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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.

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



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STAY IN TOUCH

As of March 29th, 427 users subscribed to our new alert system. For those unaware, the city now sends notifications, alerts, and news via text message. These messages include city events, road closures, construction updates and the city calendar with many other types of messages to come.

To receive messages text **MTNBROOK** to **888-777**.

You should receive a confirmation message.

You may reply **STOP** at any time to cancel.

Mayor’s Message

Lock Your Cars!

Ted Cook, our Police Chief, sends out a weekly email of crimes that occur throughout our city. The one crime that keeps coming up week after week is auto break-ins. In the vast majority of these cases, thefts result when property is stolen from unlocked cars. Recently, we had a number of cases of cars stolen when keys were left in the cars!

While I still sometimes think of Mountain Brook as “Mayberry RFD” of Andy Griffith fame, unfortunately it is not. The days of leaving our homes and cars unlocked are long gone. With the constant home building, home renovation, lawn care and many other services happening throughout our city, it is easy for thieves to move around without raising suspicion.

Do this to help prevent crime in our neighborhoods:

- Lock your car...always. Even if you are just running into your house or



store for a minute, lock your car.

- Do not leave valuables where they are easily seen by someone looking in your car. It only takes a thief a moment to break a window and remove items from a car. Or, open your car door, if unlocked!
- Lock your home...always. We have had a number of home break-ins where the thief simply opened the door and walked in.
- If you have an alarm system, use it. Also, consider posting that your home has a monitored alarm system.
- Report suspicious behavior. We have an incredible police force. These dedicated men and women want to serve our community, and welcome your help in curbing crime. Sometimes I fear we are hesitant to call the police because what you see as suspicious may turn out to be nothing. I would rather err on the side of caution and make that call.

By using common sense and working together with our police force, we can significantly reduce property theft

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Mayor: Stewart H. Welch, III
CITY COUNCIL

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crime in our city.

Note: To sign up for Chief Cook's weekly crime report, email communityupdate@mtnbrook.org and request to be added to the list.

Over-the-Mountain Mayors Form Coalition

Opioid abuse from both prescription and illegal drugs may be the single biggest problem facing our nation and our communities. The Mayors of Mountain Brook, Homewood, Vestavia and Hoover have formed the Freedom from Addiction Coalition as a joint effort to attack this problem in our local communities. Once per quarter, an alternating city hosts a free breakfast for everyone across our communities who are interested in this issue. Vestavia Mayor, Ashley Curry, hosted the first one in March with much success. Mountain Brook will host the second one on Tuesday, June 12, 8am - 9am at Canterbury United Methodist Church, 350 Overbrook Road. We will have a speaker for 30 minutes followed by a Q&A session, and have experts in the field available for one-on-one private conversations.

Who Should Attend? If you think

you might have a drug abuse problem; if you think you know someone who may have a drug abuse problem; if you're interested in how you can help reduce drug abuse in our community...please join us.

Ride Sharing Bill

We all owe State House Representative, David Faulkner, a big thank you for originating and shepherding the 'Ride-Sharing' bill through the legislature. This bill allows Transportation Network Companies (TNCs such as Uber and LYFT) to operate under one uniform network all across the State of Alabama, under the regulation of the Public Service Commission. This is a huge win for all Alabamians because this will provide more access to rides/drivers in allowing travel between all cities and counties. It will also provide thousands of jobs across the State and convenient and affordable transportation options that, before its passage, were not available in many areas of our state.



Mayor Stewart Welch, III

Freedom from Addiction

Reach • Connect • Prevent

Freedom from Addiction Coalition Community Breakfast

Canterbury United Methodist Church

350 Overbrook Road, Mountain Brook, AL 35213

June 12, 2018 - 8:00 AM -9:00 AM

Breakfast served at 7:30 AM

With Guest Speakers:

Richard Simmons III

&

Jay Lloyd

Hosted by:

**Mayor Ashley Curry
(Vestavia Hills)**

**Mayor Stewart Welch
(Mountain Brook)**

**Mayor Frank Brocato
(Hoover)**

**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 the battle.

We hope you can join us!



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EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR



Pictured left to right: Johnny Riley (Public Works Department), Dean Brazier (Parks & Rec Department), Animal Control Officer Preston Sloan (Police Department), LaTonya Nash (City Hall), Lieutenant Noah Johnson (Fire Department), Officer Rozetha (Ro) Burrow (Police Department)- City of Mountain Brook Employee of the Year

Board Appointments/ Reappointments

- Mayoral Appointment of Carey Hollingsworth to the Planning Commission to fill the place of Cay B. Alby through January 22, 2024.
- Reappointed K.C. Hairston as a Municipal Court Judge through January 25, 2020.
- Reappointed Turner Williams as a Municipal Court Judge through March 1, 2020.

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

2018 Restaurant Trail Challenge



Have you heard about the Mountain Brook Restaurant Trail? It's the easiest (and tastiest!) scavenger hunt you have ever participated in and one lucky diner will win an amazing prize pack including over \$1800 in prizes! From a piping hot corndog at Sneaky Pete's to an elegant evening at Ollie Irene to a fresh breakfast pastry from Continental Bakery, the Restaurant Trail has something for everyone! Check out a new restaurant in the city (have you been to Icehouse?) or revisit a treasured favorite (Gilchrist is hard to beat!). Two Mountain Brook City employees have been through the Mountain Brook Restaurant Trail, Holley Wesley and Janet Forbes. Below are their thoughts:

Holley Wesley: I'm midway through the trail myself and have tasted new favorites. I had an exquisite birthday lunch at Daniel George and learned the sugar cookies at Magic Muffin will delight your coworkers. Pro tip: did you know that at Crestline Bagel, you can get the bagel scooped before adding fillings to get all that great bagel taste without so many of the carbs?! Or that, for a nominal charge, you can add ground beef or chorizo to the yummy cheese dip at La Paz?! I challenge you to get out and explore all the options on the Trail!

Janet Forbes: Thirty-seven (37) and counting...where are you on the Mountain Brook Restaurant Trail? Try a new restaurant for your next special occasion or if you need a quick lunch, visit one you have not been to in a while. I have enjoyed birthday celebrations with family and friends to watching basketball games at several restaurants in the area. Meeting co-workers at lunch is fun and a great way to find out about restaurants you have not tried yet. Several city and library employees are participating in the challenge, so join us to help support Mountain Brook restaurants. There are healthy ways to enjoy the Restaurant Trail so check out Instagram and Facebook posts to see these options.

How to participate:

- For a complete list of restaurants, go to www.mtnbrookchamber.org and click on the "Restaurant Trail" tab.
- Visit all 50 restaurants before December 1, 2018 and post a picture documenting each visit on your Instagram or Facebook account with the #i8mb hashtag. Be creative and encourage others to join you in supporting Mountain Brook restaurants!
- When you have completed the Trail, call the Chamber of Commerce at 205-871-3779 or email chamber@mtnbroomchamber.org. Each individual completing the Trail will be entered into a Grand Prize drawing in December, 2018.



Quarterly Crime Statistics

	4th Quarter 2017	1st Quarter 2018
Robbery	1	1
Robbery (aggravated shoplifting)	1	0
Burglary/Residence	10	6
Burglary/Business	0	2
Theft	44	34
Theft from Vehicle (UBEV)	20	19
Auto Theft	4	2
Assaults (Other)	4	2
Identity Theft	17	28
Criminal Mischief	12	3
Drugs	32	37
Family Violence	6	3
Accidents	293	218
A With Injuries	12	19
A With Fatalities	0	1
Calls For Service	7,522	7068
House Watches	223	175
Property Stolen	\$506,723	\$374,133
Property Recovered	\$137,992	\$188,934

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.



Building Permit Activity

Permit Type:	4th Quarter - 2017		1st Quarter - 2018	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	15	\$9,527,979	11	\$8,283,238
Alterations/Additions	79	\$9,210,714	95	\$15,579,769
Repairs/Other	237	\$4,653,919	224	\$5,009,253
Totals:	331	\$23,392,612	330	\$28,872,260

COMPARISON OF PREVIOUS YEAR

Permit Type:	4th Quarter - 2016		1st Quarter - 2017	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction			8	\$3,074,024
Alterations/Additions	82	97	\$9,280,656	\$11,274,408
Repairs/Other	170	201	\$6,047,486	\$3,969,069
Totals:	262	306	\$18,402,166	\$31,359,018

MOSQUITO SEASON

The City's Mosquito Control Program starts in April with the city putting out briquettes in drainage areas. We will begin fogging the right of ways in May. Mosquitoes need quiet, standing water to breed. Eliminate mosquito breeding habitats by emptying standing water in outdoor items such as containers, toys, plastic covers, unused tires or outdoor equipment. Drain puddles or fill with dirt. Empty and change the water in birdbaths, wading pools, and potted plant trays at least once a week. Properly maintain swimming pools and unclog rain gutters.



For more information on mosquito control visit the Jefferson County Department of health's website, (www.jcdh.org) search word is "Vector Control" phone 205-930-1230.

New Businesses

RETAIL/WHOLESALE TRADE

- Baby Face Band LLC, 3678 Montevallo Road, 205-266-3018
- Outpost 30A, LLC (dba\ Outpost), 2732 Cahaba Road, 205-407-4303

PERSONAL SERVICES/ FINANCIAL SERVICES

- TriFusion, LLC, 236 Country Club Park, 205-383-9979
- Valley National Bank, 92 Euclid Avenue, 561-616-3024

ADMINISTRATIVE, PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

- Corley Moncus PC, 2616 Heathermoore Road, 205-879-5959
- Deepsky LP, LLC, 6 Office Park Circle, Suite 100, 205-917-5936
- Floss Family Dentistry PC, 27 Church Street, 205-879-8500
- Law Office of Daniel J. Burnick LLC, 2918 Cahaba Village Plaza, 205-902-9005
- Lisenby, Shannon, 3212 Sterling Road, 205-536-6197
- Marianne Strong Interiors LLC, 13 Office Park Circle, Suite 17, 205-222-8876
- R. M. Sher Group LLC, 6 Office Park Circle, 205-313-2568
- Rhone, Randi Bakke, (dba\ Resumes by Randi), 2839 Culver Road, 205-796-7496
- American Family Care, 3000 Cahaba Village Plaza, Suite 110, 205-421-2136
- Hart, Nanette, (dba\ Nanette Hart, LMT), 15 Office Park Circle, Suite 150, 415-816-6214

SPECIALTY TRADE/OTHER

- Cy Builders LLC, 408 Windwood Court, 334-306-2736

CONSTRUCTION

- Geldzahler, Glen G, (dba\ Gale Construction LLC), 3456 Oak Canyon Drive, 205-936-1022

REAL ESTATE

- ARC Realty, LLC, 2718 Cahaba Road, 205-969-8910
- Cahaba Village Properties, LLC (dba\ L&B Realty Advisors, LLP), 2800 Cahaba Village Plaza, 205-939-3111
- GKOS, 6 Office Park Circle, 205-879-4777
- MTB Office Park LLC, 8 Office Park Circle, 205-879-4777

RESTAURANT/FOOD SERVICE

- Daughters Baking, 2546 Beverly Drive, 317-607-9228
- TKBBQ, LLC, (dba\ Icehouse), 2708 Culver Road, 615-828-4601

Recent City Council Actions

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

- Ordinance No. 2004- Authorized the placement of a stop sign on Fernway Road at its intersection with Cherokee Road.
- Ordinance No. 2005- Authorized the placement of a stop sign on Fairway Drive at its intersection with Country Club Boulevard. [Yield sign to be placed on Fairway Drive at East Fairway Drive.]
- Ordinance No. 2006- Authorized the placement of a stop sign on Greenway Road at its intersection with Country Club Boulevard.
- Ordinance No. 2007- Amended Chapter 129 of the City Code with respect to accessory structures and buildings on residential lots.
- Ordinance No. 2008- Amended Chapter 129 of the City Code with respect to community shopping district permitted uses.
- Ordinance No. 2010- Permanently relocated the Mountain Brook Elementary polling location to Canterbury United Methodist Church and reaffirming the other five polling locations within the city effective for the August 28, 2018 municipal election.
- Ordinance No. 2011- Rezoned parcels of land in Mountain Brook and unincorporated Jefferson County from Residence A and R-1, respectively, to Planned Unit Development (PUD) for business and professional office uses (in conjunction with the annexation of the property in unincorporated Jefferson County).
- Ordinance No. 2012- Annexed a 1.7 acre parcel located at 2908 Pump House Road to the City of Mountain Brook, conditioned upon said parcel being rezoned

from Jefferson County R-1 and an adjacent parcel located in the City from Residence A [both] to Planned Unit Development (PUD) for business and professional uses (re: Ordinance 2010).

- Ordinance No. 2013- Amended the master development plan of Calton Hill to include additional adjoining property (vacated 3rd Street right-of-way) to be zoned Residential Infill District.

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

- Expressed gratitude to Sally Legg for her service to the city on the Board of Landscape Design.
- Authorized the creation of one (1) Skilled Laborer position for the Parks and Recreation Department to be filled at the discretion of the City Manager pursuant to the “Rules and Regulations” of the Personnel Board of Jefferson County.
- Authorized the 3-year renewal/extension of the guard service agreement for the Public Works facility.
- Authorized the execution of a commercial fire and emergency medical service agreement for the property located at Fairway-Parkway, LLC, 728 Shades Creek Parkway.
- Approved/amended the conditional service use application (an application submitted by Emma Suttles to allow pilates and spinning classes at 2419 Canterbury Road).
- Authorized the City Manager to issue a purchase order and to execute such other documents that may be determined necessary with respect to the removal of invasive

plants from Irondale Furnace by an independent contractor.

- Human Trafficking Awareness Month proclamation
- Extended the temporary modification of Canterbury Road at Village Circle until such time the City Council takes formal action to reopen.
- Approved the lunch operation conditional use application of Dinner at 73 Church Street, subject to the condition that maximum interior seating of 10 during the hours of 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.
- Authorized the City Manager to issue a one-time, lump sum cash award to Justin Baker in the amount of \$500 in recognition of his Employee Suggestion Award application.
- Authorized the execution of an amendment to the Agreement Between the Owner and Engineer for Engineering Professional Services authorized by 2016-202 with respect to the Caldwell Mill Road bridge replacement FEMA flood study and Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) for Little Shades Creek.
- Authorized Skipper Consulting to prepare and the City Manager to make application for the Road to Zero grant.
- Declared the totaled evidence van surplus and authorized its sale to the at-fault driver’s insurance company in consideration of \$10,804.
- Recommended to the State of Alabama, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, the issuance of a Restaurant Retail Liquor license to TKBBQ, LLC (trade name: Icehouse), 2708 Culver Road, Mountain Brook, AL 35223.

- Recommended to the State of Alabama, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, the issuance of a Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) license to Walgreen Co (trade name: Rite Aid 07021), 2711 Culver Road, Mountain Brook, AL 35223.
- Expressed gratitude to Cay Alby for her service to the city on the Planning Commission.
- February 23-25, 2018, proclaimed “Girl Scout Cookie Weekend”
- Declared certain property (HVAC units) surplus and authorized its sale at public internet auction.
- Authorized the execution of the MWCF Deductible Addendum – 2018 and such other documents that may be determined necessary with respect to the city’s workers’ compensation insurance renewal for the policy year beginning February 1, 2018.
- Authorized traffic improvements along Montevallo Road (from Stonehurst Green to Greenbriar Lane) as recommended in the traffic study prepared by Skipper Consulting, Inc.
- Authorized traffic improvements on Old Leeds Road at Glencoe Drive and Beechwood Road as recommended by Skipper Consulting, Inc. based on its APPLE Grant traffic study.
- Annual financial and compliance audit of the city for the year ending September 30, 2017
- Certified Government Financial Manager Month proclamation
- Arbor Week proclamation
- Resolution regarding the refile of an application to rezone property located in the vicinity of Overton Village from Mixed use to Residence F and Residence G



and amending the corresponding Overton Village Building and Development Regulation Plan from “Secondary Frontage” to “Residential Neighborhood Frontage” (re: December 11, 2017 public hearing).

- Approved the conditional service use application for Grade Power Learning at 2834 Culver Rd, Suite 201.
- Authorized the City Manager to offer continuing medical coverage to eligible employees (namely 20 years of city service at any age or 10 years of city service for ages 60 and over) who elect to retire between April 1, 2018 and January 1, 2019.
- Authorized the execution of a contract with Kanopy, LLC for video streaming services for the Library.
- Adopted a safety incentive program for the city to promote safe workplace practices and reduce workers’ compensation claims.
- Authorized the execution of an agreement with Stone & Sons Electrical Contractors for street light modifications for the Montevallo Road flashers and Old Leeds 5-Section project located at Montevallo Road and Old Leeds Road/Glencoe Drive.
- Authorized the Mayor to execute a contingency fee agreement between Napoli Shkolnik PLLC, Edmond, Lindsay & Hoffier, LLP, Perkins-Law, LLC, and Riley & Jackson, P.C. (collectively, “Law Firm”) to represent the city in the prosecution of legal claims against manufacturers and distributors of opioids arising out of the manufacturers’ and distributors’ fraudulent and negligent marketing and distribution of opioids and related matters.
- Approved the conditional professional office use application for South Oak Title & Closing at 2721 Cahaba Road.
- Adopted the City Hall departmental policy regarding attire, grooming and appearance.
- Authorized the execution of a right-of-way encroachment agreement between the city and Crestline Commercial Partners, LLC with respect to the property located at 30 Dexter Avenue.
- Authorized a one-time appropriation in the amount of \$20,000.00 to the Mountain Brook Board of Education to be used exclusively for capital improvements at the Brookwood Forest Elementary School playground.
- Alabama Organ Center (AOC) National Donate Life Month
- Authorized the City Manager to engage Stone & Sons Electrical Contractors, Inc., to relocate the traffic signal service at the intersection of Mountain Brook Parkway and Cahaba Road in conjunction with the street light upgrade/installation (Resolution No. 2018-049).
- Authorized the partial release (\$2,518,118.24) of the infrastructure development incentive with respect to the Lane Parke project.
- Authorized the Inter-Local Agreement between the city and Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) with respect to the Regional Jefferson County Outdoor Warning Siren System Maintenance.
- Approved the proposed street paving/resurfacing list for fiscal year 2018 under the City’s 3-year street resurfacing contract (Resolution No. 2017-058 adopted May 8, 2017).
- Authorized/requested Alabama Power Company (APCO) to install five (5) 280 watt LED area, 4000K, gray street lights in the vicinity of Mountain Brook Parkway at Cahaba Road (See also Motion No. 2018-045).

Respecting Wildlife

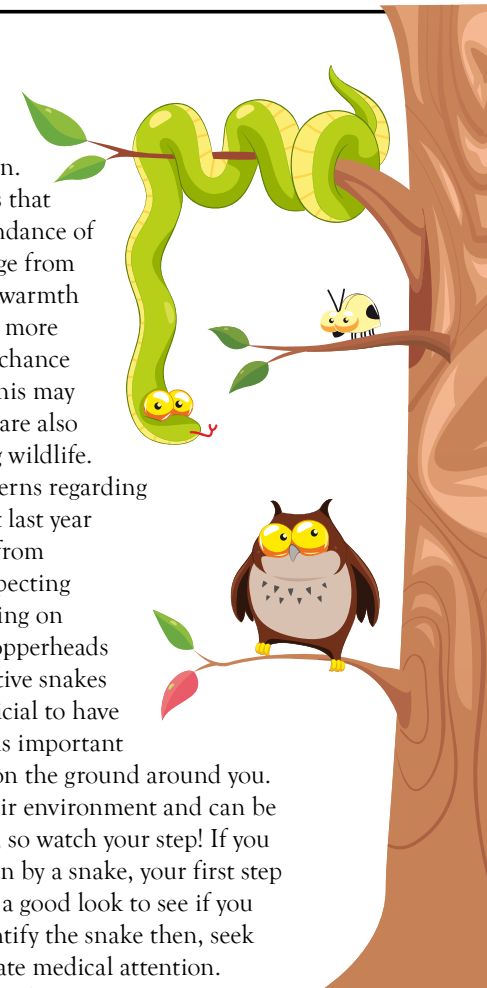
As spring begins to roll in, it’s only natural for all of us to get out and enjoy the warm weather that comes with the season.

However, we are not the only ones that like to get out in the sun. An abundance of Alabama’s wildlife begins to emerge from their winter homes to soak in the warmth of the sun. With more people and more wildlife out, there is an increased chance of encounters between the two. This may sound exciting to some, but there are also risks that come with encountering wildlife.

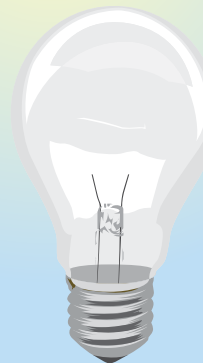
One of the largest safety concerns regarding wildlife in our city are snakes. Just last year we had four recorded snake bites from copperheads of which were unsuspecting residents doing yard work or walking on trails. Although there are many copperheads in our area, most of Alabama’s native snakes are non-venomous and very beneficial to have around our homes. Regardless, it is important to constantly be aware of what is on the ground around you. Snakes blend in very well with their environment and can be hard to spot if you are not careful, so watch your step! If you

are bitten by a snake, your first step is to get a good look to see if you can identify the snake then, seek immediate medical attention.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding wildlife safety, feel free to contact Mountain Brook Animal Control at (205) 802-3844.



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.

Lane Parke

Updates

- Construction of the culvert was finalized allowing for the completion of Jemison Lane, which now connects with Montevallo Road.
- In late 2017, Regions Bank opened their new branch at 2721 Culver Road.
- Swoop is now located at 251 Rele Street. Be sure to check their fun space!
- Mary Swanson, a Mountain Brook native, opened her Atlanta-based women's boutique, Tulipano at 230 Rele Street.

Future Plans

- Specializing in authentic Neapolitan pizza, Midici is coming to 279 Rele Street. Construction has begun, and should be complete by late summer.
- Demolition of the remaining shopping center, from Rite Aid to Dandelion, will begin in July of this year.
- Parallel to demolition, construction will begin on the parking area and landscape behind Regions Bank.
- Construction of Retail Phase 2 will begin this year, with a projected completion date sometime late 2019.



Map Mountain Brook



Mountain Brook's online GIS system is available to the public at www.mapmountainbrook.com. Initially, Map Mountain Brook was intended to be a stand-alone website, and that will remain an option, but the city is working on a new version of our main website. We hope to incorporate GIS throughout the new site. Here are a few of the new maps currently available to the public:

- **Flood Zone Map:** This map displays the latest flood zone information for properties within Mountain Brook.
- **Tree Inventory Map:** We mapped and identified all trees within the three traditional villages of Mountain Brook – 2,245 to be exact! This map contains a visual display of the data.
- **Historic Mountain Brook Photos:** This map displays historic points within Mountain Brook. Clicking each point will reveal a photo from the city's collection of digitized historical photos. We have done our best to accurately describe them, and place the photos geographically. I envision this as a collaborative effort within the community, and I hope to incorporate a means for anyone to upload new photos or edit existing photos in future versions.

If you have any questions about Map Mountain Brook, or GIS in general, feel free to contact me, **Hunter Simmons, at simmonsh@mtnbrook.org or 802-3830.**

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.

Waste Pickup Information for Mountain Brook



GARBAGE:

Is picked up once a week behind the house or by the garage. Garbage is kitchen and bathroom waste only. Cans cannot be any larger than 30 gallons. Anything larger, including 90-gallon rolling carts,

will have to be placed at the curb for pickup. If the driveway is blocked or the dog is out, Waste Management will not pick up the garbage.

RECYCLING:

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

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

One bin per household is provided by Waste Management. Additional bins can be purchased from Waste Management for \$20.00 each.

TRASH:

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

- Small piles of limbs
- Bagged grass and leaves, unless more than 4 or 5 bags
- Furniture and appliances (mattresses included)
- Clothing
- Paper products and moving boxes

- Yard work supplies (flowerpots, hose, and tools)
- Glass, crockery, and metal

KNUCKLEBOOM:

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

PREPARATION FOR SPECIAL ITEMS:

Paint cans - Remove the lids of the cans. If paint is still inside, put sand, dirt or kitty litter on top of it, then set the cans, with the lids off, at the curb on garbage pick up day.



Appliances with Freon (such as refrigerators and air conditioners) - Will not be picked up until these appliances have been drained of freon and a certified sticker has been placed on the

item. A technician at an appliance service department can provide the freon removal. The items can then be placed at the curb for pickup.

ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP:

Dirt, rocks, gravel, concrete, bricks, construction material, batteries, and tires.

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

Street Paving 2018

The City of Mountain Brook has contracted with Dunn Construction Company to resurface streets beginning in early summer. Many of the roads in Mountain Brook Village will be paved with most of the work taking place at night. South Brookwood Road is the only other major thoroughfare and Dunn Construction will be using pilot trucks to alternately keep one lane open while working on this road. Please pay close attention to traffic control and drive safely. Any questions concerning this project should be directed to Hunter Johnston (205) 802-3875 or Ronnie Vaughn (205) 802-3865. The streets to be resurfaced this year are as follows:

- Mountain Brook Village – All, including parking bays (Night work)
- Village Circle
- Montevallo Road from Jemison Lane to Hollywood Blvd. at the city limits.
- Canterbury Road from Culver Road to Cahaba Road.
- Cahaba Road from Heathermoor Road to just west of 280 ramp.
- Culver Road from Montevallo Road to Cahaba Road including the section named Petticoat.
- Note: Culver Road from Cahaba Road to Montevallo Road in front of Sneaky Pete's will be paved when Phase 2 of Lane Parke is complete.
- South Brookwood Road - From Brookwood Road to Brookwood Forest School
- Brookwood Trace - All
- Abingdon Road - All
- Abingdon Trail - All



Mountain Brook Receives Tree City USA Certification for 24th Year



For the 24th consecutive year, Mountain Brook has successfully met standards set forth by the Tree City USA Certification Program. The program, administered by the National Arbor Day Foundation since 1976, celebrates the importance of an urban tree canopy, and improves care of vital city trees.

- Every year, for 24 years, Mountain Brook has successfully:

- Maintained a Tree Board/Commission,
- Approved a Tree Care Ordinance,
- Overseen a community forestry program with a budget of at least \$2 per capita, and,
- Celebrated an Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation.

Mountain Brook is one of almost 3,500 Tree Cities across the nation, and is one of only 400 recipients of the Growth Award that recognizes higher levels of tree care by Tree City communities. This higher commitment includes highlighting innovative programs and projects, as well as increased commitment of resources for urban forestry. This was the City's 16th consecutive recognition in this higher category placing Mountain Brook in the top 100 participating communities across the United States.

A combined and collaborative effort of city leadership, past and present members of the Board of Landscape Design (formerly the Tree Commission), local merchants, civic organizations and residents have contributed in countless ways to ensure the community's continued success in this area.

Thank you, Mountain Brook!



LEAF AND TRASH PICKUP

Loose leaf pickup service has ended for this season. All loose leaves and small trash items need to be containerized for curbside collection. Larger trash

items should be on the curb for the knuckle-boom truck collection. Trash left through work done by a contractor is not eligible for pickup by Waste Management.

COMPOST

Our compost operation is in full swing at the Public Works facility located at 3579 East Street across from Rathmel Soccer Complex. We load open-bed vehicles Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and in the afternoons between 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call our office (205-802-2390) if more information is needed.

Polling Site Changes

For the past couple of elections, registered voters assigned to the St. Luke's Episcopal Church polling site were reassigned temporarily to the City Hall/Church Street polling site due to construction at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Now that construction at the church has been completed, voters assigned to St. Luke's will return to their normal polling location.

Effective with the next election (see below), the Mountain Brook Elementary School polling location will be moved permanently to Canterbury United Methodist Church. Registered voters assigned to the now former Mountain Brook Elementary School polling location should expect post card notices reminding them of the polling location change. The 2018 elections include:

ELECTION	STATE OF ALABAMA	CITY OF MOUNTAIN BROOK
Primary	June 5, 2018	
Primary Runoff	July 17, 2018	
General	November 6, 2018	August 28, 2018

Shades Creek Fest 2018

The inaugural Shades Creek Fest was held in Jemison Park on April 7, 2018 to provide a family-friendly event celebrating the natural wonders of Shades Creek. The cities of Mountain Brook and Homewood partnered with regional conservation groups to provide an array of activities, including fly fishing demonstrations, native tree giveaway, live music, and animal exhibits. Shades Creek Fest will return to Jemison Park in 2019 with even more offerings to engage and educate children and adults alike with the biodiversity of Shades Creek.



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SUMMER READING KICKOFF! MAY 20TH



It's that time again – when you get ready to dive into your summer with the annual Summer Reading Kickoff Carnival. Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 20. The event begins at 3:00 with the mile-long Thomas Hughes Brinkley Memorial Fun Run, open to bicyclers and all types of pedestrian travelers. Next up is the carnival itself, an indoor-outdoor affair featuring a variety of game booths, obstacle courses, concessions, train rides, face painting, and plenty more. Starting in May, wristbands that allow you to participate in all parts of the

carnival will be available for purchase online and at the children's desk.

The Junior Women's Committee of 100, or the JWC, organizes the kickoff as a fundraising event for the Emmet O'Neal Library children's department. Members of the JWC also contribute over 400 volunteer hours to the department throughout the year. Special thanks go to JWC Carnival Chair Grace Kipp and to JWC President Kitty Brown and Vice President Jennifer Clark.



Children's Department

June 4 – Summer Programs Start

When it comes to beating summer boredom, we've got you covered. Our weekly summer programming begins on Monday, June 4. Come see what we have to offer for children of all ages and their families.

- **Birth – 3 years:** Wiggle, giggle, shake, and sing along to stories and activities geared specifically toward your child's developmental level. Each week, we have Patty Cake on

- **Rising Kindergarten – 2nd grade:** Early elementary schoolers will have the time of their lives at their first library drop-off program, LOL:Go! Each Tuesday afternoon offers a different hands-on activity, from music to magic to interactive science. Kids in this age group who are emerging as readers may also be perfect candidates for Breakout Book Club, a monthly parent-child program where we eat pizza and do all sorts of hilarious, creative, and thought-provoking activities to engage with a particular book.

JULY 31 SUMMER READING FINALE

This year, to celebrate all the reading you do over the summer, we'll have a family picnic and bike parade. On the evening of Tuesday, July 31, you can bring the whole family to enjoy pizza on our lawn. Don't forget your bicycles and picnic blankets!

Thursdays (for 0-12 month-olds), Mother Goose on Wednesdays (12-24 months), and Toddler Tales on Mondays (24-36 months).

- **3-5 years:** For preschoolers, Wednesday afternoon's Movers & Makers storytime is the place to be. Adults and kids participate together in story-related locomotion and creative activity.

- **Rising 3rd – 6th grade:** Kids who are further along in their elementary school careers will find plenty to do at SNAP, a Thursday afternoon jamboree that offers something new each week. The first week is a wild Wipeout bonanza, so sport your comfy clothes and sneakers and show up for the fun at 3:30 on June 7. Upper elementary schoolers will also want to check out the Hot Off the Press book club this summer. It's the place to hear about and share the coolest new (and occasionally old) books to hit our shelves.

- **All ages:** The whole family is welcome at our Saturday morning storytime with Mr. Mac and his sack full of puppets and musical instruments.

Animal Tales does a blind pet-test with some Tuesday morning program attendees.

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Libraries Rock & Xtreme Reads

Whether you prefer to write your books in a reading log or keep up with them on a smartphone, the Libraries Rock summer reading program is here for you. Keep track of pages to earn chances to play our Libraries Rock game. Every time you play brings you closer to winning a free book - which you can do as often as once a week for the whole summer! For kids going into 3rd - 6th grade who want a little more out of summer reading, the Xtreme Reads online program offers challenges to get you reading outside your usual box. The prizes for this summer reading are also Xtreme - we'll have them on display all summer, so stop by and see what you could win. And readers of all ages can drop in any time to play the clue game. Each week we have a new clue and a different prize for finding it.



August 2 - Xtreme Reads Pizza Party

All Xtreme Reads participants can choose to close out the summer with their own pizza party on Thursday, August 2. We'll announce the Xtreme Reads prize winners and have a wild and crazy good time. Those who have completed enough challenges to qualify will also be invited to an after-hours Xtreme Reads party on August 3.

Every Tuesday in the summer at 10:30 in the morning, we bring in a top-notch entertainer or educator for you and your family to enjoy together. We'll have magic, music, puppets, bubbles, live animals, and more. The full schedule is below.

June

- **June 5** - Animal Tales: Born to be Wild (live animals)
- **June 12** - Miss Kit's Bubble School
- **June 19** - Jim Aycock music: Mixed Up!
- **June 26** - Movie and Popcorn: Coco

July

- **July 3 - 6th Day** Creatures (live animals)
- **July 10** - Magician Arthur Atsma
- **July 17** - Madcap Puppets: Jules & Verne's Excellent Adventure
- **July 24** - Roger Day

TUESDAY MORNINGS



Upper elementary students test their agility at our Wipeout program.

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adult summer reading

special programs for adults all summer long!

Emmet O'Neal Library Celebrates Summer Reading For ALL AGES!

It's hard to believe summer is fast approaching, but the library is ready to roll into the summer months. We'll kickoff Summer Reading for folks of all ages on Sunday afternoon, May 20th. Adult and teens may register for summer reading, chat with our librarians about our plans for this summer, and win a book from our prize cart!

Our programs for adults this summer include a Bob Ross Paint Party (we'll paint pretty little trees!), a summer book preview featuring all the books you will want to read this summer, a Saturday afternoon matinee movie (complete with cartoons and news reel footage), yoga and poetry, and a preview party for the summer issue of *The Birmingham Arts Journal*.



Teen Summer Reading @ EOL

And don't forget teens in 7th-12th grades - the Young Adult Department at Emmet O'Neal Library is set to open a ginormous can of awesome for the summer! We'll kick off our programs on May 20th with registration for summer reading. Drop by that Sunday to chat with Matt and win prizes from the teen book cart. We will have exam breaks going on during kickoff as well. We want you to ace your exams!

This summer the Emmet O'Neal teens are preparing for a magical musical journey. We'll have weekly ukulele classes for 15 lucky participants. Plus, we will offer weekly programs guaranteed to turn your summer into one to remember. Our Chopped cooking program is always a delectable good time, and we'll have an evening of old fashioned games that will make your grandma want to stay up late. There will be reading challenges and art competitions and of course, fantastic prizes. Visit our website at www.eolib.org to find out more about our fabulous programs for teens and more.

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kanopy

Discover over 30,000 films available to stream instantly on our new streaming video service Kanopy. Mountain Brook residents with library cards can stream up to ten films per month. Go to Kanopy.com today to create an account.



Standing Room Only presents Chopped: Vintage Recipe Edition

July 20, 2018 5pm Ages 21+ only

Bring your own home cooked secret vintage family dish to share for us to judge AND make a second dish at the library with the secret ingredients that we provide. Registration required. Email Amanda at amandaw@bham.lib.al.us to register your team.

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Baseball in ALABAMA

TALES OF HARBALL IN THE HEART OF DIXIE

Doug Wedge

Foreword by Hal Baird, Head Baseball Coach, Auburn University, 1985-2000



Baseball Book Signing May 31st

Author Doug Wedge will join us Thursday, May 31, at 2:00 p.m. for a discussion and signing of his new book *Baseball in Alabama: Tales of Harball in the Heart of Dixie*. From hardscrabble fields of the 1950s to the luxury stadiums of today, the book traces the journeys of ten players with Alabama roots and connections and their rise to the Major Leagues. Along the way, players like Birmingham's Ron "Papa Jack" Jackson, Hall of Famer Billy Williams, and former Atlanta Brave Tim Hudson share their keys to success, career highlights, and good stories. The book also examines minor league and college baseball in Alabama, looking back on the Crimson Tide's improbable run in the 1983 College World Series and the Barons' return to Birmingham in the early 1980s. Former Auburn Head Coach Hal Baird writes the foreword to start the action. Stop by for some good baseball history, and play ball!



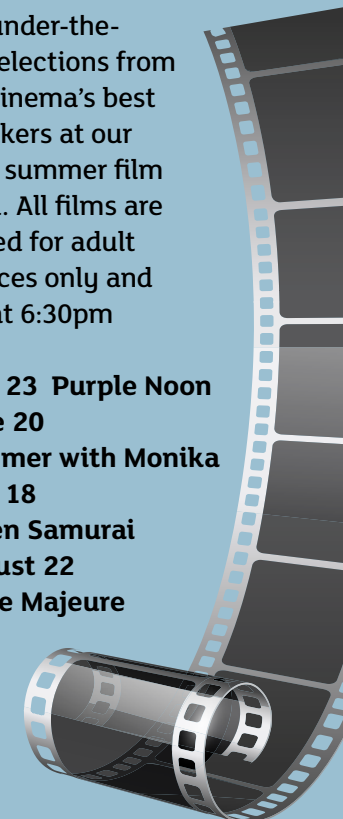
Books will be available for purchase and copies will be available to check out from your favorite library!

For more information, please contact Katie Moellering at 205-445-1118 or kmoellering@bham.lib.al.us.

Art House Film Series

Enjoy under-the-radar selections from world cinema's best filmmakers at our annual summer film festival. All films are intended for adult audiences only and begin at 6:30pm

- **May 23 Purple Noon**
- **June 20 Summer with Monika**
- **July 18 Seven Samurai**
- **August 22 Force Majeure**



Lost & Found Book Group

LOST

FOUND

We have an interesting new book group at Emmet O'Neal Library run by Gregory Lowry. Gregory is a veteran at running book groups, having run a very popular group at Little Professor Book Center for many years. The focus of our new group at EOL is lost classics. We will read and discuss books that were once very popular, but have been lost to time. Titles and themes include:

- **May 31st Sinister Siblings - "A High Wind in Jamaica"** by Richard Hughes
- **June 28th Halls of Academe - "Picture From an Institution"** by Randall Jarrell and "Stoner" by John Williams

- **July 26th Great Early 20th Century Satires - "Day of the Locust"** by Nathanael West and "The Circus of Dr. Lao" by Charles G. Finney

Our new group will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings. Books are available at Emmet O'Neal Library. For more information about this new book group, please contact Gregory Lowry at gtlowry@bham.lib.al.us or call the Library's Adult Department at 205-445-1121.

