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Cahaba Solid Waste Disposal Authority

This spring, the cities of Hoover, Vestavia Hills, Pelham, Trussville and Mountain Brook formed the Cahaba Solid Waste Disposal Authority. At its June 28 meeting, the City voted to add the cities of Homewood and Clanton to the Authority. The Authority was incorporated to strengthen the negotiation leverage of its members in hopes of minimizing garbage contract costs as providers may be able to achieve some economy of scale savings as they compete for larger markets. Additionally, the Authority is not subject to the Alabama bid law and therefore enjoys greater flexibility in negotiating with providers than do cities.

The Authority opened proposals from solid waste collection and recycling providers on July 9 and began negotiations soon thereafter. Hoover's garbage contract expires September 30,

2021, and is expected to enter into the first garbage service contract with the Authority (who will in turn subcontract the service) later this summer. Mountain Brook's contract with Waste Management runs through September 30, 2022.

Other non-member cities may also negotiate contracts with the Authority. Additionally, the City may solicit bids from providers directly should the contracts available to the City through the Authority not be viewed to be in the City's best interest.

The City's contract fees for residential garbage, trash, recycling and leaf collection services totals \$2.9 million annually. This cost is paid through the City's General Fund. The City has not imposed a residential garbage fee since 2006.



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Mayor's Message

Save the Date!

In Mountain Brook, we love our merchants! In a show of support, the Mountain Brook Chamber Junior Board is hosting THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE! on August 12th from 6:00pm - 8:30pm in the O'Neal Library parking lot.

This is guaranteed to be a fun event with the goal of bringing young professionals to Mountain Brook for networking and to promote and showcase our local businesses.

Activities will include:

- Samples of cuisine from participating local restaurants
- Live music
- Raffle prizes
- Great opportunities to network and meet new people

For more information on tickets visit www.mtnbrookchamber.org and tickets will be sold at the door. Each ticket includes two drink tickets, one raffle ticket plus food and live music.

This is the Junior Board's first ever event and here is why it is important. Many of our retailers and restaurant owners live in our area and have owned their business for many years...some, like Brombergs, for decades. We know them personally; we know their employees personally; we are long-time friends. When the country shut down due to COVID-19, businesses across the country were crushed and Mountain Brook was no exception. What was different was the way our residents rallied around our local

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business owners. Our residents focused on shopping local. Our City Council jumped in with ordinances aimed at making it easier to shop and get curb-side food and service. We raised money for restaurant owners to support their wait and kitchen staff through the Mountain Brook Restaurant Staff Emergency Relief Fund and later set up a donation site through our Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce website named the Mountain Brook Merchant Relief Fund.

Together we raised well over \$100,000. The proceeds for this event will go the Merchant Relief Fund providing additional support for our local businesses who are still recovering from the after-effects of the COVID-19 shutdown.

Show your support for our Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce Junior Board and our local businesses by bringing your friends to what is going to be an outstanding event. Plan to attend to meet some of the amazing young members of our junior board! I will see you there!

Another SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 11th marks the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attack on America that took over 3,000 lives. Plan to bring the whole family for the annual Remembrance Ceremony and Patriot's Day Celebration hosted by Mountain Brook, Homewood, and Vestavia First Responders. This year Mountain Brook will serve as the host city and will hold the event on the corner of Oak Street and Hoyt Lane near the Fire Station bay doors in Crestline Village at 8:30 am.

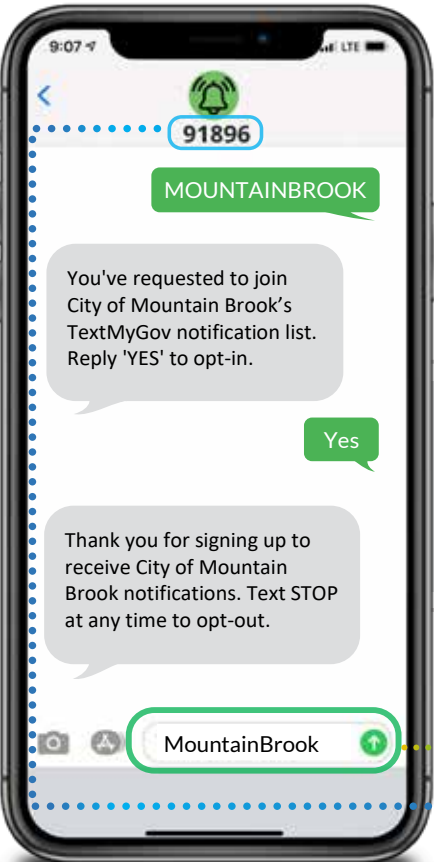
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RECEIVE TEXT ALERTS

! City of Mountain Brook Alerts



The City of Mountain Brook has a new system to receive city notifications via text message.

New Alert Number

1. Switch to 91896 to receive text alerts.
2. Opt-out of 888-777 text alerts from the city as this system is being phased out.

Opt-in today,

Text **MountainBrook**
To: **91896**



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Need to Report an Issue?



Use your phone's text messaging service to report issues to the City of Mountain Brook.

Try it today,

Text **Report**
To: **(205)596-6200**

Additional Report Texting Keyword Options Include:
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Recent City Council Actions

The City Council has adopted or amended the following ordinances since April 1, 2021:

- Ordinance No. 2103 - Modified the provisions of Ordinance No. 2099 regarding the designation of parking spaces included in the modified time restrictions for the on-street public

parking located in Mountain Brook, Crestline and English Villages.

- Ordinance No. 2104 - Established entertainment districts in Crestline, English and Mountain Brook Villages.
- Ordinance No. 2105 - Rezoned the parcel located at 3787 W.

Jackson Boulevard from its current Recreational District to Residence-B District.

The City Council has approved the following projects since April 1, 2021:

- Proclaimed National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week from April 11 through April 17, 2021.

- Authorized agreements (4) between the city and Video Industrial Services for drainage pipe repair services (Woodvale Road, Cold Harbor Drive, 3639 and 3642 Dunbarton Drive).
- Expressed gratitude to Brent Peinhardt for his service to the city on the Editorial Board.



- Authorized the city's participation in the 2021 "State of Alabama Sales Tax Holiday" from Friday, July 16, 2021 through Sunday, July 18, 2021.
- Declared a 1999 F-350 truck surplus and authorized its conveyance to the City of Tuskegee.
- Amended the Employee Handbook with respect to take-home vehicle for the Deputy Fire Marshall.
- Authorized the purchase of a 115 foot ladder/bucket (T-Rex) fire truck during fiscal 2021 with delivery anticipated in fiscal 2022, the pre-payment of the purchase and trade allowance in the amount of \$125,000 for the 2009 ladder truck.
- Approved the application for an office conditional use in a space zoned Local Business submitted by Sarah Stewart for the property located at 2004 Cahaba Road in English Village.
- Authorized the recommendation of an ABC Board special event license for La Paz's 30th Anniversary Party on May 15, 2021.
- Authorized an agreement between the city and Board of Education with respect to the field improvements at Cherokee Bend Elementary.
- Authorized the removal of the newsstand racks in Crestline Village, Mountain Brook Village and English Village.
- Approved the Redemptive Bike collection/donation event held at City Hall on Saturday, May 15, from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m.
- Authorized the purchase and installation of playground equipment for the Athletic

- Complex (Great Southern Recreation).
- Authorized the formation of Cahaba Solid Waste Authority.
- Anticipated bond proceeds reimbursement resolution pursuant to U. S. Treasury Regulation Sec. 1.150-2.
- Recommended to the ABC Board the issuance of a Restaurant Retail Liquor license to Slims Pizza and Bar LLC (doing business as Slims Pizzeria) located at 65 Church Street.
- Authorized the payment from the General Fund of \$300,000 into the City of Mountain Brook Section 115 (retiree medical insurance) Trust for investment in accordance with the city's investment policy.
- Designated an Authorized Representative of the City Council for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to be legally authorized to bind the city and to execute the Acceptance of Award terms.
- Authorized a box culvert repair agreement between the city and Joseph and Kathleen Boudreaux with respect to the property located at 45 Randolph Road.
- Authorized an agreement between the city and Stone & Sons Electrical Contractors, Inc. for the installation of a flashing LED warning signal at the intersection of Montevallo Road and Glencoe Drive.
- Authorized the execution of a professional services agreement between the city and Skipper Consulting with respect to the English Village Entertainment District traffic study.
- Amended resolutions 2021-066 and 069 with respect to the

- formation of the Cahaba Solid Waste Disposal Authority (adding the cities of Homewood and Clanton to the Authority).
- Awarded the bid to CB&A Construction LLC for the Hagood Street sidewalk construction project (TAPBH-TA19(930) and authorized the execution of a contract.
- Authorized a professional services agreement between the city and Sain Associates for construction, engineering and inspection (CEI) services for the Hagood Street sidewalk project (TAPBH-TA19(930)).
- Amended the Hagood Street sidewalk Cost Sharing Agreement between the city and City of Birmingham with respect to a segment of sidewalk to be constructed between Kingsbury Avenue and Dunston Avenue.
- Approved the Stormwater Drainage Facilities Construction Agreement between the city and owners of the lot at 22 Clarendon.
- Approved the Office conditional use in a Local Business District for the property located at 2020 Cahaba Road (formerly Joe Muggs) is hereby extended under the same terms and conditions for not more than twelve (12) months ending January 31, 2023.
- Awarded the bid to Morris-Shea Bridge Company in the amount of \$2,435,336 with respect to the Field 1 improvement project.
- Authorized an Implementation Agreement between the city and Board of Education for the Field 1 Improvement Project.

Quarterly Crime Statistics

	1st Quarter 2021	2nd Quarter 2021
Robbery	0	0
Robbery (aggravated shoplifting)	0	0
Burglary/Residence	3	12
Burglary/Business	1	0
Theft	30	40
Theft from Vehicle (UBEV)	21	20
Auto Theft	3	7
Assaults (Other)	1	2
Identity Theft	48	59
Criminal Mischief	2	5
Drugs	17	18
Family Violence	13	7
Accidents	133	213
• With Injuries	11	12
• With Fatalities	0	0
Calls For Service	5986	6026
House Watches	143	217

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.

Live Fire Training Facility

The Fire Department is currently constructing a new burn building made from old Conex shipping containers. The construction will be done in two phases; the first phase will consist of three Conex containers, which have been configured as the first floor and burn room. The design of the rooms will utilize mobile walls, which allows our Fire Instructors to change the room configurations between training evolutions. Phase two will start next year and consist of two additional Conex containers being placed as the second floor. Construction of this new building will allow the Mountain Brook Fire Department to conduct required live-fire training, which is required annually and during recruit schools.



New Businesses

SALES

- Hechart, Alexandria (dba\ Home With Hechart), 2102 Cahaba Road, 256-473-9206
- Little, Lisa (dba\ A Little Something Sweet), 3833 Rock Creek Trail, 205-704-0215

SERVICES

- 500 Office Park, 500 Office Park East, 205-802-2800
- 500 Office Park East LLC, 500 Office Drive Park East, 205-802-2800
- Allen D Arnold LLC, 6 Office Park Circle, 205-252-1550
- Amerifirst Financial Incorporated, (dba\ AFI Mortgage), 4 Office Park Circle, 480-344-1900
- Cahaba River Therapy LLC, 4 Office Park Circle, 205-319-1391
- Cherry Bekaert LLP (dba\ Donna Adkins), 3608 Spring Valley Road, 804-673-5700
- Clear Mind Inc., 2106 Cahaba Road, 205-516-9900
- Code-R Productions, 118 Overbrook Road, 205-281-0889
- Daniel Odrezin LLC, 3441 South Brookwood Road, 205-529-6293
- Ellie Christopher Interior Design, 200-C Foxhall Road, 706-580-9856
- Kennedy 222 LLC (dba\ James Kennedy Events), 755 Montgomery Drive, 404-809-0665
- Law Office of Bobby Lott Jr LLC, 400 Office Park Drive # 103, 205-731-7774
- Nannies in Your Neighborhood, 4241 Old Leeds Road, 205-482-8847
- Pet Vet Grooming LLC (dba\ Pet Vet Grooming), 208 Country Club Park, 205-229-3843
- Sarah Stewart Consulting LLC, 2004 Cahaba Road, 205-834-0217
- Schuck Counseling and Consulting LLC, 3 Office Park, 205-210-9096
- Summit Counseling LLC, 15 Office Park Circle Suite 140, 205-259-6120
- The Stepping Stones Group LLC, 32 Vine Street, 800-337-9565
- Virginia Nelson Design, 103 Delar Terrace, 205-305-7240

Building Permit Activity

Permit Type:	1st Quarter - 2021		2nd Quarter - 2021	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	16	\$ 20,971,163	15	\$ 29,108,043
Alterations/Additions	92	\$ 12,607,843	115	\$ 72,481,187
Repairs/Other	135	\$ 4,480,057	199	\$ 7,061,576
Totals:	243	\$ 38,059,063	329	\$108,650,806

COMPARISON OF YEAR - 2020

Permit Type:	1st Quarter - 2020		2nd Quarter - 2020	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	8	\$ 4,505,085	14	\$ 5,630,427
Alterations/Additions	129	\$ 15,460,797	77	\$ 6,781,078
Repairs/Other	188	\$ 4,669,022	158	\$ 5,227,519
Totals:	325	\$ 24,634,904	249	\$ 17,639,024

Lane Parke Update



The \$24 million second phase of Lane Parke is on its way to completion, with construction well under way. Phase 2 will contain a 50,000 square foot mix of boutique retail, specialty services, and unique food venues. Some of the tenants to look for include Ignite Cycle, Jeni’s Splendid Ice Creams, Basecoat on Fifth, Starbucks with drive-thru, and a casual food concept from Birmingham chef Abhishek Sainju. Tesla will be present in the form of 8 EV charging stations as well!

In April 2021, the Alabama Legislature passed a bill allowing the city to create entertainment districts in Mountain Brook Village, English Village and Crestline Village, so Lane Parke will be included in this new concept that will create additional synergy among the businesses.

Look for it all to come together by May 2022.

Parks & Recreation News: Athletic Improvements

This is an exciting time for Parks & Recreation! So many projects are going on that the fields in our community are changing weekly. Be on the lookout for these improvements:

1. The lights at Mountain Brook Elementary have been changed to new LED lights. We can’t wait to see these new colored lights in action this fall!
2. The field at Cherokee Bend Elementary is close to being complete with new lights, fencing, and a new restroom. It will have several backstops, but also be open enough for other activities.
3. Renovations on Field 1 are underway at the Mountain Brook Athletic Complex. The field will be reoriented and include two smaller fields in the outfield corners. The whole site will be brand new with artificial turf, LED lights, and a restroom.
4. The Athletic Complex will be getting a new concession stand, restroom, playground, and concrete walkways throughout!



Parks & Recreation News: AGZA Green Zone Certification

Mountain Brook is the first city in Alabama and the Southeast to have certified Green Zones! We worked with the American Green Zone Alliance (AGZA) and Quiet Communities declared Overton Park and the commercial villages as Green Zones. This means the city will use battery powered equipment instead of hand held two stroke gas engines in these areas for normal maintenance. Battery powered equipment is quieter and healthier for the users, environment, and community as a whole.



Top row: Shanda Williams, Parks & Rec Superintendent with Dan Mabe, President of the American Green Zone Alliance; Mayor Stewart Welch with Dan Mabe
Bottom row: Ronnie Vaughn, Public Works Director with Dan Mabe; Jamie Banks, Founder of Quiet Communities with Mayor Stewart Welch and Dan Mabe

Did You Know?

The City of Mountain Brook provides some services that you may not be aware of and can access in the future. These include:

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE (205-802-3800)

- Parade/Public Assembly Permits
- Reserves banners for Memory Triangle
- Reserves banners for street lights in the commercial villages
- Produces the City newsletter, The Reporter, on a quarterly basis
- Serves as the liaison with utility companies and their construction projects in the city
- Arranges tours of city facilities
- Allows garden clubs and civic clubs to use the City Council Chambers for meetings
- Speakers Bureau
- Text My Gov Alerts

POLICE DEPARTMENT (205-802-2440)

- House Watch Program while you are out of town
- Finger Printing services

FIRE DEPARTMENT (205-802-3838)

- Infant car seat installations (by appointment M-F, 8 am – 5 pm)
- Blood pressure checks
- CPR instruction to the public (by appointment only)
- Fire/Fall Prevention seminars for independent, elderly residents
- Station tours for birthday parties (by appointment only)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (205-802-2390)

- Mosquito spraying/fogging (on request only)
- Free compost for Mountain Brook residents
- Backdoor garbage service (one of two cities in Alabama that provide this service)
- Four leaves pickup a year (Waste Management)
- Christmas Tree recycling
- Arbor Day events

PARKS/RECREATION DEPARTMENT (205-802-3877)

- Overton Park, Cahaba River Walk and Tot Lot pavilion rentals
- Traffic Island beautification

THE O'NEAL LIBRARY (205-879-0459)

- Digital movies and music on Hoopla
- 3D printer
- Online animated read-along books on Tumblebooks
- Adventure Packs and Discovery Kits for check-out in the Children's Department
- Online book recommendation request through oneallibrary.org

SCHOOL SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Mountain Brook Schools broke ground in late May for construction and renovation on each of its six schools. The campaign project titled “Moving Mountain Brook Forward” will bring much-needed updates to MBS facilities in order to improve the learning environment. Over the course of the next two years, each school will undergo various changes.

Mountain Brook High School is in the process of a two-phase project. Currently, the 200/300 wings are under demolition and will be replaced with a two-story academic wing featuring 42 classrooms. In phase two, a new counseling suite will replace the existing 100

wing. Additionally, the high school will have an expanded band room, along with a renovated dance studio. Provided the contractor is not impacted by unforeseen conditions or excessive weather delays, Phase 1 will be completed by the end of next summer and phase 2 is scheduled to finish in the 2023 spring semester.

The middle part of the building at Mountain Brook Junior High has been demolished and will be rebuilt with a new three-story main entrance that will house 18 classrooms in addition to a new administrative area. The cafeteria will be expanded, and the auditorium will be renovated into a multi-purpose room. A new pitched roof and turret will be

installed above the media center and the locker rooms will be renovated as well. Eight temporary classrooms are in place behind the tennis courts for the 2021-22 school year and the project will be completed in time for the 2022-23 school year (provided contractor is not impacted by unforeseen conditions or excessive weather delays).

Brookwood Forest Elementary is adding on to their building to create space for a new entrance, administrative offices, a new cafeteria and kitchen. The addition is expected to be completed by spring 2022. Once the addition is operational, interior renovations will take place

in the existing building. A new gym roof, HVAC units in classrooms, classroom renovations and LED lighting installation are among the priorities. Additionally, the parking lot is being expanded to help alleviate the long-term shortage of parking at the school.

This summer, work is being constructed and is scheduled to be completed prior to the start of the 2021-2022 school year at three elementary school campuses: Crestline Elementary, Mountain Brook Elementary, and Cherokee Bend:

Crestline Elementary’s auditorium is under complete renovation. CES will have a new roof and HVAC units installed in parts of the school. MBS is partnering with the city of Mountain Brook to build a new gymnasium that will be used by CES during school hours and available for recreational use afterwards. This project requires city approval and will go to bid later in September. The projected completion date for the gym is summer 2022.

Mountain Brook Elementary is renovating its front entrance area and administrative suite. Exterior canopies will be installed, and existing bathrooms as well as an outdoor staircase are being renovated.

Cherokee Bend Elementary is renovating its cafeteria and three restrooms near the front entrance this summer.

Additional work is planned for CES, MBE, and CBE for the upcoming summers of 2022 and 2023.

“We’re eager to embark on this series of projects and sincerely appreciate our community’s support,” Superintendent Dr. Dicky Barlow said. For more information and construction updates, visit the MBS “Moving Mountain Brook Forward” website: <https://www.mtnbrook.k12.al.us/Page/21623>



Mountain Brook High School

Mountain Brook Junior High
Photo Credit: Turner Batson Architects



SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAREER TECH COURSE OFFERINGS

Mountain Brook High School offers several courses in the areas of business administration and finance: Business Technology I and II, Accounting, Business

Law, Management Principles, Business Finance, Leadership Mountain Brook, Career Focus and Career COOP. In the area of computer science, the high school offers: AP Computer Science A and AP Computer Science Principles.

Mountain Brook Junior High offers Project Lead the Way- Gateway to Engineering courses as semester electives for seventh, eighth and ninth grade students. These courses include: Automation and Robotics (AR), Design and Modeling (DM), App Creators (AC), Computer Science for Innovators and Makers (IM), Medical Detectives (MD), Energy and the Environment (EE) and Foundations of Engineering. There is also an all year competition robotics team class.

Gifted Child Find Notice

Special education services for children with disabilities are provided in accordance with the Individual with Disabilities Education

Improvement Act, Amendments of 2004 and Alabama Act 106. Child Find is an attempt to locate and provide appropriate educational and related services to all children with disabilities between the ages of birth to 21. If you are the parent of a child with disabilities who is not receiving services, or if you would like more information, please contact Dr. Missy Brooks at the Mountain Brook Board of Education, Special Education Department, 205-414-3836.

Intellectually gifted children and youth are those who perform at or have demonstrated the potential to perform at high levels in academic or creative fields when compared with others of their age, experience, or environment. These children and youth require services not ordinarily provided by the regular school program. Children and youth possessing these abilities can be found in all populations, across all economic

strata, and in all areas of human endeavor. Teachers, counselors, administrators, parents or guardians, peers, self, or any other individuals with knowledge of the student's abilities may refer a student to the Student Support Team for consideration for placement in the enrichment program. Additionally, all second grade students are observed as potential gifted referrals using a gifted behavior checklist and referred to the Student Support Team as appropriate.

For each student referred, information is gathered in the areas of aptitude, characteristics, and performance. This information is entered on a matrix where points are assigned according to established criteria. The total number of points earned determines if the student qualifies for the enrichment program.

To make a referral, contact your child's classroom teacher.



City's Entertainment Districts

The City of Mountain Brook requested and received approval from the Alabama Legislature to establish entertainment districts for Crestline, English and Mountain Brook villages.

Ordinance 2104 adopted by the City Council on May, 24, 2021 provided for entertainment districts in these three (3) commercial villages. Maps of the boundaries of these entertainment districts are to the right.

The hours and regulations of the entertainment district include:

Sunday-Wednesday from 12 noon to 9pm

Thursday-Saturday from 12 noon to 10pm

During these times, patrons of our villages will be able to purchase alcoholic beverages from a licensed establishment within the district, leave the establishment with the drink, in a marked plastic or styrofoam cup, and be able to walk in the designated district with the drink.

Patrons cannot enter another establishment that sells alcohol with their beverage from the other establishment.

Alcoholic beverages cannot be brought into the entertainment district from outside the designed district.

The City thanks our State Legislators for their assistance in getting this bill passed which should provide for more vitality and foot traffic in our commercial villages.



I Have Plant Problems

Whether it be the vegetables in your garden, the boxwoods around your house, or the oak tree in your yard; perhaps you've observed an increased presence of what I will refer to generally as "leaf problems." Most of what I have observed is a normal byproduct of a mild winter, followed by a particularly wet spring. These environmental conditions favor all manner of pathogens, and many times the potential problem is compounded by various factors we add to the equation. The first "law" of pest/disease management is prevention. So, in this case what does that mean?

1. Drainage: plants need consistently moist soil to be healthy, but let them remain too moist and it's as harmful as a drought. Whether it means raised beds or soil amendment/

remediation, excess water must drain away.

- 2. Space:** confinement, both in terms of number of plants in a given space and the density of foliage on an individual plant, significantly affects air flow throughout. High density planting, combined with overhead/shower type watering, can exacerbate the problem.
- 3. Sanitation:** it is very easy for a cycle of reinfection to exist, but we can manage that effectively enough to make it worth the while. Infected plant material should not only be pruned out, but removed entirely from the area. Providing a thin layer of mulch to the soil surface can prevent fungal spores, and the like, from splashing on to the foliage as rain drops land. Keeping

the pruning tools clean as you move from place to place will prevent you from inoculating otherwise healthy plants that may also require pruning or harvest.

Various chemical treatments are an indispensable part of a management program, but beyond the scope of this piece—and purposefully so—in order that I might stress the fact that it is best to first consider the source of any given problem, rather than immediately setting out to fiddle around with symptoms. Plants are supposed to be a source of joy, not frustration.

Don Cafaro
City Arborist



Schedule of Meetings

CITY COUNCIL	2nd & 4th Mon.	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
	<i>(Call 205-802-3800 for time of Pre-Meeting)</i>		
BOARD OF EDUCATION	2nd Mon.	3:30 p.m.	Call Board of Ed Office 205-871-4608
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.	7:30 a.m.	City Hall



Please Doo Your Part! and clean up after your dog. This problem exists at all of our parks, trails and sidewalks. The city provides disposable bags available for your use at our doggie stations in all of our parks and trails. Please properly dispose of your bag after use. If you see any that need to be refilled, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (205)802-3877.

The Hidden Garbage Can

Recently many of our residents have experienced missed garbage service. It has been brought to our attention that one problem for our garbage collectors is the hidden garbage can. We realize that no residents are actually hiding their cans, but through the years many have built or bought garbage can garages, containers, fences, or in some cases underground storage.

The city code addressing garbage can location states that “Garbage cans to be emptied must be outside of basements, garages, and other similar enclosed areas and located no further from the street than 20 feet beyond the rear of the dwelling and be visible and accessible from the public street providing access to such dwelling.” Also, the use of plastic garbage bags is recommended. If you have one of these enclosures, we ask that on your scheduled collection day, you move your cans to be emptied outside of such enclosures in plain sight for the collector. We understand this may not have been an issue for years if you have had the same collectors on your route, but with so many new drivers and collectors it has become an issue. The crews need your help to avoid missed garbage service due to hidden cans.

The waste collection and disposal industry has been hit with worker shortages much like other service provider companies that rely on the labor pool. Waste Management, the current garbage collection provider for the city, has been impacted by multiple retirements and is dealing with hiring and training much of their workforce. The job of a garbage collector is a hard, physically demanding job performed in every weather condition imaginable. If we can help by having our cans visible, per the city code, hopefully we can get back to the service we expect.



Board Appointments/Reappointments:

- Appointed Anna M. Comer to the Mountain Brook Board of Education through May 31, 2026.
- Reappointed George Israel to the Village Design Review Committee through May 29, 2024.
- Appointed Steven Boone to the Cahaba Valley Solid Waste Disposal Authority for a six year term commencing upon incorporation of the Authority.
- Appointed William Galloway to the Editorial Board to fill the unexpired term of Sam Chandler through November 23, 2024.
- Appointed Paul B. (Ben) Leaver to the Finance Committee through June 28, 2025.
- Appointed Andrew S. Hicks as a supernumerary member of the Board of Landscape Design to fill the unexpired term of Thomas Amason through June 22, 2023.

Compost is Still Available

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

Lyonijua Godfrey, who took care of our compost operation and loaded vehicles for many years, retired late last year. Michael Finney has taken over our compost duties and looks forward to getting to know our regular customers.

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

Compost is available by the truck-load at the Public Works facility:

- Mountain Brook residents, self-load



- no charge
- Mountain Brook residents, mechanically load - \$20/pickup
- Non-residents, self-load - \$15/pickup
- Non-residents, mechanically load - \$20/pickup or \$30/scoop (larger trucks)

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



Sidewalk Projects Update

Hagood Street

The City of Mountain Brook has teamed with the City of Birmingham to construct a sidewalk along Hagood Street from Euclid Avenue to Montclair Road. The project is funded through a federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The low bid contractor was CB & A Construction. The schedule is 120 calendar days; therefore, construction is estimated from August to November.

Pine Ridge Road

The city has secured federal funding with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) to design and construct a sidewalk along Pine Ridge Road from Overbrook Road to Old Leeds Road. Currently, the design of the project is approximately 70% complete and is progressing toward its next milestone submittal to ALDOT. In late 2021, the city hopes to begin acquiring the "right-of-way" and easements needed for the sidewalk installation. 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 late 2022.

Cahaba Road/Culver Road/Lane Park Road Roundabouts

The City of Mountain Brook and City of Birmingham have teamed together to install two roundabouts. A large roundabout will be installed at the Cahaba Road/Highway 280 ramps/Lane Park Road intersection and a mini roundabout at the Cahaba Road/Culver Road intersection. The design plans are approximately 85% complete and the cities will soon be acquiring the "right-of-way" and easements needed for the project.

Jefferson County Environmental Services has a project planned to replace the sanitary sewer through this intersection. Since this sanitary sewer needs to be replaced prior to the construction of the roundabouts, the schedule for this project has become dependent on the sanitary sewer project. Currently, the County's project is scheduled for construction in 2022. Therefore, the roundabouts are estimated to start construction in late-2022.

City Budget Update

Based on the fiscal 2021 collections reported through May, General Fund revenues are projected to run \$42.4 million for the year compared to \$40.4 million budgeted last summer during the peak of the pandemic. Some of the more notable revenue and collection observations include:

- Real estate tax revenue is projected to be \$17.6 million (\$460,000 (2.7%) more than budgeted for the year). The fiscal year-to-date real estate tax collections through June have exceeded last year's annual total by 4.8%.
- Sales tax revenue is projected to be \$11.7 million for the fiscal year (11% more than budgeted).
- Business license fees are projected to be \$2.7 million for the year.
- Construction permit fees collected through the 9-month period ended June 2021 totaled \$1.3 million compared to \$888,000 for the same period last year.

The 2022 budget development began on May 25 with a City Council work session. Departmental budgets were submitted to the Finance Director in mid-June. The City Manager conducted the first review of the budgets with department supervisors during July. The Finance Committee will review the second draft of the budget on August 17. The City Council will also review the budget and Finance Committee recommendations on August 26. The public hearing to consider the ordinance adopting the 2022 budget is tentatively scheduled for September 27. For more information, please visit the City's website at www.mtnbrook.org.

Door-to-Door Solicitations

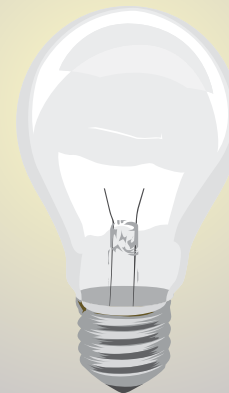
The City of Mountain Brook has an ordinance that prohibits solicitations.

Ordinance No. 1930, Chapter 26, Section 26-290 requires that all transient/itinerant dealers, vendors, and other salespeople who make door to door calls, or those who may set up in a temporary location, to first obtain a business license to do so. This includes individuals, firms, corporations, companies, associations, partnerships, agencies, or representatives of a business who attempt to sell, or solicit orders for sale of goods, services, or merchandise. It also includes the distribution of handbills, newspapers, or other forms of advertising. The only exception to this ordinance is for those who are engaged in activities associated with or supporting religious, charitable, governmental, educational, or political organizations or causes. The Mountain Brook Police Department must be notified prior to sending out any door to door

solicitors. Permission to allow a background and criminal check to be performed is required.

The requirements for a solicitation license are:

The applicant must have a written invitation from each individual resident that they intend to visit prior to a license being issued. This letter must be mailed from the resident directly to the City and include the resident's name, address, and phone number. All residents will be contacted to verify the invitation. Applications must be completed ten (10) days prior to business commencing in Mountain Brook. A valid photo identification for all salespersons/solicitors must be provided. A bond in the amount of not less than \$100 and no more than \$1,000 must be posted. Applicants must comply with all City Ordinances and State laws. The hours of door to door operations are limited to 9:00 am through 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.



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.

O'Neal Library News

Nancy Sexton is celebrating 40 years with O'Neal Library!

Nancy began her career at O'Neal Library (ONL) in September 1981 as the supervisor of the Circulation Department. Before working for ONL, Nancy worked for Loveman's Department Store and Bessemer Public Library. After taking a cataloging course offered at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Nancy was named supervisor of the Technical Services Department, where she has remained since 1982. She later graduated with a Master's in Library and Information Science from the University of Alabama.

The Technical Services Department is essential to the smooth operation of the Library. In "Tech Services", Nancy's team orders, receives and processes over 15,000 items every year. Nancy and her team make sure that all the items are added to the appropriate category of the collection with as much detail as possible so that patrons can easily find the titles by searching the catalog. The folks in Tech Services also make sure that each item has the right loan period and fine rate. "The Technical Services staff are meticulous and extremely detail-oriented," Director Lindsay Gardner said. "They are the cornerstone to having a well-organized collection, and Nancy deserves all the credit." Nancy's ability to organize and manage an efficient department has been the object of interest in the library world, as visitors from college libraries and other libraries' technical services departments have visited to observe her practices and procedures. Nancy has also extended her talents by serving as Secretary of the Jefferson Library Cooperative (JCLC), head of the JCLC Technical Services Roundtable, and participant on many ONL committees.

Library Technical Services have seen a tremendous evolution over the past 40 years. In 1982, Nancy, as the only paid Technical Services staff member, led a team consisting of only volunteers. She recalls having to use a typewriter to type out a catalog card for every item the Library purchased. When ONL was one of the first libraries to use a computer program to automate making catalog cards, Nancy was instrumental in informing and training libraries on its use. She was also one of the first in the state to acquire and manage equipment for in-house labeling of audio-visual materials.

Thanks to Nancy's innovation and futuristic thinking in the field of technical services, she has helped O'Neal Library and the JCLC navigate the fast-changing, technical challenges associated with purchasing and processing materials in the 21st



century. And, she happily adds, catalog cards are no longer used in most libraries. Everything is on computers, web pages, and library apps!

Nancy has also seen many changes in the Library building throughout the years, including two major construction projects. When construction on the current building was due to commence, Nancy was once again called upon for her strengths of organization and efficiency. She was in charge of the logistics of packing, finding storage for all the materials and shelving from the old library building, and then moving everything and everyone into the new building once it was ready. Her exceptional organizational skills allowed a smooth transition.

Doris Young, who worked with Nancy for 39 of her 40 years, remembers fondly their time together at ONL. Through the years they were involved in many projects and innovations that saw the Library, the community, and even the world through changing times. She enjoyed all the library conferences they attended together and appreciated that Nancy would always research the area and find something entertaining for them to do after the conference ended - no matter where they were. Doris said she admires Nancy's no-nonsense attitude and the fact that she lets you know where she stands on an issue.

Looking back, Nancy's most memorable moments so far include spending time and laughing with her Technical Services staff, interacting with other Library employees on Staff Development Days, and work-related trips with co-workers. She will also never forget the time she had to walk four miles in the snow to get home from work. She said she ruined a new coat that day after falling so many times along the way.

And for anyone interested in pursuing a library career, Nancy has the following advice, "be flexible and bring your sense of humor".

Congratulations Nancy!

ADULT NEWS

Make the Library's registration calendar at www.oneallibrary.org your first stop for all the latest and greatest programs offered throughout the year for all ages. From book groups, to crafts, to author talks, you can find it all, including registration, for these upcoming special events:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7TH, ages 21+ only, come sip on wine & beer as we experiment with alcohol inks. We'll paint with these highly pigmented inks on ceramic tile for you to take home!



Monday, October 11th from 2-3pm, join Doug Sands in the Community Meeting Room for Medicare basics. This presentation will give a simple, clear introduction and explanation of Medicare and its many options including things like eligibility, important dates, costs, as well as Medicare A, B, C, and Medicare Supplements.



OF the O'NEAL LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Friends of the O'Neal Library will be hosting a special Book Sale Event **September 16 – 18, 2021**. Local residents can expect to find great bargains on anything from recent top-tens to rare treasures during this "abridged" version of their popular annual book sale. The sale will be open to the public from **September 17-18** with a special Pre-Sale open to Library donors on **Thursday, September 16**. Donate now using the QR code or link below, if you haven't already, to claim your invitation to be one of the first to score that special tome you've been searching for or to discover a hidden jewel you didn't even have on your radar.



BOOK SALE



O'Neal Library News

Children's Department

THE RETURN OF A FULL SCHEDULE!

With the new school year and the updated COVID situation, the O'Neal Library Children's Department is bringing back most of its school year programming. For the youngest patrons, there will be four storytime options. Space is limited, so be sure to register online for these programs to secure a spot for you and your child.

- **Patty Cake Time - Babies who are not yet walking confidently**
- **Toddler Tales - Walkers up to their 3rd birthday**
- **Movers & Makers - 3- 5 year old pre-kindergarteners**



For a parent-child opportunity, try Breakout Book Club, a monthly event for emerging readers.

Upper elementary students can head back to their weekly SNAP outing for video games, science, crafts, book BINGO, and more. They can also sign up for Hot Off the Press book

club to learn about the latest and greatest in kids' books, and they can try out the Library's new coding club, <ONL Code>.

Special family events, live performances, and even A Night Dark & Grimm will all be back with consideration for the most current COVID guidelines, so follow the Children's Department on Instagram @kidsreads.onl and keep your eyes peeled for announcements!

What if you forget to register and your storytime fills up? No problem! Come to storytime on Tuesday mornings for books, songs, instruments, and puppets, no sign-up required. When the weather is nice, this all-ages party will take place on the lawn across from the Library.

New readers will be delighted to learn of the return of Library Out Loud, an after-school drop-off program featuring stories, puppets, crafts, and loads of laughter.

I CAN CHECK THAT OUT?!

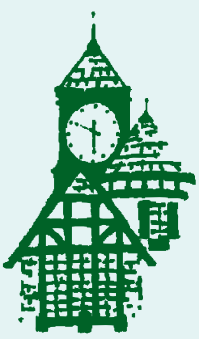
You already get your books, magazines, DVDs, and audiobooks from the Library... but did you know there's even more you can check out for your kiddos? Wonderbooks are a brand new collection – each Wonderbook contains the audio version in a built-in speaker so you can listen along as you read without any extra equipment.

If you're looking to get out and explore in the cooling weather, try an Adventure Pack. Do you want to investigate bugs? rocks? the night sky? The Children's

Department has backpacks full of supplies for getting outdoors and learning about these topics and more. Come in to browse the options.

If your little ones are not quite ready for a full-on outdoor adventure (or if it's a rainy day), the Discovery Kits are just your speed. These themed tubs have books, DVDs, and educational toys to explore non-fiction topics right there in your home. The Library has plenty to offer for each child's curiosity, and it's just a visit away.





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The 2020-2021 school year will be one never forgotten! During this difficult season, this community came together to support Mountain Brook Schools in a remarkable way. Thanks to generous donors, the Foundation was able to provide the school system with an additional \$300,000, for a total of \$761,843 in grant funding this year, so that Mountain Brook Schools were best prepared to face the challenges presented by Covid-19. Throughout the year, the Foundation's goal was to provide administrators, teachers and students with the technology resources needed for an enriched education as they learned from home and the classroom. This support would not have been possible without community donors, and it is exactly why the safety net of the Foundation's Endowment Fund exists.

As we enter a new school year, the mission of the Foundation is as vital as ever to the success of our schools. A tax-deductible gift helps ensure that Mountain Brook students are given everything they need to succeed.

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The Foundation's Give 180 Campaign kicks off as Mountain Brook students head back to school! This annual campaign asks each family to give \$1 for every day their student is learning through Mountain Brook Schools, and the goal is 100% participation. Last school year, the campaign raised \$155,000 from 605 families. These donations helped fund Chromebooks for all teachers and students, Google Suite for teacher and student use and math resources for the Junior High and High School.

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