



# the Reporter

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### Residents' Survey Coming

The City of Mountain Brook has contracted with the ETC Institute to conduct a survey of city residents concerning municipal services and overall quality of life. ETC Institute, located in Olathe, Kansas, is a marketing, research, demography and statistical firm that has completed residents' surveys for Auburn, Dothan, and Vestavia Hills.

2,000 households will be randomly selected to receive this 7-page, brief survey by mail. It can be completed online. The online version will require a secure access to complete the survey. The resident survey will inquire about city services, public safety, and city communications. The survey will be distributed early November and the deadline of the survey is November 30.

In 2014, a similar survey was distributed with a return rate of approximately 40%, which was higher than the national average of 10-20%. In the 2017 Survey, almost 48% of the surveys were returned. It is important for each resident who receives the survey to complete it by the deadline so the City obtains substantial feedback. The responses will allow the City to understand the concerns and desires of the residents and make strides to address them. In the previous surveys, the main dissatisfactions were lack of street lights and traffic congestion.

Do your civic duty and fill out the survey. Mountain Brook needs your feedback to be the best city it can be.

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### Mayor's Message

#### GOING GREEN!

The city is in the process of launching a 'beta-test' for creating 'Green Zones' for our city. Consultants have visited our city and met with members of our Public Works and Parks & Recreation Departments. They had an opportunity to try electric leaf blowers, weed eaters, hedge trimmers and chain saws. City Council President, Virginia Smith and I were there, and all the guys seemed to be having fun with the test equipment. It was amazingly quiet and, of course, emissions free. We are in the process of deciding where to implement our beta-test and will share the results with you. Be on the lookout for our 'green machines'...you might not be able to hear them! I want to thank Mountain Brook resident, Clay Ragsdale, for bringing this opportunity to our attention. Clay has helped us in so many ways with this project.

#### CITIZENS' SAY, "THANK YOU!"

All of the folks that work for our city are truly amazing people. They care about our city and they care about each of you. Here is a letter I received thanking our folks at the Police Department and Public Works:

going  
green

Dear Mayor Welch,  
We wanted to send you a note to say thank you to the Mountain Brook Public Works and Mountain Brook Police Department!

*They removed a very large oak tree which had fallen from our yard on Memory Court over the Elm Street alley into our neighbor's yard on Mountain Avenue on Easter Saturday, April 20, 2019. Thankfully we did not have any damage, but nonetheless it was quite alarming to have the trunk and canopy of the downed tree draped across the road and resting in our yards. We called the police and when the officer arrived he cordoned off the street and called Public Works. Soon thereafter, Johnny Franklin, from Mountain Brook Public Works, and his crew arrived and they were immensely helpful. This all happened at about 3:00 p.m. and by sundown the tree was completely removed and hauled away. Except for a large hole in our yard containing the former root ball of the oak, the tree seemingly vanished without a trace! As if we weren't already completely impressed by the completed work, the public works returned a few days later and filled the hole in our yard with soil! We want to express our gratitude for Johnny and his courteous*

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*crew, who worked tirelessly and efficiently on that holiday weekend. My family feels so lucky to live in such a wonderful community and again we are very grateful for all those who work to make Mountain Brook such a wonderful place to live! 7/17/19*

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP THE FAMILIES OF OUR FIRST RESPONDERS?**

The Mouron Family Foundation provides scholarships to our first responders as a way to thank them for their service to our community. If you would like to help or receive more information, contact Christopher Mouron 205-949-2062.

**#XPLORE MTN. BROOK...OVER 25 WINNERS AND STILL GOING STRONG!**

Over twenty-five people have each won \$50 worth of Village Gold and local business gifts so far this year. It is easy to play, fun to win and a great way to say, "Thank you!" to our local businesses and employees. For more information, visit the city website or chamber website.

**Stand Up and Be Counted in the 2020 Census**

Why is Census participation important? Here are just a few reasons: Every year, over \$300 billion in federal funds are awarded to states and communities based on census data. Businesses use census data to locate new retail and service establishments, and census data determines how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.

In preparation for the upcoming 2020 count, the City of Mountain Brook voluntarily participated in LUCA (Local Update of Census Addresses).

Through participation in LUCA, the city was given an opportunity to review and comment on the accuracy of the Census Bureau's residential address list for its jurisdiction prior to the actual 2020 Census count. The Census Bureau relies on a complete and accurate address list to reach every living quarters and associated population for inclusion in the Census; thereby helping the city to ensure an accurate Census count for its community and helping local leadership plan for future needs.



**Building Permit Activity**

Permit Type:	2nd Quarter - 2019		3rd Quarter - 2019	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	22	\$ 12,108,600	9	\$ 4,935,989
Alterations/Additions	116	\$ 13,986,846	115	\$ 21,354,838
Repairs/Other	242	\$ 5,663,018	207	\$ 13,275,079
Totals:	380	\$ 31,758,464	331	\$ 39,565,906

**COMPARISON OF YEAR - 2018**

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	\$ 15,874,345	113	\$ 10,580,393
Repairs/Other	210	\$ 5,338,789	246	\$ 5,757,835
Totals:	340	\$ 26,906,446	367	\$ 23,145,540



Please Doo Your Part! and clean up behind your dog. We still see problems with this at all of our parks and trails. We have disposable bags available for your use in our doggie stations that are conveniently located at all our parks and trails. If you see any that need to be refilled, please contact Parks and Recreation at (205)802-3877. Please Doo Your Part! and clean up behind your dog.



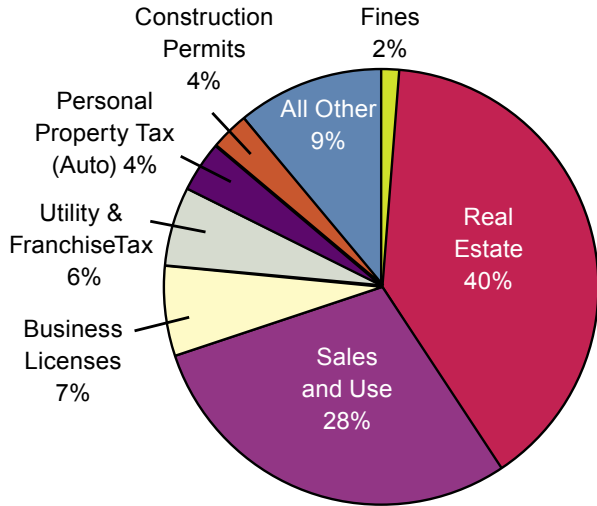
# 2020 Budget Adopted

The City Council adopted the 2020 budget in September. The General Fund budget reflects a surplus of \$217,000. The General Fund revenue totals \$40.5 million representing a 2.9% increase over the fiscal 2019 budgeted revenue. Some of the more significant General Fund revenues include:

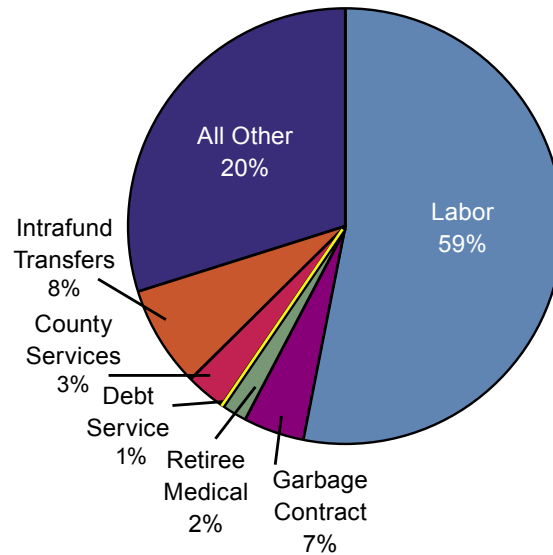
Source of Revenue	2019	2020	Percentage Change
Real estate tax	\$15,927,000	\$16,629,000	4.4%
Sales tax	11,023,000	10,781,000	(2.2)
License and franchise fees	3,538,000	3,367,000	(4.8)
Utility taxes	1,485,000	1,600,000	7.7
Automobile property tax	1,377,000	1,294,000	6.0
Construction permits	1,197,000	1,280,000	6.9
Fines	535,000	454,000	(15.1)
All other	4,281,322	5,114,570	19.5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$39,363,322</b>	<b>\$40,519,570</b>	<b>2.9%</b>

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

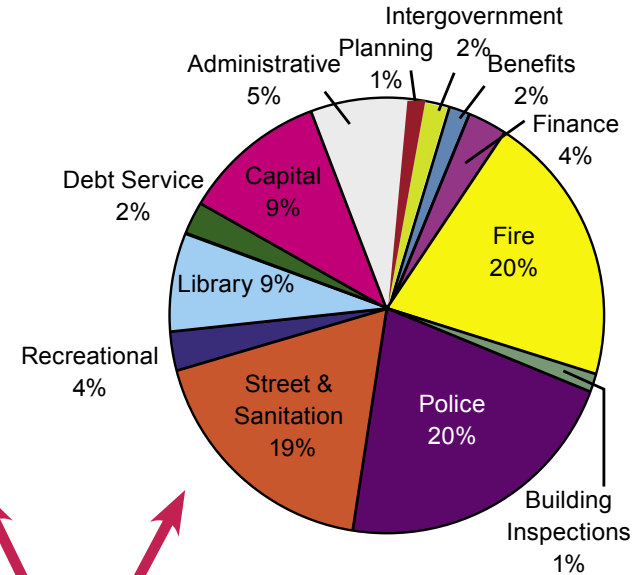
**2020 GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET**



**2020 GENERAL FUND EXPENSE BUDGET**



**2020 BUDGETED EXPENSES BY DEPARTMENT**



- Other items of interest in the capital projects funds:
  - Recreational facility improvements - \$570,000
  - Infrastructure improvements - \$1.4 million
  - Grant funded sidewalk and trail improvements - \$1.6 million

- Equipment and facilities improvements - \$3.3 million
- 2020 General Fund expenses and transfers total \$40.3 million which represents a 2.3% increase from last year's budget.

The charts above illustrate the functional and departmental allocation of the City's General Fund expenses:

## Recent City Council Actions

### **The City Council has adopted or amended the following ordinances since July 8, 2019:**

- Ordinance No. 2050- Appointed Leigh Ann Sisson as Assistant City Treasurer.
- Ordinance No. 2051 – Permitted the sale of alcoholic beverages by licensed businesses on Sunday starting at 10 am in the city.
- Ordinance No. 2052 – Adopted the city’s budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.
- Ordinance No. 2054 – Amended the zoning code with respect to the professional district.
- Ordinance No. 2055 – Rezoned property along Fairhaven Drive (Overton Village Townhomes).
- Ordinance No. 2056 – Prohibited employees and others within certain businesses from parking in certain locations in Mountain Brook Village.
- Ordinance No. 2057 – Amended the Lane Parke Planned Unit Development (PUD) master development plan with respect to drive-throughs.
- Ordinance No. 2058 – Amended Section 6-3 of the city code with respect to stray, feral or abandoned cats and felines.

### **The City Council has approved the following projects since July 8, 2019:**

- Authorized the execution of the Jefferson County Municipal Election Services Agreement with respect to the September 24, 2019, special election to decide on a 10-mil ad valorem tax increase exclusively for the benefit of the Mountain Brook City Schools.

- Authorized an agreement between the city and Architectural Graphic & Design Specialties, Inc. with respect to their design and manufacture of gateway signs for the city.
- Authorized an agreement between the city and Goodgame Company, Inc. with respect to the construction of an equipment shed for the Public Works Department.
- Authorized signatories on the city’s Iberia Bank checking accounts.
- Recommended to the State of Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board the issuance of a Restaurant Retail Liquor license to Carrigans MTB, Inc. (trade name: Carrigans Public House), 2400 Montevallo Road, 35223.
- Awarded the bid for janitorial services for the Emmet O’Neal Library.
- Authorized the execution of a contractor agreement between the city and Tornado Fence Company, for the installation of a chain link fence at the new dog park in Cahaba River Walk Park.
- Adopted the Birmingham Jefferson County Transit Authority (MAX) routes for the fiscal year October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.
- Awarded the bid for the construction of retaining walls at the Athletic Complex.
- Authorized the execution of a contractor agreement between the city and TCC, Inc., subject to the receipt of a \$40,000 donation, with respect to the construction of a pedestrian bridge on Watkins Trace Trail in Jemison Park.
- Awarded the bid to Metro Mechanical Services, Inc. for scheduled maintenance services for the city’s HVAC and other mechanical systems.
- Accepted the professional services proposal submitted by Rob Walker Architects, LLC, with respect to the proposed City Hall mall security improvements project.
- Expressed gratitude to Jamie Gregory for his service on the Planning Commission.
- Appointed poll workers for the September 24, 2019, special election.
- Authorized the proposed Cove Drive traffic island improvements and city’s expenditure.
- Ratified an agreement between the city and Reno Plumbing & Sewer Services, Inc., with respect to the installation of new water service at the Crestline Elementary School field.
- Amended the “Significant Accounting and Management Policies” of the City Council with respect to its Board Appointment policies.
- Recommended to the ABC Board the issuance of a Restaurant Retail Liquor license to Bobby Carl’s Table, 2031 Cahaba Rd. Suite A, Mountain Brook, AL 35223.
- Declared certain property surplus and authorized its sale at public internet auction.
- Awarded the bid for the purchase of a storage building for use by the Police Department at the target range.
- Authorized an agreement between the city and Kadco, LLC with respect to public improvements to be constructed along Poe Drive.
- Authorized the display of a plant stand in the right-of-way by Leaf ‘n Petal.
- Authorized the establishment of a checking account for the 10 cent state gasoline tax.
- Approved the tentative fiscal year 2020 street resurfacing list.
- Awarded the bid for the purchase and maintenance of chest compression devices submitted by Henry Schein Incorporated.
- Authorized the expenditure of \$1,250 to Walter Schoel Engineering to review the roundabout project drainage plans.
- Created a Planner position for the Planning, Building and Sustainability Department.
- Authorized a payment from the General Fund of \$300,000 into the City of Mountain Brook Section 115 (retiree medical insurance) Trust for investment in accordance with the city’s investment policy.
- Increased the salary schedule for all classified, unclassified, and part-time employees by one and three quarters percent (1-3/4%) effective October 1, 2019, and increased the compensation for contract security services for the city’s Public Works facilities.
- Adopted the budget of the Mountain Brook Emergency Communications (E911) District for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020.
- Established the employees’ and retirees’ monthly premiums for medical insurance effective October 4, 2019, and retiree premiums due on October 1, 2019.
- Authorized the (professional) conditional use submitted by Tom Carruthers of LAH Real Estate, for the property located at 2 Dexter Avenue, 35213.
- Authorized the (personal trainer) conditional use submitted by Matt



## New Businesses

### RETAIL/WHOLESALE/GROCERY

- Textiles by Smith LLC, 130 Fairmont Drive, 850-384-6705
- LNS Pipe, LLC, (dba\ Cahaba Midstream), 4 Office Park Circle, Suite 212, 334-437-1018
- The Happy Olive, LLC, 261 Rele Street, 205-703-9003
- Completely Contemporary, LLC, 3100 Overhill Road, 205-641-2992

### RESTAURANT

- Carrigans MTB, LLC, (dba\ Carrigans Public House), 2400 Montevallo Road, 205-440-2430
- Ganesh Laxmi, LLC, (dba\ Abhi at Mountain Brook), 2721 Cahaba Road, Unit B, 850-899-3377

### FINANCIAL/REAL ESTATE/CONSTRUCTION

- West Alabama Bank, 200 Office Park Drive, 205-516-5091

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- Jane Shelton, Inc., 136 Euclid Avenue, 601-927-2065
- Valgerdur Noble Interiors, LLC, 903 Crestview Drive, 205-482-6349
- Wagoner, Jennifer, (dba\ J Wagoner Interiors), 3312 Brookwood Road, 404-210-4688

- McPherson Travel Design, 3165 Pine Ridge Road, 205-837-2202
- Crestline Anesthesia Associates, PC, (dba\ Crestline Health & Wellness), 300 Office Park Drive, 205-910-4600
- Kim Olson Counseling, LLC, 402 Office Park Drive, 205-308-9314
- Roberts, Valerie C., 3136 N Wooderidge Road, 205-542-8495

### HEALTH CARE SERVICES

- Chapman, Leah, (dba\ Leah Chapman Counseling), 4 Office Park Circle, Suite 203, 205-910-7554
- Ledbetter, Leigh, (dba\ Advanced Therapy of Birmingham), 200 Office Park Drive, Suite 222, 770-369-3537

### OTHER SERVICES

- Wilde Art, Co., 749 Bentley Drive, 205-370-3188

### CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING SERVICES

- Benton Holdings, LLC, 2904 Thornhill Road, 205-602-1979
- JLH Building, LLC, 104 Lake Drive, 205-201-1661

## Board Appointments

### APPOINTMENTS:

- Appointed Katie Wohlwend to the Village Design Review Committee to serve through August 23, 2022.
- Appointed Ashley Spotswood to the Village Design Review Committee to serve through August 12, 2022.

## STAY IN TOUCH!

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.



Crane of Meta Fitness for the property located at 3150 Overton Road, 35223.

- Proclaimed September 17, 2019 through September 23, 2019 as Constitution Week.
- Recognized Mountain Brook Baptist Church's 75th anniversary.
- Proclaimed September as National Suicide Prevention Month.
- Approved the conditional use application for lunchtime food service, submitted by Alverson Ireland Fresh Foods, 2 Dexter Avenue, 35213.
- Awarded the bid for remote controlled moving targets to Gnat Warfare to be used at the police firing range.
- Proclaimed September as Gynecological Cancer Awareness Month.
- Expressed gratitude to Sally Legg for her service on the Village Design Review Committee.
- Expressed gratitude to James ("Bo") Grisham, III for his service on the Village Design Review Committee.
- Authorized an agreement with ETC Institute for the city's resident survey.
- Awarded the bid for the portable target system to Action Targets to be used at the police firing range.
- Proclaimed October 21, 2019 as Magic Moments Day.

## Mountain Brook Bridge Projects



The City of Mountain Brook is currently working on design improvements to three bridges in the city. One project is the replacement of the bridge on Caldwell Mill Road over Little Shades Creek. In this project, the existing, narrow bridge has a 4-ton load limit and will be replaced with a new bridge. The new bridge will be a Conspan precast concrete arch structure which is 26 feet wide (nine feet wider than the existing bridge), and will have two nine foot wide travel lanes, a three foot wide shoulder on the east side and a five foot wide shoulder/walkway on the west side. The replacement bridge will also provide a larger opening for Little Shades Creek, which will reduce the chances of the creek flooding the bridge. Stonework, similar to that on other bridges in Mountain Brook, will be used on the headwalls and wingwalls of the new bridge.

The city's engineering design consultant, Gresham Smith, is currently coordinating with Birmingham Water Works Board and Spire on any needed water or gas main relocations. The city will bid this bridge replacement project in the first quarter of 2020 and begin construction in the second quarter of 2020. The construction of the new bridge and approach roadway improvements are anticipated to take seven to eight months to complete.

The City of Mountain Brook received federal funding through the Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to improve two other bridges in the city. The bridge on Old Brook Trail over Little Shades Creek will be replaced with a new bridge, and the bridge on Canterbury Road over Watkins Creek will be rehabilitated. The design and construction of these bridges is being funded by 80% federal transportation funds with the city providing a 20% local match.

The existing Old Brook Trail Bridge over Little Shades Creek is load limited such that larger trucks cannot cross the bridge. The new bridge will remove the load limit and also provide a larger creek opening, greatly reducing the chances of flooding of the bridge. The new single-span concrete bridge will have two - 10 foot wide travel lanes with a three foot wide shoulder on the south side and a five foot wide shoulder/walkway on the north side. A stacked stone treatment will be used on the bridge railings and bridge supports to match other bridges in the city.

Structural repairs will be done to rehabilitate the existing Canterbury Road Bridge over Watkins Creek in Mountain Brook Village. The repairs will improve the load-carrying capacity of the bridge and allow the city to remove or increase the current 20 ton load limit. All of the rehabilitation work will be done under the bridge.

The Old Brook Trail and Canterbury Road bridges, which are being designed by Gresham Smith, are combined into one construction project that will be bid by the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT). Based on the current project schedule, the city and ALDOT hope to bid this project in late 2020 and begin construction in late 2020 or early 2021.

## Mountain Brook's New Dog Park

On September 30, Mountain Brook hosted the grand opening of its first dog park located at Cahaba River Walk. Several dogs and their humans were present for the festivities. This project was led by Leadership Mountain Brook. The students did the research, presented their findings to the Park Board and City Council, and participated in raising the funds needed for the dog park. Our next goal is to provide a water fountain for all. If you are interested in sponsoring a personalized bench at the dog park for \$1,500 to help with this goal, please contact the Park and Recreation Department at 205-802-3877.



## Restroom at Mountain Brook Elementary Field

The restroom facility by the athletic field at Mountain Brook Elementary is now open. The building has two unisex restrooms that have replaced the port-a-lets just off the Jemison Trail. In the near future, we plan to add a roof over the porch area, which will provide shelter from the sun and rain. In addition, we will update the landscaping around the restroom to help it blend in with the surrounding woodlands.



## Cherokee Bend 1964

Cherokee Bend was named and developed in 1964 by Ham Perkins with agreement and approval of Robert Jemison, Jr. and other developers in the area. The name refers to the “bend” in Old Leeds Road at the end of Cherokee Road. Cherokee Bend development began on the hill above the west end of Old Leeds Lane near the driveway to the Blount estate. Mr. Perkins had the bronze plaque made in 1964 and placed in a stone column at the development entrance. In later years, the column was removed. Recently, Keith Arendall donated the bronze plaque to the city and it was placed in a stone column at the intersection of Old Leeds Lane and Old Leeds Road. Thanks to a few members of the Cherokee Bend Garden Club who partnered with the city to build the column. (Thanks to Dr. Edward Stevenson for the history behind the plaque.)



Pictured on the front row, left to right are John Davis, Vann Perkins, Ham Perkins, Charles Zukoski, Robert Jemison, Red Terrill, William Goodall Jr. (mayor), Jerry Drennen. On the back row, left to right, are Felix Drennen, Mel Davis, and Ted Holder. (Courtesy of Charles Perkins.)

## School Property Tax Vote

On September 24th, Mountain Brook citizens approved a 10-mill increase in the rate of the city's ad valorem property tax, which benefits the city's celebrated public school system. This increase, the first in 28 years, will enable the Board of Education to improve facilities, address issues related to the safety and well-being of each of our school communities and better prepare Mountain Brook youth for their future.

Residents approved the millage increase with 65 percent in favor or 1,824 voting for the increase and 968 opposing it at the polls.

The need for increased funding is closely related to the 2008 recession. "Our funding comes from a combination of state, federal, and local funds," said Dicky Barlow, Superintendent of Mountain Brook Schools. "Only 37% comes from the state, and funding markedly decreased during the 10-year period of recovery from the 2008 recession."

The majority of the school district's funding comes from a local source—property taxes. Those revenues declined during the recession for Mountain Brook and for all Alabama's school systems. Barlow added that the school district, during that time period, implemented various strategies to cut costs, while maintaining high quality programs for students. "We're proud of the measures our Board, and our school and central office leadership took to get us through that period," said Barlow. "But it did mean adding another decade to deferring many of the much-needed facility upgrades."

The 10-mill increase is expected to generate approximately \$6 million in new revenue per year. The Board of Education intends to pursue bond issues for \$60 million to focus on facility improvements. Approximately \$3.5 million of the new services will be applied to that debt. This will allow a steady process of facility improvements, expected to take 16 to 20 years.

During the same period, the school district leadership knew that it had to devote funding to school safety and security.

"We have recently invested approximately \$500,000 per year to increase the number of School Resource Officers in our schools. During this tough 10-year period, we increased the number of officers from one to six and spent over \$1 million in other safety enhancements," said Mountain Brook Schools Board President, Nicky Barnes. "We have always said that the safety of our students and our school community is our first priority. For reasons that are painfully clear to all of us, we have had to address the new realities related to school safety and security."

Also contributing to the need for more funding were increased expenses, such as pay raises and added employee benefit costs, much of which are set at the state level and are out of the school board's control.

"Mountain Brook residents, during our 60-year history, have consistently supported our schools," said Barlow. "They have renewed existing taxes and now have shown their willingness to continue that support with this needed increase in property taxes. We never take for granted that support. We thank the citizens of Mountain Brook for supporting this measure."



## Cherokee Bend Elementary 50th Birthday Celebration

On September 6, 2019 Cherokee Bend Elementary celebrated their 50th birthday. As students clad in red shirts walked in that morning, they were greeted with a large red and yellow balloon arch around the front door. Sunny skies made for a perfect day to commemorate such a significant milestone. During the day, students passed by tables set up throughout the school displaying photo albums and scrapbooks from each decade CBS has been open. Near the end of the day, every Chief was given a red and yellow shaker and then arranged on the field into the shape of a "5-0" to take an aerial photo. After the photo, students were treated to red cupcakes. It was a delicious way to end a wonderful celebration of their special school.





### Quarterly Crime Statistics

	2nd Quarter 2019	3rd Quarter 2019
Robbery	0	0
Robbery (aggravated shoplifting)	0	0
Burglary/Residence	4	6
Burglary/Business	30	1
Theft	31	23
Theft from Vehicle (UBEV)	12	15
Auto Theft	1	9
Assaults (Other)	1	6
Identity Theft	28	27
Criminal Mischief	2	3
Drugs	26	23
Family Violence	5	6
Accidents	238	228
A With Injuries	17	22
A With Fatalities	0	0
Calls For Service	6,238	5,874
House Watches	485	528
Property Stolen	\$210,680	\$515,804
Property Recovered	\$54,417	\$124,129

**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.

### Loose Leaf Collection

With the arrival of fall, hopefully we will soon experience cooler temperatures and the leaves will begin to change colors. Then in what seems like the blink of an eye the leaves will begin to drop and it will be time to begin the curbside removal of loose leaves. The City of Mountain Brook contracts with Waste Management for the pickup of loose leaves. The 2019 - 2020 leaf collection will begin on October 28, 2019 and end on March 1, 2020. By now you should have received an information letter 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](http://www.mtnbrook.org)) for the full schedule. Please have your leaves at the curb prior to the beginning of your round. If leaves are not out prior to the date of your scheduled collection, then your service will take place during the next scheduled round for your area. Place leaves only 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.

### Important Leaf Collection Information 2019-2020 Leaf Collection Schedule

If your garbage collection day is:	
Day of the week	Scheduled Leaf Collection Periods of
Monday	Oct. 28 – Oct.31; Nov. 25 – Nov. 29; Dec. 26 – Jan. 3; Feb. 3 – Feb.6
Tuesday	Nov.1 – Nov.6; Nov.30 – Dec.4; Jan.6 – Jan. 10; Feb.7 – Feb.12
Wednesday	Nov.7 – Nov.12; Dec.5 – Dec.10; Jan. 13 – Jan. 17; Feb. 13 – Feb. 18
Thursday	Nov. 13 – Nov.18; Dec.11– Dec. 16; Jan. 20– Jan. 24; Feb. 19 – Feb.24
Friday	Nov.19 – Nov.22; Dec.18 – Dec.24; Jan. 27 – Jan.31; Feb.25 – March 1



## Door-to-Door Solicitation

**The City of Mountain Brook has an ordinance that prohibits solicitations in most cases.**

Ordinance No. 1930, Chapter 26, Section 26-277 requires that all transient/itinerant dealers, vendors, and or other salespeople who make door-to-door calls, or those who may set up in a temporary location, to obtain a business license to do so.

This includes individuals, firms, corporations, companies, associations, partnerships, agencies, or representatives of a business who attempt to sell, solicit orders for sale of goods, services, or merchandise.

It also includes the distribution of handbills, newspapers, or other forms of advertising.

The only exception to this ordinance is for those that are engaged in activities associated with or supporting religious, charitable, governmental, educational, or political organizations or causes.

The Mountain Brook Police Department must be notified prior to sending out any door-to-door solicitors, and these solicitors will be subject to a background and criminal check.

### The requirements for a solicitation license are:

- The applicant must have a written invitation from each individual resident that they intend to visit prior to a license being issued. This letter must be mailed from the resident directly to the City and include the resident's name, address, and phone number. All residents will be contacted to verify the invitation.
- Applications must be completed ten days prior to business commencing in Mountain Brook.
- A valid photo identification for all salespersons/solicitors must be provided.
- A bond in the amount of not less than \$100 and no more than \$1,000 must be posted.
- Applicants must comply with all City Ordinances and State laws.

The hours of door to door operation are limited to 9:00 am- 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

## Use of Ivy in Landscaping

For many people, ivy growing on or around a house is desirable. Ivy is an excellent ground cover, is relatively easy to grow, and can lend an air of dignity and beauty to landscape features. There is no shortage of ivy in Mountain Brook, and a common question is whether ivy is detrimental to trees.

Roots are the only tree parts designed to exist in an "underground" condition. Whether it is soil built up against the base of the tree, or a thick mat of English ivy that mimics the same, anything that envelopes and covers a tree may cause decay and lead to structural failure. Sparse ivy with a more open or "loose" appearance (e.g. Virginia creeper, poison ivy) that is restricted to the main trunk/stem of a tree will likely do little to no harm to trees. However, ivy that forms a dense mat, enveloping the circumference and length of the stem, can be very harmful over time. English ivy, wisteria, and kudzu typically cause the most damage to trees in our region. These species cover or constrict the stem, and/or envelop the crown of the tree, robbing leaves of sunlight. In addition large quantities of any type ivy can weigh down limbs and branches of trees, leading to damage.

Should you wish to remove ivy from your tree, the vine should be cut at the base of the tree periodically. Apply herbicide to any "stump" or stem that is roughly 1/2 inch or larger in diameter. Using herbicides in their concentrated form for this "cut stump" treatment within thirty minutes of cutting should reduce sprouting drastically and will not harm the tree or plants growing nearby. Heavy infestations of ivy may take longer to wither away.

Ivy can be a very useful plant in your landscape. It is tough, attractive and can be an excellent ground cover. Its thick growth can cover or soften the appearance of unsightly buildings or features of the garden. However, ivy is best enjoyed in moderation and should be regularly maintained to avoid disruption to your landscape and damage to your trees.



## Street Light Out?



Alabama Power Company maintains nearly 400 street lights on the streets and alleys of our City. However, they do not regularly check for street lights that are not working. If you see a street light that is out, please report it to the City Manager's office at 802-3800 or [gastons@mtnbrook.org](mailto:gastons@mtnbrook.org) so the City can coordinate its repair with Alabama Power Company.

## Schedule of Meetings

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

# 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:

**Plastic bags with Recyclables in them, Glass, 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.**

## ALLEY OPERATIONS:

Waste Management only pulls trash, small hand piles and grass clipping bags, maximum of four (4), from alley ways. All other materials such as recycling, limbs and knuckle boom piles, leaf piles and bags of grass clipping, five or more, will need to put out in front of properties for removal.

## 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

# Emmet O'Neal Library News



## Book Sale Time at Emmet O'Neal Library

You are invited to the Friends of Emmet O'Neal Library's Book Sale the last weekend in February! All donors giving \$25 or more to The Emmet O'Neal Library will receive an invitation to the Book Sale Preview Party on Thursday, February 20th from 6pm-8:00pm. At the Preview Party you'll get first crack at the best books, including beautiful art and coffee table books, collectible items, and rare titles. Visit the Friends page of the Library's website and donate today! The sale opens to the public Friday and

Saturday, February 21st and 22nd from 10am-5pm and on Sunday, February 23rd from 1pm-4pm.

Drop in, select books for yourself and friends, and support the Library. Stop by each day of the sale; you're sure to find something different each time! Proceeds from the sale fund Library programs for all ages. Our Friends group accepts book donations throughout the year in preparation for this sale. Simply ring the doorbell at the back door of the Library and ask for a receipt. We'll do the rest!



## The Holocaust

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

Each year, the Emmet O'Neal Library and the Birmingham Holocaust Education Center sponsor the Holocaust Film Series. This is a free series in which our facilitator Dr. Andre Millard, Professor of History at UAB, introduces the films and leads a discussion afterward. Four separate films will be shown on Thursdays, January 16th, 23rd, and 30th at 6:30pm as well as Sunday, January 26th at 2:00pm.

### Alabama Bicentennial News

Tuesday, November 19th at 6:30pm the library is excited to offer another Alabama Bicentennial Celebration event of a free screening of "The Bankheads." This is a documentary produced by the University of Alabama Center for Public Television and Radio that explores the rich legacy left by one of Alabama's most famous families. Producer Robert Briscoe will be on hand to answer questions after the film.

### Free Weekly Yoga Classes!

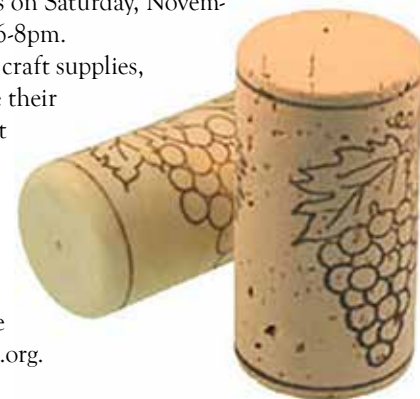
Join us Tuesday mornings at 10:00am for yoga with Marie Blair. The class is free, please bring your yoga mat. Register on the library's website at [www.eolib.org](http://www.eolib.org)



### Winter Winecraft

Winecraft returns on Saturday, November 23rd from 6-8pm.

Using wine corks and craft supplies, participants will make their own holiday ornament to take home while watching the 1954 classic, "White Christmas." Space is limited and registration is required on the calendar at [www.eolib.org](http://www.eolib.org).



### Neuroscience Café

The UAB Comprehensive Neuroscience Center



Communicate. Educate. Collaborate. Accelerate.

The Library's partnership with UAB's Comprehensive Neuroscience Center continues on November 14th and January 9th with programming meant to bring you the latest scientific research happening at UAB on neuroscience. For more information, please visit the library's website at [www.eolib.org](http://www.eolib.org)

# Emmet O'Neal Library News

## Jefferson County Memorial Project Book Discussion Series

This winter, the Emmet O'Neal Library is hosting a series of book discussions on titles chosen by the Jefferson County Memorial Project. The series begins Wednesday, November 6 at 6:00 p.m. with a discussion of Bryan Stevenson's *Just Mercy*. This will be followed by Yaa Gyasi's *Homegoing* on December 4 at 6:00 p.m. and *Strange Fruit* by Lillian Smith on Saturday, January 25th at 2:30pm. For more information, or to register, please visit the Library's website at [www.eolib.org](http://www.eolib.org)



## Teen Happenings @ The Library!

We have some fantastic teen programs coming up this winter at the Emmet O'Neal Library in Crestline Village!

Join us on **NOVEMBER 9th** at **NOON** for a full afternoon of pizza and gaming as we celebrate **INTERNATIONAL GAMES DAY!** You'll meet other teens who love video games, board games, and card games. Invite your friends and compete in one of our tournaments to win fabulous prizes! We'll return to our regular **GAME ON** schedule on the **FIRST SATURDAY IN DECEMBER.**

Learn a new craft at our **CRAFT-SPLOSION** programs taught by Virginia Brasher. We will be making DIY Stamped Bracelets on **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH AT 6PM** and **CUPCAKE DECORATING** on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH AT 1PM.** Register on our website so you can participate in the fun!

Love comics, graphic novels, and manga? Come to one of our **LOOK IT: GRAPHIC NOVELS CLUB** meetings and tell fellow fans about your latest graphic favorites on **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST AT 4:30PM & THURSDAY, JANUARY 23RD AT 4:30PM.**

Be sure to sign up for our **CROSSOVER PROGRAM** series for 5th through 8th graders on the **2ND FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH AFTER THE LIBRARY HAS CLOSED.** We are planning **A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS ESCAPE ROOM** on **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH AT 6PM.** On **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH AT 6PM,** we will be making candles with Virginia Brasher. Kick-off a new year of Crossover programs with a **SMASH ULTIMATE TOURNAMENT** on **JANUARY 10TH AT 6PM.**

We are starting a new book club at the library in January 2020 called **YALL'S BOOKS** that will occur on the **3RD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH!** Our plan is to read and geek out over popular Young Adult book series and authors every month. Join us for a discussion of **THE HUNGER GAMES** [book, not series] by Suzanne Collins on **MONDAY, JANUARY 20TH AT 6PM.** Registration on our website is appreciated.

Kick-start your college research and preparation at the **FIND YOUR WAY: COLLEGE & CAREER PREP** program on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH AT 6PM.** College counselor Lance Beverly will be speaking at this event. Updates on our January Find Your Way event will be posted on the website calendar.

Want to be a part of program-making and other improvements to the Teen Department at the library? Join our **TEEN ADVISORY BOARD!** Teens in grades 7-12 from schools all over Birmingham meet on the **FIRST MONDAY OR TUESDAY OF THE MONTH** to help us brainstorm new programs, volunteer for large events at the library like Dark and Grimm and the annual Book Sale, and much more. Grab an application from the 2nd Floor Reference Desk or apply online today – we would love to make your big ideas for the library a reality!

For more information about the EOL Teen Department and its programs, visit the Teens' pages on our website at **WWW.EOLIB.ORG.**

Follow us on Instagram (@eolibrary.ya) for program updates and YA reading recommendations. **WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE LIBRARY THIS WINTER!**

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# Emmet O'Neal Library News

## Children's Programming:

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

### November

- Monday, Nov. 4, 4:00 pm – STEAM Powered: Science of Color
- Friday, Nov. 8, 9:15 am – Sensory Play, Explore, & More
- Friday, Nov. 8, 6:00 pm – Crossover: A Series of Unfortunate Breakouts
- Tuesday, Nov. 12, 5:30 pm – Family Night: BCT's The City Mouse & the Country Mouse
- Wednesday, Nov. 13, 3:30 pm – Comics & Cookies: Guts by Raina Telgemeier
- Monday, Nov. 18, 6:00 pm – Breakout Book Club: Who is the Mystery Reader?
- Tuesday, Nov. 19, 6:00 pm – Bookmania: A Grimm Warning (Land of Stories book 3)
- Wednesday, Nov. 20, 3:30 pm – Etc.: Turkey Hunt
- Thursday, Nov. 21, 6:00 pm – Hot Off the Press Book Club

No programs the week of Thanksgiving

### December

- December 1 – 21, all day every day – Find our "Elf on the Shelf" & win a prize
- Monday, Dec. 9, 4:00 pm – STEAM Powered: Dissection Day
- Tuesday, Dec. 10, 5:30 pm – Family Night: Storytime & Mrs. Claus's Kitchen
- Wednesday, Dec. 11, 3:30 pm – Comics & Cookies: Mighty Jack & Zita the Spacegirl
- Friday, Dec. 13, 9:15 am – Sensory Play, Explore, & More
- Friday, Dec. 13, 6:00 pm – Crossover: DIY Candles
- Monday, Dec. 16, 6:00 pm – Breakout Book Club: Let's Play, Crabby!
- Wednesday, Dec. 18 – Etc.: Fancy Nancy Splendiferous Holiday Hairdo Hullabaloo
- Thursday, Dec. 19, 6:00 pm – Hot Off the Press Book Club

No programs the weeks of Christmas and New Year's

### January

- Friday, Jan. 10, 9:15 am – Sensory Play, Explore, & More
- Friday, Jan. 10, 6:00 pm – Crossover: Smash Ultimate Tournament
- Monday, Jan. 13, 4:00 pm – STEAM Powered
- Tuesday, Jan. 14, 5:30 pm – Family Night: Didgeridoo Down Under
- Wednesday, Jan. 15, 3:30 pm – Comics & Cookies
- Thursday, Jan. 23, 6:00 pm – Hot Off the Press Book Club
- Monday, Jan. 27, 6:00 pm – Breakout Book Club: The Princess in Black & the Bathtime Battle
- Tuesday, Jan. 28, 6:00 pm – Bookmania: Beyond the Kingdoms (Land of Stories book 4)



Young patrons investigate color and texture at Sensory Play, Explore, & More.



## Books in the Brook

By now, there's a good chance you've encountered your Emmet O'Neal children's librarians out and about, bringing the library to you with pop-up storytimes and school outreaches. The children's department has extended its services to Overton Park with a picture book walk called "Books in the Brook." Ever since the grand opening on September 26th, families have been enjoying books by taking a leisurely stroll down the path, reading one page of a picture book at a time, and engaging in the suggested activities along the way. The book on the path changes periodically; so even if you've already meandered through "Books in the Brook," you can return for a new experience. Some patrons have also found themselves using the Library outdoors by taking advantage of the new Adventure Packs. These ten backpacks, each with a different outdoor exploration theme such as birds, water, and insects, are stuffed with the tools and information to kickstart a family adventure at a local park or nature trail. Visit the children's desk to check out an Adventure Pack before your next outing.

## Sensory Playtime and Graphic Novel Book Club

Have you tried out the new programs offered by the Library's children's department? One Friday each month, kids and parents can explore the magic of color, light, texture, shape, and size at Sensory Play, Explore, and More. The program includes an open portion that does not require registration, as well as two 45-minute smaller group sessions for registered patrons. All portions of the program are designed as free play and a perfect opportunity for parents to connect with their children as exploration guides.

The children's department has also added a book club to its roster this school year. Comics & Cookies, a monthly Wednesday afternoon program, focuses on a different graphic novel each month. Students sign up, read the book ahead of time, and come after school to munch on cookies while they chat about the book.

## Crossover

In an effort to create a bridge for students who are nearing the end of elementary school or just beginning junior high, the Crossover program brings together kids in 5th – 8th grade each month with activities and games that are just right for tweens. From video game tournaments to mini-golf in the library to DIY candle-making and

everything in between, patrons who feel they've aged out of upper elementary programs but aren't quite ready for the young adult programs can find their niche at Crossover. Sign up online for the next Crossover event, a book-themed breakout room at the Library, on Friday, November 8.



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# RIBBON CUTTINGS



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Award Winner,

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2019 Chamber Board President  
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# Village Gold





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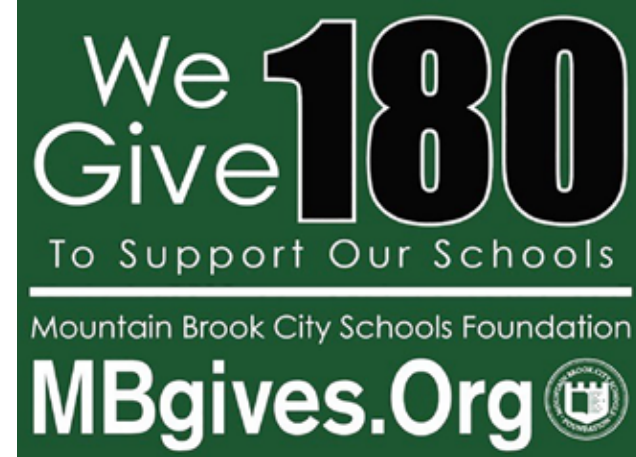
The Foundation exists to provide financial support to meet the academic needs that are beyond the current scope and means of the school system. The Foundation's work is based on the needs of the school system as a whole.

## Mountain Brook Families Give \$180

The Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation launched its second annual Give \$180 fundraising campaign in August 2019. This campaign asks families to give \$1 for every day that their student is in school. As of today, more than 500 Mountain Brook families have participated in this campaign through a tax-deductible donation of \$180 or more to the Foundation.

**Families who donate to this important fundraising effort receive a yard sign proudly sharing that they support the Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation and Mountain Brook schools.** The Campaign's goal is 100 percent participation from every Mountain Brook family.

We hope you will invest in Mountain Brook schools by being a part of Give \$180 today. Donations can be made by mailing a check to 32 Vine Street, 35213 or online at [MBGives.org](http://MBGives.org).



## Grandparents Raise Funds for the Foundation

The Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation's Grandparent's Club kicked off its third annual fundraising appeal in September 2019.

Thanks to the leadership of chairs **Margaret and Kip Porter**, this year's Grandparent's Club campaign has already been a huge success. Joined by committee members **Gail and Jeffrey Bayer, Tanya and Skip Cooper, Ginger and Steve Cowley, Jane and Don Menendez, Kathy and Mike Mouron, Kate and Claude Nielsen, Diana and Gray Plosser, Carolyn and Henry Ray, Becky and Doug Rollins, Bunny and Joel Rotenstreich and Catherine Ann Schilleci**, the 2019 Grandparent's Club has already raised \$115,000 for Mountain Brook schools from more than 115 donors.

In appreciation of their generous support, the Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation sends donors' grandchildren a thank you note in their honor.

This campaign is still underway. Join the Grandparent's Club by donating at [MBGives.org](http://MBGives.org) or mailing a check to the Foundation's office at 32 Vine Street, 35213. **Grandparent's Club donors will be recognized in the next issue. Please donate today!**

## Faculty and Staff Kick Off Every Dollar Counts Campaign

Mountain Brook faculty and staff launched their annual Every Dollar Counts Campaign this month in support of Mountain Brook schools. For the past three years, teachers and staff have invested in Mountain Brook schools not only through their time but also through their donations. This year, the campaign is chaired by Holly Martin (Junior High) and Brannon Aaron (Mountain Brook Elementary). They are joined by committee representatives from each school: Tara Davis (Crestline), Katy Caughran (Brookwood Forest), Amy Kathryn Gannon (High School), Tami Genry (Junior High), Paul Hnizdil (Junior High), Sarah Jackson (Cherokee Bend) and Betsie Kennedy (Mountain Brook Elementary). Please thank a teacher or staff member for their invaluable support of Mountain Brook schools next time you see them.



(L to R): Lizzie Vansant, Hannah Kennedy, Sarah Jackson, Sara Katherine Janecky and Reed Bowers

## Cherokee Bend Teachers Receive Grant from Institute for Innovation

In 2018, Cherokee Bend received a grant from the Institute for Innovation, which is fully funded by the Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation. These teachers presented a project called "Whole Brain Experience: A Multi-Sensory Approach to Learning and Behavior." The Foundation recently visited Cherokee Bend to see these teachers' innovative idea in action. Visit [MBGives.org](http://MBGives.org) to learn more about the projects funded by the Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation through the Institute for Innovation.