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Freedom from Addiction Coalition COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Canterbury United Methodist Church
in Canterbury Hall

September 20, 2019 8-9 AM

Breakfast served at 7:30 am

WITH GUEST SPEAKER:

Susan Walley, M.D.

“Vaping-The New Gateway to
Drug Addiction”

HOSTED BY:

MAYOR STEWART WELCH
Mountain Brook

MAYOR ASHLEY CURRY
Vestavia Hills

MAYOR SCOTT McBRAYER
Homewood

MAYOR FRANK BROCATO
Hoover

You are invited to a FREE breakfast to bring more awareness to our communities about the current reality of the addiction epidemic.

We hope you can join us!

Mayor's Message

Join 'Operation: STOP CRIME NOW!'

Chief Ted Cook has launched a 'first-in-the-country' city-wide initiative to encourage all residents to install a RING-style video doorbell. The goal is to stop crime by creating a virtual neighborhood watch program that records would-be-thieves and connects those videos directly to the police department (and alert other residents) through the Neighbors app by texting: mtnbrook to 555888 from your smartphone.

THE CITY HAS TEAMED UP WITH Frank Davies at Little Hardware in English Village to offer a product discount and installation (if needed). By coming together as a community, we can create a 'virtual city-wide neighborhood watch' that encourages would-be thieves to take their business elsewhere! This product costs less than \$200 (excluding installation). CONTACT: Frank Davies at Little Hardware for more information (205) 871-4616.

**SAVE THE DATE:
Friday, September 20th
8:00am - 9:00am**

What: FREE breakfast seminar for parents
Topic: “Vaping- The New Gateway to Drug Addiction”

Where: Canterbury United Methodist Church
(free breakfast starts at 7:30a)

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Mayor: Stewart H. Welch, III
CITY COUNCIL

Council President:

Virginia Carruthers Smith

Council Pro Tem, William S. “Billy” Pritchard III
Alice Womack, Lloyd Shelton, Phil Black

City Manager:

Sam S. Gaston, 802-3800

For advertising or Chamber of Commerce information, call 871-3779

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KEEP YOUR SALES TAX DOLLARS IN MOUNTAIN BROOK BY USING MOUNTAIN BROOK, NOT BIRMINGHAM, AS YOUR DELIVERY ADDRESS WHEN ORDERING ONLINE OR FROM CATALOGS.

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In 2017, the Over-the-Mountain Mayors join forces to form the Freedom From Addiction Coalition (FFAC) in an effort to fight against rising opioid abuse and addiction. Each quarter, one of our cities hosts a free breakfast with a speaker on a pertinent topic. The FFAC works with numerous organizations who specialize in treating addictions.

Vaping is described as the newest gateway to drug addiction and is a growing problem in our schools and colleges. Come hear our expert, Susan Walley, M.D., discuss how this product is exposing our kids into the growing drug epidemic and what you can do about it. Please, bring a friend and join us.

For more information, contact Janet Forbes (205) 802-3800 forbesj@mtnbrook.org.

Would You Like to Help the Families of Our First Responders?

Paying for college is such a tough undertaking for many families. Yet, it is perhaps the best gift a parent can give a child. The Mouron Family Foundation provides scholarships to our first responders as a way to thank them for their service to our community. For the Fall semester (2019), thirteen scholarships were awarded. These scholarships will be extended in the Spring semester for recipients who remain in good standing. I personally made a gift to this foundation and hope you will consider doing so also. What a great way for us to say, "Thank You!" For more information, contact Christopher Mouron (205) 949-2062 or cmouron@creimail.com.



#Xplore Mountain Brook...with a chance to win every week!

You have an opportunity to win \$50 in cash and prizes every week just by saying 'Thank you!' to our local retailers and businesses with a posted photo!

It is simple and here is how it works:

- No matter what business you are visiting in Mountain Brook, take a photo of a business employee...yep, we want to get our business workers involved! Bonus points if you are in the photo too!
- Post your photo on Instagram or Facebook (both must be 'public') using the hashtag #XploreMB.
- Once a week we will draw a winner and post the results.
- The winner will receive \$25 of Village Gold which can be used at many of our stores!
- One of our area businesses will also donate a matching gift! So the winner will receive \$50 of gifts and gift cards! Good or Good!
- The employee in the winning photo will also receive a \$10 Village Gold! You will absolutely make their day!

City Budget Update

Based on the fiscal 2019 collections reported through May, it appears General Fund revenues will slightly exceed (less than 1%) the budgeted amount of \$39.3 million. Some of the more notable revenue and collection observations include:

- Real estate tax revenue is projected to be \$16.1 million (\$206,000 (1.3%) more than budgeted for the year). The fiscal year-to-date real estate tax collections have exceeded last year's annual total by 3.6%.
- Sales tax revenue is anticipated to be \$10.7 million for the fiscal year (slightly below the budgeted amount of \$11 million). **Shop Mountain Brook First!**
- Business license fees are projected to be \$3.1 million for the year.
- Construction permit fees collected through the 8-month period ended May 2019 totaled \$897,000 compared to \$786,000 for the

same period one year ago (a 14% increase for the period).

- Utility taxes and franchise fees totaled \$1.9 million through May 2019 which is \$103,000 (5.7%) more than collected for the same 8-month period one year ago.



The 2020 budget development began on May 24 with a City Council work session. Departmental budgets were submitted to the Finance Director in mid-June. The City Manager conducted the first review of the budget with department supervisors during July and the Finance Committee will review the second draft of the budget on August 20. The City Council will review the budget and Finance Committee recommendations on August 29. The public hearing to consider the ordinance adopting the 2020 budget is tentatively scheduled for September 23. For more information, please visit the city's website (www.mtnbrook.org).



Mountain Brook's New Dog Park

Mountain Brook has its very own dog park. It is located at Cahaba River Walk. This was originally a project led by one of the Leadership Mountain Brook groups from Mountain Brook High School. They did the research, presented their findings to the Park Board and City Council, and participated in raising the funds needed for the dog park. If you are interested in sponsoring a personalized bench at the dog park for \$1,500, please contact the Park and Recreation Department at (205)802-3877.



New Restroom at Mountain Brook Elementary Field

A new restroom facility has been installed at the athletic field at Mountain Brook Elementary. The building has two restrooms that will replace the port-a-lets. Although the restrooms will open in August, we still have some finishing touches to complete including landscaping around the restroom this fall to help it blend in with the surrounding woodlands.



Doo Your Part!

Summer is here and there is only one scent that we should smell in our parks... flowers!

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.

Calling 911 from a Cell Phone



When calling 911, it is important to know your location and be able to provide 911 with the correct address and closest cross streets or landmarks. When using a cell phone to call 911, you need to confirm with the dispatcher that you are connected to the correct 911 center in your city or area. If not, do not hang up

but ask them to connect you to the correct one. If you would like to contact your local 911 call center to confirm that your home address correlating with your landline phone number is correct, do not dial

911. Test calls can be scheduled by contacting your local 911 call center via its non-emergency phone number. In Mountain Brook, the non-emergency phone number is **(205) 879-0486**.

The Mountain Brook 911 call center follows protocols that guide callers through a sequence of questions to quickly obtain information necessary for dispatching the right responders to the right location. Call-takers may also provide instructions about what to do until help arrives. Even though protocols are designed to help call-takers reassure callers and take charge of the situation, the experience can be stressful for a 911 caller who is not accustomed to dealing with emergencies. When you call 911, be prepared to answer the call-taker's questions, which may include:

- The location of the emergency, including the

street address, and room/apartment number, if you're in a large building

- The phone number you are calling from
- The nature of the emergency
- Details about the emergency, such as a physical description of a person who may have committed a crime, a description of any fire that may be burning, or a description of injuries or symptoms being experienced by a person having a medical emergency

Remember, the call-taker's questions are important to get the right kind of help to you as quickly as possible. Be prepared to follow any instructions the call-taker gives you. Do not hang up until the call-taker instructs you to do so.

Recent City Council Actions

The City Council has adopted or amended the following ordinances since April 8, 2019:

- Ordinance No. 2044- Amended Article X of the City Code, Professional District
- Ordinance No. 2045- Amended Chapter 30 of the City Code relating to the municipal court.
- Ordinance No. 2046- Rezoned three parcels of land (Cherokee Bend South) annexed in November 2018 (Ordinance No. 2038) from their current Estate district to Residence-A district, 3758 Rock Brook Lane.
- Ordinance No. 2047- Repealed Ordinance No. 2045 adopted on May 13, 2019, that amended Chapter 30 of the City Code relating to the municipal court.
- Ordinance No. 2048- Approved the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday (on-premises consumption only).
- Ordinance No. 2049- Approved a special election in the City of Mountain Brook to be held on September 24, 2019 for the purpose of voting on a proposed 10 mil ad valorem tax exclusively for educational purposes.

The City Council has approved the following projects since April 8, 2019:

- Authorized an agreement for services between the city and Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (RPCGB) with respect to a comprehensive APPLE grant-funded traffic study of Overton Road.
- Recommended to the State of Alabama, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, the issuance of a

Retail Beer (On or Off Premises) and Retail Table Wine (On or Off Premises) licenses to Golden Age Wines LLC, 2828 Culver Road, Mountain Brook 35223.

- Adopted internal control policies and procedures.
- Awarded the bid for landscape services for the municipal complex, villages and library to Landscape Services, Inc.
- Awarded the bid for janitorial services for the City Hall and Fire Administration to Protek Cleaning Services, Inc.
- Expressed support for and encouraged the Alabama Legislature to adopt the provisions of HB41 concerning regulation of alternative nicotine products by the ABC Board.
- Authorized the expenditure of \$10,400 for two gateway signs pursuant to the 2018—2019 Leadership Mountain Brook project description provided the Leadership Class successfully raises \$1,400 and the receipt/contribution of \$4,000 from the Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce (\$5,000 net cost to the city).
- Proclaimed “National Get On-Board Day.”
- Proclaimed International Code Council “Building Safety.”
- Authorized the purchase/replacement of batteries, AC/DC caps and fans for the uninterrupted power supply (UPS) serving the back-up E911 system.
- Expressed support for the Good Neighbor Pledge (metro-area regional non-poaching and cooperation).
- Authorized the Mayor to send a letter to the Alabama Legislature expressing concern and offering recommendations to the draft Senate Bill 264 (SB 264) regulating the use of public right-of-way for small cell wireless facilities.
- Expressed gratitude to Thomas K. Yardley for his service on the Finance Committee.
- Declared certain personal property (Council room chairs and two Dodge Durango SUVs) surplus and authorize their sale at public Internet auction.
- Ratified the Mayor’s May 3, 2019, declaration of a public safety emergency with respect to the repairs of the city’s ladder fire truck—the only vehicle capable of performing life safety, high rise rescue and elevated stream fire suppression operations.
- Ratified the execution of an Administrative Services Extension Agreement between the city and Alternative Insurance Resources, Inc. (AIR) with respect to the city’s self-insured dental plan administration.
- Authorized the execution of 1) a cost sharing agreement with the City of Birmingham and 2) professional services agreement with Sain Associates with respect to the Hagood Street sidewalk project.
- Authorized a construction agreement with ALDOT with respect to the Hagood Street sidewalk project.
- Authorized the execution of a professional services agreement between the city and Sain Associates with respect to the Pine Ridge Road sidewalk project.

- Approved the standard form hold harmless agreement for temporary, seasonal (summer) workers at Public Works and Parks and Recreation.
- Approved an off-site parking agreement/lease for the exclusive use of employees of the upstairs restaurant located at 2721 Cahaba Road.
- Zoo Sidewalk Connector from Poinciana Drive to 20th Place South, Along 20th Place South to Cahaba Road—granted ALDOT full access to existing streets for the construction of the project.
- Zoo Sidewalk Connector from Poinciana Drive to 20th Place South, along 20th Place South to Cahaba Road— approved ALDOT’s installation of traffic control and/or street lighting.
- Authorized a contractor agreement between the city and Gray’s Tree Service for the removal of trees between Fields 2 and 3 at the Athletic Complex.
- Authorized an agreement between the city and Morris-Shea Bridge Company for grading and drainage work at the Athletic Complex.
- Increased the compensation rates of the municipal justices and city prosecutor effective July 1, 2019.
- Consented to the Personnel Board of Jefferson County’s creation of a new Firefighter Medic job classification and the migration plan of qualifying employees.
- Authorized the execution of an investment agency agreement with respect to an investment account with Iberia Wealth Advisors.
- Authorized a 5% premium/incentive pay effective June 24, 2019, for up to seven (7) police

Shades Creek Fest 2019



On April 27, Mountain Brook hosted Shades Creek Fest 2019 in Jemison Park along the banks of scenic Shades Creek.

The event was a partnership by the City of Mountain Brook, the City of Homewood, Friends of Jemison Park and Friends of Shades Creek to celebrate Arbor Day. The event featured fly-fishing lessons, wildlife exhibits, conservation demonstrations and musical entertainment. Thanks to our sponsors, Caliber, Friends of Jemison Park, Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce, The Welch Group Foundation and JH Berry Risk, for helping support this event.



Good weather brought to you by Ashley Gann, CBS 42!

300 Mountain Brook Heritage Oaks to be Planted This Fall

This November hundreds of native oak trees will be planted around our city as part of the Mountain Brook Heritage Oaks Program. Organized by the Mountain Brook Board of Landscape Design (BLD) and inspired by the Centennial Tree Project developed by the Garden Club of America and the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, 300 Heritage Oaks will be planted around our community's highest profile communal spaces, including our villages, schools, houses of worship, and parks, to cultivate and perpetuate our native hardwood canopy. Trees are also being given to homeowners who agree to plant their oak within public view from the road.

For the last three years the City of Mountain Brook has been working with resident and nursery owner Rebecca Cohn to grow native oak trees from acorns gathered from

the most majestic oaks in Mountain Brook. Oaks (quercus genera) were chosen over other trees because they support more biodiversity than any other kind of plant in America. Planting these 300 three year-old Heritage Oaks all around our city, the City of Mountain Brook is ensuring our children and grandchildren will have the beauty and shade of native oaks to enjoy as well as support the birds, bees and butterflies that rely upon our native oaks.

If you are interested in the Mountain Brook Heritage Oak program and would like to show your civic pride this November by planting a FREE 3-gallon native oak in your neighborhood, such as around your house of worship, community garden, or child's school, please email simeon-johnson@msn.com.

personnel holding a current Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (SUAS) certification and assigned to duty by the Chief of Police (premium/incentive pay adjustment shall be subject to approval by the Personnel Board of Jefferson County).

- Authorized a license agreement between the city and Red Mountain Search Dog Association to allow their use of the city's training facilities.
- Recommended to the State of Alabama, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, the issuance of a Restaurant Retail Liquor license to Ganesh Laxmi, LLC (trade name: Abhi at Mountain Brook), 2721 Cahaba Road, Mountain Brook, AL 35223.
- Adopted the Personnel Board of Jefferson County 2018-2019 Classification Survey.
- Authorized the City Manager to offer continuing medical coverage to eligible employees with a) 20 years of City service at any age or b) 10 years of City service who are eligible for normal retirement benefits and who elect to retire between July 31, 2019 through May 31, 2020.
- Authorized the expenditure of up to \$20,000 for public improvements along Poe Drive to be installed by a private developer.
- Authorized Green Initiative study for power equipment use by Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments.
- Authorized a Cherokee Bend historical plaque column to be placed on Old Leeds Lane.

Citizen Appreciation Day

On May 4th 2019, Mountain Brook hosted its 2nd annual Citizen Appreciation Day event. The event, which was free to the public, was an opportunity for Mountain Brook residents to learn about the city and all of the services that are provided in a fun and engaging way. This year we had a wonderful turnout! Thank you to everyone for coming and enjoying this day with us. We hope you enjoyed learning about your city and will come back next year.



Did You Know?

The City of Mountain Brook provides some services that you may not be aware of and can access in the future. These include:

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE (205-802-3800)

- Sam Gaston - gastons@mtnbrook.org
- Parade/Public Assembly Permits
- Reserves banners for Memory Triangle
- Reserves banners for street lights in the commercial villages
- Produces the City newsletter, The Reporter, on a quarterly basis
- Serves as the liaison with utility companies and their construction projects in the city
- Arranges tours of city facilities

- Allows garden clubs and civic clubs to use the City Council Chambers for meetings
- Speakers Bureau

POLICE DEPARTMENT (205-802-2440)

- Chief Ted Cook – cookt@mtnbrook.org
- RING Neighbors' App partnership
- House Watch Program while you are out of town
- Finger Printing services
- Self Awareness classes
- Quarterly Basic Firearms Safety course

FIRE DEPARTMENT (205-802-3838)

- Chief Chris Mullins - mullinsc@mtnbrook.org
- Infant car seat installations (by appointment M-F, 8 am – 5 pm)

- Blood pressure checks
- CPR instruction to the public (by appointment only)
- Fire/Fall Prevention seminars for independent, elderly residents

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (205-802-2390)

- Ronnie Vaughn – vaughnr@mtnbrook.org
- Mosquito spraying/fogging
- Free compost for Mountain Brook residents
- Backdoor garbage service (one of two cities in Alabama that provide this service)
- Four leaf pickups a year
- Christmas Tree recycling
- Arbor Day events

PARKS/RECREATION DEPARTMENT (205-802-3877)

- Shanda Williams – williamssh@mtnbrook.org
- Traffic Island beautification
- LaTorya Mines – minesl@mtnbrook.org
- Overton Park, Crestline Tot Lot and Cahaba River Walk pavilion rentals

THE EMMET O'NEAL LIBRARY (205-879-0459)

- Lindsay Gardner – lgardner@eolib.org
- Streaming movies on Kanopy
- Children's picture books on Tumblebooks
- Self-paced classes on Universal Class
- Genealogy resources at HeritageQuest
- 3D printer
- Scanner for public use
- Speakers Bureau



Schedule of Meetings

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

Quarterly Crime Statistics

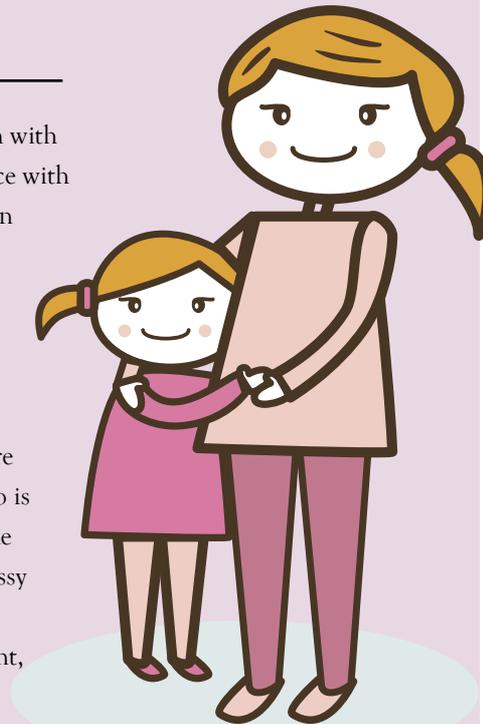
	1st Quarter 2019	2nd Quarter 2019
Robbery	0	0
Robbery (aggravated shoplifting)	0	0
Burglary/Residence	3	4
Burglary/Business	3	0
Theft	25	31
Theft from Vehicle (UBEV)	7	12
Auto Theft	2	1
Assaults (Other)	0	1
Identity Theft	14	28
Criminal Mischief	4	2
Drugs	35	26
Family Violence	5	5
Accidents	226	238
A With Injuries	11	17
A With Fatalities	1	0
Calls For Service	6,128	6238
House Watches	352	485
Property Stolen	\$109,105	\$210,680
Property Recovered	\$15,596	\$54,417

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.

Child Find Notice

Special education services for children with disabilities are provided in accordance with the Individual with Disabilities Education Improvement Act, Amendments of 2004 and Alabama Act 106. Child Find is an attempt to locate and provide appropriate educational and related services to all children with disabilities between the ages of birth to 21. If you are the parent of a child with disabilities who is not receiving services, or if you would like more information, please contact Dr. Missy Brooks at the Mountain Brook Board of Education, Special Education Department, 205-414-3836.





New Businesses

RETAIL/WHOLESALE/GROCERY

- Butterflies & Magnolia, 780 Brookwood Village, 205-401-4859
- Harper, Cheryl, (dba\ Simply Infused Oils & Balsamics), 5475 Highway 280, 205-408-4231
- Hudson Carter LLC, 13 Office Park Circle, #24, 205-412-9766
- Illuminated, LLC, 2415 Montevallo Road, 205-706-3221
- Natural Alternatives for a Better Lifestyle LLC, (dba\ Your CBD Store), 600 Old English Lane, Suite 128, 205-706-8540
- Publix Alabama, LLC, 1000 Jemison Lane, 863-688-1188
- Scribbler LLC, 2012 Cahaba Road, Suite C, 205-871-0908

RESTAURANT

- Bobby Carls, (dba\ Bobby Carls Restaurant), 2031 Cahaba Road, 205-901-5411

FINANCIAL/REAL ESTATE/CONSTRUCTION

- Highland Construction and Preservation LLC, 2102 Cahaba Road, Unit B, 205-966-8161
- Relfe Welden Real Estate Inc., 2102 Cahaba Road, Suite D, 205-879-8787
- Tabula Rasa Strategies LLC, 110 Office Park Drive, Suite 300, 205-323-5440

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- Beaty Coleman Interiors LLC, 126 Elm Street, 205-566-8400
- Chief Strategy Group LLC, 119 Euclid Avenue, 205-365-9868
- Corley, Theresa Roebuck, (Educational Services) 3609 Grand Rock Lane, 205-288-3124
- Danielle Balanis Design LLC, 3303 East Briarcliff Road, 229-392-2853
- Infrastructure Resources Inc., 6 Office Park Circle, Suite 111, 205-623-2128
- Jaffe, Sandra, (dba\ Jaffe RN Legal Consulting), 3629 Dover Drive, 205-901-1841
- McClain Counseling LLC, 14 Office Park Circle, Suite 102, 205-639-8081
- More than Words Speech and Language Therapy LLC, 4 Office Park Circle, Suite 314A, 205-558-6226
- Mountain Brook Detail LLC, 80 Church Street, 205-567-2123
- Nadepour and Associates P. A., (Attorney) 200 Office Park Drive, Suite 114, 954-770-1559
- PM Method Physical Therapy and Pilates, 600 Old English Lane, Suite 112, 256-453-8090

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

PERSONAL SERVICES (BEAUTY, NAIL, OTHER SERVICES)

- Dang, Linh Ngoc, 2721 Cahaba Road, 205-879-3689

Sidewalk Projects update

DUNBARTON DRIVE

The City has received federal funding through the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) for a sidewalk on Dunbarton Drive from North Woodridge Road to Locksley Drive. The design plans are approximately 85% complete and are currently being prepared for final submission and approval by the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT). Upon final approval, the construction of the project will be advertised and bid. The construction is expected to begin late 2019 and complete early to mid-2020.

HAGOOD

The City of Mountain Brook has teamed with the City of Birmingham and has received funding through the federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The project will construct a sidewalk along Hagood Street from Euclid Avenue to Montclair Road.

Currently, a survey is being performed. Once complete, design plans for the sidewalk will be prepared. Construction is expected to begin Fall of 2020.

PINE RIDGE ROAD

The City has secured federal funding with ALDOT to design and construct a sidewalk on Pine Ridge Road from Overbrook Road to Old Leeds Road. A survey of the road is being performed. Once complete, the design can begin.

Once a layout has been prepared, the City will advertise and host a public meeting and solicit public comments on the project. We expect this meeting to be conducted this fall. Due to federal funding requirements, the process to gain approval to begin construction requires several years to complete; therefore construction is currently estimated to begin in 2022.

ZOO CONNECTOR SIDEWALK

The City of Birmingham, in conjunction with ALDOT, will soon install a sidewalk to connect existing sidewalks near the intersection of Hermosa Drive and Poinciana Drive to the intersection of Cahaba Road and Lane Park Road. The sidewalk will begin at the intersection of Hermosa Drive and Poinciana Drive. It will then pass beneath Highway 280 before continuing east along 20th Place Access Road adjacent to the Birmingham Zoo property. The sidewalk will terminate at existing sidewalks at the intersection of Cahaba Road and Lane Park Road.

The project bid letting is scheduled for August 30, 2019, and construction will begin around the beginning of November 2019.

POE DRIVE

The City is participating with the developer of The Cove at Overton and the City of Vestavia Hills to add sidewalks down Poe Drive from Overton Road to the garden home development. Construction is expected to start and be completed by this Fall.



Building Permit Activity

Permit Type:	1st Quarter - 2019		2nd Quarter - 2019	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	12	\$7,607,402	22	\$ 12,108,600
Alterations/ Additions	86	\$ 9,579,685	116	\$13,986,846
Repairs/Other	200	\$7,367,585	242	\$ 5,663,018
Totals:	298	\$24,554,672	380	\$ 31,758,464

COMPARISON OF YEAR - 2018

Permit Type:	1st Quarter - 2018		2nd Quarter - 2018	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	11	\$8,283,238	10	\$ 5,693,312
Alterations/ Additions	95	\$15,601,269	120	\$15,874,345
Repairs/Other	224	\$5,009,253	210	\$ 5,338,789
Totals:	330	\$28,893,760	340	\$ 26,906,446

BOARD APPOINTMENTS/ REAPPOINTMENTS:

- Reappointed Brian Lucas to the Park and Recreation Board through April 8, 2024.
- Reappointed Paige B. Daniel to the Finance Committee through May 11, 2023.
- Reappointed W. Craig Fravert to the Finance Committee through May 11, 2023.
- Appointed Jenifer Kimbrough to the Mountain Brook Board of Education through May 31, 2024.
- Appointed Rachel Weingartner to the Editorial Board, to fill the unexpired term of Stephanie Maxwell, through October 10, 2020.
- Appointed Ragan Cain to the Finance Committee to fill the unexpired term of John H. (Jack) Martin through July 10, 2021.
- Appointed Charles Polmatier to the Finance Committee through May 13, 2023.
- Appointed Jeffrey Brewer to the Mountain Brook City Board of Education, filling the unexpired term of Richard Murray IV, through May 31, 2023.
- Mayor Welch announced his reappointment of Alice Williams to the Planning Commission through May 15, 2025.
- Appointed Rachel Barton to the Jefferson County Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Authority, Inc., to fill the unexpired term of Stacey Turner through December 8, 2020.
- Mayor Welch announced his appointment of Luther Barner (Barney) Lanier to the Planning Commission, to fill the unexpired term of Jamie Gregory, through March 9, 2021.

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@mtbrook.org so the City can coordinate its repair with Alabama Power Company.



STAY IN TOUCH!

The City has a new means to communicate with the public. Beginning in January 2018, we will send messages, alerts, and news via text message. To receive messages, send the text **MTNBROOK** to **888-777**. You should receive a confirmation message. You may reply **STOP** at any time to cancel.

COMPOST IS AVAILABLE!



The City of Mountain Brook Public Works Department still has plenty of compost available for your gardening needs. Although spring is our busiest season for compost sales, the compost is available all year. Many gardeners add compost to their garden and other planted areas at various times throughout the year.

The city recycles the loose leaves collected each year in the Fall and Winter. The leaves are picked up at the curb by Waste Management as a service to the citizens. The leaves are then dropped off at the Public Works facility. The leaves are pushed into piles, turned, and as a result of decomposing, become compost, a useful gardening by-product of the leaves.

Citizens of Mountain Brook may come to the Public Works facility and receive the compost at no charge if they load themselves. Public Works employees will load them mechanically for a fee of \$20.00 per pickup load. Non-residents may purchase the compost for \$15.00 if they load themselves. We will load them for \$20.00 per pickup load or \$30.00 per scoop to load larger trucks.

The compost operation is available Monday through Thursday 7:00 am - 11:00 am and 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm, 3579 East Street, Mountain Brook, Alabama, near Rathmell Soccer complex (use Birmingham in GPS). If you have questions regarding compost you may contact Mountain Brook Public Works at (205) 802-2390.

Teen Driving

One of the most common traffic complaints that come to the Police Department involves the driving habits of our teen aged drivers. These complaints include: someone's child driving this color pick-up truck ran a stop sign too near children walking to school; a teenager in an SUV was speeding down their street; such and such car passed on a double yellow lined street with a teenager driving. Is this your child? We do not want to think so, but it could be.

Parents and teens alike seem to look forward to the independence that a driver's license brings. For the parent, it frees up their time, sometimes allowing more time to get the teen driver's siblings to the elementary or Jr. High. Sometimes it is just more free time for the parent. For the teen driver, it is one of the first tastes of freedom from the watchful eyes of their parents. But the parent's responsibilities are far from over when their teen gets their license.

According to an article on the Alabama Department of Public Health's website, "Vehicular fatalities are, by far, the single largest category of such deaths, accounting for almost half of all deaths we review. Many of these deaths involve teenage drivers, and teen driving safety is an issue of growing concern in Alabama. Alabama is currently the second worst state in the nation for teen driver fatalities."

Teen distracted driving has historically been a big problem. Several years ago Alabama enacted the Graduated Driver's License Law (2010). That law set forth guidelines for: (1) Learners Permits, (2) Restricted Licenses, and (3) Unrestricted or Regular Licenses. Look at the link below for a synopsis of the Graduated Driver's License Law below on ALEAs website.

All In Mountain Brook have been concerned about teen driving for some time. Dr. Dale Wisely has great classes on parenting the teen driver. Follow the link to All In Mountain Brook for more good teen driving information.

- <http://www.allinmountainbrook.org/teen-driving/>
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- <https://www.alea.gov/dps/driver-license/license-and-id-cards/graduated-driver-license>

Emmet O'Neal Library News

Children's Department

A Night Dark & Grimm

It's almost that time of year again – time for the library's annual family fairy tale carnival, A Night Dark & Grimm. On Friday, October 25, bring your family in costume and be enchanted by an evening of fairy tale magic, from games and crafts and snacks to a sing-along movie on the lawn. Check back with your children's librarians for more details as the event approaches.

2018 Oct Grimm sleeping beauty: Kids at A Night Dark & Grimm play the Wake Sleeping Beauty game for a prize.

School Year Programming

Fall programming begins after Labor Day. Do your kids like stories, puppets, singing, and dancing? Are they into science, art, crafts, books, or video games? Are you looking for shared family time, one-on-one engagement with your child, laughter, learning, or just a good snack? Do you want fun for little bitties, new readers, or older elementary students? It's all at the Emmet O'Neal Library this fall. See what's happening on the Children's Department online calendar at www.eolib.org, where you can also register for programs with limited space.

Did You Know?.....

Your children's librarians want to make it easy for you to find the books you love. That's why they have spent the last few years creating some new sections you may not yet know about. If you have an emerging reader who's obsessed with facts, spend some time browsing the Early Reader Non-fiction area. The books are organized by topic and are designed to be accessible for beginners. If your reader is ready for simple chapters but still likes the look of full-color illustrations,

try the Early Reader Chapter Books section, a quickly expanding collection. What about kids who can't get enough of Usborne's bold colors, lift-the-flaps, and simple informational spreads? Your librarians have put all those books together. And if you've grown accustomed to seeing bobble-headed celebrities on book covers around your house, you probably want to look at the Who Was section.

Back-to-School Movie on the Lawn

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Bring your family and a picnic blanket to the lawn across the street from the library on **Friday, August 9**, to enjoy a family movie before you head back to school. Keep an eye out for more details soon.

Emmet O'Neal Library News



Pop-Up Storytimes

Have you had a chance to enjoy Books in the Brook, a pop-up storytime offered by the Emmet O'Neal Library in the great outdoors! Outreach librarian Merideth Stackpole has been in parks all over Mountain Brook throughout the year, sharing stories, puppets, and interactive activities with families and their pets. If you've missed her - or if you've found yourself at a past pop-up and can't wait for the next one - be sure to visit the library's online children's calendar at www.eolib.org to find out when you can catch the next Books in the Brook storytime.

2018 Dec Breakout fly guy: Parents and new readers work together at Breakout Book Club to create sets for their stick puppet movies based on the book they read.



ADULT NEWS

Alabama Bicentennial

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The Emmet O'Neal Library continues its year long celebration of our State's Bicentennial with more programs and events.

On August 10 at 1:00 p.m. we will explore the world of Alabama craft with a homemade soap program.

Registration is limited

to eight participants, so sign up early! We will make soap with lye the way early Alabamians would have done. You will go home with two small bars of soap to use. Please be prepared to wear goggles, follow directions carefully, and work as a team. Long sleeves, long pants, and covered toes are required! 21 + ONLY!

On Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30pm, you won't want to miss this Alabama Bicentennial Celebration event! We'll be welcoming local author and conservationist Verna Gates to speak about her book, "100 Things to Do in Birmingham Before You Die."

Another Alabama Bicentennial Celebration event comes your way on Tuesday, October 15th at 6:30pm as the owner of Grace Gardens, Kelly Wood, shows us the ins and outs of decorating with native Alabama plants.

Telescope Night



The Adult Department is sponsoring a star gazing night for those eager to see the across our galaxy! Amateur stargazer Christopher Suda will set up his telescope on Tuesday, August 6 from 7:30-9:00pm for a drop-in astronomy session. We'll start at sundown and take turns viewing Jupiter and Saturn through the telescope. Only one telescope will be available, so please excuse the wait!

Emmet O'Neal Library News



Our summer film series fittingly concludes Wednesday, August 28th at 6:30pm with Hot Summer Nights, a rollicking 2018 independent flick set during one fateful summer in the early 1990s on Cape Cod, that is a heady mix of Risky Business, Grease, and GoodFellas. As always, this film screening is free and is intended for adult audiences only.



Winedown!

The fun isn't over just because summer is winding down! For those ages 21 and up, register on our web calendar at www.eolib.org now for Winedown on Tuesday, August 20th at 6:30pm! Using paint, glue, and magnets, you'll head home with a tiny succulent planter you create yourself!



PAIN COLLECTIVE
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Topics In Pain Management

UAB's PAIN Collective through the Department of Psychology is bringing a new series of lectures to Emmet O'Neal Library. These talks will explore the latest research in pain management. On Tuesday, August 13, we will hear from Dr. Robert Sorge, Demario Overstreet, and Terence Penn. Mr. Overstreet and Mr. Penn will talk about their research demonstrating how coffee consumption and social support can change chronic pain. Dr. Sorge will round out the discussion by outlining the ways that other social factors have been shown to change pain in animals and people.

Every few months we will visit with scientists, clinicians, and professors to hear about their newest research into the topic of pain management. Make sure to check our website at www.eolib.org for program information, or call the Library's Adult Services Department at 205-445-1121 and request to be added to our weekly email list to be alerted about all our events and activities for adults.

The Neuroscience Café

The UAB Comprehensive Neuroscience Center



Communicate. Educate. Collaborate. Accelerate.

Emmet O'Neal Library has partnered with UAB's Comprehensive Neuroscience Center to bring you a popular series of programs investigating the latest research findings in the field neuroscience. The series returns this fall on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. beginning September 12th and continuing October 17th. This series has explored findings from top scientists at UAB, our topics have included Parkinson's Disease, brain tumors, brain strengthening exercises, and more.

Nightmare On Oak Street

October brings our annual Nightmare on Oak Street Horror Movie Double Feature for ages 18 and up. On Saturday, October 12th from 5-10pm, craft your own nightmare doll to take home while enjoying "Child's Play" and "Annabelle: Creation!" Both films are Rated R.



Yoga @ Emmet O'Neal Library

Our popular yoga classes continue in August with an hour of stretching and relaxing with Marie Blair on Thursday, August 1st. Classes will continue weekly on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. beginning August 13th. Register for these free yoga classes on our website at www.eolib.org



Emmet O'Neal Library News

Young Adult Happenings At Emmet O'Neal

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

GAME ON:

Join us on the first Saturday of the month at 1 pm for an afternoon of pizza and gaming at our Game On program! You'll meet other teens who love video games, board games, and card games. Invite your friends and compete in one of our Smash Ultimate Tournaments to win fabulous prizes.



CRAFTSPLOSION:

Keep your eye out for our YA Craftsplosion programs with craft guru, Virginia Brasher, on the first Thursday of the month at 6 pm. Some of our most popular programs in the past were Acrylic Paint Pour, Clay Pottery, and Ebru Painting, which is a form of paper and silk scarf dyeing.

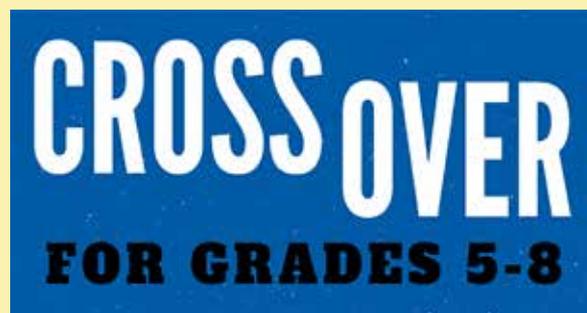
Updates on the fall crafts will be posted on Facebook, Instagram (@eolib.org), and our website at www.eolib.org.

Did you know that we have a GRAPHIC NOVELS CLUB at the library?

Join us on September 19 at 4:30pm for the first Look It: Graphic Novels Club meeting of the school year! Share your favorite comic, graphic novel, or manga with fellow graphic novel lovers at Look It. You can register on our website and check out the graphic novels we discussed in the last meeting. Look It will be meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at 4:30 pm.

CROSSOVER PROGRAMS:

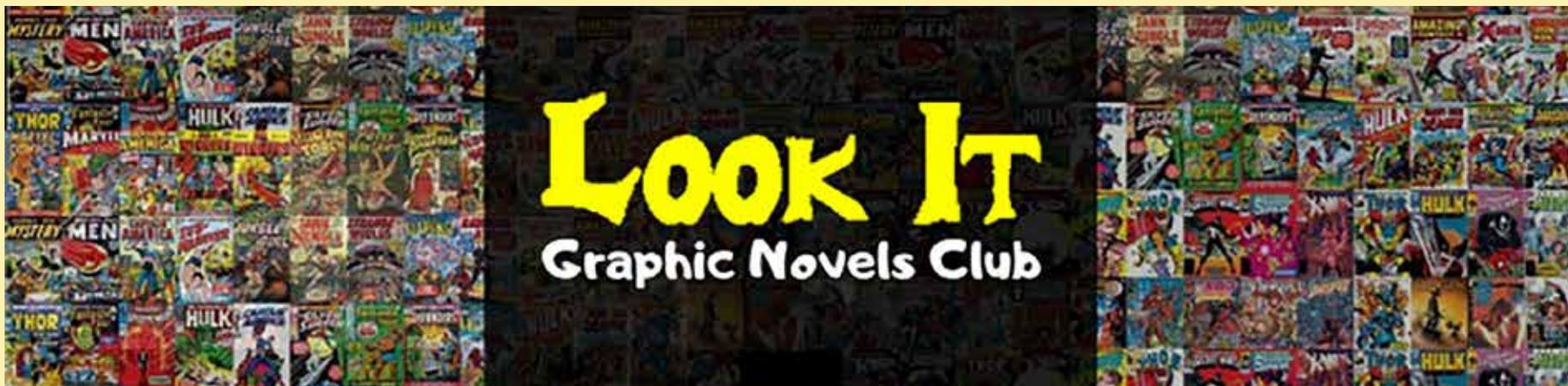
Be sure to check out our Crossover program series for 5th through 8th graders on the 2nd Friday of every month after the library has closed. Some of our most popular programs in the past have been

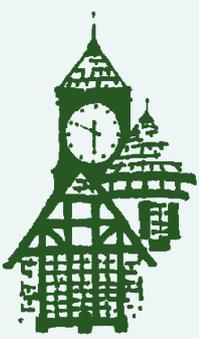


Escape from Azkaban, Putt-Putt in the Library, Floats & Strokes, and Retro Toy Olympics. Check our website and Instagram for updates on our Fall Crossover programs.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD:

Want to be a part of program-making and other improvements to the Teen Department at the library? Apply to be a Teen Advisory Board member this school year! 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.





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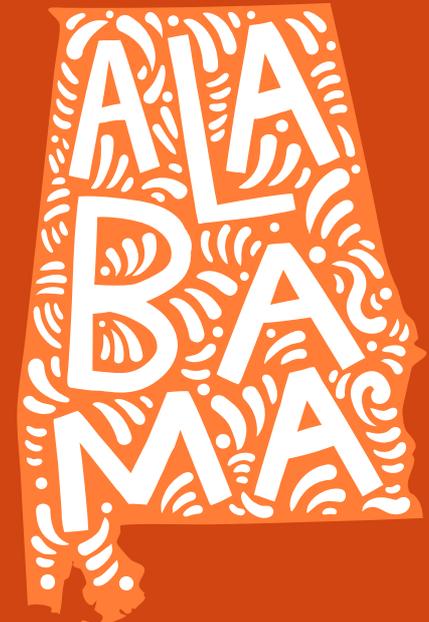


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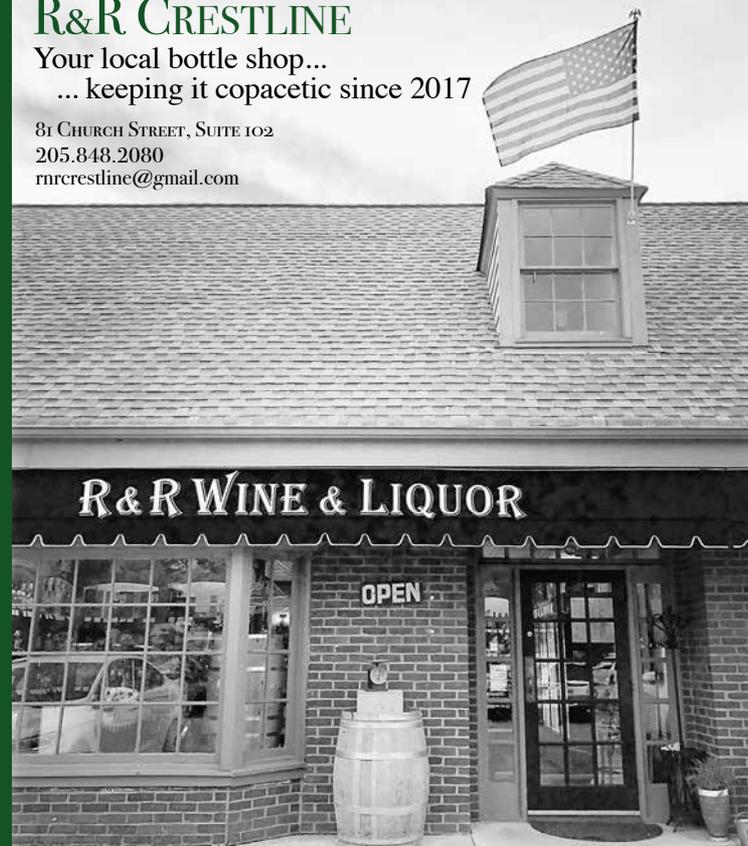
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The Foundation exists to provide financial support to meet the academic needs that are beyond the current scope and means of the school system. The Foundation's work is based on the needs of the school system as a whole.

Foundation Awards Annual Grant to Benefit Mountain Brook Schools

In April 2019, the Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation approved its annual grant to benefit all six of the Mountain Brook schools. This year, the total grant was for \$451,883 in the areas of technology, professional development and library enhancement.

Library Enhancement

The Foundation is proud to support each of our schools' libraries. Over the years, we have provided thousands of new books, interactive technology resources and card catalogue support for the libraries through our annual grant.



Professional Development

Mountain Brook schools are fortunate to have amazing teachers and faculty, and the Foundation strives to support them professionally through our annual grant. Each year, the Foundation provides stipends to teachers for time spent on professional learning and helps fund Mountain Brook's annual summer learning conference for its teachers.

Technology

This year, the Foundation will provide more than \$200,000 in technology funding to our schools. We are pleased to partner again with the school system to decrease the cost of Chromebooks and the Technology Bundle for Mountain Brook families and provide Chromebooks for teachers at every school.

Mountain Brook's Faculty Proves that Every Dollar Counts



For the past three years, Mountain Brook teachers and staff have participated in the "Every \$1 Counts" campaign

raising funds to support our schools. Yes – the incredible Mountain Brook faculty are investing in the work of the Foundation! This campaign will run through the Fall. Please thank a teacher or staff member for their invaluable support the next time you see them.

We Need Your Support!

The Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation was created in 1992 by a group of concerned community leaders to help fill the gap between what state funding provides and what makes Mountain Brook schools excellent.

The Foundation provides grants to the six Mountain Brook schools in the areas of technology, professional development and library enhancement,

and we believe these critical "extras" are what sets Mountain Brook apart.

A donation envelope has been included in this month's issue. We hope you will join the Foundation in supporting our schools.

Your tax-deductible donation to the Foundation may be mailed by check or made with a credit card at www.mbgives.org.

2019 Margaret Spencer Ragland Award Winner

Ashley Crossno

Foundation Welcomes Over 525 Mountain Brook Students at the Track Meet

On May 8th, the Foundation hosted its second annual Track Meet at Mountain Brook High School. Mountain Brook students from Brookwood Forest Elementary, Cherokee Bend Elementary, Crestline Elementary and Mountain Brook Elementary in third through sixth grades were invited to participate in this family-friendly event that benefits the Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation.



In 2018, there were around 360 students who participated in the meet. This year, the Foundation was thrilled to have more than 500 elementary school students participate and raise over \$50,000 in support of our schools.

The Foundation would like to thank Board Member David Malone for his leadership. The Foundation is also grateful to the 2019 Track Meet sponsors, including leading sponsors Hufham Orthodontics, Bedzzz Express, Iron City and Morris-Shea Bridge Company. For more information about the Track Meet, please visit the Foundation's website at www.mbgives.org. We are already counting down the days to next year's Track Meet!

Did You Know?

The Foundation funds the Institute for Innovation for Mountain Brook schools. What is the Institute for Innovation? Its mission is to establish a pathway for a culture of innovators within our school system. Teachers and faculty at all six schools are invited to apply for grants through the Institute with their innovative and impactful ideas. Last year, teachers at the Junior High received a grant from the Foundation for the World Peace Game implementation. According to Junior High teacher Paul Hnizdil, "Bringing the World Peace Game to the Mountain Brook Junior High was the most rewarding professional development experience in my 22 years in the classroom...The game is a tool to force students to dive deeper into critical thinking. They are using essential real world skills that are in high demand beyond the school walls such as cognitive flexibility, negotiation, emotional intelligence, people management, creativity and complex problem solving to name a few."



For more information about the Institute for Innovation and to read blog posts from our grant recipients, please visit the Foundation's website at www.mbgives.org. We believe the school system's dedication to innovation and implementing new ideas into the classroom is part of what makes Mountain Brook schools special.

The 2019-2020 "Every Dollar Counts" Faculty and Staff Committee:

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