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Mayor's Message

Quiet please!

One thing I've always loved about going to the library is a quiet experience. It feels almost like a sanctuary. Over a year ago we started a project I call 'Quiet Villages' where we replaced extremely loud gas blowers with almost unnoticeable battery-powered blowers. If you haven't noticed...well, that's the point. The city's commitment to electric-powered equipment in our villages and parks continues to grow. We are the first city in the south to receive the American Green Zone Alliance (AGZA) certification and received a nice write-up in the Washington Post about our efforts. Evolving technology in batteries and electric engines will allow us to continue to better serve our community in the future.

The city's commitment was phase one. Now, as part of phase two, we are asking our schools and village business owners to join the Quiet Villages movement. When we approached Will Newton, president of Landscape Services, he immediately embraced our initiative and now uses electric-powered blowers throughout our villages for the services we contract through him. We received the same response from one of Mountain Brook's major commercial home landscape provider's, Daniel Samford, of GREEN Landscaping. I should note that during the heaviest leaf season, a gas blower must occasionally be used.

For phase three, I would ask for your help. If you use a landscape service company, ask them to use electric equipment. If you are a do-it-yourselfer, consider purchasing electric equipment on your next purchase. Little Hardware has a wide array of excellent choices. Working together, we can create a quiet, pollution-free community for the enjoyment of all of us and our many visitors.

City Employee of the Year



Congratulations to Officer George French for being recognized as the 2021 Mountain Brook City Employee of the Year! Officer French serves as the police department's Community Relations Officer which consists of dual roles including the Business Liaison Officer and the Public Information Officer responsibilities. He has strengthened the partnerships between the business community and the police department while advancing the footprint of the police department on social media platforms. In doing so, he has solidified the Mountain Brook Police Department brand by engaging with the community, media and others while promoting the police department through his position as Community Relations Officer. Officer French has been instrumental in the creation of the police department's app and keeping citizens up to date with notifications of events, hazards and important information and has assisted other city departments, as well as the city government in the development of their social media platforms. George has a contagious and energetic personality and always serves in a positive and professional manner. He constantly promotes the city and police department in a positive light. His dedication to the City of Mountain Brook is unprecedented. We, as a community, are fortunate to have him. Congratulations George!

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KEEP YOUR SALES TAX DOLLARS IN MOUNTAIN BROOK BY USING MOUNTAIN BROOK, NOT BIRMINGHAM, AS YOUR DELIVERY ADDRESS WHEN ORDERING ONLINE OR FROM CATALOGS.

Recent City Council Actions

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

- Ordinance No. 2111 – Designated all marked public spaces located in the leased parking lot located at 2101 Cahaba Road to be all-day parking Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Ordinance No. 2112 - Amended Article XVIII, Section 129-295 (Temporary Uses) of the City Code to include temporary occupancy of an existing structure on a construction site, or on the adjoining lot, for business operations related to construction.
- Ordinance No. 2113 – Restated sections 109-31, 109-195, and 109-227 of the city code adopting the 2021 versions of the building and technical codes and section 109-56 of the city code adopting the 2020 version of the electrical code.

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

- Expressed gratitude to Bryan Helm for his dedicated service to the city on the Finance Committee.

- Expressed gratitude to Sim Johnson for his dedicated service to the city on the Board of Landscape Design.
- Authorized a purchasing agreement with North Alabama Cooperative Purchasing Association.
- Authorized the city to enter into an agreement with All In Mountain Brook.
- Authorized the city to enter into an agreement with the Birmingham Zoo.
- Authorized the city to enter into a contract with the Birmingham Botanical Society.
- Authorized the city to enter into an agreement with the Jefferson-Blount-St. Clair Mental Health Authority.
- Authorized the city to enter into a contract with the Prescott House.
- Authorized the city to execute the audit engagement letter.
- Authorized an ADECA CDBG-CV Local Government Agreement.
- Authorized the sale of a 2004 Spartan Fire Pumper.
- Authorized the city to execute a Nonemployee Disclosure and

Exchange Statement between the city and the State of Alabama Department of Revenue.

- Authorized a Right of Way Encroachment Agreement with respect to 3525 Mountain Brook Park Drive.
- Authorized the specific pay increase and authorize the minimum starting hourly rate for Laborer personnel.
- Honored Chief Ted Cook on his retirement.
- Appointed James A. Loggins Police Chief of the City of Mountain Brook effective October 26, 2021.
- Authorized a six (6) month extension(s) for the two parking lot leases in English Village.
- Authorized an agreement between the city and Enviro Management Company, Inc. with respect to the purchase and installation of a surge tank for the city's wastewater treatment facility located at the high school complex.
- Authorized the creation of one (1) Senior Planner position for the Department of Planning, Building, and Sustainability.

- Authorized the renewal of the Digital Publishing Platform license provided by Communico, LLC to the O'Neal Library.
- Authorized an agreement for tax and license examination services between the city and RiverTree Systems, Inc.
- Awarded the bid for the purchase of a 2021 Dodge Charger sedan in the amount of \$38,854.50 to Voyles Automotive of Birmingham.
- Recommended to the State of Alabama, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, the issuance of a liquor license to KC Commons LLC (trade name: Key Circle Commons), 2010 Cahaba Road.
- Approved the conditional use application submitted by Evson, Inc., for a neuromuscular therapy business (Massage Envy) to be located at 320 Rele Street.
- Authorized an agreement between the city and Skipper Consultants for traffic signal improvements at Montclair Road and Memory Lane.
- Recognized the 52nd Anniversary of the Dande' Lion, Inc., in Mountain Brook.

- Approved one-time pay increase to fourteen (14) Public Works employees and four (4) administrative employees for their work during the garbage crisis.
- Accepted the proposal submitted by Enviro Management Company, Inc., for the development of a sanitary sewer overflow plan for the waste water treatment plant at Mountain Brook High School pursuant to NPDES permit requirements.
- Awarded the bid for the tactical van customization to Mobile Communications America, Inc. (MCA) in the amount of \$32,481.
- Accepted the proposal submitted by Sain Associates for a survey and engineering services for the construction of sidewalks on Old Leeds Road from Shady Lane to Old Leeds Lane.
- Authorized a change order for the Cherokee Bend Elementary Field with the Mountain Brook Board of Education to pay 50% of the net cost to remove and replace existing concrete paving.

- Authorized City Manager to pay up to \$1,000.00 for materials and provide city labor and equipment to install beautification improvements at the Clarendon Road traffic island.
- Proclaimed Saturday, November 27, 2021 as "Small Business Saturday."
- Authorized an agreement between the city and Lower Bros Tennis Courts to repair and resurface two tennis courts at Mountain Brook High School.
- Accepted the proposal submitted by Schoel Engineering Company, Inc. for civil and structural engineering services for the Greenway Road Area drainage improvements.
- Authorized an agreement between the city and Stone and Sons Electrical Contractors, Inc. for the traffic signal modification plan for the intersection of Montclair Road at Memory Lane and Morningside Drive.
- Authorized the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Mountain Brook and Jefferson County Commission regarding

- debris removal and monitoring services.
- Authorized a change order with respect to the Hagood sidewalk project.
- Executed the Franchise Agreement between the city and Telepak Networks, Inc. and Teklinks, Inc. d/b/a C Spire Business for fiber optic telecommunications services and information services within the City.
- Authorized change orders at the Youth Complex Phase II for storm drain work and re-routing the water line.
- Authorized change orders with respect to the LED Border Sign at Glencoe Drive.
- Expressed gratitude to Tricia Kirk for her service with the Exceptional Foundation.
- Executed a 3-year extension of the lease agreement with Merkos L'Inyonie Chinuch of Alabama (Chaba'd of Alabama) granting the city's use of Chaba'd of Alabama's parking lot on Overton Road.
- Ratified and approved the \$3 million transfer of funds for the year October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.
- Adopted the Division "G" multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan, in fulfillment of the federal disaster mitigation act of 2000 and the local mitigation plan requirements.
- Ratified change orders for grading and electrical work at the Youth Complex Phase II.
- Authorized a contract with Schoel Engineering Company for consulting services for the design of a culvert replacement at Northcote Drive.
- Awarded the bid to purchase patrol vehicle outfitting services to ProLogic ITS.
- Established the employees' and retirees' monthly premiums for medical insurance effective dated December 10, 2021, and retiree premiums due on January 1, 2022.
- Authorized an agreement with Gorrie-Regan & Associates for the installation of security cameras at the Athletic Complex and adjacent parking lot.
- Approved the easement access/guardrail change for the Caldwell Mill Road bridge replacement project.
- Authorized a reduction in force resulting from the transfer of the city's dispatch operations to Shelby County Emergency Management Communications District.
- Authorized the Endo Sign-on Settlement to a class action opioid litigation settlement negotiated by the Alabama Attorney General.
- Requested assistance from the Alabama Legislature with election legislation for class 6 cities for municipal elections to be moved to odd year cycles starting in 2025.

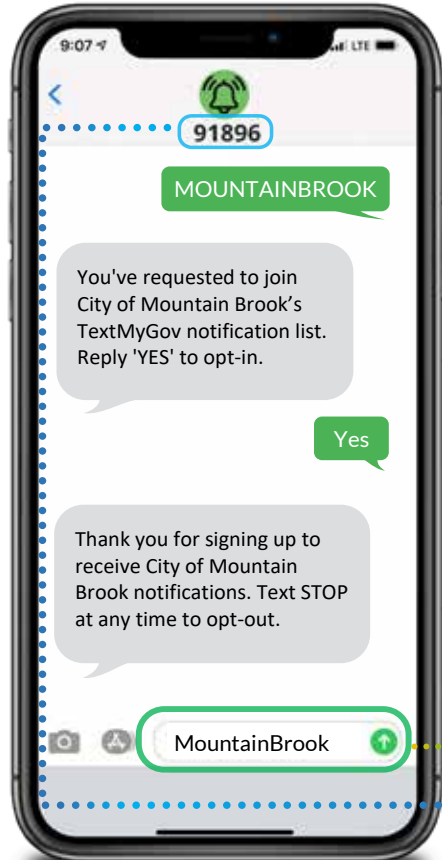
CITY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR



(Above): Jimi Layne-Parks & Recreation Dept
 (Left) left to right: Donna Blackman-Public Works Dept, Terri Vickers-City Hall, George French-Police Dept, Matt Layne-Library, John Entrekin-Fire Dept

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,

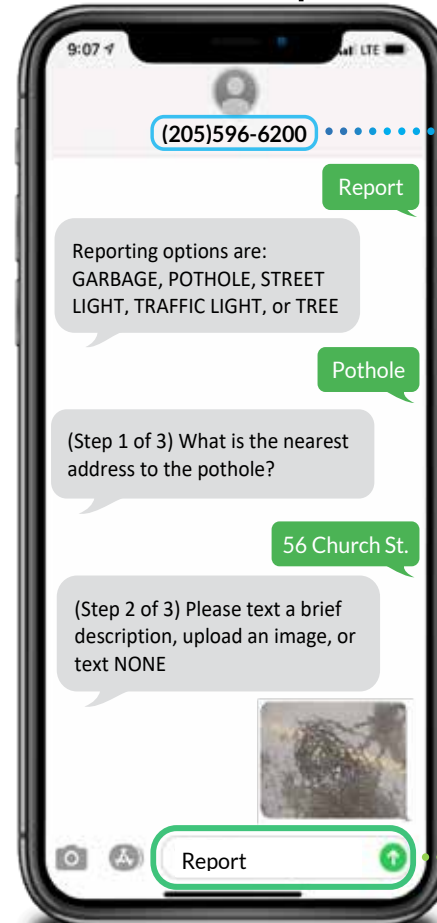
Text **MountainBrook**
To: **91896**

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

Need to Report an Issue?



Use your phone's text messaging service to report issues to the City of Mountain Brook.

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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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Electronics Recycling and Paper Shredding Day

The City of Mountain Brook is set to hold its 2nd annual electronic waste and paper shredding day. The event will take place on April 23rd, 2022 at Mountain Brook High School from 9 am to 1 pm. This past year over 500 people participated in this event with more than 20,000 lbs. of paper and 30,000 lbs. of electronics being

dropped off for disposal.

The City is happy to once again partner with Gone For Good, a program of the local non-profit United Ability, to service the event. It will feature on-site secure paper document destruction trucks in addition to an environmentally friendly way to dispose of most electronics.

The event will feature a drive thru drop off and volunteers will help remove items from residents' vehicles and transport the materials to the trucks. This event will be open to Mountain Brook residents and businesses.



“Whom Do I Call?”

Ever wonder whom to call at City Hall when you have a certain issue, question or complaint? Below is a list that will help you. If you don't see what you are looking for, you can always call the City Manager's office at 205-802-3800.

1 Dana Horsley- Magistrate, Municipal Court

205-802-3828

- traffic tickets
- false alarm tickets
- parking tickets
- criminal charges (ie. Unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, Public Intoxication, Domestic Violence, Harassment, Assault, Menacing, etc.)
- citizens wishing to press charges against someone
- outstanding warrants
- missed court dates
- continuances
- defensive driving school
- certified copies of dispositions
- notarizing documents
- court information (ie. when court is held, location of court, time of court, etc..)

2 Revenue Department
205-802-2400 prompt 4 or
Fax 205-870-3590, or
bankstonj@mtnbrook.org:

Business Licenses

- How to obtain a new license
- The status of your existing license
- When licenses are due
- How to pay for your license
- Inquire if a business or contractor is licensed to do business in Mountain Brook

Sales taxes

- The various types of taxes (sales, rent, lodging, liquor, consumer)
- Collecting and remitting sales tax
- The status of your sales tax account
- When sales taxes are due
- How to pay for your taxes

Home Occupation Permits

- Am I required to have a Home Occupation Permit to work from my home?

Building/Construction Permits

- Am I required to have a building permit?
- What are the requirements for obtaining a permit?
- Permit costs
- Requirements for contractor surety bonds

Garage Sale Permits

- The city requires a permit to conduct garage/yard/estate sales.

Trunk Shows

- The city requires a permit to conduct a trunk show.

Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services (FPEMS)

- Available for residents that live outside the city limits of Mountain Brook with certain requirements being met.

Municipal Assessments

- Documentation that may be required in order to sell your home

3 Contact the Building & Inspections Department for inspections:

- David Boyanton, Building Inspector - **205-802-3813**
- Joe Earnest, Electrical & Mechanical Inspector - **205-802-3815**
- Michael Glaze, Plumbing & Gas Inspector - **205-802-3814**
- For all other building questions, contact Glen Merchant, Building Official,
- **205-802-3812** or merchantg@mtnbrook.org.

4 Planning and Zoning questions, contact:

- Tyler Slaten at **205-802-3811** or slatent@mtnbrook.org
- Dana Hazen at **205-802-3816** or hazend@mtnbrook.org. For land use applications and deadline/hearings schedule/agendas contact:
- Tammy Reid at **205-802-3810** or reidt@mtnbrook.org
- GIS/mapping questions contact Eddy Parsons at **205-802-3830** or parsonse@mtnbrook.org.
- For other information, go to www.mtnbrook.org, and click on the Zoning Code and/or GIS Mapping at bottom of the home page.

205-802-3812 or merchantg@mtnbrook.org.

5 Fire Marshall's Office

- if you need help with any of the following items:
- Leland Rhudy - **205-802-3832**, FAX **205-879-5919**, or rhudyjl@mtnbrook.org.
 - For fire inspection and code enforcement in all new and existing buildings (except single family residence)
 - Reviewing plans for life safety in new construction (except single family residence)
 - Outdoor burn permits
 - Concerns of hazardous conditions
 - Fire prevention education



New Police Chief Named



Chief James “Jaye” A. Loggins was formally named as the 6th Chief of Police of the City on Monday, October 25, 2021. Chief Loggins served as Deputy Chief under Chief Ted Cook’s (MBPD 5th Chief of Police) Administration. He also briefly served as the Acting Chief of Police following Chief Cook’s retirement announcement. Chief Loggins is no stranger to the Mountain Brook Police Department and has been serving with the Department since 1996. He has served and supervised in every division throughout the department; including promotion to executive management and oversight of the daily operations of the Agency at the ranks of Captain and Deputy Chief.

Chief Loggins graduated from the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) with a degree in Justice Science in 2001. Loggins will also receive his Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Jacksonville State University in 2022. Chief Loggins is a recipient of the FBI LEEDA (Law Enforcement Executive Development Academy) Trilogy Award and is a graduate of FBI L.E.E.D.S. He has also completed the APSLA (Alabama Public Safety Leadership Academy) and MPACT (The Managers Preparing to Accomplish Change Today) Programs. Chief Loggins graduated from the Alabama Advanced Criminal Justice Academy (AACJA) at the Montgomery Police Department in 1996. Since becoming a member of the force, his leadership and skills have been recognized by the Agency as a tremendous asset - earning him several awards including the rare feat, “Officer of the Year” twice. Chief Loggins was a longstanding member of the Tactical Operations Unit where he received advanced training at the federal, state, and local levels as a Certified Tactical Operator.

Chief Loggins expresses his appreciation to the City Leadership for entrusting him with the safety and security of the citizens of Mountain Brook. He would also like to thank Chief Cook for his mentorship and lasting friendship over the years.

Chief Loggins looks forward to continuing to exceed the expectation demanded of this agency by its citizens.

Yearly Crime Statistics

	Total 2019	Total 2020	Total 2021
Robbery	0	0	1
Robbery (aggravated shoplifting)	0	0	0
Burglary/Residence	21	19	35
Burglary/Business	4	5	5
Theft	136	97	124
Theft from Vehicle (UBEV)	37	37	79
Auto Theft	16	4	16
Assaults (Other)	11	8	5
Identity Theft	91	101	91
Criminal Mischief	9	21	11
Drugs	104	56	58
Family Violence	18	19	32
Accidents	974	606	761
• With Injuries	69	53	44
• With Fatalities	1	1	1
Calls For Service	23421	18045	24789
House Watches	1655	693	8518

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.

Mountain Brook Dispatch Services Contracted to Shelby County 911



In an effort to provide better telecommunications services to the Mountain Brook Public Safety partners and to the residents of Mountain Brook, an out of state consulting firm was contracted to examine the services and make-up of the Mountain Brook Public Safety 911 Center. The study was conducted over several months and was completed in February 2021. The results of the study provided a recommendation of outsourcing the dispatch services to Shelby County 911. The Mountain Brook Emergency Communications District entered into a contract with Shelby County Emergency Management Communications District in July 2021. The contract and move of the services were approved by the Personnel Board of Jefferson County. Since, much planning and preparation have taken place to ensure that the highest level of services are maintained and provided to the residents of Mountain Brook.

The outsourcing of the services resulted in a reduction in force of eleven (11) positions in the Mountain Brook Public Safety 911 Center. Those employees affected were provided assistance in seeking employment with other 911 Centers and a generous severance package which included a one-time payment compensation and continued insurance coverage for up to three months. The outsourcing also resulted in an expected cost savings to the city without a loss of the level of service currently provided. Shelby County 911 recently moved into a state of the art communications building with the most up to date equipment and technology.



There will not be any change in the way residents reach Mountain Brook Public Safety. The same telephone numbers will allow residents and those needing public safety will remain the same. Those numbers are 911 for emergencies and 205-802-2414 and select "press 2" for non-emergency. We are excited about the partnership with Shelby County 911 and the professional services they provide. The call taking and dispatch services took effect January 10, 2022.

New Businesses

HEALTH SERVICES

- Sonophantom LLC, 3416 Dunbrooke Circle, 850-228-4117

RETAIL/SALES

- LE Weekend Studio LLC, 1917 Cahaba Road, 205-789-6670
- Todd, Kelli, (dba\ Art by KT), 236 Warnick Lane, 205-967-9745

BANKING, BROKERAGE REAL ESTATE SERVICES

- Smart Bank a Tennessee Banking Corporation, (dba\ Smart Bank), 500 Office Park Drive, 205-469-2325
- OG Capital LLC, (dba\ Oakley Group), 30 Dexter Avenue, 205-253-7882
- Burleson Dawkins Inc., One Office Park Circle, 205-563-5444
- Orchid House LLC, 525 Office Park Drive, 205-305-0281

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- Carmichael, Ashely, (dba\ Ashley Carmichael Interiors), 2857 Canterbury Road, 205-475-4151
- Providence Executive Search LLC, 3601 Mountain Lane, 205-500-1801
- Luxor Scientific LLC, 4 Office Park Circle, Suite 314, 864-568-8940
- Thrive Pediatric Nutrition Specialists, Inc., 200 Office Park Drive, 205-704-1641
- Law Office of Jennifer Townsend LLC, 6 Office Park Circle, 205-795-3050
- Klasing Group LLC, 3737 River Oaks Circle, 205-613-7838
- Eriksson, Kim, (dba\ Kim Eriksson), 3817 Briar Oak Drive, 205-807-7423
- Logos Interiors LLC, 4223 Old Brook Lane, 205-441-7505

FOOD SERVICES

- Woodhill Cottage LLC, 73 Church Street, 205-482-0526
- CC MB Inc., 291 Rele Street, 205-520-3183

Building Permit Activity

Permit Type:	3rd Quarter - 2021		4th Quarter - 2021	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	15	\$ 10,876,450	13	11,440,042
Alterations/Additions	92	\$ 14,557,930	80	27,523,714
Repairs/Other	212	\$ 5,288,381	185	7,237,693
Totals:	319	\$ 30,722,761	278	46,201,449

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

Schedule of Meetings

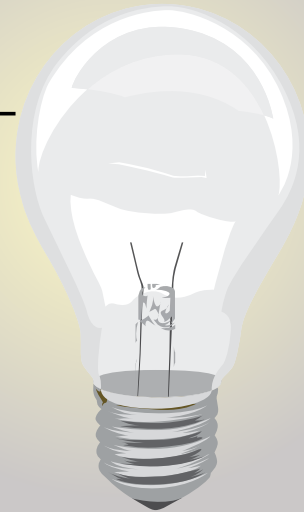
CITY COUNCIL	2nd & 4th Mon.	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
	<i>(Call 205-802-3800 for time of Pre-Meeting)</i>		
BOARD OF EDUCATION	2nd Mon.	3:30 p.m.	Call Board of Ed Office 205-871-4608
LIBRARY BOARD	3rd Tues.	4:30 p.m.	Library
PARK & REC. BOARD	2nd Tues.	5:00 p.m.	City Hall
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT	3rd Mon.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

Board Appointments/Reappointments:

- Reappointed Noel Dowling to the Board of Zoning Adjustment with the term of office to end December 31, 2024.

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@mtnbroad.org so the City can coordinate its repair with Alabama Power Company.



Please Doo Your Part! and clean up after your dog. This problem exists at all of our parks, trails and sidewalks. The city provides disposable bags available for your use at our doggie stations in all of our parks and trails. Please properly dispose of your bag after use. If you see any that need to be refilled, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (205)802-3877.

PARK AND RECREATION NEWS



Athletic Improvements

This Spring, the following improvements to the Mountain Brook sports facilities will be completed for our youth:

- The field at Cherokee Bend Elementary has been completely renovated. Upgrades include new lights, fencing, netting, landscaping a new restroom

facility. Thanks to Duncan & Thompson Construction Services for completing this project.

- The Mountain Brook Athletic Complex will open a brand new plaza to complement its recently installed turf fields. The new plaza features new restrooms, a new concession stand,

covered batting cages, a playground and new viewing areas. Thanks to Clements Dean Building Company for an outstanding job in completing this project.

- Field 1 at the Mountain Brook Athletic Complex is currently being transformed into a new turfed field that will be a

mini complex in and of itself. Once complete, Field 1 will accommodate multiple age groups by having smaller fields built into the outfield corners of the larger turf field. Special thanks to Morris-Shea Bridge Company for their hard work in completing this great project.

New Dog Park

Mountain Brook now has a new dog park by Mountain Brook Elementary. This is all thanks to Grayson Hydinger and the hard work he has put in to complete his Eagle Scout project. Grayson, a scout with Troop 86, chartered by St. Luke's Church, first approached the city about the idea in November 2019 and diligently worked on his plan throughout the Covid pandemic. He presented his plan to the Board of Education, the Park Board, the Planning Commission, and the City Council to receive permission to build the dog park. With each meeting, support for this project grew as everyone was impressed by Grayson's drive and his ability to fill a need for a dog park in this community.

The dog park is located in the wooded area beside the Mountain Brook Elementary athletic field. Grayson raised over \$7,500 in donations and led a team of volunteers to clear the weedy undergrowth and re-route the nature trail to open the area to give dogs the most room possible. The dog park is complete with benches, a doggie bag station, and a drinking fountain for both people and dogs. Parking is available along Heathermoor Road and the dog park can be easily accessed from the sidewalk that runs along Cahaba Road.

Great Job Grayson!



Parks Supervisor Terry Webb Retires

Terry Webb, the Parks Supervisor for the City's Parks and Recreation Department, retired at the end of 2021 after 33 1/2 years of service to the City. Terry, a Jacksonville State University graduate, tells an amusing tale of his first interview with now retired Parks/Recreation Superintendent Lyman Tidwell in 1988. He wore a suit and tie to the interview and Lyman told him directly they didn't have any "coat and tie" jobs available in their small department of four (4) employees. Terry was hired in as a Laborer and worked his way up to Parks Supervisor.

During his tenure with the City, Terry has seen a lot of changes as the Parks/Recreation Department grew from four (4) employees to 17 today. They took on the maintenance of all the playing fields at the elementary schools and junior high, the athletic complex at the high school and Cahaba River Walk Park.

Terry, the 2013 City Employee of the Year, will be missed, but we wish him the very best in retirement.

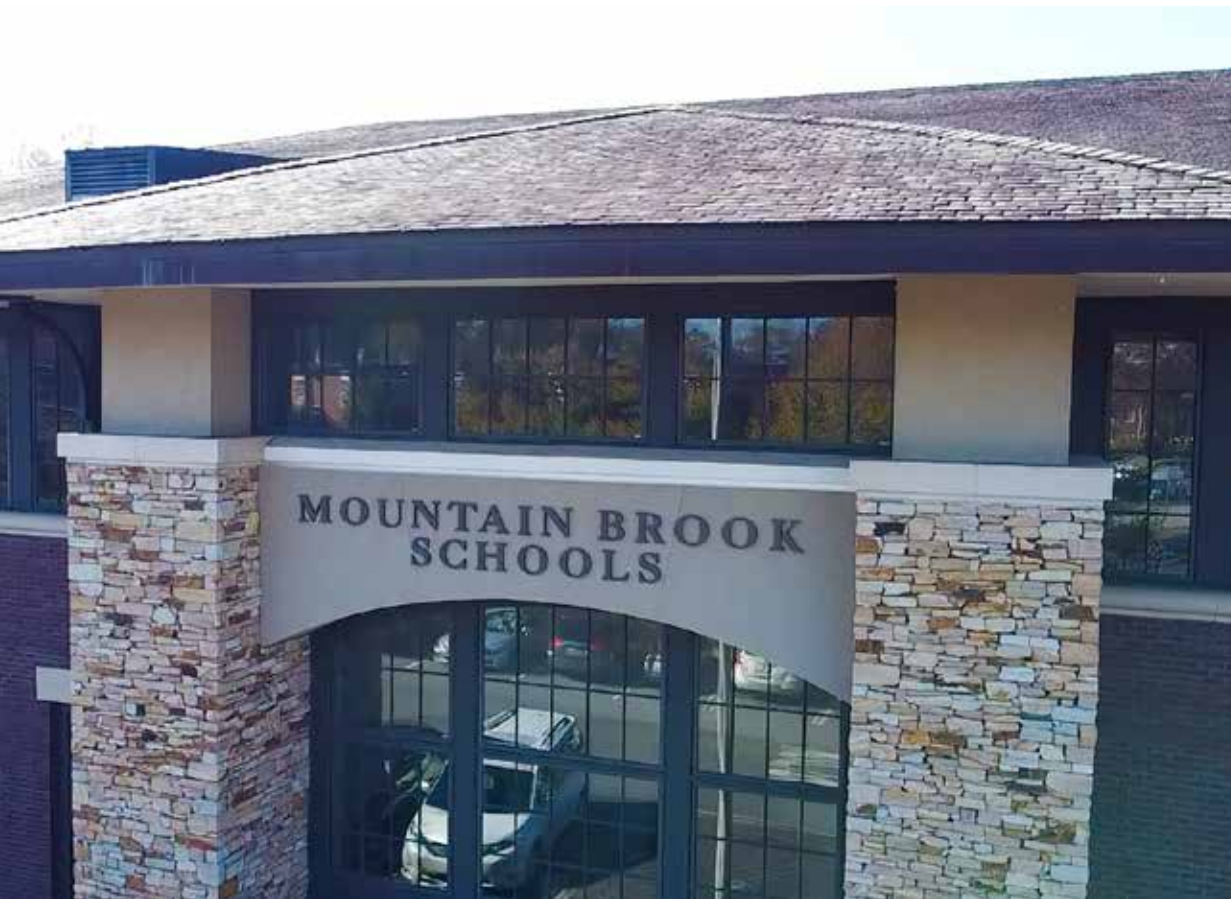


Sidewalks Update

The City's Public Works Department is finishing the final touches on the last section of sidewalks on North Woodridge Road linking this street to the sidewalks on Bethune Drive.

The Hagood sidewalk project, from Euclid Avenue to Montclair Road, is finished. This project was a joint effort with the City of Birmingham.





MBS Student Success Continues in 2021 Report

Mountain Brook students continued the trend of academic success in the 2020-21 school year despite all the adverse circumstances due to COVID. On Monday October 18, 2021, Dr. Missy Brooks, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the Board of Education with the annual Student Assessment Report.

Mountain Brook students were above the national average in all test categories. The PreACT is given to sophomores in the fall. It is on a scale of 1-35. In October 2020, Mountain Brook students averaged a score of 22.1 which is higher than last year's national average of 18.7.

On the ACT plus writing (given to juniors in the spring - scale of 1-36), Mountain Brook students averaged a 25.3 which is higher than the national average of 20.7 and the Alabama state average, 18.9.

Eighty-three percent (928 out of 1,118) of Mountain Brook students who took Advanced Placement (AP) classes scored a three or higher last year. A three or higher earns college credit. Globally, 64% recorded a three or higher on their AP tests last year placing Mountain Brook 19 percent above the global percentage.

"Our students do exceptionally well year in and year out," Brooks said. "This is due to the teaching they receive as well as their commitment to excellence in the classroom."



Mountain Brook Schools Construction Projects:

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2021-22 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR:



Brookwood Forest Elementary Teacher of the Year: Kristi Moncrief (Special Education)

“At their best, an elementary teacher has a unique opportunity to help a child unlock their own potential by combining a consistent application of best practices in instruction with an unshakeable love for and belief in the child. I can’t think of a better example than Kristi Moncrief in exemplifying this truth on a daily basis. Every day she meets her students where they are and builds the skills and the confidence necessary to accomplish things they never thought possible.” - Nathan Pitner, BWF Principal

Cherokee Bend Elementary Teacher of the Year: Whitney Babatunde (Technology Coordinator)

“Whitney has been an answered prayer to CBS! She is so knowledgeable, so helpful, and always positive! The students have a relationship with her and love to ask her questions or spend time learning from her. I have seen teachers thrive from having her work in their classrooms. People who have wanted to do more, but have not had the opportunity until she made them feel comfortable getting outside of the box.” -Fellow CBS faculty member



Crestline Elementary Teacher of the Year: Laura Rives (3rd Grade)

“Laura Rives is the epitome of a true educator. Not only does she challenge herself to continuously grow in her craft, she also holds that same expectation for her students daily. She partners alongside students and families to build a community that is collaborative, curious, vulnerable, risk-taking, and engaging. We were honored that she was chosen by our faculty to represent Crestline Elementary School as the 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year!” - Christy Christian, Crestline Principal

Mountain Brook Elementary Teacher of the Year: Allyson Martin (Academic Intervention)

“From impacting a classroom full of 2nd graders at MBE, to building confidence in Lancers across all grade levels, Allyson Martin is an influential educator. She leads with heart and develops strong relationships with students, colleagues, and parents. Mrs. Martin focuses on helping individuals reach their fullest potential by setting high expectations and modeling a strong work ethic with accountability. She truly makes a difference in every life she touches and we are honored that we are the recipients of her continued commitment to leading and learning.” - Ashley McCombs, MBE Principal



Mountain Brook Junior High Teacher of the Year: Tami Genry (Librarian)

“I’ve never seen a librarian have as much impact on the entire school as Tami does. Not only does she effectively manage a quality library that functions as a safe place for students, but she is also active in making sure MBJH is successful in all areas.” - Donald Clayton, MBJH Principal

Mountain Brook High School Teacher of the Year: Ashley Van Beek (AP Physics)

“Ashley is hard-working, an effective communicator, patient, organized, and flexible. In addition to her knowledge of physics, she is gifted with the ability to relate to her students and someone who demands excellence and holds her students accountable to achieve that excellence.” - Philip Holley, MBHS Principal



Our District Teachers of the Year are Laura Rives (Elementary) and Tami Genry (Secondary). Laura and Tami will represent Mountain Brook Schools at the state level. The state of Alabama 'Teachers of the Year' will be announced during the spring semester.

O'Neal Library News



2022 TYNES AWARD

The William Tynes Award is an honor bestowed upon an individual or group who is recognized for meaningful and devoted service to the City of Mountain Brook and especially O'Neal Library. The O'Neal Library Board and the Mountain Brook Library Foundation are pleased to announce that this prestigious award will be presented to the O'Neal Library staff for 2022.

This award was named in honor of William "Bill" Tynes, Jr., who served on the Mountain Brook Library Board from 2000-2008, as chairman from 2003-2008, and on the Mountain Brook City Council from 1988-1996. In each position he strongly advocated for the O'Neal Library. He acknowledged the importance of a love of reading and

learning which is something the O'Neal Library continues to inspire in the Mountain Brook community today. Past recipients of the Tynes award are Lee Gewin, Forsyth Donald, Dr. John Poynor, Larry Faulkner, Western Supermarkets, Sue DeBrecht, Alice Williams, Tom Carruthers, Jr., and Penny Page.

The O'Neal Library staff have been recognized as the Tynes Award recipient for 2022 for their unwavering dedication to library patrons and the City of Mountain Brook, most notably, for their achievements in not only overcoming the challenges of Covid-19, but also in finding creative ways to restore programs and services to their patrons. Due to the staff's tenacity and servants' hearts, the

library was able to introduce the popular curbside pick-up service and transform much appreciated activities for children and adults through innovative virtual programming. Library Director Lindsay Gardner commented, "It is an honor to lead such a kind, reliable and creative group. Through all the crises of the past couple of years, the staff have worked tirelessly and cheerfully to extend our collections and services to library patrons of all ages in very challenging circumstances. I am thrilled that the Library Board chose to highlight the exceptional efforts of the Library staff with the Tynes Award."

Congratulations O'Neal Library staff!

O'NEAL LIBRARY ADULT DEPARTMENT



Great programs are being added to the events calendar all the time! Make the O'Neal Library app (iOS and Play Store) or registration calendar at www.oneallibrary.org your first stop for all the latest additions!



Register for our **Morning Bird Walk** with a representative from Alabama Audubon at 9am on Wednesday, February 23rd and learn about our area populations. The walk will leave from the library parking lot and utilize the sidewalk along The Country Club of Birmingham


golf course. Afterward, visit the 2nd floor birding book display, check out a title, and receive a free DIY bird feeder kit to assemble at home to do your part to help feed Mountain Brook's birds! The display will be available all of February.

This spring our Teen department is planning on tackling the subject of college expenses with the **Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Student Debt** series on select Fridays, 5pm-9:30pm. February 5th will discuss budgeting, March 4th will explore no-pressure

exam techniques, and April 1st will demonstrate dorm room cooking techniques.

Beginning Tuesday, March 8th, 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.

O'Neal Library News



BOOK SALE

Back and Better Than Ever!

Friends of O'Neal Library's Annual Book Sale is back after a COVID-19 hiatus.

After the success of an abridged sale in September 2021, the Friends are excited to bring back the annual sale on February 25 – 27, 2022, with the much-anticipated Donor Preview Party on Thursday, February 24.

Who are the Friends? What do they do? The Friends of the O'Neal Library are a group of local volunteers who support the Library by curating and selling books that are donated by community members. Their most notable fundraiser is the Annual Book Sale, which has a strong impact on Teen and Adult departments, as all proceeds go toward programming, including author events, Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Student Debt programs, exam breaks, book clubs, and many more favorites. Friends President, Barbara Blair, was happy to report, "Over the past decade our group raised over \$325,000 for adult and teen programs!" The O'Neal Library is forever grateful for the efforts of all the Friends and the amazing things they help the Library achieve. The Friends are always looking to expand their community. To learn how you can join their team, please contact Barbara Blair at barbaramblair@gmail.com.

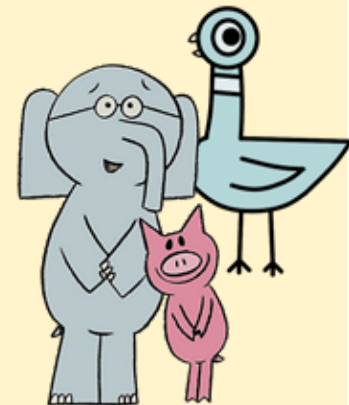


Help support the Friends of the O'Neal Library by shopping the wide selection of fiction and non-fiction books, puzzles, DVDs, and audiobooks for all ages at the Annual Book Sale on February 25th- 26th, 10am-5pm, and 2pm-5pm on Sunday the 27th. By donating \$25 or more you will receive an invitation to the Donor Preview Party on Thursday, February 24th where you can be the first to shop treasures and rare and first-edition books. We hope to see you there!

Children's Department

PIGEON & FRIENDS PARTY

Pigeon, Gerald & Piggie, and the Unlimited Squirrels are inviting you to their party! If you're a fan of all things Mo Willems, bring the whole family on March 16 for stories, crafts, snacks, and characters. Who knows...maybe they'll even let you drive the bus!



ADVENTURE PACKS

Do you have big plans for spring break? Whether you're sticking around at home or traveling, make sure to pick up an Adventure Pack for the week. Each pack is loaded with gear and guides specially selected to bring you an experience of exploration and wonder. You can investigate your local creek and the critters that live there, get to know the birds of your neighborhood, ID constellations and planets in the night sky, engage in a little amateur geology, conduct your own survey of the nearby flora, or take an up-close look at the six-, eight-, or hundred-legged friends all around you. Visit the Children's Department service desk to check out the Adventure Pack that's right for you. You can even try them all!

STEAM POWERED

January saw the long-awaited return of STEAM Powered, a monthly science & engineering program for upper elementary schoolers. From robotics to chemistry to programming and beyond, 4th - 6th graders at STEAM will investigate, experiment, build, and create using a wide range of tools and tech, all with the guidance of children's librarians and expert guests. The program is after school on the first Monday of each month, so register online to secure a spot at the next STEAM.

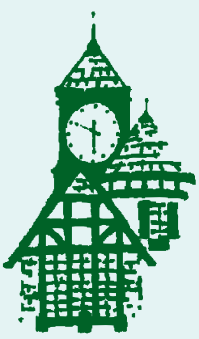


AFTER-SCHOOL DROP-OFF PROGRAMS

The after-school energy rush is real – why not let your kids spend their zoomies in the hands of your trusted children's librarians? Every Tuesday afternoon, lower elementary students (kindergarten through 2nd grade) can burn off their excess wiggles at Library Out Loud, where they'll spend 30 minutes giggling and guffawing at a host of storytelling antics, from live acting to puppets to kid-assisted theater. Bigger kids (3rd through 6th grade) will enjoy the variety of activities offered on Thursday afternoons at SNAP. One week they'll be playing board and video games, the next they'll be crafting, and the next may find them

playing BINGO or watching a movie. Both after-school programs are drop-off only, and neither requires you to register ahead of time. Whether you've planned ahead or find yourself free on the spur of the moment, stop by to treat those seismic after-school vibrations with a dose of library fun.





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Foundation Board Elects New Members

With the new year, comes the addition of new board members to the Foundation's leadership. The Foundation's Board of Directors are proud to welcome **Will Davis, Lee Alice Estes, Katie Bee Marshall, Thames Schoenvogel** and **Diane Waud**.

This year, **Key Hudson** will continue her service as President. **Kristin Ritter** will serve as President-Elect with **Morgan Cook** as Development Chair, **Hunter Craig** as Investment Chair, **Britt Redden** as Programs and Needs Chair and **Lane DeWine** as Treasurer for the Foundation.

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Faculty and Staff Invest In Mountain Brook Schools

For the past several years, Mountain Brook teachers and staff have invested in Mountain Brook Schools not only through their time but also donations. Through the Every Dollar Counts Campaign, teachers are encouraged to give \$1 or more in support of the Foundation and Mountain Brook Schools.

This year's campaign was chaired by **Holly Martin** (Junior High) and **Brannon Aaron** (Mountain Brook Elementary). They are joined by committee representatives from each school: **Alexandra Andrews** (Cherokee Bend Elementary), **Anna Carlisle** (Mountain Brook Elementary), **Heather Fitch** (Mountain Brook High School), **Tami Genry** (Mountain Brook Junior High), **Cynthia Hicks** (Mountain Brook Elementary), **Katie Meyerpeter** (Crestline Elementary), **Heather Phillips** (Crestline Elementary) and **Perry Wright** (Brookwood Forest Elementary). Please thank a teacher or staff member for their support next time you see them.

TRACK MEET SAVE THE DATE

The Foundation is excited to host this fun community event again this year for Mountain Brook Schools on **April 13** and **April 14, 2022**. All 3rd – 6th grade students are invited to compete at Spartan Stadium, and all proceeds benefit the Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation.

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Class of 2022 Raising Dollars For Senior Legacy Gift

Under the leadership of chairs **Dena & Scott Berte, Julia & Walton Doster, Britt & Chuck Redden** and **Jana & Carey Rome**, this year's Senior Class is raising funds for the Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation. Their goal is 100 percent participation from families of the Class of 2022, and they will present the Foundation with their gift at Awards Day. For more information about this campaign, please visit MBGives.org.