor a Holocaust Film Series. This is a free series in which facilitators will introduce the films and lead a discussion afterwards. Our facilitators will be Dr. Andre Millard and Dr. Andrew Demshuk, both Professors of History

at UAB. The four films and discussion will be presented on the following dates:

Thursday, Feb. 27, 6:30 pm

Sunday, March 2, 2:00 pm

Tuesday, March 4, 6:30 pm

Sunday, March 9, 2:00 pm

For more information, or for a list of films, please contact Katie Moellering, Adult Services Librarian, at 445-1118 or kmoellering@bham.lib.al.us

Emmet O'Neal Library Partners With Birmingham Festival Theatre in February



Are you a fan of comedies? Do you love Birmingham's happening theater scene? Then our partnership with Birmingham Festival Theater is perfect for you! During the month of February Birmingham Festival Theatre will donate \$5 of each ticket sold to the Mountain Brook Library Foundation for the run of their new show *Grace* written by Craig Wright. *Grace* tells the story of a wide-eyed young couple starting a new life in sunny, promise-filled Florida, with big plans to open a chain of Gospel motels. An agitated neighbor and a caustic exterminator complete the eclectic foursome as destinies collide. The play opens February 6th and runs through the 22nd. For a donation to the Mountain Brook Library Foundation to be made, a special bookmark which can be picked up at the library must be presented to BFT.



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THE VILLAGES OF

MOUNTAIN BROOK

WELCOME CHAMBER PRESIDENT KAYE EMACK



It is my pleasure to introduce Kaye Emack as the President of the Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce. Kaye is no stranger to community service having served on numerous Boards including McWane Science Center, Junior League of Birmingham, Preschool Partners, and Children's Hospital Patient Health and Safety Center. She served as PTO President of Crestline Elementary School and President of the Mountain Brook PTO Council. She also works with Youth Leadership Forum, a community-wide high school leadership program. As a board member of the Mountain Brook Chamber, Kaye chaired the first Fashions for the Foundation event raising over \$15,000 for the Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation.

Kaye is married to Jim Emack and they have two sons Henry and Carter and are members of St. Luke's church.

As we welcome Kaye, I want to thank Terry Chapman, Mountain Brook Chamber Past President, for his vision, hard work and determination, enabling the Chamber to have a successful 2013. Under Terry's leadership, we grew our membership base and corporate leadership. We expanded the Holiday Parade and Village 2 Village Run, held Open Houses in each village and kicked off the 2013/2014 Buy Local Campaign.

The Chamber mission is to provide an environment to help our members prosper and succeed through a proactive working partnership with the business community, city government and the Community at large.

Welcome, Kaye! We look forward to a great year!

*Suzan Doidge
 Executive Director
 Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce*

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My kids think I work hard to get them the best gifts, and they are so grateful.

I actually just call Snoozy's and let them do all the work.

The kids are now bringing Mommy her coffee.

Silly kids.



When it's time for birthday or holiday gifts, hit the Snooze button. Wrapped, ready, done - and you can get back to the things you enjoy. Happy Kids, Happy Mommy.

snoozy's kids! | Crestline Village | 871-2662

Welcome New Members!

- ARC Realty
- Always Best Care
- Bashes, Belles & Beaus, LLC
- Broadway in Birmingham
- Chad Richey-Merrill Lynch
- Charles Aben Graphics
- Compass Bank
- CVS Pharmacy
- Epik Consulting
- Express Helicopters
- FBC mortgage
- Jordan Alexander
- Mitchells Place
- Pam's Creature Care
- Pardue and Associates
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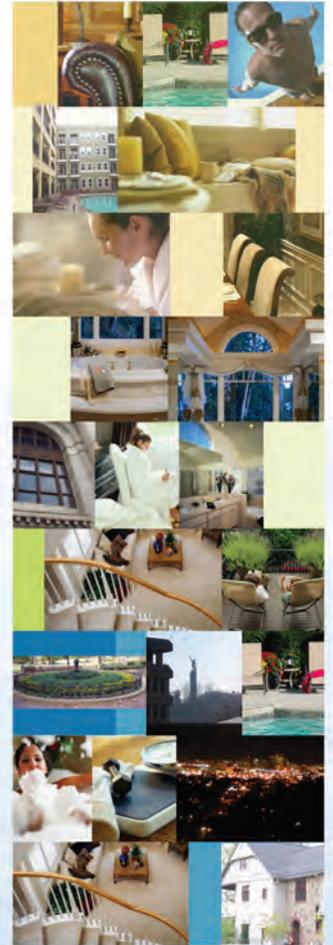
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MOUNTAIN BROOK SCHOOLS RECOGNIZE TEACHERS OF THE YEAR



The National Teacher of the Year Program focuses public attention on excellence in the profession of teaching. The National Teacher of the Year is chosen from among the State Teachers of the Year who, in turn, are selected from outstanding teachers selected by local school districts. Mountain Brook Schools selects one nominee from our elementary schools and one from our two secondary schools. These are chosen from the Teachers of the Year named at each individual school.

The overall criterion for nomination is “an exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable, and skilled

teacher...who is planning to continue in an active teaching status.” These teachers fit these more specific criteria:

- Inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn
- Have the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues
- Play an active and useful role in the community as well as in the school
- Are poised, articulate, and possess the energy to withstand a taxing schedule

“We believe in honoring our teachers and celebrating all the things they do for our students,” said Dr. Lisa Beckham, Mountain Brook Schools’ Director of Administrative Services, who chairs the Teacher of the Year committee. “But we also think of the Teachers of the Year as representatives of the quality of all our faculty and, indeed, all our employees. One of the most important people in a child’s life, outside of parents, is his or her teacher. Teachers positively impact the lives of children and provide them with opportunities to learn exciting information and skills.”

ANN MARIE CORGILL

School District Nominee for Alabama Elementary School Teacher of the Year



School: Cherokee Bend Elementary

Teaches: 4th grade, all subjects

Education: National Board Certified Teacher, Middle Childhood Generalists, 2000, recertified 2010; UAB, Master’s Early Education, 1997; University of Alabama, B.S. in Education, 1994

Total Years of Teaching Experience: 20

Ann Marie Corgill had a high school math teacher who convinced her she would never make the A-average that was her goal. This teacher told Ann Marie that “only the smartest kids” achieved that goal. She was discouraged by teachers from pursuing the math background she would need to accomplish her professional goal at the time, to become an architect. She describes being “shamed into hiding in the back corner to avoid the teacher’s ridicule and sarcasm.”

“I didn’t become an architect,” wrote Ann Marie Corgill, “but I did become the person I most wanted and needed in my own school career, and today I can’t think of a better job than the one I have now. I became a teacher. And unlike those high school math instructors, I believe in children and their social, emotional and academic growth. Today, I teach children so they will also believe in themselves and go after their dreams. I teach because there’s a child out there who hates math as much as I did and it’s my job to teach

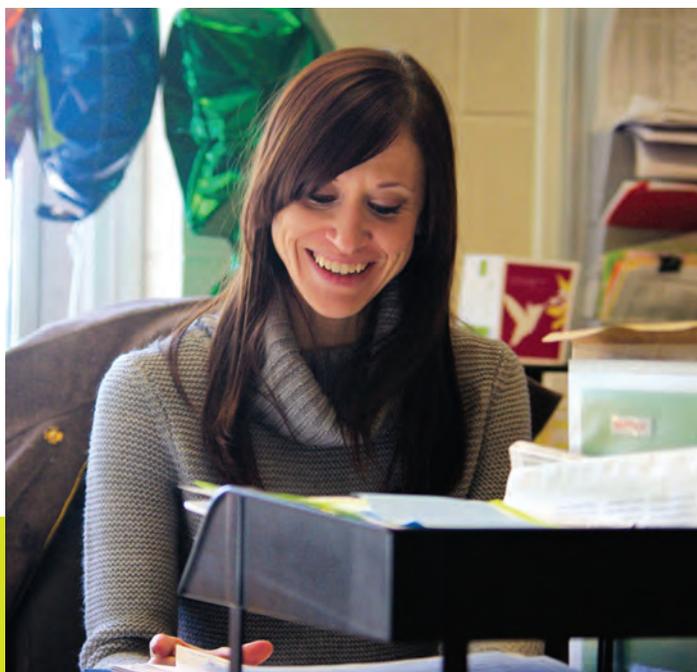
her that she is a learner. One half learner. One half teacher. Equals one whole person.”

Among many of her activities to promote good teaching, Ms. Corgill is presently at work on a second book about quality instruction. Her first, *Of Primary Importance: What’s Essential In Teaching Young Writers*, was published by Stenhouse Press in 2008. She serves on the national Elementary Steering Committee of the National Council of Teachers of English.

Betsy Bell, principal of Cherokee Bend, said “Ann Marie Corgill is a dynamic, innovative educator. Step into her classroom to see and hear children exploring craft, creating authentic writing pieces, and engaging in meaningful conversations about their work.”



HOLLY MARTIN



School: Mountain Brook High School
Teaches: 10th grade, Social Studies
Education: UAB, M.Ed. Secondary Education, Social Studies; Samford University, B.A. Human Development and Family Studies
Total Years of Teaching Experience: 9

School District Nominee for Alabama Secondary School Teacher of the Year

“I did not find the teaching profession,” wrote Holly Martin, Mountain Brook Schools’ nominee for Alabama Secondary Teacher of the Year, “It found me.”

Although her mother was a teacher, Holly Martin had no desire to become a teacher. But she remembers a conversation with her mother, who had told her that she would be an amazing teacher. Holly had confessed to her mother her skeptical attitudes about her mother’s beloved profession. “Child,” her mother said, “how can one change the world without first changing lives? A rare few possess a greater opportunity to change lives and impact the world than a teacher.” But it wasn’t until Holly herself became a teacher that she fully understood the truth her mother spoke to her that day.

During her senior internship at Samford, she was asked to teach a health course to teenage girls who had been through the juvenile court system. “It was not the planning, the activities, or my role as ‘teacher’ that brought me to this profession. It was those students. They challenged me and inspired me. During our time together we laughed, we cried, we grew, and we learned—we all learned. Those young women dared me to move in the direction that truly brought life to my dreams and desires.”

When asked to describe her philosophy of teaching, Mrs. Martin supplied this quote, from one of her former students.

Throughout the year, you’ve encouraged us to think for ourselves, to try new things, to be creative, to step out of our comfort zones and share our opinions. It is this sort of collaborative, interactive teaching that I believe puts the luster back into learning. I will remember our conversations and the ideas we’ve explored this year for longer than any war statistics or terms I may have had to memorize.

“Holly Martin is not only an outstanding educator, but an incredible person,” said MBHS principal Amanda Hood. “She challenges her students to think outside the normal connections made in a classroom, and to see things from fresh perspectives. Her innovation, desire to motivate, and thoughtful approach to her classroom are just a few things that make her an outstanding representative of Mountain Brook High School.”



SHANNON MILLHOUSE



School: Mountain Brook Elementary
Teaches: 6th grade math
Education: National Board Certified Teacher, Early Adolescent Math, 2010; San Francisco State University, Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, Grades 4-8, 1992; San Francisco State University, B.A. in Psychology, 1989
Total Years of Teaching Experience: 19

Mountain Brook Elementary School Teacher of the Year

In an essay submitted in response to her nomination as Teacher of the Year, Shannon Millhouse, who is Mountain Brook Elementary’s Teacher of the Year wrote, “This piece is supposed to be about me and my accomplishments. But at the end of the day, at the end of the quarter, at the end of the school year, it is all about the students. I consider one of my greatest accomplishments and my greatest contributions in teaching to be instilling a love of math in my students and the belief that they can work to improve and succeed. I emphasize to students that they do not have to be brilliant in math to understand the subject and be successful. I get feedback from students and parents that the confidence they gained in my class helped them achieve in math at the junior high, high school, and college levels. When I hear I have had a long-term impact on my students’ opportunities and accomplishments, I

already feel like the Teacher of the Year.”

Among Mrs. Millhouse’s accomplishments are participation in the Greater Birmingham Mathematics Partnership (2004-2009), Recipient of Jefferson County Stellar Teaching Grant for National Boards, followed by National Board Certification in Early Adolescent Math in 2010, training and service as a new-teacher mentor, and leadership of the school’s Leader-In-Me program, during this current academic year.

“Throughout her tenure at Mountain Brook Elementary,” wrote MBE principal Belinda Treadwell, “Mrs. Millhouse has consistently demonstrated a genuine commitment and loyalty to the students, teachers, and families of this school and district. She is respected and admired by all who work with her for her strong work ethic and passion for her subject area.”



HEATHER PHILLIPS



School: Crestline Elementary
Teaches: 4th grade, all subjects
Education: University of Montevallo, Master of Education, 2003
 University of Texas at Austin, B.S., 1997
Total Years of Teaching Experience: 8

Crestline Elementary School Teacher of the Year

Crestline Elementary's Teacher of the Year, Heather Phillips, looks forward to the end of the "command and control" environment in classrooms. "What does a student-centered classroom look, feel, and sound like?" she wrote. "I start the year with my students creating our classroom rules. It's simple, but I feel it communicates to my students that this is their learning environment, and they are in charge of creating what they want that environment to be. I even have my students create rubrics and set the standards by which they are graded. I guide them down the path and tell them what sort of product I want to see, but they must build the path. Otherwise, the work serves no purpose."

"I have always felt a need to serve children, particularly those who are harder to reach," Mrs. Phillips wrote. "I am very

committed to reaching out to as many children as possible and helping establish their right to be treated fairly and equally."

After graduating from the University of Texas in 1997, Mrs. Phillips moved to Birmingham. She became a member of the Junior League and volunteered service with various non-profits that benefit children, including the Literacy Council at Avondale Elementary and Winona Elementary, the Birmingham Zoo summer programs, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, and a teacher grant committee.

"Heather Phillips is one of the most caring and innovative teachers at Crestline," said principal Laurie King. "She creates an environment that allows all students to flourish and feel successful."

Brookwood Forest Elementary School Teacher of the Year

"Becoming a teacher was what I was born to do," wrote Brookwood Forest's Teacher of the Year, Colleen Keyes, reflecting an exceptionally early decision to pursue a career in education. "From as long as I can remember, I have always wanted to be a teacher. I can tell you every teacher I have ever had and something about them I loved. I had great teachers that instilled in me a desire to be a lifelong learner. When I went to college and it was time to pick my major, without a second thought, I picked elementary education."

Mrs. Keyes has embraced a number of innovations in her teaching. "Two years ago, I was introduced

to a book called *The Morning Meeting Book*, by Roxann Kriete. This book showed me the importance of building a classroom community. Implementing morning classroom meetings, I have found my students know each other well, respond appropriately to problems, and can engage in purposeful conversation."

Mrs. Keyes relates the community-building morning meetings to the workshop approach in her classroom. "The workshop approach is an active, student-centered classroom environment where students receive customized instruction through 1-on-1 conferencing, partner work, and small groups," she said. "Students collaborate with



School: Brookwood Forest Elementary
Teaches: 1st grade, all subjects
Education: University of South Florida, B.S. Elementary Education, 2006
Total Years of Teaching Experience: 5

each other and learn from each other."

"There are certain gifted people who are just born with the skills needed to be an outstanding teacher," said Brookwood Forest principal Nathan Pitner. "That's true of Colleen Keyes. But what

sets her apart is her determination to grow as a learner. She makes students, parents, and fellow teachers better because she sees risk-taking as a natural cost of improvement. This belief creates a culture of growth that benefits everyone around her."

JENNIFER ALFANO NELSON



School: Mountain Brook Junior High
Teaches: 7th grade, English
Education: UAB, Master of Arts, Education, Secondary English/Language Arts, 2009; University of Alabama, B.A. English & Religious Studies, 2007
Total Years of Teaching Experience: 4

Jennifer Nelson, Mountain Brook Junior High Teacher of the Year, remembers a turning point in her school experience in her eighth-grade English class. "Instead of traditional book reports, we had one-to-one conferences

with our teacher, conducted interview panels, and presented research findings to the class. I did more than play school that year; I learned something—not just about English, but about myself. School and life began to intersect."

Mountain Brook Junior High Teacher of the Year

Fittingly, once trained as an English teacher at the University of Alabama and UAB, Jennifer Nelson found her first teaching position in an eighth grade English class in another school system where students were more likely to come from home environments not conducive to study. "I helped them create a classroom that was a refuge—a safe place to build confidence, to practice communicating and collaborating, and to learn skills that translated to real-world problems."

In her current position, teaching 7th grade English, she is sensitive to

the lives of adolescents. "They are still trying to navigate the difficult social world that being an adolescent complicates. They feel so much pressure to blend in, that they often overlook their own strengths."

"Mrs. Nelson is a teacher who has the gift of impacting everyone around her," wrote Mountain Brook Junior High principal, Donald Clayton. "She makes an impact every day on students and adults in our building. It is truly impressive to watch her teach because it is clear that influencing students is her calling."



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