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City Elections

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 26, 2014 when the City's residents will vote to fill three city council seats. The following seats are up for election:

Candidates may not officially qualify to run for these seats until July 1, 2014. Residents should expect to receive post cards in August informing them of their polling location.

Please visit the City's web site at www.mtnbrook.org for additional dates and information.

Pos.	Currently Held By
1	Amy G. Carter
3	William S. (Billy) Pritchard, III
5	Jesse S. Vogtle, Jr.

Other pertinent dates are as follows:

JULY 1

- Mayor gives notice of the election (first Tuesday in July).
- Candidates may begin qualifying once notice is published.
- Qualification forms are available from the City Clerk.

JULY 15

- Last day to qualify to run for municipal office (due on or before 5p.m.). Forms are available from the City Clerk.

AUGUST 8

- Last day for a resident to register as a qualified elector for the August 26, 2014 general municipal election.

AUGUST 21

- Last day for a voter to apply for a regular absentee ballot.
- Last day to file the 5-10 day pre-election campaign disclosure form with the Probate Judge.
- Last day to publish the list of qualified voters.

AUGUST 25

- Last day for a voter to apply for an emergency absentee ballot (for persons required by their employer to be out of town on election day).
- Voting machines are to be sealed.
- Absentee ballots, if mailed, must be postmarked by August 25. Hand delivered absentee ballots must be received by 5 p.m.

AUGUST 26

- Election day.

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Council President:

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President Pro Tem: Amy Carter

Jack Carl

Jesse Vogtle Jr.,

William S. "Billy" Pritchard, III

City Manager:

Sam S. Gaston, 802-3800

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

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RESIDENT SURVEY

In late January, 2000 Mountain Brook households received a survey from the City of Mountain Brook regarding municipal services. The survey was administered by the ETC Institute of Olathe, Kansas.

Almost 800 surveys were returned which is a 40% response, far above the normal rate. If you responded, we appreciate your comments and suggestions on municipal services.

The City will be reviewing the survey results and comments over the next few weeks and the survey results will be posted on the City's web site and released to the media in May.

Cahaba River Park

Imagine. Create. Enjoy.



Close your eyes and imagine a place where you can get away from the hectic chores of your daily life to enjoy a casual stroll, sit and enjoy a good book, or have an intimate conversation with close friends or family all while feeling the seclusion of a beautiful forest with the echoing sounds of a nearby flowing river.

Thanks to the vision of our city leaders, we have an opportunity of a lifetime to create a very special place for our community. Cahaba River Park and its creation are in the works, but we need your support. With the desire to make a few dreams a reality for this slice of heaven we need to have the help of many. Cahaba River Park can be an amazing asset with multiple purposes. The location is pristine. The Alabama Department of Environmental Management

recognizes Cahaba River Park's location as one of only three sections of the Cahaba River considered "Outstanding Alabama Waters". Also, groups like The Cahaba River Society with missions to restore and protect the Cahaba River and its rich diversity of life recognize the potential value of our dream park. Beth K. Stewart, Executive Director of The Cahaba River Society, shared with me, "The Cahaba River Society is excited about this potential park project. The more people can access and enjoy the Cahaba River, the more support the Cahaba River garners for its protection."

Please give to help the Cahaba River Park grow into something very special. Your gifts are tax deductible and the enjoyment you will receive will be a huge return on your investment

in the community. Imagine the possibilities. Create the memories. Enjoy nature.

Please make your donations to "The City of Mountain Brook". Note on your check "Cahaba River Park". You may mail your check to The City of Mountain Brook, P.O. Box 130009, Mountain Brook, AL 35213.

Bids for the construction of our newest park, Cahaba River Park, were opened on April 24th. The City Council is expected to award the bid to a contractor in May. Construction of the park should be completed in the Fall.

Cahaba River Park is a 4.7 acre tract of land backing up to the Cahaba River at the Overton Road/Oakdale Road intersection. The City purchased the property from Brookwood Baptist Church in 2011.

Quarterly Crime Statistics

	4th Quarter 2013	1st Quarter 2014
Robbery	0	0
Robbery (aggravated shoplifting)	1	0
Burglary/Residence	11	14
Burglary/Business	1	1
Theft	41	32
Theft from Vehicle (UBEV)	17	32
Auto Theft	1	3
Assaults (Other)	1	1
Identity Theft	15	13
Criminal Mischief	10	10
Drugs	23	13
Family Violence	3	6
Accidents	260	244
A With Injuries	19	14
A With Fatalities	0	0
Calls For Service	6,990	6,998
House Watches	902	711
Property Stolen	\$234,117	\$186,197
Property Recovered	\$2,493	\$60,053

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.



Recent City Council Actions

The City Council has approved or authorized the following projects since January, 2014:

- Sold 2 Crown Victoria Cars to City of Clay for a total of \$6,500.
- Authorization of an Employee Assistance Program Service Agreement between the City and American Behavioral EAP, LLC.
- Authorize the execution of a Preferred Pay Plan Agreement Addendum between the City and Municipal Workers' Compensation Fund, Inc. (MWCF) with respect to the City's self-insured workers' compensation program administration.
- Award the bid for the purchase of a rifle sighting system

for the police department at the cost of \$18,400 for 40 rifle sights.

- Declare certain weapons (10 shotguns) surplus and authorizing their trade in conjunction with the purchase of replacement weapons.
- Award the bid for the purchase and installation of ceiling tiles at the Emmet O'Neal Library at the cost of \$138,767.86.
- Award the bid for the purchase of a 16-foot platform skid and 15 foot (16 yard) dump bed both with hook lifts for the Public Works Department at the total cost of \$37,787.00.
- Authorize the execution of a professional services agreement between the City and Sain Associates

for design services with respect to the Phase 9 sidewalk construction project.

- Declare a 2009 Crown Victoria surplus and authorizing its disposal (totaled in the recent winter storm) in consideration of \$6,917.06 to be paid by Progressive Insurance.
- Approve the Scott & Scott shared parking agreement with respect to the CVS Pharmacy to be located in Country Club Park.
- Acceptance of 3-year plan for executing street stripping by Highway Management Systems, Inc., in the bid amount of \$354,500.
- Approval of the bid for utility street cut repairs to Smith Paving, Inc., for \$45 per square yard of asphalt.

- Approval to execute the First Amendment to Tower site Lease Agreement between the City and Crown Castle PT, Inc. for cellular tower at the Public Works facility.
- Authorize the Mayor or City manager to execute the Fourth Amendment to Tower Site Lease Agreement with STC Five, LLC for cellular tower at Fire Station #3.
- Recommend to the ABC Board the issuance of a 240 – Non-Profit Tax Exempt license to The Preschool Partners Foundation (trade name The Food Truck Round Up) for its April 26, 2014 Fundraising event to be held in the parking lot of 780 Brookwood

- Village, Mountain Brook, AL.
- Authorization of the renewal for the New World Systems Standard Software Maintenance Agreement.
- Authorization of Additional Software License Agreement between the City and New World Systems with respect to the installation of Aegis Law Enforcement Mobile Unit Software

- for the Police Department.
- Acceptance of supplement agreement between the City and Sain Associates for additional construction, engineering, and inspection services in respect to the Safe Routes to School sidewalk projects.

Public WiFi Initiative

Plans are underway to expand the City's free public WiFi network to include the playing fields at Brookwood Forest Elementary and Rathmell Park. The City hopes to have these locations online later this spring. The City's WiFi network includes: 1) the High School and adjacent Athletic Complex which covers the outdoor areas of the high school complex including the football field, soccer fields, tennis courts, parking lot, and the baseball fields, 2) Overton Park, and 3) Crestline Village.

Public WiFi is free, filtered, and monitored by the City. As with any public WiFi, users assume all risk associated with using the service and should always exercise good judgment and caution to avoid unauthorized access of their private information. If you have questions or comments about the City's public WiFi network, please call our technology staff at 802-3819 or 802-3820.

Building Permit Activity

Permit Type:	4th Quarter - 2013		1st Quarter - 2014	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	7	\$6,068,440	14	\$30,141,412
Alterations/Additions	156	\$8,011,358	107	\$16,214,432
Repairs/Other	116	\$6,721,093	161	\$3,025,001
Totals:	279	\$20,800,891	282	\$49,380,845



Tree Commission members, L to R, Ken Key, Ruth Mears and Bill Warren, hold the award from the National Arbor Day Foundation for Mountain Brook's 20 consecutive years as a Tree City USA.

Tree Commission News

The Mountain Brook Tree Commission wishes to express its sincere thanks and appreciation to those who volunteered their time and/or donated materials and space to help make this year's Arbor Day Tree Giveaway a success. These include the management of Western Supermarket, Whole Foods, River Run Piggly Wiggly, and the Emmet O'Neal Library, for allowing us to use their space to set up and distribute seedlings. Boy Scout Troop 320 donated time and labor on another cold, windy evening to bag and label nearly 2000 tree seedlings for distribution the following Saturday. Oak Street Garden Shop donated professionally printed labels for the trees. The Birmingham News, Village Living and The Over-the-Mountain Journal provided space to advertise the event. This event could not be held without such valuable assistance! Shoppers visiting each location on Saturday, March 8 were able to select

from a variety of native tree species (Flowering dogwood, Eastern redbud, White oak, Sweetbay magnolia, and Greenleaf holly). Commission members were on hand at each location to hand out trees, provide information or just simply chat to other tree enthusiasts. Approximately 1300 trees were distributed; the remaining trees were taken to Oak Street Garden Shop for casual distribution/pickup the following week.

The top to bottom success of this annual event is but one of the many reasons why the City of Mtn Brook received its 20th consecutive Tree City USA Award. If you spot a City Council member or Tree Commission member, thank them for their ongoing commitment to fulfill the requirements of the award!

Don Cafaro
City Arborist

New Businesses

CONTRACTOR

- A Woman's Touch Painting, Co., Painting and Wall Covering, 4291 Caldwell Mill Road, 205/567-8214

WHOLESALE/RETAIL

- Catheryne Kilpatrick, LLC, Electronic shopping, mail order, 2927 Balmoral Road, 205/447-5524
- Holley Ryan Sales, Clothing & accessories wholesaler, 141 Euclid Avenue, 847/346-6486
- Major Promotions, Wholesaler, 3517 Spring Valley Court, 205/968-9682
- Sadie Mae Designs, Garden equipment & supplies, 3816 Williamsburg Circle, 205/903-7455

SERVICE

- Bray Insurance Agency, Inc., 600 Olde English Lane #124, 205/871-1515
- Larson & McGowin Properties, LLC, Real estate, 2 Office Park Circle, Suite 119, 205/977-7705
- Simplified Logistic Solutions, LLC, Transportation, 15 Office Park Circle, Suite 210, 205/582-2022
- Timepiece Films, LLC, Motion picture industries, 2547 Beverly Drive, 334/791-1515

PROFESSIONAL

- Botanique Floral Design, 3624 Crestside Road, 205/206-9422
- BWB Professional Photography, 4138 Appomattox Lane, 303/570-9799
- Dunn Dental Care, PC, 244 Country Club Park, 205/870-5700
- Endocrine, Diabetes & Metabolism Clinic, P.C., Health care, 3918 Montclair Road, Suite 217, 205/802-8474
- Gary C. Young, Attorney at Law, 3928 Montclair Road, 205/324-3227
- Heather Meggers-Wright, Professional, 402 Office Park Drive, Suite 250, 205/202-1897
- James P. Pewitt, LLC, Law office, 6 Office Park Circle Suite 116, 205-/612-1140
- Milkay Counseling Services, Health care, 300 Office Park Drive, Suite 200, 205/378-9228
- Quarles Law Firm, LLC, 300 Office Park Drive, Suite 100, 205/874-7000
- Silvics Soutlions, LLC, Computer programming/design, 1 Office Park Circle, Suite 102, 205/977-7707
- Systematic Accounting Services, Inc., 6 Office Park Circle, Suite 102, 205/795-3015
- Virginia Volman, Interior design, 2924 Balmoral Road, 205/223-8881

PERSONAL CARE

- 26 Dexter Hair & Nail Salon, 26 Dexter Avenue, 205/281-1585
- Colleen Dean, Beauty salons, 2816 Culver Road, 205/401-5261



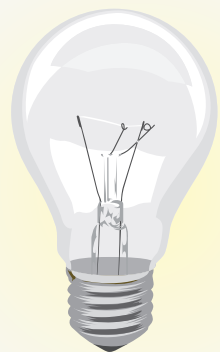
Take Pride in our City

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



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.



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.

Schedule of Meetings

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

*Reminder: City Hall has moved back to 56 Church Street in Crestline Village.

Lane Park

The residential component of the Lane Parke PUD is nearing completion, with the first of five apartment buildings expected to be occupied in June 2014. The remaining four apartment buildings will be ready for occupancy, one each month through October 2014. Site work for Kessler's boutique hotel is well under way with an anticipated completion date of early 2015. The site work for Phase One of the retail component of the project is expected to begin in the next 30-60 days. Expected completion of the retail phase, with individual tenant improvements and move-in, is late 2014. To review the approved amended PUD plans for Lane Parke go to the Planning Department page of the City's website (www.mtnbrook.org).

Board Appointments/Vacancy

APPOINTMENT

The Mayor recently made the following appointment:

- Brian Lucas – Parks & Recreation Board

The City Council has recently made the following reappointments:

- Richard Goldstein – Max Transit Advisory Committee
- Gina Thomas – Tree Commission
- Pete Johnson – Municipal Court Judge
- Turner Williams – Municipal Court Judge
- Norman Orr – Board of Zoning Adjustment
- Tynes Quarles – Village Design Review Committee
- Ellen Elsas – Village Design Review Committee
- James Carter – Village Design Review Committee

APPOINTMENT

The City of Mountain Brook has the following board/committee vacancy to fill in the near future:

- **Village Design Review Committee – Supernumerary Member**
(3-year Council appointment)

If you are interested in this position, please send a letter of inquiry and your resume to:

**Sam S. Gaston, City Manager,
City of Mountain Brook,
PO Box 130009
Mountain Brook, AL 35213
gastons@mtnbrook.org**



MOUNTAIN BROOK PUBLIC WORKS

Our **COMPOST OPERATION** is in full swing at the Public Works facility located at 3579 East Street across from Rathmel Soccer Complex. We load open-bed vehicles Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and in the afternoons between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call our office (205-802-2390) if more information is needed.

LOOSE-LEAF PICKUP SERVICE has ended for this season. All loose leaves and small trash items will have to be containerized for curbside collection.

LARGER TRASH ITEMS should be on the curb for knuckle-boom truck collection. Work done by a contractor is not eligible for pick-up by Waste Management.

REMEMBER IT IS MOSQUITO SEASON!

The City's Mosquito Control Project starts in April with us putting out briquettes. We will begin fogging the right of ways in May.

Remove all standing water from around your property (tree holes, lily ponds). Clean out clogged gutters. Mosquitoes will use any source of standing water available to breed.

For more information on mosquito control visit the Jefferson County Department of Health's website, (www.jcdh.org) search word is "Vector Control" phone 205-933-9110.



Street Paving

The City of Mountain Brook will soon be going out for bids for the 2014 street resurfacing project. After receiving and awarding the bid the work will be scheduled for late June or early July and should take about a month to complete. Caldwell Mill Road from Caldwell Mill Lane to Dolly Ridge Road where the Birmingham Water Works have recently replaced a main will be resurfaced some time this spring. The Caldwell Mill Road paving is a joint paving project between the Birmingham Water Works and the City of Mountain Brook. The other streets to be paved this summer are as follows:

2014 Paving List:

- Cherokee Road From Overcrest to Old Leeds Road
- West Jackson Blvd. (All)
- Overbrook Road From Cherokee Road to Mountain Brook Parkway
- Matthews Drive (All)
- English Village Cahaba Road from English Village Lane to City Limits
- Randolph Road (All)
- Brookwood Road from Shookhill to Overcrest Road
- Greenway Road (All)
- Fairway Drive Behind City Hall (All)
- High School Athletic Drive
- East Fairway Drive (All)

WASTE PICKUP INFORMATION FOR MOUNTAIN BROOK

GARBAGE: Is picked up once a week behind the house or by the garage. Garbage is kitchen and bathroom waste only. Cans cannot be any larger than 30 gallons. Anything larger, including 90-gallon rolling carts, will have to be placed at the curb for pickup. If the driveway is blocked or the dog is out, Waste Management will not pick up the garbage.

RECYCLING: Is picked up once a week at the curb, the same day as the garbage. The following items are recycled:

- Newspaper**
- Aluminum**

Steel and other metal cans
No. 1 through 7 plastics (HDPE-clear plastic milk jugs and PET plastic soft drink containers)

Magazines

Telephone books

Cardboard (with no food on it)

No Glass

One bin per household is provided by Waste Management. Additional bins can be purchased from Waste Management for \$20.00 each.

TRASH: Is picked up once a week at the curb, the same day as the garbage. Items such as the following are considered to be trash:

Small piles of limbs
Bagged grass and leaves, unless more than 4 or 5 bags

Furniture & appliances (mattresses included)

Clothing

Paper products and moving boxes

Yard work supplies (flowerpots, hose, and tools)

Glass, crockery, & metal

KNUCKLEBOOM:

Collected on a weekly basis. Should be on the same day as your garbage service. Service may be slower during the warm months due to spring cleaning. Trash and large piles of limbs and shrubs need to be at the curb, as close to the street as possible without being in the street. Tree limbs cannot weigh more than 90 pounds each or be longer than 4 to 6 feet. Only trees and limbs cut by the resident will be picked up by Waste Management. Any tree cutting and trimming work done by a contractor **MUST** be hauled away by the contractor.

PREPARATION FOR SPECIAL ITEMS:

Paint cans - Remove the lids of the cans. If paint is still inside, put sand, dirt or kitty litter on top of it, then set the cans, with the lids off, at the curb on garbage pick up day.

Appliances with Freon (such as refrigerators and air conditioners) - Will not be picked up until these appliances have been drained of freon and a certified sticker has been placed on the item. A technician at an appliance 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 material, batteries, and tires.

FOR REQUESTS OR COMPLAINTS, PLEASE CONTACT WASTE MANAGEMENT AT (205) 841-2740.

Emmet O'Neal Library News

Children's Department News:

We're cooking up some mad science this summer at the Emmet O'Neal Library. The weather's heating up, and we're ready to FIZZ BOOM READ!



SUNDAY, MAY 18TH – SUMMER READING KICKOFF

The experiment begins with our **Summer Reading Kickoff Carnival**, sponsored by the Junior Women's Committee of 100. The afternoon starts with the Thomas Hughes Brinkley Memorial Fun Run at 3:00, and the carnival follows from 3:30 – 5:30. A carnival wristband (available for pre-orders starting May 1) gives you full access to the activity booths, the train ride, and two snacks from the concession stand; or you can purchase game tickets and concessions as you go. There will also be Summer Reading registration tables and food trucks parked out front.

THE JWC KICKOFF CARNIVAL

supports the children's department by raising essential funding for our resources and services. Members of the JWC also contribute volunteer hours over the course of the year. Special thanks goes to Carnival Chair Elena Leonard, Fun Run Chair Rebecca Patterson, and JWC President Lauren Burgess.

JUNE 2TH – SUMMER READING PROGRAMS BEGIN

PRESCHOOL AND LOWER ELEMENTARY

Keep bringing those little ones to our lapsit storytimes in June and July, offered for children from

birth through 36 months. You can register online at www.eolib.org. For no-registration, family fun, visit Mr. Mac's storytime on **Saturday mornings**.

On **TUESDAYS**, we've got the formula for fun for preschool and lower elementary. In the mornings, come see the best of the best in children's edutainment – puppet shows, live theater, music, and more. In the afternoons, we'll show G-rated movies and serve popcorn.

UPPER ELEMENTARY

Students going into **3RD – 6TH GRADE** will have their own kind of excitement in the Emmet O'Neal Laboratory this summer. We'll serve popcorn and show PG-rated movies on **Thursday mornings**. SNaP continues on **Thursday afternoons** with a wild array of activities. Show up if you dare for crafts, gaming, and a dose of weird science.

SUMMER CAMPS

All camps are for registered patrons only, so be sure to visit our website starting **May 3** and get a spot before they're gone.

LITERACY CAMP

Once again this summer, we will offer two sessions of our literacy camp for rising **1ST AND 2ND GRADERS**. The camps, which use games, storytelling, and hands-on activities to bolster early literacy skills, will be **June 23-26 and July 21-24**.

GLAUB MEMORIAL CAMP: FIZZ, BOOM, SCIENCE!

Each year, the Glaub family and

friends make it possible for us to offer the Geoffrey Glaub Memorial Summer Camp for rising **3RD – 6TH GRADERS**. This year's camp, which will take place **June 9-12**, turns students into scientists with experiments in a different branch of science each day.

MAKERS CAMP

The library has a new makerspace, and we want your kids to get creative. On **June 16 & 18** and again on **July**



14 & 16, we'll bring rising **4TH – 6TH GRADE CAMPERS** into the makerspace and give them a tour of the technology available to help them put their ideas into action. Young makers will have the chance to create something awesome using the tools at their fingertips.

FIZZ! BOOM! READ! & XTREME READS

Visit the children's desk every week to win prizes by playing our weekly games. If you register for the Summer Reading program to keep track of your reading, you can earn the opportunity to visit the book lab and pick out a book to keep. For those elite **3RD – 6TH GRADE READERS** who are ready for a challenge – and wouldn't mind winning an iPad mini – look for the return of our online program, Xtreme Summer Reading.

JULY 29TH – SUMMER READING FINALE

Roger Day concludes our summer of science with a concert on the lawn (and pizza, of course). Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, July 29**. Our hypothesis? This block party will be proved a winner.

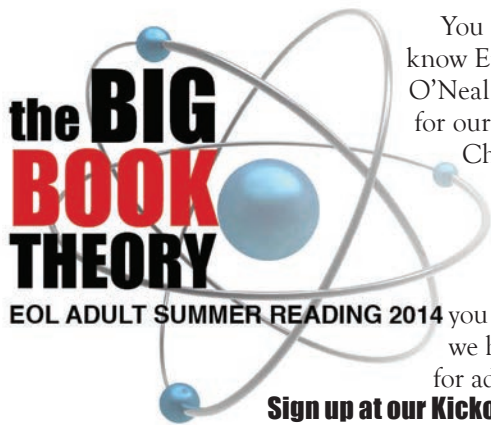
EOLements: You matter!

This summer, you and your family will have the chance to become an essential element in the Emmet O'Neal

Library Children's Department. All summer, drop by the Children's Desk and make a donation to the department, then see your name appear on our giant periodic table of EOLements. Your support matters to us!

Emmet O'Neal Library News

Adult Summer Reading @ Emmet O'Neal Library



You might know Emmet O'Neal Library for our fun Children's Summer Reading Program, but did you know we have one for adults too?

Sign up at our Kickoff on May 18th, then read books (you can

make suggestions for your friends and neighbors on our Facebook page) and attend some of our fun programs - we would love to have you!

Check out the elements of this summer's **Big Book Theory Adult Summer Reading Program** (you'll have more than a molecule of fun!)

June 4th - Summer Book Preview Picnic

Our annual summer book preview is going to be extra special this year. Carrie Rollwagen, owner of Church Street Coffee & Books will join librarians Katie Moellering and Holley Wesley for an afternoon picnic (indoors, so no ants!). We will chat about the newest, most talked about books for Spring & Summer and snack on cookies and lemonade. We'll even give away some books and door prizes! Bring a sack lunch, doors open at noon.

June 24th - Dolores Hydock and Bobby Horton present, "A Sweet Strangeness Thrills My Heart: The Journal of Sallie Independence Foster".

Sallie Independence Foster lived in a world of high-top shoes, inkwells, and mail carried on horseback. But storyteller Dolores Hydock and musician Bobby Horton have brought her into the 21st century.

Sallie Independence Foster was 12 years old and living in Florence, Alabama in 1861 when the War Between the States began. She was keeping a diary at the time, and kept on keeping a diary for 26 years. This performance, based on Sallie's diaries, papers, and letters from her brothers off at war, presents a funny, touching, and uniquely personal look at the life and times that Sallie shared with her paper "dear Companion."

Storyteller Dolores Hydock and music historian

Bobby Horton interweave Sallie's story with camp songs, period favorites, and original tunes to create a poignant, powerful, humorous, and honest picture of a world of innocence turned upside-down. 7-9 pm Tickets are \$10 and go on sale May 1, 2014

July 8th - A Hard Day's Night 50th Anniversary Party

It's been 50 years since John, Paul, George, and Ringo ran through the streets of London in their first feature film. Join us for a viewing of the Criterion Collection's brand-new remastered release of the film with an introduction and Q & A session by Beatles expert, Dr. Andre Millard.

Dr. Millard is a professor at UAB and the author of *Beatlemania: Technology, Business, and Teen Culture in Cold War America*.

July 18th - Standing Room Only & Adult Summer Reading present: Mini-Golf @ EOL

Show off your swing in the stacks. For one night only, the library will be transformed into a miniature golf course - with a literary theme, of course. Enjoy friendly competition against friends and win some awesome door prizes. Ages 21 & Up only. Pizza and drinks provided. To register, please email amandaw@bham.lib.al.us or call 445-1121.

July 31st - Bad Art Night

Join us at EOL at 6:30 for an evening of food, drink and atrocious artistry! Tons of supplies, art and otherwise, will be on hand and prizes will be awarded in four categories: worst painting, worst collage, worst sculpture and worst drawing. There will also be a 1st place winner for worst masterpiece of the night! We'll have drinks and snacks, but this is an adults-only program please! Bring

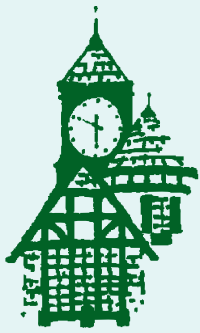
a friend and join us - you do NOT have to be an artist and you might even win something!

August 5th - Bill Lepp, Storyteller & Champion Liar

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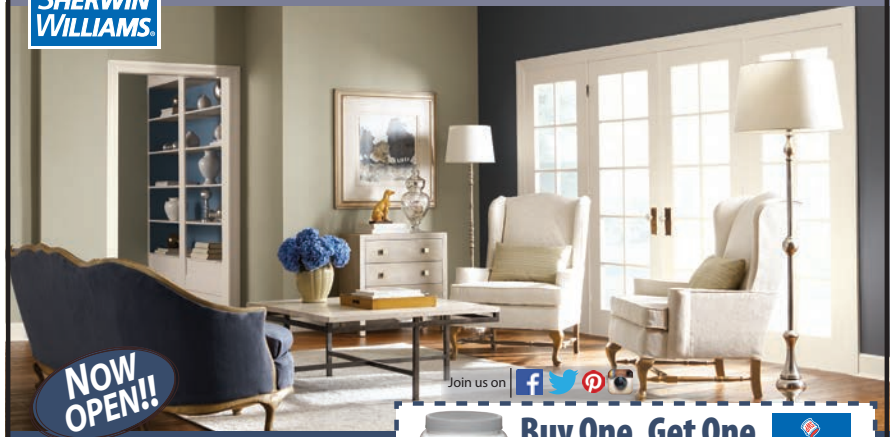
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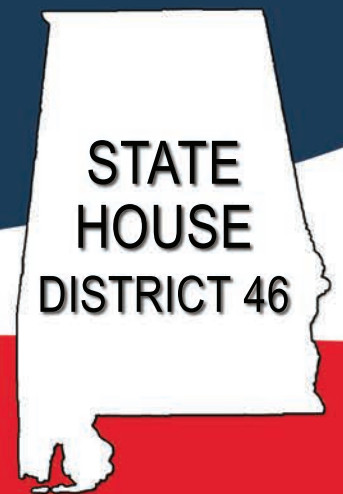
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During the week of July 21, 2014, Mountain Brook Schools will offer its 3rd annual Learning Conference. Educators from the school system and from other school districts across the state will choose from a wide-ranging menu of opportunities to learn more about teaching, students, and technology. Speaking with Mountain Brook Schools' leadership about this conference yields insights into changes in K-12 education and the professional development of educators.

This summer will be the third annual Learning Conference. Tell us about the overall concept of the conference.

DR. MISSY BROOKS, *Director of Instruction and Professional Development*: We are offering a variety of professional development programs for educators in several lengths and formats. These are being offered in these broad content areas: Creativity and Innovation, Communication and Collaboration, Research and Information Fluency, Technology (How-To), Critical Thinking and Problem Solving, Leadership, and the Health and Wellbeing of the School Community. We

Sample of 2014 Learning Conference Topics

- Maximizing Learning using Infographics
- Using Technology to Foster a Positive School Culture
- Common Psychological Problems in Schools: Depression, Anxiety, and Self-Harm
- New Ways of Thinking about ADHD From Pinterest to eduClipper
- Inside the Collaborative Classroom
- Sentence Composing: The Writer's Workshop
- Creating Self Reliant Learners through Upper Elementary Mathematics and Science Courses
- Putting Emerging Technologies to Work in Your Learning Space
- The Power of Blended & Cross-Curricular Learning
- Linking Literacy & Technology in the Primary Classroom
- Using Socratic Seminars
- Coding: Teaching the Language of Computers
- Use the iPad as a Comprehension Tool in Your K-4 Classroom
- Reasoning with Rational Numbers
- Strengthening Subtraction

will kick-off the conference with a public talk by Dr. Yong Zhao, who is Associate Dean of Global and Online Education at the University of Oregon. He is the author of a number of books, including *Catching Up or Leading the Way: American Education in the Age of Globalization*.

Before it became the Learning Conference, the school system offered a weeklong summer technology conference and professional development sessions on curriculum and instruction scattered throughout the summer.



Dr. Yong Zhao will be the keynote speaker at the 2014 Learning Conference. Zhao is an internationally known scholar, author, and speaker. His works focus on the implications of globalization and technology on education. His latest book *World Class Learners* has won several awards. He is the Presidential Chair and Director of the Institute for Global and Online Education at the University of Oregon, where he is also a Professor in the Department of Educational Measurement, Policy, and Leadership.

What made the school system leadership decide to transform the technology conference into the Learning Conference?

DICKY BARLOW, *Superintendent*: There has been a tendency in education to think of the use of technology as something being added on to instruction; as a sort of "extra." In our district, the use of technology is increasingly integrated into teacher and student learning. It isn't a supplement anymore. Technologies are some of our most important learning tools for all subject matters; and, of course, we now teach about technology.

DONNA WILLIAMSON, *Director of Technology*:



Registration for the 2013 Conference.

We had focused this conference on technology in the classroom for many years, building teachers' competence in using the technologies and it was helpful to do that. We will continue to offer some professional development and learning experiences for teachers related to technology, including in this conference. But, we've moved past that in recent years. Our focus is always on learning and, as Dr. Barlow says, with technology so closely integrated now with instruction, to separate that out from professional development about teaching and learning doesn't make sense anymore.

The first Learning Conference was an in-district event for your own educators here at Mountain Brook Schools. Last year, you opened it up to educators from other school districts.

DICKY BARLOW: We have a couple of things in mind by doing

that. First, our small district is putting together and presenting these conferences, which offer professional development all educators should have available to them. Our fellow school districts are important to us. We have a strong interest in the status of K-12 education statewide and everywhere. Just as importantly, this conference gives out faculty and staff opportunities to learn from our colleagues in other districts. We are excited about having these colleagues as guests and also as presenters. Last year, the first year the conference was open to professionals from other districts, we had attendees from 13 other school districts. We even had 15 presenters from other school districts. Overall, we welcomed 750 attendees including our own educators.

Professional Development for educators used to consist of a few brief "inservices" held during the school year. What does teacher professional development look like now?

MISSY BROOKS: Since the early 1990's professional development has been changing because of organizations like Learning Forward, formerly the National Staff Development Council, which developed a set of standards for professional learning for educators. Mountain Brook has been involved with Learning Forward for many years we have used professional development standards to drive our design, planning, and facilitation of professional learning opportunities for our teachers and administrators for a long time. When our teachers learn new strategies and skills, we have a plan for how we will support them as they use their new skills in their classrooms and schools. We have instructional coaches as well as technology coordinators in every school to help provide that support and safety net. We also encourage teachers to take risks and innovate, through piloting devices, blending online learning with in

class learning, and giving students real-world problems to solve in collaboration with each other and with others outside the school. Instead of professional development being a one shot workshop, it is now an ongoing cycle of learning, implementing, assessing its impact, then learning more, and continuing the cycle.

Part of this event is a Literacy and Math conference. Tell us about that.

MISSY BROOKS: The 2013 three-day Literacy and Math Conference focused on the "workshop model" of instruction, which includes everyone in the teaching and the learning. This model involves teaching a mini-lesson on a concept or skill, a focused time for students to work independently or in small groups to practice, investigate, or experiment with what they just learned. While that is going on, the teacher offers help to each student or group, and



At 2013 Learning Conference, district Technology Director Donna Williamson leads a workshop for teachers and administrators.



At 'Ed Camp,' students and teachers learn together.

time at the end of the lesson for students to share and reflect on what they learned with the whole class and get feedback from the teacher and from peers. The reading and math coaches led small group sessions for teachers to learn how to create the format, schedule, and physical environment needed to successfully implement the workshop model.

The conference also incorporated training for newly adopted language arts materials. Math coaches offered sessions on teaching subtraction and fractions. Approximately 75 Mountain Brook teachers attended each day of the conference.

This kind of conference seems much bigger than in the past. How are you able to make it happen?

DICKY BARLOW: First we have to acknowledge the financial support

of the Mountain Brook Schools Foundation. We are so fortunate to have the foundation and this is a perfect project for the foundation board to support. They have always focused their support of our schools on three areas: technology, professional development, and library enhancement.

DONNA WILLIAMSON: This is truly a team effort, including the work of many volunteers. We have volunteers among our teachers and other associates who do the whole range of things necessary to plan a conference and make it work. We have student volunteers, including members of the high school Interact Club, Key Club, Leadership Mountain Brook, and the high school Ambassadors who will be at the conference this summer to help our guests navigate the building and make sure they have what they need.

MISSY BROOKS: We also have growing community support. Area businesses donate a wide range of door prizes we draw for and corporate sponsors provide some of the funding. The Chamber of Commerce helps us in a number of ways.

In what direction do you hope to see the Learning Conference grow?

DICKY BARLOW: Our goal is

that teachers around the state will see this is a must-attend conference every year. Each year we will increase both the quality and quantity of offerings to educators who attend.

Information about the conference can be found on the Mountain Brook Schools website at www.mtnbrook.k12.al.us by clicking on the Learning Conference banner. Educators from across the state can register through STI-PD when registration opens in May.



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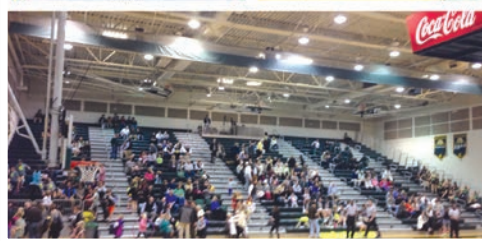
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