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Mayor's Message

5 REASONS TO SHOP MTN. BROOK!

I can think of so many things that make living in Mountain Brook a uniquely enjoyable experience. Forty-plus miles of sidewalks and trails; seven parks; the highly-acclaimed Emmet O'Neal Library; our nationally ranked school system...and the list goes on and on. Certainly, one thing that stands out is our five villages and all of our unique restaurants, shops and businesses. Each village has its own unique 'feel' and diversity of shopping and eating experiences. Add to that our Macy's department store and we have it all right at our fingertips. Health and exercise is a huge trend and within Mountain Brook you can find anything from Pilates to Yoga to one-on-one or 'tribe' (group) fitness. And when you go shopping for groceries we have the very best including two 'Pigs', Western, Whole Foods and Publix. We are so lucky that so many owners and entrepreneurs have chosen to set up shop with us. As citizens of Mountain Brook, it is vital that we support our businesses and here are my five best

reasons for doing so:

1 We have great restaurants and shops. You want pizza, Greek food, Mexican fare, best burgers in town, gourmet dining, fast foods (hotdogs anyone?), BBQ (coming soon!), breakfast specialty dining? We have it all! Add to great dining experiences, specialty clothing, jewelry and gift shops and you can find just about anything your heart desires right within your own community.

2 Locally owned. Many of our business owners live in our community and have started their business because they saw a unique niche that was unfulfilled. On a personal note, as a business owner, I know starting, building and maintaining a successful business is a lot of hard work filled with many challenges. I have a heart for entrepreneurs and I hope you do too. The best way to show your support is to trade with them!

3 Be Social! Shopping local is a 'social' experience. Every time I

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A Letter From Our New Library Director



Being selected to lead The Emmet O'Neal Library in Mountain Brook is a dream come true for me. Your library is not just a building with books - it is a community hearth. The staff at The Emmet O'Neal Library are first-class, well-educated and passionate about selecting a popular collection of print and electronic resources and creating dynamic programs for all ages. As the new director, I look forward to working with the staff, board, and volunteers to have even more of a powerful impact in the community. My door is always open. Please stop by the library to say hi, offer suggestions, or just check out the amazing resources waiting for you.

Lindsay Gardner
Director
The Emmet
O'Neal Library



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go to the grocery store or eat at a local restaurant, I run into lots of people I know, and many I haven't seen for a while. What a great way to stay connected!

4 Convenience. Maybe it sounds crazy to suggest 'Shopping Mountain Brook' is more convenient than 2-click (Internet) shopping but, I, for one, 'want it when I want it!' I don't like waiting a couple of days for it to arrive by mail. Try this idea: With your iPhone, ask Siri to "Start a shopping list". She'll set one up for you and you can add to it as you think of things throughout the week. Then, when you're cruising through the village, ask Siri, "Show me my shopping list", and you can quickly review all of your reminders. Hey, add in a bit of technology and Shopping Mountain Brook really is convenient!

5 Tax revenue. Yep, our local businesses pay sales taxes to the City of Mountain Brook. In fact, sales taxes represent 29% of our total revenues. These revenues are used to provide the many services that our residents rate so highly including police, fire, back-door garbage pick-up, first-rate public library as well as parks, sidewalks, street and roadway maintenance. And these are just a few of the more visible services provided by the city. Without sales tax revenue, the city would either have to substantially cut services or raise property taxes significantly.

In a society that is becoming more and more '2-clicks away', we all need to make a conscious effort to go out of our way to support our local businesses. It's impossible to imagine what Mountain Brook would look and feel like if we didn't have the diverse and local businesses that populate our great city.

So, before you 'click-shop', consider where you can buy that same item at one of our local stores. You'll be glad you did!

City Employee of the Year

Michael Gill, Jr., Senior Arborist, with the Mountain Brook Public Works Department was named the 2016 City Employee of the Year by the Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce. Michael was recognized for his attention to detail and his "can do" attitude. Michael's father was a long time employee of the City of Mountain Brook. Michael will complete twenty years of service this summer, so growing up and now as a young family man, the City of Mountain Brook has always been a part of his life.

Congratulations, Michael and thank you for your dedicated service to the Mountain Brook community



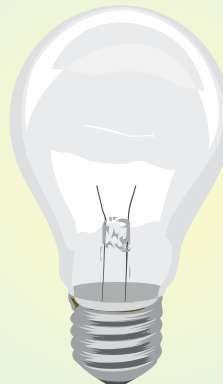
Department Employees of the Year



(left to right) Gilbert Aban – City Hall, Sgt. Thomas Boulware – Police Department, Pierce Godfrey – Public Works Department, Pierson Dick – Park and Rec Department, Lt. Justin Baker – Fire Department



Lisa Stewart – Police Department



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.

Board Appointments/Reappointments

APPOINTMENT

- Mayoral Appointment of Rob Walker to the Planning Commission to serve without compensation through October 1, 2019.

REAPPOINTMENT:

- Reappointed Ellen Elsas to the Design Review Committee to serve without compensation through February 1, 2020.
- Reappointed Tynes Quarles to the Design Review Committee to serve without compensation through February 1, 2020.

Map Mountain Brook Update



The Map Mountain Brook website is working, but it needs improvement visually. The design will need to be professional and attractive, while at the same time compatible with the functionality. We are seeking someone willing to make our website something special. If you are capable and willing to assist, or know someone who may, please contact Hunter Simmons at simmonsh@mtnbrook.org, or by phone at 802-3830.

Here's a summary of Map Mountain Brook projects since our last update:

Tree Inventory: Along with the Mountain Brook Tree Commission, our arborist Don Cafaro, and consultant Kristina Barlow, we identified and inventoried all trees in Crestline Village, English Village, and Mountain Brook Village. In total, there were over 2,500 trees inventoried.

Streetlights: Special thanks to Michael Gill in Public Works, who located and inventoried all of our decorative streetlights using the City's GIS. Our Public Works Department replaced all lights with LEDs resulting in significant savings for the City.

Village to Village Run: Along with the Chamber of Commerce, Police, and Public Works we created maps to assist the coordination of the V2V run on March 10.

280 Study: Along with the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Adjustments we studied solutions for development along Highway 280. The resulting proposed Ordinances from Dana Hazen and the Planning Department were reviewed by the City Council and adopted in March.

New Businesses

CONSTRUCTION/BUILDING TRADES

- Alabama Roof Pro (trade name: Alabama Roof Engineers), 9 Office Park Circle, 205-567-5608

CLOTHING AND APPAREL

- AK Designs, Inc., 52 Fairway Drive, 205-427-2528
- CSL Financial LLC, 500 Office Park Drive, 205-331-5700
- Serendipite Inc. (trade name: Grand Jete), 2008 Cahaba Road, 205-803-1003

REAL ESTATE AND RELATED SUPPORT SERVICES

- Newborn, Debra G. (trade name: N6-Realty), 4 Office park Circle, 888-675-7779

PROFESSIONAL AND CONSULTING SERVICES

- A B Dunning LLC, 400 Office Park Drive, 205-623-2930
- Arnold, David (trade name: Arnold & Company Promotions), Bldg 13 Office Park, 205-368-3146
- Athlete Upgrade (trade name: True Fitness), 2830 Culver Road, 205-422-7168
- Athletic Upgrade LLC, 2830 Culver Road, 205-422-7168
- Burnick, Daniel J. (trade name: Law Office of Daniel J. Burnick), 2918 Cahaba Village Place, 205-902-9005
- Cameron Mobley Interior Design LLC, 1906 Cahaba Road, 205-427-2322
- Christopher, Ellie (trade name: Ellie Christopher Interior Design), 200-C Foxhall Drive, 205-500-9856
- Lynch, Jobie (trade name: JPL Designs), 3415 Mountain Lane, 205-529-6616
- Maridi Huggins Law LLC, 3712 River Oaks Lane, 205-616-1786
- Red Mountain Therapeutic Massage LLC, 402 Office Park Drive, 205-543-3239
- Rich Potential LLC, 6 Office Park Circle, 205-870-1932
- Smith, Sarah Tillotson (trade name: Sarah Tillotson Smith, Architect), 3726 Woodvale Road, 407-222-4912
- Window Design Services LLC, 4016 Knollwood Drive, 954-632-6654
- Wyndy LLC, 917 Beech Lane, 205-533-3403

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT SERVICES

- Dan Steinberg Presents LLC (trade name: Emporium Presents), 2 Dexter Avenue, 205-281-0889
- E & L S Group, LLC, 3621 Kingshill Road, 205-617-0565

OTHER SERVICES

- CFord, Yvetter (trade name: Ford CPR), 16 Offic Park Circle, 205-914-8678
- Millsaps Murals and Designs Inc., 906 Crestview Drive, 404-668-1394

PERSONAL SERVICES

- Kay Cleaners Inc., 2736 Cahaba Road, 205-087-1345
- Nail Tek Mountain Brook, LLC, 600 Old English Lane, 205-879-3377
- Sermsap, Laura (trade name: Foxy Nails III), 249 Country Club Park, 205-870-7876
- Tran, Linh (trade name: Foxy Nails III), 249 Country Club Park, 205-870-7876

Recent City Council Actions

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

- **Ordinance No. 1969-** Authorized annual salary advancement for permanent part-time employees within established pay grades based on meritorious performance.
- **Ordinance No. 1970-** Amended Articles III, IV, V, VII, VIII, XVII, XX, XIX of the City Code regarding building limitations in residential districts, use exemptions, exceptions to required setbacks for architectural features, and accessory buildings on residential lots.
- **Ordinance No. 1971-** Authorized a stop sign on Spring Valley Terrace at its intersection with Spring Valley Road.
- **Ordinance No. 1972-** Amended Articles III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, XXII, XXVIII and Residence F-Legacy District of the City Code.
- **Ordinance No. 1973-** Authorized to extend the school zone at Cherokee Bend Elementary.

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

- Ratified the authorization to install two additional 8 inch water main loops on Brookwood Road required for the Phase 9 sidewalk construction project at an estimated cost of \$65,000. (80% of which is anticipated to be reimbursed under the grant project administered by the ALDOT)
- Authorized the execution of the Pro Tanto Settlement Agreement between the city and NJK, LLC, with respect to the city's vacation of Third Street.
- Approved the conditional service use application submitted by Ryder

Hollis to allow personal fitness classes at 2830 Culver Road.

- Accepted professional services proposal submitted by Rob Walker Architects, LLC with respect to the library moisture abatement, window replacement and related building repairs project.
- Amended traffic island and community entrance beautification and improvement policy.
- Authorized the Emmet O'Neal Library Board to combine two part-time positions into one full-time position.
- Authorized recurring installments to be remitted between January 10, 2017 and September 20, 2017 to the RSA form the city's General Fund budget and/or Debt Service Reserve Fund for the purpose of minimizing future required employer pension contribution increases.
- Authorized the \$2,400 footing design change to be prepared by Structural Design Group subcontractor to Walter Schoel Engineering Co., Inc. for the Shades Creek pedestrian bridge.
- Accepted the building services proposal submitted by Williamson & Associates, Inc., not to exceed \$10,000, with respect to the library building exterior consulting services.
- Amended and restated the city's IRC 127 educational assistance (tuition reimbursement) plan.
- Approved the deep foundation change order (weathered with micropiles) in the amount of \$131,300 with respect to the Shades Creek pedestrian bridge project.
- Authorized the installation and ongoing rental of a fire hydrant near 1) the intersection of Rock Creek Trail and Rock Creek Drive and 2) the intersection of Rock Creek Drive and Sims Circle.
- Ratified the appointment of Saford Building Company, LLC as purchasing agent of the City of Mountain Brook, Alabama effective November 28, 2016 with respect to their construction of the joint fire and police training building.
- Authorized the execution of a building consulting services agreement with Brasfield & Gorrie with respect to the ongoing Library moisture abatement, window replacement and other building repairs project.
- Authorized the renewal of the city's workers compensation insurance plan through Millennium Risk Managers for the period February 1, 2017 through February 1, 2018.
- Authorized the execution of the First Amendment to Lease Agreement between the city and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC with respect to the wireless communications facilities located at 3021 Mountain Brook Parkway.
- Authorized the execution of energy expense management statements with Ingenuity to verify accuracy of utility billings.
- Authorized the issuance of a permit pursuant to Ordinance No. 1948 with respect to the installation of three new support structures for small cell data and communications antenna (3239 Country Club Road BRM07, 3249 East Briarcliff Road BRM06, and 190 Green Valley Road BRM097).
- Declared certain (Library) personal property surplus and authorized its sale at public internet auction.
- Authorized the execution of a professional services agreement between the city and Skipper

Consulting, Inc. with respect to a traffic study of Kennesaw Drive from near Chickamauga Road to Wilderness Road in the vicinity of Cherokee Bend Elementary School.

- Accepted the annual financial audit for the year ending September 30, 2016.
- Designated March 5, 2017 as "Mountain Brook's Mental Health Awareness Day."
- Arbor Week Proclamation, March 13, 2017-March 19, 2017.
- Authorized a street light upgrade at the intersection of Euclid Avenue and West Montcrest.
- Authorized the execution of a professional service agreement between the City and Goodwyn, Mills and Caywood for design services with respect to the athletic field improvements at the Mountain Brook Junior High School and Mountain Brook High School.
- Recognized Susan DeBrecht for her services to the city as Director of The Emmet O'Neal Library.
- Amended the "Significant Accounting and Management Policies" of the City Council by incorporating a sidewalk policy.
- Authorized the issuance of a permit pursuant to Ordinance No. 1948 with respect to the installation of a new support structure for a small cell data and communications antenna within the public right-of-way in the vicinity of Country Club Road and Rockdell Lane (BRM008).
- Declared certain (Police) personal property surplus and authorized its conveyance to the Town of Ider, AL.
- Declared certain (Parks and Recreation) personal property surplus and authorized its conveyance to the City of Center Point, AL.



- Authorized the execution of a contractor agreement between the city and Construction Services Group, LLC with respect to the installation of hydration stations at the Athletic Complex.
- Appointed Construction Services Group, LLC as purchasing agent of the city with respect to the hydration stations at the Athletic Complex.
- Authorized the execution of a professional services contract between the city and Rob Walker Architects with respect to the design of the hydration stations at the Athletic Complex.
- Recommended to the State of Alabama, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, the issuance of a Lounge Retail Liquor license to R and R and Liquor, LLC located at 81 Church Street.
- Authorized the issuance of a permit pursuant to Ordinance No. 1948 with respect to the installation of new support structures for small cell data and communications antennas within the public right-of-way in the vicinity of Shiloh Drive.
- Authorized the execution of a professional services agreement between the city and Walter Schoel Engineering, Inc. for a preliminary study of the Jemison Park bridge alternatives.
- Proclaimed April 2017 as “National Donate Life Month.”
- Awarded the bid for the purchase of two (2) High Output ULV Aerosol Generators (mosquito foggers) to ADAPCO, LLC, in consideration of \$16,000 for each unit (\$32,000 total).
- Authorized the issuance of a permit pursuant to Ordinance No. 1948 with respect to the installation of a new support structure for small cell data and communications antenna within the public right-of-way in the vicinity of 3024 Cherokee Road.
- Declared a reconditioned 2001 Spartan GA40M-2142 fire truck surplus and authorized its sale to the highest offer by way of an exclusive listing and marketing agreement between the city and Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus.
- Executed a Motion to Proceed with the construction by Public Works crews of a sidewalk along a section of Locksley Drive from its intersection with Overton Road to Dunbarton Drive.

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
TREE COMMISSION	3rd Tues.	5:15 p.m.	City Hall
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	3rd Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	City Hall

Building Permit Activity

Permit Type:	4th Quarter - 2016		1st Quarter - 2017	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	10	\$ 6,039,530	8	\$3,074,024
Alterations/ Additions	82	\$10,474,255	97	\$9,280,656
Repairs/ Other	170	\$ 4,666,670	201	\$6,047,486
Totals:	262	\$21,180,455	306	\$18,402,166

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.

Quarterly Crime Statistics

	4th Quarter 2016	1st Quarter 2017
Robbery	2	0
Robbery (aggravated shoplifting)	0	0
Burglary/Residence	10	10
Burglary/Business	3	0
Theft	54	50
Theft from Vehicle (UBEV)	27	21
Auto Theft	2	0
Assaults (Other)	4	3
Identity Theft	19	22
Criminal Mischief	5	14
Drugs	18	17
Family Violence	8	9
Accidents	287	262
A With Injuries	19	17
A With Fatalities	0	0
Calls For Service	6,951	7,174
House Watches	372	223
Property Stolen	\$279,560	\$340,308
Property Recovered	\$77,970	\$81,188

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.



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. 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

SPECIAL ITEMS DISPOSAL

Paint cans - Remove the lids from all of the cans. If there is paint inside, put sand, dirt, or kitty litter in the cans with the paint for absorption. Place the cans curbside with the lids off for pickup.

Appliances with freon (such as refrigerators and air conditioners) - Will not be picked up until the freon has been drained 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 materials, batteries, and tires.

Leash Law Reminder

The City of Mountain Brook prides itself in being considered one of the safest places to live in the state. To maintain this status, there is a leash law in place to minimize the amount of people being injured by dogs. The primary purpose of the leash law is to preserve a safe and respectful environment for dogs and people in the city. When a dog is allowed to roam freely, it increases the chances of it getting hurt and/or hurting someone else. Off-leash dogs are able to approach people and potentially hurt them by jumping and knocking them down. Owners are liable for their dog's actions.

Even the most well-trained dogs are unpredictable at times. One may be able to control their dog with 100% accuracy, but it is impossible to control the world around them. If a dog is off-leash, it is able to approach other dogs that may not be dog-friendly, resulting in a confrontation where they may injure each other. As good pet owners, it is important to set a good example by keeping dogs on-leash. It is completely understandable for one to want their dog to be able to run free and play, but for the safety of everyone, dogs must remain on-leash in all public areas.





Safety Tips for Pedestrians

BE SAFE AND BE SEEN: MAKE YOURSELF VISIBLE TO DRIVERS

- Wear bright/light colored clothing and reflective materials.
- Carry a flashlight when walking at night.
- Cross the street in a well-lit area at night.
- Stand clear of buses, hedges, parked cars, or other obstacles before crossing so drivers can see you.



BE SMART AND ALERT: AVOID DANGEROUS BEHAVIORS

- Always walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.
- Stay sober; walking while impaired increases your chance of being struck.
- Don't assume vehicles will stop. Make eye contact with drivers, don't just look at the vehicle. If a driver is on a cell phone, he or she may not be paying enough attention to drive safely.
- Don't rely solely on pedestrian signals. Look before you cross the road.
- Be alert to engine noise or backup lights on cars when in parking lots and near on-street parking spaces.

BE CAREFUL AT CROSSINGS: LOOK BEFORE YOU STEP

- Cross streets at marked crosswalks or intersections, if possible.
- Obey traffic signals such as WALK/DON'T WALK signs.
- Look left, right, and left again before crossing a street.
- Watch for turning vehicles. Make sure the driver sees you and will stop for you.
- Look across ALL lanes you must cross and visually clear each lane before proceeding. Even if one motorist stops, do not presume drivers in other lanes can see you and will stop for you.
- Don't wear headphones or talk or text on a cell phone while crossing.

www.pedbikeinfo.org/community/tips_pedestrian.cfm

Swimming Pool and Spa Safety-Whose problem is it?

HOW BIG IS THE PROBLEM?

- From 2005-2014, there were an average of **3,536 fatal unintentional drownings** (non-boating related) annually in the United States – about ten deaths per day. An additional **332 people died each year from drowning** in boating-related incidents.
- About one in five people who die from drowning are **children 14 and younger**. For every child who dies from drowning, another five receive emergency department care for nonfatal submersion injuries.
- More than **50% of drowning victims** treated in emergency departments require hospitalization or transfer for further care (compared with a hospitalization rate of about 6% for all unintentional injuries). These nonfatal drowning injuries can cause **severe brain damage** that may result in long-term disabilities such as memory problems, learning disabilities, and permanent loss of basic functioning (e.g., permanent vegetative state).

Mountain Brook City Ordinance 1737 Sec. 109-4. - Enclosure requirements for swimming pools. Every outdoor swimming pool having a depth of 18 inches or more, constructed upon private property shall be completely surrounded by a fence or wall not less than four feet in height above the level of all surface or ground lying within three feet of such fence or wall and shall have no horizontal gaps or openings in excess of four inches in width. Gates or doors may constitute a part of such enclosure, and all such gates or doors, except the door of a dwelling which forms a part of such enclosure, shall be equipped with a self-closing and self-latching device for keeping the gate or door securely closed at all times when not in actual use.

Information provided from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- If you own a pool or spa in Mountain Brook, you must follow the codes below:
2015 International Code Council Swimming Pool and Spa Code
- **SECTION 305 BARRIER REQUIREMENTS**
305.1 General. These design controls are intended to provide protection against the potential drowning and near drowning by restricting access to such vessels. These requirements provide an integrated level of protection against potential drowning through the use of physical barriers and warning devices. Exception: Portable residential spas and portable residential exercise spas.
- Section 305.2 Outdoor Swimming Pools. **All outdoor aquatic vessels shall be surrounded by a barrier** that complies with Sections 305.2.1 through 305.8. Exception: Spas or hot tubs with a lockable safety cover that complies with ASTM F1346.

- Section 305.2.1 Barrier height and clearances. The top of the barrier shall be at least 48 inches (1524 mm) above grade measured from the exterior of the barrier.
- Section 305.4 Structure wall as a barrier. Where a wall of a dwelling or structure serves as part of the barrier, doors and operable windows with a sill height of less than 48 inches, that provide direct access to the aquatic vessel through the wall shall be equipped with an alarm that produces an audible warning when the door or its screen or window, is opened. The alarm shall be listed and labeled in accordance with UL 2017.

This sounds complicated yet simple information of basic common sense. If you have a pool or spa keep it secured or monitored as much as possible. We are our brother's keeper in the sense that our inaction or lack of responsible behavior could harm or injure someone else who is too young, trespassing, and those mentally, physically or psycho-

logically impaired to not realize the danger of a pool or spa. Some pools and spas are old enough or installed without proper supervision or permit to be safe to today's standards. Please be courteous and helpful to your family and friends by paying attention to pool safety wherever you may be. Let someone know if you see an open gate, visit a home without a door alarm at the patio, see any objects outside of a fence that children could use to climb onto to scale a fence enclosure or electrical items at any pool area. Much like calling a fire or police officer for people's safety please notify the property owner or jurisdiction of any unsafe pool or spa situation. You may be an unknown hero to a parent, son or daughter or neighbor.

Glen Merchant
City of Mountain Brook Building Official
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UNUSUAL ROADS Shared with Neighboring Cities

The City of Mountain Brook covers a little more than thirteen square miles. With that said, very little if anything is square or straight concerning the boundaries of our city. There are many locations where our roads and city limit lines can be confusing with neighboring cities. Since each city is responsible for public safety and maintenance of infrastructure and traffic safety within its city limits, it is important to know where these lines run. For instance, The Birmingham Botanical Gardens, all of the road and adjacent right of way on Lane Park Road from Mountain Brook Village to the northern boundary of Birmingham Botanical Gardens are in Birmingham city limits. However, the new Lane Parke development and Grand Bohemian Hotel located along Lane Park Road just across the street from the gardens are all inside the City of Mountain Brook. In the Crestline area, Sims Avenue from Hagood to Montevallo Road, the residents along the north side

of Sims Avenue are in Birmingham and the south side of the street are in Mountain Brook. On Montevallo Road from Sims Avenue to Greenbriar Lane, Mountain Brook is to the north of Montevallo Road and Birmingham to the south.

Another interesting, sometimes confusing road is Oakdale Drive from Overton Road to just south of Knightsbridge Road. The eastern side of the road is in Vestavia Hills and the western side is in Mountain Brook. If you go back to the intersection of Overton Road, Oakdale Drive, and River Run Drive, the intersection and traffic signal belong to Jefferson County, west of the signal is Mountain Brook, east of the signal is Vestavia Hills. The Piggly Wiggly at River Run is in Mountain Brook, directly across the street is in Jefferson County with a very small piece of Birmingham adjacent to the Jefferson County property. There are many other roads and intersections that are shared with multiple jurisdictions and can be confusing

as to which city you are actually traveling in.

Each city has its own unique street marker signs. We make our own signs in Mountain Brook designed very much like the original street markers used by Robert Jemison Jr., a real-estate businessman who began developing the city in 1929. Our street markers are black wooden signs with white reflective lettering attached with decorative brackets to 6x6 wooden poles. If you notice these type poles and signs you are more than likely in Mountain Brook. If you have a chance to view a color-coded map of our city, take the time to look closely at our boundaries with neighboring cities. If you happen to notice an issue with any of our street signs or traffic signs please report them to Mountain Brook Public Works (802-2390) or via the city webpage www.mtnbrook.org and we will make the necessary repairs.



A typical Mountain Brook street sign. This sign is located in the Lane Parke Development and marks Jemison Lane which will eventually connect Montevallo Road with Lane Park Road.

Sidewalks Update

The Phase 5b sidewalk project, along Lakeshore Drive, is scheduled to be completed in late summer. This project will provide access to Lakeshore by crossing at the traffic light by Macy's to connect to the existing sidewalks toward I-65. This project will also have pedestrian crossing signals on Cahaba Road and Mountain Brook Parkway. A pedestrian bridge over Watkins Branch has been installed to provide access to these new sidewalks and the mid-block pedestrian crossing on Mountain Brook Parkway will be removed.

The Phase 9 sidewalk project is also expected to be completed by late summer. This project adds sidewalks along Brookwood Road, east of Mountain Brook Presbyterian Church, to Crosshill Road, Woodvale Road and Oakdale Drive to the entrance of the High School.

The City of Mountain Brook will soon award a three year paving contract. The paving will be scheduled for early to mid summer. Below is a list of streets to be milled and resurfaced for 2017.



- 1. Old Leeds Road - From Stone River Rd. to Rockcliff Circle**
- 2. Oakdale Drive - From Vestavia City Limits to Oakdale Road**
- 3. Bethune Drive - From Oakdale Drive to MB High School entrance**
- 4. Overton Road - Oakdale Drive to Colchester Road**
- 5. South Brookwood Road - From Overton Road to Brookwood Forest Elm.**
- 6. Fair Oaks Drive - (Entrance and exit to Cherokee Bend Elm)**
- 7. Wilderness Road end and Kennesaw Dr. end, Eden Circle and Ronnie Wayne Circle**
- 8. Pumphouse Road - From 280 bridge to Florida Short Route**

Any questions concerning this project should be directed to Hunter Johnston (205) 802-3875 or Ronnie Vaughn (205) 802-3865



CAHABA RIVER WALK SWINGS

Cahaba River Walk will have new swings for kids and adults. There are two kid swings by the pull-up bars and one bench swing that overlook the river by the Outdoor Classroom. William Hereford from Troop 28 installed the swings as his Eagle Scout Project.



LANE PARKE

Phase 1 of the retail component is alive! Stop by to explore Kin-nucan's Specialty Outfitters, The Local Taco, A'Mano, M&S Handmade Furniture, B Prince, p2 Platinum Pilates, Revelator Coffee, CharBar No.7 and Western Market! The demolition of the previous Western, as well as the Smith's and Ollie Irene lease spaces are complete. Site work for the new Regions Bank began in March. The construction of a new culvert has begun and will be followed by Jemison Lane, which will connect Lane Park Road to Montevallo Road. The new culvert (which will connect to the Birmingham Zoo) will run beneath Lane Park Road; however, Lane Park Road will remain open to vehicular traffic during this time. To review the approved amended PUD plans for Lane Parke go to the Planning Department page of the City's website (www.mtnbrook.org).

Watkins Branch Pedestrian Bridge



The beautiful Watkins Branch Pedestrian Bridge has been recently added to the Watkins Branch trail and is 48 ft long and was installed as one piece. The purpose of the bridge is to remove the current pedestrian crossing that crosses Mountain Brook Pkwy in order to keep pedestrians safe. In some instances, cars that are stopped at that crossing in order to let pedestrians cross tends to back up traffic into the intersection and Cahaba Road.

The bridge will connect the Watkins Trail, Jemison Park trail and make the option for pedestrians to access the Homewood trail. This location was chosen based on a relatively short distance between creek banks, which makes for pedestrians to crossing easier and allows for greater trail crossing. Once the crosswalk is open, the flashing lights will be removed and that portion of the trail will be closed, assuring pedestrians use the safest route.



This new pedestrian bridge brings about so much beauty to the Watkins Branch Trail and allows for connectivity, safety and a variety of exercise options. The bridge is positioned so anywhere you stand on it, you'll have a breathtaking view of the creek. The water passing through the creek and the peace and serenity you will feel just standing or crossing the bridge will leave you in a state of relaxation.



HAPPY 75TH BIRTHDAY MOUNTAIN BROOK!

May 24th marks the 75th birthday of the City of Mountain Brook, and a month-long celebration is planned incorporating the City, Mountain Brook Schools, Emmet O'Neal Library, Chamber of Commerce, and local shops and businesses. In signature Mountain Brook fashion, May will be a truly collaborative month of birthday festivities.

Please make plans to attend our Birthday Celebration Kick-Off at Mountain Brook City Hall on Sunday, May 7th from 3:00-5:00, sponsored by the City of Mountain Brook, the Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce, and Great Smiles Orthodontics. Cake and ice cream provided by Mayfield Ice Cream will be served, and live music, an inflatable, and a dunking booth will provide entertainment for the whole family. (In case of rain, this event will be moved to Sunday, May 21st 1:00-3:00.) In addition, the Library and Chamber will be handing out The Great Mountain Brook Scavenger Hunt. This fun and educational scavenger hunt will send you and your friends and family out into the City to piece together clues. Following the Birthday Kick-Off, the

Scavenger Hunt will be available at Emmet O'Neal Library or the Chamber of Commerce.

Over the past month, our junior high school has been participating in a creative writing contest challenging students to write about "Why I Love Mountain Brook". Our winner, Tess Patton, will be proclaimed as Mayor-for-a-Day and will do the ribbon-cutting to open our 75th Birthday Celebration Kick-Off on Sunday, May 7th from the stage in front of City Hall.

On May 17th, join the Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce for their quarterly luncheon at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens from 11:00-1:00. In a tribute to both Memorial Day and Mountain Brook, come hear Mountain Brook legacy Christopher Tanner speak about his time in the military serving under General Petraeus.

The birthday fun continues Sunday, May 21st with the Thomas Hughes Brinkley Memorial Fun Run and Summer Reading Kick-Off starting at 3:00 p.m. at Emmet O'Neal Library. Following the Summer Reading Kick-off, grab a picnic and a blanket for a free

evening of jazz on Crestline Field. "Jazz in the Park" will take place from 6:00-9:00, and local restaurants will also be onsite selling dinners to-go.

Last, but not least, turn in your Scavenger Hunt forms to Emmet O'Neal Library by May 24th to be eligible for a prize of Village Gold. On the 24th, incorporated Mountain Brook's actual birthday, the library will be serving cake and lemonade from 10-5. The winner of The Great Mountain Brook Scavenger Hunt will be announced at 5:00.

Happy Birthday, Mountain Brook!

Emmet O'Neal Library News

Children's Department



Summer reading kickoff carnival - fun run (2016)



SUMMER READING KICKOFF

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May 21 – Summer Reading Kickoff



Start your summer off right at the Emmet O'Neal Library Summer Reading Kickoff Carnival on Sunday, May 21, organized and managed by the Junior Women's Committee of 100 as a fundraiser for the library Children's Department. The afternoon begins with the mile-long Thomas Hughes Brinkley Memorial Fun Run at 3:00, open to people on foot, bike, scooter, and skates. Stick around for the carnival, which begins at 3:30 and features game booths, train rides, a climbing wall, concessions, face painting, balloon animals, and so much more. Wristbands that allow you to participate in all parts of the carnival will be available at the children's desk in May.

In addition to raising essential funds for the Children's Department through the kickoff carnival, the members of the JWC volunteer their time throughout the year to help with the day-to-day tasks of the department. Special thanks go to Carnival Chairs Margot Black and Stefanie Davis, JWC President Grace Kipp and Vice President Kitty Brown.

Emmet O'Neal Library News

May 30 – Summer Reading Programs Begin



No matter your age, there is enough going on at The Emmet O'Neal Library for you to spend all your free time with us this summer.

The littlest patrons are invited to attend the same lapsit storytimes they enjoy during the school year: Patty Cake on Thursday mornings for infants (0-12 months), Mother Goose on Wednesday mornings for 12-24 months, and Toddler Tales on Monday mornings for 24-36 months. Be sure to register ahead of time for these programs. All ages are welcome without registration to our Saturday morning family storytime with Mr. Mac.

Preschoolers will laugh themselves silly at our weekly Tuesday morning programs. Performers from all over the country make their way to the Emmet O'Neal Library to bring you puppet shows, magic, music, and interactive science. Preschool kids aged 3-5 can also continue coming to Movers & Makers on Wednesday afternoons (registration required).

Kids who are about to be in kindergarten, first grade, or second grade are ready for LOL:Go!, a weekly hullaballoo that's different every time. Drop off (and sign in) your

lower elementary schooler for 45 minutes of games, crafts, science, and tons of other hands-on action every Tuesday afternoon.

Thursdays will still be the day for upper elementary schoolers (rising 3rd – 6th graders) to let loose at SNAP, an afternoon bonanza that is sure to chase away that summer ennui. The first SNAP of the summer is always a wild hour of team games, so throw on some old clothes and meet us on the lawn on June 1 at 3:30. Kids going into 4th – 6th grade can also sign up for Hot Off the Press (June 13 and July 18), a book club where they'll chow down on pizza and talk about the latest and greatest in kids' books.

New this summer, emerging readers and their parents will have an opportunity to participate in Breakout Book Club. The event will take place on June 6 and July 11. Stop by the library and chat with your children's librarians to get more details. Spaces are limited, so you'll want to go ahead and register online to reserve your spot.

For details and specifics about all these programs, pick up your copy of the summer calendar in the Children's Department or view it online at www.eolib.org.



Summer reading kickoff carnival - kids signing up (2016)

PLAYAWAY LAUNCHPADS



Do you have a long car ride coming up? Come browse our newest resource, the Playaway Launchpads. Handheld mini-tablets come preloaded with games and e-books for specific age groups. Kid users can choose an avatar to guide them through their play. If they drop the device, it's no problem – Launchpads are in a soft protective case. With plenty to choose from, you can check out a Launchpad for each child in your car!

3rd – 6th graders at SNAP Quidditch training last summer (2016)



Build a Better World & Xtreme Reads

The Build a Better World summer reading program will be available on paper and online. Keep track of your reading to earn chances to play a Build a Better World game. The more times you play, the sooner you win free



books – you can even get a free book every week if you read enough! For older readers (rising 3rd – 6th grade) looking for a challenge, try the online Xtreme Reads program with bigger books and bigger prizes. And readers of all ages can stop by any time to play the clue game – visit every week to find a different clue and win a different prize.

JULY 25 – SUMMER READING FINALE

Bring the whole family – and a picnic blanket – to celebrate all your 2017 summer reading accomplishments with a pizza dinner and a Roger Day concert. Meet us on the lawn across the street from the library at 6:30 on Tuesday, July 25.

JULY 27 – XTREME READS FINALE

Xtreme Reads participants will have a chance to wrap up their summer with a pizza party on Thursday, July 27. This is where we'll announce the winners of the Xtreme Reads prize drawings. There will also be an after-hours Xtreme Reads party on July 28 for kids who have completed enough challenges to qualify.

Emmet O'Neal Library News



All camps are for registered patrons only, so be sure to visit our website starting May 1 and reserve your spot before they're gone. Campers are required to attend all days of camp.

GLAUB MEMORIAL CAMP

Each year, the Glaub family and friends make it possible for us to offer the Geoffrey Glaub Memorial Summer Camp for rising 3rd – 6th graders. This year's camp is June 19-22. The library will partner with YouthServe Birmingham

for a camp focused on building a better world through volunteer service.

MAKERS CAMP

We'll bring rising 4th – 6th graders into the makerspace and give them a tour of the technology available to help them put their ideas into action. Campers will have the chance to get creative using the tools and resources we provide. Each camp is two afternoon sessions. Choose from either June 12 and 14 or July 17 and 19.

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 21st. 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! This summer, we will play library Bingo for a chance at one of three prize baskets based on themes such as gardening, grilling, and beach trips and stocked with goodies from local shops and restaurants. Our programs for the summer include yoga workshops, a summer book preview, and Bad Art Night. Ready for some summer fun? Find it at the Library!

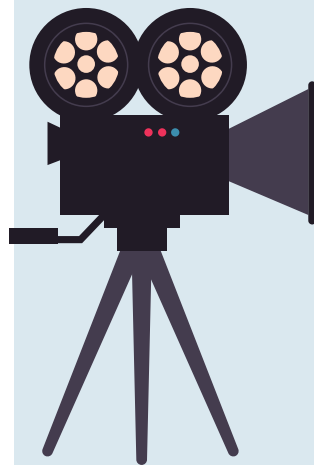


A Community Conversation On Aging

Are you or someone in your life impacted by an aging friend, family member, or spouse? If so, please make plans to attend our Community Conversation on Aging sponsored by Choice Home Health Care. We will meet on Saturday, May 13th at 2:00 p.m. for a community discussion on aging and the challenges associated with it. A moderator will facilitate this conversation about your concerns and questions. It is our goal to come away from this discussion with a better understanding of the needs of our aging community, their care givers, and advocates. We plan to use the information we gather to present a series of programs beginning in the fall of 2017 on topics related to aging in our community. We might cover Medicare traps to avoid, the emotional needs of the aging and their care givers, or aging with dignity. But it all depends on you! Please make plans to attend so that we can shape a series of programs that will help you and your family to deal with aging in a way that makes you more comfortable and informed. For more information, please contact Katie Moellering, Adult Services Librarian, at 205-445-1118 or kmoellering@bham.lib.al.us

Arthouse Film Series May – August

Film buffs, you will not want to miss this series! Beginning in May, the Emmet O'Neal Library will feature one independent, arthouse film per



month. Screenings will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room. For more information, please contact Amanda Westfall at 205-445-1119 or amandaw@bham.lib.al.us. Make sure to put these dates on your calendar: May 24th, June 21st, July 19th, and August 23rd

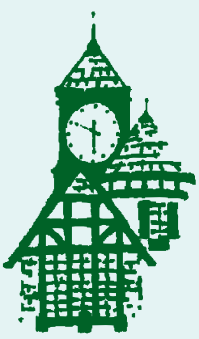
The Neuroscience Café at Emmet O'Neal Library

The UAB Comprehensive Neuroscience Center



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The Library's partnerships with UAB's Comprehensive Neuroscience Center continues on May 11th with a discussion on Alzheimer's Disease. We will be joined by David Geldmacher, M.D., F.A.C.P. Professor of Neurology and Erik Roberson, M.D., Ph.D. Associate Professor of Neurology who will give us an update on Alzheimer's Disease research. The Neuroscience Café will be held on Thursday, May 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room. For more information, please contact Katie Moellering at 205-445-1118 or kmoellering@bham.lib.al.us.



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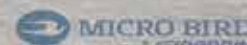


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The Foundation exists to provide financial support to meet the academic needs that are beyond the current scope and means of the school system. The Foundation's work is based on the needs of the school system as a whole.

Remembering Mrs. Eve Jackson London

On January 12th of this year, the Mountain Brook Community lost a wonderful, beautiful, and creative resident. Mrs. Eve London may have lost her 22-year battle with breast cancer, but she will be forever be remembered for her strength, smile, humor, and grace.



New Kindergartener Mary Cleveland Rice stands by her crayon-decorated mailbox - a tradition started by Eve London and other Kindergarten parents.

Survived by her husband, Gary London; children, Mitchell, Jack, and Ivey; father Ivey Jackson, and brother, Ben Jackson; the family generously continued the tradition of commitment to education by naming the Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation in Eve's obituary.

Eve was one of the first kindergarten teachers in the Mountain Brook Schools system. Even in her passing, she still contributed greatly to the students of Mountain Brook.

The Foundation has received \$10,000.00 in Eve's memory from 72 friends and family members both near and far. The Foundation's Board of Directors continues to keep the London and Jackson families in its thoughts and prayers.



Grandparents Appeal 2017 Under Wonderful Leadership!

Mimi and Fred Renneker are well known in Mountain Brook for many reasons, but their biggest fans are probably their nine grandchildren. They do their best to attend every activity, sporting event and production that they can, and that keeps them busy between Homewood and Mountain Brook.

True supporters of their community and education, Fred served on the Mountain Brook City Board of Education for twenty years, with six of those as Chairman. With Mimi always by his side, they were the obvious choice to chair the Mountain Brook City School Foundation's first Grandparents Appeal this year.



Grandparents throughout the area will be contacted by Fred and Mimi over the next several weeks to support the Foundation that works to raise funds to help every Mountain Brook Schools student, teacher and school, every year.

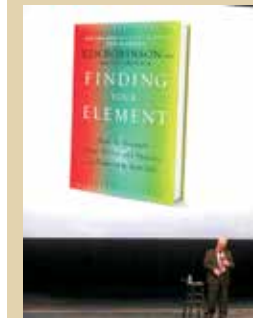
The Foundation's Endowment Fund is currently valued at \$9.1 million but that is not nearly enough to address the school system's needs with a continuing trend of insufficient state funding for education.

Please contact the Foundation office if you would like to join the Renneker's in this great project! Thank you!

The End of School is a Great Time to Honor a Teacher

With May comes the end of the school year. Simplify your gift shopping for teachers with a donation to the Foundation. Make a donation by check or online through the Foundation's website and note which teacher(s) you would like to honor. Also, please include who the donation is from (i.e. you and your spouse, your student, etc.).

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