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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

A word about the new municipal complex---

For over five years, this project has been under review and study by both professionals in the field and city officials. Over the years, funds for this project have been set aside and we have specific funds to pay for this project without borrowing money.

The existing City Hall was built in 1967 and some parts of the Fire Department were built in the 1940's.

The existing buildings are not big enough to accommodate the modest growth in the city government over the past 50 or so years. There are serious structural problems with the foundation of the jail and police department. The Fire Department not only has serious mold problems but there is not enough room to store all of the expensive equipment inside. Some administrative offices are using space that does not meet city code for various reasons. All of the existing buildings are in general decline, which is evident upon close examination.

Rebuilding on the current site is the result of a study of all available sites around the City. This was determined to be the most economical and feasible site. Special attention will be given to preserving the existing large trees on the site.

The City Council awarded the construction con-

tract to Taylor & Miree Construction. Williams Blackstock Architects and Henry Sprott Long and Associates are the designers of the new municipal complex and Brasfield Gorrie will serve as construction manager for the project.

With the state of the economy and construction prices at historical lows, the City Council decided now is the best time to move forward with the project. Demolition is set to begin in December and the construction will take approximately 15-16 months to complete. The temporary location of the City Manager, council chambers and administrative offices will be at 3928 Montclair Road (just two buildings east of the Montclair post office) and the Fire and Police Departments will be located at #8 Office Park Circle (at Highway 280). Plans and drawings of the new municipal complex are available at City Hall for your review.

Please contact me or the City Manager at 802-3800 if you have questions about this project.

Sincerely,

Lawrence T. Oden

BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS

Business license renewals for the City of Mountain Brook are due on January 1, 2011, and will be considered delinquent January 31, 2011. Licenses not renewed before January 31, 2011, will be subject to penalties and interest. You should receive a renewal notice prior to January. Please complete the renewal notice and mail back with your payment. You may also pay your business license fees using the City's new online payment system. The online system can be accessed through the City of Mountain Brook's website, www.mtnbrook.org. Once on the City site, please select the menu option 'On-Line Services' from the menu on the left side of

the page. This will take you to a screen containing a link to the secure payment web site. You may also access the website directly by entering the payment site address, <https://egov.mtnbrook.org/>. Please read the directions for site usage and bill payments on the online services site. The instructions may be accessed by selecting the option 'How to use this site' from the menu on the left side of the page. A PIN will be required to access your account and can be obtained by calling Melissa Honeycutt at (205) 802-3823.

If you receive a renewal notice and are no longer conducting business, please mark the renewal notice with the date the business

ceased its operation and return to Melissa Honeycutt, Revenue Examiner, by mail or facsimile (879-6913) so that we may properly update our files.

If you have any questions concerning the renewal of your license or payment of taxes, please call the Revenue Examiner at 802-3823 or the Revenue Department at 870-3532.

New businesses may apply for a business license by printing an application from our website www.mtnbrook.org. The business license application is found on page 5 of the document library. If additional tax forms are needed they can be found on page 3 of the document library.

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William S. "Billy" Pritchard, III

Jack Carl

City Manager
Sam S. Gaston
802-3800

Mayor's Office
802-3802

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

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FROM YOUR CITY COUNCIL

The City Council has adopted the following ordinances since July, 2010:

- Ordinance #1813 – increased the fines for violation of the leash law.
- Ordinances #1815 to #1823 – rezoned properties in Lockerbie Subdivision to Estate Residential, Clustered Residential and Residence A Districts.
- Ordinance #1825 – annexed partial lot at 2600 (west) Cherokee Road.
- Ordinance #1826 – annexed lot and house at 2604 (west) Cherokee Road.

The City has authorized or approved the following projects since July, 2010:

- Recommended to the State ABC Board the issuance of a Retail Beer (on or off premise) and a Retail Table Wine (on or off premise) to Books-A-Million (dba Joe Muggs) located at 2037 Cahaba Road in English Village.
- Approved professional services agreement with Sain Associates for review of the pedestrian/motorist operations and safety at the Memory Triangle and Cross Ridge Road.
- Granted temporary suspension of the 21 day per calendar year limit on displaying banners for Mountain Brook Village area businesses during the Watkins Branch Flood Mitigation Project.
- Accepted permanent drainage easements from Evson, Inc., Brook Manor Partners LLC and Mountain Brook Board of Education regarding the Watkins Branch Flood Mitigation Project.
- Approved survey of City residents regarding the MAX Transit System as requested by Richard Goldstein, the City's appointment to the MAX Transit Advisory Committee.
- Approved conditional use application by Linda Dobbins Dance, LLC at 2822 Culver Road in Mountain Brook Village.
- Consented to the sale or transfer of the retail portions of Cahaba Village by Bayer Properties to ING Clarion.
- Approved conditional use application by Gardner Architects, LLC at 1901 Cahaba Road in English Village.
- Authorized agreement with ALDOT for Phase 6 of the Village Walkway System sidewalk project.
- Authorized professional services proposal by Walter Schoel Engineering for drainage review of the Lane Parke project.
- Approved conditional use application for "Escape: A Therapeutic Day Spa" located at 17 Dexter Avenue in Crestline Village.
- Approved contract in the amount of \$16,370 with Birmingham Engineering & Construction Consultants for special inspections and geotechnical monitoring for the Watkins Branch Flood Mitigation Project.
- Awarded low bid in the amount of \$230,254 to Walker Patton Company for construction of Phase 7A (Memory Lane) of the Village Walkway

System sidewalk project.

- Awarded low bid in the amount of \$243,201 to Walker Patton Company for pedestrian crossing construction at the Watkins Road bridge.
- Approved conditional use application for Southern States Bank located at 7 Office Park Drive.
- Awarded low bid in the amount of \$105,496 to L3 Communications for digital in-car video recording systems for the Police Department.
- Authorized payment to Alagasco in the amount of \$32,019 for the relocation of gas lines along Cahaba Road and Montevallo Road in regard to the Watkins Branch Flood Mitigation Project.
- Canvassed the results of the August 24th Municipal elections declaring Billy Pritchard duly elected to City Council Place No. 3, Jesse Vogtle duly elected to City Council Place No. 5 and that Temple Tutwiler and Amy Carter would be in the run-off election to be held on October 5, 2010.
- Renewed contract with ParkRite Corporation for their management of the City leased parking lot on Fairway Drive in English Village.
- Approved contract with Walter Schoel Engineering for an annual inspections of the stormwater detention ponds constructed on the Zoo property in conjunction with the Watkins Branch Flood Mitigation project.
- Approved conditional use application of G8 Four Consulting located at 36 Church Street in Crestline Village.
- Awarded low bid in the amount of \$12,195,000 to Taylor & Miree Construction, Inc. for the construction of a new municipal complex to include City Hall, Police Station, Fire Station #1 and Fire Administrative offices.
- Authorized contract with Stone & Sons Electrical Contractors in the amount of \$32,226.09 for the purchase and installation of pedestrian crossing signals at Country Club Road/Dan Watkins Road and Memory Lane/Montclair Road.

LEAF SEASON SCHEDULE

Leaf season begins on November 1st. Waste Management will collect loose leaves from the curb (not in the gutter) November 1st through March 1st. Loose leaves are taken to the City's Public Works facilities to be turned into compost. Bagged leaves cannot be used for compost. Every residence will receive four (4) leaf pick-ups during leaf season.

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

When you rake or blow your leaves, please do not deposit them in the City's gutters or storm drain inlets as this is in violation of City ordinances.

QUARTERLY CRIME STATISTICS

	2nd Quarter 2010	3rd Quarter 2010
ROBBERY	2	3
BURGLARY/RESIDENCE	17	12
BURGLARY/BUSINESS	0	2
THEFT	86	48
AUTO THEFT	0	2
ASSAULTS (OTHER)	2	4
IDENTITY THEFT	8	15
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	11	10
DRUGS	7	15
FAMILY VIOLENCE	6	6
ACCIDENTS	242	264
A WITH INJURIES	20	21
A WITH FATALITIES	0	1
CALLS FOR SERVICE	7,067	8,056
HOUSE WATCHES	887	2,186
PROPERTY STOLEN	\$142,062	\$377,126
PROPERTY RECOVERED	\$38,937	\$2,106

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.



WELCOME AMY CARTER TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Amy Carter received her B.A. from Hollins College in 1988 and her J.D. from Cumberland School of Law in 1993. She is married to Dr. Britton Carter, and they have lived in Mountain Brook almost 14 years. They have three boys in the Mountain Brook school system. Their names are Ben, Reid and Will. The Carters are active members of Canterbury United Methodist Church. As a member of Mountain Brook's City Council, Amy will listen sincerely to all citizens. She plans to support the Chamber of Commerce in its efforts, and she will work to maintain the excellent quality of our school system. She will strive to ensure a viable tax base and use the city's financial resources wisely. Amy appreciates our unique neighborhoods and villages and will seek responsible growth while protecting these treasures. She is excited about her new position and honored to serve the citizens of Mountain Brook.



THE ECONOMIC VALUE OF OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

The City of Mountain Brook Fire Department has an ISO score of Class Three. The Insurance Services Office (ISO) is a national organization that provides insurance classification information to insurance companies across the United States to help them set premium rates.

According to an ISO report, departments with class three scores are in the top 3 percent for fire departments nationwide.

Mountain Brook: Annual Insurance Rates - ISO Rating Class 9 versus Class 3

Home Value	\$400,000	\$500,000	\$600,000	\$700,000	\$800,000
Class 9	\$2,630	\$3,295	\$3,959	\$4,625	\$5,319
Class 3 - MBFD	\$1,546	\$1,937	\$2,327	\$2,719	\$3,127
Annual Savings	\$1,084	\$1,358	\$1,632	\$1,906	\$2,192

Note: Information provided by local insurance agent - Brick home with \$1,000 deductible

The average value of a home in Mountain Brook is slightly over \$600,000. There are 6,974 owner occupied homes in the City (2000 Census). The annual savings for the average home is \$1,632. If we multiply this number by the number of homes (6,974) we come up with \$11,381,568 total annual gross savings. If we subtract the fire department's budget (\$6,555,702) from this amount we get an annual net savings to the citizens of Mountain Brook of \$4,825,866. This represents an annual net savings of \$692 per owner occupied household. Our City is ninety-eight percent residential and two percent commercial. Residential insurance rates would not decrease if the City's rating were reduced to a Class 1 or 2; however, there may be some insurance savings for commercial entities.

The above analysis myopically focuses only on the monetary value of fire suppression services. The department provides a plethora of services which lie outside of this economic analysis, but contribute heartily to the quality of life that the citizens of Mountain Brook enjoy (emergency medical & ambulance services, and child passenger seat installation just to name a couple).

— Robert "Zeke" Ezekiel, Fire Chief

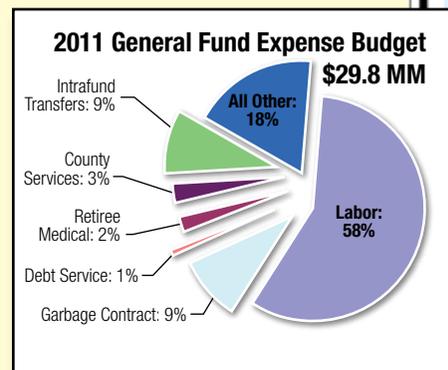
COUNCIL ADOPTS 2011 BUDGET

The City Council adopted the 2011 budget at its September 27, 2010 meeting. The General Fund revenue budget totals \$30,160,752 representing a 1.5% decrease from last year's budget. Some of the larger General Fund revenue line items include:

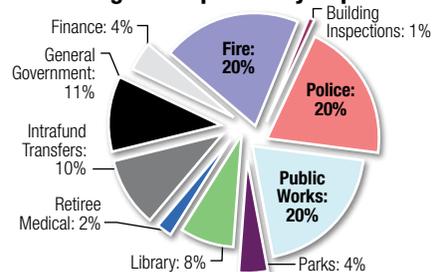
Source of Revenue	2010 Projection	2011 Budget	Percentage Change
Real estate taxes	\$14,321,500	\$13,830,000	(3.4)%
Sales tax	7,574,658	7,650,400	0.1
License and franchise fees	3,944,500	3,895,583	(1.2)
Construction permits	632,211	632,200	0.0
Fines	448,469	412,700	(8.0)
All other	3,458,982	3,739,869	8.1
Totals	\$30,380,320	\$30,160,752	(0.1)%

The chart to the right depicts the relative importance of the various sources of revenue in the General Fund: 2011 General Fund expenses have been held to a 0.6% increase as compared to last year's budget.

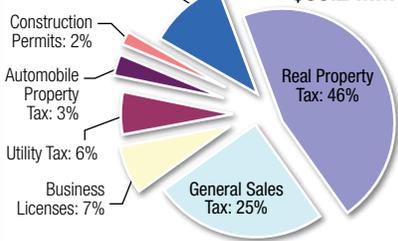
The charts below illustrate the functional and departmental make-up of the City's General Fund expenses:



2011 Budgeted Expenses by Department



2011 General Fund Revenue Budget \$30.2 MM



CITY ARBORIST TO SERVE AS AUFA PRESIDENT



City Arborist, Don Cafaro, will serve as President of the Alabama Urban Forestry Association (AUFA) in 2011. The AUFA, established in 1989, has a diverse membership of professional arborists, horticulturists, foresters, landscape architects, educators, and citizen volunteers who care about the long term health and vitality of trees where they live and work. Services are designed to support member's efforts to replant, maintain, sustain and expand the urban landscape.

Statewide educational workshops, continuing education for ISA Certified Arborists, demonstrations, and volunteer/project support are among means through which the AUFA promotes trees that are safe, healthy, plentiful, well placed and attractive. Don has been a member of the organization since 2002.



BOARD VACANCIES

The City of Mountain Brook has the following board/committee vacancies to fill in the near future:

Tree Commission (3-year council appointment)

If you are interested in this position, please send a letter of inquiry and your resume to:

Sam S. Gaston, City Manager
City of Mountain Brook

56 Church Street, Mountain Brook, AL 35213

REAPPOINTMENTS

The Mayor has recently made the following reappointment:

Planning Commission – Harold Doss

The City Council has recently made the following reappointments:

Village Design Review – Sally Legg

Board of Zoning Adjustment – William Hereford and Philip Black

Emmet O'Neal Library Board – Robert B. Aland

Park & Recreation Board – Jane Hutcheson "Pinkie" Chace

HOLIDAYS GARBAGE SERVICE REMINDER

As we approach the Holiday Season, Waste Management, which provides garbage, trash and recycling services to our residents, observes Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Years Day as holidays. During any week in which there is a holiday, service after the holiday will be delayed by one day. For Friday routes, service will occur on Saturday.



Effective early December, City Hall operations and court will move to **3928 Montclair Road, 35213** (just two buildings east of the Montclair post office) during the demolition and construction of our new facilities.

The Police Department, Fire Administration and Fire Station #1 will move to **#8 Office Park Circle, 35223**, located at Highway 280 and Office Park Circle.

The City's PO Box 130009, 35213-0009 can continue to be used. We anticipate returning to 56 Church Street by February, 2012.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

City Council	2nd & 4th Mon. (Call 802-3800 for time of Pre-Meeting.)	7:00 p.m.	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 & 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	3rd Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Board of Education Office (32 Vine Street)

NEW BUSINESSES

Bagatelle/Christines, Inc.	2415 Montevallo Road	414-6001
BAM, LLC, Interior Decorating	126 Elm Street	566-8400
Brook Manor Holdings, LLC	513 Olde English Lane	871-5360
CDC-East Lansing, LLC	431 Office Park Drive	414-6400
Circa, Inc. (purchaser of pre-owned jewelry)	2800 Cahaba Road	212-486-6013
Constance Longworth Collection, Inc. (art)	2408 Canterbury Road	803-4040
Do, Lina K. with Canterbury Nails	2800 Cahaba Village Plaza, Suite 300	968-6666
Escape, A Therapeutic Day Spa, LLC	17 Dexter Avenue	999-4351
Federal Sentencing Consulting, LLC	304 Dexter Avenue	936-0265
Hopscotch Shoes, LLC	240 Country Club Park	879-4913
ISBI Cahaba Village, LLC (new owners)	2800 Cahaba Village Plaza	939-3111
Jay Boozer/NOW Dancewear	2418 Canterbury Road	960-0679
Jones Warren Construction	2 Office Park Circle, Suite 5	790-4291
Lyman Dowling Law, LLC (attorney)	102-C Cahaba Road	803-3339
Medcrest, LLC (health screenings)	3900 Montclair Road, Suite 210	202-6023
Petit Trousseau, LLC	4600 Old Leeds Road	567-2553
Rent Right 1, LLC	109B Memory Court	504-952-9745
Scribbled Indoor Advertising, LLC	3560 Oakdale Drive	907-3823
Sugar, Inc. (candy store)	69 Church Street	602-0607
Tyne, LLC	15 Clarendon Road	229-9393
Vulcan Media Team	12 Office Park Circle	585-1313
Whitney Le with Canterbury Nails	2800 Cahaba Village Plaza, Suite 300	968-6666
Yogurt Place, LLC dba 32 Degrees, A Yogurt Bar	229 Country Club Park	871-7328

CHANGES TO THE LEASH LAW

On June 28, 2010 the City Council enacted some changes concerning the penalties for violations of the City's leash law.

Under the ordinance, a citation is issued to the person responsible for a dog that is running at large. If it is the first citation within 12 months, the fine is \$25. If it is the second citation within 12 months, the fine is \$75. If the matter is not settled prior to noon of the assigned court date, a \$20 penalty will be added. The citation may be settled by paying a fine to the municipal court. Any citation may be contested by appearing in court on the listed date.

If the person has settled or been convicted of 2 or more such violation within the previous 12 months the matter cannot be settled by paying a fine. In this situation, an appearance before a municipal judge is required. If found guilty, the owner will be fined not less than \$150 nor more than \$500.

These changes do increase the potential penalties for violation of the leash law. The amendments were made in order to reduce the occurrence of repeat violators. If you have any questions, please contact myself (802-3852) or the Animal Control Officer (879-0486) at the police department.

Johnny E. Stanley
Chief of Police



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Welcome to the Villages of Mountain Brook

MOUNTAIN BROOK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Providing an environment to help our members prosper and succeed through a proactive partnership with the business community, city government, and the community at large

Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce 2010 Board of Directors

- President:
John Rucker
- Executive Vice President:
Stephen Hydinger
- Vice President Governmental Affairs:
Paul DeMarco
- Vice President, Community Affairs:
Amy Jackson
- Vice President, Membership Development:
Hugh Morrow
- Vice President, Business Development:
Bob Schuler
- Vice President, Marketing Communications:
Cindi Akins
- Vice President of Retail:
Wesley Lassen
- Secretary
Martha Gorham
- Treasurer
John Wilson
- Assistant V P Governmental Affairs:
Derick Belden
- Assistant V P, Community Affairs:
Lee Perry
- Assistant V P, Membership Development:
Elizabeth Lyman
- Assistant V P, Business Development:
Chuck Branch
- Assistant VP, Marketing Communications:
Howard Torch
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- General Counsel:
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- Past President:
Frank Caley
- 2nd Past President:
Alice Womack
- Sustaining Member:
Sam Gaston
- City Council Liaison:
Bob Moody
- Executive Director:
Suzan Smith-Doidge



John Rucker,
President Of Chamber Board

Greetings from the Chamber!

I don't know about you, but I am so glad Fall is finally here! The Dawg Daze of summer are behind us, and it is back to school and my favorite past time – football. There is nothing like a football game in Alabama on a cool, clear Saturday afternoon.

With the holiday season just around the corner, I want to take this opportunity to remind you to shop Mountain Brook! The Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce understands that in order to have a strong economic environment, you must have a strong community that supports and encourages growth and innovative thinking. We are truly blessed in Mountain Brook to have leaders, business owners, educators, and private citizens who recognize that we all share in the responsibility of creating economic success and stability, as well as a healthy community environment, for our children and grandchildren.

As a community, we share that vision. We work, we volunteer, we support and serve as we build on the successes of those who came before us and develop new and innovative strategies that will make Mountain Brook even better.

The Chamber is involved in numerous events throughout the year that benefit our community. We sponsor the annual Christmas Parade, Market Day, Dawg Daze, Legends of Motor Sports, Scout out the Villages, Cahaba Village for the Cure and during the holiday season, the Shop Mountain Brook First campaign. Our quarterly luncheons continue to be a success

with a capacity crowd always in attendance. If you have not been to a luncheon yet, our next one will most definitely sell out early. Our newly elected City Council members will be featured on a panel discussion, moderated by State Representative Paul De Marco. Save the date for November 5th at Park Lane!

Our annual awards luncheon will be held at Birmingham Country Club with keynote speaker Jimmy Rane from Great Southern Wood (Yellow Wood). Mark your calendars for February 17th. Check out our website, www.welcometomountainbrook.com, for more information.

And for a great start to 2011, mark your calendars now for the Chamber's Village to Village Run on January 22. It's our largest fundraiser of the year, and will be a fun day for all ages. A 1-mile "fun run" for the kids, and a 10K through the villages for any age!

All of these events promote our local businesses, and encourage Mountain Brook citizens and visitors alike to patronize the local merchants and retailers. We want and need your support, and truly appreciate it.

The Chamber works with other local civic and private groups to encourage new business development, to create awareness of problems facing our community, to develop potential solutions, and to be a source of information and support for business owners. We now have a downloadable Economic Development DVD that highlights for new business prospects all that Mountain Brook has to offer.

As the 2010 Chamber President, I am honored to serve alongside the volunteers that work out front and behind the scenes to build a better Mountain Brook. This is the uniqueness of our community. We think outside the box, we work together to make things happen, and we support the efforts of all. A special thank you goes to Rebecca Moody, whose tireless efforts using social media raised the public's awareness of the Mountain Brook Chamber to a level we never even imagined. Thank you, Rebecca, for your dedication and all you have done for us!

Steven Hydinger is our incoming President, and I know he will do a great job. Although he doesn't take office until January, he has been hard at work on the Village to Village race, making sure that we take the race to the next level, making it even bigger, better and more successful than last year's.

If you're not a member of the Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce, please join us today. Your investment will pay big dividends in many different ways as we work together to make Mountain Brook a better place to live, to work, and to raise a family. Now is the time as we prepare for the Holiday season. We want to help your business succeed.

Thank you again to the many volunteers and city workers that have made this Chamber a success for the past year!

Sincerely,

John V. Rucker

President, Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce

John is Vice President at Sterne Agee and he can be reached at 414-3368.

Gold Level Members:

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Borland Benefield | Christian Small | Village Living

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- Costco Wholesale #362
- Escape, A Therapeutic Day Spa
- Hospice Services of Alabama
- Individuality Gallery
- Ingredients, Inc.
- Jewelry Specialty by Katz, LLC
- John Henley, State Farm Insurance
- Lyman Dowling Law LLC
- Oakworth Capital Bank
- Primrose School at Liberty Park
- The Jimmy Rane Foundation
- Vulcan Media Team LLC
- Village Living
- Yogurt Mountain



Dyron's celebrates Grand Reopening, drive thru closed!



Welcome to Mountain Brook Village, Individuality Art Gallery. Pictured: owner, Rose Decav and Mayor Terry Oden

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Leadership Mountain Brook visits Channel 13... Thank you Mike Royer



Congratulation to Village Press for celebrating their 45th Anniversary Pictured: Patsy Howard and Mayor Terry Oden



Congratulations!

Mountain Brook winners celebrate at the Retailers of the Year annual luncheon. Pictured: Nic Nicholson, owner of Mafiaozza's, Bronze Winner and Jena Clayton, owner of Christine's, Gold Winner



Village to Village run committee (L to R): Becky Ingall, John Rucker, Alice Womack, Julia Holt, Angela Pewitt, Beth Nigri and Frank Caley Not Pictured: Katherine Cox and Steven Hydinger

Village to Village Run

January 22, 2011

10K and 1 mile Fun Run

Register at Active.com starting November 1, 2010



Thank you for allowing us to meet all your landscaping needs.

We sincerely hope you have a great 2010 Holiday Season!

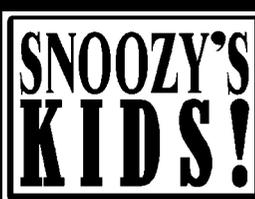


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(we've grown up with you!)

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22 YEARS OF FUN
AND COUNTING

- We have items for all ages!
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Saturday 10-5
Holiday Hours
7 Days a Week

PTO Presidents



PTO Presidents and Dickey Barlow meet with Chamber to discuss upcoming events. Pictured: Crawford Bumgarner, Dickey Barlow, Carmen Morrow, Tracy Bragg, Amy Knight, Suzanne Dickson and Carrie Law

Chamber Luncheons

To Register go to welcometomountainbrook.com, or call 871-3779



- November 4th luncheon with newly elected City Council
- Feb 17 – Save the date for the Mountain Brook Chamber's Awards Luncheon featuring Jimmy Rane



Leadership Mountain Brook at Overton Park



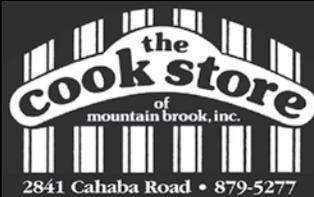
Thank you to Cary Hollingsworth and Nimrod Long and Park and Rec/ Public Works for a great field trip of the parks and the Public Works facilities in Mountain Brook. Pictured here is Leadership Mountain Brook with Nimrod Long and Cary Hollingsworth standing in the approved site of the new restrooms at Overton Park.

Ambassador Spotlight



Thank you George Jones of Snoozy's Kids for serving as our 2010-2011 Crestline Village Ambassador.

Featuring Birmingham's largest selection of Earthborn Studios Pottery by Tena Payne since 2000



Introducing the Elements line exclusively for The Cook Store

Nov 18th 2pm-6pm and
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Eli Capilouto Retires from Board of Education.

During the October 11 meeting of the Board of Education, member Dr. Eli Capilouto announced his retirement from the board. He was appointed to the school board by the Mountain Brook City Council in 2002.

“Educating our students is a team sport,” said Dr. Capilouto. “To be successful the team must have full participation by students, teachers, administrators, parents, city officials and board members. In Mountain Brook our team effort and success is unparalleled. It has been a delight being part of this team for the past 8 years. I am grateful for the opportunity I had to serve.”

Dr. Capilouto is currently the Provost at The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) and the former Dean of the UAB School of Public Health. A native Alabamian, he received his bachelors and dental degrees, and masters degree in epidemiology from schools within the University of Alabama System. In 1991, he received his doctorate in health policy and management from the Harvard University School of Public Health. While at Harvard, Dr. Capilouto was recipient of a Robert Wood Johnson Dental Scholars Award, a National Center for Health Services Research Fellowship, and the Charles Wilinsky Award for academic achievement. Dr. Capilouto is active in local volunteer organizations having served in leadership roles on the Boards of the YMCA, Red Cross, Ronald McDonald House Board and Temple Emanu-El. He is at Past-president for the Kiwanis Club of Birmingham and as a member of the A+ College Ready Managing Board.

Brookwood Forest principal Yvette Faught, the longest-serving principal in the school

system shared her reflections on Dr. Capilouto’s time as a school board member. “My first impression of Dr. Capilouto was his intelligence and seriousness,” said Ms. Faught. “His questions and comments were those of a careful, analytical listener. His experiences as a UAB faculty member and Provost enabled him to understand the unique challenges faced by public education. One of the things I will most remember is the pride and respectful interest Dr. Capilouto demonstrated when our high school students shared projects they had done working under the direction of UAB faculty. He had a clear understanding of the skills our students needed for success after high school. He brought to the school board his various perspectives as a parent, educator and community leader. I quickly also discovered that Eli Capilouto is a kind and genuine person. His commitment to education and his service to the community have gained him much respect and appreciation. He will be missed.”

Former school superintendent Charles Mason added, “Eli Capilouto brought a strong academic and administrative background to his service on the Board. But more importantly, he brought great judgment and thoughtful insights. It also helped that he’s just a very enjoyable person to have as a member of any team.

Superintendent Dicky Barlow commented, “Dr. Capilouto has contributed to Mountain Brook Schools in so many ways. His experience in higher education has given him great insight and wisdom as he helped lead our school system. His intelligence and discernment made Dr. Capilouto the ideal board member. We are very grateful for his commitment to our school system and to every child in Mountain Brook.”



Leadership Mountain Brook Program Inspires Youth

Sixteen select MBHS students began this year as members of the first LEADERSHIP MOUNTAIN BROOK class. This innovative leadership development program is an exciting partnership between the Mayor’s Office, the Chamber of Commerce, and MBHS. The class is coordinated through the Career Focus program at the high school with the day to day activities directed by the Chamber of Commerce. The outcomes and the possibilities for both the students and the city are exciting and, if these students are any indication, the future looks great for Mountain Brook.

The students, both 11th and 12th graders, were nominated by high school teachers and then selected by application. Students’ insight and forward thinking ideas, as presented in essay questions, was one consideration in the selection process. LEADERSHIP MOUNTAIN BROOK will facilitate the continued exploration and development of these ideas as students learn about the management, planning, and development of the city.

Developing leadership skills via awareness and hands on participation in their hometown is the ultimate goal -- for these students will be a guiding force for the city in just a few short years. LEADERSHIP MOUNTAIN BROOK is an excellent means to educate and develop the students, and continue to move the city forward, both now and in the future.

The curriculum is divided into blocks of time each with a different emphasis and cor-

Leadership Mountain Brook members volunteered at the Cahaba Village for the Cure event, supporting the Susan G. Komen fundraiser for breast cancer research and services.

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responding activities, culminating in student-directed investigative projects and presentations. So far the students have met with the Mayor and City Manager and the heads of many of the City Departments, and toured city facilities. Participation in city events is also part of the program as well as emphasis on communication and professional skills. Future areas of emphasis will include local businesses and organizations, exposure to various civic groups, and continued interactions with citizens, city leaders, and agencies.

Reactions to this class have been overwhelmingly positive. Watch for these sixteen exceptional students as they work in the present while planning for the future of Mountain Brook. They are: Caroline Bell, Caroline Bowness, Tommy Bruhn, Robert Byrne, L.C. Carmichael, James Cooper, Tara Creeden, Grace Friday, Will Fullington, Kendal Jaffe, Victoria Karagas, Kathleen McKee, Hailey McManus, Emily Meisler, Alex Sherman, and Betsy Webster.

MBHS Announces Thirteen National Merit Semifinalists

Each year approximately 1.5 million students enter the National Merit Scholarship competition by taking the PSAT test in October of their junior year. Based on the results of this test, 50,000 are identified as "high scorers." From this group the top 1-1 1/2 % of students from each state are named semifinalists. This year there were thirteen National Merit Semifinalists from Mountain Brook High School. These students have been provided with scholarship applications and materials explaining requirements to advance in the competition for Merit Scholarship awards.

The following students were named National Merit Semifinalists earlier this school year: Paul Adkison, Cornelia Buchanan, Haley Delk, Bruce Eckert, Wilson Fisher, Mason Johnson, Sarah McClees, Peter Oaks, Ryan Scott, Skipper Stradtman, Clinton Taylor, Pete Thomas, and Henry Waller.

Principal, Mr. Vic Wilson noted that among the Semifinalists is Clinton Taylor. Clinton died from injuries sustained in an automobile accident this past winter. "Clinton was a fine student and an exemplary young man. He will be remembered by this entire community."



Principal Wilson commented, "These are terrific young people who have greatly improved their prospects for college admission and scholarships by being named National Merit Semifinalists. This is the result of hard work by the students and great support from the school system staff and the families of these students. It is also very important to point out that these students are not only successful academically, but are also involved in many extra-curricular activities as well as community endeavors. They are all remarkably well-rounded."

Superintendent Dicky Barlow, added, "On behalf of all of us at Mountain Brook Schools, I congratulate the National Merit Semifinalists and wish them well in the remainder of their high school careers and beyond. I know they will accomplish great things."

"Where Everybody Belongs": JUNIOR HIGH HOLDS SPARTAN DAY



Principal Ben Hudson greets new 7th graders at the August 11 Spartan Day event.

The transition to junior high school is a major event in the life of a young person, and the experiences of the middle adolescent years form a basis for the choices that students will make throughout their young adult lives, in high school and beyond.

With that in mind, Mountain Brook Junior High School held its annual Spartan Day on Wednesday, August 11. With the aid of the WEB ("Where Everybody Belongs") Program, Spartan Day is designed to help seventh graders transition to junior high and to provide a structure in which students make real connections with their peers, while recognizing that people at MBJH care about them and their success.

"The idea behind WEB is to provide an opportunity for our students to meet other kids they would not normally interact with while also giving students the chance to have a lot of fun" said WEB faculty sponsor Michael Neel. "It is the ninth grade WEB Leaders who are the key to this concept, and they are amazing young people!"

Mary Glenn Waldrop, a ninth grade WEB leader, feels that Spartan Day is one way she can help out at her school.

"I like helping the seventh graders. I want them to feel comfortable on their first day at MBJH," she said.

Spartan Day began with the students participating in a "mock schedule," where they met all of their teachers. Each student was also given a Spartan t-shirt from the PTO. After the "mock schedule," the students had a pizza party sponsored by the PTO in the lunchroom. Piggly Wiggly in Crestline graciously donated bottles of water to all of the students. After lunch all of the seventh graders made their way to the gym for several hours of activities designed to build connections between students.

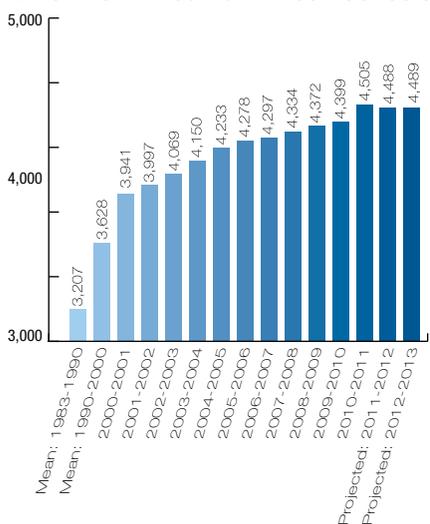
These activities were led by WEB Leaders, ninth grade students that are positive role models and WEB Teachers (Lisa Baker, Adam Johnson, Michael Neel, Leslie Stephenson, Pearle Smith, and Chad Sorrells).

In the gym, each seventh grader met a group of ten other students and two WEB leaders who would become their WEB group. These groups participated in a variety of team building games to learn names, build connections and discuss strategies for succeeding at MBJH.

"The WEB program was fun, but it also helped me find all of my classrooms," said one 7th grader, "and I got to meet my teachers. This will make it easier to start the school year."



Enrollment: Mountain Brook Schools



ENROLLMENT SHOWS STEADY INCREASE

At the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year, enrollment at Mountain Brook Schools was measured at 4505 students, the largest enrollment in the history of the school system. Enrollment at the beginning of the prior school year was 4399. According to school board records, enrollment during the 1980's averaged 3200 students and approximately 3600 during the 1990's. In each of the last ten years, enrollment has grown. However, in a recent report to the school board, school system administrators projected a slight decrease in enrollment, system wide, in the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years. According to Jackie Simons, Assistant to the Superintendent, factors such as economic conditions and movements between private schools and public schools impact enrollment, but are difficult to project. Simons, who has worked in Mountain Brook Schools for 30 years, noted the impact of the growth of enrollment. "It is hard to believe that in the 30 years I have worked here that the student population has increase by almost a third. It is also amazing to me that our student population has grown over 500 students in the past ten years especially in a community that appears to have no room for new houses," she said. "But, it does explain our need to update our facilities and increase the number of teachers. It will be interesting to see if this growth trend continues in the next ten years."

TeacherTalk

New Mountain Brook teachers talk about themselves and their new careers at Mountain Brook Schools



Meghan Still Mountain Brook Elementary

What attracted you to Mountain Brook Schools and caused you to apply for a job?

After living many states away from my family, I decided to move back to Alabama. While Huntsville was a remarkable place to grow up, I wanted to move to a more metropolitan area. Birmingham, rather Mountain Brook, was the perfect fit. Before I had even submitted my resume, I had heard about the district's strong academic performance and leadership. Aside from the phenomenal students, encouraging staff, and supportive parents, I was intrigued by the district's technology initiative. Mountain Brook Elementary has surely surpassed my expectations. It is a fantastic place to teach!

Where did you come from and what kinds of jobs and experiences have you had in the past?

I was raised in Huntsville and graduated from Vanderbilt and Columbia Universities. Following my two-year service teaching first grade in the Teach for America corps in Phoenix, I moved to New York City, where I earned a master's degree in literacy education and edited content for the Sesame Street Workshop. (My favorite Sesame Street character is Abby Cadabby.) The education of those in early childhood has long been my field of interest, as I majored in the subject as an undergraduate in Nashville.

How has your first month of school been?

Crazy. And exciting. It's been crazy exciting!

What are your hobbies and interests outside of school?

I'm an avid reader, traveler, and cook, and will confess to being a devotee of Martha Stewart Living. Two dogs (Zelda and Pepper), a younger sister (Caitlin, an Emory undergraduate), and a boyfriend (Tyler, a UAB medical student) occupy much of my time outside the classroom.

Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

I wish I could eat Yogurt Mountain everyday



Jennie Bodenhamer Mountain Brook Junior High

What attracted you to Mountain Brook Schools and caused you to apply for a job?

During the 2009-10 school year, I covered three maternity leaves for Spanish teachers in the Mountain Brook School System. During the Spring, I learned that the Junior High would be looking for a Spanish teacher, and I knew it would be a wonderful opportunity. I feel very blessed to be able to work at MBJH, in a place where I already felt at home.

Where did you come from and what kinds of jobs and experiences have you had in the past?

I graduated from Auburn University with a major in Spanish and a minor in Human Development and Family Studies. While at Auburn I studied in Alcalá de Henares, Spain, which was the experience of a lifetime. After graduating from Auburn, I began working on my Masters of Spanish Education at UAB. I will complete my Masters Degree in December.

How has your first month of school been?

It has been wonderful and busy. Everyone at MBJH has been so friendly, helpful, and supportive.

What are your hobbies and interests outside of school?

I am a HUGE Auburn football fan, and I love reading, painting, and spending time with friends and family.

Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

One of my life goals is to visit every Spanish-speaking country!



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Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation Funds Math Coaches Who are Making a Difference

The Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation has made a significant investment through its funding of Math Coaches for the elementary schools. Dr. Sherry Parrish is one of the Math Coaches and describes the program as follows:

Initially, Math Coaches were brought into the district to support teachers as they provide effective, challenging, and engaging math instruction for all students. The primary role of the Math Coach is to provide professional development by working with elementary teachers to build math content knowledge and best practices in math instruction. Currently, the foundation provides two coaches who go into the schools and model math lessons, plan with teachers to meet individual student needs, reflect with teachers about their instruction and collaborate with grade level teams. The Math Coaches offer the entire district guidance in developing and implementing the current math curriculum framework and professional development to support the Mountain Brook Schools' philosophy of producing mathematically literate and empowered citizens for the 21st century.

Many teachers have had positive comments about this exciting program for our schools. Diane Waud teaches at Brookwood Forest and has the following to say about the benefits of the Math Coaches:

Over the years, the MB City Schools Foundation has provided me and my fellow colleagues with quality professional development that is not found in many school systems. The Foundation has been able to fund nationally renowned speakers for the faculties to enhance their teaching practice. The past two years there has been another opportunity provided by the Foundation that enhanced my teaching once again. The addition of two elementary math coaches to work with the four elementary schools has taken our system's commitment of excellence to a new level. I have always had a passion for teaching language arts. As a kindergarten teacher, seeing a child develop their reading and writing skills was an amazing thing to observe. I did not feel I was as confident in my teaching of math and really did not understand the "why" behind what I was supposed to be teaching. The math coaches have provided the elementary teachers with their vast knowledge and resources to help us understand the concepts behind the operations of math. The most valuable thing I receive from the math coach is her willingness to come into my classroom and model best math practices with my students. The math coach uses with me the explicit instruction model I use with my students: tell, model, guide, and independent practice. Being a visual learner myself, I love having a "coach" leading me through "practice," so I can be my best when "game time" comes. This is my twentieth year teaching. I am still learning how to best meet the needs of my students each year. The math coach's presence in my school has been a positive influence of not only the way we as teachers think about and teach math, but, more importantly, the way our students view math and understand the mathematical concepts.



Diane Waud is seen with (left to right) Mamie Dickey and Anne Warren Gray working on making patterns with pattern blocks.

The photo was taken by classmate Caleb Mumm.

Amanda Milazzo teaches third grade at Cherokee Bend and has the following comments:

From my perspective, the math coaches have been a wonderful investment for our school system. They work with grade-level teams and individual teachers to provide research, materials, and curriculum units. They are in our classrooms modeling best practices in mathematics education and providing feedback and assistance as we apply new strategies. To be more specific, the third grade team at Cherokee Bend has worked with the math coach to find resources and implement daily number talks to address number sense and computation. We were also given materials to use in teaching addition and subtraction, multiplication, and fractions in a real-world problem solving context. Our math coach has been modeling, assisting us, and observing our teaching and student learning. We have seen growth in number sense, problem solving, and computation abilities in our students. Overall, the continued support provided by the math coaches goes beyond what we can gain in typical professional development opportunities. Our level of understanding is deepened as we collaborate to plan and implement best practices in elementary mathematics.

With the current economic constraints the addition of Math Coaches would not have been possible without funding from the Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation. The foundation has made funding this initiative a priority because of the potential that it offers for improving the understanding of math for our students. Please help us continue to provide innovative and effective programs for our schools by making a donation today. A pledge card is included in this publication or you can download one from our website at www.mtnbrookschooolsfoundation.com.