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Mayor's Message

Best Wishes to a Friend

Mountain Brook Police Chief Ted Cook has earned a welldeserved retirement. Having served in law enforcement for more than thirty-five years, he served as our police chief for more than a decade. He has an exemplary background in law enforcement including serving as President of the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police. What you may not know is that he also has his law degree and is a member of the Alabama Bar Association. More important to us, as residents of Mountain Brook, he has been a

leader in law enforcement and, along with his fellow officers, has served and protected our community with distinction, professionalism, and integrity.

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Personally, I consider Chief Cook a friend. We have hunted quail together. We have teamed up to raise money for charities in clay shooting competitions. We have visited with Coach Nick Saban. Ted is a farmer at heart and has shared the best corn I have ever had with city council members and me along with beautiful blueberries that taste like candy!

All of us in Mountain Brook



Mayor Welch with Chief Cook

city government are sad to see him go but excited for him as he journeys to this next chapter in his life.

"Ted, thank you for all you have done for our city. Mountain Brook is a better city because of you!"

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Business License Renewals

Business license renewals for the City of Mountain Brook are due on January 1, 2022 and will be delinquent January 31, 2022. Licenses not renewed on time will be subject to penalties and interest.

Business owners should receive a renewal reminder prior to January. If you do not receive your renewal notice prior to Jan. 1, please inform the Revenue Department. Please complete the renewal notice and return along with your payment.

Remember, if you pay for your

renewal online, the amount that is already populated is only the issue fee, not the total license fee. Many of the license fees are based on your last year's gross receipts and require you to input that amount.

If your business receives a renewal notice and you are no longer conducting business in the City, please mark the renewal notice with the ending date of the business and mail it back or fax to 205-870-3590 so that we may update our files.

Our BUSINESSES need your SUPPORT now more than ever!

> **UPDATED INFORMATION AT** www.mtnbrookchamber.org

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

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

Online payment options for **Business Licenses and Sales Taxes** are available on our website www. mtnbrook.org under Pay Bills located in the middle of the home

Please be aware that homebased businesses are required to obtain a home occupation permit in addition to a business license. This permit form is also available from our website www.mtnbrook. org under "Business" on the top navigation bar and then looking for "Home Occupation Application" under "Forms and Permits".

Residents, please remember that when hiring a contractor to perform any work at your home, including landscaping/yard work, or hiring a service company, please verify with the Revenue Department that the contractor is licensed to work in the City, by calling 205-802-2400 option 4. Any contracting work being conducted within the city limits must be permitted. Permit applications may be obtained at City Hall, located at 56 Church Street in Crestline Village.

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

Virginia Carruthers Smith

Council Pro Tem, William S. "Billy" Pritchard III, Alice Womack, Lloyd Shelton, Gerald Garner

City Manager:

Board Appointments/Reapppointments

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

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Congratulations

Under Chief Cook's mentorship, encouragement and support, Jaye Loggins has been appointed Acting Chief of Police for Mountain Brook. Chief Loggins joined the Mountain Brook Police Department in 1996 and has served at every level of operation throughout our police department including, most recently, Deputy Chief of Police. He has been named 'Officer of the Year' twice and will complete his master's degree in criminal justice next year. We are all excited for the opportunity Acting Chief Loggins has created for himself.



Jack Bankston named Chairman of AMROA Board

Jack Bankston, the Senior Revenue Examiner for the City of Mountain Brook, was recently appointed as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Alabama Municipal Revenue Officers Association, better known as AMROA.

Jack had previously served as a board member for three years.



Chief Cook announces retirement after 36 years in Law Enforcement

A fter 36 years of service in the field of Law Enforcement, on Monday, September 13, 2021, Chief Ted Cook informed his personnel that he would be retiring at the end of the year.

Chief Cook has served the Mountain Brook Police Department with distinction and honor since being appointed Chief of Police in March of 2011. With Chief Cook at the helm of leadership of the MBPD, the agency has grown by leaps and bounds. The City has received numerous awards under his leadership including:

- Distinction as the #1 Safest City in the State of Alabama in 2020
- Created several new positions within the Agency
- Improved communication and transparency within the community through social media initiatives and the development of a mobile smartphone app
- Successfully established the take-home vehicle program for all officers
- Created 6 new School Resource Officer positions with one assigned to every school within the Mountain Brook City School System

Chief Cook would like to thank the residents, City leadership, Command Staff, and most importantly his officers for entrusting him with this position.

Chief Cook is a graduate of the FBI National Academy; former President of the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police (AACOP); he has served on the State of Alabama Sentencing Commission since 2013; and is active in the Certified Law Enforcement Executive Program powered by the Alabama Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (APOSTC).

Chief Cook's law enforcement journey did not begin with the Mountain Brook Police Department.



Chief Cook has served in Law
Enforcement since 1985. Immediately
prior to coming to Mountain Brook
he was the Chief of Police at the Leeds
Police Department. Prior to Leeds
he worked more than 20 years with
the Birmingham Police Department.
Chief Cook has extensive experience
in Police Administration, SWAT
Operations, Patrol, and worked on a
Felony Task Force in Birmingham.

We will miss Chief Cook's expertise, devotion, leadership, and character. We certainly are excited for Chief Cook on a well-earned retirement and thank him for his dedicated service to this profession. We would also like to thank Chief Cook's family, Russell, Robert, and Maddie, along with his wife, Donna, for sharing him with us! Chief Cook truly epitomizes servant leadership and we at the department are all changed for the better for having the opportunity to serve under his leadership. This Agency, down to the very building is not the same place where Chief found it 10 years ago. The imprint that he's left in a decade is one that many strive to accomplish across a lifetime.



A retirement party for Chief Cook has been set for Wednesday, November 10th from 2-4pm at the O'Neal library.

The daily operations of the Agency will be designated to Deputy Chief, Jaye Loggins.

Deputy Chief Jaye Loggins has been appointed as Acting Chief until a permanent Chief is appointed by the City of Mountain Brook. Chief Loggins has worked and supervised in all divisions of the Police Department. Prior to his promotion to Deputy Chief, he served as the Division Commander for the Administrative Division. He has been employed with Mountain Brook since 1996. We are confident that Deputy Chief Loggins will serve the residents of Mountain Brook and continue to lead the MBPD well!

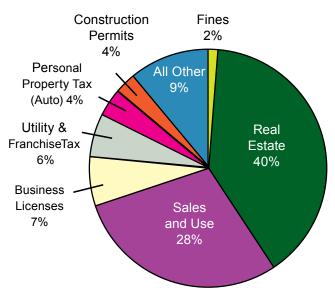


2022 City Budget

The City Council adopted the 2022 budget in September. The General Fund budget reflects a surplus of \$209,000. The General Fund revenue totals \$44 million. The chart below shows what some of the notable General Fund revenues include.

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

2022 GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET

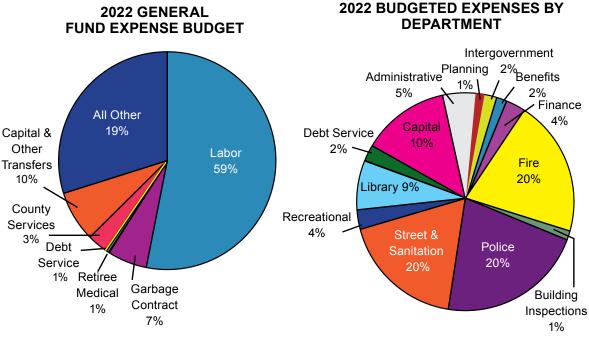


Source of Revenue	2021	2022	Percentage Change
Real estate tax	\$17,129,000	\$18,150,000	6.0%
Sales tax	10,545,000	12,196,000	15.7
License and franchise fees	3,100,000	3,108,000	0.3
Utility taxes	1,696,000	1,549,000	(8.7)
Automobile property tax	1,299,000	1,434,000	10.4
Construction permits	906,000	1,070,000	18.1
Fines	423,000	386,000	(8.7)
All other	5,321,042	6,130,246	15.2
Totals	\$40,419,042	\$44,023,246	8.9%

2022 General Fund expenses and transfers total \$44 million, which represents an 8.2% increase from last year's budget. The charts below illustrate the functional and departmental allocation of the City's General Fund expenses:

Other items of interest in the various capital projects funds:

- Recreational facility projects started in 2021 to be completed in 2022:
- ♦ Baseball Field 1-\$1.7 million
- ♦ Athletic Complex Phase 2-\$1.3 million
- ♦ Cherokee Bend Elementary-\$140,000
- Grant funded streets, sidewalk and trail improvements:
- Old Brook Trail over Little Shades Creek and Canterbury Road over Watkins
- ♦ Creek bridges—\$1.7 million (80% Federal Funds)
- ♦ Roundabout-\$690,000 (80% Federal Funds)
- ♦ Caldwell Mill Road bridge replacement—\$642,000
- ♦ Pine Ridge Road sidewalks-\$350,000
- ♦ Hollywood Road pedestrian bridge—\$300,000
- 115 foot bucket/ladder fire engine \$1.5 million
- Police vehicles and related equipment \$1.1 million
- Other equipment and facilities improvements \$3.2 million
- Other infrastructure projects \$758,000





Recent City Council Actions

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

- Ordinance No. 2106 - Authorized the issuance, execution, sale and delivery of \$4 million General Obligation Warrants.
- Ordinance No. 2107
 Appointed the City Clerk of the City of Mountain Brook.
- Ordinance No. 2108

 Amended Chapter
 2, Division 4, Section
 295 of the city code to
 add an annual Arbor
 Day celebration and
 maintain Tree City
 USA certification
 status to the list of
 duties for the Board of
 Landscape Design.
- Ordinance No. 2109 - Adopted the city's budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022.

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

- Approved a Loan
 Agreement and
 Amendment to Ground
 Lease between
 city and Mountain
 Brook Sports Park
 Foundation for
 improvements to
 Rathmell Park.
- Authorized the recreation of the

- Municipal Clerk III position to be filled at the discretion of the City Manager.
- Authorized a professional service agreement between the city and Schoel Engineering with respect to a drainage study and preliminary design work in the vicinity of Canterbury Road, Montevallo Road, Surrey Road and Overhill Road area of the city.
- Authorized a professional service agreement between the city and Schoel Engineering with respect to a drainage project improvements and design study at Mountain Brook Junior High.
- Authorized a 2022 public transportation agreement between the city and Birmingham-Jefferson Transit Authority (MAX).
- Ratified a \$20,000 Community Grant Program grant application between the city and Jefferson County Commission with respect to the city's financial participation in the Crestline Elementary School gymnasium and pickleball courts.
- Approved a conditional use (interior design) in the Professional

- District Alex Herchart, 2102 Cahaba Road, Suite D in English Village.
- Adopted a resolution commemorating fallen Mountain Brook police officers.
- Recognized Buddy Selman and Dale Meisner for their 51 years of operations as a Barber Shop in Crestline Village.
- Authorized the transfer of funds received under the American Rescue Plan Act for lost revenue through December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$1,555,463 and reimbursement of costs incurred in fiscal 2020 for the South Brookwood Road storm sewer rehabilitation in the amount of \$325,745 from the General Fund to the infrastructure Capital Projects Fund.
- Recommended to the ABC Board the issuance of a Special Events Retail license to TRO, Inc. (trade name Otey's Fest) for its special event held July 31, 2021.
- Authorized an agreement between the city and Trobaugh and Company, LLC for professional tax and license auditing services.

- Authorized an agreement between the Avenu Insights & Analytic, LLC for professional tax and license discovery services.
- Accepted the assignment of the General Residential Sales Contract and authorized the purchase of the property located at 116 Hillsdale Road.
- Authorized the purchase of a 2021
 Ford Police Interceptor AWD Utility vehicle to replace a unit recently totaled.
- Authorized the
 Dispatch Contract
 Services Agreement
 between the
 city's Emergency
 Communications
 (E911) District
 and Shelby County
 Emergency
 Management
 Communications
 District
- Authorized the installation of a dog park at the lower end of the Mountain Brook Elementary playing field for Grayson Hydinger's Eagle Scout project.
- Authorized the Post-Closing Occupancy Agreement between the city and Samuel Walter Wilcox and Sara Osteen Wilcox.

- Awarded the bid for the Athletic Complex project to Clements Dean Building Company LLC.
- Authorized a professional services agreement between the city and Schoel Engineering for the design of a storm water detention pond near Mountain Brook Junior High.
- of-way encroachment agreement between the city and Mountain Brook Board of Education with respect to the Crestline Elementary School construction project.
- Authorized a cost sharing agreement between the city and City of Birmingham with respect to roadway and traffic signal modifications at the intersection of Montevallo Road, Euclid Avenue and Leech Drive.
- Authorized an agreement between the city and EMS Management & Consulting, Inc. for ambulance billing services and related business associates agreement.
- Authorized the City Manager to offer continuing medical coverage to eligible employees namely at 20 years of city service

- at any age or at10 years of city service who are eligible for normal retirement benefits and who elect to retire between September 1, 2021 through May 1, 2022.
- Approved the installation of one (1) additional support structure and authorized the City Manager to issue a permit for such installation in accordance with the City Code at 3216 Rockledge Road.
- Approved the conditional office use application submitted by Evson, Inc. for property at 2712 Culver Road.
- Authorized the City Manager to engage city labor and issue purchase orders as determined appropriate for the construction of sidewalks (440 ft.) along a segment of Sharpsburg Drive to Little River Road and the installation of 180 ft. of guardrail.
- Proclaimed September 17th through September 23rd, 2021 as Constitution Week.
- Authorized change order No. 1 with respect to the Hagood sidewalk project (Resolution No. 2021-081).



- Authorized an implementation agreement (costs sharing) between the city and Mountain Brook Board of Education with respect to the girls' softball field improvements.
- Ratified a 2021 commercial equipment rental/purchase agreement between the city and Ingram Equipment Company, Inc. for the short-term rental of a garbage truck.
- Authorized the City Manager to enter into a Contract for General Services with Birmingham Regional Paratransit Consortium d/b/a ClasTran.
- Ceased curbside residential recycling for an indefinite period of time effective September 14th.
- Proclaimed September as Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month.
- Proclaimed October as National Down Syndrome Awareness Month.
- Proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
- Honored Chris Mitchell for his service on the Board of Zoning Adjustment.
- Increased the salary schedule for all classified, unclassified and part-time employees

- by three and one-half percent (3.5%) effective October 12, 2021, and increased the compensation for contract security services for the city's Public Works facilities, the City Prosecutor, and Municipal Judges by three and one-half percent (3.5%) effective October 1, 2021.
- Authorized a contract agreement between the city and Southern Software for the Police Department for a records management system.
- Adopted the E911
 District budget for the fiscal year beginning
 October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022.
- Appointed James
 Loggins as Acting
 Police Chief, effective
 September 28, 2021,
 subject to the Jefferson
 County Personnel
 Board approval, and
 set to expire upon
 the permanent filling
 of the position or
 November 30, 2021.
- Authorized a drainage study on Greenway
 Road by Schoel
 Engineering.

Waste Management Issues

Many of our residents have experienced problems with their garbage and recycling service from Waste Management over the past 4-5 months. Waste Management has faced several factors that have contributed to this decline in service in our community as well as most others they serve in the Birmingham area including:

- Labor shortages
- COVID illness of drivers/workers
- Inexperienced route managers, drivers, workers and supervisors who know little about our city, road system and back door garbage service
- The reorganization of Waste Management, after acquiring Advance Disposal, has resulted in most all longtime Waste Management drivers and workers in our community, to be transferred or promoted to other positions as well as several retirements and personnel leaving the company

All of this has contributed to the

decline of their services after 26 years of good service to our community.

The City and Waste Management have teamed to improve the garbage service by:

- An experienced Waste
 Management route manager,
 who worked in our community
 for several years, is now back
 serving our community and
 following up on missed service
 and coordinating the four (4) daily
 garbage routes.
- The City suspended curbside recycling for an indefinite time to allow Waste Management to use this truck as a 5th garbage pickup for the daily routes to help them stay "caught-up" with the garbage routes. Unfortunately, Waste Management, due to several factors, has yet to field five (5) garbage trucks in a single day, usually only running three (3) or four (4).
- Our Public Works Department has assisted Waste Management in serving thousands of homes in the

past two months.

Due to these efforts, especially of our Public Works Department, the City was able to "reset" with Waste Management to resume regular daily garbage pickup on Tuesday, September 21st. So far, this seems to be working well with all daily routes being served, with a few exceptions or misses, on their normal garbage/trash day.

Our current contract with Waste Management extends to September 30, 2022. The City is a founding member of the Cahaba Solid Waste Authority, along with six (6) other local municipalities. AmWaste is the vendor selected by the Solid Waste Authority to provide services to its members. The City is in discussions with AmWaste about taking over our garbage/trash/recycling services in 2022

More information will be provided to our residents as it becomes available or to notify you of any service disruptions or delays by Waste Management.

Hagood Sidewalk Update

The City of Mountain Brook and City of Birmingham will soon be linked with a sidewalk on Hagood Street. The project, awarded to CB&A Construction, is expected to be complete at the end of this year.







Quarterly Crime Statistics

City Re-establishes the Municipal Clerk Position

In June, the City re-established the dedicated Municipal Clerk position. The position was filled August 31 upon the appointment of Heather Richards, formerly Magistrate Supervisor of the Municipal Court of the City of Mountain Brook.



Heather began her employment with the City in 2014 as a Magistrate and was promoted to Magistrate Supervisor in 2016. Heather earned her Bachelor of Science degree from UAB in Criminal Justice and is currently pursuing a Master of Public Administration.

The Municipal Clerk serves as a central figure in the general administration of city government including, but not limited to, meeting administration, maintenance of official records, administration of biennial municipal elections, and supervision of the court, licensing, permitting and tax personnel. These duties were previously assigned to Steven Boone, Assistant City Manager and Finance Director of the City. The decision to segregate these duties has been planned for several years for internal control purposes.

Holiday Shopping Safety Tips

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

WHEN SHOPPING:

- Situational awareness!
 Pay attention to your surroundings.... if someone seems to be watching you, they may be sizing you up for a crime.
- Try to park in well-lit areas.
 Always lock your car doors.
- Do not leave anything of value visible inside your car. Lock your car doors.
- Avoid placing valuable items in the trunk in public. Lock your car doors.
- Don't leave your purse in the shopping cart unattended... you're just making it easy for someone to steal or pilfer your purse.

AT HOME YOU SHOULD:

- Always lock your home and car doors at home also.
- Have your key ready before you get to the door you are entering.
- Make sure your entrance area is well lighted.
- List only your last name and first initial in your mailbox.
- If a stranger wants to use your phone for any kind of call (from business to emergency)...... Keep him

- outside and you make the call for them!
- Any problems or in doubt?
 Call the police!
- If you arrive home and find your door open DO NOT GO INSIDE call the police from a cell phone or neighbor's house and ask them to meet you.

CALL THE POLICE IF YOU SEE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY:

- If you see someone suspicious in your yard or your neighbor's yard call the Police immediately! "If you see something, say something!"
- Working together we can reduce and/or eliminate many of the crimes occurring in the City of Mountain Brook, but it all begins with the citizens of Mountain Brook calling in suspicious or criminal activity. Be active; get involved in helping make your community a safer place.
- Report any suspicious activity to the Mountain Brook Police Department (205) 879-0486 (non-emergency) or 911 (emergency). Program your cell phone with the (205) 879-0486 number. 911 calls from cell phones are sometimes routed to other agencies depending upon which cell tower the call transmits to.

	2nd Quarter 2021	3rd Quarter 2021
Robbery	0	1
Robbery (aggravated shoplifting)	0	0
Burglary/Residence	12	10
Burglary/Business	0	4
Theft	40	28
Theft from Vehicle (UBEV)	20	19
Auto Theft	7	2
Assaults (Other)	2	0
Identity Theft	59	11
Criminal Mischief	5	2
Drugs	18	11
Family Violence	7	4
Accidents	213	190
With Injuries	12	8

WANT TO HELP US LOWER THESE NUMBERS?

6026

217

6198

159

- 1. Lock your vehicle.
- 2. Take your keys.

· With Fatalities

Calls For Service

House Watches

- 3. Do not 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 are not at home.

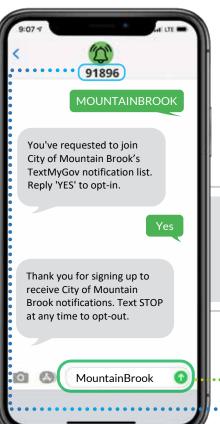
See *it!* **Hear** *it!* **Report** *it!* Let us know when you see suspicious activity in your neighborhood.





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.
- Opt-out of 888-777 text alerts from the city as this system is being phased out.

Opt-in today,

Text MountainBrook

To: **91896**

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



REPORT AN ISSUE

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:

POTHOLE, STREET LIGHT, TRAFFIC LIGHT, ANIMAL CONTROL, GARBAGE, and TREE

View terms and privacy policy info at: textmygov.com/opt-in-terms-conditio Msg & Data rates apply. Msg frequency varies.





Street Light Out?

Alabama Power Company maintains nearly 400 street lights on the streets and alleys of our City. However, they do not regularly check for street lights that are not working. If you see a street light that is out, please report it to the City Manager's office at 802-3800 or gastons@mtnbrook.org so the City can coordinate its repair with Alabama Power Company.



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MBPD INTRODUCES ITS OWN MOBILE SMARTPHONE APP

Download our app today!

Search: Mountain Brook Police, AL





Officers at the Mountain Brook Police Department have been working diligently on the release of our smartphone app to improve communication with our community. We are proud to announce that it's free of charge and available to download NOW. Residents, business owners, and business employees can receive alerts regarding critical incidents, major wrecks, road closures, get the community updates, and more.

Additionally, you can send anonymous tips, request house watches, pay fines, and submit an application all through the App.

Search "Mountain Brook Police" on both the Apple Store and Google Play. You may also download the app by scanning the QR Code with your camera. Be sure to connect with us on our verified and trusted social media platforms (@mountainbrookpd).

Safety Tips for Pedestrians

BE SAFE AND BE SEEN: MAKE YOURSELF VISIBLE TO DRIVERS

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

BE SMART AND ALERT: AVOID DANGEROUS BEHAVIORS

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

BE CAREFUL AT CROSSINGS: LOOK BEFORE YOU STEP

- Cross streets at marked crosswalks or intersections, if possible.
- Obey traffic signals such as WALK/ DON'T WALK signs.
- Look left, right, and left again before crossing a street.
- Watch for turning vehicles. Make sure the driver sees you and will stop for you.
- Look across ALL lanes you must

- cross and visually clear each lane before proceeding. Even if one motorist stops, do not presume drivers in other lanes can see you and will stop for you.
- Don't wear headphones or talk on a cell phone while crossing.

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

- Reflective clothing between the waist and shoulders on the front and back that covers at least 50 square inches; or
- (2) Strobe style continuously flashing lights at least two inches in diameter between the waist and shoulders that are visible from the front and back.

http://www.pedbikeinfo.org/ community/tips_pedestrian.cfm





PARK AND RECREATION NEWS

YOUTH ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

The City of Mountain Brook partners with three sports organizations to provide our youth with some of the finest recreational programs in the area. These organizations are listed below along with their website addresses and registration dates for the Spring season. No experience is necessary, and there are a variety of sports for your kids to try and see which one they love the most.

MOUNTAIN BROOK ATHLETICS (MBA) WWW.MBATHLETICS.ORG

MBA offers a variety of sports available for boys and girls throughout the year. Players must be Mountain Brook residents to participate. The following sports are available during the Spring season and registration begins at the end of December/first of January:

 Baseball (K-6th grade), Softball (K-6th grade), T-ball (4k)

They also have Flag Football (2nd-6th grade) in the summer and the following sports in the fall and winter.

- Football (3rd -6th grade), Flag Football (2nd grade), Baseball (4K-6 grade)
- Cheerleading (2-5 grade), Softball (8U-12U), Volleyball (4-6 grade),
- Basketball (boys and girls)(1st-12th), Wrestling(K-6th)

MOUNTAIN BROOK LACROSSE: WWW.MBLAX.COM

EMAIL: MOUNTAINBROOKLACROSSE@GMAIL.COM

Mountain Brook Lacrosse is open to boys and girls, U8-High School. Registration for the Spring season begins November 1. This is a fast paced, growing sport that has been very successful. The boys and girls varsity teams won state championships this past year!

MOUNTAIN BROOK SOCCER CLUB WWW.BIRMINGHAMUNITED.COM EMAIL: REC@BIRMINGHAMUNITED.COM

Mountain Brook Soccer Club partners with BUSA (Birmingham United Soccer Association) to provide soccer to kids ages 3-18 with programs in both the recreational and competitive levels. They offer dedicated programming for every age and ability level with multiple field locations within the Mountain Brook community. Registration for the Spring season begins December 1.











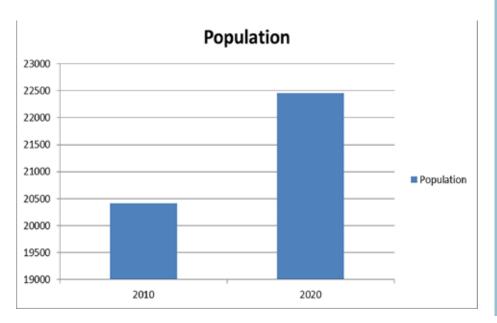






Census 2020

The Census Bureau has released the initial data from the 2020 decennial census, and Mountain Brook remains a popular place to live. The total population of 22,461 people represents a 10% increase from the 2010 total. Mountain Brook saw a reported 2,048 person increase over the last decade.



Schedule of Meetings				
CITY COUNCIL	2nd & 4th Mon. Call 205-802-3800	7:00 p.m. for time of Pr	City Hall re-Meeting)	
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	

Building Permit Activity

	2nd Quarter - 2021		3rd Quarter - 2021	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
Permit Type:				
New Construction	15	\$ 29,108,043	15	\$ 10,876,450
Alterations/Additions	115	\$ 72,481,187	92	\$ 14,557,930
Repairs/Other	199	\$ 7,061,576	212	\$ 5,288,381
Totals:	329	\$108,650,806	319	\$ 30,722,761

COMPARISON OF YEAR - 2020

	2nd Quarter - 2020		3rd Quarter - 2020	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
Permit Type:				
New Construction	14	\$ 5,630,427	11	\$ 8,791,071
Alterations/Additions	77	\$ 6,781,078	83	\$ 9,130,811
Repairs/Other	158	\$ 5,227,519	184	\$ 6,113,324
Totals:	249	\$ 17,639,024	278	\$ 24,035,206

Board Appointments/Reappointments:

- Reappointed Jennifer McInerney to the Jefferson County Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Authority, Inc. to serve through July 27, 2027.
- Appointed Oliver Williams as supernumerary member to the Board of Zoning Adjustment to serve through September 25, 2024.
- Appointed Noel Dowling as a full voting member to the Board of Zoning Adjustment to serve through December 31, 2021.
- Appointed Joseph Schilleci to the Finance Committee to serve through September 27, 2025.
- Reappointed J. Bennett White to The O'Neal Library Board to serve through September 30, 2025.
- Reappointed Nancy Long to The O'Neal Library Board to serve through September 30, 2025.
- Appointed David Lyles as a full voting member of the Board of Landscape Design to serve through June 22, 2023.



New Businesses

RETAIL/WHOLESALE

- Heezies LLC, 519 Baker Drive, 205-306-7196
- The Atelier LLC, 1915 Cahaba Road, 205-460-1161

SERVICES

- 12 OP Partners LLC, 12 Office Park Circle, 205-868-4684
- Burroughs, Sally (dba\Boxes By Burroughs), 3537 Victoria Road, 205-541-1812
- Carden Counseling & Consulting, 6 Office Park Circle, Suite 302, 205-400-0287
- Cardinal Resource Management LLC, 6 Office Park Circle, Suite 105, 205-286-6700
- Caroline Poellnitz Design LLC, 15 West Montcrest Drive, 205-799-9700
- Club Village Properties LLC, 65 Church Street, 615-207-1003
- CRP Grep Overture Vestavia Owner LLC, 2800 Cahaba Village, Suite 230, 763-360-4179
- Four Seas Mobile Catering LLC (dba\ Cousins Maile Lobster), 3439 Lorna Lane, 865-281-1589
- Gorrie Recovery Services LLC, 908 Sheridan Place, 205-504-9509
- Jon Mc Trucking Academy, 6 Office Park, 205-587-5557
- Lighthouse Painting Company LLC, 2809 Crescent Avenue South, 205-261-1530
- Loper Co. LLC, 3789 Montrose Road, 415-297-3367
- Mallory Lamm LLC, 3 Office Park Circle, Suite 113, 256-682-7048
- MVG Designs LLC, 3820 Old Leeds Road, 205-612-3976
- Peggy Thornton PHD LLC, 3 Office Park Circle, 205-789-8698
- Persimmon Therapy and Wellness LLC, 500 Office Park Drive, Suite 200, 205-617-5612
- Pivot Insurance Partners LLC, 1 Office Park Circle, 205-382-3026
- Precision Shipping Services, LLC, 4111 Lane Park Court, 205-747-6551
- Princept LLC, 246 Grant Avenue, 205-903-7443
- Purpose for All LLC, 36 Church Street, 205-288-2345
- Schatten, Caroline, 5 Dexter Avenue, 404-983-1187
- Strong Realty LLC, 6 Office Park Circle, 205-612-2848
- Susan Murphy LPC (dba\Susan Murphy LLC), 3 Office Park Circle, Suite 115, 205-541-6654
- Whiteshaw Designs LLC, 9 Montrose Circle, 205-249-4438

Leaf Season Schedule

By now, you should have received a letter from Waste Management detailing your four (4) leaf season pickup times this Fall and Winter. Leaf season will start on Monday, November 1st.

If you have not received your leaf season schedule, you can also access it on the city's website, www.mtnbrook.org under "Announcements".



Garbage Service Holidays



Waste Management will observe the following holidays. If your pickup falls on one of these dates, pickup will be delayed 1 day for the remainder of the week.

THANKSGIVING DAY –
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2021
CHRISTMAS DAY –
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2021
NEW YEAR'S DAY –
SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022



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.

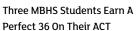


The school year continues in Mountain Brook and students have continued to perform at a high level both in the classroom and in their extracurricular activities. In recent weeks and months, the MBS students and staff have made a significant impact inside and outside their school buildings. Check out some of these headlines and visit the Mountain Brook Schools website for more details and information on these stories and more.



MBHS Student, Jane Grey Battle, Named A Member Of The USA Debate Team

- One of 12 debaters nationwide that will represent Team USA.
- The number one debater in the state of Alabama and advanced to the quarterfinals of the national tournament this past summer..



 Bickley Bowron, Amy Beth Hudson and Vaughn Frost all scored a perfect score on their most recent ACT.

Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation Board Approves Annual Grant to MBS

 A gift of \$461,168 is being given from MBCSF to MBS for the areas of technology, library enhancement, and professional development.



MBHS Ranked In The Top 10 Athletic Programs For 2020-21 School Year

 MBHS won four state championships and had five programs end their season as runner up. The Spartans were ranked eighth in the nation by Maxpreps for the 'best all-around high school sports program.'

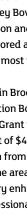








- Cherokee Bend's Kim Hutchens was named the "2021 Best of the Best: Gifted Education Specialist" by the Alabama Association for Gifted Children.
- MBHS' Joe Webb won the AHSAA's 'Making A Difference Award' for Class 6A for his impact on those
 around him in boy's soccer.
- Crestline's Kimi Blanton won the 2021 Ann Pritchard Award for Teaching Excellence last school year. This is the highest teaching award in the MBS district.





The Mountain Brook Board
 of Education funded the
 video board that costs
 nearly \$400,000 and will
 be reimbursed by the
 sponsorships sold from
 advertisements within five
 years. The video board is
 the largest in the state at
 the high school level.



Construction

Renovations continue throughout MBHS, MBJH and BWF. Buildings are starting to rise and the foundations have been set on each project in order to build the best educational facilities possible for our students and staff.



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O'Neal Library News



BOOK SALE







For fifty-five years, Friends of the O'Neal Library (Friends) have supported programs for teens and adults with proceeds from their annual book sale. While Covid pre-empted the book sale in February of 2021, dedicated Friends members generated a steady income through book sales on Amazon and eBay.

Meanwhile, many of you were cleaning out closets and bookshelves, and the supply of donated books began to exceed Library storage space! The Friends decided to offer a smaller-than-normal book sale to the public in September, featuring half of the current stock of donated books. Thanks to many excited shoppers, the Abridged Books Sale proceeds exceeded fundraising goals.

The Friends now have storage space available again, and urge you to consider donating books, puzzles, and DVDs for the upcoming sale in February. Bring your items to the back door of the O'Neal Library during operating hours. Please do not donate magazines, reference books, or VHS tapes.

With your help, the Friends will be ready for another blockbuster book sale on February 25th- 27th, 2022. We look forward to seeing you there!

O'Neal Library News

O'Neal Library Staff Honored

Three librarians at O'Neal Library have been chosen to serve on national committees that choose books to be recognized for prestigious awards.

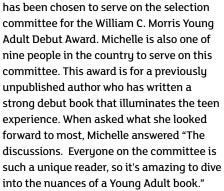


Matt Layne
is one of nine
people in the
country to serve
on the selection
committee for
the Michael L.
Printz Award.
This award
recognizes the
best book written

for teens based entirely on literary merit.
"I'm a sucker for story and rich character development. A strong voice is essential for me as well, and beautiful writing inspires me. When I was reading Jesmyn Ward's Sing, Unburied, Sing, I found myself turning her phrases over and over, reading and re-reading her sentences," says Matt. While Matt cannot yet reveal which books he will

nominate for the award, he says he looks forward to meeting with other young adult librarians to discuss the books deserving of the Michael L. Printz award.

Michelle Cheng



Gloria Repolesk is serving on her



want to read."

Gloria Repolesk is now serving on the 2022 committee for The Children's Literature Lecture Award (CLLA). The CLLA is an annual event featuring an author, critic, librarian, historian, or teacher of children's literature,

considered a distinguished book. Everything

from my childhood, including my reluctance

to read, informs my vote and helps me,

hopefully, contribute a perspective that is

needed to choose a book all children will

of any country, who will prepare a paper considered to be a significant contribution to the field of children's literature. The paper is delivered as a lecture each spring and is subsequently



published in Children and Libraries: The Journal of ALSC. Many of the past winners/ lecturers have been big names, such as Neil Gaiman, Jacqueline Woodson, and Maurice Sendak. "My decision to accept the honor of serving on the CLLA committee came down to wanting to learn more about the movers and shakers of children's literature. Not just the authors, but the researchers and professors that have introduced concepts to help librarians like me make sure we are selecting the best materials for our communitu."

Tine Iree Library

The O'Neal Library is committed to fulfilling its mission to encourage a love of reading and learning. With this mission in mind, the Library is eliminating fines for patrons of all ages on overdue materials. The Library staff, Library Trustees, and City of Mountain Brook officials want to ensure the Mountain Brook community has unrestricted access to its services and materials without the concern of incurring late fees. Visit www.oneallibrary.org for more information.



O'Neal Library News

ADULT NEWS

O'Neal Library App

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



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

This winter, feel the joy of creating and learning new skills with several unique craft programs.

On Nov. 12 at 6:00pm, we will learn how to carve stamps and block print from renowned local artist Hannah Adamson.

On Dec. 11 at 2:00pm, we will recreate vintage Christmas crafts from the 50s and 60s to get into the holiday spirit. On Jan. 14 at 6:00pm we'll look further back in time for inspiration during our "Skincare of the Ancient World" program. Registration is required for these programs, so visit the Library's app or website today to register.

Children's Department

ART STUFF

Illustrator Art Club is a chance for kids and their adults to experience the process of making art in the style of a well-known illustrator. Participants see the artist at work or on video and then try out the illustrator's style themselves. Those who prefer to admire a masterpiece rather than create one can view an array of student work in the Art Gallery in the Storytelling Room. Each month, this gallery displays work by students from an area elementary school or daycare. Featured artists and their families, as well as any other patron who would like to attend, can celebrate the exhibition at the children's department's monthly art reception, where each artist receives a congratulatory certificate.

For details about these programs and to sign up for Illustrator Art Club, visit www.oneallibrary.org. Once there, you can also browse the web calendar for other programs for ages birth – 6th grade.

REMOTE STUFF

ONL <code> is a coding club for upper elementary students. Library IT whiz Justin Morrison meets with kids over Zoom to teach and discuss computer coding, then participants can create and share their own games using the on-line coding platform, Scratch.

If you'd like to get the whole family involved from home, try The Secret Ingredient, a family kitchen challenge.

Registered patrons pick up a box of secret ingredients from the children's department beforehand, but the program itself takes place over Zoom. Family members work together to create the dish of the month, sharing the experience virtually with O'Neal Librarians and other families.

Be sure to sign up ahead of time for both these programs to make sure you have a spot.:

BIG KIDS' STUFF

graders.

SNAP (Seriously No Adults, Please) is a weekly after-school hangout featuring video games, science demos, crafts, book **BINGO**, and more.

Avid readers will want to check out *Hot Off the Press*, a monthly book club where kids can discover and share the best in new books while munching on pizza. *Lights Out Library*, a special program in December, offers pizza and after-hours fun at a lively gathering for 4th - 8th

Keep an eye on the web calendar for other big-kid diversions, or just stop by and chat with us about what's right for your child.





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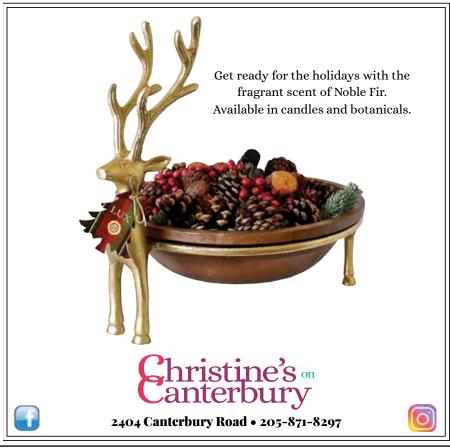
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The Foundation exists to provide financial support to meet the academic needs that are beyond the current scope and means of the school system. The Foundation's work is based on the needs of the school system as a whole.

Grandparents Club Campaign 2021-2022

The Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation will kick-off this year's Grandparents Club Campaign in November 2021. Campaign chairs are **Gray & Lee Thuston**, and committee members are **Nina & Ken Botsford, Maggie & Will Brooke, Molly & John Carter, Mallie & Stewart Dansby, Patsy Dreher, Walker & Bill Jones, Lynn & Dale Lloyd, Judy & Gary Monheit, Kate & Claude Nielsen and Diane & Bill Waud.**

In appreciation of a donor's gift, the Foundation will send the donor's grandchildren a note letting them know that a gift has been made in their honor. **Donations can be made at MBGives.org or by contacting Info@MBGives.org**



Give 180 To Support MB Schools

The goal with Give 180 is 100% participation from Mountain Brook families. This annual campaign asks each family to give \$1 for every day their student is learning through Mountain Brook Schools. Last school year, the campaign raised \$155,000 from 605 families. These donations helped fund Chromebrooks for all teachers and students, Google Suite for teacher and student use and the summer learning conference for Mountain Brook teachers. **Visit MBGives.org to give.**



MB Teachers Know Every Dollar Counts



Mountain Brook teachers give back to the school system every year through the Foundation's Every Dollar Counts Campaign. More than 40% of teachers and administrators participated last year and their support encourages other members of the community to give as well.

Campaign Chairs are Brannon Aaron (Mountain Brook Elementary) and Holly Martin (Mountain Brook Junior High), and committee members are Alexandra Andrews (Cherokee Bend Elementary), Anna Carlisle (Mountain Brook Elementary), Heather Fitch (Mountain Brook High School), Tami Genry (Mountain Brook Junior High), Cynthia Hicks (Mountain Brook Elementary), Katie Meyerpeter (Crestline Elementary), Heather Phillips (Crestline Elementary) and Perry Wright (Brookwood Forest).

Foundation Board Approves 2021-2022 Annual Grant to Schools

The Foundation's Board of Directors approved its annual grant to the school system for a total of \$461,168 in August 2021. Projects funded with this gift include Chromebooks for all teachers and students, Mountain Brook's annual teacher summer learning conference as well as Overdrive, a Destiny Cloud Based Server, and Google Enterprise for Education for the district.