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Mountain Brook Schools Safety Update

Sent to Mountain Brook School parents on Monday, April 3, 2023.

I hope that you and your family had a nice and relaxing spring break. As with many of you, my break was overshadowed with the horror and heartbreak of the school shooting in Nashville. While we continually plan, every event causes us to review and rethink how we keep our community as safe as possible. Already this morning, our teams have been collaborating with our SRO team and the Mountain Brook Police Department regarding what we have learned from this most recent event. Please know safety is a topic of discussion every time our leadership team convenes. As we previously shared, we have added many features to our safety plans including:

- Every Mountain Brook school campus is supported by an armed Mountain Brook Police School Resource Officer.
- All campus doors are secured allowing for a single-entry point for visitors.
- All visitors are screened and receive a badge using a visitor management system.
- Visitor intercom systems are used to verify visitors to every building prior to entry.
- Mountain Brook Police routinely use the campuses for training purposes when students are not on campus.
- School faculties have been trained by Mountain Brook Fire and Police Departments on crisis response.
- Regular meetings with city teams are held to review safety protocols and procedures.
- Mountain Brook Schools employs a Mental Health Services Coordinator



- to support students and families with mental health resources.
- Mountain Brook Schools uses a state-approved Threat Assessment Protocol for analyzing potential situations, as well as a Youth Suicide Screener.
- The back gate at Mountain Brook High School has been closed during the night time since December in an effort to eliminate unnecessary traffic on campus.
- Regular safety and weather drills are conducted at each school.

Please note that specific details of these plans cannot be shared with the public for security reasons.

In August before the start of this school year, we emailed you a video from

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Mayor's Message

Hollywood stars walking the streets of Mountain Brook? Who would have thought that would happen? In the past several months, we have had four movies filmed in our fair city. Hollywood director, Jordan Ross (*Jerry Maguire* and *Thumper*) filmed *The Tutor* starring Garrett Hedlund (*Troy* with Brad Pitt), Noah Schnapp (*Abe*), and Victoria Justice (*A Perfect Pairing*) in two homes in Mountain Brook. Hallmark also filmed a movie in a Mountain Brook home. A Sci-Fi movie was filmed at Slim's pizzeria in Crestline Village, and *The Shift* was filmed at the home of Isabel and Paul Dreher.

The experiences have all been positive. Here's what Isabel and Paul had to say. "The filming of five scenes of the movie *The Shift* in our home was one of the most educational, fun, and exciting days. Our family, neighbors, and friends enjoyed every moment and every scene. The entire crew of eighty were so kind and polite. The producer, Ken Carpenter, announced at the end of filming that his wife and family were so impressed with their time here that they were seriously considering relocating to Mountain Brook!"

1 **Did you know?** Hollywood has moved out of Hollywood, California and has, largely, re-based in Georgia and Louisiana due to financial incentives offered by those states. Alabama offers about \$20 million in incentives annually, which makes our state an attractive destination for smaller film projects. According to our Secretary of the Department of Commerce, Greg Canfield, \$1 of incentives returns \$7 of spending within our state. I, and others, are working with our state legislative leaders, Senator Dan Roberts and House Member, David Faulkner, to increase our incentive package because once our incentives run out, producers move to another state (Georgia has unlimited incentives). These film projects produce jobs and revenue for our state, region, and city.

2 **Would you like to participate?** There are at least two ways you can get

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school and city officials with a message regarding our safety information. This video is available on the front page of the Mountain Brook Schools website under 'MBS News.'

More recently, we have implemented measures to enhance our students' safety on each of our school campuses. Every Mountain Brook Police Officer has full access to every school building at all times. We have around-the-clock support of our schools by our SRO team, in addition to Mountain Brook Patrol Officers. This year, each MBS teacher has been trained on our new individual safety alert system which has been installed in every Mountain Brook school. Our school administrators have constant conversations and training opportunities with faculty and staff about safety measures and practices that take place on a daily basis.

Each of our schools conduct safety drills on a regular basis ensuring students are aware of what may happen in the event of an emergency (weather, lockdown, etc). Reunification may be necessary for any variety of reasons should Mountain Brook Schools find it necessary to evacuate students from campus. Each school has taken the time this year to conduct reunification planning.

As a school district, we remain in constant communication with the Mountain Brook Police and Fire Departments to ensure safety is our number one priority. Our teams continuously research the latest methods and measures to keep our students safe. We consider it an honor that you entrust us with your child/children's education. Thank you for taking the time to read and review our latest safety information.

Dicky Barlow
Superintendent, Mountain Brook Schools

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involved. First, if you feel you have a unique filming location, you can register that location so that future producers know about it. This could be a home, church, farm, barn...anything you feel is unique. And yes, producers pay you for use of your property plus it is just fun to watch a film crew at work.

"We were fortunate to have both The Tutor and the Hallmark movie filmed in our home. It was such a great experience for our family, especially our kids, to see the hard work that goes into making a movie. We all enjoyed meeting the cast and crew members from all over," said Mountain Brook resident, Sara McDonald.

If interested in registering a location property visit, www.FilmBirmingham.org and click on LOCATIONS.

"I was honored that the production chose Slim's to be featured as a location in their film. It means a lot to me because of my intention and desire to make Slim's a place that resonates with our guests from a culinary perspective and design sensibility. I also feel the community should be proud that we have substantial film productions choosing our beautiful neighborhood as their backdrop," said Miller Mobley, owner of Slim's.

Second, if you would like to be in a film, you can sign up to be a potential 'extra'. Yes, film extras also get paid. I was an extra back in the 70's for a film with Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sally

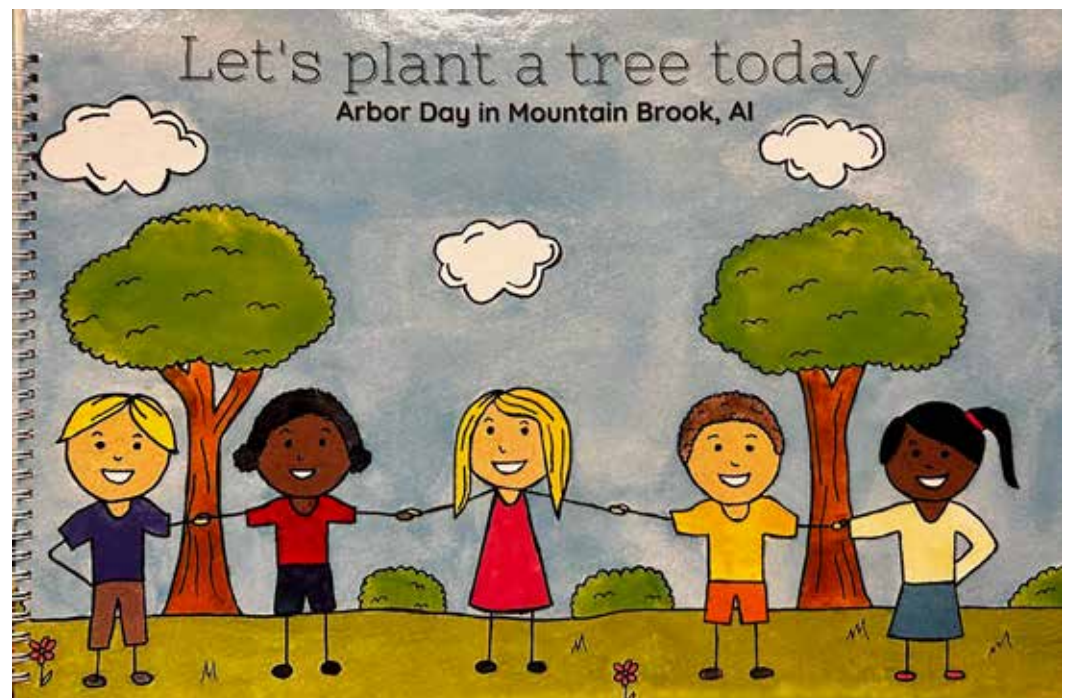
Fields, Jeff Bridges, and Fannie Flagg called Stay Hungry. We had more fun watching how a movie was made and meeting Schwarzenegger and Jeff Bridges. If you are interested in becoming a film extra, visit www.FilmBirmingham.org and click on FOR LOCALS.

"The state of Alabama, and our region specifically, can become a movie mecca for small to midsize films. We are rich in talent, locations, and resources. The film industry creates local jobs and revenue that have the power to spark transformational economic growth. Alabamians across our region and state should be the beneficiaries of that growth," said Meghann Bridgeman, President and CEO, Create Birmingham/Film Birmingham.

Arbor Day Events

Each year, Leadership Mountain Brook students work with the City of Mountain Brook and the MB Board of Landscape Design to celebrate Arbor Day with every 1st grader in the Mountain Brook City Schools. The city orders 500 seedlings for this event. The students gather at Leaf and Petal the Sunday before the event and count out / bag individual seedling for each student. The Board of Landscape Design thought that teaching the 1st graders about Arbor Day and making it a little more interactive would be more fun for all involved.

Last year, as one of their city improvement projects, the students wrote and illustrated a book to pass out to each 1st grader along with their seedling. This book teaches the 1st graders all about Mountain Brook, the Board of Landscape Design, Arbor Day and how they can pitch in (planting their seedling) to help us maintain our Tree City USA status!





The City of Mountain Brook Becomes the First Municipal Bee City USA Affiliate in Alabama

The City of Mountain Brook has become the first municipal Bee City USA affiliate in Alabama, joining 179 Bee City affiliates across the USA. Thinking globally and acting locally, Bee City USA provides a framework for communities to work together to conserve native pollinators by increasing the abundance of native plants, providing and protecting nest sites, and reducing the use of pesticides. Bee City USA is an initiative of the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation.

Research has shown significant declines in native pollinator population sizes and ranges globally, with up to 40% of pollinator species on earth at risk of extinction in the coming years as a result of habitat loss and the use of harmful pesticides. Did you know that 80% of Alabama 400 native pollinator species are plant specialists? In other words, they will only pollinate specific native plants. The Bee City program aspires to make people more pollinator conscious, with the idea that if individuals and communities begin planting

native, pesticide-free flowering trees, shrubs and perennials, it will create large-scale change for many species of pollinators.

Bee City Affiliation is enthusiastically endorsed by the mayor and city council and goes hand-in-hand with other green initiatives introduced by city leadership, such as Quiet Villages (which promotes the use of electric landscape maintenance equipment in the villages), and affiliation with the National Wildlife Federation's "Mayor's Monarch Pledge" (which seeks to save the Monarch Butterfly and support all pollinator habitats), as well as the City's Tree City US designation and Leaf Composting Program.

Bee City affiliation will involve a partnership between the city departments of Planning/Building/Sustainability, Parks/ Recreation, and Public Works, as they work together to install and maintain landscape on city properties that will enhance biodiversity and promote ecosystem restoration. One recent example of a Parks/Rec "save" involved

responding to a call at a city park where a proliferation of yellow jackets was reported. Parks/Rec showed up on the scene, and took the initiative to thoroughly investigate the swarming creatures before attempting to eradicate them. As it turned out the flying insects were Miner Bees, a non-aggressive and very important native pollinator that nests in cavities in the ground (the cavities resemble tiny ant hills). Parks/Rec roped off the area in order to allow the pollinators to do their important work for the next 4-6 weeks, and posted a sign educating park users about miner bees, and asking users to stay out of the nesting area until the nesting cycle was complete.

Planning/Building/Sustainability and Public Works are working together to establish the city's first pollinator garden, complete with native plants, a water feature, and a "bee hotel" for native solitary bees. Look for this teaching garden as it emerges on the south side of city hall, along Tibbett Street.

The City of Mountain Brook is enthusiastic about affiliation with Bee City USA. It is our hope that other Alabama municipalities will join us in acknowledging the importance pollinators by developing their own pollinator-friendly policies, and by promoting community advocacy and awareness.

If you're interested in helping the City plan and host educational events that support pollinators and the use of native plants, develop guidelines and policies for reduced pesticide/herbicide use on city properties, and develop programs to support pollinators on city properties, then volunteer as a member of the Bee City/Environmental Sustainability committee for the City! Submit an application:

Mtnbrook.org, Government, Get Involved, Boards and Committees - Apply Here.

Recent City Council Actions

The City Council has adopted or amended the following ordinances since January 1, 2023:

- Ordinance No. 2138 – Updated the city’s Tree Ordinance.
- Ordinance No. 2139 – Re-affirmed voting districts previously established upon the adoption of Ordinance No. 1624, assigning polling locations, and permanently removed Cherokee Bend School polling location within the corporate limits of the City of Mountain Brook for convenience and safety considerations with respect to all municipal (General, Run-off, and Special) elections effective March 27, 2023.

The City Council has approved the following projects since January 1, 2023:

- Accepted the proposal submitted by Stone and Sons Electrical Contractors for the installation of a flashing beacon and sign on Old Leeds Road.
- Approved the city to enter into a negotiated contract with Wright Construction Company for the Old Leeds Road sidewalk project.
- Executed a construction agreement with the State of Alabama (ALDOT) with respect to the TAP sidewalk project on Montclair Road.
- Executed a License Agreement with Birmingham Levite Jewish Community Center for the city’s use of the outdoor recreational field and gymnasium.
- Ratified change order no. 2 with respect to the Caldwell Mill Road Bridge project.
- Executed a Transit Service Agreement FY2023 with Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority, dba “MAX”.
- Approved a 74 working day extension on the Caldwell Mill Road Bridge project.

- Proclaimed March 2023 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.
- Ratified change order no. 3 for the modification of the guardrail and additional asphalt for the Caldwell Mill Road Bridge project.
- Amended the retainer structure for the law firm of Bishop Colvin effective February 1, 2023.
- Approved a contract with Enviro Management Company (EMC) with respect to the Building and Onsite Sanitary Sewer Upgrades Public Works project located at the Mountain Brook High School.
- Executed a consulting engagement letter with Organizational Architecture, Inc. for a compensation study at O’Neal Library.
- Awarded the bid for one (1) F250 truck to Sunny King Ford for the Fire Department.
- Authorized the appropriation from the city’s General Fund of \$70,000 payable to the Mountain Brook Board of Education to be used for the construction of pickle ball courts.
- Executed a sewer easement to the Jefferson County Commission for the Crestline Elementary Gymnasium project.
- Executed the MWCF Deductible Addendum-2023 for the \$300,000 deductible workers’ compensation insurance coverage and claims administration services for the policy year beginning February 1, 2023.
- Approved payment for change order no. 3 for the field project at Mountain Brook Athletic Complex Field #1.
- Continued the public hearing request to rezone property from Residence B district to Planned Unit Development (PUD)

- district-2305 Montevallo Road, Montevallo Road Partners, LLC.
- Proclaimed February 27 through March 3, 2023 as Arbor Week.
- Approved the additional construction administration services with Gresham Smith for the Caldwell Mill Road Bridge project.
- Accepted the rate adjustment addendum to the on-call engineering contract for Sain Associates.
- Amended Section VII, D “Business Travel Expenses” of the employee handbook for the daily reimbursable limit for meals.
- Approved the Right-of-Way (ROW) purchase agreements for the Old Brook Trail Bridge project.
- Awarded the bid for the Canterbury and Surrey Road Drainage Improvements project to Gillespie Construction LLC.
- Awarded the bid for the Cherry Street, Euclid Avenue, Lorena Lane and Fairmont Drive Drainage Improvements project to Gillespie Construction, LLC.
- Executed a contract agreement with The Friends of Jemison Park for the Nature Trail Improvement project.
- Approved the conditional use application for Stretch Zone located at 229 Country Club Park.
- Authorized the contribution agreement with the Mountain Brook Board of Education for the Crestline Elementary School Gym project.
- Authorized a contract with Video Industrial Services for the 3333 Sandhurst Road Pipe project.
- Authorized a contract with Wright Construction Company for the Brookwood Baptist Church Drainage project.

- Authorized an agreement with United Ability, Inc. (dba Gone for Good Document Destruction and E-Waste Recycling) for a community document destruction and e-waste recycling event to be held at Mountain Brook High School on April 22, 2023 from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.
- Authorized an agreement for additional consulting services between the city and Schoel Engineering Company for the Mountain Brook Junior High Drainage Improvement project.
- Designated the first two parking spaces north of Brook Manor Drive on the western side of Cahaba Road to be restricted for “small cars only” pursuant to Sec. 50-113 of the City Code.

- Awarded the bid for the Mountain Brook Junior High Athletic Field project to Sports Turf Company.
- Rejected all bids for the Pine Crest Road and Canterbury United Methodist Church drainage improvement project.
- Authorized an Intergovernmental Agreement with Jefferson County for contingency funding to support the annual Electronic Collection Event held at the Birmingham Zoo.
- Accepted the supplemental proposal submitted by Sain Associates for additional services regarding the roundabout project.
- Authorized an agreement for additional consulting services submitted by Schoel Engineering

- Company for the redesign of drainage improvements at Pine Crest Road and Canterbury United Methodist Church.
- Authorized the contractor agreement with Stone and Sons Electrical for the installation of LED lighting inside the Parks and Recreation building.
- Awarded the bid for two (2) Specialty Turf Mowers to Ladd’s Golf and Turf LLC.
- Authorized a monthly expense allowance and budget amendment for the City Clerk III position to commence April, 2023.
- Amended the city’s Storm Water Management Program Plan (SWMPP).

Women Leading Government Annual Conference



On February 23, 2023, the city helped sponsor the annual Women Leading Government Conference at the Pelham Civic Complex. From motivational speakers to recruitment vs. retention in the workplace, the day was filled with knowledge, encouragement and laughs.

Pictured left – right: LaTorya Mines, Shanda Williams, Heather Richards, Janet Forbes, Karen Fowler, Amanda Davis

Art in the Village 2023
42nd Annual Art Festival
May 6th, 2023 9am – 5pm
Free Event
56 Church Street, 35213

Experience our vibrant juried art festival featuring all local artists with displays both outside and inside the beautiful City Hall building. Well-known for its 40 plus years, this beloved community free event features the award winning paintings and drawings of our members, many of whom are award-winning and regionally famous.

Charming Crestline Village in the heart of Mountain Brook is perfect for spending time at the show and taking in the restaurants and shops just steps away. Everywhere in the Village is handicap accessible, pet and family friendly, with free level parking.

Visit MountainBrookArtAssociation.com to learn more.



“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**.



Contact the **Municipal Court** if you need information on any of the following items:
Breanna Dunn- 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.)



Contact the **Revenue Department** at **205-802-2400 prompt 4** if you need information on any of the following items or Fax **205-870-3590**, or **Jack Bankston** - 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



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.



For **Planning and Zoning** questions, contact **Tyler Slaten** at **205-802-3811** or slaten@mtnbrook.org or **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 and for 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.



Contact the **Fire Marshall's Office** if you need help with any of the following items: **Leland Rhudy** - **205-802-3832**, FAX **205-879-5919**, or rhudy@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

RECEIVE TEXT ALERTS

What to Expect:

After the initial keyword is sent, you will receive a confirmation message asking you to reply YES to verify opt-in.

REPORT AN ISSUE

City of Mountain Brook Need to report an issue?

Send a Text Message

Skip a phone call and use your mobile phone's text messaging service to quickly report an issue on the go.

24/7 Smart Texting Service

Reporting an issue to the city is easier than ever and can be done at any time.

Simply text the word **REPORT** to our smart texting number. You will then be prompted to type in the keyword for the type of issue you are reporting and guided through a few easy steps to complete your report.

You can report issues such as: **ANIMAL CONTROL, POTHOLE, STREET ISSUES, DRAINAGE, or OTHER**

Get Started

Text **Report** to: **205.596.6200**

Save our text messaging number to your phone to access it anytime you need it!

Building Permit Activity

Permit Type:	4th Quarter - 2022		1st Quarter - 2023	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	12	\$ 6,715,696	3	\$ 4,110,000
Alterations/Additions	73	\$ 18,315,849	76	\$ 20,213,860
Repairs/Other	163	\$ 8,396,645	184	\$ 6,836,435
Totals:	248	\$ 33,428,190	263	\$ 31,160,295

Jefferson County Sewer Project

The Jefferson County Department of Environmental Services will begin upgrading sewer lines in Mountain Brook Village this summer. Work is expected to begin in June and last until late August.

The project will start on Culver Road near Olexa's and continue towards Canterbury Road to Petticoat Lane, cross Montevallo Road and down the other section of Culver Road to Cahaba Road. This project will be done in segments with one being done, allowing for traffic and parking, and then the next segment will start.

This will be a messy and inconvenient project, but Jefferson County and their contractor will do their best to accommodate our residents and motorists in the village. The City, Jefferson County and their contractor will hold a meeting with Mountain Brook Village businesses on May 2nd at 8:30am at City Hall.

A second large sewer project is planned for the western side of Crestline Village in early 2024. Additional details will be given on this project as they become available.



COMPARISON OF PREVIOUS YEAR

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



Tree Cutters/Grass Cutters/Landscapers Business License Requirement:

IMPORTANT

The City of Mountain Brook Ordinance Sec. 26-210 states that it shall be unlawful for any person, taxpayer, or agent of a person or taxpayer to engage in businesses or vocations in the municipality for which a license is required without first having procured a City of Mountain Brook Business License.

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

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

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

Tree Removal:

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

This is a relatively uncommon scenario in which all MB residents can provide direct, valuable assistance, simply by being aware of the following: any person or entity ("contractor") that receives payment for any job that produces waste or debris, MUST haul away said debris from the premises.

Whether it is an honest mistake or something else, please remember, if/when a contractor states or suggests that "the city" or "Amwaste" will haul away debris, that they are providing misinformation.

There are no exceptions to this policy. Doing so will avoid unnecessary expense for the residents and City alike.

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

Construction and Power Equipment Use in the City

City Ordinance 1737, found in our Zoning Code Section 109-3, regulates times of **construction activity**. During periods of daylight savings time, work may begin at 8am on weekends and holidays and at 6:30am on any other day up to 8pm on any day.

City Ordinance 1906, found in our Zoning Code Section 34-7, regulates noise nuisance concerns for public welfare. The operation or permitting of any mechanically powered lawn equipment such as but not limited to blowers, trimmers and lawn mowers for commercial use within a residential district is allowed between the hours of 7am until 6pm on weekdays and 8am until 6pm on weekends.

Schedule of Meetings

CITY COUNCIL	2nd & 4th Mon.	7:00 p.m. <i>(Call 205-802-3800 for time of Pre-Meeting)</i>	City Hall
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.	9:00 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

New Businesses

PERSONAL SERVICES

- DW Cleaners LLC, (dba\ Utopia Cleaners), 248 Country Club Park, 205-870-9862
- The Tidying Brit, 3535 South Woodridge Road, 205-862-6802

PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER SERVICES

- DeMedicis, Steve, (dba\ Kats Houses), 2308 English Village Lane, 205-445-1108
- Golden Light Counseling LLC, 4 Office Park Circle, 205-282-9091
- Gunn Dermatology, 391 Rele Street, 205-415-7536
- Healed and Whole Therapy LLC, 6 Office Park Circle, 205-883-9736
- Holliday, Frances Palmer, 400 Office Park Drive, Suite 240, 772-341-3431
- Home RN Franchise LLC, 127 Oak Street, 205-644-2906
- L. Millican Photography LLC, 15 Alden Lane, 205-612-1927
- MBV I LLC, 2721 Cahaba Road, 205-226-8636
- McKinley Landen Counseling & Consulting LLC, 3 Office Park Circle, 205-202-1404
- Price Armstrong LLC, 1919 Cahaba Road, 205-527-6511
- Prologue Ventures LLC, 109 Delmar Trace, 205-441-0360
- Scott, Melissa, (dba\ Melissa Scott Counseling), 300 Office Park, 205-427-2794
- Tullos, Allison, 3916 Seven Bark Circle, 205-234-7051
- Will Cooper, Attorney at Law, 3900 Montclair Road, 205-907-4261

RETAIL AND RESTAURANT

- Little Buckhead Blue of Mountain Brook, Inc, (dba\ Little Buckhead Blue), 341 Rele Street, 404-384-9222
- Two Suckers One Bear LLC, 81 Church Street, 205-447-3002

BUILDING AND CONTRACTING

- M. Elliott Construction LLC, 3188 Overhill Road, 205-807-0919

PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

Youth Athletic Programs

As the Spring Season wraps up for our sports groups, please check out their websites for upcoming registration for the summer and fall seasons.

Mountain Brook Athletics (MBA) www.mbatletics.org
Registration for Summer and Fall sports will be open in May and July. Register online at their website listed above. The grades listed by the individual sports are the grades the player will be entering this fall for the 2023-24 school year.

Registration Mid-Late May	Registration Late July
Summer and Fall Flag Football (2nd-6th grade)	Fall Baseball (4k-6th grade)
Fall Tackle Football (3rd-6th grade)	Fall Softball (1st-7th grade)
Fall Cheerleading (2nd-5th grade)	Volleyball (4th-6th grade)

Mountain Brook Lacrosse www.gbyla.org
email: mountainbrooklacrosse@gmail.com
Please keep an eye on their website for current updates. Open to all youth between K-12th grade, regardless of their skill level.

Mountain Brook Soccer Club www.birminghamunited.com
email: rec@birminghamunited.com
Registration for fall season will be open from June 1-Aug 1, 2023.

Athletic Complex Updates

The City of Mountain Brook would like to thank all of our residents who have supported our youth sports over the years. The Parks and Recreation Department has displayed a few historical plaques, along with a new one, at the Athletic Complex to commemorate its progress over the last 34 years.

The key people that helped create the complex in 1989 were John McNeil, Jr, Margaret M Porter, Fred Renneker III, William E Smith, Jr, and Dick Shea. They spearheaded the project and saw it through to opening day. Their vision and persistence in providing amenities to youth sports has been invaluable to the city over the years!

Another stand out supporter was Mr. Joe Alexander. He co-founded the girls' softball program and was active with both baseball and softball as a coach and commissioner and also helped in the planning of the original Athletic Complex.



Getting Greener!

Parks and Recreation just purchased a new electric zero turn mower to use at Overton Park and the traffic islands. The Mean Green Mower is also equipped with a blower so our crews can mow and blow without multiple trips to the truck. This mower will not only be quieter around the playground and homes, but it should save the city on maintenance costs since it will not require gasoline or oil changes. This mower will charge at night and run through a whole work day. Watch out for this quiet mower because you won't hear us coming!



Jemison Park

The City and Friends of Jemison are hoping that the Jemison Park trail can be completed by the end of 2023. We expect the contractor to be getting started with one section of the trail by the time this publication reaches your homes. One half of the park will be closed to get started, and then the second half will be closed several weeks later. There will be a period of time when the whole trail will be closed, but we hope to limit that as much as possible. Our other trails, including the new woodland trail across Shades Creek, will remain open for your enjoyment.

Please visit the City's website www.mtnbrook.org for more current updates as work progresses on the new trail.





LEAF AND TRASH PICKUP:

Loose-leaf pickup service has ended for this season. All loose leaves and small trash items need to be containerized for curbside collection. Larger trash items should be on the curb for the knuckle-boom truck collection. Work done by a contractor is not eligible for pickup by Amwaste.

COMPOST:

Now is a good time to clean and prepare your flower beds and garden areas. Compost mixed with soil will provide a good start for your plants. Our compost operation is in full swing at the Public Works facility located at 3579 East Street across from Rathmel Soccer Complex. We load open-bed vehicles Tuesday

through Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and in the afternoons between 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mountain Brook residents who wish to load themselves can do so Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. but must check in at our office before proceeding to the compost pile. Call our office (205-802-2390) if more information is needed.

SPECIAL ITEMS DISPOSAL:

Paint cans - Remove the lids from all of the cans. If there is paint inside, put sand, dirt, or kitty litter in the cans with the paint for absorption. Place the cans with the dried paint inside the cart for pick-up.

Appliances with freon (such as refrigerators and air conditioners) - Will not be picked up until the freon has been drained and a certified sticker has been placed on the item. A technician at an appliance service department can provide the freon removal. The items can then be placed at the curb for pickup.

ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP:

Dirt, rocks, gravel, concrete, bricks, construction materials, batteries, and tires.

Quarterly Crime Statistics

	4th Quarter 2022	1st Quarter 2023
Robbery	0	1
Robbery (aggravated shoplifting)	0	0
Burglary/Residence	6	6
Burglary/Business	0	5
Theft	30	63
Theft from Vehicle (UBEV)	15	19
Auto Theft	1	3
Assaults (Other)	1	3
Identity Theft	17	15
Criminal Mischief	20	17
Drugs	28	34
Family Violence	6	6
Accidents	268	244
• With Injuries	7	12
• With Fatalities	0	0
Calls For Service	6471	6337
House Watches	486	339

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.

Mosquito Control Changes

Based on recommendations from the Public Works Department, the Mountain Brook City Council has approved making changes to our mosquito control operations. We will continue to place briquettes in standing water. Also, we plan to offer limited spray by request only. In recent years we have reduced the time spent on chemical mosquito control mainly due to so many requests to not spray and very few residents requesting spray. When we have sprayed we are having a very high volume of calls from residents requesting that we not spray near their homes. Also, many of our neighboring cities have either discontinued their spray programs or greatly reduced them.

The following are some measures residents can take to reduce the breeding of mosquitoes near their house. Mosquitoes need quiet, standing water to breed. Eliminate mosquito breeding habitats by emptying standing water in outdoor items such as containers, toys, plastic covers, unused tires or outdoor equipment. Drain puddles or fill with dirt. Empty and change the water in birdbaths, wading pools, and potted plant trays at least once a week. Properly maintain swimming pools



and unclog rain gutters. There are also companies that will spray private property. Spraying shrubs and backyards on a regular schedule can be helpful.

The four D's to dealing with those pesky mosquitoes are as follows:

1. **Defend** - Repellent
2. **Dress** - Wear light color clothing
3. **Drain** - Drain any standing water
4. **Dusk and Dawn** - Mosquitoes are most active just before sunset and at sunrise.

For more information on mosquito control visit the Jefferson County Department of health's website, (www.jcdh.org) search word is "Vector Control" phone **205-930-1230**.

If you have any questions concerning these changes you may call Daniel Davis 205-802-3869 or Ronnie Vaughn **205-802-3865**.

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.

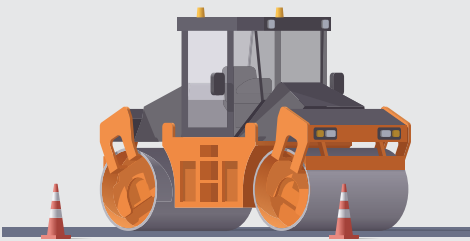


Street Paving List 2023

The City of Mountain Brook has begun work on the 2023 street resurfacing project. Our contractor, Dunn Construction, should begin paving late spring or early summer. Some of the streets may already be milled and paved when this article is published. If so, we hope you are enjoying the newly paved roads. The streets to be milled and paved are as follows:

- Caldwell Mill Road - From Pumphouse Road to bridge
- Caldwell Mill Lane
- Sterlingwood Drive
- Old Leeds Circle
- Lane Park Road - from Cahaba Road to Country Club Road
- Dexter Avenue - from Church Street to Vine Street
- Carla Circle
- Peachtree Street - Euclid Avenue to Dexter Avenue
- Chabad Center - Leased parking for Overton Park
- Forest Glen Drive
- Northcote Circle
- Northcote Drive – Dover Drive to Warrington Road
- North Woodridge Road - Sedley Drive to 3518 North Woodridge Road
- Oakdale Drive – Knightsbridge Road to Westchester Circle
- Camelia Hill (off Caldwell Mill Road)

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



Citizen Survey

The City conducts a citizens' survey every three years to determine their satisfaction with municipal services. The most recent survey was mailed to 2,000 households in the city. If you received one, please respond as soon as possible by mail or online.

This survey is conducted by the ETC Institute for the city and the results will be shared through social media and in the August newsletter. Please do your part by completing the survey.



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 in our doggie stations at 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.

Board Appointments/Reappointments:

- Reappointed David Blackmon to the Village Design Review (VDR) Committee with the term of office to end February 1, 2026.
 - Reappointed Stutts Everette to the Village Design Review (VDR) Committee with the term of office to end February 1, 2026.
 - Mayoral appointment of David Faulkner and Tanya Cooper to the First Responders Foundation with the term of office to end February 13, 2026.
 - Mayoral appointment of Christopher Mouron and Steven Hydinger to the First Responders Foundation with the term of office to end February 13, 2025.
 - Reappointed Norman Orr to the Board of Zoning Adjustment with the term of office to end March 24, 2026.
 - Appointed Dustin Dew to the Board of Landscape Design as a supernumerary with the term of office to end March 27, 2026.
- How to apply for a position on a Board or Committee:**
- All applications and/or inquiries should be submitted on the website at <https://www.mtnbrook.org>. Complete the application and upload it with your resume. (Go to Government > Get Involved > Boards and Committees > Apply here. You can upload your resume and include it with your application.)
 - If you are interested in serving on a board or committee, we encourage you to attend a meeting and find out more information.

Career Tech Offers Mountain Brook Students Unique Opportunities

In the state of Alabama, February is Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month. This is a month to recognize and inspire every young person to do their very best in school now, to ensure a lifetime of success in the future. In Mountain Brook Schools, various courses are offered at the secondary level which allow students to learn about different fields and lines of work.

“Career Tech Month is special to our school system because we have teachers who specialize in areas outside of the traditional classes like Science, English, Math and History,” MBS Director of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Missy Brooks. “We value each area of our students’ learning and are fortunate to be able to offer a plethora of opportunities for our students to learn about careers and paths in which they may be interested.”

The following courses are offered to Mountain Brook High School students:

■ **Accounting:** This one-year course is designed to give students a thorough background in the basic accounting procedures used to operate a business. The accounting procedures presented will also serve as a sound background for employment in office jobs and preparation for studying business courses in college.

■ **Finance:** Personal Finance introduces students to the principles of financial literacy for achieving personal goals. This course is designed to inform students about how the choices they make directly influence their occupational goals, future earning potential, and long-term financial well-being. Content covered in this course includes: checking and savings, credit, insurance, investing, behavioral finance, goal setting, paycheck and taxes, and budgeting. At the conclusion of this course, the students take the Wise Financial Literacy Certification Exam.

Students in the course also participate in the AL Stock Market Game, which is a 10 week stock market simulation in which the students compete with other schools across the state to grow an investment portfolio.

■ **Business Software Applications I:** Business Software Applications I is a course designed to assist students in



developing technological proficiencies in word processing, spreadsheets, databases, presentation, communications, Internet use, ethics, and careers using technology applications. Simulations and projects promoting teamwork, leadership, and workplace skills offer further opportunities for application of knowledge and skills. Students have the opportunity to take the Microsoft Office Specialist Certification exam in both Word and PowerPoint and earn a credential.

■ **Business Software Applications II:** Business Software II is a course that provides students with project-based applications of concepts learned in Business Software Applications or Business Essentials. Personal computing and business skills are integrated throughout the course as students use a variety of software applications to produce and prepare documents for publication and

learn how to select appropriate software for generating information. A major emphasis is placed on guiding students through real-world experiences to aid in the school-to-career transition. Students have the opportunity to take the Microsoft Office Specialist Certification exam in Excel and earn a credential. Students also participate in a simulated interview experience.

■ **Leadership Mountain Brook:** Leadership Mountain Brook is a course designed to provide students with skills needed to effectively organize, develop, create, and present a project proposal based on the needs of the Mountain Brook community. Through a partnership between MBHS, Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Mountain Brook, this program fosters the development of leadership skills, critical thinking, integration of technology, and

application of knowledge and skills related to practical questions and problems. Topics covered include collaborative leadership, business management and entrepreneurship, communication and interpersonal skills, economics, and professional development foundations.

Leadership Mountain Brook students will complete the following study/skill development units: Foundations of Leadership, Effective Teamwork, City Government, Business Plan Development, Finance, Legal Implications, Marketing, Career Opportunities, and E-Business.

■ **Work-Based Learning:** This course provides students with the opportunity to explore a career area while earning school credit. The goal of this program is to expose students to career opportunities, increase knowledge about the world of work and to



assist students in making decisions about the future. Students in this course leave campus to complete an internship in the community.

■ Foundations of Business Leadership:

This course covers the basic concepts of management, marketing, entrepreneurship, and leadership styles as well as the characteristics, organization, and operation of business as a major sector of the economy. The course is designed to emphasize principles of sound business management and analysis of business practices to determine ethical and social responsibilities.

■ **Equine Science:** This class enables students to become knowledgeable in the areas of caring for and managing horses. Equine health, nutrition, and safety are major instructional areas. Students learn about tools, tack and facilities necessary for proper care of horses and the facilities.

■ INCubatoredu (Entrepreneurship):

This program offers students an authentic entrepreneurship experience. Throughout the program, students ideate, develop, and iterate their own product or service startup in an attempt to gain investment funds in a final shark-tank style pitch event. Real entrepreneurs and business experts serve as volunteer coaches and mentors guiding student teams through the processes of developing hypotheses about a business concept, testing those hypotheses, adapting, and continually learning and improving. Whether a student's passion is in business, art, engineering, or music, INCubatoredu has something to offer all students.

■ Introduction to Law and the American Legal System (Semester):

Law and the American Legal System is designed to acquaint students with the basic legal principles common to business and personal activities. This course is an overview of criminal, civil, contract, and consumer law. Emphasis is placed on business law as it affects young adults with focus on the legal rights and responsibilities of students as citizens, consumers, employees and employers. This course offers exploration of law as a career, as well as a mock trial simulation.

■ **iLearn (Year):** iLearn is a course designed to promote collaboration between MBHS students and Mountain Brook elementary schools. This course provides an opportunity for high school students to assist in an elementary school on a daily basis. In assisting an elementary teacher, students will have an opportunity to: work directly with elementary students, gain insight into elementary education, lead engaging learning experiences, and build relationships in the school community.

■ **Science Research (Year):** Science Research is a class in which approved students will locate a research scientist at UAB for a yearlong internship. The student will have the opportunity to learn about the specific research project and will be actively involved in the work under the supervision of the scientist.

■ Digital Marketing (Semester):

Digital Marketing introduces students to digital marketing techniques, tools, and methods, including email, websites,

applications, social media, and other electronic means. This course focuses on how to develop and conduct digital marketing campaigns. Emphasis is placed on creating, implementing, and critiquing online advertising, email marketing, websites, social media, mobile marketing, search-engine optimization, video and images, podcasts, webcasts, and creating and repurposing content for use in digital environments.

The following courses are offered at Mountain Brook Junior High:

■ **PLTW (Project Lead The Way) Design and Modeling:** Students learn the Design Process by engaging in a series of Design Challenges that are intended to challenge students' thinking and creative problem solving skills. Students work in Design Teams and engage in problem/project based learning.

■ **App Creators:** Students learn the ins and outs of what it takes to create an app. They learn about designing User Interfaces for a wide range of audiences, thinking about color, font size, placement of elements, and ease of use. They also learn the basics of coding and what all goes into an app so that it functions properly for the use it was designed for. The class is project-based so students have a finished product while learning how an app works.

■ **Computer Science for Innovators and Makers:** Students learn about physical computing and the internet of things from a lot of devices that they use on a daily basis. Students learn to program microcontrollers that work with motion sensors, light sensors, accelerometers, and other digital sensors that are in everyday items. Projects are based on things that students commonly interact with like security systems, automated lights and dispensers, electronic games, and Bluetooth.

■ **Robotics:** Students are introduced to the world of engineering and programming through hands-on learning with robots. This course provides students with the opportunity to explore the fundamental concepts of robotics, including construction, design, and programming. Students learn how to build robots using a variety of materials and sensors. They also learn how to program their robots using block-based coding and explore the principles of physics, mechanics, and electronics. Robotics is designed to be collaborative, with students working in teams to design, build, and test their robots.

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O'Neal Library App

The O'Neal Library app is the best place to keep up with all the amazing collections and programs at the library! The app also saves your barcode, so it is ready when you need it! In addition to storing your library card for anytime access, you can easily request library material, access research databases, and tap the Events icon to display up-to-the-minute library programs you can register for right on your phone. Some of the exciting offerings coming up are listed below but we're always adding more. Download the app today, regularly check the events calendar online, or sign up for our weekly event e-newsletter to be notified about the latest and greatest additions. Registration is required for most of our programming, available on the website calendar at www.oneallibrary.org.

■ **Adult Summer Reading time is here again!** Beginning June 1st, stop by the second-floor desk, pick up a tote bag, and spin the prize wheel. From June 1st to July 31st, every five books you read/listen to will earn an additional entry into our grand prize drawing and another spin of the prize wheel! The grand prize winner will be announced August 1st. All of June, drop by the Makerspace to design and make your own buttons (open to teens and adults). Makerspace doors will be open every Tuesday and Thursday from 2-6pm with a button-making station and all necessary supplies set up so celebrate June and summer with us!

■ **Learn a new language this summer!** The summer session of online American Sign Language classes begins on Zoom on June 6th. There is no in-person component to this class. Program and registration information is available at <https://www.oneallibrary.org/asl>. Also in June, join Sarah Valentin-Sánchez, an experienced Spanish instructor and currently a Ph.D. student in Spanish Literature at the University of Alabama, for a month-long conversational Spanish class. We will meet for an hour on Mondays and Wednesdays in June to brush up on beginner/traveler's Spanish.

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O'Neal Library App (cont.)

Sarah will focus on conversational Spanish based on real-life experiences you might have when traveling to Spain. We will also discuss Hispanic culture, art, music, and more. Sarah is a native speaker from Valencia, Spain and very passionate about sharing her love for the Hispanic culture with her students.

■ **Sound Café returns** on Wednesday, May 3rd at 6:30pm with local music historian Burgin Mathews, host of the Lost Child Radio Hour, for a down-home conversation about his new project, The Southern Music Research Center, a new nonprofit devoted to the documentation, preservation, and public presentation of the American South's diverse music histories and ongoing forms of musical expression. Register online.

■ **Enjoy a free movie at the library!** On Sunday, May 7th at 3pm, the Short Story Matinee film is the 1939 movie Stagecoach, adapted from Ernest Haycox's short story, "Stage to Lordsburg." Short Story Matinee returns on Sunday June 4th at 3pm with a screening of the 1950 movie All About Eve, an adaptation of Mary Orr's short story, "The Wisdom of Eve." O'Neal Library's Under the Mountain horror series also screens films, in addition to hosting authors, artists, and storytellers, so be sure to follow @UNDRMTN on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook! More information and registration available online. History comes alive this summer at the library! On Wednesday, May 31st at 11am, join Dr. Alex Colvin to learn about early Creek Indian life in the eighteenth century, focusing on the organization of families and towns and the early relationship between the Creek Nation and the United States. On Wednesday, June 7th at 11am, join Dr. Howard Robinson for a look at the people, places, and events that mark the origins and development of Juneteenth as a local coastal Texas celebration. He also traces the efforts that transformed the Galveston, TX celebration into the declaration of a national holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. Later in the evening on Wednesday, June 7th, 6:30pm-8:30pm, enjoy a theater performance! Award winning actor and musician Gary Reid will perform A Life Of Sorrow-The Life and Times of Carter Stanley - a one-man play with music about a mountain music legend. Along with his brother, famed Appalachian banjoist Ralph Stanley, Carter Stanley helped lay the foundations for what is today known as bluegrass music. More information and registration available online.

■ **Bring the outdoors inside this summer!** On June 10th, we will host a community plant swap! Bring healthy propagations, seeds, and plants, and take home your new favorite plant! Registration appreciated. Learn how to turn the outdoors into your own learning laboratory on Saturday, June 17th with renowned naturalist and writer Whit Gibbons. Following a talk about his recent book, Salleyland: Wildlife Adventures in Swamps, Sandhills, and Forests, Gibbons will guide participants in a nature journaling activity. Registration is required for a Terrarium Craft on July 8th. Create your own self-sustaining habitat! All supplies provided. You'll have the opportunity to get crafty with an embroidery workshop with Julie Maesele on Wednesday, July 12th. More information and registration for these programs available online.

■ **Calling writers of all skill levels!** Join Miriam Calleja for 90

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minutes of writing prompts on select Tuesdays and Thursdays each month. Registration required.

■ **It's never too late to build new habits!** If you'd like to start with movement, register for the Gentle Yoga with Marie Blair series, Tuesday mornings 10-11am. If you are new to yoga, or would like refreshers on movements and breathing, check out the Yoga 101 series the first Thursday of each month 12:30pm-1:30pm. Registration required.

■ **ONL offers three book groups: The Bookies** meet on 2nd Tuesdays at 10am, **Great Short Stories** meets on 2nd Mondays at 6:30pm (Zoom available), and **Books & Beyond** meets on last Tuesdays at 6:30pm (Zoom available).

For more information, staff contact information, and group reading lists, visit the Adults tab at www.oneallibrary.org and select Book Clubs.

■ **The library offers exciting programs for teens in grades 7-12 throughout the year, including the summer!** Exam Study Breaks on May 18th helps teens to ace those tests with free snacks provided by O'Neal Library. After exams, Summer Reading fun officially begins. Teens rising to grades 7-12 can win prizes by reading, expressing their creativity, or completing community-involved challenges. Don't miss our Winter Narnia themed programs, especially the S'Winter Party on Friday, June 2nd, 4pm-5:30pm and our Finale Party on Thursday, July 27th, 6pm-10pm! Need volunteer hours this summer? We're launching a weekly Teens-Who-Serve program every Monday in June and July at the library.

Come help us read with kids, make pet toys for the Greater Birmingham Humane Society, and provide technology help this summer. Visit www.oneallibrary.org to register for awesome teen events as more are always being added!

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CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT Summer Reading Kickoff CARNIVAL

The Summer Reading Kickoff Carnival returns on Sunday, May 21, at the O'Neal Library. The afternoon of festivities, hosted by the Junior Women's Committee of 100 and the O'Neal Library Children's Department, begins with the Thomas Hughes Brinkley Memorial Fun Run. A packed carnival follows and includes such favorites as the train ride, the rock-climbing wall, game booths, concessions, face painting, and more. Registration for this year's Summer Reading program, All Together Now, will open at the carnival. Kids who attend will be the very first of the summer readers. Patrons wishing to pre-purchase carnival wristbands can do so starting May 1 at www.oneallibrary.org. Wristbands and individual activity tickets will also be available to buy at the event. The Library is grateful to the JWC of 100 and the businesses who provide sponsorship for the annual kickoff. All proceeds benefit the O'Neal Library Children's Department.

■ Summer Reading and Xtreme Reads

Turn reading into free books with the Summer Reading program at the O'Neal Library. Register your readers on the Beanstack app, then keep track of pages read. When you visit the library, your pages will earn chances to play the All Together Now game and to "shop" for free books in the prize book room. Older elementary readers willing to branch out from their usual genre preferences can also earn chances to win prize drawings through the Xtreme Reads program, a horizon-expanding challenge for rising 3rd – 6th graders.

■ The One World Project

In addition to the usual favorite storytimes, book

clubs, and drop-off events, this year's Summer Reading program includes a new opportunity for patrons to plug in to community service. Each week, librarians will prepare pick-up packs for families to take home and use to engage in small acts of service to the local community. One week you may pick up the supplies and instructions to create a seed bomb, while another week's opportunity could be instructions for a litter scavenger hunt and art project. There will be no registration and a limited number of project bags, so supply pickup each Monday will be first come, first served – and first come, first to serve others!

■ Hear Here Read-Aloud

One of the best things about elementary school is getting to relax and listen to the teacher read aloud from an absorbing chapter book. Recapture that magic with Hear Here, a new read-aloud program on Wednesday afternoons. Bring the family and cozy up to hear a librarian read from a beloved children's chapter book. Want to know the book ahead of time or catch up from missing a week? Just call the Children's Department to find out what stories and chapters are on the docket each week at Hear Here.

■ Summer Reading Finale

Go ahead and mark your calendar for the Summer Reading finale party on Tuesday, July 25. Roger Day will perform with his Mosquito Burrito Band, and the Library Children's Department will provide pizza to celebrate the best summer readers ever!



We hope you are ready for Under the Mountain because, this summer, Under the Mountain is ready for you!

■ **May 14:** On May 14, we will be screening the folk horror classic, *The Wicker Man*. This 1973 sun-drenched chiller stars Edward Woodward as a police sergeant investigating reports of a missing child on an island off the coast of Scotland. Authoritarian and repressed, our protagonist soon finds himself at odds with the earthly and hedonistic inhabitants of the isle, led by Christopher Lee (*The Lord of the Rings*) in a career-defining role as the charismatic benefactor of the commune. Full of wit, breathtaking scenery, vibrant music, and atmosphere rich with dread, *The Wicker Man* remains a singular cinematic experience that will come as a revelation to fans of *Midsommar*.



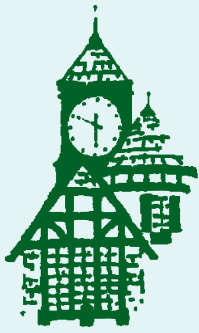
■ **June 11:** On June 11 we kick off our *Summers Are Strange* series of movie screenings with 2008's *Pontypool*. Bruce McDonald's sly and darkly humorous adaptation of a novel by Tony Burgess is anything but your typical zombie flick. Starring Stephen McHattie as an AM radio shock jock whose routine morning program is derailed as reports from the snowbound Ontario town outside the station detail an

increasing wave of sickness and violence. This may sound familiar to the seasoned horror fan, but where *Pontypool* shines is how it subverts expectations as we learn alongside our protagonist that this infectious outbreak is contracted through language itself. If you have a *The Last of Us*-shaped hole where your heart should be, then *Pontypool* is here to help ease the pain as you wait impatiently for season 2.



■ **July 9:** If you think that sounds wild, wait until July 9, when we show *Hardware*, a cyberpunk slasher with the scariest killer robot you'll hope to never meet. Set in the post-apocalyptic ruins of a city, Richard Stanley's debut film is a wildly imaginative blend of horror and science fiction, realized with stunning practical effects, propelled by a killer post-punk/industrial soundtrack, and peopled by the likes of Iggy Pop and Motörhead's Lemmy. If a scary movie could be a 4th of July fireworks show, then *Hardware* is that movie!

All of these events are FREE and include snacks, beverages, music, prizes, and free spooky short stories. Follow *Under the Mountain* on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter for the latest news on exclusive horror author visits, chilling movie screenings, and other thrilling spooky happenings.



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Chamber Happenings



Easter Egg Roll

A little rain didn't keep the bunny away! With thousands of eggs and the help of the O'Neal Library, the annual Easter Egg Roll was moved indoors on April 8th, where families enjoyed the hunt, photos with the bunny, and a special story time from the library.



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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 **Tara Davis, Rhonda Hennessy, Hallett Johnson, Andy Robison** and **Justin Weintraub**.

This year, **Kristin Ritter** will serve as Board President. **Bennett White** will serve as President-Elect with **Morgan Cook** as Development Chair, **Hunter Craig** as Investment Chair, **Britt Redden** as Programs and Needs Chair and **Lee Alice Estes** as Treasurer for the Foundation.



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