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Citizen
**APPRECIATION
DAY**



Citizen Appreciation Day is organized by employees of Mountain Brook for the citizens of Mountain Brook to **learn more about the departments** that help run the city and all the **services they have to offer.**

- Free Lunch
- Kid's Zone
- Face Painting
- Touch-A-Truck
- Slide
- More fun!

Everyone is welcome to
Citizen APPRECIATION Day!

May 4th, 2019 11am - 2pm
On the lawn at Mountain Brook City Hall

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OR FROM CATALOGS.**

Mayor's Message

What I learned from the 2018 Restaurant Trail Challenge

Before the Restaurant Trail Challenge, I am guessing I was like a lot of folks...I had a handful of favorite restaurants I frequented based on my palate at the moment. The Challenge forced me to try all of our eateries and here's what I learned:

- We have an abundance of great places to eat.
- Every meal I had was excellent.
- We have a very wide variety of food and experiences. There is something for everyone.

I had a lot of fun with this challenge and would like to thank all of you who joined me on this journey.

What is next? XploreMB (Explore Mountain Brook)...with a chance to win every week!

As Mayor, one of my primary focuses is supporting all of the businesses located in Mountain Brook, and I hope you realize how critical they are to the lifestyle we enjoy in this special place. Think for a moment what life would be like if they were not here...because shopping 'local' gave way to shopping online, our Mountain Brook experience just would not be the same. To encourage folks to shop local and have a lot of fun with it we hatched the idea of XploreMB. It is simple and here is how it works:

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- No matter what business you are visiting in Mountain Brook, take a photo that includes a business employee...yep, we want to get our business workers involved also! EXTRA POINTS if you are in the photo!
- Post your photo on Instagram and Facebook using the hashtag #XploreMB.
- Once a week we will draw a winner (at random) and post the results on the Chamber's Facebook and Instagram.
- The winner will receive \$25 of Village Gold and sometimes a SURPRISE gift from one of our businesses...which can be used at many of our stores! Good or Good?

- The employee in the winning photo will also receive \$10 Village Gold! You will absolutely make their day!
- We are even opening the game to our trails and city events. If you are on a trail, snap a photo with friends! If you are attending a library event, snap a selfie! If you are at a service business, like your dentist, snap a selfie!

We can all have fun with this and let our business owners know that we appreciate them and support them. So, the next time you are at the Pig, snap a selfie with Linda or Marlon and join the fun!



2nd Annual Citizen's Appreciation Day!

The City of Mountain Brook would like to welcome you to the 2nd Annual Citizen Appreciation Day event. It will be held on Saturday, May 4th 2019 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm at City Hall. This event is fun for all ages. We will have a kid zone that will include: a bounce slide, face painting, and a touch a truck zone. We will also be giving away free hot dogs with chips and water. While the kids are playing in the kid zone, the adults can walk through the tents to visit and learn about the city departments. Meanwhile, live music will be performed on stage. We look forward to seeing you there!

BOARD APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

REAPPOINTMENTS

- Reappointed Patrick Higginbotham to the Board of Zoning Adjustment through December 31, 2021.
- Reappointed Kimm Eckhoff to the Jefferson County Intellectual and Development Disabilities Authority, Inc through April 1, 2025.
- Reappointed Lynn Ritchie to the Village Design Review Committee through March 25, 2022.
- Reappointed Brian Lucas to the Parks/Recreation Board through April 8, 2024.

Street Light Out?

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





Our new website is live!

Along with a fresh look, the new website introduces some new functionality. Just a few highlights include:

- The search tool works, and it works well!
- Meeting agenda and packets are now based on events. Look for events on the calendar, such as a City Council meeting. If ready, agendas, packets, and/or minutes will be included as attachments.
- The “I want to…” section, located in the header menu, provides quick links to common pages.
- Need to pay taxes, business licenses, permits, or fines? Check out the “Pay Bills” link on the home page.
- To subscribe to our email subscriptions, visit the “Stay In touch” link on the front page. We currently provide two lists:

- o MBPD Community Update (The Mountain Brook Police Department maintains an email subscription service and sends weekly crime statistics)
- o Circle of 100 (Mayor Stewart Welch sends an email each week listing fun, upcoming events in Mountain Brook.)
- Our Action Center allows residents/visitors to report problems or provide feedback. You tell us the issue, and we forward to the person responsible.

Thanks to all that have provided comments, but do not stop now. If you have suggestions, please let us know how we may continue to improve our website. We welcome your feedback.



Recent City Council Actions

The City Council has adopted or amended the following ordinances since January 14, 2019:

- Ordinance No. 2039- Rezoned a recently annexed parcel located in the Lockerbie subdivision (132 Queensbury Crescent) from its current [temporary] Residence-C District to [permanent] Clustered Residential District.
- Ordinance No. 2040- Restricted left turns from Elm Street into the alley located between Elm Street and Main Street weekdays during specified hours.
- Ordinance No. 2041- Amended Sec. 26-207(1) of the City Code with respect to the minimum license tax for conducting business in the city.
- Ordinance No. 2042- Amended Sec. 26-207(3) and Sec. 14-1 of the City Code with respect to business license issue fees.
- Ordinance No. 2043- Amended Chapter 117 of the City Code, Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

The City Council has approved the following projects since January 14, 2019:

- Authorized the execution of an agreement between the city and All In Mountain Brook with respect to community education and awareness programs within the city’s school system.
- Awarded the bid for the purchase of two 2019 Chevrolet Silverado trucks to Donohoo Chevrolet, LLC.
- Authorized the purchase of a Rosenbauer custom fire pumper from Bonaventure Fire Equipment from the Alabama Department of Examiners of Public Accounts.
- Authorized the purchase of the Tango Tango push-to-talk mobile phone subscription service/ application for emergency communication.
- Authorized the purchase of a 2019 Eagle Ranger SCBA Fill Station Trailer for use by the Fire Department.

- Authorized an agreement between the city and Friends of Jemison Park with respect to landscape design and improvements in the vicinity of the Jemison Park pedestrian bridge.
- Approved the conditional property management business office use application submitted by John Evans for the Lane Parke PUD with condition that any proposed future use of the property different from that hereby approved shall require formal review and approval by the Mountain Brook City Council.
- Authorized the purchase of two (2) S1-1 School Zone signals with flashing LED lights to be installed with city labor on Wilderness Road in the vicinity of Cherokee Bend Elementary.
- Approved the Final Execution Version of Franchise Agreement between city and Spectrum Southeast, LLC (f/k/a Charter Communications).
- Authorized an agreement between the city and Invasive Plant Control to remove invasive plants from Cahaba River Walk.
- Authorized the Parks & Recreation Superintendent to 1) proceed with the installation of a fenced single lane bullpen along the third base side of the girls’ softball field and 2) to engage a contractor to install the bullpen/batting cage along the first base side of the girls’ softball field located at the Athletic Complex subject to: a) the total contract price including contingencies for unforeseen conditions shall not exceed \$50,000, and b) legal review by the City Attorney.
- Authorized the City Manager to remit \$200,000 to The Highway 280 Public Road Cooperative District pursuant to the Funding Agreement.
- Granted a hardship exemption from the development moratorium imposed upon the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2018-150 and 2018-163 with respect to the hardship

Recent City Council Actions (cont.)

appeal of Ms. Suzanne Bowron Nichols with respect to Lots 10 and 11 in Rockridge Park.

- Authorized the execution of The Highway 280 Public Road Cooperative District Funding Agreement.
- Recommended the issuance of Retail Beer (On or Off Premises) and Retail Table Wine (On or Off Premises) licenses to HIT Portfolio I HIL TRS LLC (trade name Hampton Inn Birmingham Mountain Brook), 2731 U. S. Highway 280, Mountain Brook, AL 35223.
- Requested that the elected officials representing the City of Mountain Brook in the House of Representatives and the Senate of the State of Alabama:
 1. Introduce, sponsor and support legislation granting the City Council authority to approve the sale of alcoholic beverages in the City of Mountain Brook, Alabama for on-premises consumption on Sunday commencing at 10:00 a.m.
 2. Consider whether other cities located within Jefferson County should be included in the proposed legislation where participation by such cities shall require their adoption of an ordinance or resolution authorizing such sales.
- Authorized the installation of a street light across the street from the property located at 331 Cherry Street.
- Adopted resolution for the State Legislature to pass legislation calling for a referendum to increase the ad valorem tax by up to 10 mills exclusively for educational

purposes, based on a request from the Mountain Brook Board of Education.

- Authorized the execution of an agreement with Net Connection, LLC, with respect to the installation of a bullpen/batting cage combination by the girls' softball field at the Athletic Complex.
- Authorized the purchase of one (1) 2018 Ford Fiesta SE from the State of Alabama approved bid list.
- Authorized the following with respect to the traffic signals on Euclid Avenue at Dan Watkins Drive and at Memory Court:
 1. Remove the louvers from the signal heads facing Euclid Avenue at Dan Watkins.
 2. Adjust the aim/alignment of the signals facing Euclid Avenue westbound at Dan Watkins Drive.
 3. Replace three existing signal heads facing Euclid Avenue westbound at Memory Court with optically programmed signal heads.
- February 2019 was proclaimed as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Mountain Brook.
- February 2019 was proclaimed as Certified Government Financial Manager Month in the City of Mountain Brook.
- Accepted the annual financial and compliance audit of the city for the year ending September 30, 2018.
- Awarded the bid for the purchase of a radio-frequency identification (RFID) system for the Library to EnvisionWare, Inc.

- Authorized the sale of a 2001 Quality Spartan GA40M-2142 fire engine, (declared surplus upon the adoption of Resolution No. 2017-045), to Blountsville Fire Department Auxiliary.
- Selected Skipper Consulting, Inc. to perform the Advance Planning Programming and Logical Engineering (APPLE) study of Overton Road with the city's 20% matching contribution.
- April 22 through April 27, 2019 was proclaimed as Arbor Week in the City of Mountain Brook.
- Ratified the execution of the Municipal Workers' Compensation Fund Deductible Addendum effective February 1, 2019.
- Authorized the renewal/extension of the Waste Management of Central Alabama garbage, trash and recycling contract (October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2022).
- Authorized the execution of a 3-year Franchise Agreement, between the city and MCI Metro Access Transmission Services Corp. ("MCI") d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services, with respect to MCI's fiber-based communications services business activities within the city.
- Approved the proposed street paving/resurfacing list for fiscal 2019 under the city's 3-year street resurfacing contract.
- Authorized the placement of a "Yield" sign on Camellia Circle at its intersection with Montgomery Drive.
- Authorized the Leadership Mountain Brook Class of 2018—2019 to make an application on behalf of the City of Mountain

Brook for a \$5,000 Remy Fund grant for a proposed dog park to be installed at Cahaba River Walk and the expenditure by the city of up to \$10,000 for the dog park provided the Remy grant is awarded to the city or the Leadership Class contributes \$5,000 toward the project by some other means.

- March 2019 was proclaimed as Donate Life Month in the City of Mountain Brook.
- Authorized the city's participation in the 2019 "State of Alabama Sales Tax Holiday" beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 19, 2019, and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, July 21, 2019, whereby the city shall exempt certain school supplies, computers, and clothing from municipal sales or use tax.
- Recommended to the State of Alabama, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, the issuance of a Restaurant Retail Beer (On or Off Premises) and Retail Table Wine (On or Off Premises) licenses to Publix Alabama LLC (Trade name: Publix Alabama 1676), 1000 Jemison Lane, Mountain Brook 35223.
- Authorized a construction agreement for a state public road and bridge funding project (ST-037-999-019, CPMS #100069733) between the city and ALDOT. (Hollywood Blvd pedestrian bridge)
- Authorized the proposed Montrose Circle traffic island improvements.
- Authorized the execution of the Ring Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) subject to the inclusion of modifications limiting the city's liability satisfactory to the City Attorney.



Quarterly Crime Statistics

	4th Quarter 2018	1st Quarter 2019
Robbery	1	0
Robbery (aggravated shoplifting)	0	0
Burglary/Residence	7	3
Burglary/Business	2	3
Theft	28	25
Theft from Vehicle (UBEV)	9	7
Auto Theft	2	2
Assaults (Other)	3	0
Identity Theft	26	14
Criminal Mischief	2	4
Drugs	46	35
Family Violence	4	5
Accidents	279	226
A With Injuries	20	11
A With Fatalities	0	1
Calls For Service	7,010	6,128
House Watches	509	352
Property Stolen	\$429,859	\$109,105
Property Recovered	\$10,755	\$15,596

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.

Safety Tips for Pedestrians

Be Safe and Be Seen: Make yourself visible to drivers

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



Be Smart and Alert: Avoid dangerous behaviors

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

Be Careful at Crossings: Look before you step

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



Municipal Code Sec. 46-7. - Use of city streets and roadways by pedestrians.

- During the hours of 4:30 a.m. to 6:30 a.m., individuals shall be permitted to walk, jog, or run along and upon city streets and roadways, as long as said individuals are within six feet of the edge of the street or roadway, and provided that said individuals shall wear either:
 - (1) Reflective clothing between the waist and shoulders on the front and back that covers at least 50 square inches; or
 - (2) Strobe style continuously flashing lights at least two inches in diameter between the waist and shoulders that are visible from the front and back.

http://www.pedbikeinfo.org/community/tips_pedestrian.cfm

**LEAF AND TRASH PICKUP**

Loose-leaf pickup service has ended for this season. All loose leaves and small trash items need to be containerized for curbside collection. Larger trash items should be on the curb for the knuckle-boom truck collection. Work done by a contractor is not eligible for pickup by Waste Management.

COMPOST

Our compost operation is in full swing at the Public Works facility located at 3579 East Street across from Rathmel Soccer

Complex. We load open-bed vehicles Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and in the afternoons from 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Call our office (205-802-2390) if more information is needed.

SPECIAL ITEMS DISPOSAL

Paint cans - Remove the lids from all of the cans. If there is paint inside, put sand, dirt, or kitty litter in the cans with the paint for absorption. Place the cans curbside with the lids off for pick-up. Appliances with freon (such as

refrigerators and air conditioners) will not be picked up until the freon has been drained and a certified sticker has been placed on the item. A technician at an appliance service department can provide the freon removal. The items can then be placed at the curb for pickup.

ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP

Dirt, rocks, gravel, concrete, bricks, construction materials, batteries, and tires.

New Businesses

RETAIL/WHOLESALE TRADE

- Lyman, Elisabeth (dba\ Lyman Liquidation), 416 Meadow Brook Lane, 205/908-2258
- Vietaly Enterprises, Inc. (dba\ Suite Dreams), 2409 Montevallo Road, 205/414-1922

REAL ESTATE

- 201 Office Park LLC, 201 Office Park Drive, 205/949-2060
- ARC Realty LLC, 3790 Fairhaven Drive, 205/969-8910
- Bice Realty LLC, 902 B Euclid Avenue, 205/447-1176
- CREI Tuscaloosa LLC, 5501 Old Montgomery Highway, 205/949-2065
- CREI Oxford LLC, 900 Whirlpool Drive, 205/949-2060
- CREI Tallahassee II LLC, 415 Chapel Drive, 205/949-2060
- CREI Salisbury LLC, 202 Onley Road, 205/949-2060
- MAM-Durham LLC, (dba\ University Apartments-Durham), 1500 Duke University Road, 205/949-2060
- Mn Capital Strategies LLC, 500 Office Park Drive, 205/515-0822

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- Alchemy Design LLC, 3724 Montrose Road, 205/983-0010
- Allegro Partners LLC, 2118 English Village Lane, 205/531-0517
- Daniel Wolter Law Firm Inc, 402 Office Park Drive, Suite 100, 205/983-6440
- Empower Counseling LLC, 9 Office Park Circle, 205/730-6570
- Fuel By Rachel Davis LLC, 2834 Thornhill Road, 513/254-1875
- Fullan and Fullan (dba\ Guy Fullan), 2 Office Park Circle, 205/251-8596
- Geurs, Robin B (dba\ On the Grow Learning), 2100 Peacock Lane, 205/422-4452

- Harper Harris Design Studio LLC, 218 Richmar Drive, 404/271-6598
- McCain, Jennifer (dba\ Mc Cain Design Services), 21 Woodhill Road, 205/482-0526
- Miller Christie & Kinney PC, 500 Office Park Drive, 205/326-0000
- Mountain Brook MDP LLC, 3140 Overton Road, 205/967-8636
- Natter & Fulmer P.C., 4 Office Park Circle, 205/968-5301
- Polk, Ellie (dba\ Ellie Polk Designs), 10 Rockledge Road, 205/612-6380
- Present Wellness Counseling LLC, 300 Office Park Drive, 205/642-8386
- Schniper, Jessica (dba\ Jessica Schniper Interior Design), 3756 Rockhill Road, 205/910-5878
- Treasured Moments LLC, 3825 Briar Oak Drive, 205/837-1683
- Warnock Engineering LLC, 1122 Lane Park Court
- Yeslife, LLC, 3 Office Park Circle, 205/567-6789

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

- Birmingham Speech & Hearing Associates LLC, 4 Office Park Circle, 205/871-3878
- New Way Speech and Occupational Therapy LLC, 4937 Stone Mill Road, 205/335-1615
- Ward, Adrian, 3918 Montclair Road, 205/296-6288

PERSONAL SERVICES (BEAUTY, NAIL, OTHER SERVICES)

- Dang, Tam, 2721 Cahaba Road, 205/879-3689
- Hulsey, Madeline, 1201 Highland Gate Lane, 205/269-0997
- Long & Family Nail Tek, 600 Olde English Lane, 205/862-5212
- Moreau, Katharine, (dba\ Skin Health Studio), 200 Office Park Circle, 205/413-0232
- Nguyen, Hai, (dba\ Mobility U), 3918 Montclair Road # 100, 205-377-6966



Doo Your Part!

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

Everyone enjoys the sweet aroma given off by the beautiful blossoms as you pass by them, but no one wants to smell the canine created land mines that are detonated when you step on them. Not only does this follow the initial victim the rest of their stay, but now it has been spread all over for other unfortunate park visitors to experience. One incident can ruin a fun family day for so many.

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 Rec at 802-3877.

MOSQUITO SEASON

The City's Mosquito Control Program starts in April with us putting out briquettes. We will begin fogging the right of ways in May. Mosquitoes need quiet, standing water to breed. Eliminate mosquito breeding habitats by emptying standing water in outdoor items such as containers, toys, plastic covers, unused tires or outdoor equipment. Drain puddles or fill with dirt. Empty and change the water in birdbaths, wading pools, and potted plant trays at least once a week. Properly maintain swimming pools and unclog rain gutters.



For more information on mosquito control visit the Jefferson County Department of Health's website, (www.jcdh.org) search word is "Vector Control," or 205-930-1230.



Cahaba Blueway

Cahaba River Walk is now an official stop along the newly developed Cahaba Blueway. The Cahaba Blueway is a mapped "water trail" of the Cahaba River that educates users on the best locations and methods of accessing the water.

The Cahaba River meanders 191 miles throughout central Alabama connecting communities in the most naturally scenic way. More and more people are venturing out on the river and the Cahaba Blueway initiative helps provide valuable information to people from the river's edge. Now people will know the distances between developed access points in river miles, know more about the communities they are visiting, and have easier access to help in emergencies.

This initiative has been created out of a partnership of The University of Alabama Center for Economic Development, Cahaba River Society, The Nature Conservancy, Cahaba Riverkeeper, Freshwater Land Trust, and National Park Services. Cahaba Blueway was officially dedicated in April and Mountain Brook is proud to be a part of the inaugural launch of this exciting endeavor.

For more information, you may visit their website at www.Cahabablueway.org. A link is also available on the City's new website at www.mtnbrook.org.

Tree Cutters/Grass Cutters/Landscapers Business License Requirement:

The City of Mountain Brook Ordinance Sec. 26-210 states that it shall be unlawful for any person, taxpayer, or agent of a person or taxpayer, to engage in businesses or vocations in the municipality for which a license is required without first having procured a license.

This includes all home based businesses, contractors, including all of the building trades, grass cutters/landscapers, and tree cutters.

Residents, please remember that when hiring a contractor to perform any work on your home, first verify with the Revenue Department that the contractor is licensed to work in the City. The telephone number is 205-802-2400, option 4. Any contracting work being conducted within the city limits must be permitted. Permit applications may be obtained at City Hall, located at 56 Church Street.

Tree Removal:

Recently, instances of contractors leaving piles of debris behind, upon completion of the job, have increased concurrently with the increase in tree removals and clean up following last year's drought and various storms this season. It has reached the point where it is putting a measurable strain on city resources, and the timely response that the City's Public Works typically provides. This is a relatively uncommon scenario in which all MB residents can provide direct, valuable assistance, simply by being aware of the following: any person or entity ("contractor") that receives payment for any job that produces waste or debris, MUST haul away said debris from the premises. Whether it is an honest mistake or something else, please remember, if/when a contractor states or suggests that "the city" or "Waste Management" will haul away debris, that there are no exceptions to this policy. Doing so will avoid unnecessary hassle and expense for the city and residents alike. If there are any questions about a contractor and the status of their license, contact the Revenue Department at 205- 802-2400, prompt 4. To report a contractor piling debris in violation of this ordinance, please call Public Works Supervisor Johnny Franklin at 802-3866 or Assistant Superintendent Steven Gay at 802-3870.

Heritage Oaks Program Takes Root this Fall Across Mountain Brook

Did you know that the City of Mountain Brook has been working for the last three years with resident and nursery owner Rebecca Cohn to grow native oak trees from acorns gathered from the most majestic oaks known in Mountain Brook?

Did you know that oaks (quercus genera) by far support more biodiversity than any other kind of plants in America? And, did you know that this November the City of Mountain Brook will plant 300 of these three year-old Heritage Oaks all around our city to ensure our children and grandchildren will have the beauty and shade of native oaks to enjoy just as we do now?

The Mountain Brook Board of Landscape Design (BLD) is currently identifying all locations where the 300 Heritage Oaks will be planted this November. Many will be planted around our city's highest profile communal spaces, like our villages, schools, and houses of worship, in order to cultivate and perpetuate our native hardwood canopy. However, some trees will also be given to residents who agree to plant their oak within public view from the road.

If you are interested in the Mountain Brook Heritage Oak program and would like to show your civic pride by planting a 3-gallon native oak in your neighborhood, please email Board of Landscape Design Chair Sim S.W. Johnson at simeonjohnson@msn.com

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 <u>a.m.</u>	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



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.



Building Permit Activity

Permit Type:	4th Quarter - 2018		1st Quarter - 2019	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	22	\$13,260,738	12	\$7,607,402
Alterations/ Additions	90	\$8,562,025	86	\$9,579,685
Repairs/Other	196	\$3,289,208	200	\$7,367,585
Totals:	308	\$25,111,971	298	\$24,554,672

COMPARISON OF YEAR - 2017

Permit Type:	4th Quarter - 2017		1st Quarter - 2018	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	15	\$9,527,979	11	\$8,283,238
Alterations/ Additions	79	\$9,210,715	95	\$15,601,269
Repairs/Other	237	\$4,653,920	224	\$5,009,253
Totals:	331	\$23,392,614	330	\$28,893,760

How Do I Find Out What is Happening in the “Brook”?

Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce

a. Call Chamber office at **871-3779**

b. Sign up for newsletter at **www.mtnbrookchamber.org** –Top of page enter your email in “E-Newsletter Signup” and Submit

Mountain Brook City – **www.mtnbrook.org, 802-2400**

Mayor’s Circle of 100 – **www.mtnbrook.org > Government > Mayor**

Text Alerts – Text **MTNBROOK to 888-777**

Police Department – **www.mtnbrook.org > Departments, 871-3535**

Fire Department – **www.mtnbrook.org > Departments, 802-3838**

Emmet O’Neal Library – **www.eolib.org, 445-1101**

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Street Paving 2019

The City of Mountain Brook will begin its 2019 street paving in late April or early May. Dunn Construction will be doing the work and we plan to start in Mountain Brook Village paving the streets in the business district. This portion of the project will be done mostly at night and will include the following streets:

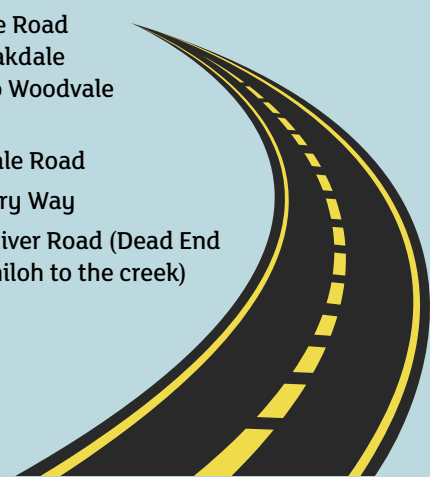
Mountain Brook Village

- The Circle
- Montevallo Road from Jemison Lane to Hollywood Blvd. at the city limits
- Canterbury Road from Culver Road (at the bridge) to Cahaba Road
- Cahaba Road from Heathermoor Road to just west of 280 ramp
- Culver Road from Montevallo Road to Cahaba Road including the section named Petticoat

Note: Culver Road from Cahaba Road to Montevallo Road in front of Sneaky Pete’s may possibly be delayed until Phase 2 of Lane Parke is complete.

The remainder of the streets will be paved during normal business hours and will include the following streets:

- Cherokee Road from Highway 280 to Overcrest Road
- Overhill Road from Canterbury Road to Mountain Brook Parkway
- Crosshill Road from Spring Valley Road to Rockhill Road
- Oakdale Road from Oakdale Drive to Woodvale Road
- Woodvale Road
- Westbury Way
- Stone River Road (Dead End from Shiloh to the creek)



Emmet O'Neal Library News

Did you know?

For over 50 years, the friends of Emmet O'Neal library have supported the library through their annual book sale in February.

This year, \$30,000 worth of books were sold. The funds raised during the sale support the library's adult and teen programs. Recent programs include a "Find Your Way" series offering teens and parents information about finding colleges, paying for college, learning to cook in a dorm, car maintenance, self defense, and more! Adult programs supported by our Friends include all of our book groups (four total) and events like "A Sweet Strangeness Thrills My Heart" performed by Dolores Hydock and Bobby Horton.

After the sale, several thousand books were donated to nonprofits in our community.

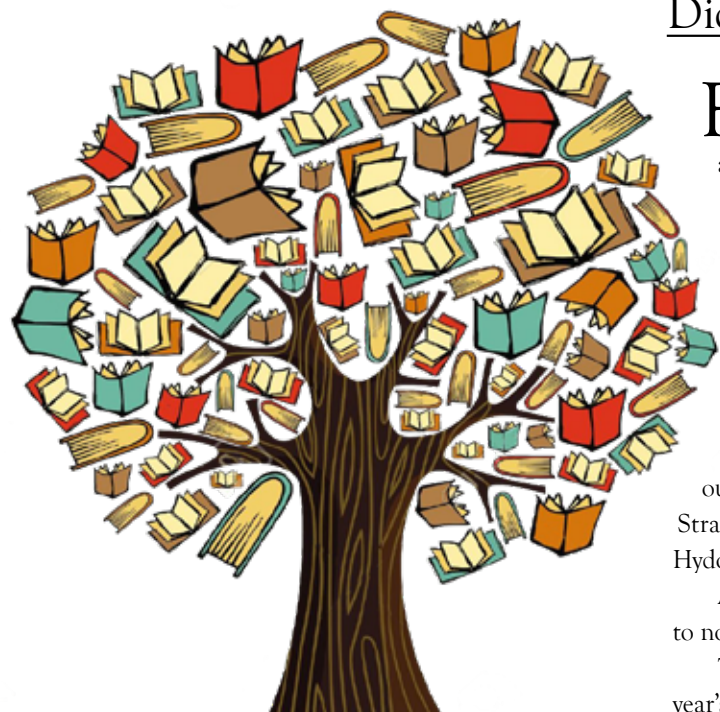
There were over 20,000 books available at this year's sale. Almost all of these books were donated by



members of our community! We accept donations all year long. Just pull in the driveway behind the library and ring the bell. You will even be given a donation receipt.

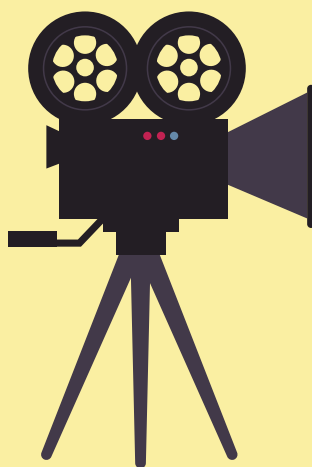
Please note that we cannot accept encyclopedias, textbooks, magazines, or books that are damaged or moldy. It's perfectly ok to recycle/dispose of these things yourself.

You don't need an invitation to join the Friends of EOL. The Friends is a volunteer group whose members share one thing - they love books and the library. Information about joining the Friends of the Emmet O'Neal Library may be found on the website at www.eolib.org or by calling the Library.



Mindfulness & Meditation

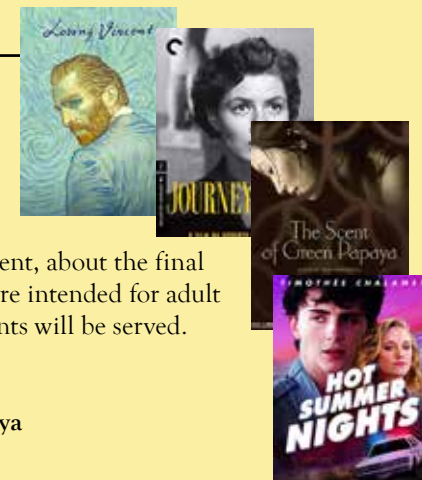
Don't miss the last two sessions in our free Mindfulness Meditation Workshop on Thursday May 2nd and 9th at 10am in the Library's Community Meeting Room. Prior attendance is not necessary to benefit from these sessions on positive visualization and daily mindful meditation techniques. Certified Tai Chi and Yoga instructor Kathy Hagood combines interactive discussion with brief periods of mindful meditation to show you how easy and beneficial the practice is in daily living. Register online at www.eolib.org. For more information, contact Holley at hwesley@bham.lib.al.us or 205.445.1117.



Arthouse Film Series

Our summer Art House Film Series returns May - August. Enjoy under-the-radar selections from world cinema's best filmmakers at our annual summer film festival. We'll be kicking off with the first fully painted feature film, *Loving Vincent*, about the final days of artist Vincent van Gogh. All films are intended for adult audiences and begin at 6:30pm. Refreshments will be served.

- May 29 Loving Vincent
- June 26 Journey To Italy
- July 31 The Scent of Green Papaya
- August 28 Hot Summer Nights



Documentaries After Dark

The final Documentaries After Dark film will be on Tuesday, June 18th in the Library's Community Meeting Room. The film follows famed California chef Alice Waters through a year of seasonal shopping and cooking, exploring the recipes and vision of an artist whose now famous restaurant, *Chez Panisse*, became a major

force behind the way Americans eat and think about food. Doors open at 6pm and the film begins at 6:30pm. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served. This film is not rated but is intended for adult audiences. For more information, contact Holley at hwesley@bham.lib.al.us or 205.445.1117.

Emmet O'Neal Library News

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Alabama Bicentennial News



2019 marks our state's bicentennial. To celebrate, we are having some fun this summer, so mark your calendars for the Alabama Funny Film Fest: July 2nd will be "Sweet Home Alabama," July 9th will be "Fried Green Tomatoes," and July 16th will be "Crazy in Alabama." All films are PG-13 and parental guidance is suggested. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served. Films begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Holley at hwesley@bham.lib.al.us or 205.445.1117.

In addition to the Funny Film Fest, we will explore some traditional practices that many of us have experienced or will remember! On Saturday, June 8 from 9:30-12:30, we will be making soap with lye. Because we are making soap with lye,

our registration is limited to eight people, 21 years or older. We recommend that you sign up early to guarantee your space, but more soap making programs will be offered in the late summer and fall.

Continuing with traditional Alabama craft, on July 13 from 10-12, we will learn about canning and best practices for successful canning. Register through the Library's website or by calling us at 445-1121

Be on the lookout for even more programs about traditional crafts. We hope you will celebrate the Alabama bicentennial with us!

Young Adult Programs @ Emmet O'Neal Library

MAY EVENTS

On **Thursday, May 2 at 6PM**, teens will create **Ebru paintings** at our monthly **Craftsplosion** program. Ebru painting is a Turkish marbling art form that uses water, dye, and awls. Rather than painting on a canvas or paper, you will be pouring paint on water and using awls to create unique designs. Once your design is complete, you will transfer the image onto paper. All the art materials will be provided, and you only have to show up!

GAME ON!

Our monthly gaming program **Game On** will be held on **Saturday, May 4 at 1 PM**. We provide board games and video games at the program and also have a **Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament** that is organized by the regular attendees. We will be continuing Game On programs in the summer, which

will be held on **Saturdays, June 1, July 6, and July 27**.

VIDEO GAME NIGHT

Join us on **Friday, May 10 at 6PM** for video game night, our **May Crossover Program** for Grades 6-9. There will be numerous video game stations and a Nintendo Switch tournament for our tweens and younger teens. We will have **Retro Toy Olympics** on **Friday, June 14** and **DIY Stomp Rockets** on **Friday, July 12** – the age group for our Crossover programs will be changed to Grades 5-8 starting **June 2019**.

COLLEGE/CAREER

Our **Find Your Way: College & Career Prep** program series will come to an end on **Saturday, June 8 at 1PM**, but before that we have two practical Find Your Way programs in May. On **Saturday, May 11 at 1PM**



we'll have a **DIY Car Maintenance** program where teens will learn how to change a tire, check vehicle fluids, and other basic car maintenance skills. That program will be followed with a **Self-Care and Budgeting program on Saturday, May 25 at 1PM** where we'll talk about developing a savings account and developing a good credit history when you're away for college or living on your own.

Emmet O'Neal Library News

Young Adult Programs @ Emmet O'Neal Library (cont.)

GRAPHIC NOVEL CLUB

Look out for our **May-August Look It: Graphic Novels Club, Pathfinder, and Starfinder** meeting dates on our website at www.eolib.org or follow us on Facebook (@EmmetONealLibrary) and Instagram (@eolibrary.ya) for program updates. For our Pathfinder and Starfinder programs, only the first 8 registrants will be able to play the game for the evening, but anyone can come and hang out, eat food, and learn how to play.

JUNE & JULY EVENTS

The Emmet O'Neal Library is planning some awesome teen programs for June and July 2019! In addition to continuing some of our regular programs, such as **Game On, Pathfinder and Starfinder, and Crossover series**, some of our programs are Alabama or space themed to celebrate the Alabama Bicentennial and the National Summer Reading theme, a Universe of Stories.

SUMMER READING!



The **Children's and Teen Summer Reading program** starts on **Sunday, May 19**. We'll be giving away **VISA gift**

cards to our three summer reading winners: the teen who reads the most pages will receive a **\$300 VISA gift card**; the winner of our Summer Creativity Contest will receive a **\$200 VISA gift card**; and a lucky Random Raffle winner will win a **\$100 VISA gift card**. We will announce the 2019 Teen Summer Reading winners and distribute prizes at the end-of-summer Game On program on **Saturday, July 27 at 1PM**.

COLLEGE/CAREER

As mentioned earlier, we are concluding the **Find Your Way: College and Career Prep Series on Saturday, June 8** with a **College and Career Q&A Panel**. We're inviting former Teen Advisory Members who are currently in college or starting their careers to share their experiences and give current high schoolers tips on navigating the next milestones of life.

STRING ART



For our teen crafters, we are going to make **Alabama-shaped string art** in celebration of the Alabama Bicentennial with local craft guru Virginia Brasher. Take home your own string art this June.

CHOPPED!



Our **Chopped program** is back again by popular demand! This fun and practical program involves

hands-on cooking. The participants will be divided into groups and create meals from scratch. All the ingredients and cooking equipment will be provided, and all you have to do is show up for an afternoon of culinary experimentation on **Saturday, June 29**

BOB ROSS PAINTING



Experience the joy of painting at our **Bob Ross Painting Party on July 13**. We'll be screening one of Bob Ross's relaxing episodes and creating painting master pieces of our own. Like our Craftsploration programs, all art materials will be provided.

RETRO MOVIE

Join us for an afternoon of Sinbad and movie snacks at the **Retro Movie Double Feature** program on **Saturday, July 20**.

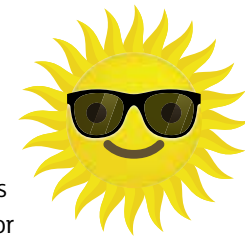


TEEN HOMEPAGE

Check out the Teen Homepage on our website at <https://www.eolib.org/teens1-2232> and follow us on Facebook @EmmetONealLibrary and Instagram @eolibrary.ya for more information and notifications on upcoming teen programs at the Emmet O'Neal Library. We hope to see you at the library!

Emmet O'Neal Library News

Children's Department



JUNE 3 – SUMMER PROGRAMS START

The library's packed summer children's schedule begins on Monday, June 3. Keep an eye out for summertime exclusives like LOL:Go!, and Tuesday morning shows (see schedule below for all Tuesday morning performers). At LOL:Go!, a hyped-up version of the school year program Library Out Loud, kids going into kindergarten, first grade, and second grade can enjoy a Tuesday afternoon drop-off program that is different each week, including live animals, movies, painting, crafts, and stories. In July, magician Arthur Atsma will stick around after a morning show to do a magic trick tutorial with LOL:Go! attendees. In addition to summer specials, check the calendar for all your favorites – age-specific pre-school storytimes, family storytime with Mr. Mac, book clubs, and Thursday afternoon SNAP.



MAY 19 – SUMMER READING KICKOFF

On Sunday, May 19, the Emmet O'Neal Library and the Junior Women's Committee of 100 will host the annual **SUMMER READING KICKOFF CARNIVAL**. Families are invited to participate in the Thomas Hughes Brinkley Memorial Fun Run and a variety of new and favorite carnival activities. The Junior Women's Committee of 100 organizes the carnival as a fundraiser supporting the library's children's collections and programming materials. Members of the JWC also keep the children's department running smoothly by volunteering their time during the school year to help with day-to-day tasks.

TUESDAY MORNINGS

Every Tuesday in the summer at 10:30 in the morning, we bring in a top-notch entertainer or educator for you and your family to enjoy together. We'll have magic, puppets, bubbles, live animals, and more. The full schedule is below.

June

- June 4 – Miss Kit's Bubble School
- June 11 – TBA: Check online calendar for updates
- June 18 – 6th Day Creatures
- June 25 – Madcap Puppets: The Great Space Caper

July

- July 2 – TBA: Check online calendar for updates
- July 9 – Animal Tales
- July 16 – Atsmagic
- July 23 – That Puppet Guy Lee Bryan



Pictured above: A young patron at a Tuesday morning summer program with live animals

CROSSOVER

Have you heard about the new program bridging elementary school and junior high? Crossover is a monthly after-hours event for 5th – 8th graders. Gamers can join in a video game night, which will include Nintendo Switch games, on May 10. In June, students can participate in the Retro Toy Olympics, bringing back vintage classics like Etch-a-Sketch, Slinky, and Mr. Potato Head as the medium for a little friendly competition. July's Crossover, It IS Rocket Science!, taps into the summer reading space theme to offer a stomp rocket workshop.



Emmet O'Neal Library News

UNIVERSE OF STORIES & XTREME READS

Studies have shown that reading as few as six books over the summer can prevent the “summer slide” – the loss of learning that happens between school years. And according to a landmark study by NYU’s Barbara Heyns, “more than any other public institution, including the schools, the public library contributed to the intellectual growth of children during the summer.”

This summer, kids from birth through rising 6th grade can sign up for the library’s summer reading program, A Universe of Stories. Kids who read – or are read to – can turn in their page counts to earn free books. There will also be weekly clue hunts and prizes. Upper elementary students can participate in Xtreme Reads, a web-based challenge program for enthusiastic readers, with prize packages that will knock kids’ socks off. The Summer Reading Kickoff Carnival on May 19 is the first opportunity to sign up for summer reading programs, and librarians will start checking pages and awarding free books on June 3.



The first Thursday afternoon SNAP program of the summer is Wipeout!



Last summer's Xtreme Reads winners with their prize packages

SATELLITE SUMMER READING

The library wants to come to you this summer. Librarians from Emmet O'Neal Library's children's department will load up some great books and set up camp at Brookwood Forest Elementary once a week so you can browse, read together, check out books, and return materials. Kids will also be able to redeem their summer reading pages for free books. This satellite location will be available every Wednesday afternoon.

SUMMER READING FINALES

To celebrate all the reading done by Mountain Brook students over the summer, the library will host a block party with pizza and a performance by Roger Day on the evening of Tuesday, July 30. Older elementary readers will also have a chance to party in their own unique style at an Xtreme Reads pizza party on the afternoon of August 1. No registration or minimum page count are required for these jamborees – just show up and enjoy!



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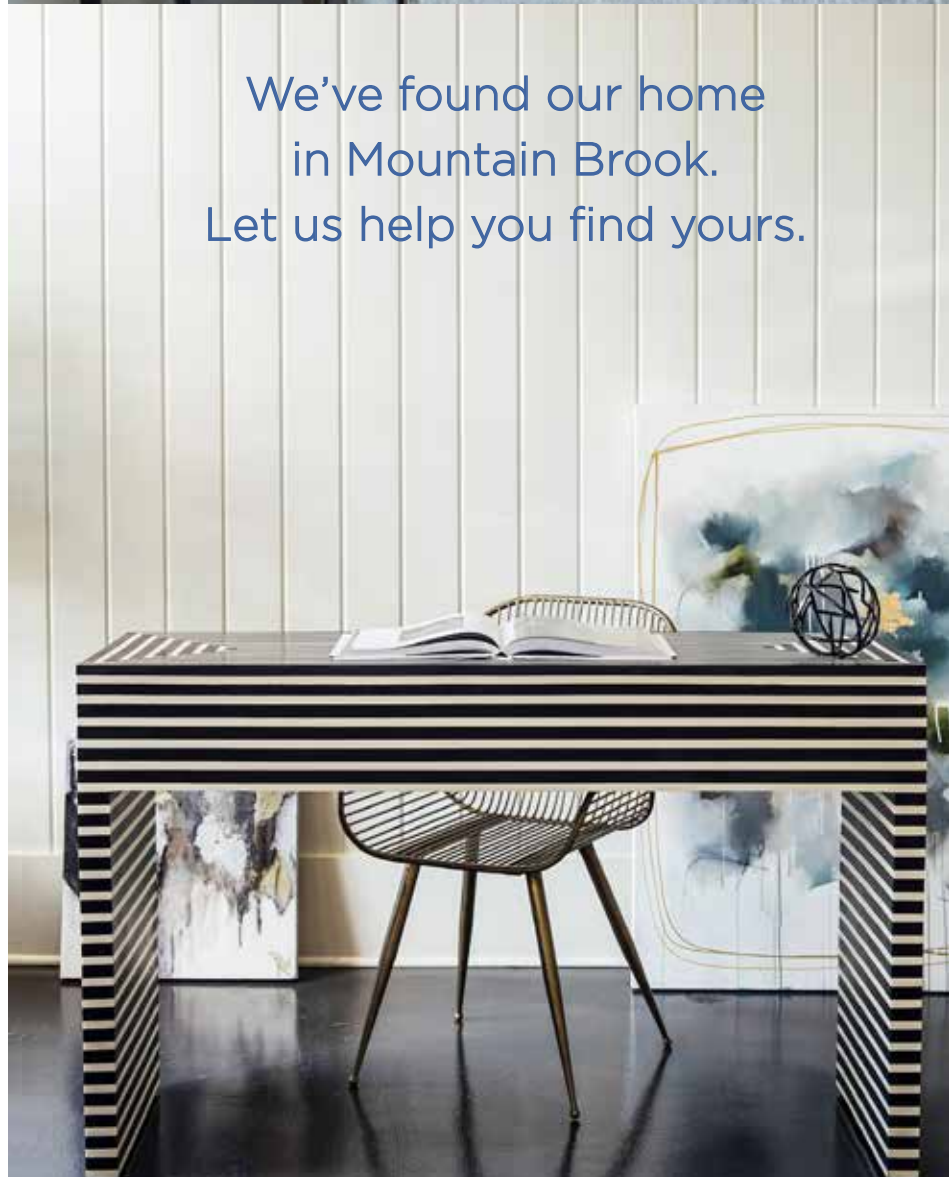
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2018-2019 GRANDPARENTS CLUB EXCEEDS GOAL!

Thanks to the leadership of Becky and Doug Rollins, the Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation's 2018-2019 Grandparents Club Appeal was a huge success! Joined by their committee of Jane & Harold Bissell, Tina & John Darnall, Martha & Hartwell Davis, Jane & Don Menendez, Joan & Wray Pearce, Mimi & Fred Renneker, Linda & Jeff Stone, and Genie & Mike Thompson, the appeal raised \$150,900 from 276 grandparents from Mountain Brook and across the country. Thank you, Grandparents!

2nd Elementary Schools Track Meet Set for May 8th!

The Foundation will once again host its Elementary Schools Track Meet – Kids in Motion on Wednesday, May 8th for all 3rd through 6th graders at the four Mountain Brook Schools elementary schools. Registration is open through May 3rd on the Foundation's website.

At this writing, sponsors for the event include: DIAMOND: Bedzzz Express, David Hufham Orthodontics, Iron City, and Morris-Shea Bridge Company; GOLD: Green Landscaping Company, Snoozy's Kids, and Vulcan Tire & Automotive; SILVER: Autotec, Barrett Architecture Studio, Board of Education Members, Bromberg's, dinner., Leavell Investment Management, Pants Store, Piggly Wiggly, and Robins & Morton; BRONZE: Oakworth Capital Bank, and The Trak Shak.



Pictured l. to r. at the Grandparents Club Coffee, Lane DeWine, Dr. Dicky Barlow, Charles Smith, Dr. Doug Rollins, Becky Rollins, Key Hudson, and David Malone.



Pictured l. to r. at the Grandparents Club Coffee, Charles Smith, Jane Menendez, John Darnall, Dr. Doug Rollins, Becky Rollins, and Martha Davis.

Foundation Welcomes New Executive Director

Rachael Weingartner was recently named as the new Executive Director of the Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation. A Birmingham native, Weingartner most recently worked with Alzheimer's of Central Alabama and the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum in Nashville. She, and her husband Chris, have two young sons and live in Crestline.



"I am honored to be a part of the Foundation in support of the Mountain Brook City Schools. We are fortunate to live in such a special community with a top-notch school system, and the Foundation plays a key role in supporting our schools' pursuits of excellence. Stephanie leaves behind an amazing legacy, and I am excited to continue the Foundation's very important work for our community," Weingartner said.

Foundation Board President Charles Smith added, "The Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation is thrilled to welcome Rachel as our new Executive Director. Rachel will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to our organization, and she is passionate about our mission. I look forward to watching the Foundation grow its support of the school system under her leadership."

"The Foundation has made tremendous strides during Stephanie's tenure, particularly with the expansion of our fundraising campaigns," he said. "Her hard work resulted in a sizable increase in the Foundation's annual award to the school system, which will benefit current and future students. Parents of Mountain Brook students expect their children to receive an incomparable education. The challenge for a public school system like Mountain Brook, however, is adequate state funding. The Foundation, along with the schools' PTOs, help minimize that funding gap. I am proud of the impact that both organizations have on the school system."