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CITY EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

For the second year, the City of Mountain Brook has dual City Employees of the Year. They are Dana Hazen, Director of Planning, Building and Sustainability, and Johnny Franklin, Public Works Right-of-Way Supervisor.

Dana Hazen is our first city planner, hired in 2008. At first she was a "stand-alone" position, but today she manages a staff of eight as the Director of Planning, Building and Sustainability. Her department is the liaison and staff to the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Adjustment, Villages Design Review Committee and the Board of Landscape Design. Dana has been very instrumental in the planning, land use, sign regulations and sustainability of our community. Due to her efforts and passion, we became the first BEE City USA community in Alabama and a Monarch Waystation, all as part of the City's ongoing efforts to create and protect native plant habitats, and to

provide valuable resources to the general public via the City's website.

Johnny Franklin is the Supervisor of the Right-of-Way Division in our Public Works Department. His crews maintain our streets, traffic signs, traffic signals, grass mowing, street banners and the maintenance and upkeep of our commercial villages including the landscaping and Christmas decorations. Because of Johnny and his men, we have an extremely attractive community, villages and streets. During the garbage crisis with Waste Management three years ago, his Division rented some garbage trucks and greatly assisted in keep it from



becoming a public health issue. Johnny has been with the City for 26 years.

Please congratulate Dana and Johnny for being selected as the 2023 City Employees of the Year!

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Mayor's Message

Mountain Brook Has Its Own Crisis Hotline

Mountain Brook now has its own crisis hotline. COVID brought to the forefront just how often people find themselves in stressful situations. When you, or someone you know, is under extreme stress, what can you do? What should you do? In the past, many people have not had a good answer to these questions. But now, through a partnership between the City of Mountain Brook, Mountain Brook Schools, and ALL IN Mountain Brook, you now have the resources you need anytime, day or night. Add this phone number to your cell contact list: (205) 927-2837. This is our new crisis hotline that is manned twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, by trained crisis management counselors. These counselors are

trained to support, de-escalate, and provide local resources to the caller.

Since COVID, there has been an increase in the trends of anxiety, depression, and mental health needs causing many national crisis hotlines to become overwhelmed, resulting in long wait times to speak with a counselor. Our hotline was developed to help solve this problem while responding on a 'local' basis. The caller controls what information is shared with the counselor. For minor students, Mountain Brook Schools may serve as a resource to connect parents to appropriate resources.

There are three ways to make contact. You can call or text the hotline number 205 927-2837 (205-92SAVES). Soon, there will also

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CITY DEPARTMENTAL EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR



(L-R) Children's Department Head Gloria Repolesk, Building Official Glen Merchant, Apparatus Operator Justin Coleman, Sergeant Josh Glidewell, Arborist Jerry Weiss, and Skilled Laborer Quentin Wilson



Heather Richards Named President of Jefferson County City Clerks Association



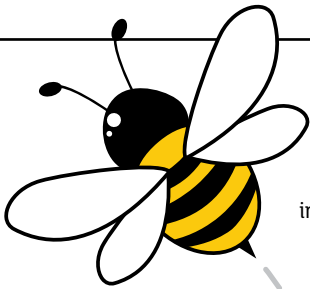
At the November 2023 session of the Jefferson County City Clerks Association, Heather Richards, our City Clerk, was nominated and selected to be the President of the Association. Heather officially took office on December 20, 2023 after being sworn in at their luncheon. Heather previously held the position of Secretary in 2022. Congratulations to Heather on these accomplishments!

Bree Dunn Elected to North Alabama Court Referral Services, Inc. Board of Directors

In 2023, Bree Dunn, our Magistrate Supervisor, was elected to the North Alabama Court Referral Services, Inc. Board of Directors to serve a 10-year term. North Alabama Court Referral Services was established in 1994 as a 501(c)(3), non-profit corporation with the purpose of providing comprehensive alcohol and drug education to court-ordered and self-enrolled individuals. The agency administers the Court Referral Education Program to help reduce the number of alcohol and other drug-related crimes in the state.



MBee, AL



As you probably know by now, the City of Mountain Brook became the first Bee City affiliate in the state of Alabama February 2023. Since then the City has BEEN a busy bee, implementing pollinator friendly protocols to maintain its affiliate status. To that end, the City has created a website presence that serves to inform and support the community with regard to pollinator habitat establishment and protection.

To access this resource go to the City's website at Mtnbrook.org, Departments, Planning-Building-Sustainability, MBee AL. There you will find resources on native plants, pollinators, pesticide alternatives, bee, butterfly and moth identification guides, local sources for chemical free native plants, schedule of MBee, AL event dates, or links to make your personal pollinator pledge, join the Xerces Society, register your yard as a certified Monarch Waystation, and get your property on the map for Homegrown National Park! There's also a printable activity book for budding pollinator youth enthusiasts, and a fun spelling bee word game! Check it out and let us hear from you!

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Upcoming Event: Citizen Appreciation Day

Be on the lookout for additional information for the City's annual Citizen Appreciation Day. The event will be held this spring on the City Hall lawn. There will be food, face painting, kid's zone and more. It will be fun for the whole family. You do not want to miss it!



UPCOMING EVENTS

E-Waste and Paper Shredding Day

The City of Mountain Brook will hold its 4th annual electronic waste and paper shredding day this spring. The event is expected to be held sometime in April at Mountain Brook High School. The past three years of this event have seen more than 43,000 lbs. of paper and 62,000 lbs. of electronics being delivered for disposal which is a testament to the community's commitment to sustainable practices.

The event will feature a drive thru drop off and volunteers will help remove items from residents' vehicles and transport the materials to the trucks. All electronics can be accepted for recycling with the exception of TVs and computer monitors. The secure document destruction takes place immediately on site in a mobile shredding truck. This event will be open to all Mountain Brook residents and businesses.

Recent City Council Actions

The City Council has adopted or amended the following ordinances since July 1, 2023:

- Ordinance No. 2152 - Established the division of investigations and inspections of the City of Mountain Brook Fire Department and designated certain firefighters as law enforcement officers.
- Ordinance No. 2153 - Amended Chapter 50, Article V, Ordinance 50-120 of the City Code prohibiting use of parking spaces for commercial purposes.

The City Council has approved the following projects since October 1, 2023:

- Authorized the City to enter into an agreement with ALL IN Mountain Brook.
- Authorized the City to enter into an agreement with the Birmingham Zoo.
- Authorized the City to enter into an agreement with the Birmingham Botanical Society.
- Authorized the City to enter into an agreement with the Prescott House.
- Authorized the City to enter into an agreement with the Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce.
- Accepted the proposal submitted by Wicked Solutions for the Strategic Planning Project for the City of Mountain Brook.
- Awarded the bid for the Street Paving/Resurfacing Project to Dunn Construction.
- Awarded the bid for the Street Cut Repair Project to Glenn Contracting and Paving Company.
- Awarded the bid for the Street Striping Project to Highway Management Systems.
- Executed a Transit Service Agreement FY2024 with Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority - MAX.
- Approved change order No. 3 for the Jemison Park Improvement Project.
- Corrected and re-approved the June 20th Mountain Brook City Council minutes with respect to the recording of the vote for unanimous consent for Ordinance No. 2143.
- Proclaimed November 2023 as National American Indian Heritage Month.

- Accepted the proposal submitted by Sain Associates for surveying and engineering services for the sidewalk on North Woodridge Road.
- Approved change order No. 4 with respect to the Jemison Park Improvement Project.
- Executed a Service Agreement with Dream4 for the Mountain Brook employee leadership training.
- Recommended to the State of Alabama, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, the issuance of a Restaurant Retail Liquor license to Village Wolves Hospitality Group LLC - The Rougaroux, 2716 Culver Road, Mountain Brook, AL 35223.
- Executed an audit engagement letter for the City's annual independent financial audit.
- Authorized a Memorandum of Understanding with One Place Metro Alabama Family Justice Center.
- Executed a contractor agreement with Landscape Services LLC for the Junior High School Detention Pond landscaping.
- Authorized up to \$6,000 for materials and provided city labor and equipment to install beautification improvements on Fairway Drive traffic island.
- Executed a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Alabama Veterans Memorial Foundation.
- Accepted the proposal submitted by Sain Associates for supplemental services for the Pine Ridge Road sidewalk project.
- Ratified the Mountain Brook Fire Department's application for a \$75,000 grant from Jefferson County Commission's Community Grant and Infrastructure Assistance program.
- Established the employees' and retirees' monthly premiums for medical insurance effective for employee payroll checks dated December 8, 2023, and retiree premiums due on January 1, 2024.
- Executed an Intergovernmental Agreement with Jefferson County for the contingency funding to support the Electronic Collection Event held at the Birmingham Zoo.
- Awarded bid for one Public Works Administrative Vehicle to Hendrick Dodge Ram.
- Accepted the proposal submitted by Alabama Guardrail Inc for the guardrail on west Cherokee Road.
- Accepted the revised additional services proposal submitted by Gresham Smith for the bridge replacement on Old Brook Trail over Little Shades Creek and Bridge Rehabilitation on Canterbury Road over Watkins Creek.
- Authorized the execution of a right-of-way (ROW) encroachment agreement with Patrick Cooney and Virginia Cooney as trustees of the Lizbeth Cooney Qualified Personal Residence Trust No. 1 for the property located at 3613 Montclair Road.
- Accepted the proposal with PRI Management for the Police Department's inventory and purge of records.
- Approved the conditional office use application at 2701 Cahaba Road.
- Executed a contractor agreement with Acron LLC for the pedestrian crosswalk in English Village at 2000 Cahaba Road.
- Accepted the proposal submitted by Sain Associates for the professional traffic engineering services for Mountain Brook Village.
- Authorized the agreement with Schoel Engineering for consulting services associated with a comprehensive drainage study of three proposed developments in the Watkins Brook Drainage basin.
- Executed a contractor agreement with AR Construction for the Public Works Equipment Shed.
- Executed an elevator service and repair order with Otis Elevator Company for elevator repairs at The O'Neal Library.
- Created one temporary Administrative Assistant position for the Police Department for a records purge and scheduled records maintenance.
- Recommended to the State of Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board the issuance of a Restaurant Retail Liquor license to Mountain Brook Village Holdings, LLC, dba Little Betty, 321 Rele Street.

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City of Mountain Brook Text Alerts

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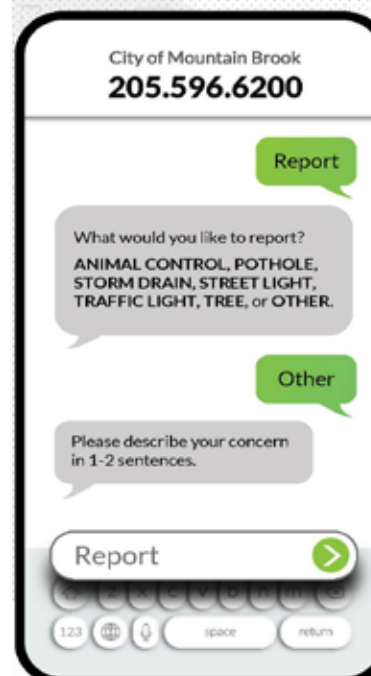
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City of Mountain Brook Need to report an issue?



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Quarterly Crime Statistics

	3rd Quarter 2023	4th Quarter 2023	Total 2023
Robbery	0	0	3
Robbery (aggravated shoplifting)	0	0	0
Burglary/Residence	2	5	15
Burglary/Business	3	2	11
Theft	54	49	227
Theft from Vehicle (UBEV)	5	24	67
Auto Theft	3	4	11
Assaults (Other)	2	5	15
Identity Theft	15	15	59
Criminal Mischief	8	12	46
Drugs	46	37	177
Family Violence	6	8	24
Accidents	199	277	962
• With Injuries	10	11	47
• With Fatalities	1	1	2
Calls For Service	6940	5884	26498
House Watches	550	172	1584

WANT TO HELP US LOWER THESE NUMBERS?

1. Lock your vehicle.
 2. Take your keys.
 3. Do not 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 are not at home.
- See it! Hear it! Report it!** Let us know when you see suspicious activity in your neighborhood.

E-911 Information



Did you know that the first 911 call in the United States was made on February 16, 1968, in Haleyville, Alabama? When calling 911 on your cell phone, please pay attention to how the person answering the call responds. Jurisdictional lines for call centers are very irregular and it is possible that the Call Center answering your cell call is not the one you want to get the help you need. When calling from a cell phone, always try to give the operator an exact location of where you are so that the call can be directed to the appropriate agency for a timely response.

It is also a good idea to make a test 911 call annually from your land line. Just dial (205) 802-2414, select "press 1" when the dispatcher answers, tell them you want to make a test 911 call to verify your name and address as shown in our 911 systems. Make the 911 call to make sure it is correct. If you live in Mountain Brook and another agency answers, notify them of your address and you were trying to reach Mountain Brook 911. We will work with 911 to correct the problem.

If you call 911 by mistake, do not hang up. Make the dispatcher aware that it was an accident and that there is no emergency. Regardless, we will dispatch a car to your location to be sure you are OK. If it is an emergency, try to remain calm and speak clearly when giving information to the 911 operator. This will assist them in getting the appropriate help and personnel more quickly. Seconds can make a difference!

Building Permit Activity

Permit Type:	3rd Quarter - 2023		4th Quarter - 2023	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	13	\$ 10,851,571	10	\$ 8,156,524
Alterations/Additions	117	\$ 23,165,691	115	\$ 7,005,569
Repairs/Other	143	\$ 5,320,805	146	\$ 16,007,220
Totals:	273	\$ 39,338,067	271	\$ 31,169,313

COMPARISON OF PREVIOUS YEAR

Permit Type:	3rd Quarter - 2022		4th Quarter - 2022	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	5	\$ 4,729,013	12	\$ 6,715,696
Alterations/Additions	82	\$ 24,334,367	73	\$ 18,315,849
Repairs/Other	167	\$ 4,726,069	163	\$ 8,396,645
Totals:	254	\$ 33,789,449	248	\$ 33,428,190

PUBLIC WORKS

Loose Leaf Collection Final Round

City crews are in the fourth and final round of leaf collection and should be finished by March 1, 2024. This is year two since the decision was made to no longer outsource the contract for this service and instead have our City staff collect the loose leaves. The first year that our Public Works Department took on this task was much improved from recent years. With the first year equipment, staffing, and learning curve behind us, the second year has been nearly flawless.

Leaves brought to the curb after the beginning of the final round must be bagged for collection. Bagged leaves will be serviced on your regularly-scheduled trash collection day.

The City recycles the loose leaves collected each year to produce compost. Citizens of Mountain Brook may come to the

Public Works facility, 3579 East Street near Rathmell Soccer complex, and receive the compost at no charge if they load themselves. Public Works employees will load them mechanically for a fee of \$20.00 per pickup load. Non-residents may purchase the compost for \$15.00 if they load themselves. Public Work employees will load them for \$20.00 per pickup load or \$30.00 per scoop to load larger trucks.

The compost operation is available Tuesday through Friday 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. If you have questions regarding compost, you may contact Mountain Brook Public Works at (205) 802-2390.

Many thanks to Supervisors Johnny Franklin, Jerry Weiss, and to the entire crew responsible for such a smooth operation.



Waste Service Information

As we head into 2024, here are a few waste collection tidbits that you may or may not already know. Amwaste is providing solid waste, recycling, debris, and bulk trash service for the City of Mountain Brook. Household waste is collected twice per week - Monday through Saturday. Please place garbage cans where they are accessible and not behind mailboxes, power poles, signs and trees. Your first collection of the week will be household garbage and recycling. Yard waste should NOT be included in this collection. All household garbage and recycling should be bagged and **BOXES BROKEN DOWN** to minimize litter during collection. Please have your cart out for service by 6:30 a.m. on your scheduled service day. Everything collected that day will be transported to RePower South and sorted. On the second collection of the week, if space allows, place small limbs or bagged yard waste in the cart along with your household garbage. Everything collected that day will be taken to the landfill. No single bag/container may exceed 50 lbs. Please ensure the lid is closed to prevent wind-blown litter and animal nuisance. Residents using the backdoor pickup need to take oversized, bulk boxes to the curb for pickup.

Homeowner-generated yard waste will continue to be collected Monday through Friday. Place materials no more than 3 feet from the curb and away from obstructions such as power poles, trees, and wires. Branches may not be longer than 6 feet, and cross ties (railroad ties) will not be collected, as they contain creosote and are not accepted by landfills. **Construction materials WILL NOT be collected. Any tree cutting and trimming work done by a contractor MUST be removed by the contractor.** Your contractor should be licensed in Mountain Brook, and if so, they will be aware of the contractor requirements and will know they are responsible for removal.



Please break down your boxes for pick-up and put them in your bin.

City staff are picking up loose leaves until March. You can check the city website for your collection dates or call Public Works at (205) 802-2390. Please have your leaves at the curb prior to the beginning of a round. Please only place leaves at the curb for this collection, and do not include items such as branches, rocks, or bags within the leaf piles. Also, please do not have your leaf piles staged in close proximity to the storm drains. Leaves brought out after the beginning of the final round must be bagged for collection. If you choose to bag your leaves, then your bagged leaves will be serviced on your regularly scheduled trash collection day.

If you have any questions concerning any waste services you can visit <https://www.mtnbrook.org/publicworks/page/waste-leaf-pick-schedules> or call Public Works at (205) 802-2390.

US-280 Ramps/Cahaba Road/ Lane Park Road/Culver Road Roundabouts

The proposed roundabouts at the intersection of the US-280 ramps, Cahaba Road, Lane Park Road, and Culver Road should begin soon. Design is complete, but delays have been encountered with utilities and finalizing the transfer of right-of-way needed within the City of Birmingham. As soon as these items are resolved and final approvals are received, the project will be bid for construction by ALDOT. We anticipate this will occur in spring of 2024, with construction and utility relocations beginning in the summer.

We understand there has been lots of ongoing construction within this area, and although the project will have an impact on travelers, we will do our best to minimize that disruption. Much of the construction will be done at night to avoid daytime lane closures during the week, and the intersection will remain open to traffic at all times. Upon completion, this project will create a welcoming gateway into the City, with landscaping and lighting improvements surrounding the roundabouts.

Montclair Road Sidewalk

Design is currently underway and is approximately 50% complete for proposed sidewalk improvements along Montclair Road. The City of Mountain Brook received an award of federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding for the project, which will extend from Country Club Road (Ramsey Park) to Mountain Brook Park Drive. Most of the new sidewalk will be constructed along Montclair Road, although a short segment will be constructed along Shannon Lane to tie to the existing sidewalk on Memory Lane. Construction is anticipated to begin in fall of 2024, depending on the time required to get the needed approvals from ALDOT.



Mountain Brook Recognized as a Tree City

The City has applied for recertification as a nationally recognized "Tree City" for the 30th consecutive year, as well as the even more prestigious "Growth Award", which Mountain Brook has received for the last 22 years due to the efforts of the Board of Landscape Design and our city arborists. This would not be the case, if not for a committed and supportive Mayor, City Council, and City Manager. If you happen to run into any of them be sure to thank them for their efforts!

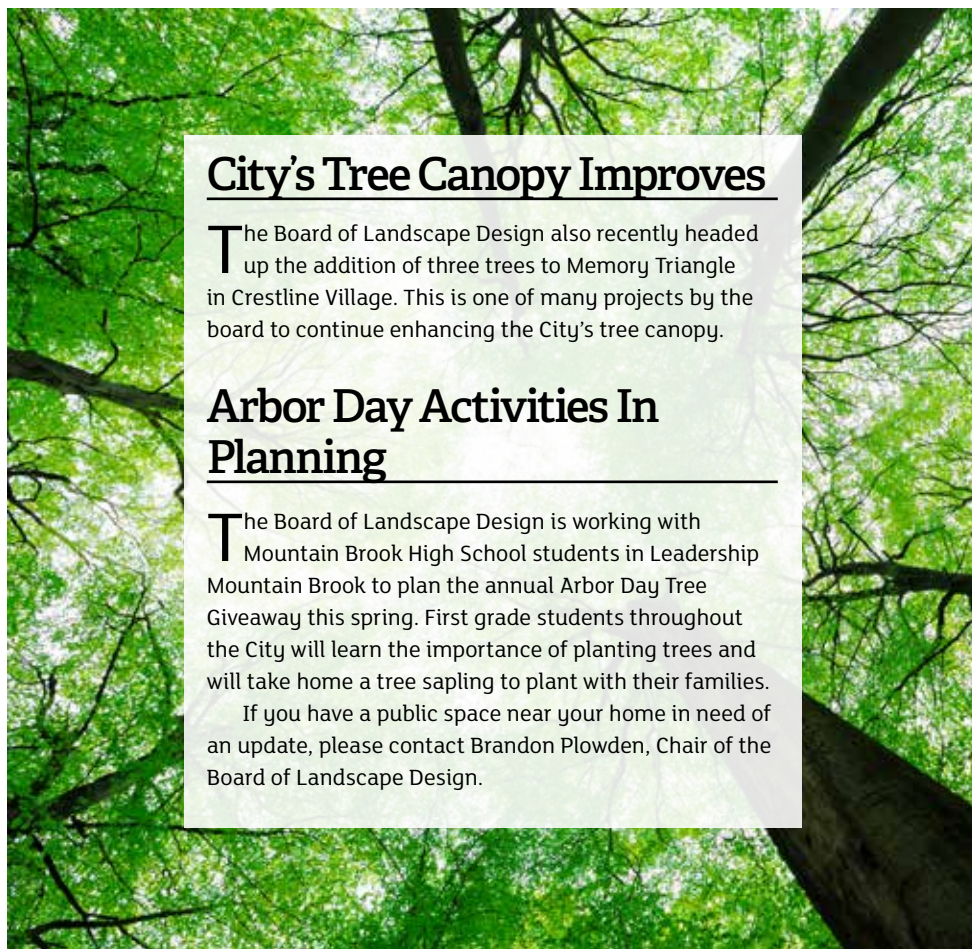


New Trees Coming To Fairway Drive

In mid to late January, the island along Fairway Drive will be spruced up with the addition of eight new Nuttall Oak trees. The project, spearheaded by the Country Club Gardeners, replaces several decaying trees within the scenic island divider along the road. The garden club raised a portion of the funds with the City of Mountain Brook's Board of Landscape Design matching the remainder for completion. In coordination with Parks & Recreation Superintendent Shanda Williams, CPRP, the Nuttall Oak was selected as it grows quickly with a good branching structure. This species of Oak works well as a street tree or shade tree making it ideal for this location. The new trees will also put on quite a show in the fall as the leaves turn yellow to orange to red.

Schedule of Meetings

CITY COUNCIL	2nd & 4th Mon.	7:00 p.m. <i>(Call 205-802-3800 for time of Pre-Meeting)</i>	City Hall
BOARD OF EDUCATION	2nd Mon.	3:30 p.m.	Call Board of Ed Office 205-871-4608
LIBRARY BOARD	3rd Tues.	8:30 a.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
VILLAGE DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE	3rd Wed.	9:00 a.m.	City Hall
BOARD OF LANDSCAPE DESIGN	1st Tues.	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	3rd Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	City Hall
EDITORIAL BOARD	Quarterly	8:15 a.m.	City Hall



City's Tree Canopy Improves

The Board of Landscape Design also recently headed up the addition of three trees to Memory Triangle in Crestline Village. This is one of many projects by the board to continue enhancing the City's tree canopy.

Arbor Day Activities In Planning

The Board of Landscape Design is working with Mountain Brook High School students in Leadership Mountain Brook to plan the annual Arbor Day Tree Giveaway this spring. First grade students throughout the City will learn the importance of planting trees and will take home a tree sapling to plant with their families.

If you have a public space near your home in need of an update, please contact Brandon Plowden, Chair of the Board of Landscape Design.

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.



PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

Alabama Veteran's Memorial Park

This past November the Alabama Veteran's Memorial Park was added as the City of Mountain Brook's newest park. Located next to the High School adjacent to the campus off I-459, it is home to a beautiful and humbling memorial honoring our fallen heroes and a majestically large American flag that can be seen for miles from I-459. These emotionally moving points of interest are at the end of a 1,000 ft brick paved trail through the tranquil woods. The 22-acre property has potential for additional passive recreational opportunities. We are excited to continue the patriotic traditions that have been developed there and establish this as one of our signature parks. If you have never been before, we encourage you to visit and be in awe of everything you see there from the walk through nature to the thousands of names engraved on the memorial. It is truly a gem. More information on the park can be found online at www.mtnbrook.org/parksrec or www.alabamaveterans.org.



Robot Mower at Crestline Elementary

Mountain Brook Parks and Recreation is trying out a new robot mower on the field at Crestline Elementary. This mower is very similar to the Roomba vacuums that are now common in households. The mower is battery operated and makes virtually no noise, which fits in perfectly with the City's initiative to reduce noise pollution. It will be docked at the charging station under the scoreboards during the day and will be programmed to deploy at night to cut the grass when no one should be on the field. It operates by GPS navigation with programmed boundaries. It will cut in straight lines and work its way across the field, getting as much done in the time period allotted. If it doesn't finish, it will pick up where it left off the next time it deploys and then start over in a new direction.

Other benefits include less compaction because this mower is lighter. It will be able to mow when the fields are too soft for regular mowers, and it will also reduce our needs for aeration and chemicals. It will be able to mow more frequently which should help with some weed control and prevent clumping of the grass clippings too. We are hoping this leads to a healthier, more beautiful field for schools and sports while reducing maintenance costs.

Our hope is that this mower will keep up with the demands of the growing grass and keep a consistent finished look to the field. This will keep us from having to inconvenience the PE classes with our large red mowers on the fields during

school hours, and allow us to focus on other details of the field. We encourage people to look at the mower and watch it run, but please do not touch it. Tampering with it can set off alarms or prevent it from successfully completing its daily task. We would also appreciate your help in keeping the field clear of trash and obstacles to get a good cut without damaging the mower. This is a trial run and if successful, more robot mowers will be added to other fields in the future.



Mountain Brook, Alabama

Jr. High Turf Field

The new athletic facility at the Junior High is complete with a brand new artificial turf football/lacrosse field, four new tennis courts, two restrooms, and additional parking. This was our most used field and it had so much going against it. It was shaded, small, and had the most foot traffic than any of our other fields. It was really hard to keep the grass in good shape and safe to use. Maximizing

the use of the limited space has been a goal of the City over the last few years and this project did just that! The football field was finished this past fall in time for the Junior High football team to practice on it, and now Mountain Brook Lacrosse is using it for their spring season. We are looking forward to another successful season and this time, with no rain outs!



Art in the Village

Art in the Village returns on Saturday, May 4, 9am-5pm. Well known for its 42 years, this free community event will celebrate area artists offering a large variety of high-quality fine art paintings and drawings.

Shop the works of more than 55 Mountain Brook Art Association artists both inside and outside Mountain Brook City Hall, many award winning and regionally known. Enjoy the Floral Art competition featuring floral arrangements by Lisa Bailey Designs.

Charming Crestline Village is the perfect setting to visit with the artists and mingle

with friends, where there is free parking and plenty of food choices. It is also pet friendly and handicapped accessible.

Mountain Brook Art Association is a community of artists helping each other grow and refine painting and drawing abilities through meetings and demos, as well as developing professional artistic careers through group shows. It has been promoting interest in art across the community since 1981 and currently has 135 members from within a 25-mile radius of Mountain Brook.

Art in the Village
May 4, 2024
9am-5pm
Crestline Village
Mountain Brook City Hall
56 Church Street
Mountain Brook, AL 35213



Jemison Park Renovations

The City of Mountain Brook and The Friends of Jemison Park recently completed the \$3 million renovation project for Jemison Park.

A new 9' wide asphalt trail replaced the existing narrow concrete trail and follows a route closer to Shades Creek giving park visitors closer access to the stream. The trail runs 1.1 miles from the park entrance at Cahaba Road to the Park Brook Road entrance. This main trail as well as access to the picnic terrace and parking areas are designed to be accessible for visitors with disabilities.

Parking throughout the park was updated with new sidewalks and additional spaces plus paved connectors to the main trail. Eleven new parking spaces were added bringing total parking to 68 spaces distributed along the length of the park.

A new trail, Chief's Trail, was added to the west side of Shades Creek. This one-way gravel trail travels along the steep slopes above Shades Creek. The trail runs a third of a mile through mature woods. Because this area lies well above the floodplain of Shades Creek, trail walkers can experience a



different native greenspace from the main trail.

Drainageways through the park received special attention. Some of the more eroded drainage ways were gently regraded to slow erosion. Other areas were regraded to direct water away from the new trail and to provide filtration areas to allow water to filter naturally into the soil. The drainage ways were seeded with a custom seed mix designed to replicate the native plants in Jemison Park.

A new stone picnic terrace with new tables and benches gives visitors a place to eat that is accessible by a paved

trail from the parking area. Visitors may also notice all the existing park benches were refurbished and reinstalled in locations along the creek. In the next few years, the Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of Jemison Park will be adding additional native trees and understory plantings in the park.

The Friends of Jemison Park played a major role in both design direction and in funding for the improvements. The Friends are currently raising additional funds to build a second pedestrian bridge over Shades Creek to connect the south end of Chief's Trail back to the main trail in a loop. Anyone who wishes to learn more about the Friends of Jemison Park or contribute to the bridge and future projects in the park can learn more at www.friendsofjemisonpark.org.

The City of Mountain Brook and the Friends of Jemison Park jointly funded the project. C.S. Beatty Construction, Inc. was the General Contractor. Park improvements were designed by Nimrod Long and Associates, Inc.



Doo Your Part

Please Doo Your Part! and clean up after your dog. This problem exists at all of our parks, trails and sidewalks. The City provides disposable bags available for your use in our doggie stations at all of our parks and trails. Please properly dispose of your bag after use. If you see any that need to be refilled, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (205)802-3877.

Reminder: NO DOGS are allowed on the playing fields.

Board Appointments/ Reappointments:

- Re-appointed Aimee Reese to the Parks and Recreation Board with the term of office to end October 23, 2028.
- Appointed Kitty Rogers Brown to the Editorial Board to fill the unexpired term of Vince Schilleci with the term of office to end August 8, 2024.

NEW ORDINANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK IN THE CITY

Ordinance 2151 helps quiet our residential areas on a similar schedule to our neighboring communities of Homewood and Vestavia.

Unless previously approved by the City Manager for special circumstances, no construction noise is permitted on Sundays, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve or Christmas day. Monday through Saturday, construction shall be prohibited from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.



New Businesses

REAL ESTATE AND LEASING SERVICES

- Crestline Capital LLC, (dba\AWA Business Resource), 3918 Montclair Road, (205) 870-1717
- Steinkampf, Stephanie, 3308 Sandhurst Road, (205) 908-3352
- Iris Ruth Rentals, 3949 Briar Oak Drive, (205) 552-9140

PERSONAL AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- Anna Bekah Hancock Counseling LLC, 4 Office Park Circle, (256) 318-7280
- Four Leaf Tree LLC, 217 Country Club Park Drive, (205) 964-5323
- Tribe Hair Co., 2412 Canterbury Road, (310) 752-3420
- Village Editorial LLC, 3628 Spring Valley Road, (205) 789-7074
- Vulcan Performance Mountain Brook LLC, 3918 Montclair Road, Suite 101, (205) 761-1068

RETAIL AND RESTAURANT

- Grove Creek Mountain Brook LLC, (dba\ Crumbl Mountain Brook), 360 Rele Street, (205) 719-2869
- Holy Crepe Food Cart, 3792 Crosby Drive, (205) 969-5913
- Two Saints LLC, (dba\ Saint Nick's Silvertips), 1919 Cahaba Road, (205) 527-6511
- Verde Lusso LLC, 2004 Cahaba Road, (931) 215-1522

MOUNTAIN BROOK SCHOOLS ANNOUNCE 2023-24 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

Mountain Brook Schools announce its 2023–24 Teachers of the Year! Teacher of the Year nominations were submitted by students, faculty members, and even parents from each school and school community. Each of the six schools selected a teacher to represent the school.

Congratulations to Mountain Brook Schools' six teachers of the year:

- **Perry Wright - Brookwood Forest Elementary**
- **Leah Saab - Cherokee Bend Elementary**
- **Kendra Bierbrauer - Crestline Elementary**
- **Sarah Richardson - Mountain Brook Elementary**

- **Craig Jelks - Mountain Brook Junior High**
- **Kelly Chaffin - Mountain Brook High School**

“To be recognized by colleagues, students, and parents as a Teacher of the Year is a tremendous honor,” Mountain Brook Schools Superintendent Dr. Dicky Barlow said. “Each one of our six teachers of the year has unique qualities that set them apart in their buildings and it is special for them to be honored in this way. After talking to each of them and hearing about their passion for teaching and learning, I’m inspired by our faculty and staff. I feel honored to work with such special

people who make our schools a great place to work and learn.”

Sarah Richardson (elementary) and Craig Jelks (secondary) were selected by the district committee as the district Teachers of the Year and will represent Mountain Brook Schools at the state level. If selected as the Alabama Teacher of the Year, they will serve as a full-time ambassador for the teaching profession during the 2024-25 school year!

Follow Mountain Brook Schools on social media and visit their website to view full-form interviews with each Teacher of the Year and Dr. Barlow.



Perry Wright - Brookwood Forest Elementary



Leah Saab - Cherokee Bend Elementary



Kendra Bierbrauer - Crestline Elementary



Sarah Richardson - Mountain Brook Elementary



Craig Jelks - Mountain Brook Junior High



Kelly Chaffin - Mountain Brook High School

All In Mountain Brook

ALL IN Mountain Brook invites everyone to their Lunch & Learn series taking place in the coming weeks throughout the community:

- **February 28 at 12:00 p.m. at the Board of Education -** Leveraging Childhood Sleep with Mary Halsey Maddox, MD
- **March 6 at 12:00 p.m. at the O’Neal Library -** The Adolescent Brain: Getting Ready for the Teen Years with Dale Wisely, PhD

- **April 4 (either 12:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.) at the Board of Education -** Parenting the Teenage Driver, Dr. Dale Wisely, PhD

Please visit allinmountainbrook.org to register for these free events and follow ALL IN on social media to learn more about ALL IN and its impact on our community.



O'Neal Library News

Library News

The O'Neal Library app is the best place to keep up with all the amazing programs being added all the time! Another great benefit is not having to carry your library card. The app saves it all so it's ready when you need it. In addition to storing your library card for anytime access, you can easily request library material, access research databases, and tap the Events icon to display up-to-the-minute library programs you can register for right on your phone. Some of the exciting offerings coming up are listed below but we're always adding more.

Download the app today, regularly check the events calendar online, or sign up for our weekly event e-newsletter to be notified about the latest and greatest additions. Registration is required for most of our programming, available on the website calendar at www.oneallibrary.org.

Now available at the Adult and Young Adult Services desk for in-library use, our Sensory Kit is designed to support the sensory needs of teens and adults and to help neurodivergent patrons have a more comfortable time in the library. All



are welcome to use the Sensory Kit. From fidgets to noise-canceling headphones to weighted lap blankets, items in the kit are intended to reduce anxiety and frustration and increase focus.

O'Neal Library patrons can now enjoy a new All Access experience from "The New York Times" Online! Your complimentary access includes everything The New York Times offers:

- **News:** Understand the world with original reporting from 1,700 journalists
- **Games:** Spelling Bee, Wordle, The Crossword and more

- **Cooking:** Recipes, advice, and inspiration for any occasion
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Visit oneallibrary.org/nytimes-all-access to get started. Users must be a resident of Mountain Brook and be 18 years or older to gain access.



Adult Department

Special Programs

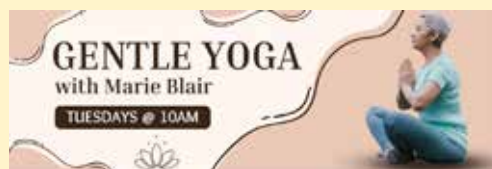
- Saturday, February 3, 3:00 p.m.: Great Short Stories Matinee – "Freaks"
- Sunday, February 4, 2:00 p.m.: Birmingham Arts Journal reception for Winter Issue
- Sunday, February 4, 7:00 p.m.: The Funhouse - An Under the Mountain Event
- Wednesday, March 6, 6:00 p.m.: Alcohol Ink Bookmarks
- Thursday, March 28, 6:00 p.m.: Neurodivergent Community Group – Interest Meeting
- Wednesday, April 3, 6:00 p.m.: Makeup of the Ancient World
- Friday, April 5, 6 p.m.: Space Prom

Beginner American Sign Language (ASL) Classes on Zoom - for teens and adults

- Tuesday, March 5, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 12, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 19, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 26, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 9, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 16, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 23, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 30, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Gentle Yoga - With Marie Blair

- Tuesday, February 6, 10:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.



- Tuesday, March 5, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, March 12, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, March 19, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, March 26, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 2, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 9, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 16, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 23, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 30, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Beginner Sewing Classes

- Monday, February 5, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, February 12, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, February 19, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, February 26, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Medicare Made Clear: What You Need to Know

- Wednesday, March 13, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 10, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Book Groups

- *The Bookies Book Club*
- Tuesday, February 6, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., *What*

You Are Looking for Is in the Library by Michiko Aoyama

- Tuesday, March 12, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., *The Trackers* by Charles Frazier
- Tuesday, April 9, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., *Birnam Wood* by Eleanor Catton

Books & Beyond

- Tuesday, February 27, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Westerns
- Tuesday, March 26, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Medicine

- Tuesday, April 30, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Books Set in Alabama

Great Short Stories

- Monday, February 12, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., "Spurs" by Tom Robbins
- Monday, March 11, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., "Kelemo's Woman" by Molara Wood
- Monday, April 8, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., "A Man Called Horse" by Dorothy M. Johnson

TEENS

Craft Programs

- Thursday, March 14, 4:00 p.m. - Tote Bag Painting

Game On

- Wednesday, February 7, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 8, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Friday, April 5, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Library Loot Book Club

- Wednesday, February 21, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 20, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- Thursday, April 25, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- NEW! Life Hacks for Grades 9-12
- Saturday, February 3, 10:00 a.m. - Chill Baking with Chef Antonio
- Saturday, March 9, 10:30 a.m. - CPR & First Aid Training
- April TBD - Financial Literacy for Teens

DIY Yums

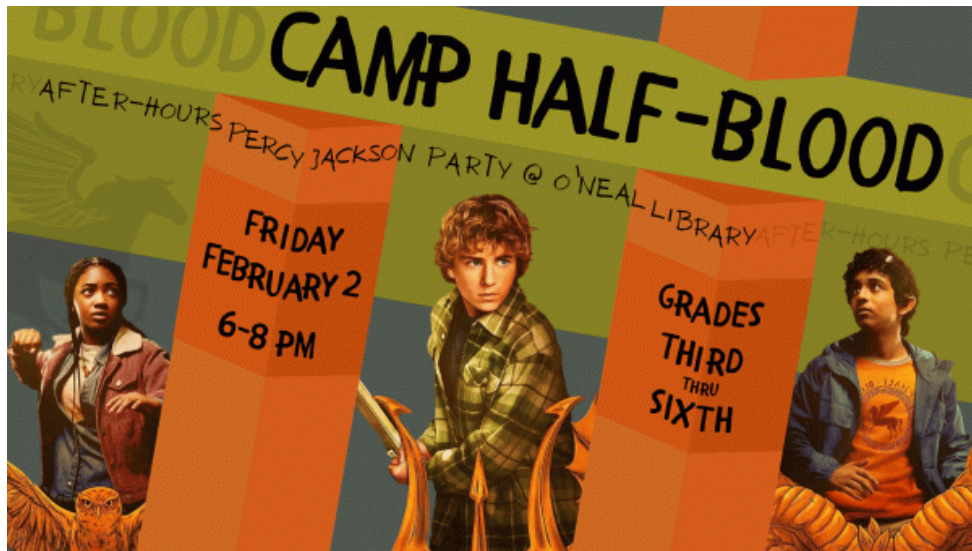
- Friday, March 22, 4:00 p.m. - Bubble Tea

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

- Monday, February 5, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, March 4, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, April 1, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, April 29, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

O'Neal Library News

Children's Department



February

- Feb 2: Etc. – Camp Half Blood Percy Jackson Party
- Feb 5: Reading Buddies – read with a volunteer teen or therapy dog
- Feb 6: Family Night – Arthur Atsma, magician
- Feb 8: Hot Off the Press book club
- Feb 9: Sensory Play, Explore, & More
- Feb 10: Books in the Brook – Valentine Crafting at Overton Park
- Feb 12: Breakout Book Club
- Feb 19: Illustrator Art Club

March

- Mar 4: Reading Buddies – read with a volunteer teen or therapy dog
- Mar 8: Sensory Play, Explore, & More

- Mar 11: Breakout Book Club
- Mar 12: Family Night – Super Science Show
- Mar 14: Hot Off the Press book club
- Mar 18: Illustrator Art Club
- Mar 20: Etc. – Stargazing at the Library
- Mar 25 – 29: Spring Break – no programs

April

- Apr 1: Reading Buddies – read with a volunteer teen or therapy dog
- Apr 6: Books in the Brook at Overton Park
- Apr 8: Breakout Book Club
- Apr 9: Family Night – Get Rhythm Drum Jam
- Apr 11: Hot Off the Press book club
- Apr 12: Sensory Play, Explore, & More
- Apr 15: Illustrator Art Club
- Apr 17: Etc. – Paw Patrol Party & Bike Safety

Employee of the Year 2024: Gloria Repolesk



most we possibly can, to become better at our work and to serve our community's families...she is willing to work and work and work to nudge things in the direction of improvement. When a patron makes a suggestion or has a complaint, Gloria really listens and takes it to heart," says the Children's Department staff.

Gloria is not only a leader to her department, but also leads as an example to her peers. She has taken her wonderful abilities outside of the O'Neal Library and cooperated with various library associations. She has served on national committees for the Caldecott Award and the Children's Literature Lecture Award. Most recently, Gloria taught a Youth Programming class to future librarians as they work towards an MLIS degree at the University of Alabama. Gloria shared, "When I was in school, I was unsure of how to take theoretical librarianship and make it practical...I want them (her students) to feel supported, confident, and be able to jump right in the library world!" Gloria is eager to share her ideas, successes, and even failures with her students to ensure that they can walk confidently into future librarianship.

In the 13 years Gloria has worked for the Library, she has driven herself and her team to challenge themselves, thinking outside of the box, but most importantly to keep the big picture in mind. She truly embodies the Library's aim to inspire a lifelong love of learning. The O'Neal Library is proud to have Gloria as a leader and advocate for the children of Mountain Brook.

One of the first things you hear when you enter the O'Neal Library is children's laughter. One of the librarians responsible for the joy and laughter is Gloria Repolesk. Gloria has been with the O'Neal Library since 2010, when she started in the Children's Department and became head of the department in 2015. Gloria was nominated for Employee of the Year by every staff member in her department for her dedication and heartfelt work for the O'Neal Library. Patrons often see examples of Gloria's hard work in their favorite programs like, A Night Dark and Grimm, exciting programs for 3rd-6th graders, ETC, and the Summer Reading Carnival. What patrons might not see, behind the scenes, is her drive to make library experiences meaningful for children and her constant advocacy for best library practices. "She wants us to do the best and

Under the Mountain

Under the Mountain is thrilled to announce its first guest author of 2024 at the O'Neal Library, the award-winning Adam Cesare, on Saturday, March 23 at 7 pm.

Originally from New York, Cesare attended Boston University where he studied English and film. Cesare's love for both mediums inform his work: his 2012 novella Tribesmen follows a doomed Italian film crew in the 1970s who travel to a remote island where they plan to make a cheap horror; his upcoming *Clown in the Cornfield 3: The Church of Frenzo*, despite its tongue-in-cheek title, takes a more literary approach to the notion of what a slasher series can do, exploring the dangers of how we view others through forms of mass communication. In the ten years in between, Cesare has published nine books, worked in comic books for well-loved franchises such as *The Dark*

Crystal and *Adventure Time*, and won the Bram Stoker Award for Superior Achievement in a Young Adult Novel for his breakout release, *Clown in a Cornfield*. He has also written screenplays, including the upcoming adaptation of *Clown in a Cornfield*, which is being produced by Temple Hill Entertainment, the same company that released *Smile* (2022) and Stephen King's *The Outsider*.

Adam Cesare will be visiting the O'Neal Library on Saturday, March 23 at 7pm, as a guest of the library's monthly horror movie screening/author event series, *Under the Mountain*. This event is free and open to the public, with a book signing to follow. For more information and to RSVP for the event, visit the library's page at <https://oneallibrary.org/utm> or follow *Under the Mountain* on Instagram @undrmtn.





O'Neal Library News

Friends of the O'Neal Library 56th Annual Book Sale

Shop at the annual The Friends of the O'Neal Library's book sale on **Friday and Saturday, February 23rd-24th from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, February 25th from 2 p.m.-5 p.m.** Those who donate \$50 or more to the Mountain Brook Library Foundation, a supporting organization of the O'Neal Library, can shop early and enjoy fellowship at the preview party on **Thursday night, February 22nd, from 6 p.m.-8 p.m.**

The sale will feature rare and signed books, as well as fiction and nonfiction books for all

ages, puzzles, DVDs, audiobooks, and frameable prints. Proceeds from the sale benefit the Teen and Adult programs at the Library. In 2023, the teens had exciting events such as DIY Yums, crafting, exam breaks, and community service projects. Favorite Adult programs were Burns Night, nature journaling, Samford String Quartet concerts, Seasoned Performers, and the Sustainable Style series. The O'Neal staff is already planning an exciting schedule for 2024 which includes teen life-hacks, an ancient beauty series, and a sound café series. The

Friends have contributed over \$400,000 to the O'Neal Library over the past decade to encourage life-long learning.

Whether you love the Library, its programs, or a great bargain, The Friends of the Library book sale is sure to be an amazing weekend that you don't want to miss. We hope to see you there!

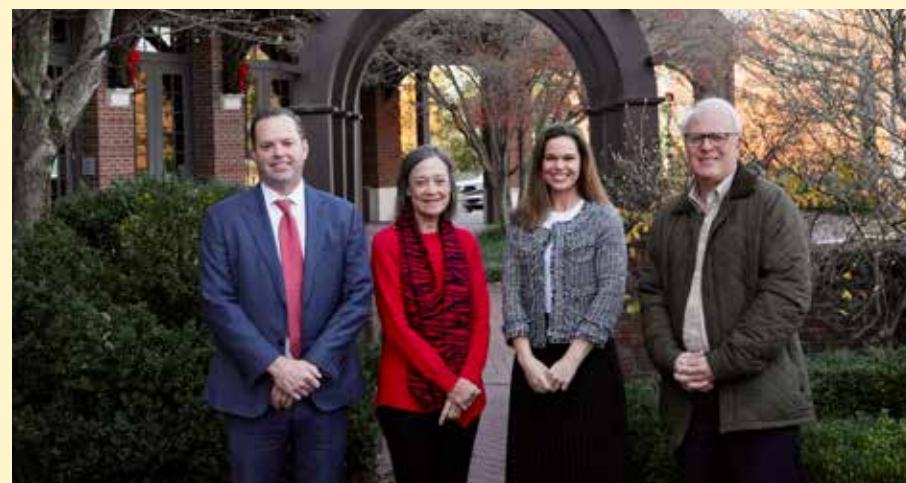


O'Neal Library Board

The O'Neal Library Board consists of five members appointed by the Mountain Brook City Council. Each member serves a four-year term which may be renewed once. The responsibilities of The O'Neal Library Board are established by Alabama State Code and include oversight of expenditure of funds including salaries, books and equipment, design of the library service infrastructure, hiring and supervising a library director, management of the library, and creating a record of board proceedings and disbursements of funds.

The members of The O'Neal Library Board are LaVonda Keel, President, Kirk Forrester, Vice-President, Bennett White, Treasurer, Norman Jetmundsen, and Nancy Long (not pictured).

The O'Neal Library Board meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 8:45 am in the Library Conference Room. Please check The O'Neal Library web site for minutes of past meetings and for details about upcoming meetings.



Tynes Award 2024

The William Tynes award is a great honor reserved for an individual or group who is recognized for their meaningful and devoted service to the City of Mountain Brook and especially the O'Neal Library. This year the O'Neal Library Board of Trustees and the Mountain Brook Library Foundation are proud to announce that the recipient of the 2024 Tynes award will be the Mountain Brook Fire Department.

This award was named in honor of William "Bill" Tynes, Jr., who previously served on the Mountain Brook Library Board, as a Library chairman, and on the Mountain Brook City Council. Mr. Tynes acknowledged the importance of a love of reading and learning which is something the O'Neal Library continues to inspire in the Mountain Brook community today. The City of Mountain Brook continues to celebrate his efforts every year by acknowledging those who have also made a difference to the O'Neal Library. Past recipients of the Tynes award are Lee Gewin, Forsyth Donald, Dr. John Poynor, Larry Faulkner, Western Supermarkets, Sue DeBrecht, Alice Williams, Tom Carruthers, Jr., Penny Page, O'Neal Library Staff, and the Friends of the O'Neal Library.

On May 5, 2023, a fire main pipe burst flooding the 1st floor and basement of the Library. The Mountain Brook Fire Department quickly arrived and immediately began assisting Library staff with the disaster response. While the collection



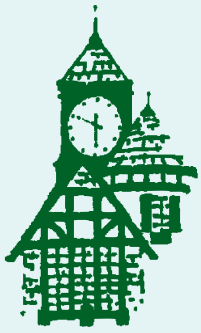
was not damaged, there was extensive damage to the sheetrock and fire suppression system in the building.

The City had previously purchased the former KI Temple on Overton Road for a new fire station. Fire Chief Chris Mullins graciously agreed to loan the building to the Library for a temporary location for the summer. Within two weeks, the Fire Department made sure that the building passed the fire safety inspection and was safe for Library patrons. The O'Neal Library was thankful for the opportunity to grow its family and create stronger bonds with the residents of Overton, as well as the opportunity to offer an in-person Summer Reading Program. Patrons seemed genuinely appreciative to have a temporary location for browsing and programs.

"Students from Mountain Brook and Altamont use our library to complete summer assignments. We were happy to

support their education at O'Neal on Overton which housed our 7th-12th Reading List books and popular YA titles. The teens had a great time learning and serving local communities through our Challenge Yourself program series, which we were able to host thanks to O'Neal on Overton: they collected canned food, read books with rising K-2 students, and made pet toys for the Humane Society," said Michelle Cheng, Head of the Young Adult Department.

The Mountain Brook Fire Department invested much time and energy in helping the Library during and after the flood this summer. The Library is extremely grateful for the cheerful, cooperative spirit of Chief Mullins and his command staff and firemen.



MOUNTAIN BROOK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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2024 Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce Board President | Joseph Braswell

The Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce announces Joseph Braswell as our 2024 Board President. Joseph is the owner of GUIN Service and served as our Board Vice President in 2022, among many other previous roles. We look forward to Joseph's leadership in 2024!



Join the Chamber today & be part of the active Mountain Brook Business Community in 2024!

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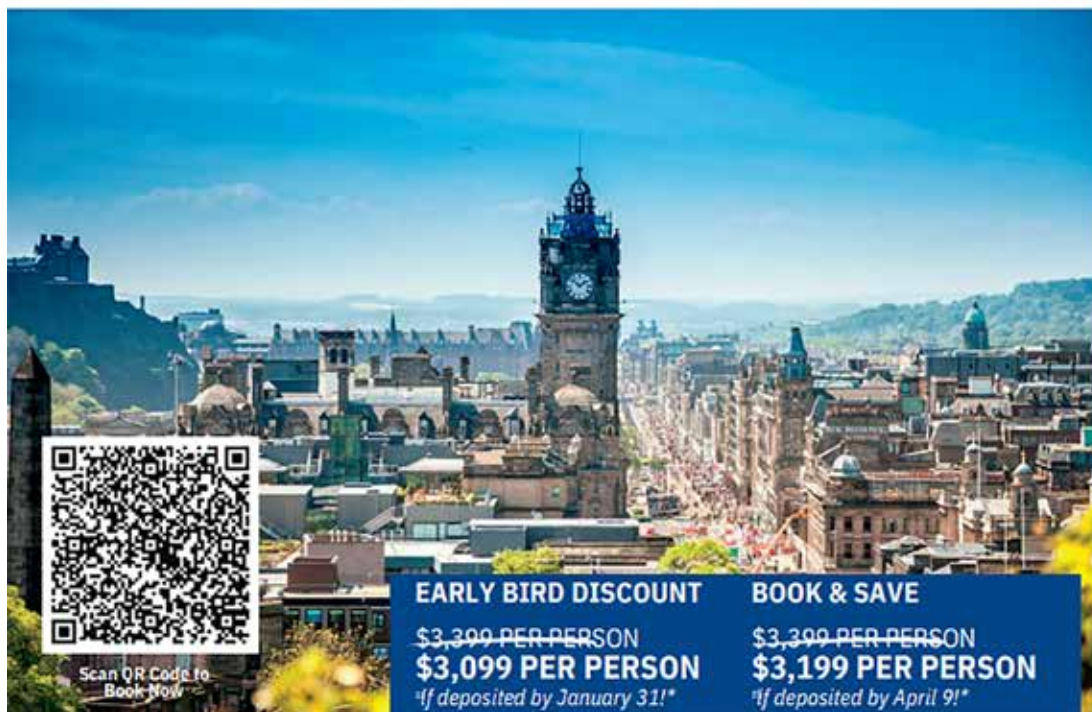
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For more information, please contact Emily Jensen at (205) 871-3779 or email emily@mtnbrookchamber.org

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- Round trip scheduled airfare from Atlanta
- Round trip transfers between airports and hotel while overseas
- 6 nights hotel accommodation
- 2 nights Edinburgh
- 2 night Inverness
- 2 nights Glasgow
- 8 meals: breakfast daily, 1 lunch and dinner
- Tours of: Edinburgh Castle, Rosslyn Chapel, Edinburgh, Inverness and Glasgow City Tours
- Time to visit: Stirling Castle, St. Andrews Castle & Cathedral, Urquhart Castle, and Glasgow Cathedral
- Discovery Program guide

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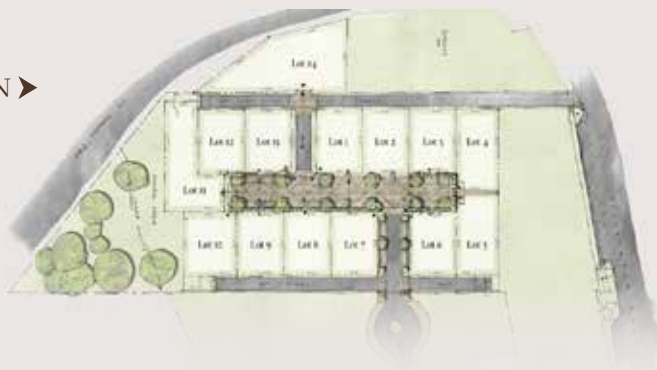


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Select your lot, choose your home style, and connect with a small, handpicked group of Alabama's premier builders. Only 14 exquisite single-family homes—with a limited number of townhomes and condos coming soon—will be available. Find your new dream home today at Chester Court.

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Coffee & Connections:



"We loved teaming up with the Homewood Chamber of Commerce, Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce, and Junior League of Birmingham to host a networking event called Coffee & Connections! We were thrilled to witness so many meaningful new connections and partnerships."



Happy Valentine's Day!

VALENTINE'S DAY IS WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14TH

Beautiful orchids, spring bulbs and many other flowers in a rainbow of colors are available.



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Hip Hip Hooray The Bunny is on the Way!



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MARCH 9TH**

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The **TrakShak** MOUNTAIN BROOK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



CB&S Bank, December 8th



Mobilizing the community for academic excellence.

The Mission of the Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation is to mobilize community support and resources for the academic improvement of the school system. Funds raised become part of a permanent endowment.

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The Foundation exists to provide financial support to meet the academic needs that are beyond the current scope and means of the school system. The Foundation's work is based on the needs of the school system as a whole.



The Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation would like to thank the chairs of this year's campaign: **Diana and Gray Plosser**. With the help of their amazing committee, they have raised more than \$264,000 from 232 grandparents in support of Mountain Brook Schools. There is still time to give! To donate as a part of the Grandparents Club, visit MBGives.org or mail a check to the Foundation at 32 Vine Street, 35213.

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Elementary School Track Meet

The Foundation's annual Track Meet fundraiser will take place on **April 16 and 17, 2024** at Mountain Brook High School. All Mountain Brook students in third - sixth grades are invited to participate and represent their schools at this community event. Last year, more than 700 students ran and raised \$80,000 for the Foundation.

Please visit MBGives.org for more information and upcoming registration dates!



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Foundation Welcomes New Board Members

With the new year comes the addition of a new member to the Foundation's 36-person Board of Directors. The Foundation's Board is proud to welcome **Leigh Haver** as its newest addition. **Kristin Ritter** will continue in her role as Board President, and **Bennett White** serves as President-Elect. A special thanks to Krisalyn Crye for her years of service on behalf of Mountain Brook Schools as her board term ends.