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The general municipal election is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23rd, 2022. Offices up for election include: 1) City Council Place 1 (currently held by Alice Womack), 2) City Council Place 3 (currently held by William "Billy" Pritchard), and 3) City Council Place 5 (currently held by Lloyd Shelton).

The qualification period ended June 28th, 2022. The following residents (listed by office alphabetically by last name) qualified for the open offices:

- **Place 1:**
Christopher Powanda
Graham Smith
- **Place 3:**
Kent Osband
William "Billy" Pritchard
- **Place 5:**
Tate Davis
Lloyd Shelton

Mountain Brook residents are assigned by the Jefferson County Board of Registrars to polling locations based

on congressional districts. To minimize confusion by voters, Mountain Brook has adopted the same poll assignments used by the County (meaning residents generally vote in their "customary" polling location).

The six polling locations for the City election are as follows:

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

It is each voter's responsibility to update their voter registration at the Jefferson County Board of Registrars' office. The last day to register to vote for the municipal election is August 8th, 2022.

Anyone who is unsure of where to vote may visit the City's website (www.mtnbrook.org>>Departments >>City Manager's Office>>Voting and Election Information>>Polling Districts) or call the Board of Registrars at 205-325-5550.

Mayor's Message

Our city elections are just around the corner. Mountain Brook uses a "split-election" format where three council member positions are up in one 4-year cycle and two council positions plus the mayor are up in the next cycle. The purpose is to avoid the possibility of having all new council members who may lack experience in municipal governing.

When I became mayor, I felt certain that my long history as a business owner would translate well into city management. To this day I am still amazed how different working within the municipal system is compared to the business world. The learning curve is steep, so I think our decision (many years ago) to have split elections was a wise one.

Turnout for city-wide elections is typically light, so I suppose it means that voters are generally happy with how the city is being run. However, I want to encourage everyone to vote. If you attend city council meetings on a regular basis, you quickly realize just how much work goes into keeping Mountain Brook a great city. There are hundreds of decisions requiring significant research and deep thought from our council members and city staff. Obviously, our staff gets a paycheck, but I assure you, they operate from the heart and love our city. Being a member of the city council is a volunteer position that demands a minimum of 500 hours per year. It takes a lot of dedication to serve on the city council. The quality of the council members determines the future of our city, so this election is very important.

Each of the three open council seats has multiple candidates, so I strongly encourage you to get to know the candidates and determine, for yourself, who will best serve the residents of the City of Mountain Brook. Be looking for the notice from the Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce for their "Get to Know the Candidates" event on August 16 from 6:00 pm – 7:30 on the City Hall lawn. Your vote matters.

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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:
Sam S. Gaston, 802-3800
For advertising or Chamber of Commerce
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Our BUSINESSES need your SUPPORT now more than ever!
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www.mtnbrookchamber.org
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GRAND OPENING

Athletic Complex Grand Opening

The Grand Opening of the Athletic Complex was held on Saturday, May 7 in conjunction with Mountain Brook Athletic's World Series. Nine teams were led onto the field by the MBHS band and were introduced by John Parker Wilson.

Mountain Brook Police Department's Honor Guard marched onto the field for the National Anthem that was beautifully sung by Kevin Tatarek. After city dignitaries were recognized, Mayor Welch threw out an impressive first pitch! There was even an exciting fly-over by a helicopter provided by David Upton (Craneworks). We would like to thank Mr. Dick Shea (Morris-Shea Bridge Company) and Mr. Justin Dean (Clements Dean Construction Company) for the outstanding job both did on completing this spectacular athletic complex.



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. 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.mbatletics.org

We would like to congratulate the 2022 MBA World Series champions: (girls) 8U The Intimidators and 10U Pirates, (boys) 1st grade Yankees, 2nd grade Rangers, and 3rd grade Rays

Fall sports that are underway now include: Volleyball, Football, Cheerleading, Softball, and Baseball

Registration for Basketball and Wrestling should open mid-late September. For further information, please visit their newly updated website!



Mountain Brook Lacrosse

www.mblax.com

email: mountainbrooklacrosse@gmail.com

Mountain Brook Lacrosse is open to boys and girls, U8-Highschool. Stay tuned to Mountain Brook Lacrosse on social media via Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for updates as fall approaches. Please mark your calendars for their annual fundraiser dinner on Saturday, October 15th. Details will be posted soon!



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 is now open and please check their website for each age groups' registration deadlines for fall soccer.

Garbage Service Changes

Amwaste will begin providing garbage service for the City beginning October 1, 2022.

Following are some highlights of what to expect from our new collections provider:

- **There will be two collections weekly at the curb. Collections will be performed Monday through Saturday.**
 - ✓ Bagging debris before placing inside the 95-gallon cart is recommended. Bagging minimizes the chances of spillage and results in cleaner containers which reduces odors and the risk of pests.
 - ✓ The first collection may include both household waste and recycling. Materials collected in the first pick-up will be taken to RePower South where recyclables will be separated from the household waste. Please do not place loose yard waste in the first collection as yard waste inhibits the RePower South's ability to sort the recycling from garbage.
 - ✓ The second collection may include household garbage and small bagged bulk brush and other yard waste. Everything collected in the second pick-up will be taken to the landfill.
- **Materials should be taken to the curb by 6:30 a.m. on your collection day. Routes begin at 7 a.m.**
- **Residents will be provided one 95-gallon rolling cart at no charge.**

Carts will be delivered no later than the last week of September. Should you need/desire more than one cart (for a fee), you may contact Amwaste. More information will be provided later.

- **The curbside carts will be machine lifted/emptied likely from the passenger side of the garbage truck.**
 - ✓ Carts should be placed within three feet from the curb.
 - ✓ Because carts are collected from the passenger side only, collection times for the right side of a street may vary by up to several hours from the left side of the same street for routing efficiency.
 - ✓ Do not place carts on sidewalks, storm drain covers, gutters, steep slopes, under low-hanging utilities lines or other obstructions or within six feet of fixed objects (e.g., mailboxes, hedges, parked vehicles, utility poles, etc.)
 - ✓ Carts/single bags may not exceed 50 pounds.

Backdoor collection will no longer be a standard service provided. However, the service will be offered on an elective subscription basis paid quarterly by the homeowner.

✓ The cost of backdoor collection will be \$28.14 quarterly (*to be indexed for inflation effective October 1, 2022) and will be billed directly by Amwaste.

✓ If you would like to register your home for backdoor collection, please access the Mountain Brook back door service survey/registration on the Amwaste website by August 12, 2022: www.amwaste.net/mountain-brook-back-door-survey. Please input all requested information to the drop-down questions in the survey. You will receive a response email when successful registration has been completed.

✓ Residents may sign-up for (or discontinue) backdoor service at any time.

✓ The customers with backdoor service will be served by separate route crews using smaller trucks.

✓ Yard debris should be placed at the curb.

- **Regarding recycling, nearly everything is recycled other than food and organic waste. RePower South transforms approximately 70% of waste into solid commodities (baled and sold to established commodity markets) or ReEF fuel which is used as a replacement for coal in industry and energy utility boilers.**

Debris and bulk collection:

- ✓ There is not a designated bulk trash pick-up day with Amwaste. **Small bulk trash may be placed at the curb for collection on the second pick-up of the week. Bulk piles may be no larger than 3 cubic yards.**
- ✓ Only homeowner generated materials will be collected. Debris from contracted work must be removed by the contractor.
- ✓ Small hand piles of yard debris should be bagged and placed in the cart for the second weekly pick-up. If too large to fit in the cart, place small hand piles beside the cart for pick-up.
- ✓ Limbs and branches may not exceed six feet in length.
- ✓ Place materials no more than three feet from the curb.
- ✓ Cross ties (railroad ties) will not be collected as they are not accepted by landfills.
- ✓ Refrigerated appliances require a Freon removal tax issued by a certified technician.
- ✓ Bulk piles larger than 3 cubic yards will generally be picked-up by knuckle-boom trucks that run continuously throughout the City on a 10-day cycle.
- **Leaf collection**
 - ✓ Bagged leaves will be collected along with debris and bulk collections placed at the curb.
 - ✓ Loose leaves placed at the curb will be collected by City crews.
 - ✓ Scheduling and more information about loose leaf collection will be provided closer to leaf season.



Recent City Council Actions

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

- Ordinance No. 2121 - Amended Section 30-1, 30-3 (a), (b) & (c) and Section 30-4 (a) & (b) of the City Code.
- Ordinance No. 2122 - Authorized the issuance, execution, sale and delivery of \$6 million General Obligation Warrants.
- Ordinance No. 2123 - Authorized the sale of certain surplus real property (116 Hillsdale Drive).
- Ordinance No. 2124 - Reduced the speed limit on Surrey Road and Upper Canterbury Road to 20 MPH and to provide for punishment for violations.
- Ordinance No. 2125 - Provided for an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Mountain Brook and the City of Birmingham for the 2022 World Games.
- Ordinance No. 2126 - Approved the Real Estate Contract for 116 Hillsdale Drive.

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

- Authorized the city's participation in the 2022 "State of Alabama Sales Tax Holiday" beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 15, 2022, and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, July 17, 2022, whereby the city shall exempt certain school supplies, computers, and clothing from municipal sales or use tax.
- Executed an agreement between the city and ALDOT with respect to the installation and maintenance of the World Games Welcome sign.
- Accepted the professional services proposal submitted by Sain Associates Inc. with respect to the preparation of a TAP application for the Montclair sidewalk project.
- Accepted the proposal submitted by BlackJack Horticulture and executed a landscape and access easement with respect to the landscape renovation at the Crestline Shell station.
- Approved the conditional service use application submitted by Anne Liles (Travel Studio) for property at 2012 Cahaba Road.
- Accepted the proposal submitted by Wright Construction Company with respect to the Mountain Brook Village Circle project.
- Proclaimed April 10 - 16, 2022 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.
- Authorized an agreement between the city and Schoel Engineering Company, Inc. for consulting services associated with the drainage improvements in the vicinity of Canterbury Road.
- Accepted the FY2021 Audit draft.
- Proclaimed May 15 - 21, 2022 as National Police Officer Appreciation Week.
- Installed one (1) 150 watt LED street light at the North East corner of the Little Hardware property located at 2117 Cahaba Road.
- Awarded the bid for the Northcote Drive Culvert Replacement to JD Morris Construction Co. Inc.
- Awarded the bid for the janitorial services for the City Hall/Fire building to Protek Cleaning Services, Inc. and awarded the bid for janitorial services for the Police building to Pritchard Industries.
- Authorized the agreement for consulting services between the city and Schoel Engineering Company, Inc. for consulting services associated with the preparation of a Topographic Survey of areas within Jemison Park.
- Approved the proposal between the city and Nimrod Long and Associates for landscape design services for Jemison Park.
- Authorized the establishment of the Spartan Recognition Program for city employees.
- Authorized the purchase of a new Police Department jail camera system server and accepted the proposal submitted by Alscan to replace existing police and jail servers with new Avigilon servers.
- Approved the conditional service use application submitted by Therapy South for property at 201 and 205 Country Club Park.
- Executed a contractor agreement between the city and Morris Shea Bridge Company Inc. for the fill project at the Mountain Brook Athletic Complex Field #1.
- Authorized change order No. 5 for the Athletic Complex Field 1 improvement project.
- Deposited \$300,000 to Section 115 (retiree medical insurance) Trust.
- Authorized the Purchase and Sale Agreement with F&B Holdings, LLC.
- Approved the sidewalk café application and hold harmless agreement for Real & Rosemary on Church Street.
- Accepted the professional services proposal submitted by Enviro Management Corp. with respect to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project back-up generator.
- Opened Retirement Window for certain employees.
- Authorized the agreement for consulting services with Schoel Engineering Company Inc. for consulting services associated with the drainage improvements at Mountain Brook Junior High.
- Awarded the bid for the Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles to Stivers Ford Lincoln.
- Authorized the creation of a First Horizon bank account to hold funds paid to the city by the Circuit Court in connection with an ongoing theft of property case.
- Awarded the bid for five 2021 Dodge Charger Police Pursuit Vehicles to Stivers Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram.
- Forgave the loan between the city and Mountain Brook Sports Park Foundation.
- Authorized an agreement for additional consulting services between the city and Schoel Engineering Company, Inc. for the study and preliminary design of up-basin drainage in Mountain Brook Junior High area.
- Amended the City of Mountain Brook Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual with respect to increasing the purchase order threshold to \$3,000.
- Authorized the creation of one Parks and Recreation Superintendent II position for the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Recommended to the ABC Board the issuance of a Special Events Retail license to TRO, Inc. (Otey's Fest).



Dana Hazen Receives the UAB/MPA Excellence in Mentoring Award



In 2017 the MPA program at UAB initiated the Gaston Excellence in Mentoring Award as a way to honor Sam Gaston for his legacy in mentoring up-and-coming public administrators and hosting interns. This year, Mr. Gaston nominated Dana Hazen, the city's Director of Planning, for his namesake award with the following nomination:

"Dana has mentored several young professionals during her tenure in Mountain Brook, and she also served as an adjunct professor in the UAB's MPA program from 2013-2015 teaching the Local Government Planning class. She has hosted

several UAB MPA students as interns at the City, and this experience has greatly assisted them in building their careers.

As City Manager I have hosted 25 interns during my tenure in Mountain Brook, and part of their internship duties always included being rotated into each department of the City for several days in order to complete specific assignments / projects, many times interacting with Dana's department of Planning, Building, and Sustainability (PB&S) and being immersed into the contemporary land use issues of that moment. Several of these interns enjoyed their time with Dana and

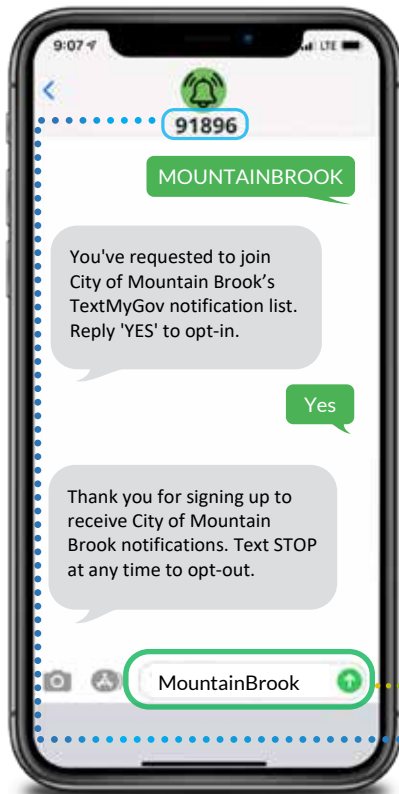
her staff so much that they asked to spend additional time in the PB&S Department, seeking to learn and obtain more knowledge about planning, zoning, sign ordinances, master planning and community aesthetics.

Because of Dana's enthusiasm, professionalism and desire to help prepare the next generation of public servants, she has inspired many of the City's interns to enter the arena of local, state and federal government. She has also attentively developed and mentored her staff, all of which are developing into thoughtful, progressive city administrators!"

Congratulations, Dana!

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.

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REPORT AN ISSUE

Need to Report an Issue?



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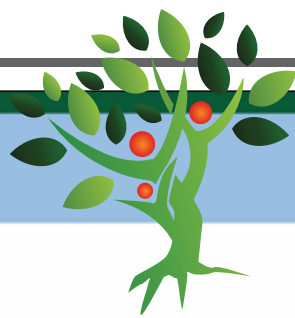
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TREE BASICS

Tree Watering Tips for Summer



ONE OF THE MOST FREQUENT QUESTIONS people have during the warm summer months is, "How should I be watering my trees?" While every tree is going to have specific considerations (like species, location, and soil type), here are some general guidelines to keep your trees happy throughout the summer.

■ Do I Need to Water Now?

There's a simple step you can take to see if your tree needs water. Using a long screwdriver with a minimum 6-inch blade, probe into the ground in several locations under the drip line (the furthest edge of the tree's canopy).

If you are having difficulty probing to a 6- to 8-inch depth and natural rainfall is not in the forecast, then you should begin a watering regime.

■ Young Trees

New trees, or those planted within the past two years that have trunks less than 1 inch in diameter, should be watered much more frequently than older trees. Aim for two to three times per week. If you are using a garden hose, water the tree for about one minute to ensure a deep soaking.

■ Older Trees

Established trees, or those two years and older, usually don't need to be watered quite as often. Aim for once a week or every other week, depending on how the soil is retaining moisture.

■ More Tips

After watering, the soil around your tree should be damp, not soggy. If a puddle remains afterwards, or the tree's leaves are wilting and turning yellow, you may be overwatering it.

Mulch retains water and helps keep roots moist. During drought conditions, consider adding more mulch around the base of your tree.

View more tree care and planting tips at arborday.org/treecare.

Church Street Crosswalk Demo



The City of Mountain Brook has installed a demo patterned crosswalk in partnership with TrafficPatternsXD on Church Street in Crestline. It replaces the existing crosswalk that connects Crestline Pharmacy to Slim Pizzeria. If this demo is successful, the city hopes to install three more of TrafficPatternsXD crosswalks on Church Street.



Michael Gill, Jr. to Retire

Michael Gill, Jr. will retire from the City of Mountain Brook Public Works Department this September after 25 years of service. Michael is currently the Senior Arborist for the city and works hard in every aspect of our Forestry Division. He has been an integral part of the City of Mountain Brook being a Tree City USA recipient for 27 years.

Michael is a second generation employee with the city. His father Michael Gill, Sr. was a well-respected Public Works supervisor with 34 years of service before his untimely death in 2002. Michael's retirement will end 54 years of service for our city from the Gill family.

In addition to Mr. Gill working in our Forestry Division, he has spearheaded a long list of special projects such as leaf collection, village beautification and City Hall landscaping projects. His attention to detail and willingness to go the extra mile led to him being chosen the 2016 City Employee of the Year.

The City of Mountain Brook would like to give a special "Thank You" to Michael's wife, Jennifer and their son Brandon, for allowing their husband and dad to be a part of our work family. Michael Gill, Jr., like his father before him, will leave his fingerprint and legacy on the Public Works Department, our city government, and the residents of Mountain Brook.

Many thanks to Michael and the entire Gill family for a job well done.



Compost Is Still Available

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

The city recycles the loose leaves collected each year in the Fall and Winter. The loose leaves will be collected this year by our Public Works crews as a service to the citizens. The leaves will then be dumped at the Public Works facility at 3579 East Street, Mountain Brook Alabama, near Rathmell Soccer complex. (use Birmingham if entering into GPS) The leaves are pushed into piles, turned, and as a result of decomposing,

become compost, a useful gardening by-product of the leaves.

Citizens of Mountain Brook may come to the Public Works facility and receive the compost at no charge if they load themselves. Public Works employees will load them mechanically for a fee of \$20.00 per pickup load. Non-residents may purchase the compost for \$15.00 if they load themselves. We will load them for \$20.00 per pickup load or \$30.00 per scoop to load larger trucks.

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



Electronic Recycling and Paper Shredding Event

The City of Mountain Brook held its 2nd annual recycling day featuring secure paper document destruction and electronic waste removal. The event took place on April 23rd, 2022 at Mountain Brook High School from 9 am to 1pm. The City was happy to partner with Gone For Good, a program of the local non-profit United Ability, to service the event. The event featured a volunteer effort including city employees, The Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Mountain Brook and the Kiwanis Club of Homewood/Mountain Brook.



There was a great turnout for this event with over 15,000 pounds of paper and 19,000 pounds of electronics being dropped off for disposal. This event has been a huge success with

Mountain Brook citizens continuing to prove our community's commitment to sustainable practices over the last two years. The city plans to continue to offer this service every spring moving forward.





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

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 southern end of Mountain Brook Elementary field, and the Lane Parke Apartments by Watkins Branch.

City Budget Update

Based on the fiscal 2022 collections reported through May, operating revenues are projected to be \$46 million for the year ending September 30, 2022, compared to \$43.8 million budgeted. Some of the more notable revenue and collection observations include:

- General sales taxes are projected to be \$13.6 million compared to the budget of \$12.2 million. Sales tax collections are up by 15% for the eight month period ended May compared to the same period last year.
- Sales tax collections for online sales administered by the State are projected to be \$1.3 million (almost \$100,000 more than budgeted).
- Business license fees are projected to be \$3.3 million for the year (\$546,000 more than budgeted).

- Construction permit fees are projected to be \$1.4 million for the year (almost \$400,000 more than budgeted)

The 2023 budget development began on May 26 with a City Council work session. Departmental budgets were submitted to the Finance Director in mid-June. The City Manager conducted the first review of the budgets with department supervisors during July. The Finance Committee will review the second draft of the budget on August 18. The City Council will also review the budget and Finance Committee recommendations on August 25. The public hearing to consider the ordinance adopting the 2023 budget is tentatively scheduled for September 26. For more information, please visit the City's website (www.mtnbrook.org).

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

New Businesses

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- B Squared Ventures LLC, (dba\ EIC Software), 3777 W Jackson Boulevard, 517-862-9330
- Carter Counseling Services, LLC, (dba\ Use 44766), 402 Office Park Drive, Suite 250C, 205-675-0630
- Donald, Mary, (computer programming) 2909 Overhill Road, 205-532-1151
- Hecker Lawn Care LLC, 3568 Hampshire Drive, 205-705-0919
- Pilcher & Grissom, LLC, (law practice) 14 Office Park Circle, Suite 114, 205-540-1518
- Starboard Fitness LLC, (dba\ X4), 900 Lane Parke Court, 205-771-0256
- Suess, Gregory, 2838 Shook Hill Circle, 310-383-3339
- Wayfare Counseling, 4 Office Park Circle, Suite 313, 205-948-3704
- Zion Ed LLC, 2737 Highway 280 S, 205-810-9644

RETAILERS

- Bossi-Birmingham, LLC, 2003 Cahaba Road, 205-908-6119
- Finley, Victoria, (dba\ Cloth and Paper Arts), 2724 Cherokee Drive, 205-913-2995
- Lee, Kathryn, (dba\ Kathryn Grace Letters), 2615 South Lane, 205-960-1319



Quarterly Crime Statistics

	1st Quarter 2022	2nd Quarter 2022
Robbery	0	0
Robbery (aggravated shoplifting)	0	0
Burglary/Residence	12	6
Burglary/Business	3	1
Theft	32	43
Theft from Vehicle (UBEV)	31	19
Auto Theft	3	1
Assaults (Other)	2	0
Identity Theft	18	19
Criminal Mischief	8	8
Drugs	26	61
Family Violence	5	5
Accidents	297	334
• With Injuries	17	12
• With Fatalities	0	0
Calls For Service	6470	6275
House Watches	209	499

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.

Building Permit Activity

Permit Type:	1st Quarter - 2022		2nd Quarter - 2022	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	15	\$ 12,985,134	8	\$ 11,360,827
Alterations/Additions	95	\$ 20,729,621	111	\$ 18,977,932
Repairs/Other	193	\$ 13,658,671	190	\$ 6,500,906
Totals:	303	\$ 47,373,426	309	\$ 36,839,665

COMPARISON OF YEAR - 2021

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

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.



Lane Parke Update

The second phase of Lane Parke is on its way to completion! Ignite Cycle has recently opened, making it the first tenant in Phase II to open!

It has just been announced that a fast-casual food concept from Nashville (Ladybird Taco) will be opening later this year. Ladybird Taco will specialize in breakfast and lunch tacos.

Other exciting tenants who are on their way include Melt, Little Buckhead Blue, Jeni's Ice Cream, Clean Juice, Starbucks, Massage Envy, Basecoat on Fifth, Gunn Dermatology, and Son's Donuts. More tenants will begin to open this fall and a grand opening celebration will take place in Spring of 2023.

Board Appointments/Reappointments:

- Appointed Turner Williams as Supernumerary Judge of the Mountain Brook Municipal Court with the term of office to end April 13, 2024.
- Appointed K.C. Hairston as Presiding Judge of the Mountain Brook Municipal Court with the term of office to end January 25, 2024.
- Appointed Daniel Odrezin to the Mountain Brook Board of Education with the term of office to end May 31, 2027.



Gifted Child Find Notice

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

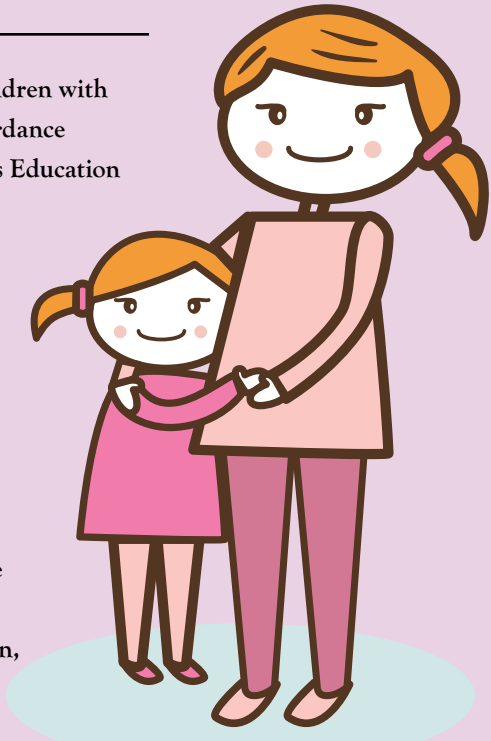
Teachers, counselors, administrators, parents or guardians, peers, self, or any other individuals with knowledge of the student's abilities may refer a student to the Student Support Team for consideration for placement in the enrichment program. Additionally, all second grade students are observed as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

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

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

Child Find Notice

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



BACK TO SCHOOL Career Tech Course Offerings



Mountain Brook High School offers several Career and Technical courses in the areas of business administration, finance and marketing. The courses include: Accounting, Business Software Applications I and II, Career Focus, Digital Marketing, INCubatoredu/Entrepreneurship,

Foundations of Business Leadership, Introduction to Law and the American Legal System, Leadership Mountain Brook, Personal Finance, and Work-based Learning.

Mountain Brook Junior High offers Project Lead the Way courses as semester and year-long electives for seventh and eighth grade students. These courses include the following: Automation and Robotics, Robotics Team, Design and Modeling, App Creators, Computer Science for Innovators and Makers, Energy in the Environment. MBJH offers Engineering, Robotics, and Computer Science courses as semester and year-long electives for ninth grade students. These courses include the following: Robotics Team, Introduction to Robotics, Application of Engineering and Technology, Foundations of Engineering, Computer Science, App Creators, and Innovators and Makers.

O'Neal Library News

Children's Department



The summer reading program made a full rebound this year, attracting nearly 2,000 participants in the Ocean of Possibilities and Xtreme Reads programs. Young readers kept track of their books and pages, branched out in their reading choices, rose to the Library's reading challenges, and earned hundreds of free books and other prizes. Kids and families visited the Library for a variety of creative and entertaining activities, including reading camp, shark and squid dissection, indigo dye art, outdoor games, a magic show, 3D illustration projects, ocean layers crafts, and a Roger Day concert on the lawn. Kids from birth through rising 6th graders found plenty to read, do, play, and try during ONL's summer reading program.

O'Neal Library was also able to break the two-year hiatus and bring back the Summer Reading Carnival Kick-Off and Fun Run on May 22. Over 1,000 folks attend the carnival and enjoyed games, prizes, face paint, popcorn, balloons, and the much-anticipated appearance of the Mountain Brook Fire Department's fire truck to cool off the children after hours of outdoor fun. "Our librarians go the extra mile. Our community is fortunate to have such a high caliber staff." says a Mountain Brook resident who attended the carnival.

The O'Neal Library is grateful to the Junior Women's Committee of 100 who make the Summer Reading Kick-Off Carnival a success!



O'Neal Library News

A Night Dark & Grimm

2022 marks the return of the Library's annual family fairy tale festival, A Night Dark & Grimm. In October, families can put on their costumes one more time and visit the Library for an evening of indoor and outdoor games, crafts, snacks, and character photo-ops. The evening will wrap up with an outdoor showing of an animated movie, so patrons are encouraged to bring their blankets, lawn chairs, and warm jackets.



Library-school Partnerships

One of the behind-the-scenes projects that energizes the librarians of the Children's Department is maintaining strong, symbiotic relationships with librarians at the city's public schools. Children's Department staff frequently visit the four local elementary schools to share storytimes and book talks or to spread the word about O'Neal Library children's events. In July, Librarians held four school-readiness storytimes at Cherokee Bend Elementary for new kindergartners and their parents. At the end of each school year, the Children's and Teen Departments team up to host a catered luncheon to thank and celebrate school librarians. This gives media specialists at the elementary, junior high, and high school levels the opportunity to come together with each other and with ONL's student-serving staff to swap updates and book recommendations. Children's Outreach Librarian Merideth Stackpole says, "Now that we're settling into life after COVID, we are thrilled to be able to reinvigorate our school-public library partnerships for the benefit of the students and the adults who work with them to promote literacy and a love of books."



Under the Mountain

The O'Neal Library is excited to announce that best-selling novelist, Jeff VanderMeer, will be visiting Mountain Brook on Saturday, September 17. One of the most acclaimed authors of speculative writing today, VanderMeer is the latest author in the *Under the Mountain* series which celebrates the strange and uncanny in literature and films.

Jeff VanderMeer hails originally from Pennsylvania but spent much of his formative years in the Fiji Islands, where his parents worked for the Peace Corps. He later relocated to Gainesville, Florida and then attended Florida State University. In the late 80's, while still a high school student, VanderMeer began writing for small-press magazines and self-publishing his own stories. Considered an exciting new voice in "Weird Fiction", VanderMeer achieved widespread acclaim with his Southern Reach trilogy, the first of which, *Annihilation*, won the Nebula and Shirley Jackson Awards for best novel, and in 2018 was adapted into a major motion picture directed by Alex Garland, starring Natalie Portman and Jennifer Jason Leigh.

VanderMeer's most recent cycle of fiction—*Borne*, *The Strange Bird* and *Dead Astronauts*—demonstrates what the author does best: creating mysterious and perilous worlds where nature and technology run amok, and then populating these unstable ecosystems with compassionately realized characters who, regardless of how vibrantly alien or monstrous as they may seem, all yearn to understand what it means to be that elusive quality we call "human".

VanderMeer resides in Tallahassee, and, alongside his own fiction, is a frequent editor of science fiction and horror anthologies, as well as a contributor to the likes of *The New York Times*, the *Guardian*, *Vulture*, *Esquire.com*, and *The Los Angeles Times*.

Under the Mountain will host the author's visit on September 17 at 7:00pm at O'Neal Library. A Q&A and signing will follow with Thank You Books on site to sell books. This event is free and open to the public, but registration is encouraged via the Library website because seating is limited. For more information, follow @undrmtn on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, or visit *Under the Mountain's* webpage at <https://oneallibrary.org/utm>.



O'Neal Library News

O'NEAL LIBRARY ADULT DEPARTMENT

You aut-umn know O'Neal Library is the best place to visit this fall! At the time of publication, so many fun things are in the works, and the best way to learn about all the latest additions is the O'Neal Library app (iOS and Play Store) or calendar at www.oneallibrary.org.

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." 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 often abuses human rights in developing nations and contributes significantly to the pollution of our planet. In the Sustainable Style series of programming, 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.

Refresh your wardrobe at our community clothing swap on August 4 from 6pm-8pm! The goal of this swap is to provide a more eco-friendly way to "shop" outside of fast fashion. Our goal is to put gently used items in your closet that you can wear out with friends & family, to work, or on a date. Items must be dropped off ahead of time. Please email Amanda at awestfall@oneallibrary.org to schedule a time to drop-off by August 3rd. All adult sizes are welcome! This event is for adults, so please no children's clothing. Have some extra hangers you don't need? We will also take them to use at the swap!

On Sunday September 11 from 2pm-6pm, Norman Jetmundsen's fascinating documentary about the undefeated Sewanee football team

of 1899 will be screened at O'Neal Library. This unbelievable story will delight football fans as well as history buffs. The Samford String Quartet will return for a free performance on Thursday, September 15 from 11am-noon.

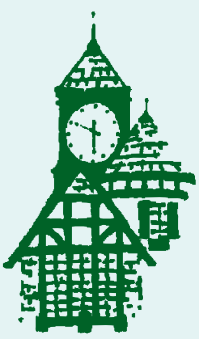
The Library's new horror-related program, *Under the Mountain*, brings author events, movie screenings, and more! On Sunday October 9 from 7pm-9pm, UAB Film Studies professor Gareth Jones will share information on Folk Horror in film and media, followed by a screening (50 minutes) of a 1975 film, *Murrian*. Follow *Under the Mountain* on Facebook and Instagram for more info! As a bonus, on Monday, October 10 6:30pm-7:30pm, Professor Jones will also be leading a discussion in the Great Short Stories book group of the film *Rear Window* and the short story that inspired it.



The Teen Advisory Board will be hosting a mini-bootcamp in August to teach members new and old how they can utilize the Library and all its resources to create meaningful experiences for themselves and their fellow teens. Your teen can join the Teen Advisory Board by filling out this simple application: www.oneallibrary.org/teens-tab

Fall teen programming will include gaming, book clubs, and crafting. We can't wait to see you at O'Neal Library!





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Our Leadership Mountain Brook students worked hard this past year to raise funds to install a bench area near the Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce to honor Suzan Doidge for her years of service to Mountain Brook. We are so grateful to her and all she's done for our community!

Meet and Greet

...and Grab Something to Eat!

Join us on the lawn of City Hall on August 16th from 6 - 7:30 PM to meet the City Council Candidates running in the upcoming election on August 23rd.

And then be sure to grab something to eat right here in Crestline Village!

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August 13th

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MOUNTAIN BROOK CHAMBER JUNIOR BOARD

August 18th

Thursday Night Live will be the second annual event hosted by the Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce Junior Board.

This year, the event benefits Friends of Jenison Park and its ongoing efforts to renew and revitalize the trail along Mountain Brook Parkway.

Please come out to English Village on August 18th from 5:00-8:00!

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Families Give 180 To Support Mountain Brook Schools

The Foundation's Give 180 Campaign kicks off as Mountain Brook students head back to school! This annual fundraising campaign asks each family to give \$1 for every day their student is learning through Mountain Brook Schools, and the goal is 100% participation. Last school year, the campaign raised \$200,180 from 625 families. These tax-deductible donations help fund Chromebooks for all teachers and students, a summer learning conference for teachers, books and subscriptions for each school's library and much more.

Visit MBGives.org to be a part of Give 180 this year!

Foundation Celebrates 30 Years!

Families in Mountain Brook helped achieve a record fundraising year for the Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation – an incredible \$691,610.47 raised. This exciting accomplishment corresponds with another major milestone for the Foundation of its 30th anniversary. Since its founding in 1992 by forward-thinking community leaders, the Foundation's Board of Directors has granted a total of more than \$9.32 million to Mountain Brook Schools. **To learn more about the Foundation's continued partnership with Mountain Brook Schools, visit MBGives.org.**



Foundation Dollars At Work

Using a system-wide approach, the Foundation offers long-term assurance that Mountain Brook Schools will continue to provide the best education possible, especially during times of crisis. For the 2021-2022 school year, the Foundation awarded a grant total \$461,168 to be used in the areas of technology, professional development and library enhancements. This included funding Overdrive Education for the district, which helps build a custom collection of digital book titles for student and teacher use. It also put \$59,494 toward technology for math at Mountain Brook Junior High and Mountain Brook High School. For the 2022-2023 school year, the Foundation has approved an annual grant total of \$514,983.

For more information about Foundation dollars at work, visit MBGives.org.