



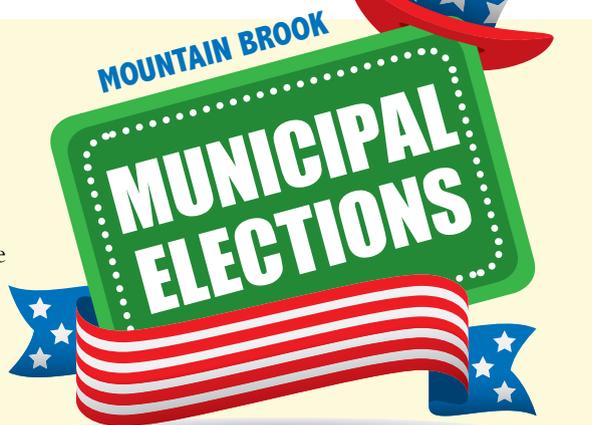
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Don't forget the 2016 City elections on Tuesday, August 23, 2016.

Offices up for election include: 1) Mayor (currently held by Lawrence T. (Terry) Oden), 2) City Council Place 2 (currently held by Jack D. Carl), and 3) City Council Place 4 (currently held by Virginia Carruthers Smith).

The qualification period ended on July 19, 2016. Mayor Oden and Council member Carl did not run for re-election. The following residents (listed by office alphabetically) qualified for the open offices:

- Mayor: Stewart Welch, III
- Place 2: Phil Black  
Vincent J. Schilleci, III  
Tripp Watson
- Place 4: Virginia Carruthers Smith

Residents should be proud that the Mayor and City Council members serve without compensation.

Mountain Brook residents have been assigned to polling locations based on their congressional district polling assignments (meaning residents vote in their "customary" polling location). The only exceptions are those City residents assigned to vote at polling locations outside of the City. Those individuals will be reassigned to another polling location within the City (as prescribed by law) but such change will only be effective for the August 23, 2016 City election.

Voters [previously] assigned to the Locksley Fire Station (No. 2) should be aware that the precinct has been relocated to Mountain Brook

Community Church, 3001 U. S. Highway 280, Mountain Brook, AL 35243. If using a mapping application to locate please use 4428 Cahaba River Road, 35243. This change will provide voters and poll works with improved accessibility, parking, and escape from the elements.

The six polling locations for the City election are:

- St. Luke's Episcopal Church
- City Hall
- Brookwood Baptist Church
- Mountain Brook Community Church
- Mountain Brook Elementary
- Cherokee Bend Elementary

Notices informing registered voters of their voting location will be mailed in August. It is each voter's responsibility to update their voter registration at the Jefferson County Board of Registrars office downtown (325-5550). Only voter registration changes made on or before Friday, August 12, 2016, will be processed by the Board of Registrars for the upcoming August City election.

Please visit the City's website ([www.mtnbrook.org](http://www.mtnbrook.org)) for more information.

## Lane Parke

Things are taking shape in Phase 1 of the retail component! Kinnucan's and Local Taco are anticipated to be the first to open their doors in either late August or early September. On the heels of these watch for A'Mano, M&S Furniture, B. Prince, Village Gunnery, and Platinum Pilates! Western Supermarket's target opening date is October 11 - so be on the lookout!

Demolition of the existing Western building will begin mid-December to make way for the construction of a new culvert and Jemison Lane, which will connect Lane Park Road to Montevallo Road. It is anticipated that construction of this new infrastructure will begin after December 26 and will take approximately 120 days. The new culvert (which will connect to the Birmingham Zoo) will run beneath Lane Park Road; however, Lane Park Road will remain open to vehicular traffic during this time.

To review the approved amended PUD plans for Lane Parke go to the Planning Department page of the City's website ([www.mtnbrook.org](http://www.mtnbrook.org)).

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Mayor: Lawrence T. Oden

### CITY COUNCIL

#### Council President:

Virginia Carruthers Smith

Council Pro Tem, William S. "Billy" Pritchard III

Jack Carl

Alice Womack

Lloyd Shelton

#### City Manager:

Sam S. Gaston, 802-3800

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

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## “Who Do I Call?”

Ever wonder who to call at City Hall when you have a certain issue, question or complaint? Below is a list that will help you. If you don't see what you are looking for, you can always call the City Manager's office at **205-802-3800**.

» Contact the Municipal Court if you need information on any of the following items:  
**Heather Richards Magistrate Supervisor, Municipal Court**  
**205-802-3828**



» Contact the **Revenue Department** at **205-802-2400** prompt 4 if you need information on any of the following items:

### 1. Business Licenses

- How to obtain a new license
- The status of your existing license
- When licenses are due
- How to pay for your license
- Inquire if a business or contractor is licensed to do business in Mountain Brook

### 2. Sales taxes

- The various types of taxes (sales, rent, lodging, liquor, consumer)
- Collecting and remitting sales tax
- The status of your sales tax account
- When sales taxes are due
- How to pay for your taxes

### 3. Home Occupation Permits

- Am I required to have a Home Occupation Permit to work from my home?

### 4. Building/Construction Permits

- Am I required to have a building permit?
- What are the requirements for obtaining a permit?
- Permit costs
- Requirements for contractor surety bonds

### 5. Garage Sale Permits

- The city requires a permit to conduct garage/yard/estate sales.

### 6. Trunk Shows

- The city requires a permit to conduct a trunk show.

### 7. Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services (FP/EMS)

- Available for residents that live outside the city limits of Mountain Brook with certain requirements being met.

### 8. Municipal Assessments

- Documentation that may be required in order to sell your home

» Contact the **Fire Marshall's Office** if you need help with any of the following items:  
**Leland Rhudy 205-802-3832**

- For fire inspection and code enforcement in all new and existing buildings (except single family residence)
- Reviewing plans for life safety in new construction (except single family residence)
- Outdoor burn permits
- Concerns of hazardous conditions
- Fire prevention education

## Budget Update

Based on the fiscal 2016 collections reported through May, the City is on track to surpass its revenue forecast for the year. Some of the more notable observations include:

- Real estate tax collections total \$14.3 million—\$83,000 (1%) more than budgeted for the year. The fiscal year-to-date real estate tax collections exceed last year's annual total by 3%.
- Sales tax collections total \$6.8 million compared to \$6.7 million for the same 8-month period one year ago. In spite of the increase realized through May, it appears that sales tax collections for the year will fall short of the \$10.5 million budgeted.
- Business license collections in the amount of \$2.8 million are up \$191,000 (7%) from last year.

- Construction permits increased \$84,000 from last year to \$712,000.
- Utility taxes and franchise fees in the amount of \$1.8 million are down \$45,000 (2%) from last year.

The 2017 budget process officially began May 18 with a City Council work session. Departmental budgets were submitted to the Finance Director at the end of June. The City Manager conducted the first review of the budgets with department supervisors during July. The Finance Committee will review the second draft of the budget on August 16. The City Council will also review the budget and Finance Committee recommendations on August 24. A public hearing to consider the ordinance adopting the 2017 budget is tentatively scheduled for September 12.

## Board Appointment / Reappointment

### REAPPOINTMENT:

The following City Council reappointment was made:

- Thomas George Luckie – Mountain Brook Board of Education



## Recent City Council Actions

### The City Council has adopted or amended the following ordinances since March 28, 2016:

- **Ordinance No. 1950** - Reaffirm voting districts previously established upon the adoption of Ord. No. 1624, and permanent relocation of one polling location (Locksley Fire Station No.2 moved to Mountain Brook Community Church ) with respect to all municipal (general, run-off, and special) elections effective August 23, 2016.
- **Ordinance No. 1951** - Provide for stop sign on Hampshire Drive at its intersection with Oakdale Drive.
- **Ordinance No. 1952** - Provide for stop sign on Montevallo Terrace at its intersection with Park Lane.
- **Ordinance No. 1953** - Amending Chapter 2, Article VI of the City Code – Disability Discrimination Grievance Procedure.
- **Ordinance No. 1954**- Amending Section 30-3(a) of the City Code with respect to the time and place of holding court.

### The City Council has approved the following projects since March 28, 2016:

- Declared sale of surplus private property and disposal of said property that does not sell at public auction.
- Contracted with Jefferson County Commission for election services in conjunction with the City's August 23, 2016 general municipal election and October 4, 2016 run-off election, if necessary, with a total cost of \$8,145.00.
- Authorized the execution of the Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority (MAX) fiscal year 2017 Transit Service Agreement.

- Agreement for utility Project CMAQ-NR13(908) on sidewalks along Brookwood Road, Crosshill Road, and Oakdale Drive for the Phase 9 project.
- Approved conditional service use application submitted by Emma Suttles to allow pilates and spinning classes at 2419 Canterbury Road subject to class sizes and times being limited to that presented by applicant.
- Authorized the creation of one (1) additional Senior Arborist position for the Public Works Department.
- Authorized a 3-party agreement between Lee H. Riley and Kristen O. Riley (homeowners), Jefferson County, AL and the City of Mountain Brook with respect to maintenance of sewer line and retaining wall for the property at 2941 Balmoral Road in Mountain Brook.
- Proclamation declaring April 2016 as Donate Life Month.
- Authorized a 3-year extension (through September 30, 2019) of the garbage service contract with Waste Management of Central Alabama.
- Awarded the bid for landscape services (36 month contract), for the Library in the amount of \$6,422.16/year and for the City Municipal Complex in the amount of \$25,695.96/year, to Blackjack Horticulture.
- Awarded bid to Falls Facility Services for janitorial services in defined areas of Municipal Complex (36 month contract) in the amount of \$2,139.63/month.
- Authorized an encroachment agreement between the City and property owners Bill and Julia Shea of 2640 Canterbury Road.
- Approved the conditional service use application by MAS Fitness, LLC to allow a cryotherapy facility at 2417 Montevallo Road.
- Authorized the execution of an Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement between the City and Status Quo, LLC and approval of the installation of a balcony over public sidewalk at 36 Church Street.
- Authorized the execution of an agreement between the City and Gillespie Construction, LLC with respect to the construction of a sidewalk along Overbrook Road bridge.
- Awarded the bid to Metro Mechanical Services, Inc. for the scheduled maintenance of the Municipal Complex mechanical systems.
- Approved issuance of a Special Events Retail License to Red Mountain Restaurant Group, LLC doing business as Cinco de Mayo 2016, for their May 5, 2016 outdoor patio event at 99 Euclid Avenue, 35213.
- Authorized the City's participation in the 2016 "Back-to-School" Sales Tax Holiday, beginning at 12:01 am on Friday, August 5, 2016, and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, August 7, 2016, whereby the City of Mountain Brook will exempt certain school supplies, computers, and clothing from municipal sales or use tax in conformance with the time period, terms and conditions, and definitions as provided for the "State of Alabama Sales Tax Holiday."
- Approved the conditional service use application for a veterinarian/pet grooming business at 253 Country Club Park subject to specified conditions.
- Awarded the bid to Dunn Construction to extend the turn lane on Overbrook Road to Montevallo Road in the amount of \$141,000.
- Accepted the professional services proposal submitted by Williamson & Associates, Inc. with respect to library building exterior consulting services.
- Accepted the professional services proposal submitted by William Whittaker, Architect, with respect to design services for the joint fire and police training building.
- Authorized execution of Skipper Consulting agreement for no cell phone usage in school zones study in the amount of \$6,250.
- Proclaimed June 2016 as Golf Month.
- Adopted the Personnel Board of Jefferson County 2015-2016 Annual Classification Survey.
- Contracted with Sain Associates for CE&I for the Phase 5b Sidewalk Project.
- Authorized the execution of a Clinical Agreement between the City and Wallace State Community College.
- Authorized Walter Schoel Engineering Company, Inc. to perform a preliminary study of a pedestrian bridge over Shades Creek in Jemison Park.
- Authorized real estate agreement between the City and Rami Achdut for the City's purchase of a 0.17 acre residential parcel adjacent to the City's Cahaba River Walk property located along Overton Road in the amount of \$15,000.
- Resolution recommending to the ABC Board the issuance of Retail Beer (On or Off Premises Only) and Retail Table Wine (On or Off Premises Only) licenses to Crestline Piggly Wiggly, LLC.
- Declared a 2008 Dodge Dakota SLT truck surplus and ratified its sale for fair value.



## Recent City Council Actions (cont.)

- Resolution setting a public hearing for July 11, 2016 at 7 pm to consider an ordinance amending Sec. 129-295 of the City Code regarding open houses, home tours, and special events in residential zoning districts.
- Resolution setting a public hearing for July 11, 2016 at 7 pm to consider an ordinance amending Articles I, X, XI, XII of the City Code regarding office uses and medical clinics.
- Approved the lunchtime restaurant conditional use (lunch service) application for Biscuit Boy at 2708 Culver Road.
- Appointed the City Clerk as Election Manager for the August 23, 2016 general municipal election and any related run-off election held thereafter.
- Authorized an agreement with Details Communication, Inc. for website design and development services for Emmet O'Neal Library.
- Authorized the execution of a release agreement with Brookwood Baptist Church with respect to the May 3, 2016 private water main rupture caused by a defective (private) fire hydrant.
- Approved the conditional (service) use application for Back-on-Track Chiropractic at 2031-B Cahaba Road, Mountain Brook (Local Business District).
- Reaffirmed Resolutions 2015-164 through 167 adopted on November 9, 2015 concerning the cost sharing agreement between the City, City of Birmingham, and ALDOT with respect to the roundabout improvements, ALDOT Project CMAQ-3715 in Mountain Brook Village.
- Resolution recommending to the ABC Board the transfer of the Retail Beer (On or Off Premises) License and the Retail Table Wine ( On or Off Premises) License of Western Supermarkets, Inc. in conjunction with its relocation from 2717 Culver Road to 1000 Jemison Lane effective early to mid-October 2016.
- Authorized the purchase of two ambulances in the amount of \$398,200 after trade-ins.
- Awarded bid to Brown Mechanical Contractors, Inc. for the purchase and installation of two HVAC units on top of the roof of Emmet O'Neal Library in the amount of \$196,950.00.
- Authorized the compensation for service for municipal court justices to be \$900 monthly for each judge effective July 1, 2016.
- Motion setting a public hearing for July 25, 2016 to consider the adoption of a resolution approving the Petition for Vacation of a portion of South Cove Drive filed by St. Luke's Episcopal Church, for the vacation of a portion of the improved street.
- Authorized the execution of three (3) service and facility use agreements between the City and 1) Mountain Brook Athletics, 2) Mountain Brook Soccer Association, and 3) Mountain Brook Lacross.

## How Do I Find Out What's Happening in The "Brook"?

Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce

- a. Call Chamber office at 871-3779
- b. Sign up for newsletter at [www.welcometomountainbrook.com](http://www.welcometomountainbrook.com)  
Top of page enter your email in "Sign up for Our Newsletter" and Submit

Mountain Brook City Website – [www.mtnbrook.org](http://www.mtnbrook.org)

Police Department – [www.mtnbrook.org](http://www.mtnbrook.org) > Departments

Fire Department – [www.mtnbrook.org](http://www.mtnbrook.org) > Departments

Emmet O'Neal Library – [www.eolib.org](http://www.eolib.org)

Village Living – [www.villagelivingonline.com](http://www.villagelivingonline.com)

Facebook – "Friend" Mountain Brook Police Department, Mountain Brook Fire Department and Mountain Brook Animal Control on Facebook – let us know if you see an issue we need to check on.



## City Management Contacts

### City Manager

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### Assistant to City Manager

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### Finance Department

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### Municipal Court

Turner Williams, Judge  
K.C. Hairston, Judge  
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### Police Department

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### Public Works

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### Parks and Recreation Department

Shanda Williams, Parks Superintendent  
802-3879  
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### Library

Sue DeBrecht, Director  
445-1192  
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# New Businesses

## AMBULATORY HEALTH CARE SERVICES

- Back On Track Chiropractic & Wellness Center, PC, 2301-B Cahaba Road, 205-967-6776
- Cardinal Counseling and Consulting, Inc., 421 Office Park Drive, 205-418-8171
- Next Chapter Counseling, LLC, 200 Office Park Drive, Suite 218, 205-549-3033

## AMUSEMENT/ RECREATIONAL

- Mpower Fitness LLC (dba\ Mpower Pilates & Cycle Studio), 2419 Canterbury Road, 213-258-7566

## CLOTHING AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES STORES

- Platinum Pilates, LLC, 250 Rele Street, 205-365-1621
- WSM Family, LLC (dba\B Kids), 2405 Montevallo Road, 205-807-6518

## SPECIALTY CONTRACTORS

- GF & CD LLC, 3628 Mountain Park Drive, 205-994-0531

## CREDIT INTERMEDIATION AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

- Cambron Agency, LLC (The), 9 Office Park Circle, Suite 102, 205-542-7674
- Progress Bank And Trust, 200 Office Park, Suite 114, 205-779-7020

## RETAILERS

- Alabama Borders LLC (dba\ Alabama Borders), 3765 North Woodridge Rd, 205-967-8621
- Caliber Sports, LLC, 251 Rele Street, 205-803-0034
- Clark, Anna (dba\Southern Feather), 52 Fairway Drive, 205-427-2528
- Gifts For the Spirit, LLC, 3345 Cherokee Road, 205-777-7146

- Word Inspiring Designs, LLC, 26 Winthrop Avenue, 205-870-1808

## PERSONAL SERVICES

- LinFox Salon, LLC, 26 Dexter Avenue, 205-518-6116

## PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

- BroadFocus, LLC, 3828 Arundel Drive, 205-410-0545
- Ingram Law LLC, 4 Office Park Circle, 205-335-2640
- Invision Ophthalmology, P. C. (dba\Young H Choi MD), 2700 Hwy 280, Suite 212, 205-879-2221
- KSMA Enterprises, LLC (dba\Pet Vet Express), 253 Country Club Park, 205-229-3843
- Neal, Kelli, 3 Office Park, Suite 113, 256-620-0660
- Thomas, Sara (dba\True North Paper Company), 3799 Crosby Drive, 443-466-8231

## Quarterly Crime Statistics

	1st Quarter 2016	2nd Quarter 2016
Robbery	2	0
Robbery (aggravated shoplifting)	0	0
Burglary/Residence	7	11
Burglary/Business	1	1
Theft	51	34
Theft from Vehicle (UBEV)	6	11
Auto Theft	2	2
Assaults (Other)	1	1
Identity Theft	26	16
Criminal Mischief	6	5
Drugs	26	19
Family Violence	3	5
Accidents	232	248
A With Injuries	13	21
A With Fatalities	1	0
Calls For Service	6,689	7,494
House Watches	395	676
Property Stolen	\$426,831	\$219,171
Property Recovered	\$19,612	\$22,240

### 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.

## Building Permit Activity

Permit Type:	1st Quarter - 2016		2nd Quarter - 2016	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	10	\$ 4,720,540	16	\$12,861,071
Alterations/ Additions	78	\$11,097,907	116	\$13,934,818
Repairs/Other	192	\$ 4,018,839	206	\$ 3,758,553
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>\$19,837,286</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>\$30,554,442</b>



## Island Beautification Policy

Did you know that the City will assist you in making the traffic islands in your neighborhood more attractive? The City adopted a resolution that allows the City to contribute from \$1,000 - \$3,000 to help residents, neighborhoods, and/or garden clubs beautify the boring plots of grass they pass every day. The island at Mountain Park Circle is one example of this joint effort.

If you have ideas for your local traffic island, contact Shanda Williams ([williamssh@mtnbrook.org](mailto:williamssh@mtnbrook.org)) or 802-3879 at the Parks and Recreation Department. She will be able to help you develop the design and get approval from the Parks Board and City Council if necessary. The full resolution, complete with guidelines and restrictions, can be found on the City's website, [www.mtnbrook.org](http://www.mtnbrook.org) under Parks and Recreation.

## Schedule of Meetings

<b>CITY COUNCIL*</b>	2nd & 4th Mon.	7:00 p.m. <i>(Call 802-3800 for time of Pre-Meeting)</i>	City Hall
<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>	2nd Mon.	3:30 p.m.	Call Board of Ed Office 871-4608
<b>LIBRARY BOARD</b>	3rd Tues.	4:45 p.m.	Library
<b>PARK &amp; REC. BOARD</b>	2nd Tues.	5:00 p.m.	City Hall
<b>BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT</b>	3rd Mon.	5:00 p.m.	City Hall
<b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b>	1st Mon.	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
<b>DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE</b>	3rd Wed.	8:00 a.m.	City Hall
<b>TREE COMMISSION</b>	3rd Tues. (odd months)	5:15 p.m.	City Hall
<b>CHAMBER OF COMMERCE</b>	3rd Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	City Hall

# Village FUN FACTS!

What village and where is this planter located?  
Where was the planter's previous home?

Answers on PAGE 9





# Pest Management

If there are trees and shrubs on your property, you've probably looked up at some point and noticed a "sudden" problem; whether it was discolored or thin foliage, piles of sawdust at the base of the tree, or any number of other conditions and/or symptoms that range from subtle to drastic. The idea of rectifying the problem can be quite intimidating for a wide variety of reasons. But there are a few key considerations and rules of thumb that apply to virtually every situation and can at least help you determine which treatments may be necessary.

It is significantly easier and cheaper to avoid a pest infestation than it is to mitigate. In many respects, it is still an uphill battle because trees growing in developed/disturbed areas are subject to an elevated number of stress factors (the effects of which are cumulative). Primarily, they are either direct mechanical injury to a tree, or stress resulting from any number of activities within the root zone. Pests are automatically attracted to plants that are injured and/or stressed. It is a good idea to preserve and protect as much root zone area as possible, and provide enough supplemental water to that zone as possible

(high volume, low pressure) before the onset of drought conditions.

Infestations will still occur. When they do, consider the following questions:

1. What is the nature and extent of the injury?
2. Is the infestation/damage actively occurring?
3. What type of product and mode of action is appropriate to effectively target the pest?

It is important to note that in many instances with an otherwise healthy vigorous tree, the impact of a given pest is largely aesthetic. In such cases, no pest control action is warranted. When it is, there are a few specific options. One class of product kills by way of direct contact. To work, the pest must be in a stage of its life cycle where it is exposed and active; or the product must have a sufficient residual presence in order to make contact when the pest does arrive. Other products work through systemic action (i.e. the product is taken up and

dispersed throughout the plant by the vascular system), killing either by direct contact or ingestion of treated tissue. An active infestation of wood borers, for example, usually requires a direct injection of product into the thin layer of conductive cells just beneath the bark layer. Other times, a similar product can be injected into the soil within the dripline, or applied as a "drench" at the base of a tree. This is done once per season in late winter/early spring, to protect a tree that has been injured or otherwise deemed susceptible. This basic framework and approach should be employed to increase the chances of successfully addressing any given problem with pests in the landscape. It should also serve as valuable information for a homeowner, when discussing potential remedies with a service provider.

Don Cafaro  
City Arborist

# Safety Light Arm Bands

In April of this year the Police Department purchased 1200 armbands that light up (blue). Officers were to distribute the armbands to anyone walking or running that did not have proper lighting or reflective clothing per Mountain Brook City Ordinance Sec 46-7.

## 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.

(Ord. No. 1665, § 1, 6-13-2005)

Officers began handing the armbands out on April 22. The encounters also gave officers an opportunity to explain the Mountain Brook ordinance and discuss the safety aspects of proper reflective clothing and/or the flashing lights. The armbands were an instant success! Citizens started tracking down officers asking for the armbands. All 200 were distributed in less than a week!

The Police Department continued to get requests for the armbands, so in May we re-ordered 200 more. The re-order arrived in late May. After 2 more weeks of distributing them, the Department has less than 50 left at this time. To say the least, the armbands have proven to be a very positive public relations tool for the Police Department.

# Take Pride in our City



Do your part to keep our City clean and attractive. Litter is not only unattractive but costly to clean up. Trash and litter should be properly deposited in a waste container or recycling bin. Large trash items should be left at the curb (not in the street) for pick up by Waste Management.

Additionally, pets should be curbed at all times and never soil our sidewalks, playing fields or your neighbor's yard. Pet owners should immediately and properly clean up any accidents that may occur.

*"Don't just do what's your responsibility, do what needs to be done." ~Pivot*

## Compost is Still Available



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

The city recycles the loose leaves collected each year in the Fall and Winter. The leaves are picked up at the curb by Waste Management as a service to the citizens. The leaves are then dropped off at the Public Works facility at 3579 East Street, Mountain Brook Alabama, near Rathmell Soccer complex. (use Birmingham if entering into GPS) The leaves are pushed into piles, turned, and as a result of decomposing, become compost, a useful gardening by-product of the leaves.

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.

## Protecting Your Dogs

My name is Ashley Eason, and I am the Animal Control Officer for the City of Mountain Brook. My job is to address animal ordinance violations within our city. I locate lost or stray pets, determine why they are loose, and return them to their homes or find homes for the few that are homeless. **Unfortunately, the majority of the dogs that I pick up do not have any form of identification.** Not only does it take longer to get the dog home, there is also the risk that we cannot find the owner. In my experience, a lot of people think that if their dog were to get loose someone will turn it in. Social media has proven to be helpful in reuniting pets, but not everyone uses social media. However, **a lost pet can be easily avoided** by keeping a close watch on your animal(s), checking the batteries in shock collars at least once a month, checking the condition of structured fencing, and **by always having a**



**collar with identifying tags on your dog.** Both tags and microchips are extremely

affordable ranging from around eight dollars to thirty dollars. There are many types of tags on the market today, but I recommend metal slip tags because they do not jingle and are inexpensive. You can purchase them locally at Hollywood Feed or online.

Most veterinarians offer microchipping services. The procedure is complete in just a few minutes and does not require sedation. The microchips are registered in a national data base and work by storing pertinent owner information such as the owners name, address and telephone number. When scanning a microchip it does not

magically display the owner's information, only a code is displayed. This code must be called into the manufacturer by a veterinary or humane official in order for the owner's information to be released, so there is **still some lag time.**

Simply put, collars with identifying tags + microchipping = less risk of losing your dog and your dog getting home faster. I would highly recommend anyone getting a new pet or anyone that has a pet make sure you provide an identifying collar and microchipping. Dogs will be dogs!

Ashley Eason  
205-802-3844

## Compost Operations

Pierce Godfrey is a key employee in the compost operation. Mr. Godfrey is a Construction Equipment Operator and has worked for Mountain Brook Public Works for 30 years. Thank you Mr. Godfrey for your many years of dedicated service.

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

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



## Keeping the City Clean

The City of Mountain Brook with its winding tree lined streets, creeks, beautiful parks/trails, and unique villages is a very special place to live and work. The Public Works Department is charged with keeping the city clean. Much of this work is done behind the scenes and before many of our residents have woken up! If you are an early morning walker or runner, and many of you are, you may see our village maintenance crew sweeping (2,526 miles swept last year) and cleaning the villages. This crew picks up litter and empties the trash receptacles in the villages as well as watering all of the planted pots. Sidewalks are pressured washed annually. Speaking of flower pots, the Forestry and Right of Way (ROW) crews plant the seasonal flowers in all of the pots. The ROW

crew also cuts the grass along many of the major roadways as well as removing any litter. (133 miles mowed and 304 bags of litter last year)

When the city hosts a special event such as a parade or run, Public Works supplies barricades and works closely with the Police Department to block the necessary intersections and set up parade fencing for safety. After an event, all barricades, fencing, and litter are removed as if there had been no event at all.

Among our many duties, is the unenviable task of removing dead animals from the streets and right of ways. We pick up the small raccoons, squirrels and even a few large deer. (115 dead animals last year)

If a storm hits and a tree or several trees fall, our crews respond and remove the trees to make the roads safe. Many times the trees are removed and cleaned up before people start their day! Yes, we do experience storms during peak rush hour and during those times we appreciate your patience and ask that you drive safely and please watch out for all emergency personnel. (131 storm related

trees last year)

We encourage and invite each of you to help us keep the city clean. If you happen to be visiting a village and spot a piece of litter we have not seen, pick it up and place it in a trash receptacle. You never know what little eyes may be watching and you may inspire others to do the same.





### Street Light Out?

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

## Village **FUN** ANSWER **FACTS!**

The planter is located in Mountain Brook Village along Cahaba Road on the circle between Realty South and Leaf and Petal.

The planter was the centerpiece to the old fountain at the previous city hall.

Sally Legg, a member of the Village Design Review Committee, recommended the city preserve the centerpiece and use it as a planter at its current location. Public Works crews refurbished, installed, and now plant and maintain the "NEW" planter which is actually an "OLD" piece of history.

# Emmet O'Neal Library News

## September = Back Into a School Rhythm

There's plenty going on this school year to keep your kids entertained, educated, and excited. Check out these programs to see what's right for the family.

### PARENT-CHILD PROGRAMS

**Patty Cake Storytime (0-12 months):** Spend quality time with your infant through 20 minutes of fingerplays, songs, bounces, board books, and tactile play. Stick around afterward to hang out with the other babies.

**Mother Goose Storytime (12-24 months):** One year olds love the stories, songs, fingerplays, and dancing. Snacks and a craft round out our program.

**Toddler Tales Storytime (24-36 months):** Bring your 2-year olds for 30-40 minutes of singing, dancing, stories, snacks, and a craft.

**Movers & Makers (3-5 year olds):** Parents participate with their preschoolers in active, creative story play.

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

**Mr. Mac's Family Storytime (all ages):** The whole family will love the puppets, books, and music at this Saturday morning storytime.

### DROP-OFF PROGRAMS

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

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

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

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS

**Family Night:** Enjoy a light dinner and a family show one Tuesday night every month. On September 13, Jon Scalici of Get Rhythm! leads an outdoor drum circle on the lawn. On October 11, magician Arthur Atsma brings his comedic brand of magic show to the library. Etc.: For a little something extra, we bring you the Etcetera program. Brickz 4 Kidz will bring their LEGO collections and activities for an after-school Etc. on Wednesday, September 21. In October, Etc. will be the yearly favorite, A Night Dark & Grimm.

## Children's Department

### Back to School Movie on the Lawn



Enjoy these long summer evenings while they last – bring your family to the library for a movie on the big screen. Pack yourself a picnic supper and a blanket, then head over to the lawn across the street from the library on Friday, August 19, at 7:30 pm to laugh out loud to the latest zany zoo animal caper.



Arthur Atsma magic show.

### A NIGHT DARK & GRIMM

On Friday, October 21, don't forget your costume when you come to discover magic and enchantment hiding at the library. A Night Dark & Grimm, our annual evening of family fairy-tale fantasy fun, will include face painting, crafts, snacks, games, and live fairy-tale characters. The evening will conclude with a movie sing-along on the lawn, so bring chairs or a blanket and your best singing voice to get musical with your favorite long-haired heroine and her adorable pet chameleon.

# Emmet O'Neal Library News

## Crestline Open House



You might have heard about the big Crestline Open House during tax free weekend on August 6th. But, did you know it is not just for merchants? The Library will have its own tent at the big event where you can stop by for a free tote bag and other goodies. More importantly, the Library will be providing you with all the information you need to be better prepared to send your child to college; you will find tips on promoting good financial decision-making, planning skills, and paying for college. Our

handouts and books will help you and your child understand how to choose a college major that will pay off rather than leave your child in debt. How does the library manage to bring these wonderful (and free) information to you? Through a grant from FINRA and ALA! So please remember to stop by the Library tent at Open House, grab your tote bag and free goodies, and educate yourself about the costs of education before you grab those tax free deals!

## STEAM Powered

Get on board with a brand new program for upper elementary students. From computer programming to music composition, your child will have the opportunity to explore a wide array of science, technology, engineering, arts, and math concepts in a thrilling and creative way. We'll share the most exciting new devices, resources, and activities that make seemingly difficult skills into something accessible, appealing, and tons of fun. For example, in the first few STEAM programs, kids may have the opportunity to program their friends to complete a maze, set up random objects like bananas and play dough as video game controllers, and become experts on the why and how of bird migration. Visit our online registration calendar at [www.eolib.org](http://www.eolib.org) to sign up your 4th, 5th, or 6th grader.



"A Night Dark and Grimm" volunteers

# Emmet O'Neal Library News

## Adult & Teen News

### Flipster & Freegal

Enjoy your favorite music and magazines on your tablet, computer or mobile device with your library card! Flipster Digital Magazines brings you the latest issues of favorites like Consumer Reports, Southern Living, Men's Health, and more. Over fifty magazines are available to Mountain Brook residents. Titles may be read on or offline and never expire.

Freegal Music allows three free downloads per week, per library card of many of your favorite musicians. This service also offers three hours of streaming music daily, much like Pandora, Spotify or other streaming services. With Freegal, Mountain Brook residents have access to Sony Music Catalog where you will find such artists as Adele, One Direction, and Justin Timberlake. If you are an adventurous listener, try one of the hundreds of genres offered through the service. To access your musical catalog visit the Library's webpage at [www.eolib.org](http://www.eolib.org) and look under Adult Resources.



Save the Date!

### For Western Supermarkets Annual Wine & Food Festival

This year's Wine Event will be held on Friday evening, September 30th at The Birmingham Zoo. At this annual night of food and fun, you will find several hundred wines open for tasting and fantastic food prepared by vendors from all over Alabama. Don't miss out on a fun night and a great benefit for the library! Tickets will be available at Western Supermarkets and Emmet O'Neal Library. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the library's "An Evening With The Author" series whose previous guests include Khaled Hosseini, Alexander Mc Call

Smith, Mary Kay Andrews, Carl Hiaasen, and, most recently, Doris Kearns Goodwin.

For information on the Annual Wine & Food Festival, please contact Western Supermarkets or the Emmet O'Neal Library.

**Friday,  
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### LIBRARY TRIVIA: HALLOWEEN EDITION!

Test your literary wits with the Halloween edition of Library Trivia! On Thursday evening, October 27th the library's Adult Department will host Halloween trivia night. Our questions will cover scores of scary authors from Stephen King to Henry James. Think you know the plots of the most hair raising horror novels? Come test your skills! If you like gothic novels, suspense and thrillers, we will have questions for you too! Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams will be Village Gold Gift Cards. Register your team of 2-4 people by calling the Library's Adult Department at 445-1121. Registration deadline is October 21st!



### Yoga & Poetry @ EOL

Gentle yoga invites you to stay present. Poetry captures our attention with every chosen word. Join yoga teacher and librarian Marie Blair for four weeks of exploring both. Each 1 ½ hour session will begin with reading and reflecting on poetry followed by a gently-paced yoga class. Some mats will be available to borrow but bring your own if possible. Come prepared to enjoy the poetry of Rabia, Rumi, Hafiz, Lao Tsu, Saint Teresa of Avila, Wendell Berry, Naomi Shihab Nye, and Mary Oliver, among others. Yoga & Poetry @ EOL begins this fall. Please contact Katie Moellering, Adult Services Librarian, for more information at [kmoellering@bham.lib.al.us](mailto:kmoellering@bham.lib.al.us) or 205-445-1118.





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### Wednesday, August 10th—Saturday, August 13th

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## Mountain Brook Schools Recognized Internationally

Mountain Brook Schools (MBS) is very often seen in local, state, regional and national rankings, but this year MBS is able to add international recognition to that list.



The International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) announced its 2016 awards in April honoring individuals who are paving the way for connected learning.

“Our 2016 award winners are creating innovative digital age learning environments for their students, transforming lives and expanding horizons,” said Jessica Medaille, ISTE chief collaboration officer. “We are excited to congratulate these visionary leaders and celebrate their achievements at ISTE 2016.”

Superintendent Dr. Dicky Barlow, Board of Education President Brad Sklar, Technology Coordinator Donna Williamson, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Missy Brooks and several MBS technology coordinators traveled to Denver in late June to receive the 2016 ISTE Distinguished District Award on behalf of Mountain Brook Schools System.

In the press release highlighting the 2016 ISTE Award Winners, Mountain Brook Schools was recognized with the following statement:

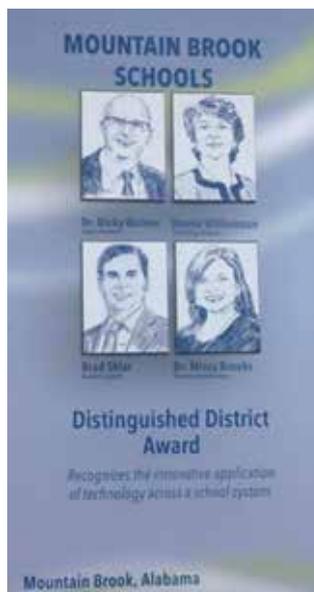
“Honored for innovation and equitable and appropriate technology use for all students in a school system with the goal of increasing learning opportunities and improving achievement, the Mountain Brook Schools created the Institute for Innovation to focus on empowering teachers and students to live with

a growth mindset and problem solve through play, passion and purpose. As a facet of the Metamorphosis Project, and through the support of the Mountain Brook Schools Foundation, the Institute for Innovation facilitates a focus on educational transformation. Ideas stemming from the Institute for Innovation for 2015-2016 include a 3D design and technology maker room pilot; a virtual world using multiple data projectors and gaming technologies; a flipped learning kit using the Double Flip and Enrichment for All; and an investigating program for students. All of these pilots can be replicated and grow in the coming years. The Institute plans to select and fund more pilots each year, providing continued innovation and learning growth year after year.”

The Foundation has awarded over \$6.3 million to MBS since its beginnings in 1992. Of that \$6.3 million, almost \$3.1 million has been awarded specifically for technology enhancements, closely followed by just under \$3 million for professional development.

These enhancements, possible because of the generous and constant support of Mountain Brook residents and alumni, ensure that the system’s students and faculty are supplied with all of the necessary tools to guarantee a forward-thinking and progressive momentum in learning for many years to come.

Started by a small group of K-12 and University of Oregon educators nearly 40 years ago, the vision of ISTE is a world where all learners thrive, achieve and contribute.



### 2016-2017 Award to MBS Takes Foundation Awards over \$6.3 Million

*Each spring, the Foundation determines its Annual award amount to Mountain Brook Schools through a formula designed to offer the most benefit to the students and faculty while maintaining a solid endowment fund. The award for the 2016-2017 school year is \$389,873.*

*This award divided between Library Enhancements, Professional Learning and Technology Enhancements brings the Foundation’s total awards to MBS to over \$6.3 million since its founding in 1992.*

*Support from local residents, alumni, businesses and friends is crucial to the Foundation’s success.*

*In a recent presentation to Birmingham corporate leaders, MBS Superintendent Dr. Dicky Barlow stressed, “The need for the Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation is just as crucial in 2016 as it was when it was founded in 1992.” Challenges in state funding have caused many school districts, including Mountain Brook, to operate in deficit modes. Alabama has cut its total state and local investment in K-12 schools by 11.3 percent per student between 2008 and 2014. (Center on Budget and Policy Priorities) In the April 2015 issue of School Business Affairs, Bill Hoffman, immediate past chair of the National School Foundation Association, addressed the need and trend for local support of school systems, “Philanthropists recognize that investments in our youth are necessary for them to enroll in postsecondary education. The public is realizing the economic impact that successful graduates can have and is looking for opportunities to provide structured support, with education foundations filling that role.” Thank you to all of you who have supported the Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation since 1992. Your support truly makes a difference for every student, teacher, and school, every year.*

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Many corporations match employee donations. Here are just a few that match gifts made to K-12 education along with the match ratios and maximum match amounts.

Your donations to the Foundation could double, or possibly triple, just by submitting the proper information. Do you work for one of these corporations?

### Foundation Office Grows



Sara Thetford, a graduate of Birmingham Southern College and former Student Ministry Logistics Coordinator & Youth Minister at Canterbury United Methodist Church, has joined the Foundation as part-time assistant to Executive Director Stephanie Maxwell.

*Welcome Sara!*

# Mountain Brook Schools Welcome the Class of 2029

In August, MBS will welcome a whole new class of Kindergarteners to its elementary schools - members of the MBHS Class of 2029! While this may be an alarming date for many parents, these eager and excited students will indeed begin their path through elementary and secondary education.

The first day of school is a time of excitement, change, tears and smiles, and it is also a time of transition from preschool, nannies, Mother's Day Outs, and other activities.

Recently, MBCSF Board Member Annemarie Axon suggested a wonderful campaign for new families, "Most all new Kindergarten families have been paying some form of monthly tuition or payment for



Annemarie Axon

preschool, childcare or the like. These families can make one more month of payments, but instead of making it to the preschool, make it to MBCSF. It's a great way to begin supporting the Foundation with that "one more month" annual gift."

With this suggestion, the One More Month Campaign has

come to fruition. All new families will be given the opportunity to participate in the 2029 One More Month Campaign to be held August 1 - September 30. Donations can be made online or mailed to the Foundation Office at any time.

To ensure that you are included in the campaign's honor roll, just simply put 2029 in the note field online or in the memo line of your check.

"The Foundation truly benefits every student through their Mountain Brook educational experience. Every family should want to be a part of ensuring their children's success."

Annemarie and her husband, Will, are the parents of two children at Mountain Brook Elementary.

## Ways to Give to the Foundation

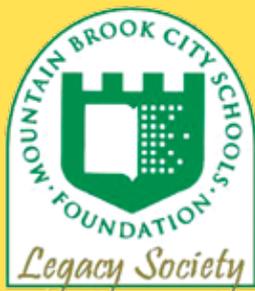
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Also, **Amazon Prime Members** can donate to the Foundation by changing the login web address to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and selecting the Foundation as your charitable organization. A percentage of your purchases will be donated to MBCSF.

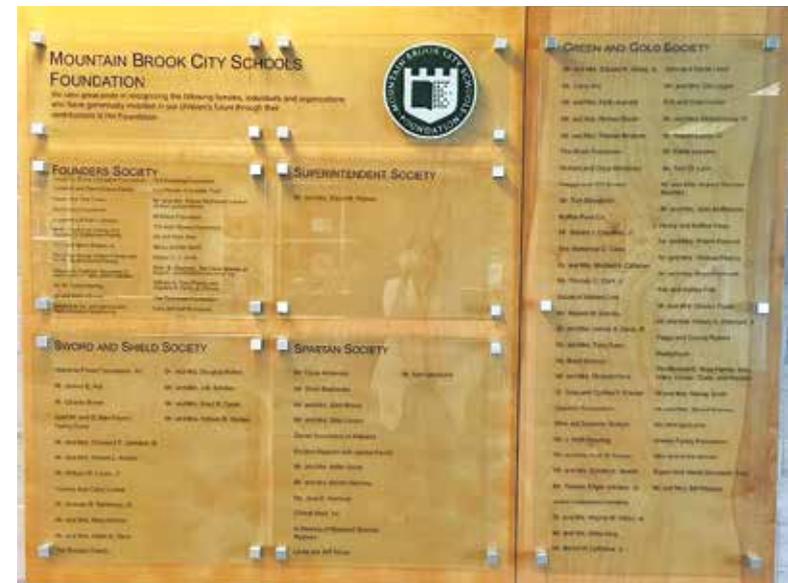


## Lifetime Giving Walls Update Scheduled for December

Supporters of the Foundation who have a lifetime cumulative donation total of \$10,000 or more are recognized on Lifetime Giving Walls located in each of the MBS schools.

This December, those six walls will be updated to reflect the most current Lifetime Giving Society Members. Also, a new wall will be added in the lobby of the Charles Mason Building.

Donations received by November 15, 2016, will be included in the Lifetime giving totals to determine the final listing to be included on updates in December. Pledges, both annual and multi-year, will be accepted toward inclusion on the listing.



## Lifetime Giving Society Levels are as follows:

Name	Amount
Pillars Society	\$200,000 and above
Founders Society	\$100,000 - \$199,999
Superintendent's Society	\$75,000 - \$99,999
Spartan Society	\$50,000 - \$74,999
Sword & Shield Society	\$25,000 - 49,999
Green & Gold Society	\$10,000 - \$24,999



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**2016**  
*Class Gift Program*  
**Goal: \$75,000**  
**\$82,221**  
*Gifts & Pledges Received*

At the MBHS Awards Day on May 17th, Senior Student Class Gift Captain Mathilde Sharman '16 presented the Foundation with a commemorative check for \$82,221 to represent the gifts and pledges received from parents of graduating seniors between their entry into 10th grade and their graduation on May 26th.

The Class of 2016 Gift Program was co-chaired by Lane and Thomas DeWine and Leigh and Brian Doud. Along with a team of parent callers, the inaugural program received gifts and pledges from half of its families. This is a huge sign of support by parents in a public high school setting.

Class of 2017 and 2018 Gift Captains and Callers are ready to begin to grow their Class Gifts, currently at \$28,700 and \$26,500 respectively. Class of 2019 Captains and Callers are currently being recruited. All Gift Program Drives will kick off on September 1st. Parents will receive requests and notifications by mail, email and/or phone contact. Thank you, in advance, for your generous support.

## Class Gift Programs Revive Annual Giving for MBCSF

*Thank you Class of 2016 Parents*

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