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Street Paving

The City of Mountain Brook is contracting with Dunn Construction Company to resurface streets beginning in early summer. Most of the streets are major thoroughfares so there will be some delays. Dunn Construction will be using pilot trucks to alternately keep one lane open. Please pay close attention to traffic control and drive safely. If you have any questions concerning the paving please contact Jackie McClendon (802-3875) project coordinator. The streets to be resurfaced this year are as follows:

2015 Paving List

- Montevallo Road
(From Mountain Brook Village to Church Street)
- Country Club Road
(From English Village to Memory Triangle)
- Montrose Road - Old Leeds Road
(From Montevallo Road to Forest Glen Drive)
- Overton Road
(From Knollwood Drive to city limits near Publix)
- Mountain Park Drive (All)
- Overbrook Road
(From Montevallo Road to MB Parkway)
- Cahaba Road
(From Protective Life to Mountain Brook Village)
- Antietam Drive (All)
- Alley off of Park Lane (English Village)
(Asphalt portion only)

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Cahaba River Walk

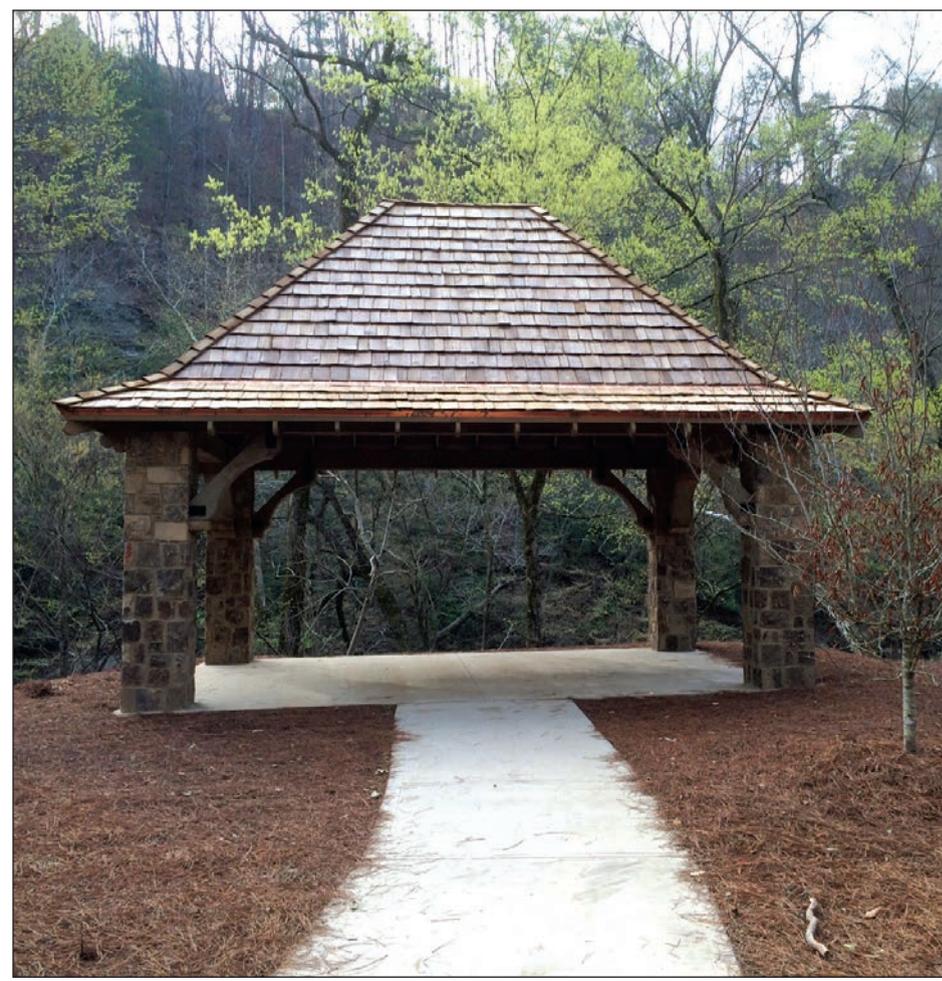
Cahaba River Walk is Mountain Brook's newest park. It is approximately 5 acres and located at 3503 Overton Road on the Cahaba River. This is a very exciting addition to the city's green space as it includes a 1/3 mile walking track, a nature trail, a pavilion, outdoor classroom, and access to the river.

The Grand Opening was held on April 10, 2015. Mayor Oden, Council President Virginia Smith, and Parks Board Chairman Carey Hollingsworth spoke at the ceremony and officially opened the park to the public.

Within the next few weeks two picnic tables will be added to the pavilion and two benches will be added along the trail. This will enhance visitors' experience by allowing them to sit and enjoy the scenery over lunch or a family function. The pavilion can be rented by contacting the Parks /Recreation Department at 802-3877.



The City is very proud of the park and would like to thank everyone that had a hand in building it. It has been a dream for a long time and now is a reality.





Recent City Council Actions

The City Council has adopted or amended the following ordinances since December, 2014:

- Ordinance 1927 – prohibits a driver from making a right turn on South Brookwood Road northbound at the upper access to Brookwood Forest Elementary School and a left turn on South Brookwood Road southbound at the lower access to Brookwood Forest Elementary School between the hours of 2:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.
- Ordinance 1928 – provides for stop signs at various intersections along Hastings Road, Laurel Lane, and Overhill Road and to provide for punishment for violations thereof.
- Ordinance 1929 – repealed certain sections of the City Code and adopted 2015 version of specified technical codes related to inspection activities.
- Ordinance 1930 – amended Section 129-573 of the City Code with reference to minimum yards and building setbacks.
- Ordinance 1931 – rezoned a parcel of land (30 Dexter Avenue) from Residence D District to Vine Street Transitional (VST) District.
- Ordinance 1932 – Amended the Master

Development Plan for The Park at Overton to allow a patio cover on lot near rear property line in lieu of the required 15 feet.

The City Council has approved the following projects since December, 2014:

- Authorized the execution of notice of Assignment with respect to the assignment by Ajlouny Investments, LLC of its Development and Parking Agreements as collateral for its Iberia Bank loan.
- Accepted only bid from Municipal and Commercial uniforms for Fire Department uniforms.
- Authorized agreement in the amount of \$10,000 with All In Mountain Brook to promote the public health, safety, morals, security, prosperity, contentment and the general welfare of the community.
- Authorized agreement with McWane Science Center for services in the amount of \$10,000 for one year.
- Adopted the City of Mountain Brook Amended and Restated Section 115 Trust Agreement, effective February 9, 2015.
- Executed Franchise Agreement with Southern

Light, LLC for local exchange telecommunication services.

- Authorized the execution of the Preferred Pay Plan Agreement Addendum with respect to the city’s workers’ compensation plan effective February 1, 2015.
- Proclaimed March 16, 2015 through March 22, 2015 as Arbor Week in City of Mountain Brook.
- Authorized execution of a service agreement in the amount of \$1,200 for twelve months between the City and Birmingham Historical Center with respect to management of the City’s artifacts exhibit in a display case at City Hall.
- Approved the conditional service use application at 2816 Culver Road, submitted by Loretta Wendel for Family Share Massage.
- Approved additional drainage design work for Cahaba River Walk in the amount of \$5,300.
- Approved TIP funding request with Regional Planning Commission for Cahaba Road/US 280/Culver Road/Lane Park Road Intersection Improvements.

- Recommended certain intersections in Mountain Brook to be included in the APPLE study.
- Ratifies the purchase of E911 Eventide Call Recording system from Quality Recording Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$16,982.00.
- Authorizes the purchase of ProQA software upgrade from Priority Dispatch for the City’s E911 system in the amount of \$2,390.00.
- Adopted an ordinance rezoning certain property along Vine Street to be redeveloped as a Piggly Wiggly community grocery store.
- Authorized acceptance of a professional services proposal between the City and Bhate Environmental for geotechnical consulting services with respect to the proposed Park View Townhomes subdivision near Lane Parke with an estimated budget of \$3,000 to \$5,000.
- Recommends to the State of Alabama, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, the issuance of a 240-Non-Profit Tax Exempt License to the Preschool Partners Foundation (The Food Truck Round Up) for fundraising event.

APPLE Grant Intersections



The City received an “APPLE” (Advance Planning, Programming and Logistical Engineering) Grant from the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham to study several intersections in the City to formulate a plan that improves traffic flow and reduces congestion.

After receiving comments from residents and holding a public hearing in February, the City Council selected the following intersections to be studied:

1. Montevallo Road at Church Street/Montrose Road
2. Montevallo Road at Overbrook
3. Cahaba Road at 21st Avenue/Fairway Drive (2 intersections)
4. Mountain Brook Parkway at Overbrook Road/Pine Ridge Road
5. Brookwood Road at Crosshill Road (2 intersections)
6. South Brookwood Road at Overton Road
7. Montevallo Road at Norman Drive/Country Club Boulevard
8. Old Leeds Road at Pine Ridge Road
9. Oakdale Road at Oakdale Drive

The city’s consultant, Skipper Consultants, has begun this study and review. Additional information on the study’s results and recommendations will be posted on the City’s web site and in future editions of The Reporter.



Arbor Day

The Mountain Brook Tree Commission would like to thank all who participated and/or contributed to this year's tree giveaway. So much behind the scenes planning, coordination, and work goes into what may seem like a very simple process. First and foremost, our Mayor and City Council should be recognized for their continued support of the MBTC mission; their funding and cooperation is at the core of any such endeavor. Likewise, the management of local businesses (and The Emmet O'Neal Library) is recognized for their support, by graciously giving up limited retail space to set up and distribute seedlings, to include Western Supermarket, Whole Foods, and the River Run Piggly Wiggly; and Scout Troop 320 for the time and labor donated to bag and label 2300 tree seedlings for distribution. Due to last minute technical issues, the staff

at Oak Street Garden Shop produced handwritten labels for each tree! This event could not be held without such valuable assistance!

Saturday, March 21st, patrons selected from a variety of native tree species (Flowering dogwood, Eastern redbud, Southern red oak, Yaupon holly, Southern waxmyrtle, and Blackgum). There was a special treat this year, as a friend of the Tree Commission, Steve Smith generously donated (200) 3-gal green Japanese maples to give away! Such a lot would retail for nearly \$6,000!

The continual growth and improvement of this event is, in part, why the City of Mountain Brook received its 21st consecutive Tree City USA Award.

Don Cafaro
City Arborist

Something New Has Been Added

A large display case containing a collection of Irondale Furnace artifacts is located in the front lobby of City Hall. The items are on loan from the Birmingham Historical Center and are on rotation every four months. Artifacts and other historical items pertaining to the Mountain Brook community will be displayed.

The ruins of the historical Irondale Furnace are located at the corner of Stone River Road and Old Leeds Lane. The original Irondale Furnace was built in 1863 to supply pig iron for cannons during the Civil War. This location is now part of our City's many parks and trails.



Schedule of Meetings

CITY COUNCIL*	2nd & 4th Mon.	7:00 p.m. (Call 802-3800 for time of Pre-Meeting)	City Hall
BOARD OF EDUCATION	2nd Mon.	3:30 p.m.	Call Board of Ed Office
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

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



2014 City Employees of the Year Recognized

The Mayor and City Council at the February 23rd City Council meeting recognized the 2014 employees of the year from each department. Officer John Hodgens (left) with the Police Department was recognized for his “attention to detail, quick decision making, and professional action” in apprehending an offender who had committed assault and for his involvement in identifying a group of suspects in multiple armed robberies throughout the metro area. Public Safety Dispatcher Phillip Choissier (second from left) was recognized as the non-sworn recipient from the Police Department. PSD Choissier took limited information from an officer on scene and through some quick research and action was able to provide information back to the officer which led to the arrest of a person who had two outstanding felony warrants. Firefighter Paramedic Richard Haywood (Center) was the employee of the year for the Fire Department. Fire/Medic Haywood was recognized for his quick action on an emergency medical scene involving a patient suffering a heart attack. Fire/Medic Haywood’s actions in assisting and directing the emergency medical team led to a positive outcome for the patient. Administrative Assistant Cynthia Baldwin (second from right) is the Public Works Department employee of the year. Mrs. Baldwin was recognized for her customer



(left to right) Officer John Hodgens, Public Safety Dispatcher Phillip Choissier, Firefighter Paramedic Richard Haywood, Administrative Assistant Cynthia Baldwin, Turf Grass Manager Allen Jones.

service orientation and for her caring and helpful assistance in helping to administer the human resources functions of that department. Allen Jones (right) is the employee of the year for the Parks and Recreation Department. Allen is the Turf Grass Manager for the department and is responsible for maintaining all of the 12.8 acres of sports fields at

the Mountain Brook Schools. Almost every family in Mountain Brook is affected by Allen’s efforts. He was recognized for the quality and craftsmanship in keeping the baseball, football, soccer, and lacrosse fields in top condition.

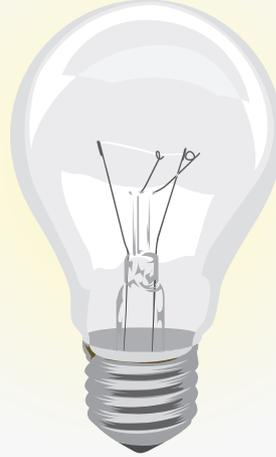
Take Pride in our City

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.



Darren Davis

Chapter Chair NAFA Fleet Management Association

Darren Davis, Garage Superintendent for the city, will serve as the Chapter Chair for NAFA - National Automotive Fleet Association, Alabama Chapter for 2015. NAFA is a not-for-profit association for professionals who manage fleets of sedan, law enforcement vehicles, trucks, and buses for organizations across the globe. NAFA provides its members with products and services, including statistical research, publication, regional chapter meetings, government representation, seminars, and on line information.

Darren has been employed with the Mountain Brook Public Works Department for twenty two years. Darren currently serves as the Garage Superintendent with four technicians overseeing purchasing and maintenance for a fleet of 185 vehicles including police and fire vehicles. The shop also performs maintenance on all hand tools such as mowers, weed trimmers, and chain saws. The behind the scenes



work of our shop allows all of our departments to deliver timely services to our citizens. Congratulations Darren for being selected and willing to serve as the NAFA Chapter Chair for Alabama.

Building Permit Activity

Permit Type:	4th Quarter - 2014		1st Quarter - 2015	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	12	\$7,224,020	5	\$3,506,000
Alterations/Additions	87	\$9,081,133	86	\$7,410,024
Repairs/Other	125	\$1,999,393	146	\$2,307,228
Totals:		\$18,304,546		\$13,223,252

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.



Quarterly Crime Statistics

	4th Quarter 2014	1st Quarter 2015
Robbery	4	1
Robbery (aggravated shoplifting)	0	0
Burglary/Residence	3	1
Burglary/Business	3	1
Theft	44	38
Theft from Vehicle (UBEV)	18	16
Auto Theft	4	3
Assaults (Other)	1	1
Identity Theft	15	20
Criminal Mischief	9	21
Drugs	21	23
Family Violence	5	14
Accidents	232	213
A With Injuries	20	11
A With Fatalities	0	0
Calls For Service	8,600	7,369
House Watches	527	405
Property Stolen	\$394,572	\$169,134
Property Recovered	\$42,193	\$84,263

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.



New Businesses

CONSTRUCTION

- Eddleman Residential, LLC, 2700 Hwy 280, Suite 425, 205-871-9755
- Jones Building Company, LLC, 13 Office Park Circle, Suite 5, 205-783-5034

WHOLESALE/RETAIL

- R. Little Construction, LLC, 2225 Sterlingwood Drive, 205-470-6679
- Kassouf Medical Inc., 10 Office Park Circle, 205-999-7384
- Mackin & Sanders, LLC (dba/M & S), 2705 Culver Road, 205-582-9393

TRANSPORTATION/DELIVERY

- Drive 4U, Inc., 5411 Lane Park Court, 205-460-1060

PUBLISHING

- South Magazine, LLC, 402 Office Park Drive, Suite 250, 205-690-1010

FINANCIAL SERVICES, INSURANCE

- Turning Point Wealth Management, LLC, 10 Office Park Circle, Suite 124, 205-240-8415
- Point Clear Insurance Partners, LLC, 3918 Montclair Road, Suite 208, 205-871-3894

REAL ESTATE

- Rising Tide Management, 9 Office Park Circle # 215, 205-208-4793
- Shepherd Realty Company, LLC, 1 Office Park Circle Suite 101, 205-870-1213
- GCP Management Services, LLC, 110 Office Park Drive, Suite 200, 205-380-1076
- Scott Real Estate Valuation & Consulting, LLC, 110 Office Park Drive, Suite 200, 205-541-4324

LEGAL SERVICES

- Adam E. Tice, Attorney at Law, LLC, 2 Office Park Circle, Suite 219, 205-482-2732
- Baxley, Dillard, McKnight, James & McElroy, 2700 Hwy 280 East, Suite 110, 205-271-1100

ACCOUNTING SERVICES

- Kami Ralph, CPA, LLC, 4833 Old Leeds Road, 205-475-6428
- Auston Young, CPA, 4 Office Park Circle Suite 216, 205-902-8404

INTERIOR DESIGN SERVICES

- Lindsey Ellis Beatty Interiors, 130 Richmar Drive, 205-914-3304
- Hanes Design, 229 Beech Street, 205-492-0473
- Robin Donahue Interiors, LLC, 4208 Antietam Drive, 205-937-3752
- M. Sherrill Design, 3628 Brookwood Road, 205-451-7055

OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- Realtime Applications, Inc., 500 Office Park Drive, Suite 410, 205-305-2040
- ARC Management and Consulting, LLC, 2201 Cahaba Road, 205-515-9325
- Dowdey Rafield Consultants, 119 A Euclid Avenue, 205-616-0316
- KGS Advisory Services, 1506 Amhurst Circle, 631-241-4238
- Laurita Miller, LLC, 3 Office Park Circle, Suite 115, 205-912-2000
- CDC Durham UC, LLC, 402 Office Park Drive, Suite 150, 205-949-2060
- CREI Toledo, LLC, 402 Office Park Drive, Suite 150, 205-949-2060
- CREI, DeKalb, LLC, 402 Office Park Drive, Suite 150, 205-949-2060
- Protech Solutions, Inc., 4 Office Park Circle, Suite 215, 205-930-9030
- SimpleShip, LLC, 4010 Winston Way, 205-732-3085
- University Plaza Apartments, LLC, 402 Office Park Drive, Suite 150, 205-949-2060
- Two Maids & A Mop, 16 Office Park Circle, Suite 18, 205-870-7643
- Red Mountain Wellness & Internal Medicine, PC, 200 Office Park Drive, Suite 201, 205-599-4860
- Brueck, Kirsten (dba\Professional Freedom Counseling), 9 Office Park, Suite 109, 251-751-9205
- Insight Therapy, LLC, 300 Office Park Drive, Suite 245, 205-213-4199
- Stone Counseling, LLC, 3 Office Park Circle, Suite 102, 205-492-7760

PERSONAL CARE SERVICES

- Jimi Yoga, LLC, 2414-16 Canterbury Road, 205-526-4717
- Wildflower Hair and Nails Studio, LLC, 2816 Culver Road, 205-706-6657
- Mountain Brook Crossfit, LLC, 2703 Culver Road, 205-915-3246
- Family Share Massage, LLC, 2816 Culver Road, 205-445-0448
- Lavender Enterprise Solutions, LLC, 3344 Faring Road, 205-790-0688

Board Appointments / Vacancy

APPOINTMENT

The following Mayoral appointment was made:

- Jamie Gregory to the Planning Commission (6-year appointment)

VACANCY

Tree Commission has a vacancy to be filled immediately (3-year Council appointment)

Waste Pickup Information for Mountain Brook



GARBAGE:

Is picked up once a week behind the house or by the garage. Garbage is kitchen and bathroom waste only. Cans cannot be any larger than 30 gallons. Anything larger, including 90-gallon rolling carts, will have to be placed at the curb for pickup. If the driveway is blocked or the dog is out, Waste Management will not pick up the garbage.

RECYCLING:

Is picked up once a week at the curb, the same day as the garbage. The following items are recycled:

- Newspaper
- Aluminum
- Steel and other metal cans
- No. 1 through 7 plastics (HDPE-clear plastic milk jugs and PET plastic soft drink containers)
- Magazines
- Telephone books
- Cardboard (with no food on it)
- No Glass

One bin per household is provided

by Waste Management. Additional bins can be purchased from Waste Management for \$20.00 each.

TRASH:

Is picked up once a week at the curb, the same day as the garbage. Items such as the following are considered to be trash:

- Small piles of limbs
- Bagged grass and leaves, unless more than 4 or 5 bags
- Furniture and appliances (mattresses included)
- Clothing
- Paper products and moving boxes
- Yard work supplies (flowerpots, hose, and tools)
- Glass, crockery, and metal

KNUCKLEBOOM:

Collected on a weekly basis. Should be on the same day as your garbage service. Service may be slower during the warm months due to spring cleaning. Trash and large piles of limbs and shrubs need to be at the curb, as close to the street as possible without being in the street. Tree limbs cannot weigh more than 90 pounds each or be longer than 4 to 6 feet. Only trees and limbs cut by the resident will be picked up by Waste Management **Any tree cutting and trimming work done by a contractor MUST be hauled away by the contractor.**

PREPARATION FOR SPECIAL ITEMS:

Paint cans - Remove the lids of the cans. If paint is still inside, put sand, dirt or kitty litter on top of it, then

set the cans ,with the lids off, at the curb on garbage pick up day.

Appliances with Freon (such as refrigerators and air conditioners) - Will not be picked up until these appliances have been drained of freon 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 material, batteries, and tires.



FOR REQUESTS OR COMPLAINTS, PLEASE CONTACT WASTE MANAGEMENT AT (205) 841-2740.



Emmet O'Neal Library News



50th Birthday Contest

September 2015 marks The Emmet O'Neal Library's 50th Birthday as a cornerstone of learning in the Mountain Brook community. To celebrate, we issue a challenge: can you read 50 books by our 50th birthday? If so you could be one of the winners of a \$50 Village Gold Card. Pick up your entry sheet at the library, keep track of the titles and authors you read, and turn in your completed form to be eligible by Friday, September 11. Winners will be announced on September 12.

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Have you heard about our new resource for digital magazines called Flipster? Flipster provides access to hundreds of popular magazines like Southern Living, Men's Health, US Weekly, and many more. Mountain Brook residents have free access from home with their library cards. Simply

visit our website and access Flipster online using a computer or mobile device. Readers can download magazines of their choice for up to one week. Not sure about using your digital device to read magazines online? Stop by the library and we will show you how!



LIBRARY



Adult Summer Reading @ EOL

You might know about The Emmet O'Neal Library for our fun Children's Summer Reading Program, but did you know we have a summer program for adults too? Sign up at our Kickoff on May 17th, then read books (you can make suggestions for your friends and neighbors on our Facebook page) and attend some of our fun programs - we would love to have you! A grand prize drawing will be held at the end of summer for three Village Gold Gift Cards because we shop local!

Emmet O'Neal Library News

Summer Camp

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

Literacy Camp

Save your child from the summer reading slide with a day camp that uses storytelling and hands-on activities to reinforce literacy skills for rising 1st and 2nd graders. The first session will be June 15-18, and the second session (a repeat of the first) will be July 20-23.

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 July 13-16, campers will have the opportunity to participate in a week of super science experiments.

Makers Camp

The library has a new makerspace, and we want your kids to get creative. 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 awesome using the tools at their fingertips.



Just for Teens @ EOL

In the spring, a young person's fancy turns to thoughts of final exams, and The Emmet O'Neal Library is here to help! The library opens its doors to studious teens from Monday, May 18th - Thursday, May 21st to provide students with ample space and plenty of snacks and drinks, so they'll do their very best on their final exams.

Make sure your teens pick up our calendar of events while they're at the library, so they won't miss a single action-packed summer program. This summer we will make our own action figures, hold a cooking competition, and compete in our annual parent-teen Olympics. Get out of the house and to The Emmet O'Neal Library!

Emmet O'Neal Library News

Summer Reading Kickoff!

May 17th

Our hero journey begins at the annual Summer Reading Kickoff Carnival on Sunday, May 17. The Junior Women's Committee of 100 employs their feats of super-human organization to bring you an afternoon of game booths, train rides, crafts, prizes, and concessions. The fun will begin at 3:30 with the Thomas Hughes Brinkley Memorial Fun Run. The carnival starts at 4:00. Carnival wristbands can be purchased at the EOL Children's Desk starting in

May and will also be available at the event.

In addition to raising essential funds for the Children's Department through the kickoff carnival, the members of the JWC contribute volunteer hours over the course of the year. Special thanks go to Carnival Chairs Karon Staples and Krista Hollaway, Fun Run Chair Katie Avery, and JWC President Lindsay Cutshall and Vice President Bronwyne Chapman.



Summer Reading Programs 2015

June 1 – Summer Reading Programs Begin

For your tiny heroes-in-training, sign up at www.eolib.org for our Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday morning lapsit storytimes. Bring the whole family on Saturdays for Mr. Mac's musical storytime – no registration necessary! On Tuesdays, zoom to the library for a morning show. Each week is different: you'll see puppets, musicians, live theatre, and more.

If you're looking for Hollywood's version of hero/villain action, drop in with the family on Wednesday afternoons for popcorn and a movie on the big screen.

Let us swoop in and rescue your 3rd – 6th graders from boredom with Thursday afternoon SNaP. Summer SNaP programs include crafts, video game tournaments, movies, and special guests.

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.

Every Hero Has a Story & Xtreme Reads

We have a brand new option for your summer readers this year: register and keep track of your

pages online! In past years, only upper elementary Xtreme Readers had the opportunity to participate online; but this year, the web option is for heroes of all sizes. Don't worry, though: if you prefer to come visit your librarians and have them check your reading log in person, you can still do that. If you're a super-reader going into 3rd – 6th grade, you can still get that extra challenge (and extra prize chances) by signing up for Xtreme Reads. And don't forget to come test your x-ray vision in our summer clue hunt to earn a different prize each week.

July 28 – Summer Reading Finale

For a super summer finale, land yourself at the library on Tuesday, July 28. We'll have a pizza picnic and enjoy the supersonic sounds of Roger Day during a concert on the lawn.

Fundraiser

One way to be a heroic supporter of the library this summer is to make a donation. Zoom by the children's desk to find out more information about how you can see your name in a comic burst on the walls of the Children's Department.



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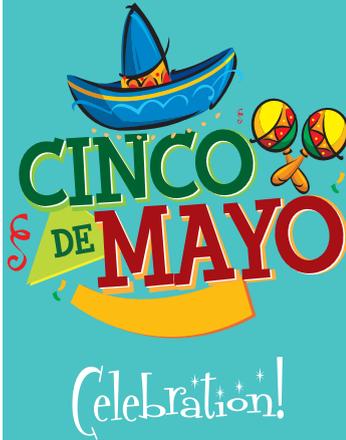
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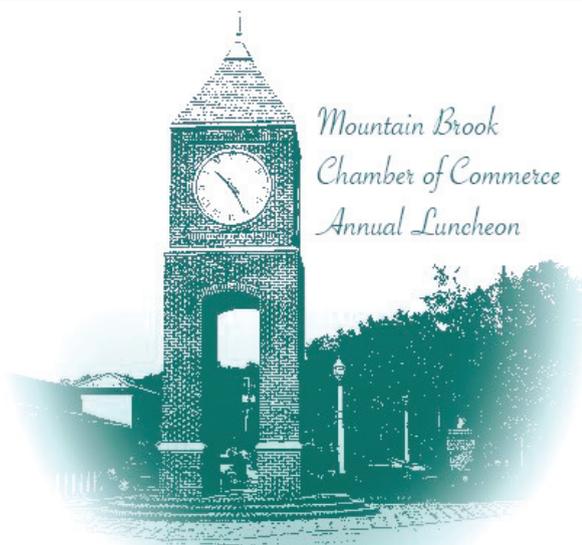


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How Does Mountain Brook Schools Develop Curriculum?

What is curriculum? A common answer might be “that which is taught at school.” But at Mountain Brook Schools, a better answer might be “the totality of the experiences and learning in the educational process.”

“A focus on what is taught is really a focus on teachers,” said Mountain Brook Schools Superintendent Dicky Barlow. “We are focused on learning. That keeps our emphasis on students and what they learn, but also on teachers as learners. This is the idea of

a school as a learning community.”

This indeed often involves a planned sequence of instruction, but just as importantly, “curriculum” can refer to the set of learning goals and standards educators have devised that allow them to best promote student learning. How do the schools in the Mountain Brook system establish curricula?

“I think those in our community who have not been involved in curriculum development would be surprised and impressed by what a thorough and wide-ranging process it is,” said Dr. Missy Brooks, Director of Instruction

at Mountain Brook Schools. “It is about as close as one can get to the heart of what we’re about as a learning organization. We are proud of the way we engage people in the process.”

The Alabama Department of Education periodically revises and updates content standards in each of the Alabama Courses of Study. There are standards for Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Arts Education, Career/Technical Education, Driver and Traffic Safety Education, Health, Foreign Languages, and Physical Education, among others.

“When we receive a new and

revised set of standards,” said Dr. Brooks, “our task here is to develop curriculum and to adopt materials that best suit our students. It is important that the process creates a framework that aligns with our purpose to provide an effective, challenging, and engaging education for every one of our students.”

To accomplish this, the school system establishes curriculum committees. Their work is extensive and painstaking, and the process of developing curriculum for a given academic area can require much of an academic year. These committees include faculty,



Mountain Brook Junior High English teacher Larry McCain engages class in literary criticism.

parents and, when possible, students.

“This is an important part of how we accomplish curriculum development,” said Superintendent Barlow, “These are large committees with broad representation from both the school community and the Mountain Brook community at large. And it’s not a short process, because there is much to do and much to consider.”

In any given academic year, it is typical for a curriculum committee to be in the process of reviewing and revising curriculum for one of the major academic areas. The academic area up next for revision and adoption will possibly be science, as the Alabama Board of Education may vote on new standards for science education later this academic year.

According to Missy Brooks, shortly after any new standards are passed, the school system will form a committee consisting of teachers, media specialists, counselors, principals, central office administrators, parents, students, and community members with relevant expertise.

The committee, often working in subcommittees, will gather and analyze data including needs assessments and student performance data. Groups will also collect and review the latest research in science education.

“We will study the state guidelines and relevant publications and materials provided by professional associations,” said Dr. Brooks. “We will do a search of the best practices and find the best ideas out there.”

Early on, the school system will identify professional development needs for teachers. This often includes bringing in experts in instructional methods for the particular subject being reviewed.

Subcommittees will develop an instructional framework that includes

the school system’s philosophy, goals, and specific academic objectives. Ultimately, teachers will develop course content sequences and assessments allowing for flexibility at the level of each classroom to meet the needs of individual students.

“The goal is always to develop an alignment of standards from grade to grade that allows freedom for individual teachers to employ different strategies and methods to meet the needs of students,” said Dr.

Brooks. “That’s the idea behind the use of the term ‘instructional framework.’ The basic structure is there, but at the level of each classroom, there’s room for how the individual teacher will accomplish the learning goals.”

Once the instructional framework

is drafted and presented to the Board of Education, school staff, students, parents, and the community are provided an opportunity to comment on the proposed framework. After reviewing that input, the committee finalizes the recommendation. The Mountain Brook Schools Board of Education then votes on approval of the instructional framework.

Once approval has been obtained, the next steps involve the selection of resources and materials for instruction, a phase referred to as “materials adoption.” This is a similarly extensive process, which leads to a separate review and approval by the Board.

Rhonda Guillory heads the Mathematics department at Mountain Brook High School and was involved in the curriculum adoption process for math in the school district.

“Math teachers at the high school became very familiar with the standards and changes that were included in the Alabama Course of Study,” said Mrs. Guillory. “For each curriculum adoption process, we meet and deconstruct the standards so that teachers at each level understand not only what is required for their own classes, but also what is expected of students in the previous grade levels and what would be required of students in the next grade levels. This collaboration among grade level teachers is essential to what we call ‘vertical alignment.’”

“These discussions are powerful and are at the center of what curriculum development is about. We talk about what is really important, and this results in shifts in thinking that I believe improve the teaching and learning that takes place in the classroom.”

The basic structure of curriculum is there, but at the level of each classroom, there’s room for how the individual teacher will accomplish the learning goals. -- Missy Brooks



From Standards to Curriculum: A Case Example

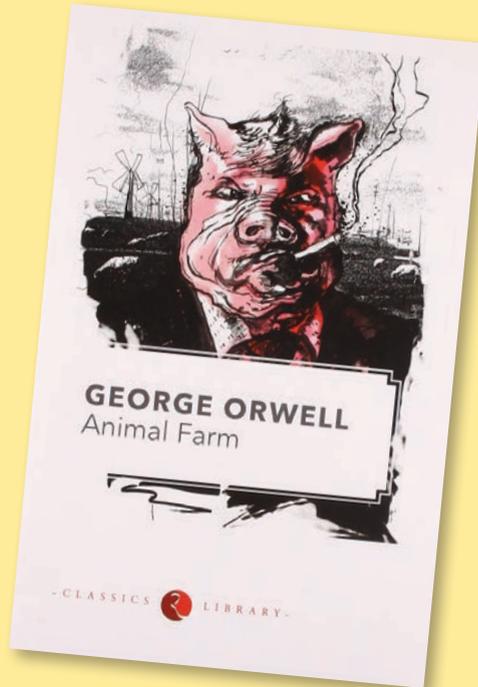
By Larry McCain

Educators in Mountain Brook Schools, like those in all Alabama school districts, are given a set of standards in the Alabama Course of Study. It is what education professionals do with these standards that makes the difference in the classroom.

During summer sessions with small groups of teachers, we focus on which methods and assessments help students to meet the standards, and we also assess where we need to improve. The standards guide what we do, and we design our curricula based on how we can best help students to meet and even exceed the standards.

Standards help us define a learning goal, but curriculum, which we develop locally, allows us to design ways to fulfill those standards based on the needs of our students.

I teach English at Mountain Brook Junior High, and here is an example. One of our standards related to informational texts is to “cite strong and thorough textual



evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.” When we design work for our students using this standard, we use texts that have both explicit and implicit meanings, such as a literary criticism on *Animal Farm*, to help determine if students can cite specific examples from their reading while also reading for the hidden meanings within the same texts.

Using the standards as a “backbone” of what we teach allows us to re-tool our methods and our assessments while ensuring that the level of rigor remains high.

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2015 Means New Leadership for the Mountain Brooks City Schools Foundation

The Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation (MBCSF) has kicked off 2015 with new leadership at both the Board and Executive Director levels.

In January, new MBCSF Board Members, **Annemarie Axon, A. Brian C. Doud, Lane DeWine, George C. Pelekis III '85, and Paul W. Simmons '81,** began their four year terms. They replaced members **Susan Emack Alison, W. Craig Fravert, Nancy C. Goedecke, Samuel P. Johnson and Carrie Pittman.** Board President **Alice Womack** is most grateful for the new members' willingness to serve, and for the good work the retiring members did for the Foundation.

The Board of Directors of the Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation consists of 36 volunteer members of the community representing all six of the schools in the Mountain Brook School System. Members serve on various committees including Executive, Programs and Needs, Fund Development and Investment.

In addition to the rotation of Board Members, the Foundation hired a new Executive Director, **Stephanie Maxwell.** She replaces **Anne Womack** who has held this position the past two years.



Maxwell is a Non Profit Development Professional with almost twenty-five years of development experience. She has held fund development and executive positions within education, social service and health care

environments, as well as work with religious orders.

She and her husband, David, have three children - Alex, a junior at Mississippi State University; Maddie, a 9th grader at MBJH; and Logan, an 8th grader at MBJH. The Maxwells moved to Mountain Brook in July of 2013 with David's company, Shire Pharmaceuticals. Maxwell is very excited to assume this role.

"The quality of education provided to students in Mountain Brook is very important to me. Not only do I have two children in the system, but I truly believe that the quality of education provided by a community speaks volumes as to the success that area will achieve," Maxwell said. "Support of our local school system is an investment that none of us should take lightly."

Maxwell's background encompasses the coordination of annual giving, capital campaign, direct mail, honorary, and memorial giving programs. In addition, she has coordinated various types of special events and meetings; prepared and designed a wide array of publications; and coordinated efforts of both volunteers and staff members.

Her favorite area of fundraising has always been in the education sector. "Taking over the leadership of the Foundation feels like home," Maxwell added.

The MBCSF Board of Directors agrees.

"Stephanie was a perfect fit for so many reasons. She brings to the Foundation a wealth of knowledge and years of experience in fundraising in the education arena. Having moved less than two

years ago to Mountain Brook she has quickly engaged in the community. Not only is she passionate about her own children's education in the school system, she knows the value of that education having lived where paying for a private education was necessary. We are so excited about the future of the Foundation with Stephanie at the helm," Board President, Alice Womack, said.

In addition to working as a fund development professional, Maxwell has provided numerous executives and volunteers with meaningful training sessions and workshops on a local and national level for the Louisiana Association of Non-Profit Organizations and the National Association of Episcopal Schools. She has presented sessions on Fundraising 101, Successful Annual Giving Programs, Board Development, the Executive Director's Role in Fundraising, and Grantsmanship.

Maxwell is a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She earned her B.A. in general studies/journalism from Southeastern Louisiana University in 1989, and her M.A. in philanthropy and development from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota in 2000.

In 2002, she received Certified Fund Raising Executive status. She is a past president of the Greater Baton Rouge Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, and was named the 2004 Outstanding Professional Fundraiser by the Chapter. She is a member of the 2003 class of Leadership Baton Rouge.

She currently serves as a Catechist at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, and Board Member for the MBHS Marching Band Parents Board. In addition, she is the Birmingham volunteer coordinator for Martina McBride's service organization, Team Martina.