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Mayor's Message

Are You a Raging Fan?...Join the Circle of 100!



Communicate, Communicate, Communicate." This is my mantra. Before I became mayor (November 2016), I'm guessing I was like many Mountain Brook residents...staying busy with my day-to-day activities and barely aware of the many activities that happen just about every week throughout our great city. As Mayor, I now want to attend as many of these activities as possible as a way of both representing the city and showing my

support. Wow! My eyes have been opened! I had no idea how much goes on around our city! Having attended many of these activities, I've noticed several things:

- There are lots of activities and events! Something, often several things, is happening every week.
- The events are very varied. There is a great amount of diversity in the

types of events that happen around the city. It might be a road race such as the V2V (Village-to-Village), a 'Taste of Mountain Brook', an Emmet O'Neal book sale, numerous charity events, and many events geared specifically for kids. In other words, there is definitely something for everyone.

- The events are a lot of fun! Every event, activity or charity fund-raiser has been great fun. Not long ago, English Village had a fund-raiser and had the band Bad Habits playing live. They were a blast!
- Sometimes, in fact too often, our

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Resident's Survey Results: Major Findings

The City of Mountain Brook, with assistance from the ETC Institute, conducted a survey in January of our residents concerning their satisfaction with City services. The results were outstanding and very similar to the response of the 2014 survey. Surveys were provided to 2,000 households in the city and 962 were completed and returned.

01

Residents have a very positive perception of the City.

02

Satisfaction ratings of City services are very similar to the 2014 survey and remain among the highest in the nation.

03

Satisfaction with City services is significantly higher in Mountain Brook than in other communities.

04

99% of those responding to the survey rated the City as an excellent or good place to live.

05

Top priorities for future investment in the City include:

- A. Traffic flow/congestion management
- B. Maintenance of City streets & facilities

06

97% rated the City as an excellent or good place to raise children.

07

The City rated above the U.S. average in all 56 areas that were compared; significantly above the average in 55 areas.

08

The City rated 48% above the U.S. average in the overall quality of services provided.

We thank all those who took time to complete the resident's survey and for the confidence you place in our City government. The full results of the survey can be viewed on the City's website at www.mtnbrook.org under "News and Announcements."

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events are only modestly attended. For example, less than a dozen folks were on hand to listen to the band 'Bad Habits' mentioned above.

- When I asked around, "Why?", the typical response was, "I didn't know about it."

Hmmm. I wonder if we could do something about that? So, I hatched an idea that I'm calling the Circle of 100. The idea is to identify 100 raging fans of the City of Mountain Brook...people who would be willing to

become more involved in city activities and willing to let their family and friends know when stuff is happening around the city. Here's how it will work:

- If you're a raging fan, let me know you'd like to be included in the Circle of 100 and I'll add you to my contact list.
- Every Monday morning, I'll email you with the events that will take place that week. You, in turn, forward the information to your friends and family through email, Facebook, Twitter, etc. and encourage them to attend...hopefully joining you at the event!

Let's do some simple math...if each of you built your list of family and friends to at least 20 people, that would be an info-blast to 2,000 people! Now, instead of you 'happening by' an event or two per year, together we can create multiple family/friends mini-get-togethers. Listen, as a raging fan and a Circle of 100 member, you come to as many events as you can to participate and encourage others to participate also. Maybe you can drop by an event and then join friends for dining at one of our great restaurants. Sometimes I'll stay only ten or fifteen minutes; sometimes much longer, but I always have fun and meet new people

as well as see people I've known for years. It's a great way to stay in touch with each other and stay connected to our community.

So, what do you say? Are you a Raging Fan of Mountain Brook? Are you a 'one-in-one-hundred' who are willing to help ignite a movement to get people more involved in the fun stuff that's going on around our city? If your answer is 'YES!', send me an email at stewart@welchgroup.com and let me know you are a raging fan, and together we will make Mountain Brook the place to be and be seen!

Mayor Stewart Welch III

The Budget at a Glance

Based on the fiscal 2017 collections reported through May, it appears revenues may fall short of the budget forecast for the year. Some of the more notable revenue and collection observations include:

- Real estate tax collections totaled at \$15.1 million which is \$47,000 (0.3%) less than projected for the year. The fiscal year-to-date real estate tax collections exceed last year's annual total by 4.6%.
- Sales tax collections total \$7 million compared to \$6.8 million for the same 8-month period one year ago. In spite of the 3% increase realized through May, it appears that sales tax collections for the year will fall short of the \$11.1 million budgeted with much of the increase attributable to new retailers in Lane Parke and the new grocer in Crestline Village.
- Business license collections in the amount of \$2.8 million are up \$43,000 (1.6%) from last year.

- Construction permits increased \$46,000 (6.4%) from last year to \$758,000.
- Utility taxes and franchise fees in the amount of \$1.8 million increased \$1,500 for the same 8-month period one year ago.

The 2018 budget process kicked off on May 24 with a City Council work session. Departmental budgets were submitted to the Finance Director in mid-June. The City Manager conducted the first review of the budgets with department supervisors during July. The Finance Committee will review the second draft of the budget on August 15. The City Council will also review the budget and Finance Committee recommendations on August 29. The public hearing to consider the ordinance adopting the 2018 budget is tentatively scheduled for September 25. For more information, please visit the City's website (www.mtnbrook.org).

Mountain Brook Police Department: Excellence in Service

Mountain Brook Police Chief Ted Cook has been elected President of the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police (AACOP). Chief Cook was elected President at the Summer AACOP Conference in Orange Beach August 3, 2017.

Chief Cook has been an active member of AACOP during his 10+ years as a Police Chief. He served as a District Representative from July 2009 until July 2014. He has held every position on the AACOP Executive Board after being elected Sergeant at Arms in 2014, Secretary in 2015, and Vice President in 2016 prior to his election to President.

AACOP is the leading



professional organization of Chiefs of Police in Alabama. Its' membership is comprised of law enforcement professionals from City, State and Federal Agencies, as well as Police Chiefs representing 350 police organizations in Alabama.

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Quarterly Crime Statistics

	1st Quarter 2017	2nd Quarter 2017
Robbery	0	3
Robbery (aggravated shoplifting)	0	0
Burglary/Residence	10	8
Burglary/Business	0	0
Theft	50	42
Theft from Vehicle (UBEV)	21	51
Auto Theft	0	6
Assaults (Other)	3	4
Identity Theft	22	31
Criminal Mischief	14	10
Drugs	17	16
Family Violence	9	8
Accidents	262	260
A With Injuries	17	17
A With Fatalities	0	0
Calls For Service	7,174	7,549
House Watches	223	313
Property Stolen	\$340,308	\$1,137,379
Property Recovered	\$81,188	\$233,317

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.

New Businesses

CONSULTING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

- Flying Locksmiths of Alabama, LLC, 1 Office Park Circle, 205-837-0486
- Harmond and Company, LLC, 9 Office Park Circle, 205-567-6233
- KGS Advisory Services, Inc., 1506 Amherst Circle, 631-241-4238
- Legal Scout, LLC, 100 Richmar Drive, 205-482-3711
- Ray, John M. B., (dbaRay Consulting Services), 3724 Locksley Drive, 205-317-7673
- Renters Warehouse Alabama, LLC, 6 Office Park Circle, 251-979-7877
- White, Kelley, (dbaKW Estate), 1449 Milner Crescent, 205-563-4732

CREDIT INTERMEDIATION AND OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES

- Kahn Holdings, LLC, 2000 Cahaba Road, 205-870-4002
- THL Capital Holdings, LLC, 2003 Cahaba Road, (205) 201-7010

RESTAURANTS/FOOD AND BEVERAGE

- Cojak Investments of Mountain Brook, LLC, (dbaAnother Broken Egg), 2418 Montevallo Road, 205-871-7849

RETAIL/INTERNET SHOPPING/MAIL ORDER

- Beehive Lines, LLC, 3249 Dell Road, 205-873-2011
- Cradlerock Enterprises, LLC, 3600 Knightsbridge Rd, 205-732-3828
- Davis, Katharine, (dbaOffbeat Blooms), 2912 Surrey Road, 205-222-2573
- Galatea Designs, LLC, 6 Office Park Circle, 205-879-3045
- Macys Backstage, Inc., (dbaMacy Backstage), 614 Brookwood Village, 513-562-6680
- Pursell Gardens, LLC, 2817 Cahaba Road, 205-871-3832
- Snap Girls, 240 Country Club Park, 205-451-6044

PERSONAL SERVICES

- Holland Williams Photography, LLC, 101 Hillsdale Road, 850-384-6709
- Jaramillo, Shannon, (dbaShannon Jaramillo Massage Therapy), 402 Office Park Drive, Suite 205, 205-370-8769

PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

- Emory Ratliff Interior, LLC, 23 Crestview Circle, 205-807-6586
- Jeanne Rogers Interiors, LLC, 2852 Canterbury Road, 205-305-5243
- Lucy Hester Sellers, Attorney at Law, 3813 Rock Creek Trail, 205-454-6052
- MLG Interiors, LLC, 2526 Gerald Way, 205-218-8523
- Pam Evans Interiors, (dbaMaison), 2841 Culver Road, 404-643-9455
- Trident Development Group, LLC, 3040 Smyer Road, 205-223-8038

PERSONAL SERVICES

- Feldman Sue, 4005 Hunters Lane, 661-618-8805
- Newborn, Debra G., (dbaN6-Realty), 4 Office park Circle, 888-675-7779

Recent City Council Actions

The City Council has adopted or amended the following ordinances since April 10, 2017:

- **Ordinance No. 1974**-Amended Article XXIII of the City Code regarding Home Occupations.
- **Ordinance No. 1975**-Amended Article XVI of the City Code regarding Planned Unit Development Districts.
- **Ordinance No. 1976**-Amended Section 129-555 of the City Code regarding village overlay parking and fitness studios.

The City Council has approved the following projects since April 10, 2017:

- ET C Institute presented a slide show of the recent city-wide resident survey.
- Expressed gratitude to Frederick W. Murry Jr. for his service on the city's Planning Commission. (July 14, 2003 –March10, 2017)
- Approved the proposed Eagle Scout project submitted by Ben Beldon regarding the placement of cast metal mile markers to be inlaid in the sidewalks connecting the three original commercial villages.
- Authorized the Mayor to send a letter on behalf of the City Council expressing support for House Bill 283 sponsored by Rep. David Faulkner regarding transportation network companies.
- Authorized the city's participation in the 2017 "Back-to-School" Sales Tax Holiday on Friday, July 21, 2017 through Sunday, July 23, 2017.
- Recommended to the State of Alabama, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, the issuance of a

- Special Events Retail License to Red Mountain Restaurant Group, LLC, doing business as La Paz Cinco de Mayo 2017, for their May 5, 2017 outdoor patio event to be held in the parking lot located at 99 Euclid Avenue.
- Awarded the bid to ABI Attachments, Inc. for the purchase of a sports field groomer for the Parks and Recreation Board in the amount of \$17,519.00.
- Authorized the execution of a professional services agreement between the city and Walter Schoel Engineering Company, Inc. for design services for the proposed pedestrian bridge over Shades Creek in Jemison Park.
- May 2017 was proclaimed as the official birthday celebration month of the city.
- Awarded the bid for street resurfacing services to Dunn Construction Company, Inc. for a three year contract in the amount of \$817,721.20.
- Authorized the city's renewal of the Community Development Block Grant Program Cooperative Agreement with Jefferson County, Alabama for fiscal years 2018 through 2020.
- Approved the city to provide financing and share in the cost to improve the Mountain Brook Junior High School athletic field in the amount of \$168,699.00.
- Approved the city to provide financing and share in the cost to improve the Mountain Brook High School baseball field in the amount of \$793,735.00.
- Awarded the turnout gear extractors and dryers bid to Wholesale

- Commercial Laundry Equipment S.E., LLC in the amount of \$29,960.00.
- Authorized the professional service agreement between the city and Skipper Consulting, Inc. to study the benefits of providing a left turn arrow phase at the intersection of Cahaba Road/Lane Park Road/Culver Road/Highway 280 ramps.
- Authorized the professional service agreement between the city and Skipper Consulting, Inc. for a traffic study to access the necessity of a pedestrian crosswalk at the intersection of Euclid Avenue and West Montcrest Drive.
- Authorized the purchase of equipment and maintenance between the city and Ricoh USA, Inc. for the upgrade, installation/set-up, and migration of the city's digital document management system and data in the amount of \$5,279.56.
- Motion to modify the city's zoning ordinance to permit and prescribe conditions for a "medical clinic" use in mixed use or local business zones.
- Approved a conditional office use in a local business district (2020 Cahaba Road-formerly Joe Muggs).
- Authorized the payment from the General Fund of \$300,000 into the City of Mountain Brook Section 115 (retiree medical insurance) Trust for investment.
- Amended the Board Appointment Policy that appointees may serve only on one (1) board, commission or committee at a time.
- Awarded the street striping bid to Highway Management Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$455,500.00.

- Awarded the utility street cut repair bid to Smith Paving, Inc. for a three (3) year contract in the amount of \$65.25 per square yard.
- Authorized ROW encroachment in the alley of Speed Spa at 2810 Petticoat Lane for installation of an ADA handicap lift.
- Authorized the installation of two pedestrian crossing flashing signs at the Euclid Avenue and West Montcrest Drive crosswalk.
- Recognized William F. (Billy) Angell for his service on the Tree Commission.
- Declared a police 2007 Dodge Durango surplus and authorized its conveyance to the West Blount Fire Department.
- Recommended to the State of Alabama, Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board, the issuance of a Restaurant Retail Liquor license to Sharecropper, LLC (Ollie Irene) located at 75 Church Street.
- Approved the medical clinic conditional use application submitted by Bayer Properties for the operation of an American Family Care at Cahaba Village.
- Approved the installation of ADA-compliant playground equipment in Overton Park in memory of Mallory Carper. The cost is to be paid from private donations.
- Authorized the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham to apply on behalf of the city for an (80:20) APPLE grant for studying various intersections in the city.



How does the Zoning Code Apply to My Property?

Do you know what zoning district applies to your property? What are the permitted uses? What are the allowable development standards? All of this is available at your fingertips on the City's website. To find the zoning district for your property, locate it on the zoning map: www.mtnbrook.org; departments; planning; zoning map. Once you've established your zoning district then you may access the development regulations for your district by selecting "zoning code" and then the article pertaining to your zoning district. You will be able to review your minimum lot size, lot width, setbacks, height limit and lot coverage. To view regulations pertaining to accessory structures, fences, walls and swimming pools select Article XIX.

Also of interest are recent zoning

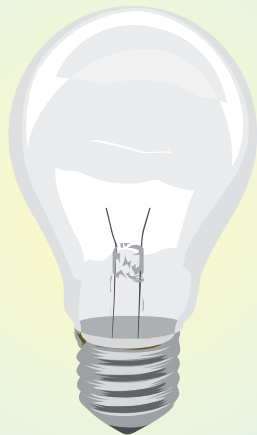
code amendments to allow certain architectural features (such as bay windows, chimneys and awnings) to encroach into required setbacks. Amendments have also increased the allowable square footage and height of detached accessory buildings. To view these recent amendments on the website go to the planning department page and select "zoning ordinance amendments."

Remember that these links are provided merely as a convenience to the public; please verify all zoning and development regulations with the City Planner at 802-3821.



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.



Sidewalks Update

PHASE 5B-This phase, which extends sidewalks along Lakeshore Drive, from Cahaba Road to the first traffic light at Brookwood Village Mall, is expected to be completed in late August.

PHASE 9-Construction of sidewalks along Brookwood Road, Crosshill Road, Woodvale Road and Oakdale Drive, is expected to be completed in September.

LOCKSLEY DRIVE-The City's Public Works Department recently added a sidewalk along Locksley Drive, from Dunbarton Drive to Overton Road, connecting to the existing sidewalks by the fire station. This project was completed in June.

Building Permit Activity

Permit Type:	1st Quarter - 2017		2nd Quarter - 2017	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	8	\$3,074,024	19	\$11,083,536
Alterations/Additions	97	\$9,280,656	102	\$16,738,286
Repairs/Other	201	\$6,047,486	236	\$4,975,923
Totals:	306	\$18,402,166	357	\$32,797,745

COMPARISON OF YEAR - 2016

Permit Type:	1st Quarter - 2016		2nd Quarter - 2016	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	10	\$ 4,720,540	16	\$12,861,071
Alterations/Additions	83	\$11,394,087	116	\$14,325,817
Repairs/Other	194	\$ 4,018,839	206	\$ 3,763,753
Totals:	287	\$20,133,466	338	\$30,950,641

Landscape Starts With Trees

Healthy, vigorous, maturing trees are arguably the most valuable living feature within the landscape. They certainly take the longest to mature, and require the most effort and expense to replace and remove, respectively. Therefore, it makes sense to design, manage, and care for the landscape in a way that maximizes the health and longevity of the trees.

On a typical residential lot, it is practically impossible to isolate one landscape component from another. Confined space is one reason. In a broader sense, numerous relationships and interactions occur between plants and plants-microorganisms for example. One must consider how any prospective action, treatment, etc to one component might, directly or indirectly, impact another. To illustrate, consider the fact that a tree's root zone lies just under the lawn; or perhaps the fact that tree foliage often grows and hangs over grass or shrub beds.

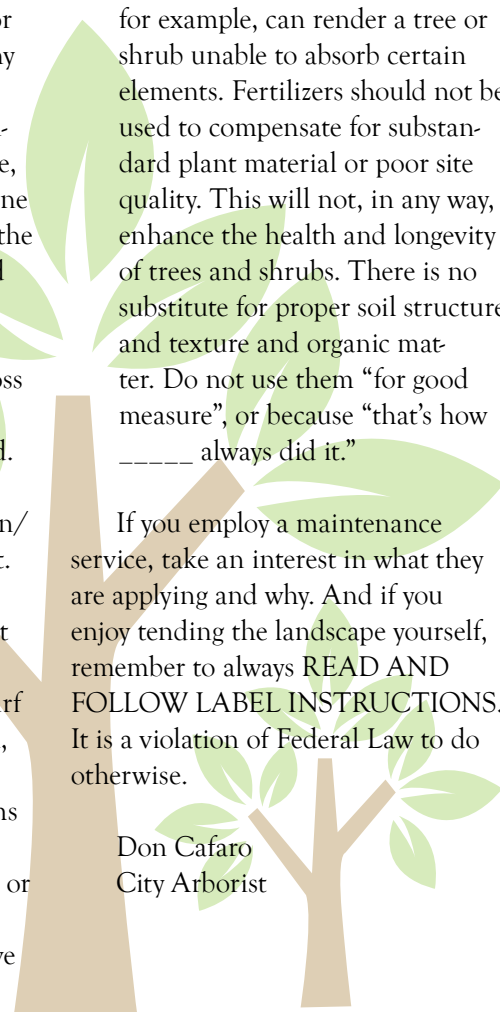
1. Mechanical damage, improper design and planting, and root loss account for the vast majority of tree loss and are easily identified. Tree stress and mortality as an unintended consequence of lawn/landscape care, however, are not. The following are some of the common products/practices that can harm your trees:
2. Widely used "weed and feed" turf products often contain dicamba, which is soil active at the upper range of the label rate. Symptoms include leaf distortion/cupping, dieback, and mortality in severe or persistent occurrences.
3. Roundup and other non-selective herbicides (especially "ester"

formulations) can become volatile in high temperatures. Any applications near susceptible foliage should be done early in the day, in cooler temperatures. They can also drift readily if applied under breezy conditions, or if spray pressure and droplet size are not correct.

4. A majority of fertilizer applications are unnecessary and/or applied irresponsibly. Very few are prescribed based on a soil sample analysis and corresponding need. Most soils are not deficient; in fact, a slight change in soil pH, for example, can render a tree or shrub unable to absorb certain elements. Fertilizers should not be used to compensate for substandard plant material or poor site quality. This will not, in any way, enhance the health and longevity of trees and shrubs. There is no substitute for proper soil structure and texture and organic matter. Do not use them "for good measure", or because "that's how ----- always did it."

If you employ a maintenance service, take an interest in what they are applying and why. And if you enjoy tending the landscape yourself, remember to always READ AND FOLLOW LABEL INSTRUCTIONS. It is a violation of Federal Law to do otherwise.

Don Cafaro
City Arborist



Board Appointments/ Reappointments

APPOINTMENTS

- Appointed Jennifer McInerney to The Jefferson County Intellectual and Development Disabilities Authority, Inc. to fill the unexpired term of Jorja White and to serve without compensation through July 27, 2021.
- Appointed Stephen Gidiere to the Board of Landscape Design to serve without compensation through June 12, 2020.

REAPPOINTMENT:

- Reappointed Bradley J. Sklar to the Board of Education to serve without compensation through May 31, 2022.
- Reappointed Norman Orr to the Board of Zoning Adjustment to serve without compensation through March 24, 2020.

THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN BROOK HAS THE FOLLOWING BOARD OPENINGS:

- Park & Rec Board - to fill an unexpired term to end January 9, 2021.
- Village Design Review Committee – to fill an expired term on August 8, 2017.

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.	4:45 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



COMPOST IS STILL AVAILABLE

The City of Mountain Brook Public Works Department still has plenty of compost available for your gardening needs. Although spring is our busiest season for compost sales, the fall is also a good time to add compost to your garden and other planted areas.

The city recycles the loose leaves collected each year in the Fall and Winter. The leaves are picked up at the curb by Waste Management as a service to residents. The leaves are then dropped off at the Public

Works facility at 3579 East Street, Mountain Brook Alabama, near Rathmell Soccer complex. (use Birmingham if entering into GPS) The leaves are pushed into piles, turned, and as a result of decomposing, become compost, a useful gardening by-product of the leaves.

Residents of Mountain Brook may come to the Public Works facility and receive the compost at no charge if they load themselves. Public Works employees will load them mechanically for a fee of

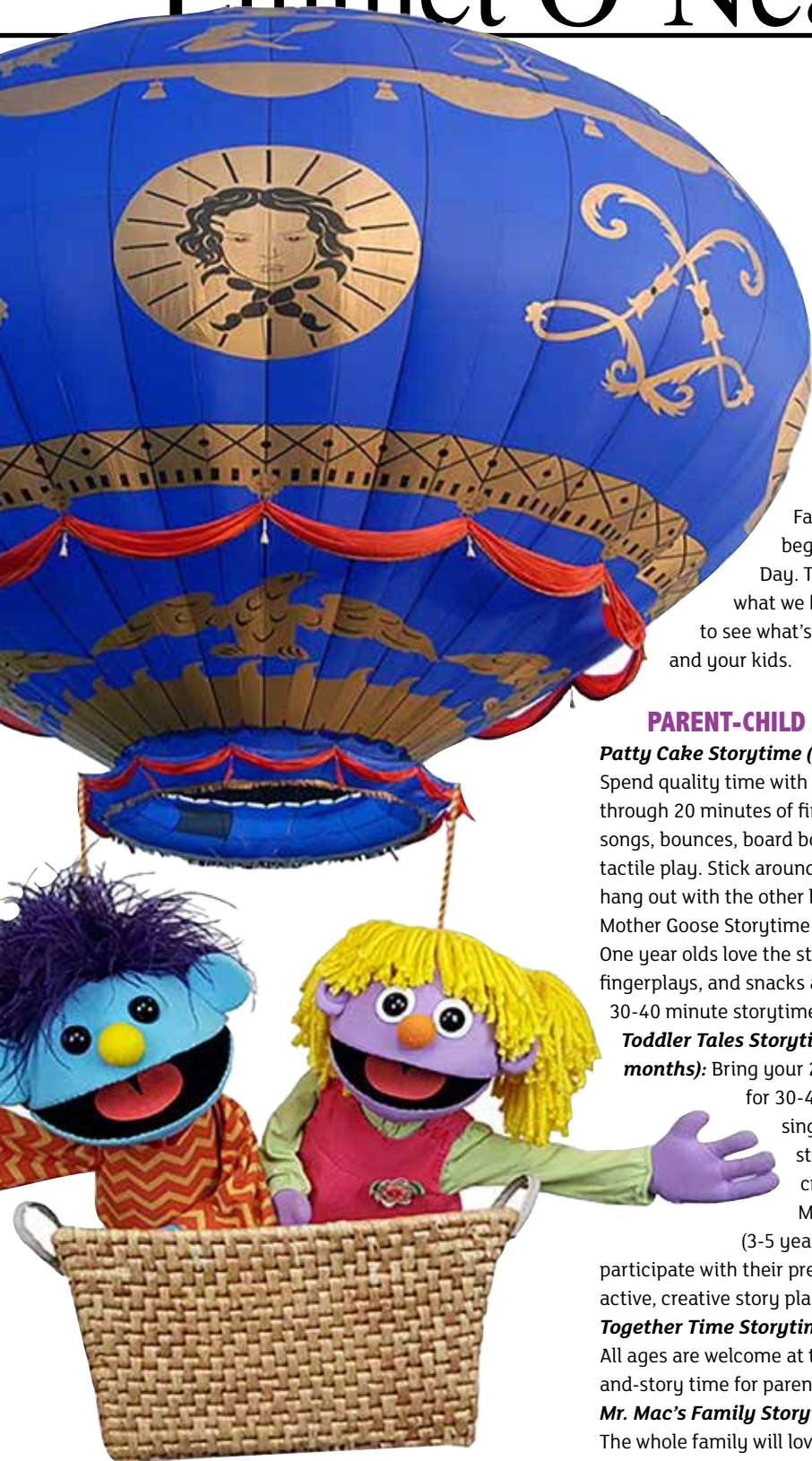
\$20.00 per pickup load. Non-residents may purchase the compost for \$15.00 if they load themselves. We will load them for \$20.00 per pickup load or \$30.00 per scoop to load larger trucks.

The compost operation is available Monday through Thursday 7:00 am - 11:00 am and 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm. If you have questions regarding compost you may contact Mountain Brook Public Works at (205) 802-2390.

Emmet O'Neal Library News

Children's Department

SEPTEMBER - RETURN TO REGULAR PROGRAMS



Fall programming begins after Labor Day. Take a glance at what we have going on to see what's right for you and your kids.

PARENT-CHILD PROGRAMS

Patty Cake Storytime (0-12 months):

Spend quality time with your infant through 20 minutes of fingerplays, songs, bounces, board books, and tactile play. Stick around afterward to hang out with the other babies.

Mother Goose Storytime (12-24 months): One year olds love the stories, songs, fingerplays, and snacks at their own 30-40 minute storytime.

Toddler Tales Storytime (24-36 months):

Bring your 2-year old for 30-40 minutes of singing, dancing, stories, and a craft.

Movers & Makers (3-5 year olds): Parents

participate with their preschoolers in active, creative story play.

Together Time Storytime (all ages): All ages are welcome at this lively song-and-story time for parents and kids.

Mr. Mac's Family Storytime (all ages): The whole family will love the puppets,

books, and sing-along guitar-playing at this Saturday morning storytime.

DROP-OFF PROGRAMS

Library Out Loud (kindergarten – 2nd grade): Lower elementary schoolers will go bananas for this engaging 45-minute after-school time. Stories are presented in a variety of formats, and games, snacks, and crafts make it entirely interactive.

SNAP (3rd – 6th grade): This after-school program provides upper elementary schoolers with a variety of wild and creative activities, from gaming tournaments to crafts to special visitors.

STEAM Powered (4th – 6th grade): It's all about science, tech, engineering, arts, and math in this fun-powered program. Register kids ahead of time to make sure they don't miss a single one.

BOOK CLUBS

Breakout Book Club (emerging readers): Read the book ahead of time with your child, then come participate together in games, book chat, crafts, and pizza-eating.

Hot Off the Press (4th – 6th grade): Choose a new book to read, then come hang out, talk up your book, and hear about other cool new reads – all over a pizza dinner.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

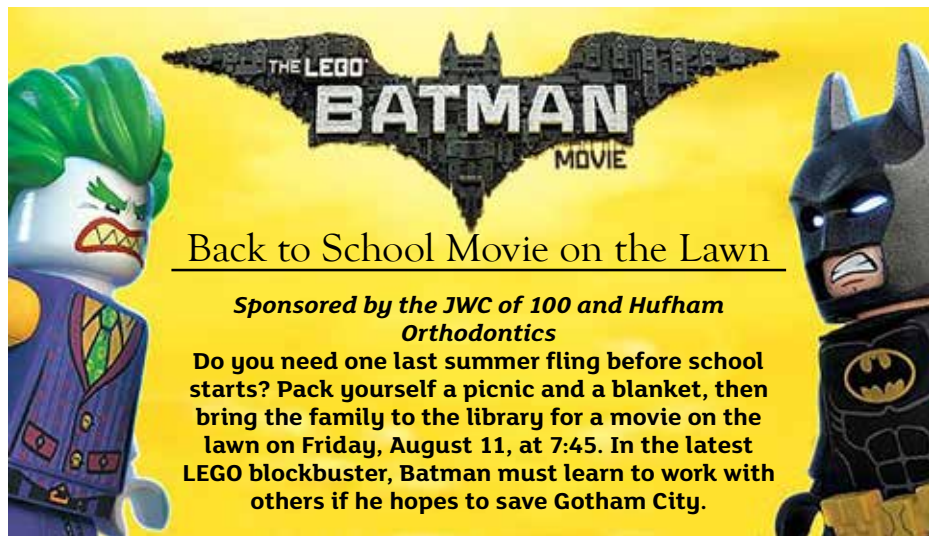
Family Night: Enjoy a light dinner and a family show one Tuesday night every month. **September 12**, Jon Scalici of Get Rhythm! leads an outdoor drum circle on the lawn.

October 10, Madcap Puppets brings *Jules and Verne's Excellent Adventure*, their life-size reimagining of Jules Verne's classic stories.



(Above) Madcap Puppets comes to Emmet O'Neal Library on October 10 with their show *Jules and Verne's Excellent Adventure*. (Right) John Scalici of Get Rhythm! leads a drum circle on the lawn across the street from the library on September 12.

Emmet O'Neal Library News

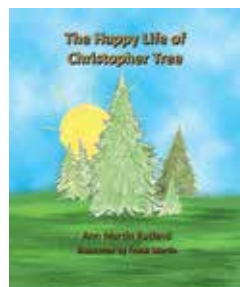


THE LEGO BATMAN MOVIE

Back to School Movie on the Lawn

Sponsored by the JWC of 100 and Hufham Orthodontics

Do you need one last summer fling before school starts? Pack yourself a picnic and a blanket, then bring the family to the library for a movie on the lawn on Friday, August 11, at 7:45. In the latest LEGO blockbuster, Batman must learn to work with others if he hopes to save Gotham City.



Local Author Visit

Local children's book author Ann Martin Rutland will be at the library on **September 27** to promote her Christmas picture book, *The Happy Life of Christopher Tree*. Copies of the book will be available for sale. The author will do a reading of the book and sign copies.

A NIGHT DARK & GRIMM

For a little something extra, our Etc. program brings you A Night Dark & Grimm on Friday, October 27. Bring the whole family – in costume! – to our annual fairy tale festival. It's an evening of enchanting games, magical crafts, and your favorite classic children's tales. This year, the closing sing-along movie on the lawn is the animated classic story of a kind and beautiful girl who is imprisoned in a castle, where she learns to look past outward appearances to find her prince.

NEW BOOK CLUB FOR EMERGING READERS


Over the summer we launched **Breakout Book Club**, a new parent and child program for kids who are at the very beginning of their reading journeys. We choose a book ahead of time. You read the book together at home, then come to the library with your child to explore the book through conversation, play, and making things. Sometimes the books will be for those just-sprouted readers focusing on sight words, repetition, and simple plots. Other months, we'll select longer early readers for kids who are ready for chapters and more difficult vocabulary. Keep an eye on our calendar and sign up when the book is right for your child.

Adult & Teen News

Community Conversation on Aging

Join community members at Emmet O'Neal Library for an open-forum conversation about the issues facing the aging population in our community sponsored by Choice Home Care. These events are free and meant to educate our community while also opening the doors to a community conversation on aging and care for our aging population. The meetings are on Tuesdays each month and are free of charge.

August 22nd 10:00 a.m. - Vance Holder of Alzheimer's of Central Alabama will speak on topics related to Alzheimer's and Dementia. Audience members will come away with a better understanding of how to navigate these conditions with a loved one.



September 26th 10:00 a.m. - Ham Poynor of Poynor & Associates will speak on preparing for elder care and insurance. We will discuss how insurance can assist with paying for elder care and learn steps to take now to prepare for the future.

October 24th - Carol Hines of Synovus Trust will speak on financial and legal areas to address for your aging parent or loved one. Topics covered will include living wills trusts, and bank services.

Bad Art Night

Our annual **Adult Summer Reading Finale** is back on **August 1st** with **Bad Art Night**. You might think a public craft event is too much artistic pressure, but that's not what Bad Art Night is all about. Join us for an arts and crafts night where it's not only okay to be bad, but encouraged! Sift through our collection of assorted supplies and let your imagination run wild—really wild—without all the pressure of perfection. Food and drink will be followed with prizes for the worst in show. Our Adult Summer Reading themed gift baskets will be given away as well.

Ages 18 & up.
RSVP by emailing Katie at kmoellering@bham.lib.al.us or calling (205) 445-1121.



Emmet O'Neal Library News

Yoga for Riding the Waves (of Life!)

Would you like to ride the waves of sensation, thoughts, and feelings instead of ba-ling them? Gentle yoga – mindful movement, meditation on the breath, and deep relaxation – can shore us up to skillfully ride the waves of life. Join Marie Blair to learn new ways to reduce stress using the tools of yoga. Based on the Mindful Yoga program by Kimberly and Jim Carson of Oregon Health and Science University, this workshop will explore the foundations of yoga:

- . awareness, – directly observing your own experience
- . simple being – coming back to the essential aspect of you
- . love – recognizing your deep-down goodness
- . riding the waves – living skillfully

Discussion and meditation practice in the first hour will be followed by breath-centered, gentle yoga in the second hour. Open to all – newcomers and yoga enthusiasts. Chairs and props will be available. Please bring a mat.

This yoga series is free and will be offered on the 2nd Friday of each month, beginning September 8, at 10:00 a.m. For more information, please contact Katie Moellering at (205) 445-1118 or kmoellering@bham.lib.al.us



The Neuroscience Café at Emmet O'Neal Library

The UAB Comprehensive Neuroscience Center



Communicate. Educate. Collaborate. Accelerate.

If you make plans to attend ANY program this fall at Emmet O'Neal Library, make it a Neuroscience Café event! This partnership with UAB's Comprehensive Neuroscience Center began last year and has brought us a wealth of knowledge about science and brain health from scientists and clinicians working at UAB. Large crowds enjoyed talks on Autism, Lou Gherig's Disease, substance abuse, and Alzheimer's. The fall programming begins on September 14th when we will hear from David Standaert, Matthew Goldberg, and Laura Volpicelli-Daley who will give us a Parkinson's Disease Update based on their most current research. Then, on October 12th Karen Gamble and Joseph Daley will remind us "You Are When You Sleep" – we will discuss sleep issues and your health. On November 2nd Yogesh Dwivedi and Lee Ascherman will help us understand depression from both clinical and biological perspectives. We hope to see you this fall at a Neuroscience Café event!

What's Going On

DOCUMENTARIES AFTER DARK

Documentaries After Dark has revamped for the fall with some great titles! Join us on Tuesday, August 15th at 6:30pm for Holy Hell, a fascinating expose of a West Hollywood cult formed by a charismatic teacher in the 1980s that eventually imploded. On Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30pm, we are very excited to offer a screening of A Will for the Woods, a bold, immersive documentary about mortality, conservation, and the green burial movement. After the film, we'll live stream a Q&A session with one of the filmmakers! You've no doubt heard of the phenomenal women behind the US Space program with the success of Hidden Figures, but women have been helping behind the scenes much longer! Join us on Tuesday, October 17th at 6:30pm for Top Secret Rosies, a film about a group of female mathematicians who helped win WWII and usher in the computer age.

NIGHTMARE ON OAK STREET

Adults ages 18 and up, join us on Friday, October 13th for a fun night of vintage terror at Nightmare on Oak Street for a screening of the original films of Nightmare on Elm Street and Friday the 13th! Movie goers also have the opportunity to take a little terror home with them! Bring your own glass container and build a tiny graveyard terrarium while you watch the films. Materials, plants, and decorations provided. RSVP to Holley at 205-445-1117 or hwesley@bham.lib.al.us.

DETERMINED TO SURVIVE: A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR'S STORY

The Emmet O'Neal Library invites you to an afternoon with Amy McDonald, local teacher and author of a memoir that explores the life of a Holocaust survivor living in Birmingham. Determined to Survive details the experiences of Max Steinmetz, a Romanian-born Auschwitz survivor who relocated to Alabama in 1955 and began sharing his traumatic story with local students and other public audiences 50 years after its conclusion. McDonald, a Shades Valley High School teacher, worked closely with Steinmetz to capture his story in accurate and harrowing detail, and will discuss and sign copies of her book at Emmet O'Neal on October 1st at 2:00 p.m.

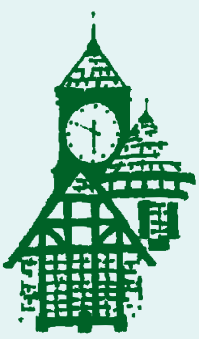
STANDING ROOM ONLY: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 @ 6:30PM AGES 21 & UP ONLY

Join us Friday, September 22 at 6:30pm as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of arguably the most important rock album of its time, Radiohead's Ok Computer. We will be hosting a screening of the 1998 documentary Meeting People Is Easy, documenting the band's dizzying world tour in support of the album. The film also contains exclusive early versions of songs that would eventually make it onto subsequent Radiohead albums. After the film, we will have 90s alternative karaoke and give away a copy of OKNOTOK, the 20th anniversary rerelease of Ok Computer.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – WESTERN'S ANNUAL WINE EVENT OCTOBER 6TH!

This year's Wine Event will be held on Friday evening, October 6th, at The Birmingham Zoo. If you have never attended this event, you are missing out! You will find several hundred wines open for tasting and fantastic food from restaurants and vendors all over Alabama. Tickets will be available at Western Supermarkets and Emmet O'Neal Library as well as online. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the library's "An Evening With The Author" series whose previous guests include Khaled Hosseini, Alexander Mc Call Smith, Mary Kay Andrews and most recently Carl Hiaasen. For information on Western's Annual Wine & Food Festival, please contact Western Supermarkets or the Emmet O'Neal Library.





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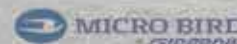


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