



the Reporter

Mountain Brook, Ala.

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Mayor's Message

(205) 458-3377:
THIS NUMBER MAY SAVE
SOMEONE'S LIFE!

Our June 12th Freedom From Addiction Coalition (FFAC) was a HUGE success! Well over 200 people attended the hour-long free breakfast meeting at Canterbury United Methodist Church. Richard Simmons and Jay Lloyd delivered a message of hope for living with addiction, and the new Recovery Resource Center was introduced. Sara Estopinal of the Jefferson County Department of Health delivered training on the anti-overdose drug Narcan and provided free kits.

The FFAC is the brainchild of the four Over-the-Mountain Mayors: Ashley Curry (Vestavia), Frank Brocato (Hoover), Scott McBrayer (Homewood), and me. Our two initial goals were:

1. Create awareness across our

Add this number to your
smart phone contact list!

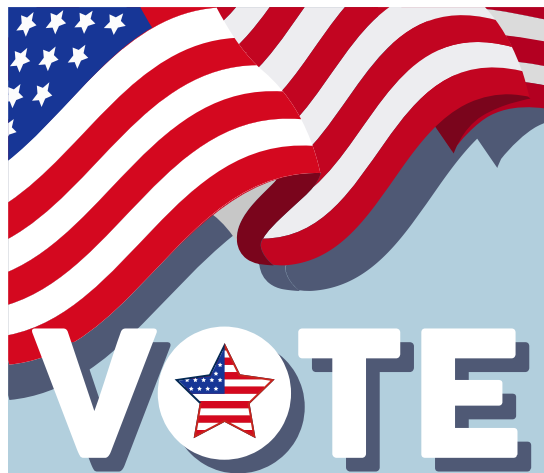
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**The Recovery Resource Center
has trained operators and
staff who can get help for
anyone ready to address
their addiction.**

communities of all the resources that are available to those living with addiction. Each quarter, a mayor takes a turn hosting a free breakfast, followed by a speaker. Multiple addiction resource organizations are on hand so that attendees can have an opportunity to have one-on-one private conversations, if interested.

2. Develop a one-number protocol so someone who needs immediate help or simply wants information can call one number twenty-four

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Municipal Election

The city holds elections every other (even) year for its Mayor and City Council offices. In 2018, Council places 1, 3 and 5 were up for election. The candidate qualification period ran from July 3, 2018 through July 17, 2018. Because none of the offices were contested, there will not be an election in August. The following residents qualified for the open offices:

Place 1: Alice B. Womack
(served since November 2014)

Place 3: William S. (Billy) Pritchard III
(served since October 2000)

Place 5: Lloyd C. Shelton
(served since November 2014)

Mrs. Womack, Mr. Pritchard and Mr. Shelton will serve another 4 year term on the City Council from November, 2018 through November, 2022. Residents should be proud that the elected officials (as well as all members of the various board and commissions) serve without compensation.

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CITY COUNCIL

Council President:
Virginia Carruthers Smith

President Pro Tem, William S. "Billy" Pritchard
III Alice Womack, Lloyd Shelton, Phil Black

City Manager:

Sam S. Gaston, 802-3800

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

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SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

**SHOP MOUNTAIN
BROOK FIRST**

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**KEEP YOUR SALES TAX DOLLARS IN MOUNTAIN
BROOK BY USING MOUNTAIN BROOK,
NOT BIRMINGHAM,
AS YOUR DELIVERY ADDRESS WHEN ORDERING
ONLINE OR FROM CATALOGS.**

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hours per day, seven days a week and get directed to the appropriate resource for his/her particular situation.

Thank you, Mark Wilson, MD, head of the Jefferson County Health Department, and Leslie Plaia, Director of the Resource Recovery Center, for developing the one-number protocol system. They are working to expand the number of resource organizations that will be part of this system.

A special thank you, also goes to Janet Forbes, Assistant to Mountain Brook City Manager, Sam Gaston, for all of her help organizing this event. Also, the Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce; my assistant, Roxie Jones; Jason Norris (Teen Challenge); Mike Vest (Addiction



Prevention Coalition); and Jennifer Brasher (Canterbury United Methodist Church) among others, were instrumental in putting on this successful event. Thank you all!

Our next FFAC meeting will be hosted by Mayor Frank Brocato on October 9, 2018, at The Hoover Met in the Michael Jordan Room. Please help spread the word. Mark your calendars now!

from the mayor...

Mountain Brook has the best, most dedicated employees! I recently received a note from a resident that read in part...

"...During the storm a large oak tree fell across Main Street knocking out power and cable lines. After we notified the police department and Alabama Power, a Mountain Brook fire truck blocked the street to keep people coming in contact with the lines until the power company made sure they were dead. A crew from Mountain Brook Public Works Department worked in the dark from 10:30pm-3:30am cutting up the tree so residents could leave their homes and go to work Monday morning..."

Thank you Police Chief Ted Cook, Fire Chief Chris Mullins, Public Works Director Ronnie Vaughn, City Manager Sam Gaston, and all of your fellow associates for your continued excellence!

Mayor Stewart Welch

One-Stop Development Guidance

Come chat with key city officials for preliminary feedback on your new business or multi-family proposal. Officials in attendance each Monday morning consist of the Fire Marshal, the Building Official, the Revenue Examiner, the City Planner and the Zoning Administrator. Guidance given may pertain to Fire/Life Safety Code, Building Code, Licensing, Zoning Code and Design Review. Appointments are encouraged (contact Tammy Reid, 802-3810 or reidt@mtnbrook.org).

Appointments will be given priority; walk-ins are on a first-come-first-serve basis. Meetings are from 8-9am on Monday mornings in Room A231 at City Hall. Construction drawings are not required, but bring any preliminary plans that may illustrate the design intent and facilitate discussion.

New President of the Alabama Association of Plumbing, Mechanical and Gas Inspectors

The City of Mountain Brook's Building Official, Glen Merchant, has been elected President of the Alabama Association of Plumbing, Mechanical and Gas Inspectors for 2018-2019. Glen has been involved in this professional organization since 1999 when his employer sent him to gain trade and code change knowledge as a Licensed State of Alabama Plumber and Gas Fitter. The primary focus of this unique group is to train and educate tradesmen, inspectors, suppliers, and engineers. The organization's annual function at its education conference is to raise money for scholarship funds for the education of new professionals. Pictured is the International Code Council Representative and Building Official of Tuscaloosa (Alan Boswell) presenting Glen with the President's pin, along with the previous president, and Executive Director of the Alabama Plumbers and Gas Fitter's Examining Board Jimmy Morgan.





Recent City Council Actions

The City Council has adopted or amended the following ordinances since April 9, 2018:

- Ordinance No. 2014- Amended Article XIII, Sec. 129-211 of the City Code.
- Ordinance No. 2015- Rezoned The Country Club of Birmingham from Residence-A District to Recreational-2 District.
- Ordinance No. 2016- Rezoned property along Fairhaven Drive from Mixed Use District to Residence-F District and Residence-G District and amended Overton Village from “Secondary Frontage” to “Residential Neighborhood Frontage.”

The City Council has approved the following projects since April 9, 2018:

- Authorized the city’s participation in the 2018 “State of Alabama Sales Tax Holiday” beginning on Friday, July 20, 2018 and ending on Sunday, July 22, 2018, whereby the city shall exempt certain school supplies, computers, and clothing from municipal sales or use tax.
- Authorized the execution of a 36-month license agreement with Zoobean with respect to a mobile responsive web application to facilitate library patrons’ access to and participation in the library’s programs.
- Authorized the execution of the Fifth Amendment to Lease Agreement between the city and STC Five, LLC with respect to the wireless communications facilities located at the city’s closed landfill.

- National Day of Prayer proclamation (May 3, 2018).
- Authorized the execution of a through-road maintenance agreement between the city and Jefferson County Commission.
- Authorized Sain Associates to prepare a TAP sidewalk grant application for and on behalf of the city with respect to a proposed sidewalk along the Mountain Brook segment of Hagood Street.
- Approved the verbal agreement between City of Mountain Brook and Jewish Community Center to a) lease, on a non-exclusive basis, its playing field and b) the expenditure and in-kind labor estimated to cost \$9,469.20 to top dress said field with a lease term of one-year with semi-annual lease payments of \$5,000 each and the formalization of said terms and conditions in a lease agreement to be drafted by the City Attorney to be presented to the City Council at its May 14, 2018, meeting.
- Ratified the transfer of \$305,594 from the Emergency Communications District operating fund to the City of Mountain Brook Capital Projects Fund to reimburse the city for E-911 capital expenditures paid by the city.
- Rejected the Mountain Brook Elementary School restroom bids.
- Declared certain property surplus and authorized its sale at public internet auction.
- Awarded the bid for the construction of a pedestrian bridge over Shades Creek in Jemison Park and authorized the contract and purchasing agent appointment.
- Authorized the issuance of a revocable sidewalk café permit to Dinner located at 73 Church Street subject to the applicant’s compliance with the terms and conditions provided in their permit application and execution of a hold harmless and indemnification agreement in favor of the city.
- Authorized additional professional services to be performed by Sain Associates for an addendum (described as Phase 2 Testing of Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) Anomalies) to the project previously authorized upon the adoption of Resolution No. 2016-189, with respect to the Cahaba Road/U. S. Highway 280 ramps/Lane Park Road/Culver Road roundabout project (CMAQ-3715(266)).
- Accepted the professional services proposal submitted by Nimrod Long and Associates with respect to landscape design services for Crestline Village.
- Consented to the asset transfer of Public Resource Management Alliance Corporation (PREMA Corp) to Avenu Insights LLC.
- Authorized the execution of a Municipal Lease Agreement with Southlake Capital, LLC with respect to the lease of public computers for the Emmet O’Neal Library.
- Recommended to the ABC Board the issuance of a Retail Beer (On or Off Premises) and Retail Table Wine (On or Off Premises) licenses to Clubview Holding, LLC (trade name Dinner, 73 Church Street).
- Rejected the one-time lump sum pension benefit payment authorized by the Alabama Legislature (Act 2018-563), and any similar future optional pension benefit increases (whether lump sum or ongoing cost-of-living adjustments) as may be authorized by the Alabama Legislature until such time that the city’s unfunded pension liability is less than or equal to 10% of plan assets (i.e., 90% funded), the city’s matching contribution is determined by the city to have stabilized, and subject to budgetary constraints that may exist at the time of attaining such 90% funded status.
- Expressed gratitude to James F. Carter for his service to the city on the Village Design Review Committee.
- Created one (1) Construction Equipment Operator position for the Public Works Department to be filled at the discretion of the City Manager in accordance with the “Rules and Regulations” of the Personnel Board of Jefferson County.
- Removed one (1) Truck Driver position in the Public Works Department.
- Authorized the [budgeted] payment from the General Fund of \$300,000 into the City of Mountain Brook Section 115 (retiree medical insurance) Trust for investment in accordance with the city’s investment policy.
- Authorized the execution of a contractor agreement between the city and Lower Brothers Co. Inc., to resurface six tennis courts at Mountain Brook High School.
- Adopted and amended the social media policy for the city.

City Budget Update

Based on the fiscal 2018 collections reported through May, it appears General Fund revenues may slightly exceed (less than 1%) the budgeted amount of \$38 million. Some of the more notable revenue and collection observations include:

- Real estate tax revenue is projected to be \$15.6 million (\$221,000, 1.4% less than budgeted for the year). The fiscal year-to-date real estate tax collections have exceeded last year's annual total by 2.5%.
- Sales tax revenue is projected to be \$10.8 million for the fiscal year which is in line with the budgeted amount.
- Business license fees are projected to be \$3.1 million for the year or 3% more than budgeted.
- Construction permit fees collected through the 8-month period ending May 2018 totaled \$786,000 compared to \$758,000 for the same period one year ago (a 3.7% increase for the period).
- Utility taxes and franchise fees totaled \$1.8 million through May 2018 which is \$35,000 (1.9%) less than collected for the same 8-month period one year ago.

The 2019 budget development process began on May 23 with a City Council work session. Departmental budgets were submitted to the Finance Director in mid-June. The City Manager conducted the first review of the budgets with department supervisors during July. The Finance Committee will review the second draft of the budget on August 14. The City Council will also review the budget and Finance Committee recommendations on August 21. The public hearing to consider the ordinance adopting the 2019 budget is tentatively scheduled for September 24. For more information, please visit the city's website (www.mtnbrook.org).

Take Pride in our City

Please clean up after your pets! We have received numerous complaints about owners NOT cleaning up after their pets, and children and adults are later "paying the price." This is most apparent on our parks and fields: Overton Park, Crestline Field and Jemison Park. Children play in these places! Do your part and be a responsible pet owner.



SPIRE Gas Line Mountain Brook Parkway Project

Spire (formerly Alagasco) will begin a line replacement project on Mountain Brook Parkway starting July 30, 2018. This project is expected to last from July 30th to around Thanksgiving (late November) or later depending on circumstances encountered. Work is planned for between 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Mon-Fri. One lane of traffic will be blocked. Spire will have contract Law Enforcement working traffic around them.

Please plan for either delays or better yet plan an alternate route.

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.

New Businesses

RETAIL/WHOLESALE TRADE

- Dumas, Susan, (dba\I Wish I Could Keep It All), 4009 Winston Way, 205/356-8593
- Eleven Eleven Clothiers, LLC, (dba\Eleven Eleven), 2411 Montevallo Road, 334/799-9127
- ZOCO Styling Company Boutique, (dba\Zoco Stylist & Boutique), 2415 Montevallo Road, 205/783-1003

ADMINISTRATIVE, PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

- Anderson, Tracey, (dba\Tracey Anderson Designs), 32 Beechwood Road, 205/915-9982
- DVT, LLC, (dba\MyOffice280), 6 Office Park Circle, 205/795-3000
- Full Circle Designs LLC, 3030 Canterbury Lane, 205/915-6688

SPECIALTY TRADE/OTHER

- RRBC, LLC, 2102-B Cahaba Road, 205/966-0763

NON-PROFIT

- The Southern Development Council, Inc., 200 Office Park Drive, Suite 215, 334/244-1801

REAL ESTATE

- Five Development LLC, 3768 Montevallo Road, 205/266-3018

HOSPITALITY/FOOD SERVICE

- Davis, Edward, (dba\Ed's Big Breakfast), 3541 Victoria Road, 205/834-8398
- HIT Portfolio 1 BHGL Owner LLC, (dba\Hampton Inn Birmingham Mountain Brook), 2731 U. S. Highway 280 South, 205/870-7822
- Jar'n Good, LLC, 37 Clarendon Road, 404/550-8680



Quarterly Crime Statistics

	1st Quarter 2018	2nd Quarter 2018
Robbery	1	2
Robbery (aggravated shoplifting)	0	0
Burglary/Residence	6	14
Burglary/Business	2	2
Theft	34	37
Theft from Vehicle (UBEV)	19	13
Auto Theft	2	1
Assaults (Other)	2	2
Identity Theft	28	13
Criminal Mischief	3	7
Drugs	37	39
Family Violence	3	7
Accidents	218	253
A With Injuries	19	10
A With Fatalities	1	0
Calls For Service	7068	6529
House Watches	175	343
Property Stolen	\$374,133	\$217,013
Property Recovered	\$188,934	\$23,669

WANT TO HELP US GET THESE NUMBERS LOWER?

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.

Jemison Lights have a New Home at City Hall

When Robert Jemison envisioned Mountain Brook Estates in the late 1920's, his team designed residential lots and built a detailed system of roads, bridges, trails and entrances into the city. They wanted to keep the natural beauty of the area. Entrance ways were made of locally quarried stone and adorned with large detailed lanterns. Lights from the stone entrances were replaced recently but two of the original lights were refurbished and now hang in the City Hall lobby. **Come look!**



Schedule of Meetings

CITY COUNCIL	2nd & 4th Mon.	7:00 p.m.	City Hall Call 802-3800 for time of Pre-Meeting
BOARD OF EDUCATION	2nd Mon.	3:30 p.m.	Call Board of Ed Office 871-4608
LIBRARY BOARD	3rd Tues.	4:30 p.m.	Library
PARKS & REC. BOARD	2nd Tues.	5:00 p.m.	City Hall
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT	3rd Mon.	5:00 p.m.	City Hall
PLANNING COMMISSION	1st Mon.	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE	3rd Wed.	8:00 a.m.	City Hall
BOARD OF LANDSCAPE DESIGN	3rd Tues.	5:15 p.m.	City Hall
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	3rd Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	City Hall

Board Appointments/Reappointments

- Appointed Jason Comer to the Board of Landscape Design, to fill the unexpired term of John G. Wilson, through December 12, 2020.
- Appointed George Israel to the Village Design Review Committee through May 29, 2021.

REAPPOINTMENT:

- Re-appointed Richard Murray IV to the Board of Education through May 31, 2023.

THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN BROOK HAS THE FOLLOWING BOARD OPENINGS:

- Board of Zoning Adjustment- to fill an expired term on September 25, 2018.

Roundabout Project Update



CAHABA RD / US-280 / LANE PARK RD / CULVER RD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS (ROUNDAOBOUTS)

It is no secret that the intersection at Cahaba Road, US-280, Lane Park Road, and Culver Road has long been a source of congestion and confusion for visiting drivers and residents alike. However, given the proximity of adjacent businesses, as well as the significant costs that would be necessary to reconfigure the intersection, making large improvements to the intersection has proven challenging. In addition, the intersection straddles the city limits of both Mountain Brook and Birmingham.

With the prospect of using federal funds for the work, the city had a planning report prepared in 2013 that looked at potential solutions for making the needed improvements. Aided by the recommendations of the report, the city was awarded a federal grant that will cover 80% of the costs associated

with the project.

As a result of this grant, the design of two roundabouts is currently underway for the intersection. Citizens were given an opportunity to view sketch plans for the proposed roundabouts at a public meeting in June of last year. Since that time engineers at Sain Associates have started design plans and environmental studies that are still underway. Following completion of the studies and project design, some additional right-of-way will need to be acquired for the project. Due to the considerable amount of time necessary to complete these steps per federal guidelines, construction of the project may not begin until 2021 or 2022. For maps of the roundabouts, go to www.mtnbrook.org, News and Announcements, Roundabout Project Design for Mountain Brook Village.

Lane Parke

Updates

- Beginning on July 2, a temporary fence has been installed around the existing buildings and parking lot to be demolished. The fence will remain throughout phase II construction. This will prevent access to the parking lot on Culver.
- Treadwell Barber Shop customers will have a dedicated lot during phase II of construction.
- Demolition for Retail Phase II will begin August 1, 2018.
- MidiCi, a pizza restaurant, located at 279 Rele St, hopes to be open to the public by the end of July.
- A tentative schedule for Retail Phase II lists completion of the buildings in August 2019; tenants will have 60 days to occupy their space; and a Grand Opening is slated for October 1, 2019.

Free Weather Alerts

The Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency (JCEMA) provides an emergency alert system free to all living within Jefferson County. To utilize, one must create an account to receive messages. The system uses your general location, which you provide upon registration, to send alerts, such as tornado warnings, missing persons, and flood warnings. You may choose to receive messages via phone, email, and/or text. Once registration is complete, you may select which notifications you receive and may adjust choices at any time. To register, please visit the JCEMA homepage and click the "Everbridge Citizen Alert Notification" link at the top of the page.

Sidewalks Update

DUNBARTON DRIVE-The City of Mountain Brook has been awarded funding through the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) for a sidewalk along Dunbarton Drive. The sidewalk will run along the west side of Dunbarton Drive from the existing sidewalks on Locksley Drive and up to North Woodridge Road. The funding was granted for the project since it will encourage the use of non-motorized transportation to destinations within the city. This sidewalk link on Dunbarton Drive will complete a network of sidewalks resulting in a continuous route for pedestrians between the Brookwood Road area and destinations such as Overton Park, Chabad of Alabama, and the Overton Village commercial area. The construction of this section of sidewalk is expected to take place in 2019-2020.

PINE RIDGE ROAD-The city revised its Master Sidewalk Plan in 2017. As part of the effort the city sought comments from residents through an email blast and at a public meeting. Pine Ridge Road was one of the most requested sections of sidewalk in the city. Due to the road's narrow width, curves, and significant edge drop-offs, pedestrians reported not feeling safe walking along Pine Ridge Road. Since the road's characteristics make sidewalk construction more expensive, the city requested federal funding assistance. The city is working with the Alabama Department of Transportation on a funding agreement for the federal funds. The process to gain approval of the plans to begin construction is cumbersome and requires several years to complete; therefore construction is currently estimated to begin in 2021.

Building Permit Activity

Permit Type:	1st Quarter - 2018		2nd Quarter - 2018	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	11	\$ 8,283,238	10	\$ 5,693,312
Alterations/ Additions	95	\$15,579,769	120	\$15,832,345
Repairs/Other	224	\$ 5,009,253	210	\$ 5,331,489
Totals:	330	\$28,872,260	340	\$26,857,146

COMPARISON OF YEAR - 2017

Permit Type:	1st Quarter - 2017		2nd Quarter - 2016	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	8	\$ 3,074,024	19	\$11,095,536
Alterations/ Additions	97	\$ 9,280,656	102	\$16,738,286
Repairs/Other	201	\$ 6,047,486	236	\$ 5,025,925
Totals:	306	\$18,402,166	357	\$32,859,747



Pruning with a Purpose

Sometimes the need for tree pruning is obvious. Maybe a section of the tree has died, a storm has broken a limb, or the like. Other times the need is not so obvious, as it can depend on the characteristics of a particular species, and close inspection of the entire canopy.

Regardless of any technical consideration above, the common thread in every circumstance is to define your objective. Determining exactly what you wish to accomplish will dictate which actions to take. Being informed about each type of pruning method and its purpose will allow you to communicate effectively with the individual performing the work, so both parties are on the same page. The following is a list of the primary pruning types, along with a brief description of their proper application:

1. CROWN CLEANING:

No matter the case, a pruning job should always start with or include a cleaning. This includes the removal of any dead, damaged, or diseased material.

2. THINNING:

Sometimes it becomes necessary to selectively remove certain branches from the interior of the crown. This may be done to increase air flow and/or sunlight, for aesthetic reasons, or due to the natural growth habit of a given tree.

3. RESTORATION:

In the event a tree suffers damage from a weather event or from a vehicle or other machine, “proper” pruning methods often do not apply. This type of pruning often involves having to make “heading” cuts (think “tree topping”), which is almost never advisable otherwise. The idea is to make a clean cut from which dormant buds (i.e. suckers, sprouts) can grow, over time being selectively thinned, in order to regain the appearance of a normal crown.

Use with caution, considering the

placement of the tree. Dormant buds, while they can develop into quite massive branches, are not true branches and therefore do not possess the same structural integrity.

4. REDUCTION:

It is sometimes necessary, depending on many interrelated factors, to reduce the crown. Chief among them is reducing weight, and the corresponding force exerted on the attachment point; also shortening the limb, which makes it inherently stronger. Generally, this is done evenly throughout the entire canopy. Reduction begins at the outer edge (the terminal leader) and works its way in. Each cut should be located just beyond a lateral branch that is at least 1/3rd the diameter of the proposed cut (following this rule of thumb results in less sprouting at the margins of the cut, and a more natural appearance post-pruning).

5. TRAINING/STRUCTURAL:

Large trees with major defects were at one time small trees with minor defects. We generally want to see trees with a strong central leader, with evenly placed branches that are not growing upward to a degree that they are competing to be the dominant leader. In simple terms, a u-shaped attachment/crotch is stronger than one with a v-shape.

Whenever a tree is planted, the following growing season should begin a series of pruning treatments designed to remove potential defects during and shortly after establishment. The other reason for this is to stunt the diameter growth of any branch that will be, at maturity, too low a height for the amount of clearance the site requires; so that when the removal cut is made for that branch, it is a smaller cut that will seal over more quickly, thus minimizing the potential for decay in the future.

Mountain Brook Solicitation Ordinance

The City of Mountain Brook has an ordinance that prohibits solicitations in most cases. Ordinance No. 1930, Chapter 26, Section 26-277 requires that all transient/itinerant dealers, vendors, and or other salespeople who make door-to-door calls, or those who may set up in a temporary location, first obtain a business license to do so.

This includes individuals, firms, corporations, companies, associations, partnerships, agencies, or representatives of a business who attempt to sell, solicit orders for sale of goods, services, or merchandise.

It also includes the distribution of handbills, newspapers, or other forms of advertising.

The only exception to this ordinance is for those that are engaged in activities associated with or supporting religious, charitable, governmental, educational, or political organizations or causes.

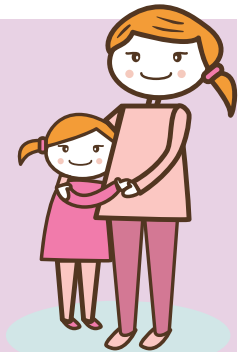
The Mountain Brook Police Department must be notified prior to sending out any door-to-door solicitors. Permission to allow a background and criminal check must be given.

Requirements for a solicitation license are:

- The applicant must have an invitation from each individual resident that they intend to visit prior to a license being issued. This letter must be mailed from the resident directly to the city and include the resident's name, address, and phone number. All residents will be contacted to verify the invitation.
- Applications must be completed ten (10) days prior to business commencing in Mountain Brook.
- A valid photo identification for all salespersons/solicitors must be provided.
- A bond in the amount of not less than \$100 and no more than \$1,000 must be posted.
- Applicants must comply with all City Ordinances and State laws.
- The hours of door-to-door operation are limited to 9:00 am through 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

Child Find Notice

Special education services for children with disabilities are provided in accordance with the Individual with Disabilities Education Improvement Act, Amendments of 2004 and Alabama Act 106. Child Find is an attempt to locate and provide appropriate educational and related services to all children with disabilities between the ages of birth to 21. If you are the parent of a child with disabilities who is not receiving services, or if you would like more information, please contact Shannon Mundy at the Mountain Brook Board of Education, Special Education Department, 205-414-3836.





CITIZEN APPRECIATION DAY

On April 28th 2018, Mountain Brook had its first Citizen Appreciation Day as a way to give back to the residents we serve every day. The city wanted to have an event where the residents can learn about the city and all of the services that are provided in a fun and engaging way. The event was a great success. Thank you to everyone for coming and enjoying this day with us. We hope you enjoyed learning about your city and will be back next year.



Residents enjoying the event.



Mayor Welch enjoying the event.



Kids lining up to get their face painted.



Rug Monkey performing on stage.



Sergeant Thompson showing off the police car.



Kids with Public Works hats.



Touch-a-truck zone.

Mountain Brook Schools Notice of Non-Discrimination

The Mountain Brook school system does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, sexual orientation, or age in any of its programs and activities, or in matters of employment, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. It is against the policy of the Mountain Brook Board of Education to have different rules or regulations on the basis of sex in employment, including recruitment, hiring classification, and other terms, conditions or privileges of employment. The Board, in accordance with Title IX (20 U.S.C. S1681, et seq.), strictly prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex or gender in its programs or activities, or any matters of employment. The prohibition includes sexual harassment based on sex,

sexual assault, as defined by law and Board policy. Sexual harassment and sexual assault complaints should be filed and reviewed under the Board's sexual harassment policies (G-32, J-49). All other complaints under Title IX will be filed and reviewed according to the Board's general complaints and grievance procedures (G-34, J-41). The Superintendent is authorized and directed to designate a Title IX Coordinator, whose duties will include, but not be limited to receiving and responding to Title IX inquiries and complaints. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding nondiscrimination policies: Dr. Susan Cole-Director of Personnel; Contact Information: 32 Vine Street, Mountain Brook, AL 35213, 205-871-4608.

Emmet O'Neal Library News

Children's Department



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Back to School Movie on the Lawn

Sponsored by the Junior Women's Committee of 100
School days are nearly upon us again, but that doesn't mean you can't have any more summer fun. On Friday, August 10, the JWC of 100 and the Emmet O'Neal Library children's department invite you to spend an evening with your family on the lawn across from the library, enjoying an outdoor movie on the big screen starting at 7:45. Don't forget your picnic supper and a blanket to sit on. In this colorful new Pixar film, Miguel's dreams of becoming a musician land him on a journey of discovery through the world of the calaveras.

A NIGHT DARK & GRIMM

The library's annual fairy tale carnival, A Night Dark & Grimm, returns on Friday, October 26. Deck out your family in costume and head to the library for games, crafts, goodies, and all your favorite classic children's story characters, followed by a sing-along movie on the lawn. Check back with your librarians soon to find out what the closing movie will be.



Parents take pictures of their costumed kids with characters from *Beauty and the Beast* at the Library's fairy tale festival, *A Night Dark & Grimm*.



FALL PROGRAMMING BEGINS AFTER LABOR DAY.

KIDS & FAMILIES

If you're looking for a place where you can participate in programs with your kids, the Emmet O'Neal Library has plenty of options for you. Bring the whole family for dinner and a performance at the monthly Family Night Program. Enjoy music, puppets, and books at family storytime on Tuesday and Saturday mornings. A Night Dark & Grimm is where you can have an outing in costume and celebrate fairy tales at an evening carnival. For parents with new readers, Breakout Book Club offers a chance to engage with a book together over games,

crafts, and movement activities. Check the children's calendar for these and other opportunities to spend time laughing and learning with your kids.

REGULAR PROGRAMMING

The library children's department resumes its regular school year programming after Labor Day. Whether you are looking for lapsit storytimes, dropoff programs for elementary schoolers, book clubs, or STEAM-themed activities, you'll find something on the library calendar to suit your needs.

Outreach

The library's children's department is thinking outside the box - literally. The department's librarians have been coming up with ways to get outside the walls of the library and bring the library's services, materials, and stellar staff out into the community. One way staff members are planning to engage the neighbors this fall is by doing storytimes and book talks in different areas of Mountain Brook. Some of these children's programs will take place in preschools and elementary schools, where whole classes or after-school groups can attend. Librarians will also be making monthly visits to parks around town to do family programs called Pop-Up Storytime in the Park. For a full schedule of the library's community outreach events, visit www.eolib.org. If you would like to set up a library outreach at your school, give us a call at 879-0497.



Brookwood Forest after-school students participate in *Hot Off the Press* with librarian Morgan Higgins. The program gives kids a chance to share and hear about brand new books.



Families meet, greet, and get ready for an outdoor storytime presented by Emmet O'Neal librarian Merideth Stackpole at Irondale Furnace Trail.



One of the library's most popular family programs involves parents and kids preparing food together in a *Chopped!* style challenge. Here, a family team competes in *Candy Wars*.

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The Neuroscience Café at Emmet O'Neal Library

The UAB Comprehensive Neuroscience Center



Communicate. Educate. Collaborate. Accelerate.

Our popular collaboration with UAB's Neuroscience Department continues this fall with an exciting array of topics. Please join us for one of these free events.

September 13, 2018 Monica Agarwal, MD and Haydeh Payami, PhD will join us at the Library to discuss their research into gut health and its relationship to Parkinson's Disease

October 18, 2018 Mark Bailey, DO, PhD and Robert Sorge, PhD will present on pain management issues, specifically opiod use and its alternatives.

November 15, 2018 Larry Ver Hoef, MD and Georg Deutsch, PhD will speak to our group about advances in neuroimaging

Emmet O'Neal Library's New Website

Emmet O'Neal Library Launches New Website!

Emmet O'Neal Library has launched a new, fully-responsive website with a fresh, updated look designed to make information much easier to find.

Find out when the Library is open at a glance! The homepage of the new Library website shows open hours and holiday closures at the top of the homepage next to a scrolling list of featured events. This makes it easier to find out when the library is open and what's happening on any given day.

Ebooks, audiobooks, films, magazines - easier to find! Links to the Library's electronic resources are available from the home page. This includes Overdrive/Libby, Tumblebooks, Kanopy, Hoopla, Capstone Interactive, Heritage Quest, Flipster, and much more. Don't know what these services are? Give us a call at (205) 879-0459 or dig a little deeper on the Library website to learn more.

Easier for Parents! Registering for storytimes just got a lot easier too. Parents can search an online calendar for storytimes, programs, and events and then easily register by simply entering their library card numbers. The website automatically pulls up the parent's email and phone number so registration is a breeze.

I've been meaning to get a library card! A "Help, I'm New" section helps people find out how to get a library card and much more information in one place.

Reserve a meeting room! Online meeting room reservations allow members to reserve and pay for meeting rooms on their own up to three months in advance.

Emmet O'Neal Library APP coming soon! Look for the Library's app (available for Apple and Android) to be available later in the summer. The app is geared toward the library superuser, with quick access to account information and program registration.

Check out www.eolib.org today!



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Something wicked this way comes to the Emmet O'Neal Library every October... the Nightmare on Oak Street Horror Movie Double Feature! This free event for adults ages 18 and up is on Saturday, October 13th, 5pm-10pm. The first film is the 1960 Italian classic directed by Mario Bava, **Black Sunday** (1h 27m). We'll make creepy Halloween crafts while we watch a vengeful witch and her fiendish servant return from the grave and begin a bloody campaign to possess the body of the witch's beautiful look-alike descendant! Up next will be the exquisite 2016 New England folktale, **The VVitch** (1h 32m). In this slow burning historical chiller, a family in 1630s New England is terrorized by the forces of witchcraft, black magic, and possession. Craft supplies, dinner, movie snacks, and soft drinks are provided. Please RSVP to Holley at hwesley@bham.lib.al.us or 205.445.1117. If you enjoy this event, be sure to mark your calendars for the **Nightmare Before Christmas on Oak Street** double feature on Saturday, December 8th, 5-10pm. We'll make macabre decorations and watch two holiday themed horror gems, **Gremlins** and **Black Christmas**!



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Lost & Found Book Group



Our newest Emmet O'Neal Library book group meets on the last Thursday of each month to discuss lost classics of the 20th century. This fall, Lost & Found will be discussing the following books, which may all be found at your local library!

August: Early 20th Century Satire: Day of the Locust by Nathanael West (and yes: that's how Nathanael is spelled) and The Circus of Dr. Lao by Charles Finney

September: Literary Mysteries of the Gilded and Not-So Gilded Age: The Moving Toyshop by Edmund Crispin and The Sibyl in Her Grave by Sarah Caudwell

October: Regional Horror: The Other by Thomas Tryon and The Elementals by Michael McDowell

Yoga

We have several options for yoga fans at the Library. On Friday, August 17th, we will host our last Yoga & Poetry class of the summer. Instructor Marie Blair will cover several poems, as well as reflection, breathing, and exercise. Beginning in September, the Library will begin hosting weekly yoga classes on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am. Bring a mat for this one hour class. Yoga at the Library is free, but please register through the Library's new website at www.eolib.org



adult summer reading

special programs for adults all summer long!

The Emmet O'Neal Library wraps up its annual Adult Summer Reading series this August with several programs and a big giveaway! On **Saturday, August 11th at 3:00 p.m.** join us for a book swap! Bring a copy of your favorite book to swap for a new-to-you book, play some literary games, and meet new friends. On **Saturday, August 18th** we will hold our summer reading finale with a showing of the Esther Williams classic "Neptune's Daughter". Bring a friend and grab an old fashioned movie theater snack while we watch a newsreel and cartoon before settling in to watch this afternoon's feature film. **After the movie we will give away our prizes for adult summer reading. Don't miss it!**

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Thank you for making the annual Art House Film Series a success! Our series concludes on Wednesday, August 22 and 6:30pm with the acclaimed 2014 Swedish film Force Majeure. While on a ski vacation in the French Alps, a family comes to terms with the father's actions during an avalanche. This event is free and intended for adult audiences.

Do you wish there was a karaoke venue in Mountain Brook? For one night only, Standing Room Only will host a library karaoke contest on Friday, September 21 at 7:00pm for ages 21 and up. Enjoy free pizza and adult beverages while we sing and give audience awards in categories such as stage presence, vocal ability, song selection, and more. The winners will receive wireless karaoke microphones.

