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Business License Renewals

Business license renewals for the City of Mountain Brook are due on January 1st and will be delinquent January 31st of the current year. Licenses not renewed by January 31, 2019, will be subject to penalties and interest.

Existing businesses will receive a renewal notice prior to January. They will be mailed out no later than December 15th.

Contractor licenses are billed at a "flat rate." For all skilled trades a copy of the upcoming year's State of Alabama contractor card must be included with the return.

All licenses other than those that are "flat rate" must include the basis amount that is used for the calculation of the license fee. Licenses cannot be processed unless that base is included.

If a business receives a renewal notice and you are no longer conducting business in the City of Mountain Brook, please mark the renewal notice with the ending date of the business and return it so that we can update our records.

If you have any questions concerning the renewal of your Business License please call our Revenue Department at 205-802-2400, option 4.

Mayor's Message

"Well, Pat Yourself on the Back!"

MOUNTAIN BROOK RANKED AMONG MOST SUCCESSFUL CITIES IN AMERICA

There are many reasons to be proud of our city including our schools, our parks, trails and sidewalks, our villages and the variety and excellence of our restaurants and retailers. We know we have a great city and enjoy an exceptional lifestyle but does the rest of the world know how great our city is? Now they do! A new study by Zippia.com ranked American cities based on median income, unemployment rate and education rate and Mountain Brook is ranked the 7th Most Successful City in the United States. What I loved about this was we are number



two in education with 85.1% of adult residents with at least a bachelor's degree (number one is Glencoe, IL at 86.7%). Way to go, Mountain Brook!

RAVE REVIEWS FROM RESIDENTS

You will always hear me brag about us having the best employees of any city but it is one thing to hear it from me and quite another to hear it from our residents. This is an excerpt of a long 'thank you' from a resident thanking our Public Works Department.

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I came back to my store last night around 11:30 pm to pressure wash the front side walk and check on a few things to get our week started. It was a huge relief to find that your guys were already there pressure washing not only my sidewalk but the whole block. I can't thank you enough for going the extra mile and providing this service for us without us asking or you even taking credit. I absolutely love to do business in Mountain Brook with all of the support from your department in keeping our areas clean and functioning properly.

Jay Connor, Mountain Brook Creamery

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Virginia Carruthers Smith

Council 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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JEMISON TRAIL VOTED BIRMINGHAM'S BEST TRAIL FOR 2018

This is an outstanding achievement and is due to the efforts of so many people. A special congrats goes out to Shanda Williams, Director, Mountain Brook Parks & Recreation and all of her staff who work so hard to maintain all of our parks and trails. Also, Friends of Jemison Park, Mountain Brook Parks & Recreation Board and Board of Landscape Design, along with Nimrod Long, are constantly engaged in activities focused on improving Jemison Trail. Finally, we are all excited about the new bridge that Dick Shea (Morris-Shea Bridge Company, Inc.) has manufactured and is installing in Jemison Park. Dick has quietly done so much for our city including recently donating and installing a new LED lighting system at one of our softball fields. The quality of the lighting is amazing and lights can actually be controlled from an iPhone! Thank you, Dick, for caring so much about our city!

FIRE DEPARTMENT TO THE RESCUE!

Chief Chris Mullins says that 90% of child car seats are incorrectly installed! The safety of our young children is one of our greatest concerns. If you swing by the fire department, they will check to make sure your child's car seat is correctly installed. It only takes a minute. Thank you, Chief Mullins and your fellow firefighters, for all that you do for our community!

Hunter Simmons Elected President of the GIS Association of Alabama

Hunter Simmons, who manages the City of Mountain Brook's GIS, was elected President of the GIS (Geographical Information System) Association and will begin his term in January 2019. Hunter served as the association's Vice-President this past year. For those unfamiliar, GIS allows us to use locations to link otherwise unrelated information, or data, and provide more thorough analysis and make better decisions.

GISAA is the leading organization for GIS in Alabama. GISAA's mission is to provide professional GIS growth in Alabama through education and networking, and, since 2004, has been a vital advocate for the GIS profession in Alabama. GISAA's membership is comprised of individuals from diverse fields focused on connecting and analyzing information to provide better engagement and decision-making tools for the general public and/or business partners.

Automobile Property Taxes

Few people will argue that the single most important asset of our community is the Mountain Brook School System. A primary reason our school system excels academically is the community's commitment to funding education. The local funding of our schools is provided largely from property taxes—both real estate and personal property.

Everyone who lives in Mountain Brook benefits from our excellent school system, regardless of whether they have children currently enrolled or not. Please make sure that your automobile is properly registered so that our property taxes may be maximized for the benefit of the schools. For every dollar properly paid in automobile property taxes, our school system received about 45 cents. Currently, our school system collects about \$2.3 million annually from automobile property taxes.

In 2003, the City Council passed an ordinance (No. 1609) reaffirming that it is unlawful for a vehicle owner to misrepresent their correct residential address with the intent to avoid paying the correct ad valorem taxes. The fines (per vehicle) imposed under this ordinance are \$200 plus court costs for the first violation, up to \$500 plus court costs for all subsequent violations, and the vehicle owner must provide proof that the vehicle registration has been corrected in all cases.

Also, please verify that your automobile tag notice is correctly coded. At the top of your automobile tag receipt is a "City Code" box—Code "4" represents Mountain Brook. If your receipt does not have "4" in this box, Mountain Brook is not receiving your car tag money. If your tag notice is incorrect, please contact the Jefferson County Department of Revenue at 325-5171 to get it corrected.



Simmons named President.

STAY IN TOUCH!

As of October 4th, 843 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.





2019 Budget Adopted

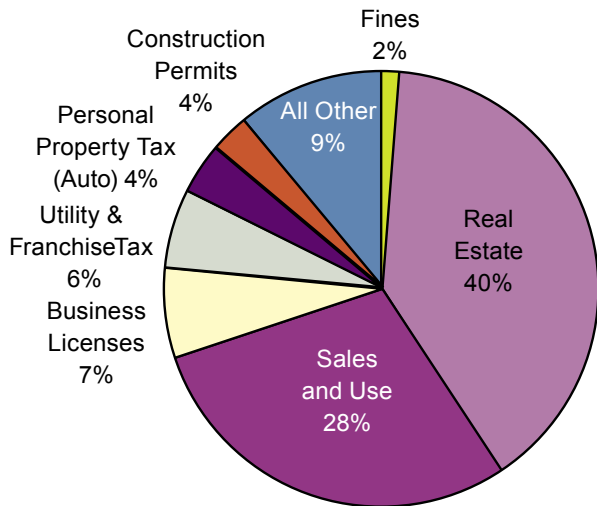
The City Council adopted the 2019 budget in September. The city's fiscal year is October 1st-September 30th. The General Fund budget reflects a surplus of \$217,000. The General Fund revenue totals \$39.4 million representing a 3% increase over the fiscal 2018 budgeted revenue. Some of the more significant General Fund revenues include:

Source of Revenue	2018	2019	Percentage Change
Real estate tax	\$15,797,000	\$15,927,000	0.8%
Sales tax	10,869,000	11,023,000	1.4
License and franchise fees	3,459,000	3,538,000	2.3
Utility taxes	1,507,000	1,485,000	(1.5)
Automobile property tax	1,397,000	1,377,000	(1.4)
Construction permits	818,000	1,197,000	46.3
Fines	542,000	535,000	(1.3)
All other	3,824,284	4,281,322	12.0
Totals	\$38,213,284	\$39,363,322	3.0%

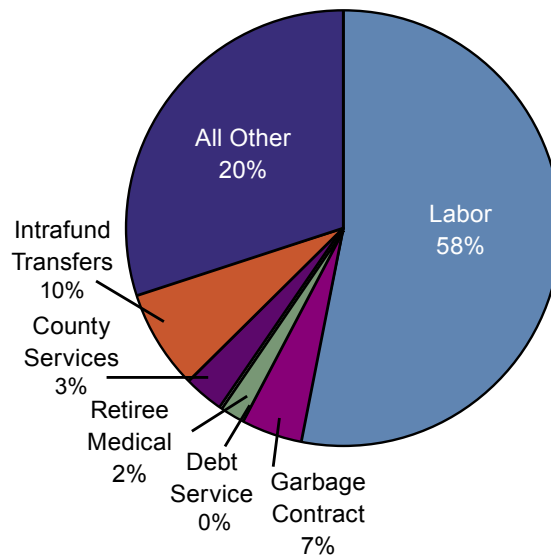
The chart below depicts the relative share of the various sources of revenue in the General Fund.

2019 General Fund expenses total \$39.4 million which represents a 3.7% increase from last year's budget. The charts below illustrate the functional and departmental allocation of the City's General Fund expenses:

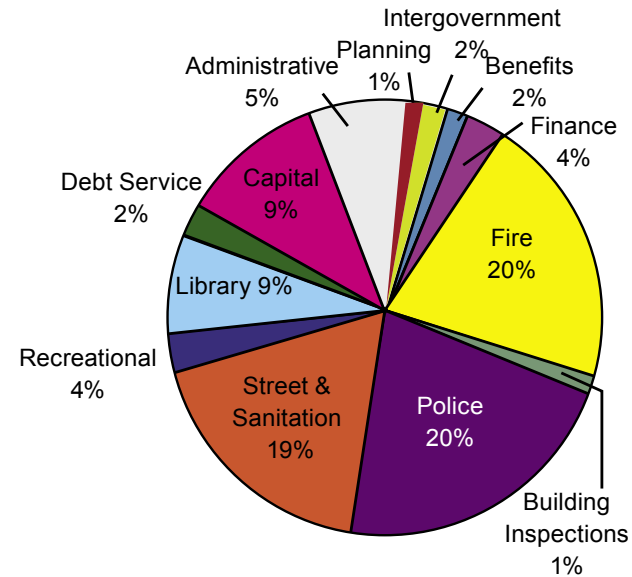
2019 GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET



2019 GENERAL FUND EXPENSE BUDGET



2019 BUDGETED EXPENSES BY DEPARTMENT



Other items of interest in the capital projects funds:

- Recreational facility improvements - \$1.4 million
- Infrastructure improvements - \$1.3 million
- Grant funded sidewalk and trail improvements - \$795,000
- Equipment and facilities improvements - \$2.5 million

Additionally, the City Council plans to assign one School Resource Officer

(SRO) to each of the six schools at a total cost this fiscal year of \$800,000 including uniforms, equipment and vehicle depreciation. Up until this year, there were two SROs assigned to the schools. A third SRO was assigned upon the start of the 2018-2019 school year. Three additional SROs are expected to be reassigned to the remaining schools during the second semester once the City's most recent hires complete their training. Only seasoned officers are assigned to SRO duty with the newest hires back-filling in the patrol division.

Recent City Council Actions

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

- Ordinance No. 2017- Annexed a parcel of land located at 132 Queensbury Crescent, 35223 to the City of Mountain Brook.
- Ordinance No. 2018- Repealed Ordinance 1408, Highway 280 Overlay and map.
- Ordinance No. 2019- Post-Construction (SWMA) Ordinance
- Ordinance No. 2020- Authorized the placement of two (2) stop signs on Brookwood Road at its intersection with Crosshill Road.
- Ordinance No. 2021- Amended Section 129-192 of the City Code with respect to Local Business [Sec. (a) (1)bb. catering] permitted uses.
- Ordinance No. 2022- Amended the Lane Parke Planned Unit Development (PUD) master development plan with respect to sidewalk materials and design and sidewalk lighting around the perimeter of the Grand Bohemian Hotel.
- Ordinance No. 2023- Amended the storm water management illicit discharge regulations.
- Ordinance No. 2024- Amended the erosion and sedimentation control regulations.
- Ordinance No. 2025- Amended the energy code.
- Ordinance No. 2026- Amended Sec. 14-1 of the City Code regarding Sec. 109-2(c) building permit fees and Sec. 109-400(a) plan review fees.
- Ordinance No. 2027- Amended Sec. 14-1 of the City Code with respect to ambulance transportation fees.
- Ordinance No. 2028- Established 15-minute time restrictions for the public parking spaces along Culver Road at Regions Bank, 2721 Culver

Road [intended to be temporary until construction of the Regions parking lot is completed].

- Ordinance No. 2029- Adopted the city's budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019.
- Ordinance No. 2030- Increased the salary of the City Manager by two percent (2-1/4%) effective October 2, 2018, and amended the related employment agreement.
- Ordinance No. 2031- Amended Chapter 18 of the City Code with respect to the Imposition of Fire Re-inspection Fees (\$100) and amended Chapter 14 of the City Code increasing the re-inspection fee for building permits to \$100.
- Ordinance No. 2032- Amended the city's nuisance and property standards regulations.

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

- Declared certain E911 equipment surplus.
- Authorized the execution of a workers' compensation claim administration and payment assignment agreement between the city and Midwest Employers Casualty Company with respect to a workers' compensation claim that has exceeded the policy retention limitation.
- Authorized the execution of the Jefferson County Elections contract with respect to the anticipated August 28, 2018, municipal election.
- Authorized the execution of a professional service agreement between the city and Schoel Engineering Company, Inc. for a drainage evaluation and design project at 3229 3331 Pine Ridge Road.
- Accepted the professional services proposal submitted by Sain Associates with respect to engineering services for the Dunbarton Drive TAP project and to issue a purchase order and to execute such other contracts and documents that may be determined necessary with respect to said engagement.
- Certificate of election (without opposition) deeming William S. (Billy) Pritchard III a City Council member (Place 3) of the City of Mountain Brook, Alabama for the term of office commencing on the first Monday of November, 2018.
- Certificate of election (without opposition) deeming Lloyd C. Shelton a City Council member (Place 5) of the City of Mountain Brook, Alabama for the term of office commencing on the first Monday of November, 2018.
- Accepted the professional services proposal submitted by Sain Associates with respect to on-call/demand contract engineering services.
- Authorized the execution of an agreement between the city and Trobaugh and Company, LLC, with respect to business license and tax auditing services.
- Authorized the City Manager to reimburse up to one-half (1/2) of the estimated \$88,877.25 Oakdale Drive paving cost incurred by the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama.
- Authorized the execution of a sidewalk project funding agreement with the State of Alabama Department of Transportation (sidewalk along Dunbarton Drive from North Woodridge Road to Locksley Drive, Project No. TAPBH-TA18(931), CPMS No. 100068450).
- Declared certain property surplus and authorized its disposition

including the donation of a F150 truck to the City of Tuskegee.

- Authorized the execution of a professional services agreement with Skipper Consulting, Inc. with respect to a pedestrian traffic flow study on Montevallo Road at Jemison Lane in Mountain Brook Village.
- Authorized the installation of a fire hydrant at the intersection of Lewis Circle and Weatherton Drive.
- Authorized the execution of a professional services agreement with Rebecca S. Cohn, Landscape Design, Inc. for landscape design services with respect to the planting of heritage oak trees in the city.
- Accepted the professional services proposal submitted by Fontenot Benefits & Actuarial Consulting for their actuarial valuation of the city's retiree medical benefit plan as required [every two years] by GASB Statement 75.
- Authorized the execution of a charitable gift agreement between the city and Pump House Road, LLC with respect to its donation of undeveloped land in the vicinity of Pump House Road.
- Authorized the execution of a cooperative agreement between the cities of Mountain Brook, Homewood and Birmingham with respect to the proposed connecting pedestrian crossing along Hollywood Boulevard over U. S. Highway 280.
- September 2018 proclaimed "Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month".
- Authorized the execution of a construction agreement between the city and Alabama Department of Transportation with respect to sidewalks along Pine Ridge Road from Overbrook Road to Old



Leeds Road (Project No. CMAQ-3718(), CPMS No. 100068126).

- Authorized the creation of four (4) additional police officer positions to allow for the future deployment of School Resource Officers (SROs) in the Mountain Brook schools.
- Authorized the execution of an agreement between the city and SiteMed Fire to perform physical examinations for firefighters.
- Authorized the execution of 1) an amendment to billing services agreement between the city and EMS Management & Consultants, Inc., and 2) a Medicare Participating Ambulance Agreement between the city and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama (BCBS) along with such other documents that may be determined necessary for BCBS to remit transportation fee payments directly to the city's billing contractor.
- Authorized the city to become an official Commute Smart partner and to encourage its employees to participate the program's voluntary initiatives designed to reduce congestion and pollution in Jefferson and Shelby counties.
- Constitution Week proclamation.
- National Suicide Prevention Awareness proclamation.
- Recommend to the Alcohol Beverage Control Board the issuance of a 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor license to Perfect Pi Partners, I, LLC (trade name Midici Pizza), 270 Rele Street, Mountain Brook, AL 35223.
- Authorized the execution of a the contractor agreement between the city and Lower Brothers Co. Inc., with respect to the resurfacing of tennis courts located at 3020 Overton Road.
- Appointed directors of the Educational Building Authority of the City of Mountain Brook—Highlands School.
- Authorized the execution of the audit engagement letter with respect to the annual financial and single audit as of and for the year ended September 30, 2018.
- Established the employees' and retirees' monthly premiums for medical insurance effective for employee payroll checks dated October 5, 2018, and retiree premiums due on October 1, 2018.
- Increased the salary schedule for all classified, unclassified and part-time employees by two percent (2-1/4%) effective October 2, 2018, and increased the compensation for contract security services for the City's Public Works facilities (Resolution No. 2013-146) by two percent (2-1/4%) effective October 2, 2011.

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

ACCOMMODATIONS

- HIT Portfolio 1 BHGL Owner, LLC (dba\Hampton Inn Birmingham Mountain Brook), 2731 U. S. Highway 280 South, 205-870-7822

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

- Khalil Ventures of Mountain Brook, LLC (dba\Mathnasium of Mountain Brook), 2737 U. S. Highway 280 South, 205-437-1111

CONSTRUCTION AND SPECIALTY TRADE/OTHER

- Creekside Roofing, LLC, 3200 North Woodridge Road, 205-913-0266
- Sullivan, Stephen, 3617 Oakdale Drive, 205-296-9254

FINANCIAL SERVICES

- Speake, Joe Elliot (dba\Speake Financial), 4 Office Park Circle, 205-907-6996

REAL ESTATE

- Hutton, Gail, 2318 Cahaba Road, 205-222-4335
- Jefferson Furniture Company, Inc. (dba\Jefferson Real Estate), 3620 Dover Drive, 205-425-6790
- Montclair Partners, LLC, 1927 1st Ave North, 205-332-1126
- Ponte, Jessica, 3704 Northcote Drive, 205-381-0828

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- AMG Design, 2705 Southwood Road, 205-531-1689
- Carlisle Moore Architects, Inc., 2814 Petticoat Lane, 205-587-4868
- Cloud, Willis & Ellis, LLC, 3928 Montclair Road, Suite 227, 205-322-6060
- DLD Payroll Services, Inc., 3928 Montclair Road, Suite 208, 205-533-9458
- DVT, LLC, (dba\MyOffice280), 6 Office Park Circle, 205-795-3000
- M R Counseling & Consulting, 402 Office Park Drive, 205-936-9236
- Nomberg, Leigh Anne (dba\Leigh Anne Nomberg Interiors), 3555 Westbury Road, 205-862-8866
- Simma, Chris (dba\Open Water Productions), 3728 Briar Oak Circle, 205-243-7703
- Summit Legal LLC, 3616 Dover Drive, 205-837-4900

PERSONAL SERVICES

- Nail Tek English Village, 600 Old English Lane, 205-879-3377

Holiday Safety Tips

FROM YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT



The holiday season is fast approaching. With it typically comes increased crime. Here are just a few things you should do to help protect yourself:

WHEN SHOPPING:

- Situational awareness! Pay attention to your surroundings.... if someone seems to be watching you, they may be sizing you up for a crime.
- Try to park in well-lit areas. Always lock your car doors.
- Do not leave anything of value visible inside your car. Lock your car doors.
- Avoid placing valuable items in the trunk in public. Lock your car doors.
- Don't leave your purse in the shopping cart unattended...you're just making it easy for someone to steal or pilfer your purse.

AT HOME YOU SHOULD:

- Always lock your car doors at home.
- Have your key ready before you get to the door you are entering.
- Make sure your entrance area is well lighted.
- List only your last name and first initial on your mailbox.
- If a stranger wants to use your phone for any kind of call (from business to emergency)..... Keep the stranger outside and you make the call for them!
- Any problems or in doubt? Call the police!
- If you arrive home and find your door open DO NOT GO INSIDE, call the police from a cell phone or neighbor's house and ask them to meet you.

CALL THE POLICE IF YOU SEE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY:

- If you see someone suspicious in your yard or your neighbor's yard call the Police immediately! "If you see something, say something!"
- Working together we can reduce and/or eliminate many of the crimes occurring in the City of Mountain Brook, but it all begins with the residents of Mountain Brook calling in suspicious or criminal activity. Be active; get involved in helping make your community a safer place.
- Report any suspicious activity to the Mountain Brook Police Department (205) 871-3535 (non-emergency) or 911 (emergency). Program your cell phone with the (205) 871-3535 number. 911 calls from cell phones are sometimes routed to other agencies depending upon which cell tower the call is transmitted.

(Re-printed using material from the Alabama Fusion Center and Mountain Brook Police Department)

Quarterly Crime Statistics

	2nd Quarter 2018	3rd Quarter 2017
Robbery	2	2
Robbery (aggravated shoplifting)	0	1
Burglary/Residence	14	12
Burglary/Business	2	0
Theft	37	32
Theft from Vehicle (UBEV)	13	14
Auto Theft	1	5
Assaults (Other)	2	0
Identity Theft	13	25
Criminal Mischief	7	3
Drugs	39	31
Family Violence	7	7
Accidents	253	240
A With Injuries	10	13
A With Fatalities	0	0
Calls For Service	6,529	6,127
House Watches	343	444
Property Stolen	\$217,013	\$255,293
Property Recovered	\$23,669	\$102,761

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.

Fall is here!



That means the days are getting shorter. It is getting dark earlier and earlier each day. It is also staying dark later into the morning. If you usually walk or exercise early in the morning or late afternoons please wear reflective clothing and/or a flashing light. MBPD still has some blue flashing armbands available if you need one.

Wearing reflective gear and/or a flashing light while running, walking, or bicycling at night is very important. Reflective gear and/or a flashing light gives the runner a better sense of awareness, and it gives drivers a better view of him or her. It is not enough to just wear bright clothing; reflective outerwear is designed to reflect to a driver's eye when approaching you.

On cold nights, don't make the mistake of wearing your reflective vest under your jacket or sweatshirt. An alternative to reflective clothing could be reflective tape or bands that you can put on several parts of your body. The more body you cover with reflective material, the better off you are.

Alabama law requires pedestrians to use a sidewalk "where a sidewalk is provided and its use is practicable." When a sidewalk is not available, either because there is not a sidewalk or because using an existing sidewalk is not practicable, pedestrians are to walk or run on the left side of the street and yield the right-of-way to vehicles in the roadway. In other words, walk facing traffic.

Mountain Brook City Ordinance requires individuals that walk, jog, or run in City streets during the hours of 4:30 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. wear either (a) reflective clothing between the waist and shoulders on the front and back with a coverage of at least fifty (50) square inches or (b) strobe style continuously flashing lights at least two (2) inches in diameter between the waist and shoulders that are visible from the front and back.

When bicycling at night, make sure you have working lights on both the front and back of your bike. On the front, it should be a solid light. On the back, it should be a blinking light below the back of your seat allowing better visibility to cars and for recognition that you are a cyclist. Also, DON'T FORGET YOUR HELMET! It is just as important to wear a helmet as it is to make sure you have reflective tape on your helmet while night riding. Remember, covering your body with as much reflective gear as possible is the key!

Handgun Familiarization Course



The Mountain Brook Police Department is offering a basic handgun course to our residents. This course is designed for someone with little or no experience that would like to become more familiar with handgun safety, handling and operation. Watch the MBPD Facebook page for upcoming dates. The course will be held at the Mountain Brook Police and Fire Training Center. It will consist of classroom lecture along with live fire exercises. Course length is approximately six hours.

Participants must be 21 years of age. Free box lunch provided.

Making a Safe City Safer with AEDs

According to the American Heart Association, more than 350,000 cardiac arrests occur outside of the hospital each year. Out of these cardiac arrests, only 46 percent ever received bystander CPR. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) data shows that starting CPR within five minutes, and use of an automatic external defibrillator (AED) increases survival rate by 60 percent. The chances of surviving a cardiac arrest decrease by up to 10 percent every minute that passes without CPR or defibrillation. Based on these facts, the City of Mountain Brook and the Board of Education purchased over 50 AEDs and placed them throughout the city and schools. Most of these AEDs have been placed inside buildings near the main entrance to increase visibility and provide ease of accessibility.



Below is a list of AED locations available to the public within our parks, which may not be so obvious. Most of these AEDs are stored in white, rounded cabinets that are mounted to walls or free-standing poles (see photo above). Plaques will soon be placed below these AED cabinets giving the direct emergency number and location, which is vital to getting first responders. Please become familiar with these locations and dial Mountain Brook's direct emergency number **(205) 870-5580** to save time in an emergency.

AED LOCATIONS IN OUTSIDE PUBLIC AREAS

Athletic Complex at the High School:

- Baseball Fields - across from the concession stand
- Lower Soccer Fields - on the concession stand
- Tennis Courts - in the vending area
- Boys Varsity Baseball Field - by the concession stand

Other Sports Fields:

- MB Jr High - by the gym entrance
- MB Elem - by the bridge to the school/ playground
- Crestline Elem - on the concession stand
- Cherokee Bend Elem - by the entrance gate
- Brookwood Forest Elem - on the restroom

Trails:

- Jemison Park - off Park Brook Road
- Nature Trail - off Beechwood Road
- Watkins Trail - by the pedestrian bridge

- Irondale Furnace Trail - off Stone River Road
- MB Presbyterian Church - behind the Boy Scout building

Parks:

- Overton Park - on the restroom
- Crestline Tot Lot - on the pavilion
- Cahaba River Walk - by the pavilion

Library: near the checkout counter

City Hall: first floor near Tibbett Street Mall entrance

Also, Mountain Brook Fire Department is striving to educate the public on how to provide CPR and use AEDs by offering classes over the next several months. The classes will be on the third Saturday of each month between October and March from 8am to 11am at Fire Station One. Please contact Deputy Chief Stacey Cole at **205-802-3831** if you are interested.

Building Permit Activity

Permit Type:	2nd Quarter - 2018		3rd Quarter - 2018	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	10	\$ 5,693,312	8	\$ 6,807,312
Alterations/Additions	120	\$15,832,345	113	\$10,580,393
Repairs/Other	210	\$ 5,331,489	246	\$ 5,757,835
Totals:	340	\$26,857,146	367	\$23,145,540

COMPARISON OF YEAR - 2017

Permit Type:	2nd Quarter - 2017		3rd Quarter - 2017	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	19	\$11,095,536	14	\$ 5,987,300
Alterations/Additions	102	\$16,738,286	99	\$10,819,450
Repairs/Other	236	\$ 5,025,925	287	\$ 5,494,519
Totals:	357	\$32,859,747	400	\$22,301,269

Board Appointments/ Reappointments

APPOINTMENTS:

- Appointed Stutts Everette to the Village Design Review Committee to fill the seat vacated by W.F. Tynes Quarles through February 1, 2020.
- Appointed Rosalie ("Ro") Gambrell Holman to the Board of Landscape Design to fill the unexpired term of Lindsay Smith Puckett through September 12, 2019.

REAPPOINTMENTS:

- Reappointed David P.B. Price to the Parks & Recreation Board with the term of office to end May 27, 2023.
- Reappointed Chris Mitchell to the Board of Zoning Adjustment with the term of office to end September 25, 2021.
- Reappointed Sim W. Johnson to the Board of Landscape Design with the term of office to end September 28, 2021.
- Reappointed Brandon Plowden to the Board of Landscape Design with the term of office to end April 13, 2021.
- Reappointed Patrick Carlton to The Emmet O'Neal Library Board with the term of office to end September 30, 2022.

Loose Leaf Collection

The City of Mountain Brook contracts with Waste Management for the pickup of loose leaves. Leaf collection will begin on October 29, 2018 and end on March 1, 2019. By now you should have received an information letter from Waste Management with the schedule included. If you did not receive a letter or have misplaced it you can visit the city's website (www.mtnbrook.org) for the full schedule.

Please have your leaves at the curb prior to the beginning of your round. Place only leaves at the curb for this collection, and do not include items such as branches, rocks, or bags within the leaf piles. Also, do not have your leaf piles staged in close proximity to the storm drains. If you choose to bag your leaves, then your bagged leaves will be serviced on your regularly scheduled trash collection day.



Garbage Service Holidays



Waste Management will observe the following holidays. If your pickup falls on one of these dates, pickup will be delayed 1 day for the remainder of the week.

**THANKSGIVING DAY –
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2018**

**CHRISTMAS DAY –
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2018**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY –
TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019**

Waste Pickup Information for Mountain Brook

GARBAGE:

Garbage is household solid waste. Garbage Is serviced once per week behind the house or by the garage with a maximum container size of 30 gallons. Larger containers, including 90-gallon rolling carts, will have to be placed at the curb for pickup. If the driveway is blocked or there are dogs out, Waste Management may not be able to service the garbage.

RECYCLING:

Is serviced once per week curbside, same day as garbage. The following items may be recycled:

- Newspaper, Mixed paper, Junk mail, Copy paper (most paper that tears)
- Aluminum
- Steel and other metal cans
- No. 1 and No. 2 plastics (HOPE-clear plastic milk jugs and PET plastic soft drink containers),
- Magazines
- Cardboard (with no food on it)
- Moving boxes and other Corrugated or Cardboard like Cereal boxes

NO CONTAMINATION SUCH AS:

Glass, Plastic bags, Bulky plastic items (coolers/toys), Garden hoses, Wire hangers, Foam products, Electronics, Rubber balls.

Contamination will cause loads to be delivered to MSW landfills.

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

TRASH:

Is serviced once per week curbside, same day as garbage service. Trash examples are as follows:

- Small piles of limbs
- Bagged grass and leaves (up to 5 bags)
- furniture, mattresses, and appliances
- Clothing
- Paper products and moving boxes
- Yard work supplies (flowerpots, hose, and tools)
- Glass, crockery, and metal

KNUCKLEBOOM:

Collected on a weekly basis curbside, same day as garbage service. Tree limbs up to 90 pounds and up to 6 feet long. 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 removed by the contractor.

PREPARATION FOR SPECIAL ITEMS:

Paint Cans - Remove the lids of the cans. If paint is still inside, place sand, dirt or kitty litter on top of it, then set the cans, with 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 services department can provide the Freon removal. The items can then be placed at the curb on garbage pick-up day.

ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP:

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

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



Below are some items that are sometimes mistaken for recyclables

PLEASE DO NOT PLACE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN RESIDENTIAL RECYCLE BINS

- Plastic Bags
- Garden Hoses
- Yard Waste
- Wire Hangers
- Scrap Metal
- Electronics
- Textiles
- Large Plastic Items
- Glass
- Plastic Toys
- Coolers
- Rubber Balls
- Vacuum Hoses
- Cables or Cords
- Foam Products
- Plastics #3-7

Schedule of Meetings

CITY COUNCIL	2nd & 4th Mon.	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
<i>(Call 802-3800 for time of Pre-Meeting)</i>			
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
PARK & REC. BOARD	2nd Tues.	5:00 p.m.	City Hall
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT	3rd Mon.	5:00 p.m.	City Hall
PLANNING COMMISSION	1st Mon.	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
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

Arborist Report

Recycled, reused, repurposed; these are very popular buzzwords nowadays. National networks produce various television series based on the concept, and there are countless sites, groups, and internet forums dedicated to the broader topic of utilizing existing and/or previously used materials for a seemingly endless list of projects. In a way, the level of interest surrounding repurposed material can be viewed as a fad or trend. What sets it apart from other contemporary trends such as electronics, for example, is the value and focus placed on items and materials from the past-objects that provide a sense of nostalgia or a connection to something significant and meaningful. It's not about the latest, greatest, or fastest.

In 2017, the City of Mountain Brook sought to find a way to memorialize one of the old veteran City Hall oak trees (planted shortly after incorporation) which had to be removed. A decision was made to contract with AlaSaw to build three red oak tables from sections of the tree; a 4'X14' conference table located in the Pre-Council room, a 42" round table located in the upstairs visitors' area, and one approximately 2'X6' located in the City Hall entry that will be used to display a replica of Mountain Brook's signature landmark, the Old Mill. These beautiful works of art will provide an inconspicuous yet powerful reminder of our community's history, while at the same time recognizing the importance of tradition and stewardship as part of a community's success and longevity.

Doo Your Part!



It is football season and our youth are playing every week at Crestline Elementary. Can you imagine the pure excitement of one of the players running for a touchdown to only be tackled at the 5 yard line and slide through a huge pile of dog waste that someone left on the field? Now imagine how bad the smell is and what it takes to get the player cleaned up and the game started again. Some people do not have to imagine it because it does happen, all too frequently. This is why we are asking everyone to "Doo Your Part" in helping keep our parks free of dog waste.

Dog waste left on the fields and trails does not just go away or become fertilizer. In fact, dog waste is very toxic and is labeled as a non-point pollutant by the EPA. This places it in the same category as pesticides, oil, and other chemicals. Dog feces can contain many types of parasites and bacteria that can cause humans and other pets to become sick. Besides the dangers of physically coming into contact with it, remnants can wash into the water ways and cause havoc on the ecosystem.

These dangers are increasing at our parks, schools, and trails. This is why the City of Mountain Brook, Mountain Brook Park Board, Mountain Brook Board of Education, and Mountain Brook Athletics are asking all pet owners to be more attentive to their pets' actions while visiting our parks and athletic facilities. Doggie Stations that provide bags for waste disposal are present at all of our outdoor facilities to help you "Doo Your Part" in keeping them clean. We want our parks to remain pet friendly, but not at the expense of our children's health and well-being. We thank everyone that is helping us keep our green spaces clean and safe!

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.



Jemison Trail Voted Best Trail

Jemison Trail was voted the best running/walking trail in the Birmingham area in a poll sponsored by AL.com and Birmingham Magazine. The City of Mountain Brook is honored to receive this recognition for one of our most cherished parks. It was noted that Jemison Park won because of the shaded and beautiful scenery along the trail and because users can cross a creek and walk among the blooming wildflowers. The two mile winding trail is surrounded by native flora and fauna and follows a portion of Shades Creek.

Jemison Park's natural setting was one of the visions of Mountain Brook's founder, Robert Jemison, Jr. The City of Mountain Brook and

community groups such as the Friends of Jemison Park have gone to great lengths to maintain this vision for the park. This park is a peaceful retreat for anyone wanting to get away from the hustle of big city life.

The Best of Birmingham winners were honored at a banquet on September 20th at The Haven.

Those representing the City of Mountain Brook at the banquet are: (listed in order on the picture) Standing: Sam Gaston, City Manager; Virginia Smith, City Council President and Park Board Liaison; and from Parks and Recreation: LaTorya Mines, Shanda Williams, Seated: Sam Harris, Brandon Harris, and Skylier Harris.



Emmet O'Neal Library News

Documentaries After Dark

Don't miss DocAD on November 20th at 6:30pm when we show the 2015 film, "Dior and I (R, language)," about fashion powerhouses Raf Simon and Christian Dior. DocAD returns Tuesday, January 15th at 6:30pm with a film for the whole family, "Won't You Be My Neighbor? (PG-13, thematic elements and language)," which paints a portrait of the life and work of children's entertainer Fred Rogers, star of "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood."

The Holocaust

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Holocaust In Film

Each January the Emmet O'Neal Library partners with The Birmingham Holocaust Education Center to bring you The Holocaust In Film, a month-long series of films and lectures concerning the Holocaust and its aftermath. This year, the series returns with four new films chosen for the series by Dr. Andre Millard, a Professor of History at UAB with an emphasis in popular culture. Dates, times, and films for the series are:

- Sunday, January 13th
There Was Once
- Thursday, January 17th
Divided We Fall
- Thursday, January 24th
Forgotten Transports
- Sunday, January 27th
Tale of Love and Darkness

Neuroscience Café News for November

The UAB Comprehensive Neuroscience Center



Communicate. Educate. Collaborate. Accelerate.

This November, the Library continues its partnership with UAB's Comprehensive Neuroscience Center with the popular Neuroscience Café. This series is intended to bring the exciting scientific research and developments at UAB to our community.

On Thursday evening, November 15th at 6:30 p.m., we will explore advances in neuroimaging, focusing on issues of chronic pain and epilepsy. According to UAB scientists speaking at Emmet O'Neal Library, recent brain-behavior relationship research uses functional neuroimaging methods such as SPECT, PET and MRI techniques to measure cerebral activity and blood flow. These neuroimaging methods allow better understanding of how the brain performs. Join us and learn something new about your brain!

Emmet O'Neal Library News

Holiday Programs @ EOL

This December the Emmet O'Neal Library will celebrate the holidays with a month packed with events! We will kick off the month with a ticketed Murder Mystery Ugly Sweater Party on December 7th. On the following night, Saturday, December 8th, we will host the Nightmare on Oak Street Before Christmas horror movie double feature for ages 21 and up. We'll watch "Gremlins" and "Black Christmas" while making a macabre holiday craft. Ebenezer Scrooge returns to the Library during a live reading of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" on the evening of Thursday, December 13th. The following Saturday, December 15th, join us for Craft Academy and work on wintery-themed cross stitch projects. Finally, the Library will host its popular Harry Potter themed Yule Ball on Friday, December 21st. We hope you will join us for the fun!

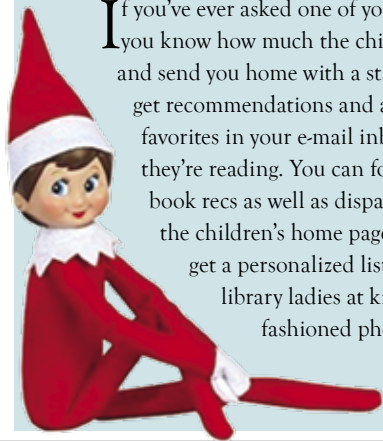
Yoga at the Library

Did you know the Library offers a weekly yoga classes with local instructor, Marie Blair? Join us Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Library meeting room for gentle yoga, please bring a mat! See the Library's online or print calendar for details.



Stay in touch with us

If you've ever asked one of your friendly neighborhood librarians for a book recommendation, you know how much the children's department staff loves to amble among the shelves with you and send you home with a stack of books they know you'll enjoy. But that's not the only way to get recommendations and assistance from your librarians. You can get monthly updates of new favorites in your e-mail inbox and friend the Children's Department on Goodreads to see what they're reading. You can follow @kidsreads.eol on Instagram, where you'll find Friday Favorite book recs as well as dispatches from the wild world of the Children's Department. Check out the children's home page at www.eolib.org to find lists of suggested reads. Would you like to get a personalized list of recommendations for your kiddos or your classroom? E-mail the library ladies at kidsreads.eol@gmail.com. Of course, you can always give us an old-fashioned phone call at 879-0497 or swing by and see us in person. However you like to connect, your children's librarians want to hear from you and make sure you know about the best books for you..



Book Sale

SAVE THE DATE! The Friends of the Library's annual book sale is scheduled for February 22nd-24th. We'll have books for all ages and interests as well as audiobooks and DVDs. For those of you who want first crack at the best books, a \$25 donation will ensure that you receive an invitation to the Preview Party on Thursday evening, February 21st. And don't forget, the Friends of the Library accept donations throughout the year. Just bag or box your materials, drive by the library's back door, and drop them off. We'll take care of the books or materials and you will get a tax receipt!

Events for Teens at Emmet O'Neal Library

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Send your young adults to the library for International Games Day on Saturday, November 24th. It's the perfect ending to their Thanksgiving celebration.

In December, our teens will get down to the business of good grades when we open up our meeting rooms and provide snacks and drinks for academic-minded students at our Exam Breaks from December 14th - 18th. Then, when finals are finalized we will celebrate with our 2nd Hogwarts Yule Ball, a festive holiday celebration for anyone who loves the Harry Potter universe. We'll have a live band, beautiful decorations, and a costume contest, so break out your dress robes, put on your wizard hat, and come to the Library on Friday, December 21st.



Fancy Nancy fans show off their holiday hairdos.

Emmet O'Neal Library News

It's Happening at Emmet O'Neal

Programming:

Visit us at www.eolib.org to view more program details and to register.

November

- Monday, Nov. 5, 4:00pm – STEAM Powered: KEVA Block Building
 - Tuesday, Nov. 13, 5:30pm – Family Night: Arthur Atsma's Magic Show
 - Thursday, Nov. 15, 6:00 pm – Bookmania: The Titan's Curse (Percy Jackson Book 3)
 - Saturday, Nov. 17, 1:00 pm – Book in the Brook Pop-up Storytime @ Overton Park
 - Monday, Nov. 26, 6:00 pm – Breakout Book Club: The Princess in Black and the Science Fair Scare
 - Tuesday, Nov. 27, 6:00 pm – Hot Off the Press Book Club
- No programs the week of Thanksgiving

December

- December 1 – 22, all day every day – Find our Elf on the Shelf & win a prize
 - Sunday, Dec. 2, 3:00 pm – Books in the Brook Pop-up Storytime @ MB Village Christmas tree
 - Monday, Dec. 10, 4:00pm – STEAM Powered: Spheros & Little Bits
 - Tuesday, Dec. 11, 5:30 – Family Night: Family Holiday Movie
 - Monday, Dec. 17, 6:00 pm – Breakout Book Club: Fly Guy and the Alienzz
 - Tuesday, Dec. 18, 6:00 pm – Hot Off the Press Book Club
 - Wednesday, Dec. 19, 3:00pm – Etc.: Fancy Nancy's Splendiferous Holiday Hairdo Hullabaloo
- No programs the weeks of Christmas and New Year's

January

- Monday, Jan. 7, 4:00 pm – STEAM Powered
- Tuesday, Jan. 8, 5:30 pm – Family Night: Miss Kit's Bubble School
- Saturday, Jan. 12, 10:00 am – Books in the Brook Pop-up Storytime
- Monday, Jan. 14, 6:00 pm – Breakout Book Club
- Wednesday, Jan. 16, 3:30 pm – PilkeyPalooza
- Thursday, Jan. 17, 6:00 pm – Bookmania: The Battle of the Labyrinth (Percy Jackson Book 4)
- Tuesday, Jan. 22, 6:00 pm – Hot Off the Press Book Club

Children's Department



Fancy Nancy fans show off their holiday hairdos.

Pop-up Storytimes

Did you know you can go to an Emmet O'Neal Library storytime without ever setting foot in the library? Merideth Stackpole, the outreach librarian for the Emmet O'Neal Library Children's Department, has been bringing stories and songs to cozy spots all over Mountain Brook. You may have caught up with her at some of the city's outdoor recreation spaces, including Overton Park, Irondale Furnace, or Canterbury Park. She also has plans to bring pop-up storytime to other locations, like coffee shops, grocery stores, and shopping areas. Keep an eye on the library children's calendar to see where Ms. Merideth will pop up next.

Calling all fans of Captain Underpants, Dog Man, and Super Diaper Baby! If you love Dav Pilkey's utterly ridiculous characters and highly nonsensical situations, you'll want to be at the library's PilkeyPalooza celebration in January. You'll have a chance to try your hand at the wildest of games, create a kooky craft, and munch on some delectable – or possibly disgusting – delights. All ages are welcome – just come prepared to be super duper silly. Beware: there will be diapers.

Pilkey Palooza!





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Betsy Bell launches encore career in real estate.

After eighteen years in education with the Mountain Brook School System, former Cherokee Bend Principal Betsy Bell has retired to launch an encore career in real estate with ARC Realty. “Having spent time listening and counseling families about what community and school system to call home, I realize I’ve already been in the real estate business,” says Betsy. Her own experiences moving throughout the U.S. taught her how to make people feel welcomed. “It can be overwhelming when you don’t know anyone or where to grocery shop. As a Realtor, I can be a counselor and first friend.”

Betsy’s love of real estate—especially houses—started at an early age. One parallel between her career in education and real estate is looking beyond the obvious to see potential. “In education, seeing potential in every child is critical,” says Betsy. “I’ve always enjoyed doing that with houses, too. Now I get to match a family’s needs with a new home environment that impacts their lives every day, just like a great school.”

In choosing a real estate partner to best serve her clients, Betsy looked for cutting-edge technology, strategic marketing and social media. Innovative leadership and a collaborative culture helped her decide to make ARC Realty her professional home. “I love that ARC stands for ‘a relationship company,’” says Betsy. “In education and now in real estate, nothing is more important than the relationships we nurture every day.”

For more information on Betsy Bell’s career move to ARC Realty and to view all of the company’s listings online, visit arcrealtyco.com or call Betsy at (205) 229-1669.



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Photo left to right: Dr. Cal Dodson, 2018 Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce Board President and Bill Bowron, Jemison Award Winner

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Photo Above: Everyone should give \$180! Pictured with the MBCS Foundation Executive Director Stephanie Maxwell is Whit Blomeyer, 1st Grader at Mountain Brook Elementary and student speaker in the Foundation's new video.

The fall is a very busy time at the Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation. This year, parents, grandparents, friends, and even our very own wonderful faculty and staff are participating in different appeals to raise funds.

Give180

At this writing, 280 families have participated in the Foundation's new Give180 drive with gifts and pledges totaling \$63,420. That is fantastic, but there is so much more to do! This number reflects approximately 11% of our current families. The goal for this campaign is \$250,000, and that can happen with continued support from our families!

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2018 Grandparents Club

The 2018 Grandparents Club has seen a very successful start under the direction of Becky and Doug Rollins. To date, 144 grandparents have participated with gifts and pledges totaling \$82,143 received in gifts and pledges. The goal for this campaign is \$150,000.



Gifts & Pledges to Date:

\$82,143



Every \$1 Counts Faculty & Staff Drive

Over the past two years, our teachers and staff have participated in the Every \$1 Counts Campaign raising almost \$30,000 in gifts and pledges. Yes – the amazing Mountain Brook faculty are investing in the work the Foundation does! This campaign runs through November 6th. Please thank a teacher or staff member the next time you see them.

New Domain Name Because bigger isn't always better, the Foundation now has a new website address: <https://MBgives.org> – visit the site when you have a chance. The new video highlighting the importance of the Foundation is worth the visit alone!



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The 2018 Every \$ Counts Faculty & Staff Team: (pictured l. to r.) Dr. Susan Cole, Central Office; Miriam Sokol, Cherokee Bend Elementary; Morgan Chatham, MBHS; Holly Martin, Co-Chair; Kelsey Frey, Mountain Brook Elementary; John Woolard, Brookwood Forest Elementary; Libby Pittman, Crestline Elementary; Julie Garrett, MBJH; Brannon Aaron, Co-Chair.