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The City of Mountain Brook hosted a formal grand opening of our new municipal complex on Sunday, August 25th. Over 300 people attended and heard remarks by Mayor Oden and witnessed the dedication of Spartan Square. Proceeds from the brick sales for Spartan Square by the 2012-2013 Leadership Mountain Brook class resulted in a \$15,000 donation to the Pleasant Grove community for the "Spartans Helping Spartans" campaign.



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License Renewals

Business license renewals for the City of Mountain Brook are due on January 1, 2014 and will be delinquent January 31, 2014. Licenses not renewed in a timely fashion will be subject to penalties and interest. You should receive a renewal reminder prior to January 1st. Please complete the renewal notice and return along with your payment. If you receive a renewal notice and are no longer conducting business, please mark the renewal notice with the ending date of the business and mail back or fax to (205) 870-3590 so that we may update our records.

If you have any questions concerning the renewal of your license or payment of taxes, please call the Revenue Examiner, Jack Bankston at (205) 802-3808 or the Revenue Department at 205-802-2400 option 4.

New businesses may apply for a license by printing an application from our website www.mtnbrook.org. The business license application may be found by clicking "Businesses" on the top navigation bar and then look for "Business Application" under "Forms".

Please be aware that home-based businesses are required to obtain a home occupation license which is also available from our website www.mtnbrook.org by clicking "Businesses" on the top navigation bar and then look for "Home Occupation Application" under "Forms".

Residents, please remember that when hiring a contractor to build, renovate, or repair your home or hiring a service company, you should verify with the Revenue Department that the contractor is licensed to work in the City by calling (205) 802-2400 option 4. Any contracting work being conducted within the city limits must be permitted. Permit applications may be obtained at City Hall, located at 56 Church Street.

RESIDENTS' SURVEY COMING

The City of Mountain Brook has contracted with the ETC Institute to conduct a survey of City residents concerning municipal services. 2,000 households will be randomly selected to receive this 7-page, 20-minute survey. This survey should begin in January.

ETC Institute, located in Olathe, Kansas, is a marketing, research, demography and statistical firm that has completed residents' surveys for Auburn, Dothan and Vestavia Hills.

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2014 Budget Adopted

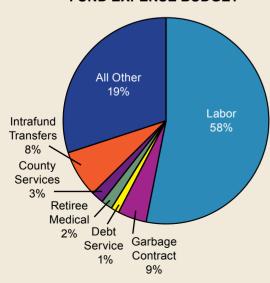
The City Council adopted the 2014 budget at its September 23, 2013 meeting. The budget has a General Fund surplus of \$463,000. The General Fund revenue budget totals \$32.9 million representing a 1.9% increase from last year's budget. Some of the larger General Fund revenues include:

The chart below depicts the relative importance of the various sources of revenue in the General Fund:

2014 GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET-\$32.9 MM



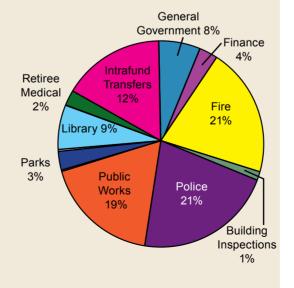
2014 GENERAL FUND EXPENSE BUDGET



Source of 2013 2014 Percentage Revenue Change 0.2% Real estate \$13,484,000 \$13,507,435 tax Sales tax 9.084.950 9.450.000 4.0 License & 2,687,969 2,661,250 (1.0)franchise fees Utility taxes 1,624,860 1,541,420 (5.1)Automobile 1.116.290 1.182.220 5.9 property tax Construction 882,510 928,240 5.2 permits Fines 498,940 527,040 5.6 All other 2,918,240 3,111,649 6.6 \$32,297,759 \$32,909,254 1.9% **Totals**

The 2014 General Fund expenses total \$32.4 million which represents a 2.5% increase from last year's budget. The charts below illustrate the functional and departmental make-up of the City's General Fund expenses:

2014 BUDGETED EXPENSES BY DEPARTMENT



Quarterly Crime Statistics

	2nd Quarter 2013	3rd Quarter 2013			
Robbery	5	0			
Burglary/Residence	21	11			
Burglary/Business	0	5			
Theft	56	68			
Auto Theft	3	3			
Assaults (Other)	0	5			
Identity Theft	13	14			
Criminal Mischief	10	7			
Drugs	16	13			
Family Violence	8	4			
Accidents	319	226			
A With Injuries	17	20			
A With Fatalities	0	0			
Calls For Service	7704	7818			
House Watches	1256	1378			
Property Stolen	\$387,210	\$385,163			
Property Recovered	\$470,521	\$45,622			
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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.



Wear Reflective Clothing

Fall is here!

That means the days are getting shorter. It is getting dark earlier and earlier each day. It is also staying dark later into the morning. If you usually walk or exercise early in the morning or late afternoon, please wear reflective clothing.

Wear reflective gear while running, walking, or bicycling at night. Reflective gear gives the runner a better sense of awareness, and it gives drivers a better view of him or her. Do not simply wear bright clothing; reflective outerwear is designed to reflect to a driver's eye when approaching you. On cold nights, don't make the mistake of wearing your reflective vest under your jacket or sweatshirt. An alternative to reflective clothing is reflective tape or bands that you can put on several parts of your body. The more body you cover, the better off you are.

Alabama law requires pedestrians to use a sidewalk "where a sidewalk is provided and its use is practicable." When a sidewalk is not available, either because there is not a sidewalk or because using an existing sidewalk is not practicable, pedestrians are to walk or run on the left side of the street and yield the right-of-way to vehicles in the roadway.

Mountain Brook City Ordinance requires individuals that walk, jog, or run in City streets during the hours of 4:30 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. to wear either (a) reflective clothing between the waist and shoulders on the front and back with a coverage of at least fifty (50) square inches or (b) strobe style continuously flashing lights at least two (2) inches in diameter between the waist and shoulders that are visible from the front and back.

When bicycling at night, make sure you have working lights on both the front and back of your bike. On the front, it should be a solid light. On the back, it should be a blinking light below the back of your seat. Also, DON'T FORGET YOUR HELMET! It is just as important to wear a helmet as it is to make sure you have reflective tape on your helmet while night riding. Remember, covering your body with as much reflective gear as possible is the key!

Holiday Shopping Tips

The Holiday season is fast approaching. With it typically comes increased crime. Here are just a few things you can do to help protect yourself:

When Shopping...

- Pay attention to your surroundings....if someone seems to be watching you, they may be sizing you up for a crime.
- Park in well-lit areas. Lock your car doors.
- Do not leave anything of value visible inside your car.
- Valuable items should be placed in the trunk discreetly.
- Don't leave your purse in the shopping cart unattended...you're just making it easy for someone to steal or pilfer your purse.

COMING HOME LATE AT NIGHT:

- Avoid shortcuts that are not well traveled or well lit.
- Know what reputable stores are open in your neighborhood late at night. If you suspect that you are being followed stay away from lonely quiet blocks and head for the store you know to be open.
- When walking to your car or on your way home, keep your keys in your hand until you are safely inside for added protection.
- If someone drops you off at home by auto, ask the driver to wait until you are safely inside before they leave.
- If a motorist bothers you while you are walking turn around and walk in the opposite direction of the car. Do this as often as necessary and he should get discouraged.

AT HOME YOU SHOULD:

 Always lock your doors. Also, lock your car doors.

- Have your key ready before you get to the door you are entering.
- Make sure your entrance area is well lit.
- List only your last name and first initial in your mailbox.
- If a stranger wants to use your phone for any kind of call (from business to emergency)........ Keep them out and you make the call for them!
- Any problems or in doubt? Call the police!
- If you arrive home and find your door open DO NOT GO INSIDE. Call the police from a cell phone or neighbor's house and ask them to meet you.

Call the Police if you see suspicious activity:

- If you see someone suspicious in your yard or your neighbor's yard call the Police immediately!
- Working together we can reduce and/or eliminate many of the crimes occurring in the City of Mountain Brook, but it all begins with the citizens of Mountain Brook calling in suspicious or criminal activity. Be active; get involved in helping make your community a safer place.

Report any suspicious activity to the Mountain Brook Police Department (205) 871-3535 (non-emergency) or 911 (emergency). Program your cell phone with the (205) 871-3535 number. 911 calls from cell phones are sometimes routed to other agencies depending upon which cell tower the call transmits to.

Building Permit Activity

	2nd Quarter - 2013		3rd Quarter - 2013	
Permit Type:	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	16	\$21,321,195	6	\$3,338,800
Alterations/Additions	92	\$9,229,042	159	\$8,576,346
Repairs/Other	176	\$4,398,783	191	\$2,430,264
Totals:	284	\$34,949,020	356	\$14,345,410

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Recent City Council Actions

The City Council has adopted and amended the following ordinances since June. 2013:

- Ordinance #1892 Reaffirmed voting districts previously established in Ordinance No. 1624.
- Ordinance #1893 Amended the Lane Parke project development plan previously approved upon the adoption of Ordinance No. 1871 adopted on May 21, 2012 and subsequently amended by Ordinance No. 1885 adopted on February 25, 2013.

The City Council has authorized/approved the following projects since **April 2013:**

- Approved conditional use application submitted by Will and Sarah Mason (dba\Mason Music) for operation of music lesson studio at 2903 Cahaba Road (Local Business District).
- Authorized execution of Cable Franchise Agreement between City and Bright House Networks, LLC
- Authorized execution of an Employee Assistance Program Service Agreement between the City and American Behavioral EAP, LLC
- Proclamation: August 2013 proclaimed

- "Firefighter Appreciation Month".
- Accepted the professional services proposal submitted by Arrington Engineering for surveying services along Shades Creek Parkway in connection with the Phase 5B sidewalk construction project.
- Recommended to the Alcohol Beverage Control Board the issuance of a Special Events Retail license to Wilco Hospitality, LLC (trade name Crestline Rocks) for the September 7, 2013 fundraising event to benefit Pre-school Partners to be held on Church Street between Dexter Avenue and Hoyt Lane.
- Authorized a \$75,000 transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Capital Projects fund (417) and a \$320,000 transfer to the City of Mountain Brook Retiree Medical (Sec. 115) Trust.
- Authorized the execution of a Brasfield & Gorrie change-order with respect to the municipal complex construction project for data installation, server room back-up air conditioning units and fountain.
- Authorized the purchase of date back-up and disaster recovery hardware/

- software system for approximately \$34,000.
- Authorized the City Manager to submit a letter to the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) authorizing an adjustment to the grant limitation and the construction, engineering, and inspection agreement contract amount both with respect of the Safe Routes to Schools sidewalk construction project.
- Accepted the professional services proposal submitted by Sain Associates for Mountain Brook Sidewalks - Phase 9, CMAQ-PE12() public involvement meeting and right-of-way survey.
- Accepted and approved Supplement 2 with respect to the Mountain Brook Village Walkway System, Phase 6, CMAQ-98-02(921) in the amount up to \$75,302.58.
- Authorized the execution of an amended professional services agreement between the city and Sain Associates with respect to construction, engineering and inspection services for the Safe Routes to Schools sidewalk construction project.
- Approved the conditional use application submitted by Craig Fowler (DBA iRevive) to operate a

- telephone repair) in a Local Business District at 2710 Culver Road
- Amended the city of Mountain Brook Emplovee Handbook with respect to the verification of employees' current driver license and insurance.
- Authorized the execution of an amendment to the Development Agreement between the City and Evson, Inc. and Daniel Realty Company, LLC with respect to the Lane Parke Project, which Agreement was originally approved on July 30, 2012.
- Set the employees' and retirees' monthly premiums for medical insurance effective October 2013 (last changed by Resolution No. 11-125).
- Adopted the Personnel **Board of Jefferson County** 2012-2013 Annual Classification Survey effective October 8, 2013.
- Approved for service for municipal court justices in the amount of \$450/ day and compensation for service for municipal prosecutor in the amount of \$110 per hour, effective October 1, 2013.
- Proclaimed week of October 7-13, 2013 as Financial Planning Week in the City of Mountain Brook, AL.

- service business (mobile Authorized sale or disposal of certain surplus property.
 - Authorized the execution of a professional services agreement between the City and Spectrum Environmental. Inc. with respect to the Cahaba River Park project.
 - Authorized the execution of an agreement between the City and Dunn Construction Company, Inc. with respect to the resurfacing of a portion of Spring Street where the cost of the contract shall be reimbursed to the City by the Birmingham Water Works Board.
 - Authorized the execution of an order agreement between the City and Ricoh USA, Inc. with respect to the purchase and installation in fiscal 2014 of a digital document management system.
 - Approved 1% across-theboard pay increase over the current salary schedule for all City employees (classified and unclassified), including The Emmet O'Neal Library Board and Parks and Recreation Board.
 - Amended agreement with Nimrod Long for Cahaba River Park project design fee increase in the amount of \$20,315.





Lyman Tidwell Retires

After a 25-year career with the City, Parks and Recreation Superintendent, Lyman Tidwell, retired on September 30th. During his tenure, Lyman oversaw the completion of the Athletic Complex at the High School, construction of a new Parks/Recreation Department facility, renovations to Crestline Tot Lot, Canterbury Park, Overton Park and the Irondale Furnace as well as the addition of 22 acres of playing fields under the Community Fields project.

His replacement is Shanda Williams who began her new position with the City on October 1st. She is the former Horticulture Maintenance Supervisor for the City of Center Point. Shanda holds a bachelor's degree in Horticulture from Auburn University and is the current President of the Birmingham Area Municipal Administrators Association.

City Hall Fountain

Thanks to a very generous gift of \$250,000 from the Linn-Henley Charitable Trust, City Hall will soon have a fountain installed in front on Church Street. The name of the fountain will be Wittichen Fountain in honor of Carl Wittichen, who is a long time citizen of Mountain Brook.

The fountain's base will be two feet tall, which is an ideal seat wall height. The sixteen foot wide fountain will have five geysers in the center of the basin. The center geyser will reach up to eight feet but will adjust in height to accommodate windy days. Up lighting will be provided for the geysers. The limestone cap and brick walls of the fountain will match the City Hall building materials.

Work is expected to start in late October and will be completed in late 2013 or early 2014.

HOLIDAYS GARBAGE SERVICE REMINDER

As we approach the Holiday Season, Waste Management, which provides garbage, trash and recycling services to our residents, observes Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Years Day as holidays. If your garbage, trash and recycling services falls on one of these holidays or one of the following days during that week, your service will be delayed by one day. For Friday routes, service will occur on Saturday.

Additionally, Waste Management observes Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day with no garbage pick up on those days.

Shanda Williams

Parks and Recreation Superintendent

Shanda Williams became the new Parks and Recreation Superintendent for the City of Mountain Brook in October, 2013. She is responsible for maintaining all Parks and Recreation facilities, including six parks, the high school athletic complex, playing fields at the four elementary schools and junior high, and over 100 parcels of right-of-way properties.

Shanda has a Bachelor of Science in Horticulture from Auburn University. Se has over 15 years experience in landscape management, including her employment with the City of Birmingham where she maintained Linn Park and the Arlington Antebellum Home and Gardens. Most recently, she managed the Horticulture Department for the City of Center Point where she earned their first Employee of the Year Award in 2010.

Shanda is active with the Birmingham Area Municipal Administrators Association (BAMAA) where she has served in many positions, including President for 2013. She is also a member of the Alabama Turfgrass Association and participates in training classes by the Alabama Green Industry Training Center. Shanda serves as a board member for the Hueytown Youth Soccer Club where her two children play soccer.



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Cahaba River Park

The first park in the City of Mountain Brook to touch the Cahaba River is a beautiful open space at the intersection of Overton Road and River Run Road. In 2011, the City acquired this four and one half acre wooded lot with great views of the river, easy access to the water's edge, and a generous tree buffer to the traffic on Overton Road. The land was previously owned by Brookwood Baptist Church, but it has been used by many locals as a canoe launch, picnic area, fishing spot, and swimming hole. Large hardwood trees, flowering trees and shrubs and a thin understory layer allow unobstructed views through the site, ideal for a park setting.

In 2011 the City hired Nimrod Long and Associates, Inc. to design amenities for the new park. Landscape architect Joel Eliason believes the Cahaba River is the park's main attraction. The challenge is to provide multiple ways

to bring people to the river while maintaining the natural beauty and peaceful atmosphere already there. The park design accomplishes this by minimizing paved areas and leaving the large hardwood trees intact. Invasive exotic plant species will be removed and replaced with trees, shrubs, and grasses that are native to Alabama.

The park plan includes an outdoor classroom area, walking trails, picnic pavilion, and a small parking lot. The outdoor classroom is located at the north end of the site near a rocky shoal and will accommodate small groups on boulder seating near the river's edge. Looping through the site, a six foot wide paved trail will connect the parking area to the river's edge and all the planned amenities. Nature trails will spur off the main loop and lead down to the river to access the fishing ledge and outdoor classroom. An environmentally friendly bioswale will collect water

from the parking lot and passively treat the water, filtering out pollutants before the water flows into the Cahaba River.

The Mountain Brook Park Board and the City Council will fund construction of Phase I of the park in FY 2013/2014. The project will be bid in early 2014, with construction expected to begin in late spring 2014. In addition to City funding, a public-private partnership of individuals and neighborhood groups is expected to aid in raising funds for the park improvements with Park Board member, Gerald Garner, heading up this effort. The City has used a similar approach for improvements at Jemison Park, Overton Park, and the Crestline Tot Lot. If you have comments or suggestions for the park, please contact the City Manager Sam Gaston at gastons@mtnbrook.org or 802-3800.

Leaf Season Schedule

Summer is behind us, and the beautiful fall foliage season is just around the corner. After we all enjoy the orange, yellows, and reds of autumn the leaves will begin to fall and once again the task of raking and removing leaves is upon us. This year's leaf collection will begin on Monday, October 28th. Waste Management will collect loose leaves from the curb (not in the gutter) October 28th through March 1st. Loose leaves are taken

to the City's Public
Works facilities to
be turned into
compost. Bagged leaves cannot be
used for compost. Each residence
will receive four (4) leaf pick-ups
during leaf season.

Waste Management has mailed information to each residence in the City on leaf pick-up with the planned weeks of service for that area. If you have not received this information from Waste Management, please call them at 841-2740.

When you rake or blow your leaves, please do not deposit them in the City's gutters or storm drain inlets as this is in violation of City ordinances. Loose leaf pick-up piles cannot contain any sticks, branches, rocks or other debris as they will damage the vacuum equipment.

Lane Parke

The residential component of the Lane Parke development is well under way, and plans for the boutique hotel phase are presently being reviewed by the Mountain Brook Village Design Review Committee. In July 2013 the City Council approved an amendment to the development which

further reduces the density and height of the buildings within the proposed commercial phase of the project. The central parking structure that was approved by the City Council in 2012 was eliminated. Construction on the boutique hotel is anticipated to begin this Fall and be completed for the Christmas season of 2014. Phase I of the retail component is also projected to begin this fall, with individual tenant improvements and move-in by the end of 2014. See the approved amended development plans on the Planning Department page of the City's website (www.mtnbrook.org).

Public WiFi Initiative

This summer the City began implementing a series of public WiFi networks to serve selected outdoor areas in the City. The first such WiFi hotspot was activated at Overton Park in July 2013 followed by Crestline Village in August. Installation is currently underway at the high school, including the adjacent Athletic Complex with an expected activation in December 2013.

Implementing a public WiFi hotspot has been discussed and studied in recent years but delayed for various reasons including but not limited to complexity, cost, and other more pressing projects and initiatives. Now, with the municipal complex project behind us and having successfully implemented some WiFi networks, the City will continue to explore other suitable locations for installation. Other locations under consideration include: English Village, Overton Village, Mountain Brook Village along with various parks and playing fields.

The public WiFi hotspots are free to the public, 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.



Sidewalks Update

MOUNTAIN BROOK WALKWAY SYSTEM PHASE 6

Construction is ongoing on the Mountain Brook Walkway System Phase 6 project. We have completed the sidewalks on Green Valley Road, Knollwood Drive, Overcrest Road, Overbrook Road, and Shiloh Drive. Construction is ongoing on Cherokee Road and Old Leeds Road. At this time, we anticipate substantial completion of the project in October 2013.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Construction has started on the "Safe Routes to School" sidewalk project. This project adds sidewalks, crosswalks, and signs near Mountain Brook Elementary School along Canterbury Road, Overhill Road, and Watkins Road and near Crestline Elementary School along Vine Street and West Montcrest Drive.

MOUNTAIN BROOK WALKWAY SYSTEM PHASE 9

Preliminary design is underway for Phase 9 of the Walkway System. This project will add sidewalks along Brookwood Road, Crosshill Road, Woodvale Road, Oakdale Road, and Oakdale Drive. The City will be hosting a public meeting to present the sidewalk layout. Once the meeting is scheduled, information will be posted on the City's website and mailed to residents along the route.

Free "Ivy League" Advice

For many people, ivy growing on or around a house is desirable. Ivy is an excellent ground cover, is relatively easy to grow, and can lend an air of dignity and beauty to landscape features. Certainly in Mountain Brook, there is no shortage of ivy. One sees it growing in yards, on houses and in trees. The growth of ivy in trees, and the question of whether it is detrimental, has been a subject of discussion between enthusiasts and professionals alike.

Sparse ivv with a more open or "loose" appearance, which is restricted to the main trunk/stem of a tree, likely does no harm. Ivy that forms a dense mat, enveloping the circumference and length of the stem, can be very harmful over time. Roots are the only tree parts designed to exist in "underground" conditions. Whether it is soil built up against the base of the tree, or a thick mate of English ivy that mimics the same; over time, it will cause decay and many times lead to structural failure. In terms of those that damage, weaken, or kill trees in our region-English ivy, wisteria, and kudzu are the worst offenders. These species cover or constrict the stem, and/ or envelop the crown of the tree, robbing leaves of sunlight. Large quantities of ivy can also add a great deal of weight to the tree, so periodic maintenance is in order.

Should you wish to remove ivy from your tree, the vine should be cut at the base periodically. Apply 'Round- Up' or a similar herbicide to any "stump" or stem that is roughly ½-inch or larger in diameter. Using its concentrated form for this "cut stump" treatment within ~30 minutes of cutting, reduces sprouting drastically, and will not harm the tree or plants growing nearby. Heavy infestations take longer to whither away. After being cut at the base, the mat of ivy is capable of absorbing some amount of water through the parts that anchor it to the tree (English ivy).

Certainly, ivy can be a very useful plant. It is tough, attractive and can be an excellent ground cover. Its thick growth can cover or soften the appearance of unsightly buildings or features of the garden. Like many other things, it is best enjoyed in moderation.



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.



New Businesses

WHOLESALE/RETAIL

■ Einstein Media LLC (dba Duck Duck Goose) Retail Clothing & Accessories, 81 Church Street Suite 102, 205/870-4027

SERVICE

- iRevive, LLC: Cell phone repair, 2708 Culver Road, 205/558-4019
- Meyer & Middleton, LLC: Law office, 3 Office Park Circle, Suite 103, 205/239-9991
- Camp, Holley (dba Holleygardens): Garden design, 2301 Cahaba Road, 205/533-2428
- GCC3, Inc.: Insurance Contract services, 200 Office Park Drive, Suite 208, 205/802-8595
- CREI-Auburn, LLC: Leasing Support Services, 402 Office Park Drive, Suite 150, 205/949-2060
- CDC Kent, LLC: Leasing Support Services, 402 Office Park Drive, Suite 150, 205/949-2060
- Auburn Holdings, LLC: Leasing Support Services, 402 Office Park Drive, Suite 150, 205/949-2060
- Sara Jernigan Designs, Inc.: Interior Design, 3928 Montclair Road, Suite 134, 205/802-5868
- CREI Management, Inc.: Leasing Support Services, 402 Office Park Drive, Suite 150, 205/949-2060

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

■ McIntyre Law Firm, LLC: Legal Services, 13 Office Park Circle, Suite 21, 334/524-5511

PERSONAL CARE SERVICES

- Nguyen, Ly (dba Jimmy Nails): Nail Technician, 81 Church Street, Suite 103, 205/879-1077
- Jones & Combs, LLC (dba Tonya Jones Salon/Spa): Salon and Spa Services, 2410 Fairway Drive, 205/870-4247
- Colloway, Curtis (dba Little Flower Day Spa): Stylist, 2816 Culver Road, 504/427-0809
- Hill, Matthew (dba Little Flower Day Spa): Stylist, 2816 Culver Road 205/249-6698

FINANCIAL SERVICES

- Yellowhammer Investments, LLC: Real Estate Investment, 16 Office Park Circle, Suite 12-C, 205/516-0052
- Yellowhammer Tax Fund, LLC: Tax Investment, 16 Office Park Circle, Suite 12-C, 205/516-0052

Board Appointments

APPOINTMENT

The City Council has recently made the following appointment:

• Bryan Helm - Finance Committee

REAPPOINTMENTS

The Mayor has recently made the following reappointment:

• Frederick Murray, Jr. - Planning Commission

The City Council has recently made the following reappointments:

- Sally Legg Village Design Review Committee
- William J. Hereford Board of Zoning Adjustment
- Chris Mitchell Board of Zoning Adjustment
- Gerald Garner Parks and Recreation Board
- · James Hard Emmet O'Neal Library Board

Schedule of Meetings

CITY COUNCIL*	2nd & 4th Mon. (Call 802-3800 for time of Pre-Meeting)	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
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	5:15 p.m.	City Hall

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

7:30 a.m.

City Hall

months)

4th Thurs.

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COMMERCE



Nooks

The Children's Department now offers nearly 30 Nooks for patrons to check out. Each Nook is preloaded with a collection of picture books, early readers, chapter books, or nonfiction material. These include several Nooks with grade-level specific collections, from kindergarten through 6th grade. Color and HD Nooks also contain educational apps. Checking out a Nook is easy! Just visit us at the Children's Desk and let us know which one catches your eye, and we'll help you take it home for three weeks at a time.

Evenings @ EOL

Tuesday nights just got a whole lot more fun. The Children's Department now has a weekly program called Evenings @ EOL, a lively and cost-efficient family outing that changes from week to week. And the best part? You can show up in your pajamas! Every first Tuesday of the month, head to the library for PJ Storytime with Miss NayNay. On second Tuesdays, expect the same light dinner and outstanding programming you've come to look forward to for Family Night. When third Tuesdays roll around, you can kick back

in front of our big screen for a family movie and some popcorn. The last Tuesday of every month, we'll pull out our chess sets, board

games, and LEGO sets so your family can enjoy some play time together. All you have to do is show up with your brood at 6:00 (Family Night dinner starts at 5:30)

 we'll take care of the rest. Evenings @ EOL is the most exciting new family

event in town

Schedule of Meetings

Regular programming for kids aged birth through sixth grade takes place Monday-Thursday, as well as Family Storytime with Mr. Mac on Saturday mornings. Give us a call at **879-0497** or visit us online at www.eolib.org to get more details about our storytimes and activities. Below is a list of our upcoming special programs and the details on our new weekly family event, Evenings @ EOL.

November

- Tuesday, Nov. 5, 6:00pm Evenings @ EOL: PJ Storytime with Miss NayNay
- Tuesday, Nov. 12, 5:30pm Evenings @ EOL: Family Night features FunikiJam
- Tuesday, Nov. 19, 6:00pm Evenings @ EOL: Movie and Popcorn Charlie Brown Thanksgiving
- Wednesday, Nov. 20, 3:30pm After-School Special features Birmingham Children's Theatre's City Mouse, Country Mouse
- Thursday, Nov. 21, 6:00pm Bookmania: House of Hades by Rick Riordan (must register)
- No programs the week of Thanksgiving

December

- Tuesday, Dec. 3, 6:00pm Evenings @ EOL: PJ Storytime with Miss NayNay
- Wednesday, Dec. 4, 3:30pm After-School Special featuring Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer & popcorn
- Tuesday, Dec. 10, 5:30pm Evenings @ EOL: Family Night featuring Lee Bryan's North Pole Follies and a visit from Mrs. Claus
- Tuesday, Dec. 17, 6:00pm Evenings @ EOL: Movie and Popcorn
- Thursday, Dec. 19, 6:00pm Bookmania: The Water Castle by Megan Frazer Blakemore (must register)
- No programs the weeks of Christmas and New Year's

January

- Tuesday, Jan. 7, 6:00pm Evenings @ EOL: PJ Storytime with Miss NayNay
- Tuesday, Jan. 14, 5:30pm Evenings @ EOL: Family Night featuring Beatin' Path
- Tuesday, Jan. 21, 6:00pm Evenings @ EOL: Movie and Popcorn
- Wednesday, Jan. 22, 3:30pm After-School Special featuring Trout Fishing in America
- Thursday, Jan. 23, 6:00pm Bookmania: Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck by Jeff Kinney (must register)
- Tuesday, Jan. 28, 6:00pm Evenings @ EOL: Boards and Blocks

For program details and registration, visit us at www.eolib.org or give us a call at **879-0497**.



colorful show,

North Pole Follies,

as well as an appearance

by Mrs. Claus.



Visit us online!

If you want the nitty-gritty details about our fall programs or would like to register for a storytime or book discussion, visit us on the web at www.eolib. org. An online version of our calendar is available there, as well as a link to the Xtreme Reads home page.

Standing Room Only EOL Standing Room Only is a new series of dynamic programming for 20-30 year olds in our community. The first SRO event will be a free concert featuring acclaimed local musician Duverte Johnston on Friday, November 15th (21 & up) quette Johnston on Friday, November 15th "I The 90s only). SRO will continue in January with "I the 90s only). SRO will continu

Events for Teens @ EOL

Leaves are falling, Saturday's are footballing, and The Emmet O'Neal Library is calling all teens to study, learn, and play. In November the young adults will be making confectionery treats galore: cookies, candies, and chocolates in all sorts of flavors, shapes, and sizes. The teens will also be participating in the 5th annual International Gaming Day on Saturday, November 16th. We'll have board games, card games, role-playing games, and video games running from noon until 5 pm. It's a guaranteed good time. On Friday, December 6th we'll have an open crafting day where we provide all sorts of craft supplies for our teens to craft with, and on Sunday, December 8th, we'll have the second meeting of our Young Adult Book Club at 1 pm. The last few weeks of December and January mean more than holiday gift-giving: Exam Breaks return. If you are studying for your middle and high school exams, drop by the library for a spot to study (alone or in groups) and some snacks!

Adult Book Groups @ EOL

For program details and registration, visit us at www.eolib.org or give us a call at 879-0497.

Great Books (Mondays @ 6:30 p.m.)

- November 11th Tom Outland's Story by Willa Cather
- December 9th Argument and Persuasion by Donald Hall
- January 13th My Date with Neanderthal Woman by David Galef

The Bookies (Tuesdays @ 10:00 a.m.)

- November 12th The Dinner by Herman Koch
- December 10th The Painted Veil by Somerset Maugham
- January 14th Salon Discussion

Genre Reading Group (Tuesdays @ 6:30 p.m.)

- November 26th Caldecott Award winners
- December 17th celebrity biographies
- January 28th books on the American Civil Rights Movement

Garden Lecture with June Mays

It's cool outside and you may not be thinking about your garden, but now is the perfect time to plan for Spring! The popular garden lecture series returns this year with a wide range of topics. June Mays' enchanting and educational programs will have you thinking Spring!

January 4th - Landscape Worthy Native Plants: Winners of the Beauty Pageant

Almost everyone understands the goodness of using native plants in our landscapes. However, not all native plants are pretty. Come see which ones are worth your time, how to plant them, and how to take care of them.

January 11th - Low Maintenance Plantina

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Jan 18 - The New American Cottage Garden: Planting for Drought Tolerance

Just because we had a lot of rain in 2013 doesn't mean we won't have any more dry Summers and Falls. Want to cut back on your watering bill? Come see what to plant to get the lush cottage look without moisture loving plants.





Friends of the Library Looking for Donations

The Friends of the Emmet O'Neal Library are in need of your gently used, rare, local or collectible books and other materials! They will take donations throughout the year. Simply drive up to the library's back door and ring the doorbell. You can drop off your books with us and pick up a tax receipt at the same time. Items donated

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November 21 Crestline Village Open House

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RETAILERS OF THE YEAR



Two Mountain Brook merrecognized chants were October 8th at the Alabama Retail Day Luncheon. Nominated by Executive Director Suzan Doidge, Leaf & Petal and Western Supermarket-Mountain Brook both were awarded Retailers of the Year in their category.

Western Supermarkets Chairman Ken Hubbard accepts the Silver Retailer of the Year Award in the Annual Sales \$5 Million to \$20 Million Category on behalf of Western's Mountain Brook store.

Photo: Hal Yeager



From left: Mark Thompson, Jamie Pursell and Deanna Hawkins of Leaf & Petal in Mountain Brook, the 2013 Bronze Retailer of the Year in the Annual Sales Less Than \$1 Million category. Photo: Hal Yeager

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Platinum Member Brasfield & Gorrie pictured at the Municipal Complex Grand Opening. Photo: Major Colbert



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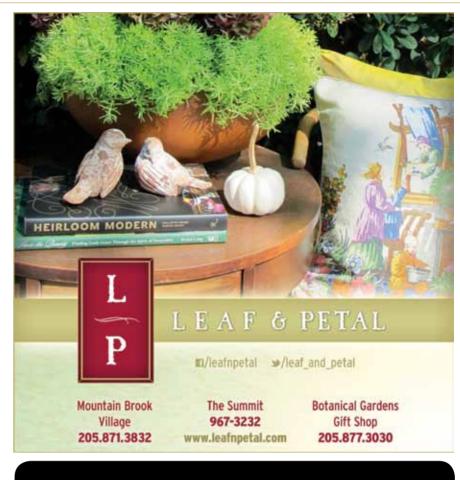




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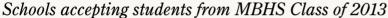
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RANGE AND QUALITY OF COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES CROWN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Graduates of the 2013 class at Mountain Brook High School were accepted into 175 colleges and universities. "We continue to be amazed at the lists of colleges and universities into which our students are able to gain acceptance," said MBHS College Admissions Advisor Karen Svetlay. "We have students going to in-state universities, particularly into honors programs, but we also see students accepted at Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and other of the most highly rated colleges in the nation. This is a tribute to the work of the students, the support they get from their families, and the staff of the entire school system."



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Mountain Brook High School Ranks Among Best Science/ Math Schools

Mountain Brook High School was recently ranked #34 among 500 top high schools in the nation for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). To include schools in the U.S. News Best High Schools for STEM rankings, the publication looked at the 500 public high schools previously listed as a gold medal winner in the 2013 U.S. News Best High Schools rankings.

Those eligible schools were next judged based on their level of math and science participation and success, using Advanced Placement STEM test data for 2011 graduates. MBHS's index score, on a scale of 100, was 83. No school obtained a 100 and only two schools received scores in the 90s. Both schools scoring in the 90s have a specific focus on science and mathematics.

"This recognition made me think of the dedication of our teachers," said Dr. Missy Brooks, Director of Instruction for the school district. "They continually involve themselves in professional development to hone their craft to better engage students. It takes all teachers, at all grade levels, to prepare these students."

NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS

Class of 2014 Includes 23 National Merit Semifinalists

This year's senior class boasts 23 National Merit Semifinalists. Each year approximately 1.5 million students enter the National Merit Scholarship competition by taking the PSAT test in their junior year. Based on the results of this test, 50,000 are identified as "high scorers." From this group the top 1-1 ½ % of students from each state are named semifinalists. This year there were 23 National Merit Semifinalists from Mountain Brook High School. These students have been provided with scholarship applications and materials explaining requirements to advance in the competition for Merit Scholarship awards.

Principal Amanda Hood said of this group of students, "They have achieved this as the result of hard work and disciplined study. But, we always like to point out that these students are not only successful academically, but are also involved in community activities and multiple extracurricular activities at this school. They are all well-rounded."

The 23 Semifinalists were recognized by the Mountain Brook school board at their September meeting, where they were congratulated and thanked by Superintendent Dicky Barlow and Board President Jane Menendez for their representation of the school system.



Bottom Row, (L-R): Ben Garcia, Murray Manley, Anna Smith, Catherine Kinney, Chamblee Shufflebarger, Anne Peyton Baker, Maggie Selesky, Jessica Azrin; Second Row (L-R): Adelaide Cochran, Sarah Cain, Everette Dawkins, John Blum, Mary Nix Roberson, Daniel Bolus: Third Row: Olivia Burton. Makenzie Grant, Sam Cochran, Kary Reynolds, Eddy Yu: Fourth Row: Ben Jackson, Claire Gorman, Caroline Goolsby, Dani Diehl

ATHLETIC PROGRAM FINISHES NO. 11 IN MAXPREPS CUP RANKINGS

The 2012-2013 Mountain Brook High School athletic program had a very strong finish in the MaxPreps Cup rankings of high school athletic programs. Mountain Brook, due to a large number of top finishes across a range of Alabama High School Athletic Association sports, finished number

11 nationally in the rankings. The MaxPreps Cup rankings are computed by giving schools points for finishing first or second at the state level. Points are also awarded for size of playoff division, the size of the state, and the type of sport. In 2012-2013, Mountain Brook won titles in girls cross

country, boys basketball, girls indoor track, girls golf, and girls soccer. In addition, the school won second-place titles in other sports.

"We are proud of this because of the range of sports involved," said school system Athletic Director Terry Cooper. "It's good to have a school with a great specific program, such as football or basketball or track. But we're very pleased to have so many students involved in athletics and a record of achievement in numerous sports."

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RELAY FOR LIFE WINS AWARDS, RAISES MONEY, WARMS HEARTS

By Paul Roth, Mountain Brook High Student

Mountain Brook's Relay for Life, benefiting the American Cancer Society, has sparked interest as one of the top fundraising Relays in the nation. The Mountain Brook event has won awards such as the number 1 Per Capita Relay nationally and Top Relay in Midsouth Division (including 6 states). "What makes this particularly impressive is that it is completely organized by high school students," said MBHS sponsor Katrina McGuire.

The Interact Club, composed of about 120 students at Mountain Brook High School, has built Relay For Life from the ground up, and last year raised \$263,000. In the last two years, the event has raised nearly half a million dollars for cancer research, making it the 2nd highest grossing Youth Led Relay in the world. Students raise funds vearlong with activities such as drivein movies, Powder-Puff football, and student-faculty kickball tournaments, all starting in July and ending the night of the Relay in April.

also dedicating their entire relay in memory of her. Her name was illuminated by candle light during the very

"Relay for Life is so much more than teams and a carnival once a year. Relay for Life is saving lives of loved ones, honoring those we've lost, and fighting for an end to the tragedy that is cancer."

-Will Freeman-Junior at Mountain Brook High School

moving Luminaria ceremony in their high school stadium. Anne Peyton Baker, Mtn. Brook's Relay Co-Director, said, "The Luminaria ceremony really gets to the heart of why we relay. We can see that everyone in the community has been affected by cancer. Not only are we able to remember those we have lost, but we are able to honor the survivors we still have."

Mountain Brook had a personal driving force in 2013: to honor one of their beloved faculty members, Polly Shoulders, who lost her battle with breast cancer in the winter of the Relay season. Mrs. Shoulders always was a strong supporter of Relay For Life and attended the event every year. The high school honored her by dedicating a team for her named Polly's Warriors, who continued to fight when she no longer could, and

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