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Be Counted in 2020!

The 2020 Census marks the first time that you will be able to respond to the census online! Households will also be able to respond to the Census over the phone or through a paper questionnaire.

Through the power of your social media channels, you can help shape the world around you. Share interesting facts, real-life stories, and how-to information to encourage your friends and family members to participate in the 2020 Census.

Why is Census participation important? Here are just a few reasons: Every year, over \$300 billion in federal funds are awarded to states and communities based on census data. Businesses use census data to locate new retail and service establishments, and census data determines how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Census will be made available to households starting in March 2020



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SHOP MOUNTAIN BROOK FIRST

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

MOUNTAIN BROOK ACCEPTS THE CHALLENGE!

Recycling...we all know how important it is for our environment. I am astonished at how much waste my wife and I produce every week! Where does it all go? We are careful to separate recyclables from land-fill items but sometimes it is hard to know exactly what is truly recyclable or not and when it arrives at the recycle center, what cannot be recycled must be separated out. According to our recycle center, this amounts to about one-third of all items received from Mountain Brook residents! Here is what I am guessing you do not know: Most cities get charged for non-recyclable items that come through the recycle system.

The Challenge:

Several council members from Mountain Brook, Homewood, Hoover and Vestavia have challenged each other to reduce the percentage of non-recyclable items. Council members from the winning city will receive a donation to their charity of choice. Our council members, Virginia Smith (council president) and Alice Womack say the contest began November 1, 2019 and runs through April 1, 2020.

How You Can Help:

Pay attention to what you place in recycling.

Recyclable items: #1 and #2 plastic with lids (look for the number in the recycle logo), cardboard, magazines,

junk mail, catalogs, newspapers, tin, aluminum and steel cans. Non-recyclable items: soiled paper, paper cups, wax-coated paper, used napkins/paper towels/ tissue, cables, cords, hoses, wire hangers, grocery bags, plastic #3-#7; glass, batteries, styrofoam, and filters. Advice from Virginia Smith, "When in doubt, throw it out!"

For weekly tips, join Birmingham Recycling and Recovery on Facebook.

WE HAVE A GREAT WEBSITE!

One of my original initiatives as mayor was to build a user-friendly web site. My mantra was, "Find anything related to our community in four clicks or less." I am very happy with the results and I hope, if you have not visited our website at www.MtnBrook.org, you will do so soon and often. It took a lot of work from city personnel such as Steve Boone and Hunter Simmons and I want to give a special shout out to Don and Cindy Moore, Mountain Brook residents, who generously contributed their time and expertise. Don is founder and CEO of Moore Tech Solutions (www.MooreTech-Solutions.com) which provides web design, website development, search engine optimization and other services for clients across the United States. Thank you, Don and Cindy! Through our website you can access all departments information, department heads, city council agendas, city council members, pay bills online and access the MB Chamber, MB Library and our school's websites. And so much more. Please visit soon!

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Mayor: Stewart H. Welch, III CITY COUNCIL Council President:

Virginia Carruthers Smith

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

City Manager:

Sam S. Gaston, 802-3800 For advertising or Chamber of Commerce information, call 871-3779

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IF YOU HAVE A CAT...

We are actively working to solve a feral cat problem in our city. If you have a cat that you allow outdoors, please put a collar on it, so we know it has a home!

OUR EMPLOYEES CONTINUE TO GO THE EXTRA MILE...

Thank You, Public Works!

... a tree was down along Cherokee Road as a result of the storms we had Wednesday night. I had the pleasure of meeting Ronnie (Vaughn), who has been with Mountain Brook for 8 years and he is head of the Public Works Department. He and his crew did an excellent job of removing the tree. He and his crew had pride in doing their work, and it showed. They deserve an "at a boy." D.H.

Thank You, Chief Cook!

I wanted to send you a quick note to thank the city and MBPD for the amazing Situational Awareness and Self Defense class I took this week. I enjoyed every minute of it and truly feel equipped to protect myself should I need to in the future. Officers Burrow, Battle, Wooten and Watkins went above and beyond to make everyone in the class feel comfortable and confident, and I enjoyed seeing how passionate they were about teaching the class. I hope the city will continue to offer more classes like this for residents. It was fun getting to know some of the officers and your neighbors better and the subject matter was really beneficial. J.P.

EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR



Pictured left to right: City Hall - Tammy Reid, Police Officer - Josh Brown, Fireman - Ryan Martin, Parks & Rec - Sam Harris, Public Works - Steven Gay

City Employee of the Year



Police Officer Josh Brown

2020 Shades Creek Fest

The third annual Shades Creek
Fest will take place Saturday,
April 25, from 9 am to 1 pm in
Jemison Park along the banks of
scenic Shades Creek. The event is
planned by the City of Mountain
Brook in conjunction with the City
of Homewood to celebrate Arbor
Day and the arrival of Spring.

Open to the public at no charge, Shades Creek Fest features flyfishing lessons, wildlife exhibits, conservation demonstrations, musical entertainment and a variety of food trucks.

Shades Creek Fest is made possible thanks to its sponsors: Caliber and The Welch Foundation; and in partnership with the Freshwater Land Trust,



Cahaba River Society, Friends of Jemison Park, Alabama Wildlife Center and Nature Conservancy, Cahaba Environmental Society and Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce.



Safety Tips for Pedestrians

BE SAFE AND BE SEEN: MAKE YOURSELF VISIBLE TO DRIVERS

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

BE SMART AND ALERT: AVOID DANGEROUS BEHAVIORS

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

BE CAREFUL AT CROSSINGS: LOOK BEFORE YOU STEP

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

MUNICIPAL CODE SEC. 46-7. USE OF CITY STREETS AND ROADWAYS BY PEDESTRIANS.

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



Calling

When calling 911, it is important to know your location and be able to provide 911 with the correct address and closest cross streets or landmarks. If you would like to contact your local 911 call center to confirm that your home address correlating with your landline phone number is correct, do not dial 911. Test calls can be scheduled by contacting your local 911 call center via its non-emergency phone number.



In Mountain Brook the non-emergency phone number is (205) 879-0486.

Calling 911 by sending a text message is increasing across the United States, and efforts are underway to receive text messages at call centers nationwide. However, texting to the Mountain Brook call center is not available at this time. If you need emergency assistance, it is always best to call 911.

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

- The location of the emergency, including the street address, and room/apartment number, if you're in a large building
- The phone number you are calling from
- The nature of the emergency
- Details about the emergency, such as a physical description
 of a person who may have committed a crime, a description
 of any fire that may be burning, or a description of injuries
 or symptoms being experienced by a person having a medical
 emergency

Remember, the call-taker's questions are important to get the right kind of help to you as quickly as possible. Be prepared to follow any instructions the call-taker gives you. **DO NOT HANG UP** until the call-taker instructs you to do so.





Don't be a Noise Nuisance

Our local ordinances have some very simple rules of behavior with respect to excessive noise. In order to be respectful of neighbors, please refrain from using power equipment such as leaf-blowers, chainsaws, lawnmowers or other yard maintenance equipment as set forth in the following ordinances.

ORDINANCE 1737 OR ZONING CODE SECTION 109-3

refers to any construction, grading or landscape activity before 7am or after 8pm M-F or before 8 on weekends or holidays out of respect for rest or peace.

ORDINANCE 1906 OR ZONING CODE SECTION 34-7(C)

reminds us that whether it is our yard person or we are acting on our own behalf as the homeowner, hopefully we are respectful to our community and are not operating our outdoor power



equipment outside the hours of 7am-6pm M-F or before 8am on weekends. If you have any concerns or complaints, please do not hesitate to use the Action Center app on the Website mtnbrook.org or call the non-emergency phone number at 205-879-0486 to report violations.

Board Appointments/ Reappointments:

- Mayor Welch reappointed Rob Walker to the Planning Commission through October 1, 2025.
- Reappointed Susan Elliott to The Emmet O'Neal Library Board through November 12, 2023.
- Reappointed John R. Doody Jr. to the Finance Committee through November 23, 2023.
- Reappointed Rosalie ("Ro") Gambrill Holman to the Board of Landscape Design through November 25, 2022.
- Reappointed Elizabeth Poynor to the Board of Landscape Design through November 25, 2022.
- Reappointed Charles E. Carper, IV to the Parks and Recreation Board through November 25, 2024.
- Mayor Welch announced his appointment of Frank Lassiter to the Planning Commission through May 15, 2025.

The City of Mountain Brook has the following Board Opening:

■ Mental Health Authority- to fill an expired term

New Businesses

RESTAURANTS, CATERERS AND MOBILE FOOD SERVICES

- Cahaba Cookies & Cream, LLC, (dba\ Great American Cookie & Marble Slab Creamery), 2800 Cahaba Village Plaza, 205-252-7474
- K&A Subs Mountain Brook, LLC, (dba\Jersey Mikes Subs 12009), 3150 Overton Road, 850-900-7510
- PCH Foods, LLC, (dba\ Blueroot Co.), 113 1st Avenue North, 562-900-6676
- Ellis, Holley, (dba\Sugar, Inc.), 69 Church Street, 205-637-5042
- Watkins Branch Beverage & Brassire, 2708 Culver Road, 205-249-0312

ALCOHOL/PACKAGE STORES

■ Phoenix Wines, LLC, 2737 Highway 280, 205-328-3098

ADMINISTRATIVE, PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

- Carter, Samantha, (dba\ Carter Counseling Services), 4 Office Park Circle Suite 203, 205-675-0630
- Lewallen Industries, LLC, 3533 Victoria Road, 352-573-9447
- Dulin, Susan, (dba\ Susan Dulin Private Tutoring), 106 Crestview Drive, 205-541-8606
- Kinetic Recycling, LLC, 3632 Westbury Road, 205-936-0460

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

- Lee I. Ascherman, MD, LLC, One Office Park, 205-427-8826
- Vulcan Performance Rehabilitation and Recovery, LLC, 3918 Montclair Road, Suite 101, 205-471-4438
- Comprehensive Pain Center, P C, 2700 Highway 280, Suite 212, 205-878-4368
- Wilson James William, (dba\ Revallay Therapeutic Massage), 402 Office Park Drive, 205-552-2801

PERSONAL SERVICES

- Banach, Cynthia, 131 Oak Street, 205-417-5853
- Kristi Walters, LLC, 14 Peachtree Street, 205-420-1312



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.

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Recent City Council Actions

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

- Ordinance No. 2059 Canvassed and declared the results of a special election held on September 24, 2019, regarding a 10-mill increase in the rate of a property tax for public school purposes.
- Ordinance No. 2060 Established time restrictions for on-street public parking in Mountain Brook Village (by changing all short-term 4-hour parking to 3-hour parking).
- Ordinance No. 2061 Amended Sec. 30-3(a) of the City Code changing the time of municipal court from 4 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Ordinance No. 2062 Adopted the 2018 building code and 2017 electrical code.

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

- Ratified the right-of-way acquisition in conjunction with the Dunbarton Road sidewalk construction project.
- Authorized a professional services agreement between the city and ECS Southeast, LLP for geotechnical subsurface consulting and evaluation of Smyer Road.
- Authorized an agreement between the city and All In Mountain Brook.
- Authorized an agreement between the city and Birmingham Zoo, Inc.
- Authorized an agreement between the city and Birmingham Botanical Society.
- Authorized an agreement between the city and Jefferson/Blount/St. Clair Mental Health Authority.
- Authorized an agreement between the city and Prescott House.
- Expressed gratitude to Alice McSpadden Williams for

- her service on the Planning Commission.
- Proclaimed November as Native American Indian Heritage Month.
- Recommended to the ABC Board the issuance of a Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) license to Phoenix Wines, LLC (Trade name Finch Fine Wines) located at 2737 Highway 280, Suite 144, Mountain Brook, AL 35223.
- Authorized an agreement with the Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority (BJCTA or MAX) for their provision of public transportation services in the city for fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.
- Authorized a contract between the city and Strengths Consulting, Inc., with respect to a city-wide employee engagement survey and related manager training.
- Expressed opposition to and rejection of the Tier 3 (Tier 2 Conversion) Pension (Act 2019-132).
- Authorized Gresham Smith to prepare on behalf of the city a \$250,000 Rebuild Alabama Act 2020 grant application with respect to the Caldwell Mill Road bridge replacement.
- Approved the bank stabilization, grading/drainage and reforestation proposal at the pedestrian bridge located in Jemison Trail with the estimated cost of \$30,000 to be shared equally between the city and Friends of Jemison Park.
- Proclaimed November 30, 2019 as Small Business Saturday.
- Authorized the placement of a street light on an existing utility pole between 2428-2430 Mountain Brook Circle to illuminate a walking path from Mountain Brook Village to Heathermoor Road at

- the Mountain Brook Elementary playing field.
- Authorized the expenditure of funds Authorized the establishment of a for traffic island improvements at Brook Manor Drive.
- Reaffirmed the city's commitment to promote safe workplace guidelines with respect to the city's workers' compensation program.
- Proclaimed November 19, 2019 as Retired Teachers' Day.
- Authorized an amendment, including the stacked stone bridge railing design modifications and preparation of 2019 Rebuild Alabama grant application, to the previously authorized professional services agreement (Resolution No. 2016-202) between the city and Gresham, Smith and Partners with respect to the Caldwell Mill Road bridge replacement.
- Authorized one (1) Payroll Specialist position for the Finance Department in accordance with the "Rules and Regulations" of the Personnel Board of Jefferson County.
- Authorized one (1) Administrative Assistant position for the Finance Department in accordance with the "Rules and Regulations" of the Personnel Board of Jefferson County.
- Authorized a purchase order in the amount of \$45,022.59 for the acquisition and installation of play equipment at Canterbury Park.
- Authorized the city's participation in the State of Alabama's "Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday" (February 21-23, 2020).
- Authorized an agreement between the city and Mountain Brook Board of Education regarding the Student Resource Officers program.
- Authorized the sale by way of public Internet auction of a vehicle

- (2005 Toyota Camry) confiscated by the Police Department.
- custodial/investment account with BB&T.
- Authorized an agreement between the city and Great America Financial Services with respect to a 60 month lease of a FP Post base Pro DS Postage/Mailing System.
- Recognized Bromberg's upon their 60th anniversary in the city.
- Authorized the purchase of a cancer policy and the city's selfinsuring of cancer-related longterm disability coverage for sworn firefighters.
- Authorized an agreement with AO Studios for its preparation of a Church Street Improvement Illustrative Rendering and **Presentation Graphics** recommended by the Board of Landscape Design.
- Authorized a professional services agreement with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc. with respect to its design of certain athletic facility improvements.
- Proclaimed the City of Mountain Brook a Human TraffickingFree Zone.
- Approved the conditional use application (lunchtime operation of a pick-up window) for Blueroot at 2822 Petticoat Lane.
- Authorized an agreement for managed print services for the Emmet O'Neal Library.
- Authorized the purchase of video software from the Asset Forfeiture fund for the detective division to facilitate investigations.
- Authorized sidewalk extensions to be constructed by the city along South Brookwood Road and Westbury Road.



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 871-4608	
LIBRARY BOARD	3rd Tues.	4:30 p.m.	Library	
PARK & REC. BOARD	2nd Tues.	5:00 p.m.	City Hall	
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT	3rd Mon.	5:00 p.m.	City Hall	
PLANNING COMMISSION	1st Mon.	5:30 p.m.	City Hall	
DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE	3rd Wed.	8:00 a.m.	City Hall	
BOARD OF LANDSCAPE DESIGN	3rd Tues.	5:15 p.m.	City Hall	
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	3rd Thurs.	<u>7:30 a.m.</u>	City Hall	



Please Doo Your Part! and clean up behind your dog. We still see problems with this at all of our parks and trails. We have disposable bags available for your use in our doggie stations that are conveniently located at all our parks and trails. If you see any that need to be refilled, please contact Parks and Recreation at (205)802-3877. Please Doo Your Part! and clean up behind your dog.

Quarterly Crime Statistics			
	4th Quarter 2019	Total 2019	Total 2018
Robbery	0	0	6
Robbery (aggravated shoplifting)	0	0	1
Burglary/Residence	8	21	39
Burglary/Business	0	4	6
Theft	57	136	131
Theft from Vehicle (UBEV)	3	37	55
Auto Theft	4	16	10
Assaults (Other)	4	11	5
Identity Theft	22	91	92
Criminal Mischief	0	9	15
Drugs	20	104	153
Family Violence	2	18	21
Accidents	282	974	990
A With Injuries	19	69	62
A With Fatalities	0	1	1
Calls For Service	5,181	23,421	26,734
House Watches	290	1,655	1,471
Property Stolen	\$2,024,526	\$2,860,115	\$1,276,298
Property Recovered	\$118,056	\$312,198	\$326,119

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.

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Building Permit Activity

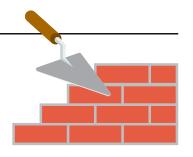
	3rd Quarter - 2019		4th Quarter - 2019	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
Permit Type:				
New Construction	9	\$ 4,935,989	5	\$ 2,797,000
Alterations/Additions	115	\$ 21,354,838	96	\$11,663,267
Repairs/Other	207	\$ 13,275,079	162	\$ 3,492,668
Totals:	331	\$ 39,565,906	263	\$17,952,935

COMPARISON OF YEAR - 2018

	3rd Quarter - 2018		4th Quarter - 2018	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
Permit Type:				
New Construction	8	\$ 6,807,312	22	\$13,710,738
Alterations/Additions	113	\$ 10,580,393	90	\$ 8,562,025
Repairs/Other	246	\$ 5,757,835	196	\$ 3,289,208
Totals:	367	\$ 23,145,540	308	\$25,561,971

Building Something?

Whith your impending project; anything from do-it-yourself landscaping to a complete home rebuild, there is a chance that you or your builder will adversely affect the trees on your and perhaps your neighbor's property. Disturbing the soil – either by digging or compaction in the root zone, improper trimming, failing to perform timely root



pruning, and other incidental damage as a result of construction will take a toll on the long-term health of a tree. In most locations, multiple trees on site (especially mature trees) mean there are very few areas that can be disturbed without resulting damage to or loss of roots. Choosing to leave a tree in place, while ignoring the impact of the disturbance on roots and soil conditions, could prove dangerous and costly.

There are ways to plan for tree health with any construction project, but they all begin with what could be a simple sketch defining ingress/egress, material storage and parking areas. The idea is to maximize undisturbed square footage. Such a plan could call for fence installation, professional trimming prior to beginning, and a long-term care program, among other things. Likewise, if a tree needs to be removed it is often much easier to do so before construction begins, to avoid higher costs and potential hazards post-construction. Please contact Don Cafaro, City Arborist, at dcafaro@mtnbrook.org or 205-802-3874 for more information and resources.

Recycling Information

The City of Mountain Brook contracts with Waste Management for residential waste services. These services include garbage, trash/yard waste, loose leaf collection, and recycling. Recycling is serviced once per week curbside, same day as garbage. The following items may be recycled:

- Newspaper
- mixed paper
- junk mail
- copy paper
- aluminum
- steel, and other metal cans
- No. 1 and No. 2 plastics (HDPE-clear plastic milk jugs and PET plastic soft drink containers with lids on)
- magazines
- cardboard (with no food on it)
- moving boxes and other corrugated or cardboard like cereal boxes

PLEASE NO CONTAMINATION SUCH AS: plastic bags with recyclables in them (DO NOT BAG RECYCLABLES), glass, bulky plastic items (coolers/toys), garden hoses, wire hangers, foam products, electronics, rubber balls. Contamination will cause loads to be turned down and rerouted to MSW landfills. WET recyclables are contaminated, so if it is raining, please either cover the bin or delay until the following week.

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

The City of Mountain Brook has a participation rate of 70% which is one of the highest in the state. If you are not currently recycling, please consider doing so. If you are participating in recycling, thank you and please continue to recycle.

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.

NOTE: (Please do not use your recycle bin for your loose leaves.) The leaves are then dropped off at the Public Works facility at 3579 East Street, Mountain Brook Alabama, near Rathmell Soccer complex. The leaves are pushed into piles, turned, and as a result of decomposing, become compost, a useful gardening by-product of the leaves. Compost is available Monday through Thursday at the Public Works facility for \$20.00 per pickup load.

On another note, any tree cutting and trimming work done by a contractor MUST be removed by the contractor.





PARKS & RECREATION





Parks & Recreation News

NEW DRINKING FOUNTAINS

We have two new drinking fountains at our parks. These new fountains have three convenient features: a regular drinking fountain, a bottle filler, and a dog bowl. One of these fountains was put in by the field at Mountain Brook Elementary near Heathermoor Road. The other one will be coming soon at the entrance to the Irondale Furnace Trail near Stone River Road. These were made possible by the generosity of State Representative David Faulkner. Thank you!

NEW PLAYGROUNDS

The playground at Canterbury Park was recently replaced. The new playset features multiple slides, various climbers, and imaginative spaces underneath. There are two new types of interactive swings that have been added to allow two children to swing together or an adult to swing along with a child.

A new playground was added to the greenspace on Woodclift Circle. This is a small scale playground that has several play experiences available to all the neighborhood children. We would like to thank State Representative Jim Carns for helping secure some of the funds for this new addition to our community!

EASTER EGG HUNT AT OVERTON PARK

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Offshoots Garden Club for the Mountain Brook community will be held at Overton Park located at 3020 Overton Road. Festivities will begin at noon on Saturday, April 4th (rain out date will be April 11th). The Egg Hunt is for kids ages 1-4 and 5-10. However, all are welcome to enjoy other games and activities including a cake walk, face painting and pictures with the Easter Bunny. This event is free to the public.



UN TATO BROWN

Two New City Entrance Signs





The City has installed two entrance signs, one on Mountain Brook Parkway and the other on Cahaba Road in English Village. This was a Leadership Mountain Brook project and they also assisted with raising funds for these two entrance signs.

Cherokee Bend Plaque and Beautification



We want to thank the Cherokee Rose Garden Club and Mrs. Tom Rast for donating the plants around the new Cherokee Bend plaque at the intersection of Old Leeds Lane and Old Leeds Road. The plants help beautify the area and frame the rock column. We also want to make a correction from the last publication: The Cherokee Rose Garden Club was the garden club that partnered with the city to build the column.

city city calendar construction closures

STAY IN TOUCH!

The city now sends notifications, alerts, and news via text message. These messages include: city events, road closures, construction updates, and the city calendar with many other types of messages to come. To receive messages, text MTNBROOK to 888-777. You should receive a confirmation message. You may reply STOP at any time to cancel.

Sidewalk Projects Update

DUNBARTON DRIVE

The City has received federal funding through the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) for a sidewalk on Dunbarton Drive from N Woodridge Road to Locksley Drive. The design plans are complete and are pending final approval by the Alabama Department of Transportation for bid to construction. The tentative schedule is to bid for construction in February 2020 and complete in mid to late summer.

HAGOOD

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

Currently, the design of the sidewalk is approximately 50% complete and will be submitted to the reviewing agencies in January. Construction is expected to begin Fall of 2020.

PINE RIDGE ROAD

The City has secured federal funding with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) to design and construct a sidewalk on Pine Ridge Road from Overbrook Road to Old Leeds Road. A public meeting to solicit public comments about the project was hosted by the City at City Hall on November 14, 2019. Exhibits displayed at the public meeting are currently available for viewing on the City's website.

Currently, the design of the project is approximately 30% complete and is progressing toward its next milestone submittal to ALDOT. With the use of federal funds, the process to gain approval to begin construction requires several years to complete; therefore construction is currently estimated to begin in 2022.

ZOO CONNECTOR SIDEWALK

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

The project has bid for construction and will start early in 2020.

Winter Winecraft

Winecraft is back, Saturday, March 14th, 5:30pm-8pm! Enjoy wine, cheese, and dessert while crafting your own furoshiki, a type of traditional Japanese wrapping cloth, for wine bottles and other gifts. Space is limited so head over to the Library's website at www. eolib.org to register on the calendar or download the Emmet O'Neal Library app in the Apple App Store or Google Play. For more information, contact Holley at hwesley@eolib.org or 205.445.1117.



Alcohol Inks craft session

Alcohol Inks craft session will surely be a fun night out. Join us on Friday, March 20 at 6:30pm.

Don't know what alcohol inks are? Come sip on wine & beer as we experiment with these highly pigmented inks and leave with your own original artwork.

Ages 21 and up only. Free. Register at www.eolib.org



Neuroscience Café

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Our popular collaboration with UAB's Comprehensive Neuroscience Center continues on Thursdays, March 12 and April 9 at 6:30 pm. In March, our speakers, Gregory Kennedy, MD, PhD, and James Bibb, PhD, will discuss issues surrounding digestive disorders and anxiety. Our April topic is still to be determined, but updates can be found on our website at www.eolib.org on our adult calendar.

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Genre Reading Group

club experience? Try the
Genre Reading Group! Instead
of a book, there is a monthly
topic and participants pick
whatever they'd like to read,
watch, or listen to within that
topic to share with the group.
The group meets the last Tuesday
of each month at 6:30pm in the
Library's Conference Room. Our

upcoming meetings and topics include:

- February 25 Sports
- March 31 Famous Women
- April 28 Books made into movies

For more information, contact Holley at hwesley@eolib.org or 205.445.1117.



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Walking the Camino de Santiago:

n Armchair Tour with The Hoppers. Mountain Brook residents, Kurt and Ginger Hopper recently traveled the famed Camino de Santiago through Spain. Join us for a discussion about their travels on Saturday, April 19th at 2:00 p.m.

Volunteers Much Appreciated!

Emmet O'Neal Library is looking for a few volunteers to help us pull materials, shelve, and general collection maintenance. We are in need of helping hands Monday – Friday between 10-4, although we are happy to work with you on hours. If interested in volunteering on a regular basis, please contact Katie Moellering at 205-445-1118 or kmoellering@eolib.org

Free Weekly Yoga Classes!

Join us Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. for toga with Marie Blair. The class is free, please bring your yoga mat. Register on the library's website at www.eolib.org



CPR CLASSES

The Emmet O'Neal Library is very excited to host a series of CPR training classes with Mountain Brook's own Deputy Fire Chief Stacey Cole! There will be two classes in March: a class for teens on Saturday March 14th at 1PM, and an adult class on Tuesday the 17th at 6PM. The classes will be approximately two hours in length and are free, however, registration is required. Please register within one week of the date of the program on the library's event calendar at https://emmetoneal.libnet.info/event/3382895

If for some reason you cannot attend one of the March classes we will have another pair of classes in September.



If you have any questions please don't hesitate to email or call Eric Cottingham at ecottingham@ eolib.org or 205.445.1147



The last weekend in February brings with it the return of the Friends of Emmet O'Neal Library's Book Sale and you are invited! All donors giving \$25 or more to The Emmet O'Neal Library will receive an invitation to the Book Sale Preview Party on Thursday, February 20th from 6pm-8:00pm. At the Preview Party, you will get first crack at the best books, including beautiful art and coffee table books, collectible items, and rare titles. Visit the Friends page of the Library's website and donate today! The sale opens to the public Friday and Saturday, February 21st and 22nd from 10am-5pm and on Sunday, February 23rd from 1pm-4pm.

Drop in, select books for yourself and friends, and support the Library. Stop by each day of the sale; you are sure to find something different each time! On Sunday, enjoy1/2 price items in the 1st floor meeting room and

Triends et noual Book Sale

fill a bag of books from the basement for \$15 a bag. Proceeds from the sale fund Library programs for all ages. Our Friends group accepts book donations throughout the year in preparation for this sale. Simply ring the doorbell at the back door of the Library and ask for a receipt. We will do the rest!

If you are interested in working with the Friends on the book sale, or on a regular basis throughout the year, please check out the Friends page on our website under "Support" and fill out their volunteer form. You will get to work with books and meet new people!



Children's Department

Children's Programming:

Visit us at www.eolib.org to view more program details and to register.

February

All month – Under Wraps: take one of our book recommendations without seeing title or cover

- Tuesday, Feb. 4, 5:30 pm Family Night: Rick Rakestraw – Jungle Adventure Critters
- Wednesday, Feb. 5, 3:30 pm Comics & Cookies: Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales
- Friday, Feb. 7, 6:00 pm Crossover: Stuffed Animal Taxidermy
- Monday, Feb. 10, 4:00 pm STEAM Powered:
 Computer Programming Unplugged
- Tuesday, Feb. 11, 6:00 pm Etc.: Family PJ Storytime and Teddy Bear Sleepover

- Thursday, Feb. 13, 6:00 pm Hot Off the Press Book Club
- Friday, Feb. 14, 9:15 am Sensory Play, Explore, & More (register at 10 or 10:45 for a smaller group)
- Monday, Feb. 17, 6:00 pm Breakout Book Club: any Frog and Toad book
- Thursday, Feb. 20 CLOSING AT 6:00 PM for Friends Book Sale Preview Party
- Tuesday, Feb. 25, 6:00 pm Bookmania: Land of Stories: An Author's Odyssey

March

- Wednesday, Mar. 4, 3:30 pm Comics & Cookies: Sunny Side Up
- Monday, Mar. 9, 4:00 pm STEAM Powered: Flextangles
- Tuesday, Mar. 10, 5:30 pm Family Night:
 Birmingham Children's Theatre Rapunzel & the Rabbit

- Friday, Mar. 13, 9:15 am Sensory Play, Explore, & More (register at 10 or 10:45 for a smaller group)
- Friday, Mar. 13, 6:00 pm Crossover: Glow in the Dark Capture the Flag
- Monday, Mar. 16, 6:00 pm Breakout Book Club
- Thursday, Mar. 19, 6:00 pm Hot Off the Press Book
- MARCH 23 27: SPRING BREAK NO PROGRAMS
- Tuesday, Mar. 31, 6:00 pm Bookmania: Land of Stories: Worlds Collide

April

- Wednesday, Apr. 8, 3:30 pm Comics & Cookies: Amulet
- Friday, Apr. 10, 9:15 am Sensory Play, Explore, & More (register at 10 or 10:45 for a smaller group)
- Friday, Apr. 10, 6:00 pm Crossover: Quidditch
- Monday, Apr. 13, 4:00 pm STEAM Powered
- Tuesday, Apr. 14, 5:30 pm Family Night: Arthur Atsma's Atsmagic
- Monday, Apr. 20, 6:00 pm Breakout Book Club
- Thursday, Apr. 23, 6:00 pm Hot Off the Press Book
 Club
- Tuesday, Apr. 28, 6:00 pm Bookmania: Land of Stories: A Tale of Magic



Breakout Book Club - A new reader and her mom use costumes and speech bubbles to create a live comic strip.

Book Clubs Galore!

Thatever kind of reader you have, the Emmet O'Neal Library Children's Department has a perfect-fit book club. For those at the beginning of their reading careers, there's Breakout Book Club, a program that uses games, crafts, and an assortment of activities to encourage parents and their emerging readers to engage together with a book. Independent readers can find out about the latest and greatest in kid lit - and share their favorites at Hot Off the Press. For the graphic novel fanatic, the after-school antics at Comics & Cookies are just right. And at Bookmania, kids read the selected book ahead of time and come to the library to swap reactions and do a craft or play a game related to the book. All children's book clubs are monthly events. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up online ahead of time at eolib.org.

PJ Storytime and Teddy Bear Sleepover



There's no telling what your stuffed critter might get up to at the Teddy Bear Sleepover on February 11.





Wear your pajamas and bring the whole family to PJ storytime on February 11



A brave scientist-in-training prepares to delve into the mysteries of the crawfish.

STEAM Powered

Tf your upper elementary schooler has completed LEGO Lchallenges, created tie-dye, drawn a 3D sculpture, or dissected a crawfish this school year, you're probably already familiar with the STEAM Powered program that happens once a month at the library for kids in 4th through 6th grade. If not, you've been missing out. Head to eolib.org to sign up for the next hands-on, small-group, science, art, & technology event. In February, kids will make and experiment with the uncanny substance known as Oobleck - is it a solid or a liquid...or both?

EOL Teen Programs in February – April 2020

- Game On Sat, Feb 1, 1pm
- Teen Advisory Board Mon, Feb 3, 5pm
- ACT Trivia Thur, Feb 6, 6pm
- Crossover: Stuffed Animal Taxidermy Fri, Feb 7, 6pm
- Pathfinder Tue, Feb 11, 5:30pm 8:45pm
- Electra Light Ukulele Wed, Feb 12, 5pm
- YAll's Books: Catching Fire -Mon, Feb 17: 6pm
- Look It: Graphic Novels Club -Thur, Feb 20: 4:30pm
- Starfinder Tue, Feb 25, 5:30pm 8:45pm
- Teen Advisory Board Tue, Mar 3, 5pm
- Game On Sat, Mar 7, 1pm
- Pathfinder Tue, Mar 10,
 5:30pm 8:45pm
- Electra Light Ukulele Wed, Mar 11, 5pm
- Crossover: Glow-in-the-Dark Capture the Flag - Fri, Mar 13, 6pm
- Teen CPR Training Sat, Mar 14 1pm
- YAll's Books: Mockingjay -Mon, Mar 16, 6pm
- Look It: Graphic Novels Club -Thur, Mar 19, 4:30pm
- Camp Half-Blood Training and Trivia -Thur, Mar 19, 6:30pm
- Starfinder Tue, Mar 24, 5:30pm 8:45pm
- Game On Sat, Apr 4, 1pm
- Teen Advisory Board Tue, Apr 7, 5pm
- An Evening with Randi Pink: Young
 Adult Author Visit Tue, Apr 7, 6pm
- Electra Light Ukulele Wed, Apr 8, 5pm
- Crossover: Quidditch Fri, Apr 10, 6pm
- Tea Tasting Party Sat, Apr 11, 1pm
- Hunger Games District Relay (YAll's Books) - Mon, Apr 20, 6pm
- Look It: Graphic Novels Club -Thur, Apr 23, 4:30pm
- 2020 Craft-SPLOSION Events TBD

It's a new season at the Emmet O'Neal Library in Crestline Village, and we have some extraordinary programs planned for teens in grades 7-12! Here are some highlights:

FIND YOUR WAY

Our Find Your Way: College and Career Readiness series is back for another Spring! Prepare for the ACT at on **Thursday**, February 6 at 6pm for ACT Trivia with questions taken from practice tests; learn First Aid, safety, and CPR on Saturday, March 14 at 1pm with Deputy Fire Chief Stacey Cole from the Moutain Brook Fire Department: and experience a variety of teas at our Find Your Way: Tea Tasting Party on Saturday, April 11 at 1pm. Registration is appreciated at these events.

ELECTRA LIGHT UKELELE WORKSHOP

Join us on Wednesdays, February 12, March 11, and April 8 at 5pm for the Electra Light Ukulele Workshop with

local musician Andy Hollywood! This is a **FREE** one-hour workshop for anyone ages 12 and older in which participants will learn basic ukulele chords and a song. Bring your own ukulele or borrow one of ours for the workshop! Registration is required on our website at

www.eolib.org.



CAMP HALF-BLOOD TRAINING & TRIVIA

Join us for Camp Half-Blood Training and Trivia at the Emmet O'Neal Library on Thursday, March 19 at 6:30pm! We'll have Percy Jackson and the Olympians trivia, a self-defense class, and blue food for all the Rick Riordan fans in Birmingham. Registration is appreciated for this event.

YALL'S BOOKS



Hunger Games
series by Suzanne Collins with
fellow fans in YAll's Books on the
3rd Mondays of February and
March 2020: Catching Fire on
February 17 and Mockingjay on
March 16. Don't miss the Hunger
Games District Relay on
Monday, April 20 at 6pm where
teens will be grouped in pairs to
test their speed and wit. May the
odds be ever in your favor!

YA AUTHOR

Speaking of books, we are excited to invite **Randi Pink**, the

young adult author of Into White (2016) and Girls Like Us (2019), to the Emmet O'Neal Library on Tuesday, April 7



Girls

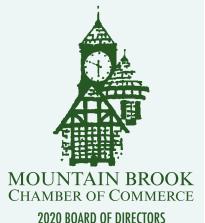
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OTHER TEEN PROGRAMS

Check the Teens' Homepage on the Emmet O'Neal Library's website at www.eolib.org for the dates of our regular teen programs, like Game On, Craft-SPLOSION, Crossover, and Look It: Graphic Novels Club. Follow us on Instagram @ eolibrary.ya for updates on teen programs, book recommendations, and more! We'll see you at the Emmet O'Neal Library.

If your teen hasn't joined Emmet O'Neal's **Teen Advisory Board**, what are they waiting for?! The Teen Advisory Board is comprised of great teens from all over our community, and it gives students those all-important volunteer service hours that look so stellar on a college application. They can even apply for a summer internship at the library and make some money this summer! Encourage them to get involved at their library!





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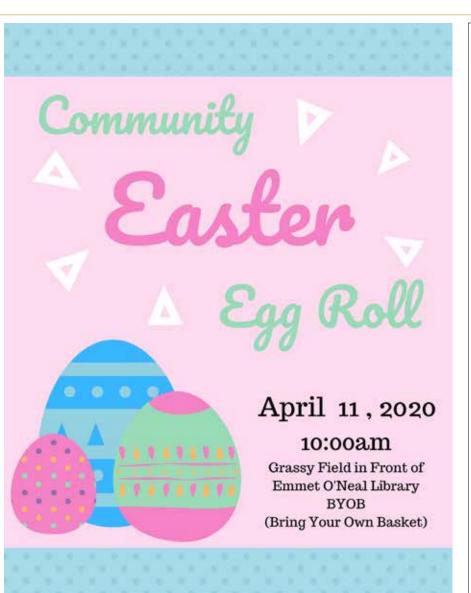






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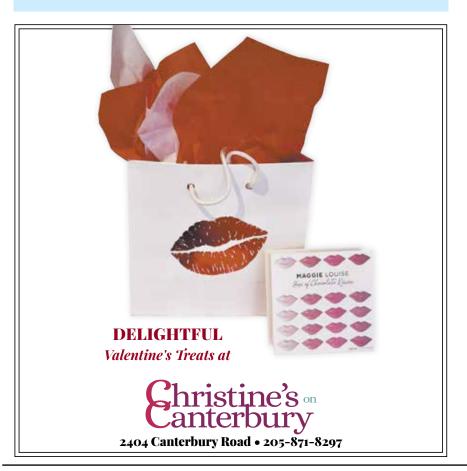
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Synovus Bank & Mountain Brook Chamber Networking Social

Thursday, February 27 @ 5:00-6:30 Located at Synovus Bank in Crestline Village. RSVP to chamber@mtnbrookchamber.org.





THE DISCOVERY PROCESS

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Tuesday, February 25 @ 8:30-9:30 am. Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce. Register at mtnbrookchamber.org.

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RIBBON CUTTINGS



Overton Town Homes Ground Breaking - October 16



Happy Olive Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting - October 24



Finch Fine Wines Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting - November 19



The Scribbler Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting - November 21



Massage Envy Grand Re-Opening Ribbon Cutting - October 21



Bromberg's 60th Anniversary Ribbon Cutting - November 20



Tonya Jones SalonSpa 10th Anniversary Ribbon Cutting - November 7



P2 Platinum Pilates Grand Re-Opening Ribbon Cutting - December 5



TOTAL OF \$175,000

Thanks to the leadership of chair couple Margaret & Kip Porter, the 3rd annual Grandparent's Club Campaign has been a tremendous success.

We are grateful to our 2019 Grandparent's Club Committee: Gail & Jeffrey Bayer, Tanya & Skip Cooper, Ginger & Steve Cowley, Jane & Don Menendez, Kathy & Mike Mouron,
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Families who Give \$180 receive a yard sign proudly sharing that they support the Foundation and Mountain Brook schools. The goal with this campaign is 100 percent participation from every Mountain Brook family.

Donors are recognized on the Foundation's virtual donor wall at MBGives.org. If you have not yet made your tax-deductible Give \$180 donation, you may donate online at MBGives.org or mail a check to 32 Vine Street, 35213.

Thank you to the more than 650 families who have helped grow this campaign!

FOUNDATION BOARD ELECTS **NEW MEMBERS**

With the new year, comes the addition of new board members to the Foundation's leadership. The Foundation's Board of Directors are proud to welcome Krisalyn Crye, Ensley Darnall, John Miller, Bragan Petrey and Bennett White. A special thank you to Paige Daniel, Pat Miller, William Nicrosi and Alice Womack for their many years of service to the Board of Directors.

Mountain Brook Faculty And Staff Exceed Goal For Every **Dollar Counts Campaign**

Mountain Brook faculty and staff exceeded their goal for this year's Every Dollar Counts Campaign, raising over \$9,500! For the past four years, teachers and staff have invested in Mountain Brook schools not only through their time but also donations. This year's campaign was chaired by Holly Martin (Junior High) and Brannon Aaron (Mountain Brook Elementary). They are joined by committee representatives from each school: Tara Davis (Crestline), Katy Caughran (Brookwood Forest), Amy Kathryn Gannon (High Schoo)l, Tami Genry (Junior High), Paul Hnizdil (Junior High), Sarah Jackson (Cherokee Bend) and Betsie Kennedy (Mountain Brook Elementary). Please thank a teacher or staff member for their support of our schools next time you see them.

CLASS OF 2020 RAISING DOLLARS FOR SENIOR LEGACY GIFT

Under the leadership of chair couples Tona & Brent Hitson, Elizabeth & Tom Jernigan, Lori & Perry Smith and Laura & Jesse Vogtle, this year's Senior Class is raising funds for the Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation. Their goal is 100 percent participation from families of the Class of 2020, and they will present the Foundation with their gift at Awards Day.

Thank you to the families who have participated in this campaign:

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