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Mountain Brook Mayor & City Council - 2020-2022

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GOING GREEN IN MOUNTAIN BROOK

Last year we initiated a beta-test project for replacing gasoline blowers, trimmers, etc. with battery-powered equipment in City departments. Our goal is to move towards environmentally friendly equipment that will reduce air and noise pollution and provide a much

healthier work environment for our employees at Parks & Recreation and Public Works.

The idea for this project came from Mountain Brook resident, Clay Ragsdale, and I want to personally thank Clay for the many hours he has devoted to this project. We hired consultants from American Green Zone Alliance

& Quiet Communities, Inc. to help choose the equipment we would test and provide training for our employees who worked at our initial test site, Overton Park. We are working towards a national certification as a Green Zone...the first in the state of Alabama.

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Mayor's Message



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My long-term goal is to move towards 'green' equipment across our city. Based on the beta test, this battery-powered equipment works well for all but the worst conditions...heavy leaves or wet conditions. In those cases, the more powerful gas equipment is necessary.

For our community and workers, the benefits are potentially significant:

- **Noise.** Battery-powered equipment reduces noise by as much as 50% or more, moving it well below harmful decibel range. We have all experienced the loud 'wang' of blowers and trimmers. With the new equipment, you no longer feel the need to cover your ears as they go by.
- **Toxic emissions.** Our consultants estimate that currently we emit 2.5 tons of toxic and carcinogenic exhaust each year. Battery-powered equipment creates no toxic emissions. Like me, I am guessing you would be happy to not be inhaling fumes from gas blowers. I am particularly happy that our workers are avoiding inhaling toxic fumes for several hours per day.

The technology around this green equipment continues to improve and I believe that one day in the not-too-distant future, we can replace all of our gas-powered equipment with battery-powered equipment. I hope you will support this project and if you see a worker using green equipment, give them a big 'thumbs-up'!

CITY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

POLICE DETECTIVE DREW MOORE



Pictured left to right: Gerald Garner-City council member, Suzan Doidge-Chamber Executive Director, Ted Cook-Police Chief, City Employee of the Year-Police Detective Drew Moore, Mayor Stewart Welch, Sam Gaston-City Manager

CITY EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR



Pictured left to right: Michael Finney-Public Works Dept., Janet Forbes-City Hall, Drew Moore-Police Dept., Adam Bomar-Fire Dept., Tim Mari-Parks & Recreation Dept.



Looking for answers? Need to report an issue?

Text The City of Mountain Brook

Introducing the new way to skip a phone call and use your mobile phone's text messaging to find answers to your questions.

Text 'HI'
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Opt-In to Receive City Alerts Via Text

The City of Mountain Brook is now offering a system to receive city notifications via text message.

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What To Expect:

- After the initial keyword is sent, you'll receive a confirmation message asking you to reply YES to verify opt-in.
- 0-4 text messages a month with a notification from the City regarding the categories you are opted-in for.
- Message and data rates may apply. Check with your mobile phone carrier for more details.

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Text STOP at any time to remove yourself from the notification list.

View terms and privacy policy info at:
www.textmygov.com/opt-in-terms-conditions.
Msg & Data rates apply. Msg frequency varies. Text HELP for contact info.



Calling 911

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. To confirm that your home address correlating with your landline phone number is correct, call the non-emergency phone number at (205) 879-0486. Please do not call 911.

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.



The Village Circle Project: Investing in our Community through Good Design

With support from private donations, the City of Mountain Brook has hired a dream team of landscape architects and plant experts to redesign the Village Circle traffic islands in Mountain Brook Village. This past fall in response to the City Council's expected permanent closure of Canterbury Road's direct access to the intersection of Cahaba Road and Montevallo Road, concerned citizens joined with city officials to task prominent design professionals with study of the best use of the traffic islands to support local businesses and potentially create more space for neighbors to gather. Given its history, great thought and care is being put into respecting Village Circle's past while planning for its vibrant future!

Village Circle was originally designed in the 1920s by Warren Manning, America's

first Environmental Engineer and associate of Frederick Law Olmsted. Mindful of the area's historic design pedigree, the City of Mountain Brook's Board of Landscape Design has facilitated city officials to engage nationally-renowned landscape architects from the OLIN Studio in order to maintain the quality of design that developer Robert Jemison Jr. established at Village Circle's creation. With successful traffic circles in its portfolio including Columbus Circle in New York and Logan Circle in Philadelphia, the OLIN Studio was well-suited to lead the conceptual design phase. However, the Philadelphia-based design firm is also receiving guidance and expertise from local landscape architects Nimrod Long & Associates to be certain that the OLIN Studio's conceptual and spatial designs are grounded with

understanding of our local culture and Mountain Brook's design vernacular.

This winter the OLIN Studio will present the City Council with a number of conceptual design options for Village Circle. The designs will consider how to optimize planting of the islands to achieve high impact aesthetics and ecosystem services with limited inputs of labor and irrigation. The designers are also studying whether public seating should be added in some of the islands to create more communal space for nearby businesses to access and to encourage more foot traffic to local shops. Once the City Council agrees upon a conceptual design, further review will likely entail a traffic study be performed before construction plans may be prepared and installation planned later this year.

Arbor Day 2021 Celebration – February 22-26, 2021



Mountain Brook has been selected as the Arbor Day Community for the State of Alabama in 2021 per an announcement from David West, Alabama Urban Forestry Association Arbor Day Coordinator. In addition, the city will celebrate its 27th consecutive year as a Tree City USA and 19th year receiving the Tree City USA Growth Award from the National Arbor Day Foundation. To celebrate, the city will host a weeklong Arbor Day Celebration beginning February 22 through February 26. Activities include a 1st Grade Tree Giveaway on February 22 and a 5th Grade Arbor Week poster contest.

At the conclusion of Arbor Week, Governor Ivey's proclamation will be presented to the City of Mountain Brook and we will celebrate with the planting of an oak tree at City Hall. Hunter Trees LLC donated the beautiful oak tree to the city. The Mayor and many of the City Council members will be present at the ceremony as well as the members of the Board of Landscape Design (Tree Commission). The city's Arborists and Public Works Director and Public Works Supervisor will also be present along with the City Manager. Our local state legislators will be invited along with our County Commissioner and Congressman. This ceremony is subject to changes in response to COVID-19. The event details can be found at www.mtnbrook.org under Announcements.

Arbor Day Tree Giveaway

To celebrate our achievement as a Tree City USA for the 27th year, on November 24, 2020, the city provided 200 red maple trees to encourage residents to plant native trees on their property. Leaf and Petal in Mountain Brook Village and Oak Street Garden Shop in Crestline were the pickup locations.



Parks & Recreation News

Athletic Complex Improvements

2020 saw a number of athletic improvements and they will continue in 2021. The baseball fields were converted to artificial turf just in time for fall ball. Since the end of the season, Morris-Shea Bridge Co. has finished moving the athletic lights to better illuminate the fields, installed new pedestrian lights on the pathways, and made more improvements to our drainage system throughout the complex.

In May/June, we will begin several other Athletic Complex improvement projects:

1. We will tear down and rebuild a new concession stand and restrooms, install a new playground, cover the batting cages, and add new paving throughout the complex.
2. We will begin renovating Field 1 which

includes reorienting the field to include two smaller fields in the outfield corners, converting it to artificial turf, and adding LED lights and its own restroom.

3. The field at Cherokee Bend Elementary will receive new LED lights, fencing, irrigation, restrooms, and 7 backstops. It will remain a natural turf field.
4. The field at Mountain Brook Elementary will be receiving new LED lights.

Cahaba River Walk Drinking Fountain

A new drinking fountain will be installed soon at Cahaba River Walk. It is the same style as the one at the Irondale Furnace and includes a regular spout, a bottle filler, and a dog bowl. It is located near the entrance to the park for all to

enjoy. In addition, the city connected a water line to the existing faucet inside the dog park so our furry friends will have access to fresh water as well.

Doo Your Part!

Dog waste has continued to be an issue at Crestline Elementary Field. This is a great open green space for all of the community to enjoy, but the dog waste puts a damper on it for most. In a joint effort to curb this nuisance, the school and city have closed the field to the public during school hours. This is to eliminate any direct conflict between the students and dogs and fresh waste. The field is still open after school and on weekends. If the waste continues to be an issue, we may have no choice but to ban dogs altogether. We want to find a happy balance for everyone, but the field's main

purpose is for school children. They have been using all the outdoor space they can find right now because of Covid-19. It's important that these spaces remain clean and safe for them.



Recent City Council Actions

The City Council has adopted or amended the following ordinances since October 12, 2020:

- Ordinance No. 2082 - Authorized the placement of (2) stop signs on Brookwood Road at its intersection with South Brookwood Road (making the intersection a 3-way stop).
- Ordinance No. 2083 - Authorized the placement of two stop signs on River Bend Road at its intersection with Briar Oak Drive (making the intersection a 4-way stop).
- Ordinance No. 2084 - Appointed Sam S. Gaston as the City Manager.
- Ordinance No. 2085 - Appointed Steven Boone as the City Clerk.
- Ordinance No. 2086 – Appointed William F. “Billy” Angell as the City Treasurer.
- Ordinance No. 2087 – Appointed Leigh Ann Sisson as the Assistant City Treasurer.
- Ordinance No. 2088 - Extended for another 90-days the temporary modification of the temporary restaurant sidewalk dining regulations first implemented on May 11, 2020.
- Ordinance No. 2089 - Extended for another 90-days the time restrictions for the on-street public parking located in Mountain Brook, Crestline and English Villages first implemented on May 13, 2020.
- Ordinance No. 2090 - Authorized the placement of two stop signs on Briar Oak Drive at its intersection with River Oaks Road.
- Ordinance No. 2091 - Amended the city’s storm water detention regulations.

- Ordinance No. 2092 - Amended Chapter 14 of the City Code with respect to storm water-related re-inspection fees.
- Ordinance No. 2093 - Authorized the placement of (2) stop signs on Vine Street at its intersection with Dexter Avenue (making the intersection a 4-way stop).
- Ordinance No. 2094 - Authorized the placement of a stop sign at Arundel Drive (southbound) at its intersection with Asbury Road (making the intersection a 3-way stop).
- Ordinance No. 2095 - Amended Chapters 14 and 6 of the City Code with respect to animal boarding and other fees and the disposal of impounded animals.

The City Council has approved the following projects since October 12, 2020:

- Authorized the execution of the following service agreements between the city and the following: All In Mountain Brook, Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce, Birmingham Zoo, Birmingham Botanical Society, Jefferson Blount St. Clair Mental Health Authority and Prescott House.
- Accepted the professional services proposal submitted by Skipper Consulting, Inc. for a traffic study and potential traffic control device design for the crosswalk crossing on Montevallo Road west of Canterbury Road and design of a pedestrian-actuated flashing beacon for the crosswalk crossing on Overbrook Road at Pine Crest Road.
- Authorized the engagement letter for the financial and compliance audit of the city for the year ending September 30, 2020.

- Accepted the professional services proposal submitted by Fontenot Benefits & Actuarial Consulting for their valuation of the city’s retiree medical benefit plan as required every two years by GASB 75 and assisted in the development of the required financial disclosures of the fiscal years ending September 30, 2020 and 2021.
- Ratified the acceptance of the professional services proposal submitted by Segal Consulting for actuarial consultation services.
- Expressed gratitude to Penny Page for her service on the O’Neal Library Board.
- Authorized the installation of a fire hydrant to serve the Overton Village Townhomes with the cost of installation to be paid by the developer.
- Recognized Randy Haddock with the Cahaba River Society for his assistance to the city with respect to the city’s Storm Water Ordinance.
- Approved the amended conditional use application submitted by Mike Mahaffey for the outpatient veterinary clinic at 253 Country Club Park, and for an expansion of grooming functions (to suite 208) and subject to the following specific conditions:
 1. No outdoor runs
 2. Business to be conducted wholly within the building
 3. No overnight boarding
 4. Appropriate measures be employed to minimize noise, odor, waste or other negative impacts incidental to operation of the business
- Approved and authorized the purchase and installation of iWave air purification systems for Fire Stations 1 and 3.

- Authorized 1) the city’s application for a 2021 Rebuild Alabama grant for the bridge replacement on Caldwell Mill Road over Little Shades Creek and 2) the city’s commitment to pay the required matching funds should the grant be awarded.
- Appointed the City Attorneys (Bishop, Colvin, Johnson & Kent and Starnes, Davis & Florie, LLP).
- Appointed Council representatives to the:
 - Planning Commission (voting member)-Philip E. Black (Council representative)
 - Board of Zoning Adjustment (liaison)-Gerald A. Garner
 - Parks and Recreation Board (liaison)-Virginia C. Smith
 - O’Neal Library Board (liaison)-Lloyd C. Shelton
 - Board of Education (liaison)-William S. Pritchard III
 - Finance Committee (voting member)-Lloyd C. Shelton
 - Villages Design Review Committee (liaison)-Alice B. Womack
 - Editorial Board-Gerald A. Garner
 - Board of Landscape Design (liaison)-Virginia C. Smith
 - Chamber of Commerce (liaison)-Alice B. Womack
 - Parking Committee-Gerald A. Garner
 - Municipal judges-Stewart Welch III
 - Public safety departments-Stewart Welch III
 - All In Committee (voting member)-William S. Pritchard III
- Appointed the members of the Mountain Brook City Council as the Board of Commissioners of the Mountain Brook Emergency Communication District and



nomination of the Chairman (Virginia C. Smith) of the Emergency Communication District Board.

- Reaffirmed the prior removal (Resolution No. 2015-142) of all elected officials of the City of Mountain Brook from the covered employee classification with respect to the city's Local Government Health Insurance Plan (LGHIP).
- Proclaimed November 28, 2020 as Small Business Saturday.
- Declared Public Works' blowers and trimmers as surplus and authorized their sale at public Internet auction or disposal if not sold.
- Ratified a \$1.9 million transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund for the year ending September 30, 2020.
- Authorized Skipper Consulting to proceed with the document preparation required to solicit bids for the installation of a pedestrian crossing signal on Overbrook Road at its intersection with Pine Crest Road.
- Expressed gratitude to Ellen Elsas for her dedicated service to the city on the Village Design Review Committee.
- Granted Tier 1 retirement benefits to Tier 2 employees effective October 1, 2021.
- Modified the city's longevity bonus program (making permanent the current \$440,000 limitation) and eliminated the longevity bonus for employees hired on or after January 1, 2021.
- Modified the city's retiree medical benefit program for employees hired on or after January 1, 2021.

- Closed Crestline Elementary playing field to the public weekdays between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
- Accepted the professional services proposal submitted by Skipper Consulting, Inc., with respect to traffic engineering services for a traffic study of a crosswalk at the intersection of Overton Road and Knollwood Drive.
- Accepted the professional services proposal submitted by Skipper Consulting, Inc., with respect to on-call traffic engineering services.
- Expressed gratitude to Philip E. Black for his service on the City Council.
- Ratified an agreement between the city and Stone & Sons Electrical Contractors, Inc. for the installation of a Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon (RRFB) for the crosswalk at the intersection of Overbrook Road at Pine Crest Road.
- Amended the city's Storm Water Management Program Plan (Ordinance No. 2063) effective January 1, 2021.
- Authorized an agreement with Advance Plumbing for the installation of water service and a fountain at Cahaba River Walk.
- Ratified and reaffirmed the city's commitment to promote safe workplace guidelines as suggested by the city's workers' compensation insurer.
- Authorized a contract between the city and Hoke Animal Clinic for veterinary services.
- Requested the Alabama Legislature introduce for consideration a local bill granting the city the authority to establish Entertainment Districts in

Crestline, English and Mountain Brook Villages.

- Approved a non-pensionable, one-time pay increase for classified, unclassified and the resident security contractor, subject to approval by the Personnel Board of Jefferson County.
- Awarded the contract for the Mountain Brook Junior High detention pond project to Gillespie Construction, LLC.
- Approved an agreement between the city and Stone & Sons Electrical Contractors, Inc for the installation of a Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon (RRFB) for the

crosswalk at the intersection of Montevallo Road and Canterbury Road.

- Approved the conditional use lunchtime operation for Slim's Pizza to be located at 65 Church Street.
- Authorized the City Manager to pay up to \$3,000 for the gateway sign to be located at the intersection of Overton Road and Stoneridge Drive subject to approval by the Village Design Review Committee.

Board Appointments/ Reappointments:

- Reappointed Rachel Barton to the Jefferson County Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Authority, Inc. through December 8, 2026.
- Appointed Russ Doyle as a supernumerary member to the Board of Zoning Adjustment through September 13, 2022.
- Appointed Scott Boomhover to the Board of Zoning Adjustment through October 14, 2022.
- Appointed David Blackmon as a supernumerary member to the Village Design Review Committee through February 1, 2023.
- Reappointed Trenton Wright to the Park and Recreation Board through October 26, 2025.
- Appointed Sam Chandler to the Editorial Board through November 23, 2024.
- Reappointed Lydia Pursell to the Board of Landscape Design through December 14, 2023.
- Appointed Mary Evelyn McKee to the Board of Landscape Design through December 14, 2023.
- Appointed Thomas Amason as a supernumerary member of the Board of Landscape Design through June 22, 2023.



Quarterly Crime Statistics

	4th Quarter 2020	Total 2019	Total 2020
Robbery	0	0	0
Robbery (aggravated shoplifting)	0	0	0
Burglary/Residence	6	21	19
Burglary/Business	1	4	5
Theft	19	136	97
Theft from Vehicle (UBEV)	11	37	37
Auto Theft	2	16	4
Assaults (Other)	4	11	8
Identity Theft	18	91	101
Criminal Mischief	6	9	21
Drugs	20	104	56
Family Violence	6	18	19
Accidents	186	974	606
A With Injuries	11	69	53
A With Fatalities	0	1	1
Calls For Service	5907	23421	18045
House Watches	103	1655	693

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.

Stormwater Ordinance Strengthened

In 2020, the southeast region of the U.S. experienced record rainfall amounts. In addition to COVID-19, construction in Mountain Brook has maintained a steady pace with an average of 40 active construction sites (involving land disturbance) throughout 2020. As a result, the city of Mountain Brook experienced numerous challenges with regard to development-related stormwater mitigation.

Over the summer of 2020, the city reorganized its approach to stormwater management. An ad hoc committee was formed to study the stormwater ordinance and make recommendations to the city council. The purpose of the study was to provide specific written recommendations on modifications to the ordinance that would strengthen it and make it more meaningful and effective. These recommendations include:

- Higher bonds for the development of steep lots
- Increased fees for multiple inspections for failure to contain erosion
- Amendments to the stormwater ordinance that seek to eliminate adverse, development-related impacts by promoting the use of Low Impact Development (LID) and Green Infrastructure (GI) in the form of financial incentives (reduced building permit fees).

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.	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	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

Check www.mtnbrook.org for status of these meetings due to COVID-19.



New Businesses

REAL ESTATE AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

- LAH Crestline LLC, 10 Dexter Avenue, 205-588-8474
- Morrow, Hugh, (dba\Alden Premier Properties LLC), 2 Office Park Circle, Suite 5, 205-596-2111

ALCOHOL/PACKAGE STORES

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

FINANCIAL

- First Horizon Bank, (dba\ Mountain Brook Village Branch), 2824 Cahaba Road, 205-803-5917

RETAIL/WHOLESALE

- Details by Liz Hand Woods LLC, 2732 Cahaba Road, 205-423-2993
- Ingenuity LLC, (dba\ Buff City Soap), 250 Rele Street, 205-490-6842

HEALTH, FITNESS AND RELATED SUPPORT SERVICES

- Cahaba Village Wellness Center LLC, (dba\ The Joint Chiropractic), 2800 Cahaba Village Plaza, 205-460-1395
- Home RN LLC, 4326 Kennesaw Drive, 205-777-9764
- Lifecare For Seniors, 6 Office Park Circle, 205-848-8400
- Mountain Brook Fitness Inc., (dba\ Total Fitness Consultants), 2823 Culver Road, 205-871-7744

INTERIOR DESIGN SERVICES

- Kohn, Melanie, (dba\ Bloom), 2226 English Village Lane, 205-999-4945

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- Collier Ogilvie LLC, 201-B Foxhall Road, 205-317-6335
- Cowart Hospitality Services LLC, 4 Office Park Circle, 205-527-2858
- Kristin Lowrey Counseling and Consulting LLC, 6 Office Park Circle, Suite 307, 205-378-9386
- The Hawley Firm PC, 402 Office Park Drive, 205-490-2290

PERSONAL SERVICES

- Beneficial Therapy LLC, 300 Office Park Drive, 205-283-1990
- Mpower Fitness, (dba\ Mpower Pilates), 2008 Cahaba Road, 205-518-5676
- Salon Raymond Hawkins, 2816 Culver Road, 205-243-2857

FULL SERVICE RESTAURANT

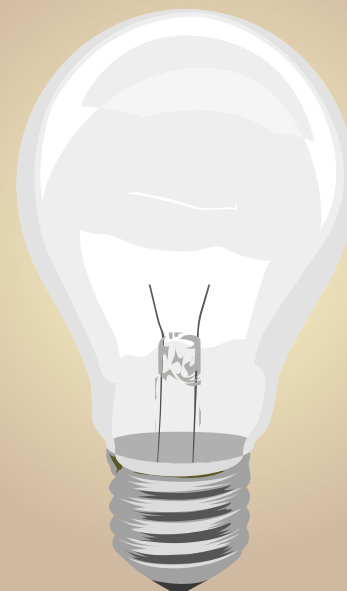
- Pop Mountain Brook LLC, (dba\ Post Office Pies Mountain Brook), 270 Rele Street, 205-582-9808

Building Permit Activity

Permit Type:	3rd Quarter - 2020		4th Quarter - 2020	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	11	\$ 8,791,071	24	\$ 20,737,725
Alterations/Additions	83	\$ 9,130,811	78	\$ 8,805,327
Repairs/Other	184	\$ 6,113,324	168	\$ 6,635,859
Totals:	278	\$ 24,035,206	270	\$ 36,178,911

COMPARISON OF YEAR - 2019

Permit Type:	3rd Quarter - 2019		4th Quarter - 2019	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
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



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 205-802-3800 or gastons@mtnbrook.org so the City can coordinate its repair with Alabama Power Company.

CHEROKEE BEND ELEMENTARY 5TH GRADERS RECYCLING CAMPAIGN TO REDUCE THE HUMAN FOOTPRINT

Cherokee Bend Elementary (CBS) 5th graders have been studying reducing the human footprint. Cole Gresham, 5th grade student, introduced a DATA + ACTION litter clean-up plan, which he discovered on cafeteriaculture.org. This is a citizen science opportunity that encourages clean up and data collection to determine how to improve the environment around them. Each class took a portion of the campus and students collected litter and other items.

Some students even stayed after school one afternoon to help clean up. They organized their findings into 6 categories: hard plastic, soft plastic, mix, Styrofoam, Covid-19 PPE, and other.

Students determined that most campus litter at CBS came from the field areas where after-school sports are played. This was determined by a more significant amount of plastic drink bottles, baseballs, golf balls and many other items found in the field

area. They also determined that CBS may have more food packaging litter this fall because they have been eating outside in various locations around the campus. Students were encouraged by the fact that CBS student litter was not a significant problem, but they plan to work on finding a solution for after-school litter on campus.

Students are in the process of using their findings to find unique ways to encourage all CBS students and visitors

to take care of the campus and the world around them. They reached out to Mountain Brook Public Works for help with this endeavor. Public Works and Waste Management donated 60 recycling bins and 4 large recycling cans.

Students are creating a detailed plan to teach younger students about recycling and exactly how and what to recycle. Some are creating videos for teachers to show in class and others are developing games and visuals to teach these concepts.



Pictured: Mrs. Brown and her 5th grade class, Johnny Franklin (Public Works), Willie Martin (Waste Management), Lynn Horton (Public Works) and Anthony Flores (Public Works)

O'Neal Library News

Children's Department



The Library is currently offering plenty of activities for your kids to do, despite the changes the pandemic has wrought. The place to start is the website, www.oneallibrary.org, where you can see a calendar of what's happening and how to get involved. You can also find links to all the online children's fun available to card-holding library patrons, like Tumblebooks, PebbleGo, Capstone Interactive, and kids' ebooks, audiobooks, and movies. If you're looking for recommendations for your next great children's book, look no further than My Reads, the Children's book recommendation page on the website. Here you can tell us your child's name, age, and a little bit of information about reading habits, and your librarians will put their heads together and come up with a handful of books your child ought to read next. As the Library watches COVID trends and makes decisions based on the health and safety interests of the community, the website is the best place to remain updated on what kids' programs are happening.



Project Lit & Book Clubs

Book clubs look a little different right now, but rest assured – O'Neal Library still has a perfect-fit book club for your child. The newest option is Project Lit, for 5th - 8th grade readers. This Zoom book club promotes a love of reading in the community and offers kids a chance to read, discuss, and celebrate books that make them feel seen, heard, affirmed, and valued. Ms. Morgan leads the discussion and the book trivia contest, and all participants get to pick out a free book! February's selection is *Refugee*, by Alan Gratz. Emerging readers and their parents can still read and do book-related activities together with Breakout Takeout. Pick up your activity packet and join the book chat with Ms. Rachel over Zoom. For older readers, *Hot Off the Press* is as lively as ever, just over Zoom instead of in person. Register to share your new favorites and get Ms. Morgan's latest recommendations.

Craft Corner

Did you know you can pick up a new craft activity pack every week? Just register online to reserve a pack for your child, then pick it up curbside and put it together at home. Craft packs are just right for preschool and lower elementary students.



O'Neal Library News

SHELF CARE

O'Neal Library Adult Department

Although we are not ready to offer in-person events, we currently host a busy online schedule! Check out the **TEENS' VIRTUAL PROGRAMS** webpage for more content: <https://www.oneallibrary.org/virtual-programs-teens>. There you will find links to several activities, such as the **READ WOKE READING CHALLENGE**, **TAB RECOMMENDS SLIDESHOW**, and more!

For adults, register for programs, explore archived **SMART DIRECTIONS** programs, indulge in some **SHELF CARE** for reading/watching/viewing suggestions and more at <https://oneallibrary.org/adults---home-new>. As conditions and circumstances shift and change, the best way to keep up with what is on offer is the library's calendar. Visit www.oneallibrary.org or download the library app for Apple and Android for even easier access!

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The Foundation's Board of Directors would like to thank Charles Smith for his thoughtful leadership as Board President. It would also like to thank Paul Simmons and Lucy Marsh for their years of service on the board. New Board of Director members have been approved including Davis Goodson, Joanna Hufham and Jeff Lloyd. Welcome to all of the new leadership for the Foundation!

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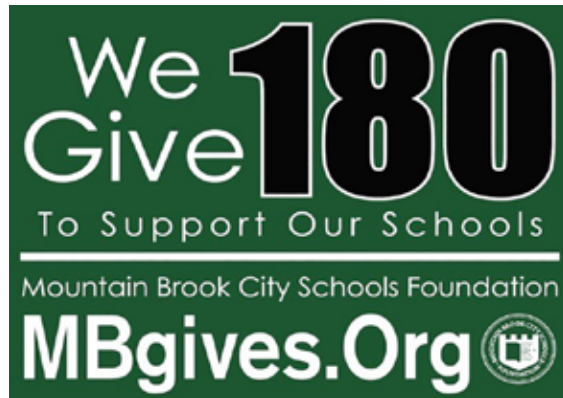
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In order to help meet the immediate needs of Mountain Brook's students, the Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation's Board of Directors has pledged an additional **\$300,000** in grant funding for a total of **\$761,843** this year to Mountain Brook Schools. Thanks to donor support, the Foundation stood ready to fulfill a special request from Superintendent Dr. Dicky Barlow regarding technology and teacher training resources in response to the coronavirus pandemic. A portion of the extra allocation has already purchased **500 web and document cameras** for classrooms that will allow for more in-depth learning opportunities.