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WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK

Resident Survey coming in April

The City of Mountain Brook conducts Resident's Surveys every three years to gauge satisfaction with municipal services and to assist the City in setting future priorities. The next survey will be mailed in April to 2,000 households.

The survey will consist of 7 pages and 52 questions. Besides a snail mail version,

an online survey option will be available.

Normally, the City has a high rate of participation and we hope this will continue with the 2023 survey. The ETC Institute, which does surveys for hundreds of community in the USA, will be conducting the survey and tabulating the results which will be shared in the August newsletter and on the City's website.

Mayor's Message

We don't live in Mayberry, USA, anymore! Growing up in Mountain Brook in the 50's and 60's was very reminiscent of the Andy Griffith Show and the small town of Mayberry. We never locked our doors; we left the keys in our cars; and neighbors' kids came and went as if we all shared the same home. Even today, I hear folks speak of Mountain Brook as the 'Mayberry of the South'. This safe feeling too often has us letting our guard down and criminals take advantage of our lackadaisical attitude. While Mountain Brook has one of the lowest crime rates in the state, there is still more crime than necessary.

Perhaps the most prevalent and preventable crime in our city is auto break-ins. If we all did a few common sense things, we could significantly reduce this particular crime in our city.

1. Lock your autos. We have had criminal gangs drop off fellow criminals in the middle of the night in our neighborhoods. They then move through stealthily checking if cars are unlocked. When they find one, they rummage through it looking for anything of value.
2. Don't leave valuables in plain sight. It only takes a few seconds to break a car window and steal an item.
3. Don't leave your keys or key fob in your car. The first thing a criminal does is push the start button. If it cranks, they steal the car.

Here's why it matters.
Bank robber, Willie Sutton

was asked, "Why do you rob banks?" He replied, "Because that's where the money is!" It is the same reason criminals are attracted to Mountain Brook. Too many of us leave our cars unlocked with valuables in plain sight and some leave keys in their car as well. If you do not care about your stuff, how about caring about your neighbor? Success breeds more criminal activity and many of the criminals are armed. I have a friend who witnessed a car break-in at his home in the middle of the night. He ran to the front porch and yelled at them and they fired a pistol! No one was injured but what could have happened is a scary thought. By us all being diligent, we can take away the incentive for this criminal activity.

If you would like to get the weekly crime report, download the 'Mountain Brook PD' app from the App Store on your smart phone.

National Safety Council Defensive Driving Program Award



In 2017 Heather Richards, City Clerk, who was the court Magistrate Supervisor at that time, initiated the process that allowed the City of Mountain Brook to become a training center for defensive driving courses. These courses are nationally recognized by the National Safety Council. Mountain Brook offers two courses: 4 hour and 8 hour courses. The City of Mountain Brook received the 2021 National Safety Council Driver Safety Training Center of the Year award for both the 4 hour and 8 hour courses. The classes are taught by two incredible instructors: John Songer and James "Bo" Stinson. Mr. Songer and Mr. Stinson were presented with the award along with Judge K.C. Hairston and Heather Richards at the November 28th council session. (Pictured L to R: Heather Richards, John Songer, Judge K.C. Hairston, James "Bo" Stinson, Mayor Stewart Welch III).

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CITY COUNCIL

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Virginia Carruthers Smith

Council Pro Tem, William S. "Billy" Pritchard III,
Lloyd Shelton, Gerald Garner, Graham Smith

City Manager:

Sam S. Gaston, 802-3800

For advertising or Chamber of Commerce
information, call 871-3779

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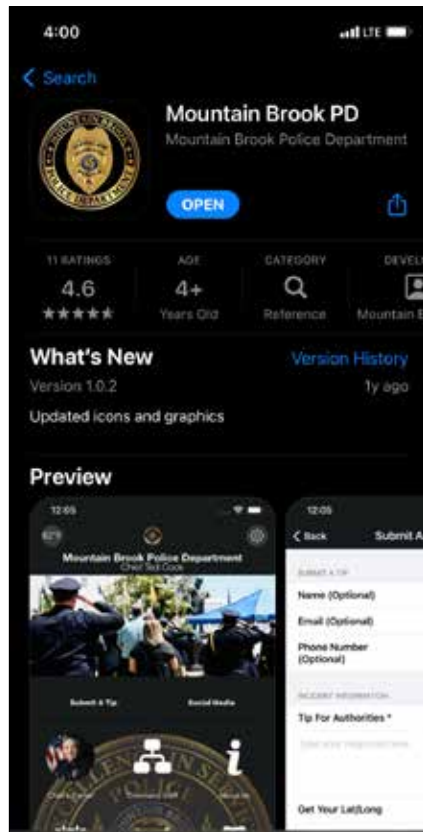
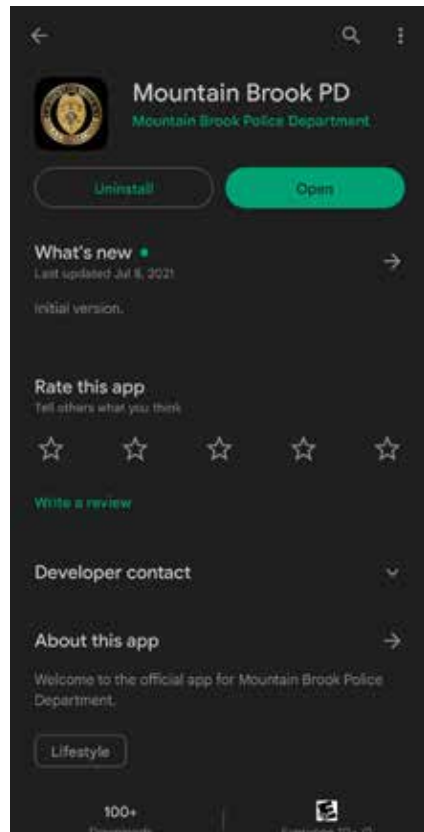
CITY EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

For the first time, the City of Mountain Brook has dual City Employees of the Year. They are Heather Richards, City Clerk and Janet Forbes, Assistant to City Manager/PIO.

Heather has been with the City for nine years. She was previously employed by the City of Hoover, but came to Mountain Brook as the Head Court Magistrate. In 2016 she was promoted to Magistrate Supervisor and in 2020, she was appointed City Clerk. During her time with the City, she has displayed great enthusiasm and innovation. She was the architect of the annual Citizen's Appreciation Day, the Spartan Employee Recognition Program and the City's Defensive Driving School. During the 2022 elections, she processed over 750 absentee ballots, making the 2022 election the most absentee ballots cast in the history of Mountain Brook elections. Heather has a degree in Criminal Justice from UAB and is working on her Masters of Public Administration (MPA) from Columbia Southern University.

Janet Forbes has been with the City for seven years, starting as Executive Assistant, soon promoted to Assistant to the City Manager and recently was given the additional title and responsibility of Public Information Officer (PIO). In her role she coordinates many activities and duties for the City Manager, Mayor and Department Heads and is the source of most information sent out by the City to our residents. Janet has received her Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM-CP) designation, completed the Local Government Professional Management certificate program from the Alabama City-County Management Association (ACCMA) and recently completed the Public Information Officer certification. She serves as the City Hall representative to the City's Safety Committee and coordinates all safety training for City Hall. Janet is a graduate of Auburn University with a B.S. in Marketing.




Please congratulate Heather and Janet for being selected as the 2022 City Employees of the Year!



City's Public Relations Update

The City has partnered with Focus Creative, a communications firm, to help streamline communication and make news accessible and digestible. Additionally, Focus will be assisting with social media and branding. Please remember to FOLLOW our social media channels, sign up for text alerts and subscribe to the Mtn Brook PD app's push notifications.

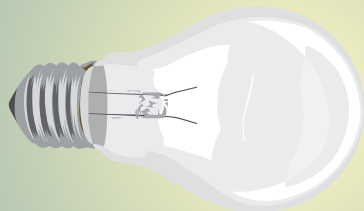
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Board Appointments/ Reappointments:

- Reappointed Scott Boomhover to the Board of Zoning Adjustment with the term of office to end October 24, 2025.
- Reappointed Ro Holman to the Board of Landscape Design with the term of office to end November 25, 2025.
- Reappointed Elizabeth Poynor to the Board of Landscape Design with the term of office to end November 25, 2025.
- Reappointed Dean Nix to the Parks and Recreation Board with the term of office to end December 12, 2027.
- Mayoral appointment of Winston McCalley to the Planning Commission with the term of office to end November 28, 2028.
- Mayoral appointment of Maretta Ashford to the Planning Commission with the term of office to end November 28, 2028.

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.



CITY DEPARTMENTAL EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR



(L-R) Merideth Stackpole-Library, Mike Isbell-Parks & Recreation Dept, Matt Bertram-Fire Dept, Heather Richards-Co-City Employee of the Year, Janet Forbes-Co-City Employee of the Year, Mike Byram-Public Works, Jack Bankston-City Hall, Micah Smith-Police Dept



Honoring Corporal Melton and Our Law Enforcement Officers



Alice Womack, a recent Council Member, wanted to share this story with the residents.

One reason I'm proud to be part of the Mountain Brook community is because of our devoted first responders. They are dedicated to serving and protecting our city—even when they're off duty. I specifically want to recognize and extend heartfelt thanks to Corporal Melton of the Mountain Brook Police Department.

On the night of November 16, 2022, after leaving dinner at Blueprint on 3rd, a friend of mine, who lives in Hoover, unfortunately observed a wreck that involved his son's car and another vehicle. It was around 10 p.m. with little traffic around, and it's never a safe feeling to be in a dark, unpopulated location late at night. However, almost immediately after the accident, an off-duty officer in a Mountain Brook Police Department vehicle pulled up to the scene and offered to wait with them until the Birmingham police arrived, which was 20 - 25 minutes later. The officer was Corporal Melton. Even though he couldn't do anything other than wait,

having an officer present during a stressful situation meant the world to my friend and his son (as well as the young man driving the other vehicle).

I am so thankful to live in a city where our police officers exhibit such strong character and are committed to serving not only the citizens of Mountain Brook but also those in the greater Birmingham area. Join me in thanking Corporal Melton and the Mountain Brook Police Department for their service!

"Words cannot express how much it meant to all of us to have an officer wait with us. It was late on a weeknight, and this officer gave up his time to help ensure our safety. I learned after the fact that his name is Corporal Melton, and I would like to offer my sincere gratitude for his kindness and service to all of us."— Dr. Michael McCarthy

Ms. Womack is an Associate Managing Director in Private Banking at Oakworth Capital Bank. She recently stepped down from the Mountain Brook City Council, where she served for two terms.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Be on the lookout for additional information for the following:

E-WASTE AND PAPER SHREDDING DAY

At the Mountain Brook High School parking lot, 9am – 1pm – April 22, 2023

CITIZEN APPRECIATION DAY

On the lawn of City Hall

Free lunch, Kid's Zone, Face Painting, Touch-A-Truck, Slide, Live Band and City, Chamber and School booths

10am – 2pm – April 29, 2023



Recent City Council Actions

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

- Ordinance No. 2132 - Amended Sec 26-207(3) and Sec 14.1 of the City Code with respect to business license issue fees in the city.
- Ordinance No. 2133 - Appointed the City Manager, Sam Gaston.
- Ordinance No. 2134 - Appointed the City Clerk, Heather Richards.
- Ordinance No. 2135 - Appointed the City Treasurer, Billy Angell.
- Ordinance No. 2136 - Appointed the Assistant City Treasurer, Leigh Ann Sisson.
- Ordinance No. 2137 – Amended the budget for the FY2022.

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

- 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 an agreement with the Birmingham Botanical Society.
- Authorized the City to enter into an agreement with Prescott House.
- Authorized a solid waste collection and disposal contract with Cahaba Solid Waste Disposal Authority.
- Amended the City of Mountain Brook Employee Handbook

with respect to authorized use of city vehicles (Take-Home Vehicles).

- Executed a Statement of Work Order between the city and Ricoh with respect to the DocuWare On-Premise Upgrade/Migration.
- Accepted the proposal submitted by Sain Associates with respect to surveying and engineering services for the sidewalk project on Brookwood Road.
- Created one (1) Police Officer position for the Police Department to be filled at the discretion of the City Manager.
- Authorized the agreement for consulting services between the city and Schoel Engineering Company Inc. for the drainage improvements on Surrey Road and Canterbury Road.
- Accepted the proposal submitted by Building and Earth to perform construction materials testing and geotechnical consultation for the Mountain Brook High School Overflow parking.
- Authorized the city to enter into an agreement with the Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce.
- Authorized a Memorandum of Understanding with One Place Metro Alabama Family Justice Center.
- Accepted the professional service agreement with Skipper Consulting, Inc with

respect to on-call engineering services.

- Executed an agreement with Spire Alabama Inc. with respect to relocation of existing Spire Alabama Inc. Facilities for Field #1 fill-in project.
- Accepted the proposal submitted by Lemoine Program Services for facilities management consulting and maintenance for the Mountain Brook facilities.
- Recognized Dr. Richard (Dicky) Barlow for being selected for the 2023 Alabama Superintendent of the Year and thanked Dr. Barlow for his leadership and commitment to the Mountain Brook Schools.
- Elected Virginia C. Smith as City Council President.
- Elected William S. Pritchard III as City Council President Pro Tempore.
- Appointed Bishop, Colvin, Johnson & Kent and Starnes, Davis & Florie, LLP as City Attorneys.
- Appointed Council representatives to the:
 - » Planning Commission (voting member)-Philip E. Black (Council representative)
 - » Board of Zoning Adjustment (liaison)-Virginia C. Smith
 - » Parks and Recreation Board (liaison)-Gerald A. Garner
 - » O'Neal Library Board (liaison)-Lloyd C. Shelton
 - » Board of Education



- (liaison)-William S. Pritchard III
- » Finance Committee (voting member)-Lloyd C. Shelton/Stewart H. Welch III
- » Villages Design Review Committee (liaison)-Graham L. Smith
- » Editorial Board-William S. Pritchard III/Virginia C. Smith
- » Board of Landscape Design (liaison)-Virginia C. Smith
- » Chamber of Commerce (liaison)-Graham L. Smith
- » Parking Committee-All Council Members
- » Municipal judges-Stewart H. Welch III
- » Public safety departments-Stewart H. Welch, III
- » All In Committee (voting member)-William S. Pritchard III
- Appointed the members of the Mountain Brook City Council as the Board of Commissioners of the Mountain Brook Emergency Communication District and nominated Virginia C. Smith as Chairman.
- Adopted the Fiscal Year 2023 E911 District Budget.
- Awarded the bid for the Mountain Brook Junior High Drainage Improvements to JD Morris Construction Company.
- Executed a contract between the city and The Friends of Jemison Park with respect to the Irondale Furnace Trail Improvement Project.
- Executed a contract between the City and The Friends of Jemison Park with respect to the Jemison Park (Woodland Trail) Improvement Project.
- Proclaimed November 26, 2022 as Small Business Saturday.
- Authorized the agreement for consulting services between the city and Schoel Engineering for the Lorena Lane and Fairmont Drive Area drainage project.
- Proclaimed November 2022 as National American Indian Heritage Month.
- Awarded the bid for the janitorial services contract at the O'Neal Library to Hills Janitorial Services.
- Authorized the execution of Morris Shea Bridge Company change order No. 1 with respect to the fill project at Mountain Brook Athletic Complex Field #1.
- Executed a social media and communications contract with Cotton State Media LLC (DBA Focus Creative Birmingham) for social media management, communications consulting, videography, photography, and graphic design services for Mountain Brook.
- Approved the conditional use application for lunchtime operation for Watkins Branch located at 2708 Culver Road.
- Thanked Alice Womack for her exemplary service in the many capacities she served within the City of Mountain Brook.
- Authorized the architect/engineering agreement with Goodwyn Mills Cawood (GMC) with respect to the Junior High Athletic Field Project.
- Executed an agreement with Wilbanks Engineering and Environmental Solutions for the Streambank Restoration at Jemison Park.
- Accepted change order No. 1 requested by JD Morris Construction Company for the Northcote Drive Culvert Replacement project.
- Accepted an agreement with Skipper Consulting to prepare a traffic control device design for an approaching traffic warning beacon system for the intersection of Old Leeds Road at Cherokee Road.
- Thanked Michael Mouron for his exemplary service on the Planning Commission.
- Proclaimed the city as a Human Trafficking Free Zone.
- Approved the sidewalk café and accepted the indemnification and hold harmless agreement for Ladybird Taco located at 300 Rele Street.
- Authorized a contract for services with ETC Institute with respect to the design, administration and evaluation of a resident survey.
- Accepted the proposal submitted by Brasher Design Studio for the Tot Lot in Crestline Village.
- Accepted the proposal submitted by Brasher Design Studio for the Brookwood Forest field improvements Conceptual Master Plan.
- Designated the City of Mountain Brook as a BEE CITY USA® affiliate.
- Ratified a \$3,000,000 transfer from the city's 2022 General Fund to the infrastructure Capital Projects Fund.
- Revised the FY2022 E911 District Budget.
- Recommended to the State of Alabama, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABC), the issuance of a Restaurant Retail Liquor license to Melt Lane Parke LLC located at 1011 Jemison Lane.
- Authorized a right-of-way (ROW) encroachment agreement with William Smith Jr. and Carrie Rothermel for the property located at 142 Spring Street.
- Accepted the proposal submitted by Sain Associates for the design of sidewalk improvements along Montclair Road.
- Approved the conditional service use application submitted by Antlers & Anglers, LLC, and Family Expeditions, LLC for property at 129 Oak Street.

E-911 Information



Did you know that the first 911 call in the United States was made on February 16, 1968, in Haleyville, Alabama? Many of our calls for service now come through our Enhanced 911 system. If you call 911 by mistake, don't hang up. Make the dispatcher aware that it was a mistake and that there is no emergency. Regardless, we will dispatch a car to your location to be sure you are OK.

It is also a good idea to make a test 911 call annually from your land line home phone. Just dial 205-802-2414 and select "press 1", when the dispatcher answers, tell them you want to make a test 911 call. Then dial 911 and allow them to verify your name and address as shown in our 911 systems. If you live in Mountain Brook, dial 911 and another agency answers, notify us immediately so that we can correct the problem.

If you need to call 911 on your cell phone, please pay attention to how the person answering the call responds. Jurisdictional lines for call centers are very irregular and it is possible that the Call Center answering your cell call is not the one you want to get the help you need. When calling from a cell phone always try to give the operator an exact location of where you are.



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 near 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.

AMWASTE TIPS

If you have backdoor service, make sure your garbage can is in “plain” sight and not hidden behind a fence, building or in an enclosure.

If you have dogs, please do not allow them to roam free on your service day as this may interfere with the Amwaste employees recovering your backdoor garbage.

Cardboard boxes should be broken down if possible and put into your garbage can for either recycling or garbage removal. If they are left at the curb, their removal will not necessarily be done by the Knuckle-Boom truck on the same day as your garbage service.



In the event your garbage service is missed, please register the missed service on the City’s website homepage (<https://www.mtnbrook.org>) by clicking on the Amwaste garbage truck icon. This allows Amwaste and the City to monitor the

progress of follow-up on your missed service.

Yard debris/bulky items are picked up weekly at the curb although residents are encouraged to put as much as possible in their 95 gallon can for the 2nd weekly pick-up.

Backdoor residents are sometimes served by a smaller version of a full size garbage truck. Amwaste does not send a full-size truck down driveways. The larger trucks are for curbside service only. Below is a photo comparing the two vehicles.



Pictured left to right: Curbside Pickup truck vs Backdoor Pickup truck

Three primary reasons Amwaste is using the PacMac satellite vehicle for Backdoor Pickup:

1. the lower hopper or material reception area eliminates any overhead loading, significantly reducing the exposure of employee injury. Additionally the enclosed body allows for the PacMac to be equipped with a rear/backing camera viewed through an in-cab monitor.
2. the fully enclosed body significantly reduces or eliminates the potential of “fly-away” debris during collection and transport, and eliminates the need to transfer collected materials.
3. the cab-over design and subsequent shorter wheelbase of the PacMac allows for far greater maneuverability and has a much tighter turning radius.

Yearly Crime Statistics

	3rd Quarter 2022	4th Quarter 2022	Total 2022
Robbery	0	0	0
Robbery (aggravated shoplifting)	0	0	0
Burglary/Residence	12	6	36
Burglary/Business	0	0	4
Theft	53	30	158
Theft from Vehicle (UBEV)	17	15	82
Auto Theft	7	1	12
Assaults (Other)	2	1	5
Identity Theft	15	17	69
Criminal Mischief	13	20	49
Drugs	54	28	169
Family Violence	7	6	23
Accidents	251	268	1150
• With Injuries	21	7	57
• With Fatalities	0	0	0
Calls For Service	7408	6471	26624
House Watches	402	486	1596

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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT LIEUTENANT EARNS NATIONAL FIRST RESPONDER RECOGNITION

Lieutenant Justin Baker of the Mountain Brook Fire Department has received the local “Honor A Responder” award from ServPro for his dedication and commitment to public service. Selected as one of thirteen recipients nationwide for this prestigious honor, Lt. Baker was nominated by his peers for his passion for training and teaching others throughout his career. He has trained hundreds of new recruits to State Certification Levels and taught 40-hour State Certification classes to numerous firefighters. As a leader and mentor in the

Mountain Brook Fire Department, Lt. Baker goes above and beyond the call of duty.

During the 2022 TicketSmarter Birmingham Bowl at Protective Stadium on December 27, 2022, Lt. Baker was joined by his family on the field to receive the ServPro “Honor A Responder” award. The City of Mountain Brook is immensely grateful for and proud of Lt. Justin Baker and all the first responders serving our community.



New Businesses

HEALTH SERVICES

- Antlers and Anglers Worldwide LLC, 129 Oak Street, 205-969-2065
- Bradford Industries, 3437 Westbury Road, 205-908-7375
- Brooke Mullis Interiors LLC, 5112 Lane Park Court, 404-797-3701
- Burton Virginia, (dba\ Virginia Show Design), 4 Clarendon Road, 931-212-8714
- Clean Air Industries LLC, 3262 Overbrook Road, 205-901-1299
- Combs Healthcare LLC, (dba\ Village Healthcare), 600 Old English Lane, 205-901-7932

- Daniel J Sullivan PSYD LLC, 4 Office Park Circle, 205-335-0691
- Family Expeditions LLC, 129 Oak Street, 205-969-8150
- Globe Trotter Travel LLC, 2012 Cahaba Road, 205-960-0951
- Gunn Dermatology, 391 Rele Street, 205-415-7536
- Hull, Turner, 3125 Guilford Road, 205-790-7405
- Move With Carey LLC, 3 Office Park Circle, 334-462-0252
- Mystic Beverage Co., 4028 Royal Oak Circle, 205-427-7861
- Will Cooper, Attorney at Law, 3900 Montclair Road, 205-907-4261

RETAIL AND RESTAURANT

- Last Word Liquidation LLC, 1800 Mayfair Drive, 205-587-0774
- Santos Coffee, 2738 Cahaba Road, 205-675-0732
- Sons Donuts LLC, 351 Rele Street, 205-999-6836
- TascPerformance Inc., 370 Rele Street, 504-731-2989
- Teenies Take Home Market, 2822-A Petticoat Lane, 205-427-8462

BUILDING AND CONTRACTING

- Arcon LLC (poured concrete), 3505 Branch Mill Road, 205-937-6201
- Fare Construction LLC (poured concrete), 200 Office Park Drive, 205-482-8098
- Mutuality LLC (carpentry), 402 Office Park Drive, 205-606-0200



Business License Renewals Reminder

Business license renewals for the City of Mountain Brook were due on January 1, 2023 and are delinquent on January 31, 2023. Licenses not renewed timely will be subject to penalties and interest.

If your business received a renewal notice and you are no longer conducting business in the City, please mark the renewal notice with the ending date of the business and mail it back or call 205-802-3806 so that we may update our files.

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

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

Online payment options for Business Licenses and Sales Taxes are available on our website www.mtnbrook.org under Pay

Bills located in the middle of the home page.

If your business license is based on your previous year's gross receipts, you must provide that amount. The prepopulated field is only the issue fee, not the actual business license fee.

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

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

Building Permit Activity

Permit Type:	3rd Quarter - 2022		4th Quarter - 2022	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	5	\$ 4,729,013	12	\$ 6,715,696
Alterations/Additions	82	\$ 24,334,367	73	\$ 18,315,849
Repairs/Other	167	\$ 4,726,069	163	\$ 8,396,645
Totals:	254	\$ 33,789,449	248	\$ 33,428,190

COMPARISON OF YEAR - 2021

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

"Whom Do I Call?"

The City of Mountain Brook provides some services that you may not be aware of and can access in the future. These include:

1 CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE (205-802-3800)

Sam Gaston:

gastons@mtnbrook.org

- Parade/Public Assembly Permits
- Reserves banners for Memory Triangle
- Reserves banners for street lights in the commercial villages
- Produces the City newsletter, The Reporter, on a quarterly basis
- Website, Text Alerts and social media information
- Serves as the liaison with utility companies and their construction projects in the city
- Arranges tours of city facilities
- Allows garden clubs and civic clubs to use the City Council Chambers for meetings
- Speakers Bureau

2 POLICE DEPARTMENT (205-802-2414)

Chief Jaye Loggins:

logginsj@mtnbrook.org

- RING Neighbors' App partnership
- House Watch Program while you are out of town
- Finger Printing services
- Self Awareness classes
- Quarterly Basic Firearms Safety course

3 FIRE DEPARTMENT (205-802-3838)

Chief Chris Mullins:

mullinsc@mtnbrook.org

- Infant car seat installations (by appointment M-F, 8 am – 5 pm)
- Blood pressure checks
- CPR instruction to the public (by appointment only)
- Fire/Fall Prevention seminars for independent, elderly residents

4 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (205-802-2390)

Ronnie Vaughn:

vaughnr@mtnbrook.org

- Mosquito spraying/fogging
- Free compost for Mountain Brook residents
- Backdoor garbage service (one of two cities in Alabama that provide this service)
- Four leaf pickups a year
- Christmas Tree recycling
- Arbor Day events

5 PARKS/RECREATION DEPARTMENT (205-802-3877)

Shanda Williams:

williamssh@mtnbrook.org

- Traffic Island beautification
- Eagle Scout Projects

LaTorya Mines:

minesl@mtnbrook.org

- Overton Park, Crestline Tot Lot and Cahaba River Walk pavilion rentals

6 THE O'NEAL LIBRARY (205-879-0459)

Lindsay Gardner:

lgardner@oneallibrary.org

- Streaming movies on Kanopy
- Children's picture books on Tumblebooks
- Self-paced classes on Universal Class
- Genealogy resources at HeritageQuest
- 3D printer
- Scanner for public use
- Speakers Bureau



RECEIVE TEXT ALERTS

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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.	8:30 a.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
VILLAGE 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

Winter Checklist for Tree Care

1 Prune: unless a particular hazard exists on account of large dead wood, it is generally easier to conduct a crown cleaning in the summer. But the dormant season is ideal for examining a tree's form and structure, especially for younger trees, when pruning/training a tree to develop a strong central leader and well-spaced scaffold branches.

2 Protection: find out if you have any temperature sensitive plants, and take appropriate measures to keep tissue from freezing. Wood or PVC frames covered with tarps or plastic, with conventional lighting is very effective for small trees and shrubs. Moist soil will retain more of the heat it absorbs during a sunny day, so wet the soil during dry periods and make sure the covering extends to the ground. Trees with thin bark, lacking the shade provided by summer foliage, are susceptible to sun scald in the winter months. This can cause cracks and

splits, and lead to secondary injuries as well. Consider installing something that will shade the south and west side of the trunk.

3 Water: even though drought and heat stress are not normal winter issues, there are still various benefits to keeping the soil moist. Maintain a 2-3 inch layer of mulch to help retain the moisture, as well as heat within the soil. Just be sure never to allow mulch, leaves, or dirt to accumulate at the base of the trunk, as it will promote rot and decay.

Doing these simple things will not only help avoid winter injuries, but will also help prepare the tree for the upcoming growing season.

Don Cafaro
Senior City Arborist

PARKS & RECREATION

Jemison Park “The Jewel of Our City”

From 1925 to 1929 Landscape Architect and Urban Planner, Warren Manning planned the 4,000 acre development of Mountain Brook Estates for his client Robert Jemison, Jr. “Strategies to protect the natural beauty of the landscape included aligning roads and lots with topographic features, reserving floodplains along creeks for scenic value, setting aside areas for recreational use and stormwater management, and using native plants and local materials where possible”.

Shades Creek runs fourteen miles before coming through Jemison Park, and then runs another 43 miles before emptying into the Cahaba River. This 54 acre linear park was purposefully left alone in the development of Mountain Brook due to being in the flood plain and in Mr. Robert Jemison’s own words “...to preserve native woodlands, with high hills and rounded knolls...clear springs and sparkling streams...with appeal to every instinct for the beautiful in nature... precipitous bluffs, meadow-lands level areas with beautiful trees, brooks and streams.” This reserved land runs along Watkins Brook and along Shades Creek extending two miles from Cahaba Road to Beechwood Road creating a green open space for the community to enjoy. Land Companies headed by Robert Jemison conveyed these lands to the City of Mountain Brook without cost to the city but with the understanding that they would be preserved as a nature park.

On October 6, 1952 the Mountain Brook City Council unanimously declared the park be named the Robert Jemison, Jr. Park.

It should be no surprise that with the passage of time and growing populations in the surrounding areas, upgrades would be needed to sewer lines, streets, bridges, etc. Various homeowners along the park

and area neighbors were watchful, knowledgeable, resourceful and proactive in fending off proposals which would have damaged the ecosystem and beauty of Jemison Park. The recounting of initiatives to preserve and maintain the park is interesting on a local level, but perhaps just as important, they serve as models for other neighborhood conservation efforts. The neighboring homeowners instrumental in founding The Friends of Jemison Park in 1973 include George and Isabel Maynard, Bob and Elberta Reid, Tom and Dale Carruthers to name just a few.

Always ongoing discussions surround the cycles of flooding, displacement of native plants by invasives and other naturally occurring changes must be monitored continuously. Walking trails developed and were a spark for the development of the Mountain Brook trail system and of 127 miles of trails throughout Jefferson County developed by the Freshwater Land Trust. Jemison Park is part of this Red Rock Trail System.

The Friends has been an effective watchdog and participant working with the City of Mountain Brook to monitor the incremental changes which have been forced on it by a growing population looking for an attractive and free place to walk, run, picnic, etc. The park attracts increasing numbers of visitors from other parts of Birmingham as well as visitors coming to our region from all over the world. This is a good thing which presents challenges as well: to see that even with increased use the park is maintained in the vision of timelessness envisioned by Mr. Jemison.

Once again, The Friends and the City of Mountain Brook are partnering to restore and enhance the walking trail along Mountain Brook Parkway and other areas of the Park due to generous

Mountain Brook residents who have encouraged and supported the inclusion of the Irondale Furnace Trail in Cherokee Bend as a part of the plan to preserve and maintain the Jemison Trail system. You can support the work to maintain and improve the beauty of the park too by simply going to friendsofjemisonpark.org/give.

To learn more, go to friendsofjemisonpark.org and the City of Mountain Brook Park and Recreation website.

References:

Jemison Park, Mountain Brook, Alabama: Sketches of a Streamside Preserve, Illustrations & Design by Guy Arello, published by Friends of Jemison Park, Made possible by The Little Garden Club of Birmingham, April, 2006. Copies may be ordered from Friends of Jemison Park, 327 Easton Circle, Birmingham, AL 35223. \$10 each, including shipping and handling.

What is old becomes new again. Thoroughly documented and beautifully illustrated, this publication is now enjoying a wider audience. It presents scholarly archaeological and geological information alongside meticulous, colorful drawings and descriptions of native birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians, trees, shrubs and vines, butterflies, wildflowers, ferns, fishes, dragonflies and damselflies. It is sure to excite young readers as well as adults who appreciate Latin names and habitat descriptions. Marjorie Longenecker White’s chapter “Mountain Brook Estates” in Warren H. Manning: Landscape Architect and Environmental Planner, edited by Robin Karson, Jane Roy Brown and Sarah Allaback



NEW Woodland Trail construction - Landscape Architect Joel Eliason, Landscape Services owner Will Newton monitor the construction progress



PARKS & RECREATION

YOUTH ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

1 Mountain Brook Athletics (MBA) www.mbathletics.org

MBA had a great basketball and wrestling season. Basketball had over 1300 participants and wrestling had 67, which was the all-time high. Watch for updates on next season's registration later this summer. MBA is excited about being able to play in the new Crestline Elementary gym next season!

Baseball and Softball are getting ramped up for a great Spring season. Depending on the timing of this publication, there may still be time to register, but act quickly! (see PSA about no sunflower seeds!)

2 Mountain Brook Lacrosse www.gbyla.org email: mountainbrooklacrosse@gmail.com

The spring season is underway, but the program is looking to grow. If your son or daughter is between K-12th grade, they are welcome to join regardless of their skill level.

3 Mountain Brook Soccer Club www.birminghamunited.com email: rec@birminghamunited.com

Spring Registration is open until March 8. Register here: <https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=803339>

Come join us for the "Worlds Game" and sign up for our Spring season of youth recreational soccer. Boys and Girls - All Ages

ATHLETIC COMPLEX UPDATES

Even though Field 1 is practically complete, there is still a lot of construction activity going on! The city is partnering with Morris-Shea Bridge Company to fill in the ravine below Field 1 to create a new parking lot. This once unusable space will now allow more players to have easier access to Field 1 and accommodate more visitors during MBHS football games.



Construction and other supplemental work on the area is still in progress, but we hope to have it finished by Spring.

Baseball and softball season has begun and we are looking forward to another great season on our turf fields. Please help us take care of the fields and do not bring sunflower seeds or other trash on the fields. Small particles from these items can negatively affect the drainage system that makes artificial fields so desirable.

JEMISON PARK

Mountain Brook has a new walking trail! It is a scenic woodland trail across Shades Creek in Jemison

Park. It is all part of a bigger plan to renovate the Jemison Trail. The old concrete trail is in dire need of replacement so the city is partnering with the Friends of Jemison Park to not only replace the trail, but make it better! The trail will be rerouted in places to take advantage of more scenic views of the creek and be on higher ground to avoid the frequent flooding events. The trail will be widened and be made of asphalt to make it more accessible and user friendly. The parking areas will be enhanced and a few ADA accessible spots will be added. The picnic area will also be improved with more defined gathering areas and overlook native pollinator gardens. Thanks to the donations that the Friends of Jemison received from our generous park supporters, the woodland trail will be open to the public in early 2023, while we shut down sections of the Jemison Trail for it's transformation. The whole project is expected to take a year to finish. Updates will be posted on the city's website under the Parks and Recreation page.



MOUNTAIN BROOK SCHOOLS

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MBS Superintendent Dr. Dicky Barlow wins State of Alabama Superintendent of the Year

School Superintendents of Alabama (SSA) and Schneider Electric announced in October that Mountain Brook Schools Superintendent Dr. Dicky Barlow has been named the 2023 Alabama Superintendent of the Year. Dr. Barlow was named one of nine finalists statewide in September.

“This is a tremendous honor and would not be possible without the work of all of our teachers, staff members, students and incredible family and community members,” Barlow said. “I want to congratulate each of the finalists as well for the outstanding jobs they are doing in their school systems and communities.”

As a finalist, Dr. Barlow represented District 5, which comprises 16 school districts in the central Alabama region. Former Mountain Brook Schools Superintendent Dr. Charles Mason won this award in 2004.

“Dicky is an influential school leader and has led the Mountain Brook school system and community with innovative practices during his tenure,” Dr. Mason said. “He is extremely deserving of this recognition.”

According to the SSA website, the Alabama Superintendent of the Year competes at the national level to become one of four nationwide finalists; represents Alabama at the AASA: The School Superintendents

Association National Conference on Education in February; and is honored at a luncheon during the SSA Legislative Conference in Montgomery. Schneider Electric provides the winner with a Superintendent of the Year ring and travel expenses to the National Conference.

Barlow was appointed Superintendent of Mountain Brook Schools in 2009. Prior to his appointment, he served as Mountain Brook’s Assistant Superintendent from 2008-2009. He was the Principal of Mountain Brook High School from 2001 to 2008 and Assistant Principal from 1996 to 2001. Before joining Mountain Brook Schools, Dr. Barlow served in a number of positions as an educator in Georgia, including Assistant Principal and Student Intervention Specialist. He taught science and coached basketball and cross country.

Mountain Brook Schools district highlights and student achievement during Barlow’s tenure:

- Consistently ranked in the top 1% of open enrollment high schools nationally
- Number 2 ranked public high school athletic program in the nation (Maxpreps)
- Number 71 STEM High School in U.S. in 2021-22 (U.S. News and World Report)



- International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Distinguished School District 2016
- Over 96% of graduating students attend the college of their choice annually
- Over 28 Advanced Placement subjects offered annually, 83% of students scored 3 or higher
- Six nationally recognized Blue Ribbon Schools (all Mountain Brook Schools)
- Multiple dual-enrollment programs with state colleges and universities

MOUNTAIN BROOK SCHOOLS SAFETY REPORT

Mountain Brook Schools strives to provide a balance of a safe and secure environment as well as a culture of learning each day for every student and faculty member. We would like to thank the City of Mountain Brook Police and Fire Departments for our continued partnership to ensure the safety and well-being of everyone in and around our schools. Safety for every individual in the school district is of the utmost importance and can be broken down into three prongs: prevention, facilities/support and training.

“Prevention is not a one-step action,” MBS Director of Student Services Amanda Hood said. “It is a daily process to ensure a culture of safety. Prevention structures are the daily things that occur in our schools that assist with monitoring, communication, support, and access.”

Our school system supports prevention measures such as having School Resource Officers, routine police patrol school visits, threat and suicide assessment protocols, and student and parent support. In recent

years, MBS has added a full time Mental Health Service Coordinator to support the work of our school counselors and family needs.

Mountain Brook Schools has also worked to secure each of its facilities through the use of physical systems and technology. Every school uses technology features, visitor access systems and badging programs to ensure that everyone in our schools is there for the best interests of students and faculty.



“We work directly with the Mountain Brook Police and Fire Departments to review our safety protocols and procedures on a regular basis. Ultimately, our goal is to ensure that every student is safe on our campuses so they can focus on learning and growing,” Hood said.

In addition to rigorous professional development, MBS ensures that each faculty and staff member are prepared for many situations. Annual safety training includes education and practice on a variety of safety and weather related scenarios, reunification training, as well as AED/ CPR and crisis training. Bullying, anxiety, depression and suicide training is provided for all employees as well.

City of Mountain Brook safety officials have 24/7 access to Mountain Brook Schools campuses and frequently conduct training on campuses on student non-attendance days. Parents play a crucial role in the school’s safety plan as well. A video on the Mountain Brook Schools’ “Eduvision” website shares more information about all these safety measures and more.

Chris Herren Shares Powerful Story of Addiction and Recovery

Chris Herren, former professional basketball player, held audiences rapt as he recounted his extensive struggles with addiction and his perseverance in recovery. Sponsored by All In Mountain Brook, Herren addressed students at Mountain Brook Junior High and Mountain Brook High School during assemblies on October 27th. In the evening, speaking at the High School, he shared his story again with parents, college athletes, and other members of the community.

Herren began by talking about his father's alcoholism and an early, broken promise to his mother that he would never abuse alcohol. His exceptional basketball talent landed him a scholarship with Boston College, a life-long dream, but he was expelled from the team for failing drug tests. Even though his struggles were widely publicized, Herren was offered a second chance to play basketball with Fresno State. He ultimately was forced to enter a rehabilitation center at age 21.

When Herren was drafted with the 33rd pick by the Nuggets, he found a supportive environment where his teammates held him accountable in recovery--until he tried Oxycontin. Over a single summer, his habit progressed and cost him thousands of dollars per day and the chance to play with his hometown team, the Celtics. After being traded to Boston, Herren was unable to get clean before training camp.

Herren moved with his wife and children to Italy to get away from his suppliers, but he ultimately ended up using intravenous heroin. As is often true of those who abuse opioids, his intent was to briefly use the heroin—cheaper and more available than

pills at the time—temporarily.

In 2001, he overdosed and was arrested. At 27 years old, he was selling scrap metal, bouncing checks, and stealing from people he loved. In his early 30's, he could no longer afford drugs and began drinking heavily. When he overdosed for the fourth time at age 32, he was offered another term in a rehabilitation center by a friend of a friend. Although he relapsed briefly after the birth of his third child, Herren ultimately committed himself to recovery. He has been clean since 2008 and is in ongoing recovery.

Since then, Herron has talked to over a million students. He has been the father that he wished he had. His foundation has helped over 2,700 teens and their families pay for rehab.

He urged parents to talk to their children with honesty and compassion about drugs and alcohol before any evidence of abuse. He hopes his honesty will inspire others with addiction to seek help.

All In Mountain Brook was honored to sponsor Herren's appearances. The purpose of ALL IN Mountain Brook is to enhance and protect the lives of Mountain Brook youth through a non-profit coalition between Mountain Brook Schools, the City of Mountain Brook, worship communities, business leaders, and parents. Since 2014, All In Mountain Brook has provided over 200 hours of free workshops and educational resources about alcohol and substance abuse, mental health and wellness, and safety and preventable injuries.

To make a donation to All IN Mountain Brook, visit <https://www.allinmountainbrook.org/donate>.

O'Neal Library News

Merideth Stackpole Named O'Neal Library Employee of the Year



Merideth Stackpole was hired in the Children's Department in 2006 as a storyteller.

Meredith's background in child development makes her exceptionally talented at designing developmentally appropriate programming based on community needs. She was the first person at O'Neal Library to develop a storytime for babies, a book club for children, and an older storytime for elementary-aged children – all beloved hallmarks of current programming. She is a seasoned storyteller who presents thoughtful, entertaining programs aimed at literacy development and fostering a love of story.

In 2018, she added school and community outreach to her responsibilities for the Children's Department. As a result, Merideth has had a busy schedule visiting all Mountain Brook elementary schools and daycares throughout the year. Outreach also includes the popular storytime under the Bromberg Christmas tree at the Mountain Brook parade.

Merideth is someone who is always looking to adapt, evolve, and learn. Her philosophy, as the longest-serving member of the Children's Department, is to share her experience and institutional knowledge while still being open to learning from her coworkers.

To sum up Merideth's outstanding performance, her fingerprint is on everything the Children's Department has developed since 2006, and she will continue to influence the Mountain Brook community with her passion and commitment to enrich the lives of our families.



O'Neal Library News

WILLIAM TYNES AWARD RECIPIENT

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., Penny Page, and the O'Neal Library Staff.

For fifty-six years, the Friends of the O'Neal Library have supported the library through their annual book sale. Proceeds from this sale support the Library's adult and teen programs. These varied programs range from book clubs, an American Sign Language course, and a Sustainable Style Series for adults, to theatre programs,



college financing workshops and exam support for teens.

Over the past decade, the group has raised over \$350,000 for the Library and has shared the surplus of donated books with various charities throughout Alabama. This past year, over \$29,000 worth of books were sold during the event. In addition, the Friends sell books through Amazon and

Ebay throughout the year.

The Friends of the Library are under the leadership of Lauren Hayes, President; LaVonda Keel, Book Sale Co-Chair; Sue Davis, Book Sale Co-Chair; Elizabeth Ezell, Book Sale Office, and Margaret Troiano, Treasurer.

The Friends are currently working hard to organize the 2023 Book Sale which will be held February 24-26.

FRIENDS of the O'NEAL LIBRARY BOOK SALE

One of Mountain Brook's favorite weekends is on its way - that's right, the Friends of the O'Neal Library's annual book sale is back! The Sale will be Friday, February 24th & Saturday, February 25th from 10am-5pm and Sunday, February 26th from 2pm-5pm with the much-anticipated Donor Preview party on Thursday, February 23rd at 6pm. The sale will feature rare and signed books, fiction and nonfiction books for all ages, DVDs, audiobooks, puzzles and much more!

The only thing better than shopping is knowing that you are shopping for a good cause. All proceeds from the sale go to the O'Neal Library's adult and teen departments programming. Over the past decade the Friends have contributed over \$350,000! Program favorites from this year have been American Sign Language courses, Under the Mountain events, a Sustainable Style Series, teen theatre programs, and college planning workshops.

By donating \$50 or more to the Mountain Brook Library Foundation, a supporting organization of the O'Neal Library, you will receive an invitation to the donor preview party on February 23rd. The donor preview party gives early access to the treasures that are for sale and a time of fellowship with the Friends and other donors. Whether you love the Library or the thrill of the hunt, the Friends of the Library book sale is sure to be an amazing weekend that you won't want to miss. We hope to see you there!

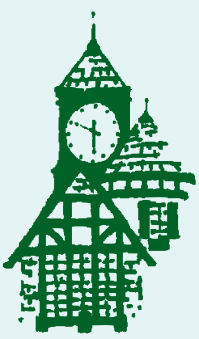
MATT GODFREY VISITS O'NEAL LIBRARY



Before "A Christmas Carol" raised Charles Dickens to the Victorian equivalent of "rock star" status and changed how we celebrate the holiday to this day, the season was more closely associated with telling ghost stories. Many of the premier writers of the day and beyond have published tales of suspense and dread meant to be read during Christmastime, and the O'Neal Library continued this tradition on December 4 with Ghost Stories for Christmas, a truly unique event brought to you by Under the Mountain featuring a live reading by award-winning voice actor Matt Godfrey.

An Alabama native, Matt Godfrey and his family spent years in Los Angeles as Godfrey pursued his career as an actor. When Godfrey returned to his home state, he did so as a professional audiobook reader. Winner of the Audiofile Earphones Award and a multiple-time nominee for the Society of Voice Arts & Sciences Awards and the Independent Audiobook Awards, Godfrey is a lover of the strange and the uncanny. He has performed audio recordings for works by the likes of Michael McDowell, Poppy Z. Brite, Jonathan Janz, Roger Zelazny and Joe Lansdale. Godfrey understands the power of storytelling, traversing even life and death.

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WALTER CRYE APPRECIATION

2022 MOUNTAIN BROOK CHAMBER BOARD PRESIDENT

The Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Walter Crye for his leadership as the Chamber Board President in 2022. Crye, Vice President and Commercial Account Executive with Greenhalgh Insurance, previously served the Chamber as Vice President of Membership, Vice President of Business Development, and as a Director at Large. Walter's contribution to the success of the Chamber and his commitment to furthering the business community in Mountain Brook has been tremendous. Thank you, Walter, for your service!

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



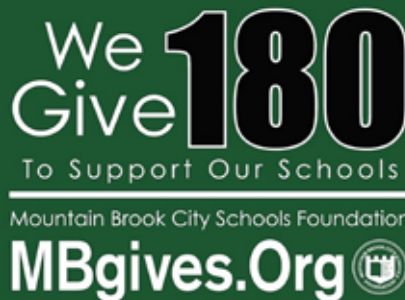
The Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation would like to thank the chairs of this year's campaign: **Jan & Grantland Rice**. With the help of their amazing committee, they have raised \$291,600 from 260 grandparents in support of Mountain Brook Schools. There is still time to give! To donate as a part of the Grandparents Club, visit MBGives.org or mail a check to the Foundation at 32 Vine Street, 35213.

Grandparents Club Committee Members: Maggie & Will Brooke, Bronwyn & Scot Cardwell, Tanya & Skip Cooper, Betts & Felix Drennen, Karen & Doug Eddleman, Julie & Jim Goyer, Lynne & Tim Hennessy, Linda & Charlie Israel, Lauri & Randy Jordan, Tara & Tommy Mayfield, Chollet & Stephen Still and Marlene & TJ Willings

Elementary School Track Meet

The Foundation's annual Track Meet fundraiser will take place on **April 18 and 19, 2023** at Mountain Brook High School. All Mountain Brook students in third - sixth grades are invited to participate and represent their schools at this community event. Last year, more than 500 students ran and raised \$70,000 for the Foundation.

Please visit MBGives.org for more information about the meet and upcoming registration dates!



Give 180 To Support MB Schools

The goal of the Give 180 Campaign is 100% participation across this district, and families are encouraged to donate \$1 for every day their student is learning through Mountain Brook Schools. This school year, more than 700 families have given for a total of \$218,000. Donors who give to this annual campaign receive a yard sign proudly sharing that they support the Foundation and Mountain Brook Schools. To be a part of Give 180, please visit MBGives.org.

Foundation Welcomes New Board 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 **Tara Davis, Rhonda Hennessy, Hallett Johnson, Andy Robison** and **Justin Weintraub**. **Kristin Ritter** will also begin her two-year term as Board President following Key Hudson in the role. A special thank you to **Al Cohn, Lane DeWine, Edward Elliott, Stephen Favrot** and **Charles Smith** for their years of service on the Board of Directors on behalf of Mountain Brook Schools.