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## 2018 Restaurant Trail Challenge



Mountain Brook is so fortunate to have so many wonderful and fun places to eat! There are nearly fifty restaurants and eateries across our very own city...and Mayor Welch has decided he'll eat at each one of them during the 2018 calendar year.

Mayor Welch is issuing a challenge to each of you to join him in this quest. Our City, our Chamber of Commerce, and our restaurant owners are excited, and many are offering rewards for those of you who complete the challenge. This initiative has the potential to really benefit our local restaurants and tax revenue plus be a LOT of fun along the way. Are you in??

Here's how it works:

- Grab your friends and enjoy a meal, ice cream cone, coffee, etc. at one of our 49 (and counting!) eateries. For a complete list of current restaurants, check out [mtnbrookchamber.org/restaurant-trail](http://mtnbrookchamber.org/restaurant-trail).
- As you are dining out, be sure to document your experience by posting a picture to #i8mb on

Instagram or Facebook.

- Once you have completed the trail by documenting all 49 restaurants, let the Chamber know by calling them at 205-871-3779 or emailing [chamber@mtnbrookchamber.org](mailto:chamber@mtnbrookchamber.org). Everyone who completes the trail will be entered into a winner's drawing, and in December 2018 one lucky winner will be drawn for the Grand Prize (including Village Gold, a night's stay and cooking experience at The Grand Bohemian, and hundreds of dollars in credit to area restaurants!)

The 2018 Mtn. Brook Restaurant Trail Challenge begins January 1, 2018 and goes through December 1, 2018. We expect more restaurants to open within the year, and we expect the Grand Prize value to grow so stay up to date at [mtnbrookchamber.org/restaurant-trail](http://mtnbrookchamber.org/restaurant-trail)!

**Ready, set, go!**

## Mayor's Message

**Drug abuse: Together we can make a difference!**

Drug use and addiction is one the biggest problems across our nation. While we might like to think it is confined to urban centers, illegal drug use is occurring virtually everywhere in America...and it is destroying lives, families and communities. According to a recent Washington Post article, over sixty thousand Americans died of a drug overdose in 2016...a twenty percent increase over 2015. To put this in perspective, in 2016, more Americans died from drug overdose than during the entire Vietnam War! Currently, drug related deaths are highest among those ages 25 - 54.



## OTM Mayors' Freedom from Addiction Coalition

The Over-the-Mountain Mayors' (Hoover, Vestavia, Homewood and Mtn. Brook) have decided to proactively face this problem together and have formed the Over-the-Mountain Mayors' Freedom from Addiction Coalition. As a first step, we will alternate holding a free breakfast meeting once per quarter for calendar year 2018. Mayor Ashley Curry will host the first meeting on March 13th, at Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church from 8 AM - 9 AM.

## Goals

First, we want to provide a safe environment where people can get the information they need whether it is help for themselves or for someone they know who is a drug user. Each quarterly breakfast will feature a speaker for twenty to thirty minutes followed by a question and answer session. Most importantly, we will have people who are trained in solutions for drug addiction (or other addictions) available to have one-on-one conversations.

Second, we intend to establish a protocol anyone

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can use for drug users who ask for help so that they get the help they need immediately...not help two hours from now, or two days...but right now.

**Who Should Get Involved?**

As mayors of four great cities, we're asking anyone who wants to help us reduce drug abuse and save lives from drug related deaths to join us. If you have a drug problem; if you have a family member with a drug problem; if you know someone with a drug problem; if you've lost someone to drug abuse; if you agree with me that drug abuse is a rising national problem, please join us so that together we can make a positive change.

**I hope to see you at the March breakfast meeting. Hey, breakfast is free!**

We want to thank Mike Vest of Addiction Prevention Coalition and Jason Norris of Alabama Teen Challenge for their leadership in this initiative.

**Freedom from Addiction Coalition  
Community Breakfast**

Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church  
March 13, 2018 - 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

With Guest Speakers:

**Mike and Deborah Bailey**

Hosted by:

Mayor Ashley Curry  
(Vestavia Hills)

Mayor Frank Brocato  
(Hoover)

Mayor Stewart Welch  
(Mountain Brook)

Mayor Scott McBrayer  
(Homewood)

You are invited to a FREE breakfast to bring more awareness in our communities about the current reality of the addiction epidemic. The focus will be on what we can do individually and together to make progress in this battle. We hope you can join us!

Addiction Prevention  
Coalition  
apcbham.org  
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# Mountain Brook Ranked in Top 25 Best Neighborhoods for Small Business

Mountain Brook was ranked number 23 in America's Top 25 Best Neighborhoods for Small Businesses. Welcomemat Services released the rankings this fall stating the cities chosen were successful due to community support and family-centered neighborhoods. When you support local businesses, you are making an impact in your own community. Shopping local keeps the tax dollars in the community which helps the schools, improves the roads and city's commercial areas.

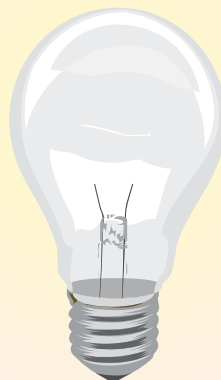
In honor of the Top 25, Welcomemat will highlight one small business from each city. The Pantry and Stonehollow Farms was chosen for Mountain Brook. By working



and living in the community, Deborah Stone understands her customers' needs. Deborah, and daughter Alexandra, help customers take all the guess work out of shopping for that special gift or unique item.

The City of Mountain Brook and Chamber of Commerce maintain an ongoing Shop Local campaign to support small businesses in addition to Small Business Saturday and Holiday Open Houses. Remember to SHOP LOCAL!

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY**  
**SHOP MOUNTAIN BROOK FIRST**  
[www.mtnbrookchamber.org](http://www.mtnbrookchamber.org)  
**KEEP YOUR SALES TAX DOLLARS IN MOUNTAIN BROOK BY USING  
MOUNTAIN BROOK, NOT BIRMINGHAM, AS YOUR DELIVERY  
ADDRESS WHEN ORDERING ONLINE OR FROM CATALOGS.**



## 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](mailto:gastons@mtnbrook.org) so the City can coordinate its repair with Alabama Power Company.



## City Employee of the Year

Congratulations to Officer Rozetha (Ro) Burrow, the 2017 City of Mountain Brook Employee of the Year. Officer Burrow has worked for the city for nine (9) years. She has always been a role model employee and terrific ambassador for the Police Department as well as the City of Mountain Brook. Ro is assigned to the “Village Car” as the Business Liaison Officer. She is a valued asset to the Police Department and the businesses of Mountain Brook. Officer Burrow has built relationships with businesses and offices throughout the villages of Mountain Brook. They know she is there when they need her, and that she cares about them. She distributes information not only to businesses, but also nearby homes when events happen that will impact them. From time to time she also steps back to fill patrol positions when needed to back fill for training, vacations and other occasions.

Last year Officer Burrow took over as being the MBPD Representative for our city’s yearly United Way Campaign. This position has historically been done by one of the Command Staff of the Police Department. Officer Burrow has filled that role with the same passion and vigor she displays on duty daily. She also enthusiastically participates in numerous other charitable efforts that the MBPD conducts throughout the year.



## Board Appointments/ Reappointments

### APPOINTMENTS

- Appointed Meredith Waldrop to the Parks and Recreation Board to fill the unexpired term of Keehn Berry until January 9, 2021.
- Appointed J. Bennett White to the Emmet O’Neal Library Board through September 30, 2021.
- Appointed Lydia Pursell to the Board of Landscape Design through December 11, 2020.

### REAPPOINTMENT:

- Reappointed John G. Wilson to the Board of Landscape Design through December 12, 2020.
- Reappointed Rhett Loveman as a supernumerary member of the Board of Zoning Adjustment through September 22, 2020.
- Reappointed Bryan F. Helm to the Finance Committee through September 23, 2021.
- Reappointed William Dean Nix to the Parks and Recreation Board through December 10, 2022.

## Citizen Appreciation Day

Mark your calendars for **APRIL 28TH 2018!!** (Rain date to be determined if necessary.) The city will hold its first Citizen Appreciation Day event on the City Hall lawn. There will be free refreshments for attendees, a kid zone where children of all ages will be able to get up close and personal with some of the city vehicles, a bounce house to burn off that extra energy, and face painting so they can play in style. While the kids are playing, the adults can walk around and visit the tent stations to learn about services and enter a drawing for a chance to win Village Gold!! What better way to spend your Saturday!



City Department heads working for the residents of Mountain Brook: Dana Hazen – Director of Planning, Building, and Sustainability, Heather Richards - Municipal Court Magistrate Supervisor, Glen Merchant - Building Official, Shanda Williams - Parks and Recreation Superintendent, Sam Gaston - City Manager, Ted Cook - Police Chief, Steve Boone - Finance Director, Janet Forbes - Assistant to the City Manager, Lindsey Gardner - Emmett O’Neal Library Director, Ronnie Vaughn - Public Works Director, Chris Mullins - Fire Chief, Molly Wallace - Chamber of Commerce Project Manager

**The event is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. —2:00 p.m. Let’s make this an event to remember! Please make plans to attend.**



## Building Permit Activity

Permit Type:	3rd Quarter - 2017		4th Quarter - 2017	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	13	\$4,987,300	15	\$9,527,979
Alterations/Additions	99	\$10,777,450	79	\$9,210,714
Repairs/Other	287	\$5,454,519	237	\$4,653,919
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>\$21,219,269</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>\$23,392,612</b>

### COMPARISON OF YEAR - 2016

Permit Type:	3rd Quarter - 2016		4th Quarter - 2016	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	23	\$16,115,541	10	\$6,059,530
Alterations/Additions	93	\$11,274,408	82	\$10,487,834
Repairs/Other	188	\$ 3,969,069	170	\$4,666,662
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>\$31,359,018</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>\$21,214,026</b>

## Schedule of Meetings

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

## Quarterly Crime Statistics

	3rd Quarter 2017	4th Quarter 2017	Total 2017
Robbery	1	1	5
Robbery (aggravated shoplifting)	0	1	1
Burglary/Residence	5	10	33
Burglary/Business	1	0	1
Theft	35	44	171
Theft from Vehicle (UBEV)	30	20	122
Auto Theft	8	4	18
Assaults (Other)	3	4	14
Identity Theft	19	17	89
Criminal Mischief	6	12	42
Drugs	13	32	78
Family Violence	9	6	32
Accidents	234	293	1049
A With Injuries	19	12	65
A With Fatalities	0	0	0
Calls For Service	7,860	7,522	30,105
House Watches	452	223	1,211
Property Stolen	\$362,817	\$506,723	\$2,347,227
Property Recovered	\$198,624	\$137,992	\$651,121

### WANT TO HELP US GET THESE NUMBERS LOWER?

1. Lock your vehicle.
  2. Take your keys.
  3. Don't leave valuables in plain view in your vehicle.
  4. Keep lawn and sports equipment around your home secured when not in use.
  5. Keep doors locked and use your security system when you're not at home.
- See it! Hear it! Report it!* Let us know when you see suspicious activity in your neighborhood.



## Police and Fire Training Building Dedication

Many supporters were in attendance for the Dedication and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for the new Police and Fire Training Facility on October 13, 2017. The building, located at 3611 East Street, was named in honor of former Mayor Terry Oden, whom served the city for 20 years. Mayor Oden has always been an advocate for public safety, so it was fitting to name the building in his honor.

As the former mayor cut the ribbon to the new building, he was joined by Mayor Stewart Welch, Fire Chief Chris Mullins and Police Chief Ted Cook.

The new facility's classrooms began use on Monday, October 16, 2017 with the Fire Department hosting its first of many Recruit Schools (10 weeks of rigorous training) preparing new firefighters from surrounding jurisdictions for long-term careers in the fire service.



## Stocking Project:

For the fourth year in a row, the Mountain Brook community has generously supported the Mountain Brook Stocking Project. This year, with the help of Mountain Brook Police Department and Mountain Brook Fire Department, 200 stuffed stockings were delivered to adult cancer patients at the Bruno Cancer Center on December 7th. Pictured with Santa Claus are School Resource Officer Scott Hall, Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation Executive Director Stephanie Maxwell, Officer Daphne Horton, Mountain Brook Police Chief Ted Cook, Officer Ro Burrow, and Dispatch Supervisor Barnard Evans.

## New Businesses

### RETAIL/WHOLESALE TRADE

- Beaute Therapie, 2834 Culver Road, 205/332-9036
- Richgood Gourmet, LLC, 3512 Mountain Park Drive, 504/952-4223
- Vulcan Apparel Co, LLC, 400 Office Park Drive, Suite 306, 205/482-2464

### PERSONAL SERVICES

- Pilates Mountain Brook, LLC, 200 Office Park Drive, Suite 314, 205/349-9235

### PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

- Floss Family Dentistry, PC, 27 Church Street, 205/879-8500
- MyEyeDr Optometry of Alabama, LLC, (dba\ MyEyeDr), 2000 Cahaba Road # 100, 703/847-8899
- Neighbors, Allene, (dba\ Allene Designs), 26 Beechwood Road, 205/936-3754
- Rebecca Wise Photography, LLC, 48 Fairway Drive, 205/527-8832
- Floss Family Dentistry, PC, 27 Church Street, 205/879-8500

### SPECIALTY TRADE/OTHER

- Carnes, David, (dba\ Total Construction), 1804 McArthur Street, 256/458-060
- SNP Medical, LLC, 124 Spring Street, 251/709-6611

## Recent City Council Actions

### The City Council has adopted or amended the following ordinances since October 9, 2017:

- Ordinance No. 1998- Adopted the City of Mountain Brook's 2018 budget.
- Ordinance No. 2000- Amended Chapter 14 of the City Code with respect to building permit fees for all building permits issued after January 1, 2018.
- Ordinance No. 2001- Amended Sec. 26-227(s) of the City Code regarding the license fees applicable to accommodations business activities with the city (increase the fee from 3% to 6% of the room lodging gross receipts) to be paid monthly effective for all lodging rentals after January 1, 2018.
- Ordinance No. 2002- Designated one 15-minute parking space at 73 Church Street, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Ordinance No. 2003- Amended the zoning code changing the expiration of a Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) variance from 6 months to one year.

### The City Council has approved the following projects since October 9, 2017:

- Expressed gratitude to Maxwell H. Pulliam for his service on The Emmet O'Neal Library Board.
- Expressed gratitude to Judge James H. Hard for his service on the Emmet O'Neal Library Board.
- Appointed Nancy Long to the Emmet O'Neal Library Board to serve without compensation through September 30, 2021 (to fill the seat of Judge James Hard).
- Declared certain personal property surplus and authorized its sale at public Internet auction (L3

Communications Mobile-Vision Equipment).

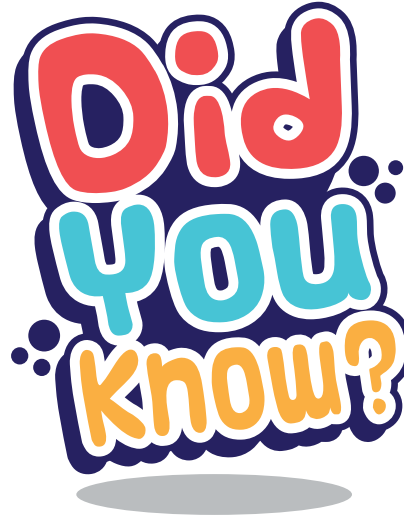
- Approved the following amounts to appropriated agencies for FY-2018:
  - Jefferson/Blount/St. Clair
  - Mental Health Authority - \$2,100
  - Birmingham Zoo - \$20,000
  - Alabama Veterans' Memorial Foundation- \$1,000
  - Jefferson County Historical Commission - \$1,000
  - Prescott House - \$5,000
  - Birmingham Museum of Art - \$11,500
  - All In Mountain Brook - \$10,000
  - Exceptional Foundation - \$7,500
  - Birmingham Children's Theatre - \$5,000
  - Alabama Symphonic Association - \$10,000
  - McWane Science Center - \$10,000
  - Birmingham Business Alliance - \$3,000
  - Alabama Ballet - \$2,500
  - Birmingham Botanical Gardens- \$20,000
- Authorized the Sain Associates Work Authorization with respect to the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant application preliminary study.
- Approved the Waste Management notice of 1.92% CPI increase effective October 1, 2017 (2.4% CPI times 80% or 1.92%).
- Declared certain personal property (1995 Kustom Signals Smart Trailer) surplus and authorized its sale at public Internet auction.
- Vacated the cul-de-sac on the west end of Ridge Crest Road.
- Authorized the \$2,900 Work Authorization for Sain Associates to review the traffic study provided by Skipper Consulting with respect to the proposed condominium development project in Overton Village.
- Recommended to the State of Alabama, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, the issuance of a 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor license to Root to Tail, LLC (trade name: Root to Tail), 2031 Cahaba Road, Suite A, Mountain Brook, AL 35223.
- November was proclaimed “Giving Tuesday” month in the City of Mountain Brook.
- November 14, 2017 was proclaimed “Retired Teachers’ Day” in the City of Mountain Brook.
- Ratified and approved the transfer of funds in the amount of \$270,913 from the City of Mountain Brook Emergency Communications District to the City of Mountain Brook General Fund to reimburse the City for E911 dispatch labor costs/overhead for the year October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.
- Ratified and approved various intra-fund transfers of funds for the year October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.
- Reaffirmed the city's commitment to promote safe workplace guidelines with respect to the city's workers' compensation program.
- Rejected all bids with respect to the Police Department uniform bid.
- Authorized the execution of Trawick Construction, Inc. change order no. 1 with respect to The Emmet O'Neal Library Exterior Renovation Project (re: Resolution No. 2017-085).
- Authorized the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (RPCGB) to engage a consultant to study selected intersections from the APPLE Phase 2 pass-through grant.
- Authorize the part-time magistrate position be made full-time effective November 14, 2017, and to be

filled at the discretion of the City Manager pursuant to the “Rules and Regulations” administered by the Personnel Board of Jefferson County (PBJC).

- Authorized the issuance of a purchase order to ECS Southeast, LLP with respect to the Library window testing services.
- Authorized the purchase of the Docuware® Intelligent Indexing module to be incorporated into the City's existing digital document management system.
- Authorized the placement of a street light at the intersection of Euclid Avenue and Beech Street.
- Revoked the business license of Dakota Colton Smith, dba Paving and Concrete Co. (RV 41723) for soliciting driveway maintenance services door-to-door without a permit or invitation.
- Accepted the professional services proposal submitted by Gresham, Smith and Partners with respect to the combined flood study of Little Shades Creek in the vicinity of the Caldwell Mill Road and Old Brook Trail bridges in the amount of \$21,750.
- Authorized the removal of the 15-minutes parking sign on Fairway Drive near its intersection with Cahaba Road in English Village.
- Accepted the professional services proposal of Aha! Consulting (a division of Municode) with respect to the redesign, hosting and support of the City's website in the amount of \$23,500.
- Authorized Sain Associates to prepare the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant application for North Woodridge, Locksley Drive and Dunbarton Drive and

authorize the request for CMAQ funds for the Pine Ridge Road sidewalk.

- Authorized traffic improvements on Country Club Road at Memory Triangle to be performed by Stone & Sons Electrical Contractors pursuant to the recommendations made by Skipper Consulting.
- Authorized the execution of an agreement between the City and the Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority (MAX) with respect to public transportation services for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018 in the amount of \$120,779.40.
- Authorized the establishment of a demand deposit account at Iberia Bank for The Emmet O'Neal Library and authorizing signatories.
- Approved Conditional [office] Use application submitted by Dawson Development Company for property located at 2416 Canterbury Road.
- Authorize the execution of a professional services agreement between the City and Skipper Consulting, Inc., with respect to a pedestrian crossing on Montevallo Road at its intersection with Glencoe Drive in the amount of \$4,000.
- Authorized the execution of a professional services agreement with Walter Schoel Engineering Company, Inc., for the design of a pedestrian bridge over Shades Creek in Jemison Park in the amount of \$15,500.
- Authorized the execution of a professional services agreement with Nimrod Long and Associates for landscape design services for Jemison Park in the amount of \$7,500 which shall be reimbursed to the city by The Friends of Jemison Park.
- Authorized the execution of a professional services agreement with Nimrod Long and Associates for the preparation of a master plan for Jemison Park in the amount of \$15,000 one-half of which (\$7,500) shall be reimbursed to the city by The Friends of Jemison Park.



The City of Mountain Brook provides some services that you may not be aware of and can access in the future.

These include:

**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE (802-3800)**

- Parade/Public Assembly Permits
- Sells Village Gold gift certificates
- Reserves banners for Memory Triangle
- Reserves banners for street lights in the commercial villages
- Produces the City newsletter, The Reporter, on a quarterly basis
- Serves as the liaison with utility companies and their construction projects in the city
- Arranges tours of city facilities
- Allows garden clubs and civic clubs to use the City Council Chambers for meetings
- Speakers Bureau

**POLICE DEPARTMENT (802-2440)**

- House Watch Program while you are out of town
- Finger Printing services

**FIRE DEPARTMENT (802-3838)**

- Infant car seat installations (by appointment M-F, 8 am – 5 pm)
- Blood pressure checks

- CPR instruction to the public (by appointment only)
- Fire/Fall Prevention seminars for independent, elderly residents

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (802-2390)**

- Mosquito spraying/fogging
- Free compost for Mountain Brook residents
- Backdoor garbage service (one of two cities in Alabama that provide this service)
- Four leaf pickups a year
- Christmas Tree recycling
- Arbor Day events

**PARKS/RECREATION DEPARTMENT (802-3877)**

- Overton Park and Cahaba River Walk pavilion rentals
- Traffic Island beautification

**THE EMMET O'NEAL LIBRARY (879-0459)**

- Streaming movies on Hoopa
- 3D printer
- Scanner for public use
- Speakers Bureau

## Free Plant List to Attract Birds and Butterflies

One free, simple change can help you beautify your garden while also attracting more birds and butterflies for you and your family to enjoy. That may sound too good to be true, but studies show that if you want to increase the number of birds and butterflies that share your garden you need to choose plants for your home that are native to our area. This is because our native caterpillars, from which butterflies develop and who serve as the main food source for birds, have learned over centuries how to eat the leaves of our native plants for food. However, our native caterpillars have not yet learned as well

how to eat the leaves of Asian or European plants that have just arrived in Alabama in the past few hundred years.

So now you know that to support our birds and butterflies you should buy native plants from your local nursery, but what is considered “native” and what are the best native trees and shrubs for attracting the most birds and butterflies? This spring for the first time ever a definitive, easy-to-use list of plants native to the Greater Birmingham area has been made available to the public. After much debate, research and discussion by respected botanists and horticulturalists from our community, a native plant list has been approved by the Birmingham Botanical Gardens for the Greater Birmingham area, including Mountain Brook. Not only have all our native trees and shrubs been collected in one document, but the native plants are also ranked according to the number of butterfly and moth species they attract so that you may easily choose the most



butterfly-friendly trees and shrubs for your property.

The native tree and shrub list is available for free download at the Mountain Brook Board of Landscape Design webpage, <http://www.mtnbrook.org/BoardofLandscapeDesign>, but you may also find convenient free trifolds of the list at City Hall, the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Oak Street Garden Shop, and Leaf and Petal. Happy planting!

Sim S.W. Johnson,  
Chair, MB Board of Landscape Design  
Instagram @simswjohnson



### Recommended TREE SELECTIONS For the City of MOUNTAIN BROOK

Mountain Brook Tree  
Commission  
56 Church Street

## Parks & Recreation Projects for 2018

**The Parks & Recreation Department has four (4) big projects planned for 2018.**

First is to continue work at the Mountain Brook High School baseball complex. Dick Shea helped us start by renovating the infields of fields 3-7. All the lips were removed and the infields were re-graded with new crushed brick material and polymer was added to the infields that will help prevent rainouts. Mr. Shea also helped us by addressing some of the drainage issues we had behind fields 3 and 4. This summer we will finish with our drainage plan to ensure the park is shedding water like it should. We plan to make other improvements over the next few years. If you have ideas for improvements, please share them with Shanda Williams at [williamssh@mtnbrook.org](mailto:williamssh@mtnbrook.org).

The second project is to remove the invasive plants from the Irondale Furnace. An initial sweep will be completed in February. All the bigger plants will be removed and the smaller

plants will be sprayed. We hope this will open up the view of the creek and the ruins while making room for more native plants to grow.

The third project is to resurface the tennis courts at Mountain Brook High School and Overton Park. Since this is a warm season project, we plan to resurface all eight (8) courts in May after the high school tennis season is over. This will take a couple of weeks to complete.

The final major projects of 2018 will be to complete the restrooms at Mountain Brook Elementary School and Crestline Elementary School fields. We are in the process of re-bidding the restroom at Mountain Brook Elementary. We hope to have reasonable bids this time, and with the help of donations, should be able to install the custom designed restroom at the corner of Heathermoor Road and Cahaba Road. The restroom at Crestline will be an addition to the existing concession stand.

## Take Pride in our City

Do your part to keep Mountain Brook clean and attractive. Litter is not only unattractive but costly to clean up. Trash and litter should be properly deposited in a waste container or recycling bin. Large trash items should be left at the curb (not in the street) for pick up by Waste Management.

Additionally, pets should be curbed at all times and never soil our sidewalks, playing fields or your neighbor's yard. Pet owners should immediately and properly clean up any accidents that may occur.



*“Don’t just do what’s your responsibility,  
do what needs to be done.” ~ Pivot*



## Arbor Week 2018

Mountain Brook's annual Arbor Day observance has grown to Arbor Week because the city will partner with several other groups for many events during the week of April 2-8, 2018.

On Tuesday April 3, 2018 the Mountain Brook Board of Landscape Design is partnering with the Birmingham Botanical Gardens to present a lecture by Arlington, Virginia-based landscape architect Thomas Rainer.

Mr. Rainer is a leading proponent of ecological landscape design and is the acclaimed author of "Planting in a Post-Wild World". Mr. Rainer's lecture will be open to the public, but attendees are encouraged to arrive early as space is limited and landscape professionals and horticulturalists from around the South will be in attendance. This lecture is presented in partnership with The Birmingham Audubon Society, and the Alabama Chapter of the American Society

of Landscape Architects.

Mountain Brook's annual tree giveaway will also see a change this year. On Saturday April 7, 2018 the Mountain Brook Board of Landscape Design will partner with the Friends of Jemison Park and the Friends of Shades Creek to give trees away in Jemison Park as part of the inaugural Shades Creek Appreciation Day. In addition to fly-fishing tutorials in Shades Creek and wildlife exhibits, hundreds of Heritage oak seedlings will be given away near the Old Mill on Mountain Brook Parkway. The oaks were grown from seeds of exceptional specimen trees within Mountain Brook and grown by local nurserywoman Rebecca Cohn of Cohnflower. Arrive early to receive a White oak from Salisbury Road, a Post oak from Gaywood Circle, or from Birmingham Country Club an array of Willow oak, Southern Red oak, and Cherrybark oak!

## 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.



## Make Good Use of Tree "Wastes"

It is said that reuse is the best recycling. This can be done with some tree-related items, such as containers, but a different kind of recycling is possible for so-called tree or yard wastes, such as leaves, branches and trunks. Every part of a tree can be made into new and useful items or otherwise be put to service. A good New Year's resolution might be - as an individual or a community- to let no tree parts end up in the landfill.

- Limbs of all sizes can be used for home heating or recreational fires, but should not be transported to other locations.



- Leaves can be composted or added to gardens to lighten the soil texture and provide good habitat for earthworms.



- Chipped branches and trunks provide mulch that can be placed around trees or can serve as a weed barrier (over biofabric) in shrub beds.



Source: From the library of Tree City USA Bulletins, November/December 2016

## Tree Cutters/Grass Cutters/Landscapers Business License requirements:

The City of Mountain Brook Ordinance Sec. 26-210 states that it shall be unlawful for any person, taxpayer, or agent of a person or taxpayer to engage in businesses or vocations in the municipality for which a license is required without first having procured a license.

This includes all home based businesses, contractors, including all of the building trades, grass cutters/landscapers, and tree cutters.

Residents, please remember that when hiring a contractor to perform any work on your home to please verify with the Revenue Department to ensure that the contractor is licensed to work in the City. The telephone number is 205-802-2400 option 4. Any contracting work being conducted within the city limits must be permitted. Permit applications may be obtained at City Hall located at 56 Church St.

### Tree Removal:

Recently, instances of contractors leaving piles of debris behind, upon completion of the job, have increased concurrently with the increase in tree removals and clean up following last year's drought and various storms this season. It has reached the point where it is putting a measurable strain on city resources, and the



timely response that the City's Public Works Department typically can provide. This is a relatively uncommon scenario in which all MB residents can provide direct, valuable assistance, simply by being aware of the following: any person or entity ("contractor") that receives payment for any job that produces waste or debris, MUST haul away said debris from the premises. Whether it is an honest mistake or something else, please remember, if/when a contractor states or suggests that "the city" or "waste management" will haul away debris, that there are no exceptions to this policy. Doing so will avoid unnecessary hassle and expense for the city and residents alike. If there are any questions about a contractor and the status of their license, contact the Revenue Dept. at 205-802-2400 prompt 4. To report a contractor piling debris in violation of this ordinance, please call Public Works Supervisor, Johnny Franklin at 802-3866 or Assistant Public Works Director, Steven Gay at 802-3870.

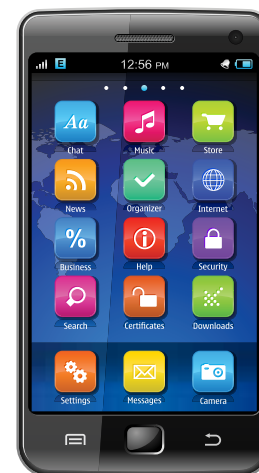
## Golf Carts And Other Vehicles Driven On City Streets

Some vehicles are not intended to be used on city streets. These include, but are not limited to: golf carts, 4 wheelers, side by side utility vehicles, go-carts, etc. By their nature, these vehicles were designed and built for off-road use.

A golf cart is not a vehicle within the definition of sections 32-1J.1 (81) or 40-12-240(27) of the Code of Alabama and, therefore, may not be used to traverse the public streets of a municipality. A 1985 Alabama Attorney General's opinion stated that "vehicles specifically designed by their manufacturers as off-the-road vehicles are not to be used on the streets and highways of this state."

Generally, to be driven on the streets, a vehicle must have proper headlights and taillights, turn signals, brake lights, seatbelts, a state issued license plate and a DOT approved windshield. The driver of such a vehicle must have a valid state driver's license, and there must be insurance on the vehicle. In short, it must meet all the same requirements of a car. For any violation of these requirements, a person driving such a vehicle on the city streets could be issued a citation.

The Mountain Brook Police Department may use some discretion at times in issuing a citation. Use of such vehicles for parades and during inclement weather events are times when discretion may be used.



## STAY IN TOUCH!

The City has a new means to communicate with the public. Beginning in January, we will send messages, alerts, and news via text message. To receive messages, send the text **MTNBROOK** to **888-777**. You should receive a confirmation message. You may reply **STOP** at any time to cancel.

# Emmet O'Neal Library News

## It's Happening at Emmet O'Neal

### Special Programs

Visit us at [www.eolib.org](http://www.eolib.org) to view more program details and to register.

#### February

- Tuesday, Feb. 6, 5:30 pm – Family Night: Miss Kit's Bubble Show
- Thursday, Feb. 8, 6:00 pm – Bookmania: Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
- Monday, Feb. 12, 4:00 pm – STEAM Powered: littleBits
- Monday, Feb. 19, 6:00 pm – Breakout Book Club: We Are Growing
- Tuesday, Feb. 27, 6:00 pm – Hot Off the Press Book Club

#### March

- Monday, Mar. 12, 4:00 pm – STEAM Powered: Sphero Coding
- Tuesday, Mar. 13, 5:30 pm – Family Night: AtsMagic with magician Arthur Atsma
- Thursday, Mar. 15, 6:00 pm – Bookmania: Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince
- Monday, Mar. 19, 6:00 pm – Breakout Book Club
- March 26 – 30 – Spring Break, no regular programs

#### April

- Monday, Apr. 9, 4:00 pm – STEAM Powered: Dissect Cow Eyes
- Tuesday, Apr. 10, 5:30 pm – Family Night
- Thursday, Apr. 19, 6:00 pm – Bookmania: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows
- Monday, Apr. 23, 6:00 pm – Breakout Book Club
- Tuesday, Apr. 24, 6:00 pm – Hot Off the Press Book Club

## CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT



(Above) One of the winning teams from last year's spring break family cooking challenge. (Right) Magician Arthur Atsma will provide the entertainment for Family Night on March 13.

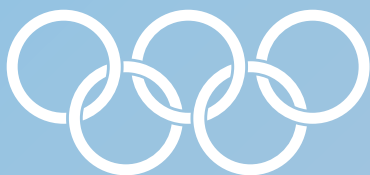


### Family Cooking Challenge

This spring, we'll host another family cooking challenge. Parents, kids, aunts, uncles, and grandparents: make a team and start practicing for our lively and utterly delicious showdown. The event will be in March or April. Keep an eye on our calendar so you don't miss it.



# Emmet O'Neal Library News

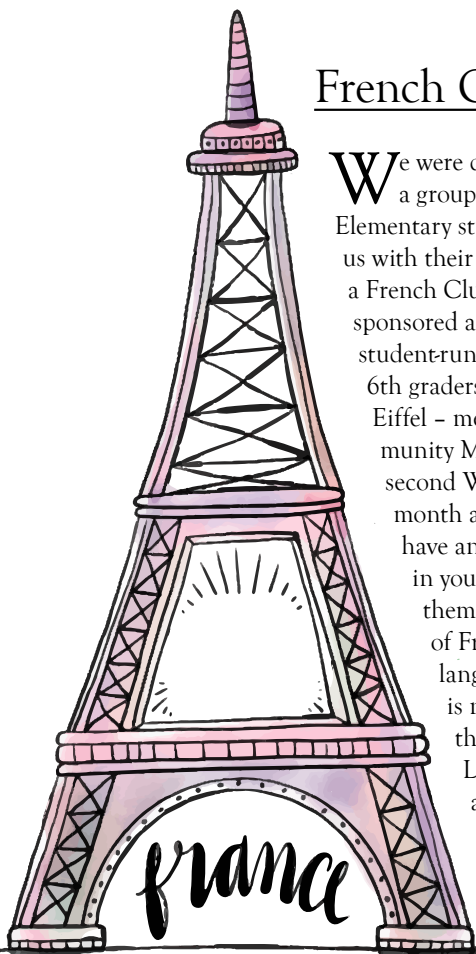


## Middle School Winter Olympic Challenge

The Olympics are meant to bring people together, so we're bridging the gap between elementary school and junior high with a Winter Olympic Challenge for 6th - 9th graders. On Friday, February 2, students are invited to participate together in our quirky interpretations of winter sports. The program will take place after hours, and you can register online through the library's website, [www.eolib.org](http://www.eolib.org). And a little training surely won't hurt.

## French Club

We were delighted when a group of Crestline Elementary students came to us with their ideas of starting a French Club. Teacher-sponsored and completely student-run, the club for 5th-6th graders - called Tour De Eiffel - meets in the Community Meeting Room the second Wednesday of each month at 3:30. If you have any Francophiles in your house, drop them off for an hour of French culture and language. The club is not a program of the Emmet O'Neal Library, but we are très contents to have them meeting in our space!



## Valentines for Children's Hospital

Stop by the library's Children's Department any time from February 3-8 to make a Valentine for a child at Children's Hospital. We'll provide all the materials you need, so simply show up with your creativity and your spirit of generosity to help bring a smile to the face of a kid who's spending Valentine's Day dealing with illness.

# The Holocaust

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

Each year, the Emmet O'Neal Library and the Birmingham Holocaust Education Center sponsor the Holocaust Film Series. This is a free series in which our facilitator Dr. Andre Millard, Professor of History at UAB, introduces the films and leads a discussion afterward. 205-445-1121.

The final program in the 2018 Holocaust in Film series will be held on Sunday afternoon, February 4th at 2:00 p.m. This year's film is Amnon's Journey. This inspiring

documentary by Jean-Marie Hosatte follows master violin maker Amnon Weinstein and his mission to recover and restore violins played by Jews during the Holocaust. The film features touching musical performances by international virtuosos Maestro Shlomo Mintz, Yair Dalal, and Cihat Askin.

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

# Emmet O'Neal Library News

## ADULT NEWS

### Book Sale Time at Emmet O'Neal Library

The last weekend in February brings with it the return of the Friends of Emmet O'Neal Library's Book Sale and you are invited! All donors giving \$25 or more to The Emmet O'Neal Library will receive an invitation to the Book Sale Preview Party on Thursday, February 22nd from 6pm-8:00pm. At the Preview Party you'll get first crack at the best books, including beautiful art and coffee table books, collectible items, and rare titles. Visit the Friends page of the Library's website and donate today! The sale opens to the public Friday and



Saturday, February 23rd and 24th from 10am-5pm and on Sunday, February 25th from 1pm-4pm.

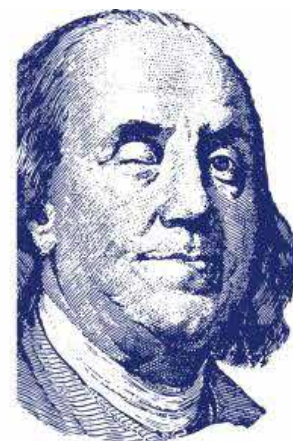
Drop in, select books for yourself and friends, and support the Library. Stop by each day of the sale; you're sure to find something different each time! Proceeds from the sale fund Library programs for all ages. Our Friends group accepts book donations throughout the year

in preparation for this sale. Simply ring the doorbell at the back door of the Library and ask for a receipt. We'll do the rest!



# MONEY SMART WEEK<sup>®</sup>

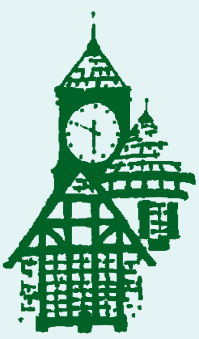
## APRIL 21-28, 2018



**E**mmet O'Neal Library will join public libraries and financial institutions across the country in celebrating Money Smart Week in April 2018. Beginning April 21st, materials from our collections on personal finance and investing will be highlighted, while programs featuring

speakers and films to educate and entertain the community will round out our week. Money Smart Week is the broadest and most comprehensive financial education program in the country. Started in 2002 in Chicago with just 40 programs, it has expanded significantly to

become the only national educational program for people at all stages of life. For more details on Money Smart Week at Emmet O'Neal Library, please visit our website at [www.eolib.org](http://www.eolib.org).



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At its September and November Board Meetings, the Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation Board of Directors elected four new members - **Morgan Cook, Faith Couvillon, Eric Kelly and Chris Trotter.**

Cook, Couvillon, Kelly and Trotter fill the spots left by **John Bragg, Tanya Cooper, Leigh Ann Sisson, and Sumner Starling** who completed their terms in 2017. Board members serve four year terms, and may serve more than one term.

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