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MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Historically the city has held elections every other (even) year for its Mayor and City Council offices. After the 2022 elections, the city will hold elections every other (odd) year (in the year 2025 and 2027). The 2022 municipal election is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23rd, 2022. Candidates elected to office in the August 2022 general municipal election will take office on the first Monday in November and serve a 5-year term. (Candidates elected to office in the August 2020 general municipal election had their terms extended by 1-year by an act of the Alabama Legislature in order to change city elections from odd to even years). After these 5-year terms, all future terms of office will be 4-years.

The qualification period for the 2022 election runs from June 14th at 8 a.m. until June 28th at 5 p.m. Offices up for election include: 1) City Council Place 1 (currently held by Alice B. Womack), 2) City Council Place 3 (currently held by William S. (Billy) Pritchard III), and 3) City Council Place 5 (currently held

by Lloyd C. Shelton). Incumbents Shelton and Pritchard have expressed their intention to run for re-election.

Mountain Brook residents have been assigned to polling locations based on their congressional district polling assignments (meaning residents vote in their "customary" polling place). The only exceptions are those City residents assigned to vote at polling locations outside of the City. Those individuals will be reassigned to another polling location within the City (as prescribed by law) but such changes will only be effective for the August 23rd, City election.

The six polling locations for the municipal election are:

- St. Luke's Episcopal Church
- City Hall
- Brookwood Baptist Church
- Mountain Brook Community Church
- Canterbury United Methodist Church
- Cherokee Bend Elementary

There will be several elections held over the course of the spring, summer and fall of

2022. All of these elections are administered by Jefferson County, Alabama. **Due to a scheduling conflict at Cherokee Bend Elementary School, voters assigned to Cherokee Bend will vote at the O'Neal Library for the May 24, 2022 primary only.** No other polling locations are affected by this change. This is a one-time change of venue and only applies to voters assigned to Cherokee Bend Elementary. All other elections in the 2022 election cycle (including the August 23, 2022, general municipal election) will be in the customary locations. For information about these state elections, please contact the Jefferson County Board of Registrars at (205) 325-5550.

The City of Mountain Brook express gratitude to these churches and school for hosting these and other elections. Look for more information about the elections once the qualification period ends, on our website (www.mtnbrook.org) and in the August issue of the Reporter.

Mayor's Message

The City of Mountain Brook's main event, Village-to-Village Run is back on the schedule for Saturday, May 21st! The original date was postponed due to weather. This annual event is put on by the Mountain Brook Chamber and is one of their main fundraisers for the year.

What to expect:

- Race starts at 7:30 a.m. at Lane Park, Saturday, May 21. Walkers, runners, strollers are all welcome. There is even a shortcut route that reduces the 10k to a 7.5k
- Mason Music will provide live music featuring local talent; Angelica Rohner Pediatrics is sponsoring a Kid Zone; and there will be event T-Shirts for all participants.
- The race route circles our three villages and showcases both our beautiful villages and neighborhoods.

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For advertising or Chamber of Commerce
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Our **BUSINESSES** need your **SUPPORT** now more than ever!

UPDATED INFORMATION AT www.mtnbrookchamber.org

SHOP MOUNTAIN BROOK FIRST

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- Mimosas and chocolate strawberries will greet the race finishers as part of the after party which runs until 10:00 a.m.
- SIGN UP NOW: www.RunSignUp.com or the morning of the event

I am especially happy to announce that GreenWise is the main sponsor for this great outdoor event. GreenWise is the perfect sponsor. They are located in the heart of Lane Park where the event is held. GreenWise is also all about healthy eating which dovetails perfectly with healthy living of the Village2Village run-walk-stroll event. So, bring your TESLA to the GreenWise charging station and plan on joining friends, family and other residents and visitors alike for this fun family event. And do not forget to visit Lane Park and Mountain Brook Village after the race for both shopping and dining!



For all of you who participated in the “WHY I LOVE MOUNTAIN BROOK’ contest, thank you for your entries and I hope our winners did something fun with the Village Gold they received. In case you missed it, here are a few of the responses:

“We just moved to Mountain Brook. What we love more than the ten-minute commute over brooks and alongside streams, through the changing of leaves and seasons - what we love more than the James Beard Award Winning restaurants, championship golf courses, quaint villages with old school soda & ice cream shops, the clean air and clean streets, are the HUMANS living in Mountain Brook. We have been welcomed by thoughtful, friendly, inclusive and loving friends and families who have taken us under their wings, hosted gatherings for our family, invited us to games, concerts, events, trips and into their homes, waved from their cars while passing by, and overall made us feel like we belong to a community. Thank you, Mountain Brook.”

--Greg Suess

“I love Mountain Brook because of the wonderful environment of hardworking, optimistic people. I love the villages with the beautiful shops and good restaurants. I love the Crestline playground because there are always people there and I can play basketball, football, and play tag with my friends.”

--Cohen Brooks S. Age 11

“The neighbors & the community helpers, like the policemen and firemen, are really friendly.”

--Joseph H. Age 7

“I love Mountain Brook because people in this community are very friendly. At school I made a lot of friends since I moved in two years ago and that is a great feeling. I like as well going to the library every week because they offer a lot of fun activities. It is super nice to be surrounded by so much nature and I told my parents I don’t want to move anywhere else.”

--Rebecca N. Age 9

City Garbage Service Update

The City has contracted with Waste Management of Central Alabama (WM) since 1995. The original contract was awarded based on a competitive bid procedure and allowed to be renewed under the same terms and conditions as specified in the original invitation to bid. The services provided by WM over the years have been good up until 2021 when the impacts of the pandemic caused labor and parts supply chain issues. The current contract expires September 30, 2022. WM informed the City this past year that it will not renew the current contract under the same terms and conditions thereby requiring the City to rebid the service.

In anticipation of rebidding the service, the City joined in creating the Cahaba Solid Waste Disposal Authority (CSWDA) along with the cities of Hoover, Vestavia, Homewood, Trussville, and three other cities. This cooperative has the authority to solicit proposals and negotiate waste disposal contracts with significantly more flexibility than provided under the Alabama Bid law. This past summer, the CSWDA awarded a 10-year contract for waste disposal services to Amwaste. Members of the CSWDA and other cities may sub-contract such services through the CSWDA or solicit bids pursuant to the Alabama Bid Law.

The City’s 2022 cost for the once-weekly backdoor garbage, once-weekly curbside recycling, trash and loose leaf service is \$3.1 million. The City’s cost has increased annually at the rate of 80% of the consumer price index as provided in original 1995 contract. Maintaining the equivalent services under the Amwaste proposal was determined to be cost prohibitive at more than \$4.7 million without imposing garbage service fees on our residents.

After careful study, City officials



are proposing the following services to be provided by Amwaste subcontracted through the CSWDA: Twice weekly curbside garbage and recycling service (where the first pick-up of the week will be garbage only taken to a landfill and the second pick-up of the week will be commingled garbage and recycling taken to a sorting facility). The curbside services will be performed Monday through Saturday by machine lift thereby requiring heavy-duty 95-gallon rolling carts. Residents will be provided one such cart at no cost. Additional carts (limited to three) may be acquired from Amwaste who will bill and collect directly from residents. Small hand-piles of yard waste and trash will be collected curbside on the scheduled collection day. Large debris piles and trash will be collected on a 10-day City-wide knuckle boom route plan. Residents may call for special pick-up of large appliances and furniture (generally collected within 3 business days).

Residents who desire backdoor service may sign-up for the service directly with Amwaste. Backdoor service will cost approximately \$9 per month to be billed quarterly by Amwaste. The individuals that enroll in the backdoor program will be served by smaller trucks running backdoor-only routes across the City.

Starting in 2022-2023, loose leaf collection services will be performed

in-house. To prepare for this service next season, the City will be outfitting two existing trucks, acquiring a third truck and hiring six additional personnel. City leaders are confident the City can perform the services efficiently and for about the same or slightly less than the contract cost. The City estimates about 4,100 households (less than 50 percent) utilize the loose leaf service. Performing this service in-house will provide the City with greater control over route planning and scheduling, the flexibility to adjust the fleet and crew size (subject to the availability of equipment and personnel) and the option of discontinuing the service at some future date should the City decide to do so (cancellation over the 10-year Amwaste contract would not have been possible). Mountain Brook is aware of no other cities across the state that provides loose leaf collection services.

Residents should be on the lookout for additional information about the upcoming change over the summer. Residents who intend to enroll in the backdoor service option and/or acquire additional 95-gallon carts will be able to do so online once the website information is made available by Amwaste. Information will also be released about cart disposal should residents wish to get rid of existing carts that will not work with the automated machine lift system.



Shanda Williams earns CPRP Designation

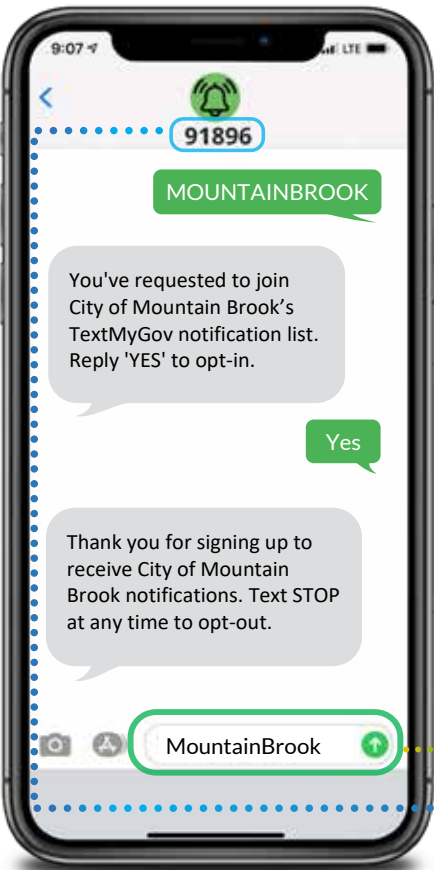
Mountain Brook Parks and Recreation Superintendent, Shanda Williams, recently passed the exam to become a Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP). This is a nationally recognized certification reflecting that Mrs. Williams

has met the educational and experience qualifications, as well as demonstrated the knowledge and understanding of key concepts within the parks and recreation field. It is issued by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)

and requires continuing education units to maintain the certification proving one's desire to stay at the forefront of this profession. This is another way that Mrs. Williams helps serve the city with pride.

RECEIVE TEXT ALERTS

! City of Mountain Brook Alerts



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

New Alert Number

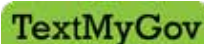
1. Switch to 91896 to receive text alerts.
2. Opt-out of 888-777 text alerts from the city as this system is being phased out.

Opt-in today,

Text **MountainBrook**

To: **91896**

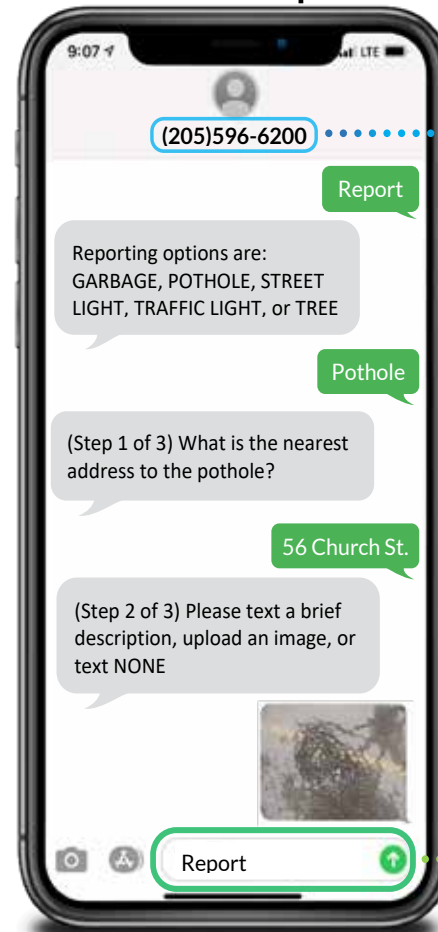
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Try it today,

Text **Report**

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

Additional Report Texting Keyword Options Include:

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

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Recent City Council Actions

The City Council has adopted or amended the following ordinances since January 1, 2022:

- Ordinance No. 2115 – Established 15-minute time restrictions for on-street public parking at 2822 Petticoat lane.
- Ordinance No. 2116 – Amended the fiscal 2022 budget correcting Library employees' salaries and revised the online sales tax revenue budget.
- Ordinance No. 2117 - Provided for a stop sign on Spring Valley Road (cul-de-sac) at its intersection with Spring Valley Road (main section).
- Ordinance No. 2118 - Approved payment of the Educational Degree Premium pay for certain positions in the city pursuant to Section 1.VIII.G. and Section 1.VIII.E of the Personnel Board of Jefferson County "Salary Administration Guide and Pay Plan" for qualifying degrees earned from accredited institutions of higher education or professional certifications issued by a professional organization determined to be directly related to the responsibilities and duties of the specified

incumbent's classified position.

- Ordinance No. 2119 - Provided for a stop sign on Christopher Court at its intersection with Orleans Road.
- Ordinance No. 2120 - Revised the election dates and terms of the City Council and Mayor.

The City Council has approved the following projects since January 1, 2022:

- Proclaimed the city as a Human Trafficking Free Zone.
- Authorized an agreement between the city and United Ability, Inc. (dba Gone For Good Document Destruction and E-Waste Recycling) for a community document destruction and e-waste recycling event held on April 23, 2022.
- Amended the city's Storm Water Management Program Plan.
- Accepted the professional services proposal submitted by Brasher Design Studio for the development of a Conceptual Master Plan for Canterbury Park, Mountain Brook Parks Monument signage and Crestline Tot Lot Conceptual Master Plan.

- Authorized the MWCF Deductible Addendum 2022 for the \$300,000 deductible workers' compensation insurance coverage and claims administration services for the policy year beginning February 1, 2022.

- Authorized a collection agreement between the city and Applied Business Services, Inc. for their debt recovery and collection services.

- Authorized change order no. 4 for the Youth Complex Phase II concerning stormwater issues.

- Authorized the two (2) most northern parking spaces on the east side of Dan Watkins Drive as "Small Car Only."

- Approved the conditional use application submitted by Evson, Inc., for Gunn Dermatology to be located at 2731 Culver Road.

- Accepted the professional services proposal submitted by Rob Walker Architects, LLC for bullet resistant windows for City Hall.

- Authorized a professional services agreement between the city and Schoel Engineering Company, Inc. for additional consulting

services associated with the drainage improvements at Mountain Brook Junior High.

- Authorized an agreement between the city and Schoel Engineering Company, Inc. for additional consulting services associated with the Canterbury Road Drainage Study.

- Authorized a contract between the city and ESO with respect to the RMS and CAD interface for the fire department.

- Accepted an agreement from Nimrod Long and Associates for the landscape design services for adding parking spaces at Jemison Park.

- Accepted an agreement submitted by Skipper Consulting, Inc., with respect to on-call traffic engineering services.

- Authorized change order no. 1 with respect to the Athletic Complex Field 1 improvement project.

- Amended Section III, (E)(1) of the City of Mountain Brook Employee Handbook with respect to the vacation and sick leave for probationary employees.

- Approved the proposed street paving list for fiscal 2022 under the city's 3-year street resurfacing contract.

- Proclaimed Arbor Week in the city February 28 through March 4.

- Expressed gratitude to William "Bill" Wyatt for his dedicated service to the city on the Parks and Recreation Board.

- Amended the retirement window and authorized the City Manager to offer continuing medical coverage to eligible employees for 20 years of city service at any age or 10 years of city service who are eligible for normal retirement benefits and who elect to retire between September 1, 2021 through May 1, 2022.

- Authorized a Right-of-Way Encroachment license agreement between the city and Steve DeMedicis for 2300 English Village Lane.

- Awarded the bid for the Greenway Road Culvert Repair project to Video Industrial Services, Inc.

- Authorized change order no. 2 for the Athletic Complex Field 1 improvement project to revise the restroom/

concessions building and rock drill for light poles.

- Cancelled the temporary COVID pick-up on-street public parking spaces located in Mountain Brook, Crestline and English Villages.

- Authorized an agreement between the city and Rob Walker Architects, LLC. for the design of fire rated windows for the O'Neal Library.

- Executed the land use agreement between the city and Eugene A. Renfro and Jana P. Renfro to replace the bridge on Caldwell Mill Road over Little Shades Creek.

- Executed a contract for services between the city and Strengths Consultants, Inc for an employee engagement survey and related training services.

- Assented the hourly fee increases requested by Starnes, Davis & Florie, LLP.

- Approved the conditional use application for lunchtime operation for Real and Rosemary to be located at 75 Church Street.

- Executed the Consulting Services Agreement submitted by Schoel Engineering Company, Inc. for the



Euclid Avenue 800 block drainage problem with a preliminary report to be presented to the City Council upon completion of Phase I.

- Executed a contractor agreement between the city and Alabama Guardrail Inc. for the installation of a new guardrail along Overton Road between Lockerbie Drive and Highway 280.
- Executed lease agreements with Armans, LLC and Redstone Holdings, LLC. for the two leased public parking lots located in English Village.
- Accepted an agreement between the city and Enviro Management Corporation for the Wastewater Treatment generator plans and specifications for the Mountain Brook High School's Wastewater Treatment Facility.
- Executed a contractor agreement between the city and Wright Construction Company with respect to Manning Condominium Complex Curb Gutter Project.
- Authorized a change order no. 3 with respect to the Hagood sidewalk project.
- Authorized the city to enter into a contract with the Jefferson County Commission for election services in conjunction with the city's August 23, 2022 general municipal election and September 20, 2022 run-off election, if necessary.
- Authorized a 5% premium/incentive pay for Parks and Recreation personnel holding a current Alabama pesticide applicator license.
- Authorized a 5% premium/incentive pay for the building inspectors for obtaining certificates from ICC.
- Awarded the bid and authorized a construction contract with Gillespie Construction, LLC for the bridge replacement on Caldwell Mill Road over Little Shades Creek.



Sam Gaston pictured with Mayor Stewart Welch and City Council members.

On March 14, 2022, Mountain Brook City Manager Sam Gaston was honored at the City Council meeting with the council chambers being named in his honor.

Sam works tirelessly for the City of Mountain Brook, strengthening our community and handling complex issues with ease. We appreciate all Sam has done for the city and the residents, during his 29 year tenure as City Manager.

Schedule of Meetings

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

MAY 7th CELEBRATION OF RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS



Most of the Athletic Complex is now complete!

We now have five artificial turf fields, a new concession stand, new restrooms, new playground, covered batting cages, covered bleachers, and a spacious new concourse area to view the games. A celebration of completion will be held on May 7 at 10AM in conjunction with the opening day of the World Series. Field 1 was converted to a mini complex complete with three fields in one, a new restroom and concession building, new covered batting cages and covered bleachers. All the fields will be open and ready for a fantastic fall ball season! We are pleased to present these updated facilities to our youth to give them the best opportunities to grow athletically and develop important life skills. If your child would like to play with Mountain Brook Athletics, please visit their website at www.mbatletics.org. Registration for fall ball will be in June/July.





Arbor Week 2022

During the week of February 28, 2022, Leadership Mountain Brook high school students visited our elementary schools to educate the 1st graders on the history of Arbor Day and give each 1st grader a tree. This year the trees were saucer magnolias, sweetbay magnolias and flowering dogwoods.

The city and the Board of Landscape Design distributed trees to the public at Leaf & Petal in Mountain Brook Village during the 2022 Arbor Day Tree Giveaway.

News from the Arborist

One of the most significant (and rewarding) things that I am privileged to be involved in is the planting and maintenance of flower containers and beds across our city. This is primarily because of the overwhelmingly positive feedback from people I encounter any time I happen to be working with the flowers, as well as the obvious appeal of the various colors. But there is another “perk” in dealing with flowers, and that is the almost instant gratification of seeing beautiful colors and textures come alive in a relatively mature and developed landscape. Whereas it tends to create problems when we try to accomplish the same with trees, not so with annuals.

So, I would like to share a few tidbits I’ve learned and/or observed over the years that may be helpful as you set out to cheer up the spaces in which you live and work. They are all based on the idea that healthy plants are

more attractive, require less maintenance, and have fewer problems with pests and diseases.

1 Microclimate: for the exact location of a prospective bed or container, consider the duration of full/direct sunlight it gets. Some plants prefer more or less sun/shade. There are varying degrees of heat/drought tolerance as well. Keep in mind that adjacent structures and features can either amplify or mitigate the effects of heat on the plants. With a little research and inquiry, you can at least get a good start at matching plants whose characteristics are likely to accommodate those of the site.

2 Soil: if real estate is locationX3, then good flower beds are drainageX3. Most annuals are very sensitive to fungal rot when soil moisture remains too high.

Relative drought tolerance aside, flowers do need daily watering in most cases. But don’t think you can save some hassle by “banking” extra water. Any bagged soil you purchase will drain just fine. In fact, even the cheapest bagged soil will grow flowers just as well as the more expensive options containing various additives. For very large containers, you can fill the bottom half or third of the space with packing peanuts (non-degradable), separating it from the soil with a heavy felt fabric; enhancing drainage without adding weight.

3 Ongoing maintenance: after incorporating an all-purpose slow release fertilizer into the soil at time of planting, most installations should be fertilized every 3-4 weeks. This is easiest using a water soluble formulation applied along with regular watering. It is also not a

bad idea to add a systemic fungicide and/or insecticide to the mix, especially if you begin to see a pattern develop. But also note if a particular plant seems to be affected, and revisit the first point above, in addition to any immediate treatments.

As with anything, there is a learning curve. Some things you try will crash and burn. Others will need a little tweaking. You’ll find out what works for you and what doesn’t work at all, likely without realizing it’s happening. I can almost guarantee it will be a tremendous encouragement as you watch it shoot up, fill in, and fall out.

*Don Cafaro
City Arborist*





7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and in the afternoons between 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mountain Brook residents who wish to load themselves can do so Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., but must check in at our office before proceeding to the compost pile. Call our office at 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 located at 3579 East Street across from Rathmel Soccer Complex. We load open-bed vehicles Tuesday through Friday from



Doo Your Part

Dog waste continues to be a problem in our parks, and along our trails and sidewalks.

What is grosser than picking up dog waste? Stepping in it!

What is grosser than that? Falling in it! This does happen to the kids that play on the fields.

Why should I give a Bark? Because dog waste is considered raw sewage and it contains harmful bacteria that is unsafe for our children and water ways. When it gets on shoes it is tracked into vehicles and homes. When left on the trails, it washes into the creeks and impacts the health of the ecosystem.

Children, pets, and others swim and fish in our waterways.

Please Doo Your Part! Bag it and dispose of it. Bagged waste left lying on the ground is just as bad, or worse, than leaving waste. Even though the bags the city provides are biodegradable, it does not mean they can be used to litter our parks and sidewalks. Please keep our city safe and beautiful.

Dogs are welcome to visit any of the three dog parks in Mountain Brook: Cahaba River Walk, by Mountain Brook Elementary field, and by the Lane Parke Apartments.

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.

The following are some measures residents can take to reduce the breeding of mosquitoes near their house. 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 unclog rain gutters. There are also companies that will spray private property. Spraying shrubs and backyards on a regular schedule can be helpful.

For more information on mosquito control, visit the Jefferson County Department of health's website, (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.



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 City of Mountain Brook Business License.

This includes all home based businesses, contractors, including all of the building trades, grass cutters/landscapers, and tree cutters.

Residents, please remember that when hiring a contractor to perform any work on your home, first contact the Revenue Department at 205-802-2400 option 4 to ensure that the contractor is licensed to work in the City.

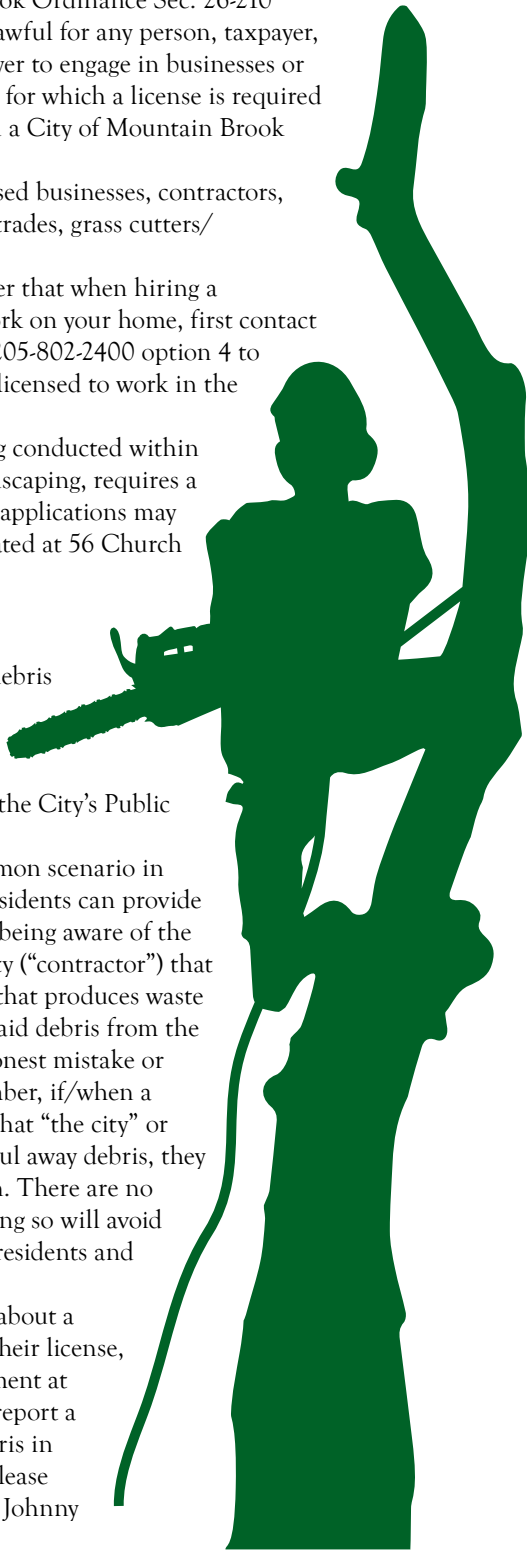
All contracting work being conducted within the city limits, including landscaping, requires a construction permit. Permit applications may be obtained at City Hall, located at 56 Church Street.

Tree Removal:

Contractors leaving piles of debris behind upon completion of the job puts a measurable strain on City resources, and the timely response that the City's Public Works typically can provide.

This is a relatively uncommon scenario in which all Mountain Brook residents can provide valuable assistance simply by being 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. 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, they are providing misinformation. There are no exceptions to this policy. Doing so will avoid unnecessary expense for the residents and the city.

If there are any questions about a contractor and the status of their license, contact the Revenue Department at 205- 802-2400 prompt 4. To report a contractor that is leaving debris in violation of this ordinance, please call Public Works Supervisor Johnny Franklin at 802-3866.



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.



Street Paving List 2022

The City of Mountain Brook will begin work on the 2022 street resurfacing project this spring. Our contractor, Dunn Construction should begin paving in late spring or early summer. Some 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:

- Montevallo Road (Church Street - Glencoe Drive) NOTE: From Glencoe to Sims Avenue will be resurfaced as part of the Spire gas main replacement project.
- Richmar Drive (Montevallo Road - Mountain Lane)
- Richmar Drive (Mountain Lane - Hillsdale Road)
- Mountain Lane (Richmar Drive - Hillsdale Road)

- Office Park Circle
- South Brookwood Road (North Woodridge Road - South Brookwood Circle)
- Overton Road (River Ridge Circle - River Oaks Road)
- Halbrook Lane

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



Quarterly Crime Statistics

	4th Quarter 2021	1st Quarter 2022
Robbery	0	0
Robbery (aggravated shoplifting)	0	0
Burglary/Residence	10	12
Burglary/Business	0	3
Theft	26	32
Theft from Vehicle (UBEV)	19	31
Auto Theft	4	3
Assaults (Other)	2	2
Identity Theft	17	18
Criminal Mischief	2	8
Drugs	12	26
Family Violence	8	5
Accidents	225	297
• With Injuries	13	17
• With Fatalities	0	0
Calls For Service	6579	6470
House Watches	329	209

WANT TO HELP US LOWER THESE NUMBERS?

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

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- Paul Lell Landscape Architect LLC, 945 Beech Lane, 205-908-8833
- Grisham Tolbert Interiors LLC, 3820 Old Leeds Road, 205-533-9200
- Dwell Interiors LLC, 76 Cross Creek Drive East, 205-960-5734
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- Tanglewood Interiors LLC, 3808 Glencoe Drive, 407-730-1604
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- Newman, Jane, (dba\ Dr. Jane Learning), 2721 Lockerbie Circle, 205-606-2020
- Donald, Mary, 2909 Overhill Road, 205-532-1151
- Susan M Corbin PHD LLC, 215-A 4 Office Park Circle, 205-527-9069
- Red Mountain Counseling LLC, 6 Office Park Circle, 205-910-6955
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- Bennie and Co Birmingham LLC, 2415 Montevallo Road, 205-948-5001
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- Bay Pine Property Management, 3901 Montclair Road, 205-790-1155
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Building Permit Activity

Permit Type:	4th Quarter - 2021		1st Quarter - 2022	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	13	\$11,440,042	15	\$ 12,985,134
Alterations/Additions	80	\$27,523,714	95	\$ 20,729,621
Repairs/Other	185	\$7,237,693	193	\$ 13,658,671
Totals:	278	\$46,201,449	303	\$ 47,373,426

COMPARISON OF YEAR - 2020

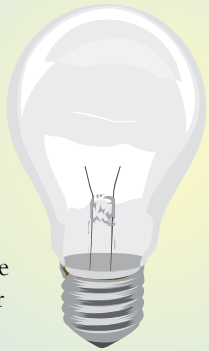
Permit Type:	4th Quarter - 2020		1st Quarter - 2021	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	24	\$ 20,737,725	16	\$ 20,971,163
Alterations/Additions	78	\$ 8,805,327	92	\$ 12,607,843
Repairs/Other	168	\$ 6,635,859	135	\$ 4,480,057
Totals:	270	\$ 36,178,911	243	\$ 38,059,063

Board Appointments/Reappointments:

- Reappointed K.C. Hairston as a Municipal Court Judge with the term of office to end January 25, 2024.
- Appointed Elizabeth Dunn to the Parks and Recreation Board with the term of office to end February 28, 2027.
- Reappointed Lynn Ritchie to the Village Design Review Committee with the term of office to end March 25, 2025.

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.



MOUNTAIN BROOK SCHOOLS

NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS

Congratulations to the nine Mountain Brook High School students who have been named National Merit Finalists.

- Julianne Abenoja
- Caroline Allen
- Jelks Cabaniss
- Ivy Cobbs
- Cory Fan
- Amy Beth Hudson
- Kate Ryan
- Luke Turner
- Amelia Tynes

Since 1968, Mountain Brook High School has had 751 National Merit Finalists (includes these 9 students).

"I am extremely proud of our students for being named National Merit Finalists," MBHS Principal Philip Holley said. "There is a tremendous amount of work that goes into achieving this honor. I think it also shows their dedication to academic excellence."



MBHS Students Grow With Sign Language Class

One class of 15 students at Mountain Brook High School is learning to communicate in a new way. Fifth-period students meet daily in Matt Ferguson's classroom to join a zoom call with Eugenia O'Daniel, a teacher at the Alabama School for the Deaf, to learn American Sign Language. ASL is an Access class that is taught daily via video conferencing. The two-year class qualifies as a world language credit.

During 2019 through the 2021 school year, 12 MBHS students participated in this course and learned to be competent and conversational in sign language. The current class will complete the course in May of 2023.

"Language acquisition is different for each student," O'Daniel told MBS. "This year's students have lots of determination and have grown tremendously in a semester and a half."

Students have been able to apply this learning outside the classroom. Denton Russell, Oliver Brooks, Sam Hecker, and Brianna Morris-Finley recently signed the national anthem before one of the home varsity basketball games. Last year's students signed the national anthem at the school's graduation ceremony.

Before the pandemic, students

traveled to the Alabama School for the Deaf where they toured the campus and signed with students to learn more about their school day, hobbies, interests, and families. MBHS students also watched a signed performance of the musical 'Grease' by students from Alabama School for the Deaf.

Ferguson took some students in this year's class to a movie just before winter break. Students from Alabama School for the Deaf and a few MBHS students watched "The Eternals," a Marvel movie that features the first deaf superhero.

"Real-life application makes this learning a unique experience for our students," Ferguson said. "Past students have formed relationships with others from around the state and communicated in ways they wouldn't have been able to without this class."

Members of Birmingham's Deaf community meet monthly at area restaurants for a social gathering and to share a meal. Signers and ASL students are invited to participate in these informal dinners. This allows students to practice their signing in a real-world setting.

These 15 students have found ways to incorporate sign language outside of



the classroom as they interact with each other.

"It's like magic," Hudson Young said. On multiple occasions, Ferguson has signed to his students down the hallway and even standing on the track at football practice to say hello. This particular group of students sign to their fifth-period classmates in the mall. Students said others who are not in the class witness the communication and are mesmerized. Some students even have taught their friends outside the class some sign language.

"It's cool that this qualifies as a world language class because this is

really something that sticks with you," Davis Peterson said. "The hand motion creates muscle memory so it's easier to remember."

Students take American Sign Language for a variety of reasons. It's a unique alternative to Spanish, French, or Latin. Young, whose cousin is hard of hearing, said he now has a way to better communicate with his cousin.

Many students enroll in the class with little to no knowledge of sign language. Each current student said the growth so far is immeasurable, and there's no telling what benefit this class will provide in the future.



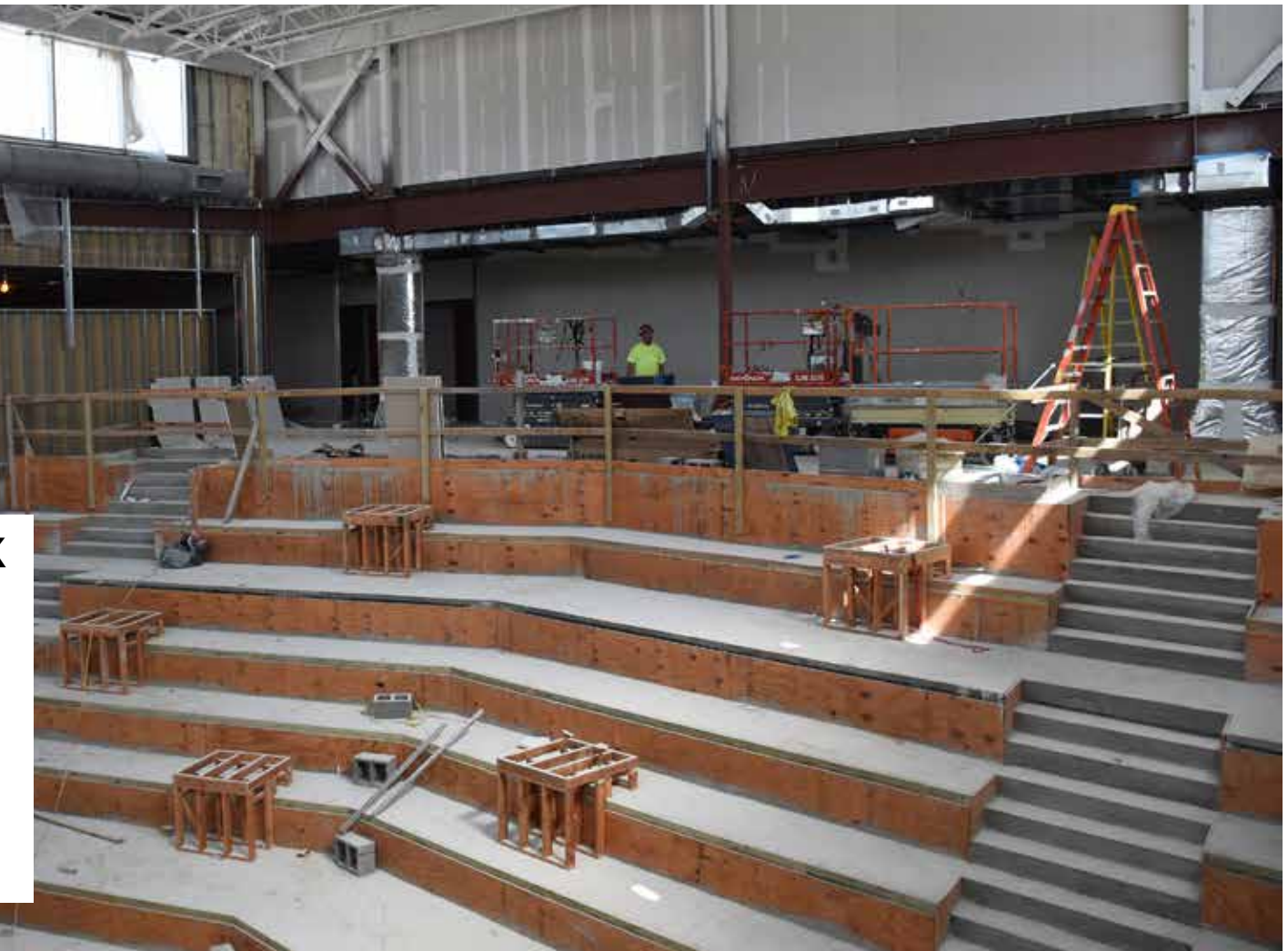
BROOKWOOD FOREST ELEMENTARY

Brookwood Forest added a new wing in April with a brand new cafeteria and serving area/kitchen. The wing also features the new front entrance and new administrative offices.



MOUNTAIN BROOK HIGH SCHOOL

The 'Spartan Commons' (pictured below) will be an open area leading into the mall. It will be a great place for students to gather and study, spend time together and even occasionally hear a guest speaker!



CRESTLINE ELEMENTARY

Construction is underway at Crestline Elementary School where an additional gym is being built along with a new parking lot and pickleball courts.



MOUNTAIN BROOK JUNIOR HIGH

Mountain Brook Junior High is adding a three-story main entrance building that will create 18 new classrooms. The lunchroom is also being expanded.

O'Neal Library News

SUMMER READING AND XTREME READS

Readers – and parents of pre-readers – get ready to dive into a summer full of books and prizes! Register and track your reading on the Beanstack app, then visit the library to fish for trading cards. Collect all the cards to earn free books. All reading counts – even pages read to babies can translate to free board books! While you're in the Children's Department, play the ever-changing clue game to hunt for hidden treasure and win a different prize each week. Older elementary readers can also opt to participate in the Xtreme Reads program, with challenges that will stretch their reading horizons and earn them chances to win major prize packages.

Download Beanstack now and register all your readers as early as May 22.



PROGRAMS START MAY 31

You've unpacked from your Memorial Day trip, the laundry is finally finished, and the kids are already whining about summer boredom. It's time to drop in at the Library and check out all the kids' activities on offer. From newborn babies to students entering 6th grade, there's something for everyone on the Children's Department's calendar. For infants, toddlers, and preschoolers, find the weekly storytimes that are right for your sweet one(s) and sign up online to nab your spot. Kids going into elementary grades will find adventure and hilarity in weekly afternoon drop-off programs, while families can participate together in a monthly Zoom-based kitchen challenge. Don't forget to try out a book club for emerging or independent readers! No matter what your family looks like, there are summer programs for you at O'Neal Library. Visit www.oneallibrary.org to take a look at the calendar and register your children.

Children's Department

SUMMER READING KICKOFF

CARNIVAL

The Junior Women's Committee of 100 and the O'Neal Library Children's Department are ready for the return of the Summer Reading Kickoff Carnival on Sunday, May 22! After two years of downsized celebrations (in the form of drive-through popsicle parades), the full carnival is back with the one-mile Thomas Hughes Brinkley Memorial Fun Run, train rides, rock-climbing wall, moonwalks, game booths, concessions, face painting, and other long-time favorites. The carnival will also be the first opportunity for patrons to sign up for the 2022 Summer Reading program, Oceans of Possibilities. A kickoff carnival wristband is the all-access pass for the events of the day and can be pre-purchased for \$30 starting May 1 at www.oneallibrary.org. Wristbands and individual activity tickets will also be available to buy at the carnival. All proceeds benefit the O'Neal Library Children's Department.

SUMMER READING FINALE

There's no question about it – the Library's summer readers are always the best of the best, so there will definitely be a celebration at the end! Mark your calendar for the annual concert by musician, Roger Day, on the lawn complete with a pizza picnic, on the evening of Tuesday, July 26.



O'Neal Library News



Under the Mountain Horror Series

On Saturday March 5th, O'Neal Library launched its first Under the Mountain author event featuring Stephen Graham Jones. Under the Mountain (UTM) is a new series of programming for fans of the horror genre, created by circulation librarian Anthony Vacca. "For a long-lasting and far-reaching genre, horror is one that is often most dismissed...We want to excite fans, but it's as important to welcome those who think the genre has nothing for them," says Vacca.

Stephen Graham Jones, has been a New York Times bestselling author more than 25 times. Jones' *Only The Good Indians* won the 2021 Mark Twain American Voice in Literature Award and his novel, *My Heart Is A Chainsaw*, was named NPR's Best book of 2021. Jones is currently the Professor of English, as well as a Professor of Distinction at the University of Colorado Boulder.

O'Neal Library, thrilled by Jones' willingness to travel from Boulder to Birmingham, described the event as a success. Jones charmed the audience with readings of never-before-shared short stories and flash fiction as guests gripped their seats in anticipation and delight. Though Jones' novels are described as "gory and raw," his personality was warm and engaging. He did not disappoint, as fans enjoyed

one-on-one time with him during the book signing portion of the program.

As this was the second author event to be held by the Library since the start of the pandemic, staff were delighted to see one of their favorite programs return and with such a nice turnout. "It was so great to have him (Jones) here. "Several people were happy to rave to staff about how excited they were for this night," says Lauren Headrick, an O'Neal employee. Thanks to the support of the Mountain Brook Library Foundation, more programs like this can be expected, so be sure to check out the O'Neal Library calendar for future UTM and other author events!



O'NEAL LIBRARY ADULT DEPARTMENT

On your mark, get set, READ! Summer Reading at O'Neal Library is almost here and upstairs in the adult/young adult department, our theme is the World Games. Expect a lot of movement, excitement, and activity! At the time of publication, so many fun things are in the works and the best way to know about all the latest additions is the O'Neal Library app (iOS and Play Store) or registration calendar at www.oneallibrary.org.

This summer, we will learn ways to step out of the fast fashion vortex and answer the age-old question "What will I wear?" in a sustainable way.

The same billion-dollar industry that has made it possible for a brand-new, on-trend \$29 dollar dress to travel across the world into your closet within days abuses human rights in developing nations and contributes significantly to the pollution of our planet. According to Dana Thomas in *Fashionopolis: The Price of Fast Fashion and the Future of Clothes*, "In the last twenty years, the volume of clothes Americans throw away has doubled - from 7 million to 14 million tons. That equals 80 pounds per person per year." Hear about the magic of wearing vintage from Mountain Brook's caftan queen Susan Dumas on June 8 at 2:00pm and discover how shopping secondhand can be a force for good from in-demand stylist Mindi Shapiro on July 13 at 2:00pm. Register online at www.oneallibrary.org. Be on the lookout for additional programs in our Sustainable Style series this summer!

Beginning Tuesday, June 7th, we are

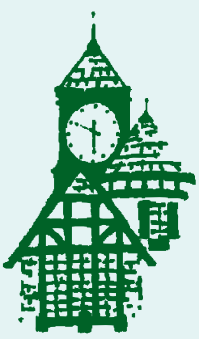
pleased to provide a free, eight-week course on American Sign Language in which you'll learn basic signs and techniques, additional resources, and a bit about Deaf culture, all taught by an instructor from the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind. Registering for the course automatically registers you for the entire eight weeks. Register online at www.oneallibrary.org.



The library's new horror related program, Under the Mountain, will be bringing author events, movie screenings, and more this summer! Join us Wednesday, May 25th at 7pm for an evening with Birmingham-based artist Bri Tippetts as she discusses her craft and her latest graphic novel, *Rictus*. On Wednesday, July 20th at 8pm, cool off from the summer heat with a chilling feature, *Gothic*, which follows Mary Shelley and company at a sprawling villa in Switzerland during an evening when Frankenstein's monster is truly born. Follow Under the Mountain on Facebook and Instagram for more info!



Creativity and action and books! Join the O'Neal Library Young Adult Department for oodles of summer fun. We will once again have a creativity contest challenge for students in all mediums as well as reading challenges and even some community challenges to encourage our young people to engage with the world around them.



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Senior families can visit MBGives.org or mail a check to 32 Vine Street, 35213 to make their \$222 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 2022!



Elementary School Track Meet

This year, the Foundation's annual Track Meet fundraiser took place on April 13 and 14. All Mountain Brook elementary students in third through sixth grades are invited to register and represent their schools at this fun community event. This year, more than 500 students participated.

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