



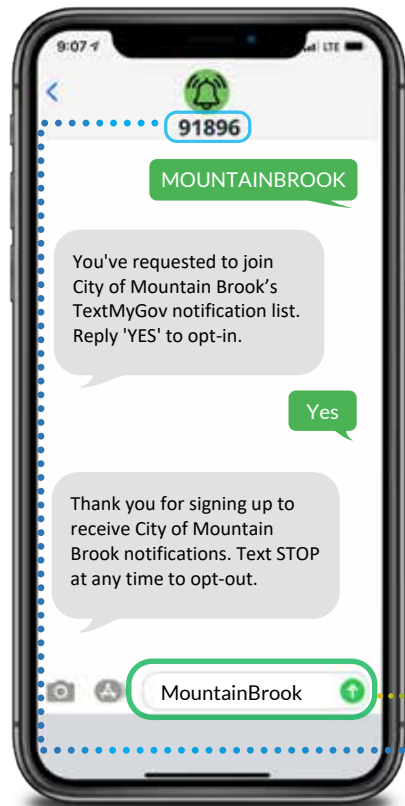
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## ! City of Mountain Brook Alerts



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

### New Alert Number

This is an update to the previous city alerts, so you will need to sign up for the new system.

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## Mayor's Message



### Is Mountain Brook the Safest City in Alabama?

Yes! The National Council for Home Safety and Security rated Mountain Brook as the safest city in our state. A big 'thank you' goes out to our law enforcement officers and to each of you.

Sometimes we take for granted how safe we feel in our homes, shopping and dining out or walking around in our community. We tend to forget that in many communities, residents have to be constantly on their guard. Chief Ted Cook and his management team along with our officers in the field do such a wonderful job of keeping us safe. If you see one of our officers, take a moment to say, "Thank you!"

Of the crime we do have, much of it is preventable by our residents by following a few simple tips:

- **Do not leave your keys in your car!** This is so obvious that I am embarrassed to include it, but a recent car theft happened just because of this!
- **Do not leave valuable items in view in your car.** It only takes a thief a moment to break a window and steal a purse, laptop, or other valuable items.

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- **Do not leave your car unlocked.** Thieves have been known to roam neighborhoods in the middle of the night checking for unlocked doors. When they find one, they rummage through the glovebox, etc. looking for items they can pawn.
- **Consider installing a RING doorbell or similar smart doorbell system.** Chief Cook launched a plan in 2019, working closely with Little Hardware, to encourage our residents to install RING doorbells. They can send you a text message based on motion at your door and video can be shared (with your permission) with our police department to help catch thieves quickly.
- **Retrieve packages quickly.** Amazon and other services leave packages on the front porch easily visible to someone driving by. This has surprisingly not been nearly as big of a problem here as in other areas, but it is still great advice.

We can now add “#1 Safest City in Alabama” to the “Best City for Millennials to Relocate in Alabama” according to Zippa.com and “#1 Best City for Fit Lifestyles in Alabama” by BarBend.com.

## 1st Annual Document Destruction and Electronic Waste Recycling Day

The City of Mountain Brook held a recycling day featuring secure paper document destruction and electronic waste removal. The event was a great success and took place on April 3rd, 2021 in the parking lot of Mountain Brook High School from 9 am to 1pm. The City partnered with Good for Gone, a program of the local non-profit United Ability and a company owned by a Mountain Brook resident. Over 500 people participated in this event with 20,000 lbs. of paper and 33,000 lbs. of electronics being dropped off for disposal.

The event featured a volunteer



effort including city employees, the Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Mountain Brook and the Homewood/Mountain Brook Kiwanis Club. The City and Chamber plan to make this an annual event, so be looking for information about the 2nd Paper Shredding/E-Waste Recycling Day in the early Spring of 2022.





# 2021 State Arbor Day Community



On February 25, 2021, Governor Kay Ivey signed a proclamation naming the City of Mountain Brook the 2021 State Arbor Day Community. Mountain Brook also achieved its 27th consecutive year as Tree City USA and 19th year for Tree City USA Growth Award. These awards and achievements were presented to Mayor Stewart Welch at the City's Arbor Day Celebration on February 26th. The event included a tree giveaway, planting of a beautiful Overcup Oak at City Hall, and recognizing the city's 5th grade Arbor Day poster contest winner, Hannah Cornelius. The event, which was attended by numerous city and state officials, was a tremendous success and achievement for Mountain Brook to acknowledge and affirm our commitment to a healthy urban forest.

# Lane Parke Phase 2 Update



**T**he beginning of Phase 2 is underway! Building permits have been issued by the city and construction has begun! This phase of Lane Parke is expected to take 14 months, reaching completion in May 2022. Although the list of upcoming specialty retailers is confidential, the City Council has approved a day spa, a drive-up coffee venue, and a bank in Phase 2. To review the approved PUD plans for Lane Parke, go to the city's website ([www.mtnbrook.org](http://www.mtnbrook.org)) and enter Lane Parke in the search bar.

## Recent City Council Actions

### The City Council has adopted or amended the following ordinances since January 11, 2021:

- Ordinance No. 2096 - Annexed the vacant, 1.74+/- acre residential property located at 4851 Mill Springs Circle, 35223.
- Ordinance No. 2097 - Amended the 2021 budget to include the one-time pay adjustment approved by the City Council on December 14, 2020.

- Ordinance No. 2098 - Extended for another 90-days the temporary modification of the temporary restaurant sidewalk dining regulations.
- Ordinance No. 2099 - Extended for another 90-days the time restrictions for the on-street public parking located in Mountain Brook, Crestline and English Village.
- Ordinance No. 2100 - Amended the City's small cell regulations

(Ordinance No. 1948 adopted on January 11, 2016).

- Ordinance No. 2101 - Amended Chapter 14 of the City Code with respect to fees associated with small cell antenna installations.
- Ordinance No. 2102 - Rezoned a parcel of land at 4851 Mill Springs Circle from its Temporary Residence A District Zoning to Permanent Residence A District Zoning.

### The City Council has approved the following projects since January 11, 2021:

- Proclaimed January as Human Trafficking Awareness month.
- Authorized an ADECA Local Government Agreement between the city and Jefferson County Commission with respect to its ADECA grant application.
- Ratified a \$300,000 transfer from the city's 2020 General Fund surplus and \$350,000 from the



2020 Stabilization Fund surplus to the infrastructure Capital Projects Fund.

- Authorized a contractor agreement between the city and Evans Tree Service with respect to the removal of trees at the Athletic Complex.
- Authorized the payment of \$161,490.00 from the City's Stabilization Fund (146) to the City of Mountain Brook Board of Education to reimburse the Board for expenses incurred in fiscal 2020 for personal protective equipment, sanitation supplies and services, technology and other costs associated with the global Coronavirus pandemic.
- Authorized the MWCF Deductible Addendum – 2021 with respect to the \$300,000 deductible workers' compensation insurance coverage and claims administration services for the policy year beginning February 1, 2021.
- Proclaimed February 22-26, 2021 Arbor Week in the city.
- Authorized the purchase of light fixtures and equipment from Lighting Solutions of Alabama.
- Authorized an agreement between the city and Stone and Sons Electrical Contractors for the installation of LED lights at MBE playing field.
- Authorized an agreement between the city and Sain Associates for the study of the potential necessity of a pedestrian crosswalk at the Mountain Brook Village Circle.
- Authorized an agreement between the city and United Ability, Inc. (dba Gone For Good Document Destruction) to provide community document destruction and e-waste recycling services.
- Authorized the removal of a street light between 321 and 325 Overbrook Road.
- Authorized the creation of one (1) Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Specialist position for the Planning, Building, and Sustainability Department.
- Authorized an agreement for Fire and EMS Services for C-K Breckenridge, LLC.
- Repurposed an area of roadway between the intersection of Canterbury Road and Cahaba Road and Canterbury Road and Village Circle to become part of the median island separating Cahaba Road and Village Circle in conjunction with the future installation of roundabouts in Mountain Brook Village.
- Authorized expense allowances and budget amendments for the GIS Specialist and Planner positions.
- Authorized an agreement between the city and Skipper Consulting to design a pedestrian crossing at the Tot Lot located at the intersection of Church Street and West Jackson Boulevard.
- Approved the proposed 2021 street resurfacing list.
- Authorized an agreement between the city and Alabama Guardrail, Inc., with respect to the installation of guardrail on Wilderness Road.
- Authorized an agreement with Goodgame Company, Inc. for the Public Works roof replacement project.
- Designated City Manager Sam Gaston as the City's Principal Executive Officer and Administrator associated to the Hagood Street sidewalk project in the Alabama Environmental Permitting and Compliance System.
- Authorized an agreement between the city and Skipper Consulting for traffic engineering services to a traffic control device designed for the pedestrian-actuated flashing beacon on the crosswalk at Church Street at West Jackson Boulevard.
- Authorized a contractor agreement for the replacement/modification of the interior glass curtain in the O'Neal Library atrium.
- Amended the city's holiday leave policy and Employee Handbook.
- Authorized an agreement between the city and Skipper Consulting, Inc., for their provision of traffic consulting services for the intersection of Bethune Drive at Oakdale.
- Authorized the purchase and configuration of a social media application for the Police Department of the city.
- Approved the conditional use application submitted by Evson, Inc. for a nail salon at 330 Rele Street.
- Authorized an agreement between the city and Skipper Consulting regarding their design of a left turn arrow from Oakdale Drive into the High School Complex.
- Authorized an agreement between the city and Stone & Sons Electrical Contractors with respect to the installation of a RRFB for the pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Church Street and West Jackson Boulevard.
- Awarded the bid for the purchase of night vision monocular units for the Police Department.
- Authorized an agreement between the city and Alabama Guardrail for the installation of a guardrail along Montevallo Road at Crestview Drive.
- Authorized the second amendment to the Tower Site Sublease Agreement and related Memorandum of Lease between the city and American Tower Asset Sub, LLC with respect to the tower located at the Athletic Complex.
- Authorized Sain Associates to initiate the Brookwood Road sidewalk (from Crosshill Road to the city limits) TAP Grant application.
- Accepted financial statements as of September 30, 2020.
- Proclaimed April as Autism Acceptance Month.
- Proclaimed April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- Authorized an agreement between the city and Stone & Sons Electrical Contractors, Inc. for installation of a left turn arrow from Oakdale Drive into the High School Complex.
- Authorized a revised funding agreement between ALDOT and the city with respect to the close-out of Project STPBH-CN (907) Jemison Trail/Shades Creek Greenway Connector-Jemison Park to Brookwood Village.
- Authorized a commercial fire and EMS service agreement between the city and Shades Parkway, LLC (located in unincorporated Jefferson County).
- Ratified Field 1 ROW Lease Agreement with ALDOT.
- Authorized the execution of the Services and Software Subscription Agreement between the city and OrangeBoy, Inc. for the O'Neal Library.
- Increased the 2021 excess pension contribution and authorized ongoing excess city pension contributions at the rate of 4.67% of covered payroll.

### Quarterly Crime Statistics

	4th Quarter 2020	1st Quarter 2021
Robbery	0	0
Robbery (aggravated shoplifting)	0	0
Burglary/Residence	6	3
Burglary/Business	1	1
Theft	19	30
Theft from Vehicle (UBEV)	11	21
Auto Theft	2	3
Assaults (Other)	4	1
Identity Theft	18	48
Criminal Mischief	6	2
Drugs	20	17
Family Violence	6	13
Accidents	186	133
• With Injuries	11	11
• With Fatalities	0	0
Calls For Service	5907	5986
House Watches	103	143

### 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.

## The City of Mountain Brook was named THE SAFEST CITY IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA

according to the National Council for Home Safety and Security.

**LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY, MOUNTAIN BROOK! #LOCKITUP!**  
 Be sure to secure all valuables inside of your home and lock your doors to both your home and vehicles. If you see something, say something. We are only a call away.

[HTTPS://WWW.ALARMS.ORG/SAFEST-CITIES-IN-ALABAMA/](https://www.alarms.org/safest-cities-in-alabama/)

### Building Permit Activity

Permit Type:	4th Quarter - 2020		1st Quarter - 2021	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	24	\$ 20,737,725	16	\$ 20,971,163
Alterations/Additions	78	\$ 8,805,327	92	\$ 12,607,843
Repairs/Other	168	\$ 6,635,859	135	\$ 4,480,057
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>\$ 36,178,911</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>\$ 38,059,063</b>

### COMPARISON OF YEAR - 2019

Permit Type:	4th Quarter - 2019		1st Quarter - 2020	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	5	\$ 2,797,000	8	\$ 4,505,085
Alterations/Additions	96	\$11,663,267	129	\$ 15,460,797
Repairs/Other	162	\$ 3,492,668	188	\$ 4,669,022
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>\$ 17,952,935</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>\$ 24,634,904</b>

### Construction and Power Equipment Use in the City

City Ordinance 1737, found in our Zoning Code Section 109-3, regulates times of construction activity. During periods of daylight savings time, work may begin at 8am on weekends and holidays and at 6:30am on any other day up to 8pm on any day.

City Ordinance 1906, found in our Zoning Code Section 34-7, regulates noise nuisance concerns for public welfare. The operation or permitting of any mechanically powered lawn equipment such as but not limited to blowers, trimmers and lawn mowers for commercial use within a residential district is allowed between the hours of 7am until 6pm on weekdays and 8am until 6pm on weekends.





## New Businesses

### REAL ESTATE AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

- Ortis Realty, LLC, 105 Euclid Avenue, 501-827-0997

### CONTRACTORS

- Romero, John (dba\ Wales Avenue Services), 19 Glenview Circle, 205-612-5711

### RETAIL/WHOLESALE

- Dutch Oil Company (dba\ Sprint Mart #2104), 2702 Cahaba Road, 662-327-5202
- Tree Street Investments, LLC (dba\ Kari Wilbanks Interior Design), 600 Olde English Lane, Suite 128, 813-210-1755
- Southern Infused, LLC, 161 Peachtree Road, 901-409-0480
- Sleevez, Inc., 3016 Weatherton Circle, 205-660-2299

### PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER SERVICES

- First Horizon Bank (dba\ Mountain Brook Village Branch), 2824 Cahaba Road, 205-803-5917
- Claw Consulting Group, LLC (dba\ Sign Fairy Bham), 3304 North Woodridge Road, 615-479-4890
- Jessica Schniper Interior Design, LLC, 3756 Rockhill Road, 205-910-5878
- Lifecare For Seniors, 6 Office Park Circle, Suite 116, 205-848-8400
- Home RN, LLC, 4326 Kennesaw Drive, 205-777-9764
- TD Ameritrade, Inc., 3000 Cahaba Village Plaza, Suite 130, 402-827-8906
- 1819, LLC, 4324 Corinth Drive, 205-470-4529
- Criterion Consulting, LLC, 3505 South Woodridge Road, 205-516-4717
- MB Design Elements, LLC, 2721 Wynward Road, 205-746-5269
- Victory Marketing, LLC (dba\ Sprint Mart # 2104), 2402 Cahaba Road, 601-856-3005
- Foster, Michael (dba\ Monument), 4236 Wilderness Road, 205-386-0708

### PERSONAL SERVICES

- Grace in Action, LLC (dba\ Thrive Pilates Barre Yoga), 6 Office Park Circle # 119, 205-746-3164
- Trinity N & H, LLC, 125 Oak Street, 205-567-4161
- Privy to Beauty, LLC, 131 Oak Street, 205-410-7017

## Schedule of Meetings

<b>CITY COUNCIL</b>	2nd & 4th Mon.	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
<i>(Call 205-802-3800 for time of Pre-Meeting)</i>			
<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>	2nd Mon.	3:30 p.m.	Call Board of Ed Office 205-871-4608
<b>LIBRARY BOARD</b>	3rd Tues.	4:30 p.m.	Library
<b>PARK &amp; REC. BOARD</b>	2nd Tues.	5:00 p.m.	City Hall
<b>BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT</b>	3rd Mon.	5:00 p.m.	City Hall
<b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b>	1st Mon.	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
<b>DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE</b>	3rd Wed.	8:00 a.m.	City Hall
<b>BOARD OF LANDSCAPE DESIGN</b>	3rd Tues.	5:15 p.m.	City Hall
<b>CHAMBER OF COMMERCE</b>	3rd Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	City Hall

**Check [www.mtnbrook.org](http://www.mtnbrook.org) for status of these meetings due to COVID-19.**

## Board Appointments/Reappointments:

- Reappointed Meredith Waldrop to the Park and Recreation Board through January 9, 2026.
- Appointed Philip Young to the Jefferson County Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Authority, Inc., to fill the unexpired term of Kimm Echoff through April 1, 2025.
- Mayoral reappointment of Luther Barner (“Barney”) Lanier to the Planning Commission through March 9, 2027.
- Reappointed Branden Plowden to the Board of Landscape Design through April 13, 2024.

## Committee Opening:

- The City’s Finance Committee will have a committee opening in July. (4 year term)
- The City’s Editorial Board has an immediate opening. This Board meets eight (8) times a year to plan and review the four (4) quarterly City newsletters, The Reporter. (4 year term)
- All applications and/or inquiries should be submitted on the website at [www.mtnbrook.org](http://www.mtnbrook.org). Complete the application and upload it with your resume.

*(Go to Government > Get Involved > Boards and Committees > Apply here. You can upload your resume and include it with your application.)*

# PARKS & RECREATION

## Parks and Recreation Improvements

### Athletic Improvements

The new fields were a big hit! Mountain Brook Athletics was able to play ball on the new fields this Spring with very few rainouts due to the new turf grass! Young athletes and fans were also able to enjoy the new batting cages behind Field 3, new bullpen by Field 7, and new pedestrian lights that were added earlier this year.

Several other athletic improvement projects are scheduled to be completed this summer:

1. At the Athletic Complex, 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 be getting 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 getting new LED lights in early June. (Details listed below.)

### LED Lights at MBE

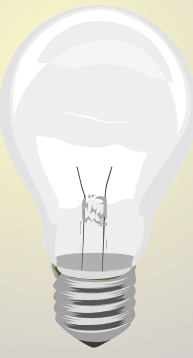
New LED lights will be added to the field by Mountain Brook Elementary in June. These will be Ephesus brand lights and will make the field brighter and safer for the kids playing sports. These lights will include some that are colored

and can be used for special effects such as celebrating a touchdown or lacrosse goal. We can't wait to use them!

### Cahaba River Walk Drinking Fountain

A new drinking fountain was placed at Cahaba River Walk in March. It includes a regular spout, a bottle filler, and a dog bowl. It is located near the entrance to the park for all to enjoy. As part of this project, we were able to connect the water line to the existing faucet inside the dog park so they will have access to fresh water as well.

The first photo shows the new fountain outside the fence and the second photo shows the watering station inside the dog park.

### 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](mailto:gastons@mtnbrook.org) so the City can coordinate its repair with Alabama Power Company.



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.





## Pedestrian Crossing Signals

The City has added pedestrian crossing signals at Overbrook Road/Pine Crest Road and on Montevallo Road near Canterbury Road. The addition of these signals to these mid-block crossings should assist pedestrians in safely crossing the street in these locations.

In addition, pedestrian crossing warning signs will be installed at the crosswalk on Church Street at Jackson Blvd, by Crestline Elementary School, in late May or early June. These flashing beacons will be “pushbutton” activated and also flash during school hours when the crossing guards are providing pedestrian security.



## How much is Your Landscape Worth?



Most homeowners can probably give an accurate estimate of the market value of their home and its related insurance value. We all take measures to both prevent damage and loss, and to make provisions for restoration or compensation in the event a loss does occur. It is possible for our landscape (outdoor features) to be better defined, assessed, and documented as well, and while it is more difficult to place exact dollar values on things like trees, shrubs, beds, etc; there are methods to do so. The fact that a mature tree cannot simply be replaced as is, tells us that we stand to suffer a net loss (both monetary and aesthetic) when landscape components are damaged or destroyed.

Landscaping, and its contribution to the overall value of the property, is generally vague and subjective. A good starting point to address the issue of “landscape valuation” is taking a landscape inventory. The following list

includes some common components of such an inventory:

- all trees and shrubs (size, number, species, location, and condition)
- hardscape features/items (brick/stone/wood work, beds/containers)
- other features of significance or value.

An existing survey or construction plan can be used as a basemap for marking landscape features and their associated attributes. From this, you can also identify potential conflicts and other areas of concern ahead of time, in relation to project planning for remodeling, redesign or updating. It’s more a matter of when, than if, we will be asking the question “what went right/wrong?” On that day, it would be nice to at least have a solid place to start when answering the next question, “what am I going to do now?”

*Don Cafaro,  
City Arborist*

# Waste Pickup Information for Mountain Brook

## GARBAGE:

Garbage is household solid waste. Garbage Is serviced once per week behind the house or by the garage with a maximum container size of 30 gallons. Larger containers, including 90-gallon rolling carts, will have to be placed at the curb for pickup. If the driveway is blocked or there are dogs out, Waste Management may not be able to service the garbage.

## RECYCLING:

Is serviced once per week curbside, same day as garbage. The following items may be recycled:

- Newspaper, Mixed paper, Junk mail, Copy paper (most paper that tears)
- Aluminum
- Steel and other metal cans
- No. 1 and No. 2 plastics (HOPE-clear plastic milk jugs and PET plastic soft drink containers),
- Magazines
- Cardboard (with no food on it
- Moving boxes and other Corrugated or Cardboard like Cereal boxes

### NO CONTAMINATION SUCH AS:

**Glass, Plastic bags, Bulky plastic items (coolers/toys), Garden hoses, Wire hangers, Foam products, Electronics, Rubber balls.**

**Contamination will cause loads to be delivered to MSW landfills.**

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

## TRASH:

Is serviced once per week curbside, same day as garbage service. Trash examples are as follows:

- Small piles of limbs
- Bagged grass and leaves (up to 5 bags)
- furniture, mattresses, and appliances
- Clothing
- Paper products and moving boxes
- Yard work supplies (flowerpots, hose, and tools)
- Glass, crockery, and metal

## KNUCKLEBOOM:

Collected on a weekly basis curbside, same day as garbage service. Tree limbs up to 90 pounds and up to 6 feet long. Only trees and limbs cut by the resident will be picked up by Waste Management.

**Any tree cutting and trimming work done by a contractor MUST be removed by the contractor.**

## PREPARATION FOR SPECIAL ITEMS:

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

**Appliances with Freon (such as refrigerators and air conditioners)** - Will not be picked up until these appliances have been drained of Freon and a certified sticker has been placed on the item. A technician at an appliance services department can provide the Freon removal. The items can then be placed at the curb on garbage pick-up day.

## ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP:

Dirt, rocks, gravel, concrete bricks, construction material, batteries, televisions and tires.

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



Below are some items that are sometimes mistaken for recyclables

# PLEASE DO NOT PLACE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN RESIDENTIAL RECYCLE BINS

- Plastic Bags
- Garden Hoses
- Yard Waste
- Wire Hangers
- Scrap Metal
- Electronics
- Textiles
- Large Plastic Items
- Glass
- Plastic Toys
- Coolers
- Rubber Balls
- Vacuum Hoses
- Cables or Cords
- Foam Products
- Plastics #3-7

**DO NOT PLACE TRASH IN ROADWAY**



# Tree Cutters/Grass Cutters/Landscapers Business

## License requirement:

The City of Mountain Brook Ordinance Sec. 26-210 states that it shall be unlawful for any person, taxpayer, or agent of a person or taxpayer to engage in businesses or vocations in the municipality for which a license is required without first having procured a business license and permits.

This includes all building trade contractors, grass cutters/landscapers, tree cutters, mulch/pine straw broadcasters, and home based businesses.

Residents, please remember when hiring a contractor to perform any work on your home to verify with the Revenue Department to ensure that the contractor is licensed to work in the City. The telephone number is 205-802-3806.

Any contracting work being conducted within the city limits, including landscaping must also be permitted before the work begins. Permit applications should be applied for by the contractor and may be obtained at City Hall, located at 56 Church St. or by calling 205-802-3806.

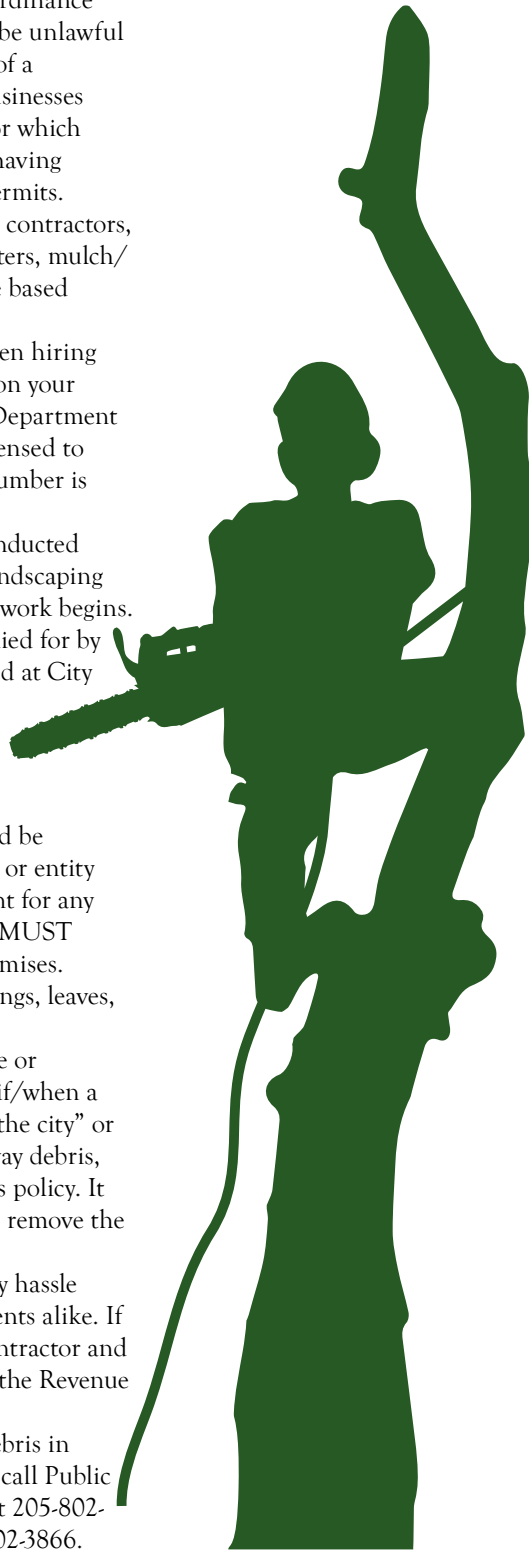
### Tree Removal:

All Mountain Brook residents need be aware of the following: any person or entity (“contractor”) that receives payment for any job that produces waste or debris, MUST haul away said debris from the premises. This includes tree/shrubbery cuttings, leaves, construction debris, etc.

Whether it is an honest mistake or something else, please remember, if/when a contractor states or suggests that “the city” or “Waste Management” will haul away debris, that there are no exceptions to this policy. It is the contractor’s responsibility to remove the debris.

Doing so will avoid unnecessary hassle and expense for the city and residents alike. If there are any questions about a contractor and the status of their license, contact the Revenue Department at 205-802-3806.

To report a contractor piling debris in violation of this ordinance, please call Public Works Supervisors Daniel Davis at 205-802-3869 or Johnny Franklin at 205-802-3866.



located at 3579 East Street across from Rathmel Soccer Complex. We load open-bed vehicles Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and in the afternoons between 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call our office (205-802-2390) if more information is needed.

### SPECIAL ITEMS DISPOSAL:

Paint cans - Remove the lids from all of the cans. If there is paint inside, put sand, dirt, or kitty litter in the cans with the paint for absorption. Place the cans curbside with the lids off for pick-up.

Appliances with freon (such as refrigerators and air conditioners) - Will not be picked up until the freon has been drained and a certified sticker has been placed on the item. A technician at an appliance service department can provide the freon removal. The items can then be placed at the curb for pickup.

### ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP:

Dirt, rocks, gravel, concrete, bricks, construction materials, batteries, and tires.

### LEAF AND TRASH PICKUP:

Loose-leaf pickup service has ended for this season. All loose leaves and small trash items need to be containerized for curbside collection. Larger trash items should be on the curb for the knuckle-boom truck collection. Work done by a contractor is not eligible for pickup by Waste Management.

### COMPOST:

Now is a good time to clean and prepare your flower beds and garden areas. Compost mixed with soil will provide a good start for your plants. Our compost operation is in full swing at the Public Works facility

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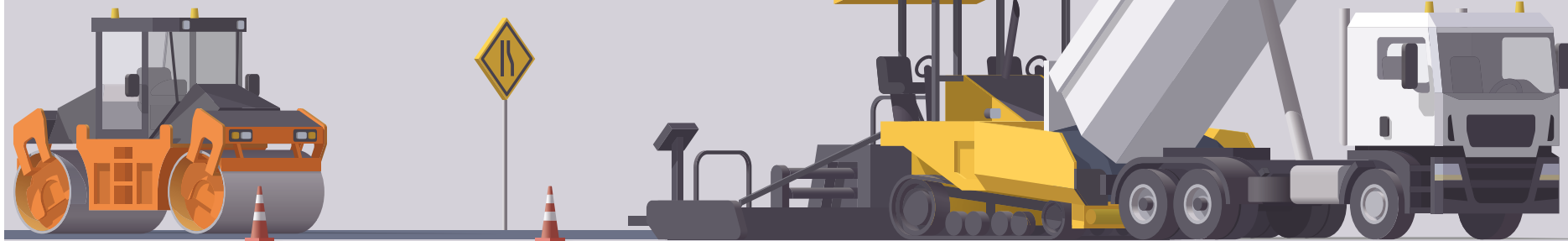


## Paving List 2021

The City of Mountain Brook will begin work on the 2021 street resurfacing project this Spring. Our contractor, Dunn Construction, will be able to schedule this work sooner than first expected. Some or most of the streets may already be milled and paved when this article is published. If so we hope you are enjoying the newly paved roads. The streets to be milled and paved are as follows:

- English Village Lane
- 23rd Street
- Peacock Lane
- Park Lane
- Country Club Road (Ridge Drive to Montclair)
- Sheridan Drive
- Crestwood Drive
- Crestview Drive & Circle
- Delmar Terrace
- Sheridan Place
- Southwood Road
- Grand Rock Road
- Grand Rock Circle
- Robin Drive
- North Woodridge Road (Between South brookwood Road and Westbury)
- Green Valley Road (City Limits to Hwy. 280)

Any questions concerning this project, you may call Hunter Johnston (205) 802-3875 or Ronnie Vaughn (205) 802-3865.



## Mosquito Control Changes

Based on recommendations from the Public Works Department, the Mountain Brook City Council has approved making changes to our mosquito control operations. We will continue to place briquettes in standing water. Also, we plan to offer limited spray by request only. In recent years, we have reduced the time spent on chemical mosquito control mainly due to so many requests to not spray and very few residents requesting spray.

Mosquitoes need quiet, standing water to breed. Eliminate mosquito breeding habitats by emptying standing water in outdoor items such as containers, toys, plastic covers, unused tires or outdoor equipment. Drain puddles or fill with dirt. Empty and change the water in

birdbaths, wading pools, and potted plant trays at least once a week. Properly maintain swimming pools and unplug rain gutters.

For more information on mosquito control, visit the Jefferson County Department of Health's website, ([www.jcdh.org](http://www.jcdh.org)) search word is "Vector Control" or call 205-930-1230.

If you have any questions concerning these changes, you may call Daniel Davis 205-802-3869 or Ronnie Vaughn 205-802-3865.



# O'Neal Library News

## Children's Department



**PARADE**



**K**ick off summer reading with a cool treat on Tuesday, May 25. From 5:00 - 6:30 that evening, the Children's Department is reprising its COVID-era version of the Summer Reading kickoff: a drive-through lap at the library. See the newly unveiled summer reading theme and decorations in the book-drop alley behind the library, give a hearty and safely-distanced greeting to your librarians, and pick up a free Steel City Pops popsicle for each child in your vehicle. Walkers and strollers will need to switch to a car in order to participate in the drive-through.

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Summer Reading is just an app away. Download Beanstack, then sign up by entering a little bit of information about your reader(s). A few taps later, you'll be all set to log pages read and start earning free books. This year, you can visit the book room in person by appointment to pick out a free book for every 600 pages logged, up to nine books over the summer. (There will be weekly limits on free books.)



Older elementary readers can sign up in Beanstack for Xtreme Reads, a more challenging reading program in which kids complete reading challenges to collect digital badges. Every badge earned is another chance to win one of seven enticing prize packages, including an iPad Mini.

All summer events taking place in the Children's Department will follow the most up-to-date COVID protocols for the safety of the community and library staff. Check the website, [www.oneallibrary.org](http://www.oneallibrary.org), for the most current schedules and announcements. That's where you'll also find information and sign-up links for summer reading.

## Flipster for Magazine Fans

Spending more time at home this past year may have you looking to update your appliances and decor. Before you splurge on that new fridge or TV, find out how different models compare in Consumer Reports on Flipster. Flipster is the library's digital magazine app - all you need is your library card! You can read full magazine issues at any time on your device. Looking for interior design inspiration? You can enjoy the vibrant photography of lifestyle magazines such as Southern Living and House Beautiful. You will find current and back issues of nearly 40 magazines on our Flipster app. Try it today! Search for Flipster in your app marketplace or click the Flipster button on [oneallibrary.org/digitalservices](http://oneallibrary.org/digitalservices).

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Scan the QR code with the camera app on your phone to sign up, or you can enroll by completing a paper application at the library.

While there are a limited number of authors available through this service, Advance Booking will continue to grow. Recommendations for future additions to the roster of authors can be made through request cards at the library or through the online form on the library's website.

Any questions can be emailed to [advancebooking@oneallibrary.org](mailto:advancebooking@oneallibrary.org).



## Adult News

In April, O'Neal Library was pleased to introduce a free, eight-week American Sign Language course in which participants learned basic signs and techniques, additional resources, and more about Deaf culture taught live on Zoom by an instructor from the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind. The next 8-week course starts in June, each Tuesday evening, so register on the calendar at [www.oneallibrary.org](http://www.oneallibrary.org) today! If you have questions, please contact Katie Moellering, Adult Services Librarian, at 205-445-1118 or [kmoellering@oneallibrary.org](mailto:kmoellering@oneallibrary.org).



Later in the summer, be sure to check the library's calendar to sign up for exciting author events with Patti Callahan Henry, Susan Finely and more, as well as the new Summer Spice Club. Each month, June through August, we've invited a Birmingham area chef to host a conversation about an ingredient of their choice. Registrants will receive a sample of the ingredient, a few other goodies, and a link to the Zoom meeting.

Don't forget about our great variety of regularly scheduled book groups: The Bookies, Lost & Found 20th Century Classics, Great Short Stories, and the Genre Reading Group. Each Wednesday morning at 11, join Holley for casual conversation on Zoom with Coffee Klatch. More information and registration for all these programs is on the library's calendar at [www.oneallibrary.org](http://www.oneallibrary.org)!



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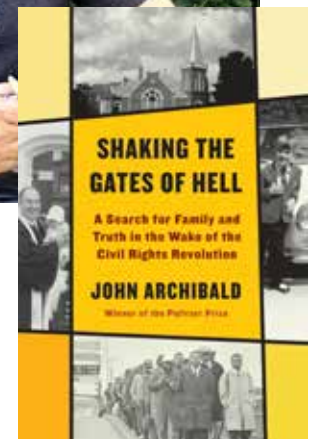
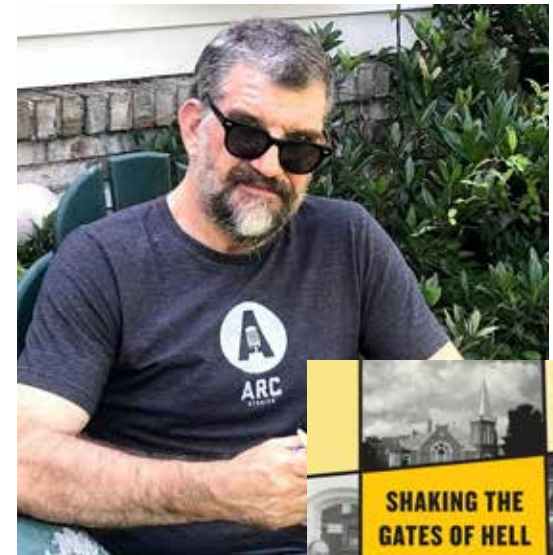
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# Crestline Tent Sale



## Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

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The Foundation exists to provide financial support to meet the academic needs that are beyond the current scope and means of the school system. The Foundation's work is based on the needs of the school system as a whole.



The Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation would like to thank the chairs of this year's campaign: **Nina & Ken Botsford, Walker & Bill Jones and Kate & Claude Nielsen.** With the help of their amazing committee, they have raised more than \$190,000 in support of Mountain Brook Schools. There is still more time to give! To donate as a part of the Grandparents Club, visit [MBGives.org](http://MBGives.org) or mail a check to the Foundation at 32 Vine Street, 35213.

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## Class of 2021 Senior Legacy Gift

The Foundation is excited to share that 200 families have contributed to the Class of 2021 Senior Legacy Gift for a total of more than \$50,000. This effort is chaired by **Katie & Charles Crommelin, Tricia & Bubba Pugh, Kelly & Jason Putman and Kristin & Bill Ritter** with a goal of 100% participation from senior class families.

Senior families can visit [MBGives.org](http://MBGives.org) or mail a check to 32 Vine Street, 35213 to make their \$150 tax-deductible donation and secure a personalized sign honoring their senior at Mountain Brook High School.

What a special way to honor the Class of 2021 during this challenging year!



## Foundation Grants More Than Ever To MB Schools

In response to the challenges presented by Covid-19, the Foundation's Board of Directors has pledged an additional \$300,000 to Mountain Brook Schools for an unprecedented total of \$761,843 in grants this year.

The Foundation relies on individual donations to help fulfill this pledge and provide greatly needed resources for Mountain Brook students and teachers. For example, funds from donors have already purchased more than 500 web and document cameras for the six schools to improve integration between in-person and virtual learning.

