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Mayor's Message

Birmingham, Alabama recently drew the dubious distinction of being the mail fraud capital of America, and our city has seen its share of identity theft. You may have seen the stories and videos of criminals robbing mail carriers to steal their master key for opening U.S. mailboxes. Once in the box, they take customers checks and bills to either sell the information online on the dark web or use the information to directly hack customers' bank accounts and credit cards. I asked Deputy Chief of Police, Jason Carmack, to suggest some tips for preventing this type of fraud and his response was so well-written, I'm having him guest-author this month's Mayor's Minute. Here's what Deputy Chief Carmack had to say:

Tips Regarding Fraudulent Checks and Account Activity

Each of these tips builds upon the others. No one will ever be completely risk free from being victimized. However, the more you follow tips such as these, the more you'll decrease the chances of becoming a victim.

- Treat your account numbers and routing numbers like your credit card and social security numbers. Protect and safeguard them. Criminals need your account and routing numbers, but they don't necessarily need your checks. It's extremely easy to fabricate checks as long as someone has your account and routing information.
- When you do write checks, do so with a gel pen. Ink from a gel pen seeps into the fibers of the check making it harder to alter signatures, amounts and "payable to information." Ink from ballpoint pens can be "washed" off the checks easily.
- Don't mail checks from your mailbox. Don't mail checks from the big blue exterior Post Office mailboxes either. If you mail checks, take them into the Post Office and place them in the drop box or consider mailing them as certified mail.
- Mobile banking and deposits have created an unprecedented level of convenience for customers. They've also created an unprecedented level of convenience and

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Citizen



Results

The City received the results of its latest citizen survey on satisfaction with municipal services. The City conducts these surveys every three years with the assistance of the ETC Institute.

The results were again outstanding and the highest in the nation of communities surveyed by the ETC Institute. Some of the major findings in the survey included:

- 100% of citizens surveyed rated Mountain Brook as an excellent place to live.
- 99% rated the City as an excellent place to raise children.
- 99% are satisfied with the overall quality of life in the City.
- Mountain Brook scored 84% satisfaction with City leadership compared to an average of 38% in the Southeast and 39% Nationally.
- Satisfaction with City Services is 46% higher in Mountain Brook than the national average.
- Mountain Brook rated higher than the U. S. average in all 43 areas contained on the survey.
- Mountain Brook scored significantly higher than the U. S. average in 42 of the 43 areas.
- Communication from the City to citizens were rated 52% above the U. S. average.
- Value received for City tax dollars paid rated 49% above the U. S. average.
- Mountain Brook rated more than 30% above the national average in satisfaction with Public Safety.

- In areas of maintenance of roads, parks and city facilities, the City rated significantly above the national average in 7 out of 8 areas.
- The City government rated more than 25% above the national average in all 4 areas of communications to citizens.
- The City rated more than 25% above the national average in trash and garbage service.
- The satisfaction ratings in 2023 are very similar to the previous three surveys.
- Satisfaction with customer service provided by City employees increased in all 5 areas since the last survey.

Notable increases in the 2023 survey compared to the last survey included:

- Quality of City's social media
- City employees were courteous and polite
- City employees were easy to contact
- City employees resolved resident's issues to their satisfaction
- Quality of the City's webpage
- Top priorities that citizens wanted the city to concentrate on were the flow of traffic and congestion management and maintenance of city streets and facilities.

Our City leadership and employees are very grateful for the confidence our citizens have placed in us. The entire survey results can be viewed on the City's website at www.mtnbrook.org.

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opportunity for criminals. Criminals deposit fraudulent checks into their accounts using victims' stolen account and routing numbers. They quickly withdraw these funds before anyone has time to realize the check was bad. Criminals use online banking, because there's no face to face interaction with bank employees. It lessens the chances of being caught trying to pass a fraudulent check. The fraudulent and altered checks criminals deposit online don't even have to look authentic. By the time the crime is discovered, it's too late. This is another reason it's so important to safeguard account and routing numbers.

- If possible, avoid writing checks altogether and pay bills online. Paying bills online can be very secure if you adhere to a few simple rules. Go directly to your service provider's website as opposed to clicking on links to get there. Make sure the website is secure by looking for the padlock on the browser screen. The bill pay website should ask for login and password to access your accounts.
- Treat your checkbooks like cash. Lock them up.
- If you still receive bank statements in the mail, consider going paperless and having them delivered electronically instead. Bank statements may contain information that could compromise your accounts in the event of mail theft.
- Check your account balances online daily. Sign up with your bank to receive alerts when suspicious activity is detected. Both will increase your chances of detecting fraudulent activity quickly.

If you become a victim of this or any crime, call the police immediately. If you have questions, don't hesitate to call us. We're happy to answer any questions you may have to Deputy Chief Carmack's remarks. I would add: where possible, put 'alerts' on all your credit cards so that you get a text as soon as a charge is made.

Thank you, Deputy Chief Carmack, for all you and your colleagues do for the residents of Mountain Brook.



Bee City Affiliation off to a Buzzing Bee-ginning!

Since the City's acceptance into the Bee City National Affiliate Program in February 2023, pollinator/native plant advocacy is off to a buzzing start! The City unveiled its new Native Plant Pollinator Garden at Citizen Appreciation Day in April. Visitors were able to peruse the new garden and learn about the beauty and importance of native plants. Also showcased was the new bee hotel, constructed in the shape of a miniature City Hall! This bee hotel is intended to attract native solitary bees, providing nesting cavities and shelter, as well as close proximity to pollen and nectar sources in the Native Plant Pollinator Garden.

As public awareness was raised about the Bee City program, the City was approached by two Eagle Scouts and a Girl Scout Troop to learn more about pollinators and native plants, and to put that knowledge to use in scout projects! With guidance from the City Planning/Sustainability and Parks/Recreation Departments, the Eagle Scouts are constructing two separate bee hotels and pollinator gardens in the City, in order to promote pollinator habitat; and the Girl Scout troop is working on the construction and installation of a bee hotel on the south side of Overton Park, in

order to lure carpenter bees (which are strong pollinators) away from the wooden pavillon and picnic tables, and to give them some "designated" cavities in which to lay their eggs!

In early June a monarch butterfly was in attendance on the swamp milkweed (native plant) in the Native Plant Pollinator Garden at City Hall, and she deposited many eggs along its silky leaves. The transformation of those eggs into Monarch Caterpillars garnered much attention in the following weeks, and 20 caterpillars took up residence on the milkweed! In the end all of the caterpillars crawled away to form their individual chrysalises, as caterpillars should! This experience fulfilled the City's participation in the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors Monarch Pledge, and it also prompted the City to be accepted as a certified Monarch Waystation, by Monarch Watch.

On June 23 the City hosted its first Native Plant Giveaway as a celebration of National Pollinator Week (June 19-25). Eighty perennial native plants were given away by the city. The native plants were propagated by a local grower who does not treat with insecticides (a must for pollinator safety and survival!) On

hand were plenty of informative guides on why native plants are important, and how to acquire and grow native plants for pollinators, as well as plenty Free-Bees swag! Even though the 80 plants were gone in the first hour, City staff manned the event for 4 hours, engaging in meaningful and informative conversations about native plants, pollinators, and our local Alabama ecology!

Want to get involved? Go to Mtnbrook.org/Mbee to learn more about native plants and pollination, to take the Pollinator Pledge, to get your property on "The Map" (Homegrown National Park), and to engage youth in an X-Kids activity book and X-Kids Club (Xerces Society).

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.*



City Budget Update

The City's fiscal year runs from October 1 to September 30. In 2022, the City realized a 1.4% increase in real estate taxes (much lower than historical norms). Sales taxes on the other hand increased by 11% in 2022 (much higher than usual). Collectively, real estate and sales taxes account for about 65% of the General Fund revenues. For the year ending September 30, 2022, the City achieved a General Fund surplus of \$1.1 million (compared to a budgeted surplus of \$209,000) and reported a General Fund balance of more than six months of operating expenses.

2023 is shaping up to be a good year financially with real estate taxes projected to increase by 13%. After the strong gains in sales tax collections in 2022, the City anticipated a decrease for 2023. It is projected that sales tax revenue will decrease between 3 and 5% (due largely to the closure

of Macy's). Total revenues for 2023 are projected to be \$49.5 million (more than 5% over the amount budgeted)

The 2024 budget development began on June 9 with a City Council work session. Departmental budgets were submitted to the Finance Director in mid-June. The City Manager conducted the first review of the budgets with department supervisors during July. The Finance Committee will review the second draft of the budget on August 8. The City Council will also review the budget and Finance Committee recommendations on August 24. The public hearing to consider the ordinance adopting the 2024 budget is tentatively scheduled for September 25. For more information, please visit the City's website (www.mtnbrook.org).



Annual Recycling Day 2023

The City of Mountain Brook held its 3rd Annual Recycling Day featuring secure paper document destruction and electronic waste removal. The event took place on April 22nd at Mountain Brook High School from 1 to 4pm. There was a great turnout with over 18,000 pounds of paper and 13,000 pounds of electronics taken to be shredded and recycled. The city has processed over 104,000 pounds of paper and electronics in the first 3 years of offering this service. This event has been a huge success with Mountain Brook citizens who continue to prove their commitment to recycling and sustainable practices.

Citizen Appreciation Day

On April 29th, 2023, Mountain Brook hosted its 3rd annual Citizen Appreciation Day event. The event, which was free to the public, was a fun and engaging opportunity for Mountain Brook residents to learn about the city and all of the services that are provided. This year was the best turnout to date! Thank you to everyone for coming and enjoying this day with us. We hope you enjoyed learning about your city and will visit us again.



Recent City Council Actions

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

- Ordinance No. 2140 – Provided for a stop sign on Lewis Circle at its intersection with Weatherston Drive.
- Ordinance No. 2141 – Declared the real estate property at Crestline Field, owned by the City of Mountain Brook, as surplus.
- Ordinance No. 2142 - Amended Chapter 109 of the City Code concerning the application for permits.
- Ordinance No. 2143 - Rezoned property from Residence B district to Planned Unit Development (PUD) district at 2305 Montevallo Road.
- Ordinance No. 2144 - Amended Chapter 50 of the City Code Section 50-113 Parking of oversized vehicles "Compact Car."

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

- Proclaimed April, 2023 as Fair Housing Month.
- Proclaimed April, 2023 as Autism Awareness Month.
- Executed the Inter-Jurisdictional Automatic Aid agreement with Vestavia Hills Fire Department for Structured Fires.
- Authorized an agreement with Schoel Engineering for services associated with the submittal of a Letter of Map Revision to FEMA to revise the Flood Insurance Study and Flood Insurance Rate maps to reflect the new conditions along Watkins Brook.
- Proclaimed April 30 through May 6, 2023 as Small Business Week.
- Executed an Employee Assistance Program Service Agreement with Employee Assistance Services (EAS).
- Authorized change order No. 1 for the Junior High drainage project.
- Replaced the sign, removed the rumble strips, and installed a new directional light with vehicle detection on Overton Road at North Woodridge Road.
- Proclaimed May 1, 2023 as Law Day.
- Approved the proposal submitted by Lexipol for

creating, revising, and maintenance of the Police Department's policies.

- Accepted the professional services agreement with Skipper Consulting Inc. to prepare a traffic control device design for a flashing light warning beacon system for Overton Road near the intersection of North Woodridge Road.
- Proclaimed May 14 – 23, 2023 as Police Week and May 15, 2023 at National Peace Officer's Memorial Day.
- Supported the Red Mountain Cut Foundation and the Jefferson County Commission's TAP proposal for 21st Avenue South.
- Ratified the authorization and service contract with Servpro for restoration services at O'Neal Library.
- Expressed gratitude to David Price for his service on the Parks and Recreation Board.
- Authorized an agreement with Schoel Engineering for the design and preparation of construction documents for the Mountain Lane and Montevallo Lane area drainage improvement project.
- Swapped the Crestline Field property, owned by the City of Mountain Brook, with the Tot Lot property, owned by the Mountain Brook Board of Education.
- Awarded the bid for the Jemison Trail project to CS Beatty Construction.
- Authorized a cost sharing agreement with the Friends of Jemison Park for the Jemison Trail project.
- Accepted the proposal submitted by Stone and Sons Electrical for the installation of a flashing beacon and sign on Overton Road near North Woodridge Road.
- Executed an agreement with Net Connection for the installation of 2 (two) batting cages and frames located at Cherokee Bend Elementary.
- Approved the conditional use application for CB&S Bank located at 7 Office Park Circle.
- Proclaimed May as Lupus Awareness Month.
- Proclaimed June 19 – 25, 2023 as National Pollinator Week.

- Awarded the bid to Gillespie Construction for the Brookwood Road sidewalk project.
- Awarded the bid to Video Industrial Services Inc. for the Canterbury United Methodist Church drainage improvement project.
- Recommended to the State of Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board the issuance of a Restaurant Retail Liquor license to Condado Tacos.
- Executed change order No. 2 with respect to the Junior High drainage project.
- Executed the right-of-way acquisition closing for to the Old Brook Trail bridge project.
- Recognized the School Resource Officers for being awarded the Best SRO Team in Alabama for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Accepted the additional services proposal with Gresham Smith for the bridge replacement on Old Brook Trail bridge project.
- Authorized the installation of one (1) standard open bottom street light in the vicinity of 32-33 Country Club Boulevard.
- Authorized the last two (2) parking spaces on the northern side of Montevallo Road leaving the city limits of Mountain Brook at Hollywood Boulevard as "Compact Car".
- Ratified change order No. 1 for the Cherry Street, Euclid Avenue, Lorena Lane and Fairmont Drive drainage improvement project.
- Authorized the creation of one (1) Police Officer position for the Police Department to be assigned as a School Resource Officer (SRO) for the Mountain Brook Board of Education.
- Executed a social media and communications contract with Cotton State Media LLC (DBA Focus Creative Birmingham).
- Authorized the purchase of one (1) TruNarc Analyzer and two (2) cameras with accessories to be used by the Police Department.
- Authorized a license agreement between the city and Canterbury United Methodist Church (CUMC) for a drainage improvement project.
- Offered to eligible City employees continuing health insurance benefits (Retirement Window for City employees).



Rotary International Peace Conference

On May 6th, 2023, Mountain Brook Judge K.C. Hairston joined leaders from around the world at the Rotary International Peace Conference to focus on bringing peace internationally and to our local communities. At the conference, Judge Hairston shared how municipal courts play an important role as peace keepers for the local communities. Judge Hairston discussed some of the unique tools available to the Mountain Brook Municipal Court that allow him to be a Justice of the Peace. According to Judge Hairston, we are blessed to have these types of municipal courts in the United States, because such courts are not always available in other parts of the world.

Rotary International District 6860 (North and Central Alabama), in partnership with The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, and the Institute for Human Rights at the University of Alabama Birmingham, presented the 2023 International Peace Conference at the Birmingham Jefferson Convention Center. The event brought together Rotarians and non-Rotarians and distinguished leaders in academia, government, public safety, religion, business, and community service to share ideas and propose solutions to some of society's most complex challenges. Programs and approaches that are already making a positive impact were highlighted.



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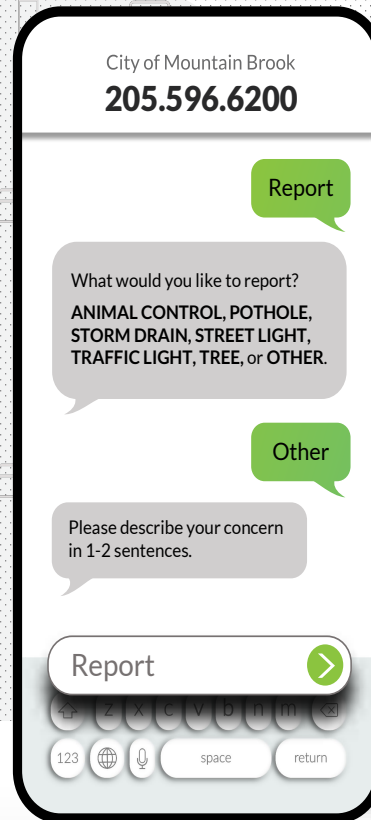


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Door to Door Solicitation

Ordinance No. 1930, Chapter 26, Section 26-290 requires that all transient/itinerant dealers, vendors, and/or other salespeople who make door to door calls, or those who may set up in a temporary location, to first obtain a business license to do so.

This includes individuals, firms, corporations, companies, associations, partnerships, agencies, or representatives of a business who attempt to sell, solicit orders for sale of goods, services, or merchandise.

It also includes the distribution of handbills, newspapers, or other forms of advertising.

The only exception to this ordinance is for those that are engaged in activities associated with or supporting religious, charitable, governmental, educational, or political organizations or causes.

The Mountain Brook Police Department must be notified prior to sending out any door to door solicitors. Permission to allow a background and criminal check to be performed is required.

The requirements for a solicitation license are:

The applicant must have a written invitation from each individual resident that they intend to visit prior to a license being issued. This letter must be mailed from the resident directly to the City and include the resident's name, address, and phone number. All residents will be contacted to verify the invitation.

Applications must be completed ten (10) days prior to business commencing in Mountain Brook.

A valid photo identification for all salespersons/solicitors must be provided.

A bond in the amount of not less than \$100 and no more than \$1,000 must be posted.

Applicants must comply with all City Ordinances and State laws.

The hours of door to door operation are limited to 9:00 am through 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.





Board of Zoning Adjustment

Mountain Brook's Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) consists of 7 board members who all work to uphold the city's zoning laws and ordinances and ensure these laws are being applied fairly among Mountain Brook citizens. When the city's Zoning Regulations go against a resident's wants and needs, the BZA serves as an independent, voting body that hears the resident's case and decides whether the resident is entitled to an exception. These exceptions may include variances, or deviations from the city's zoning regulations, or the re-zoning of a property. The board makes all its decisions based off data and research, the city's ordinances and zoning laws, the resident's presented claims and hardships, and, of course, what is best for the Mountain Brook community. The BZA ultimately works to ensure that Mountain Brook stays beautiful, and residents and businesses live amongst each other in harmony.

The Chairman of the BZA is Norman Orr and the Co-Chairman is Richard Simonton. Scott Boomhaver, Noel Dowling, Russ Doyle, Rhett Loveman, and Oliver Williams comprise the rest of the board.

City Council President Virginia Smith serves as the council liaison for the board. Planning, Building, and Sustainability Director Dana Hazen, Building Official Glen Merchant, Senior Planner Tyler Slaten, and Administrative Analyst Tammy Reid serve as staff liaisons for the board. The council and staff liaisons provide clarifications on ordinances and zoning laws, relevant data and research, and geographic visualizations to the board for them to come to informed and fair decisions.

The BZA meets on the third Monday of each month at 5:00pm in the Council Chamber in City Hall. If you would like to attend a BZA meeting or need to apply for a variance, you can complete an application on the BZA's page of Mountain Brook's website or contact Mountain Brook's Senior Planner, Tyler Slaten at (205) 802-3811. Upcoming meeting dates include August 21st, September 18th, and October 16th. For more upcoming dates and variance application deadlines, see the BZA's page on Mountain Brook's website: <https://www.mtnbrook.org/bc-bza>.

Quarterly Crime Statistics

	1st Quarter 2023	2nd Quarter 2023
Robbery	1	2
Robbery (aggravated shoplifting)	0	0
Burglary/Residence	6	2
Burglary/Business	5	1
Theft	63	61
Theft from Vehicle (UBEV)	19	19
Auto Theft	3	1
Assaults (Other)	3	5
Identity Theft	15	14
Criminal Mischief	17	9
Drugs	34	60
Family Violence	6	4
Accidents	244	242
• With Injuries	12	14
• With Fatalities	0	0
Calls For Service	6337	7337
House Watches	339	523

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.

Street Light Out?

Alabama Power Company maintains nearly 400 street lights on the streets and alleys of our City. However, they do not regularly check for street lights that are not working. If you see a street light that is out, please report it to the City Manager's office at 802-3800 or gastons@mtnbrook.org so the City can coordinate its repair with Alabama Power Company.





Mountain Brook SRO team awarded top SRO team in Alabama by TAASRO

Mountain Brook School Resource Officers Named Best SRO Team in Alabama

Six Mountain Brook School Resource Officers (SRO) were recognized by The Alabama Association of School Resource Officers (TAASRO) as the best SRO team in the state of Alabama for the 2022-2023 school year. TAASRO recognized these officers at their 24th annual conference in Orange Beach, Alabama, for their outstanding service in keeping children, faculty, and staff safe at school.

“Our incredible School Resource Officers dedicate themselves to not only protecting our schools each and every day, but also establishing meaningful relationships with our students, faculty, staff, and families.” stated Mayor Stewart Welch.

In 2018, Superintendent Dr. Dicky Barlow and the school’s Board of Education collaborated with the City of Mountain Brook to ensure there is a SRO is stationed at each campus. The Mountain Brook SROs have a combined 100 years of police service and are specially trained to work in school settings.

Pictured left to right: Officer Tommy Tanner, Officer Lance Ziska, Corporal Glen White, Officer Richard Knecht, Officer Ro Burrow, and Officer Daphne Horton

SNAP Program for First Responders

The Mountain Brook Police Department has a new initiative. The Special Needs Alert Program (SNAP) is designed to provide First Responders with important information when responding to calls that involve individuals who may have a memory disorder, hearing impairment, autism, behavioral disorder or any other characteristic that responding personnel may need to be aware.

Participation in SNAP is completely voluntary and confidential. Family members who determine if their loved one would benefit from participating can fill out the application and attach a current photograph of the registrant. All relevant information will be collected and attached to the person’s address in the computer system. When a call for service is placed to the address, an alert will be given to responding personnel notifying them that a person with special needs may be involved in the call. Information will also be provided pertaining to the person and any special instructions on how to interact with that person. There is no fee for this program.

We hope this program will better help in our responses and improve our interactions with those who may require individualized considerations. The application form can be found on our website under Parent Resources tab and on the Mountain Brook Police App.



Scan the QR code above to access the SNAP app.



ALL RISE....

Jack Bankston is our Senior Revenue Examiner for the City of Mountain Brook. One court session he was talking with our Judge, Judge K.C. Hairston. Judge Hairston was appointed in 2016 and in 2022 became the presiding Judge for Mountain Brook. Jack

mentioned to the Judge that he always wanted to give the "All Rise" command in court. Judge Hairston let him do just that. Our Judge was so impressed with Jack, that now he requests Jack to give the "All Rise" command each and every court session!



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	1st Tues.	5:15 p.m.	City Hall
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	3rd Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	City Hall

Building Permit Activity

Permit Type:	1st Quarter - 2023		2nd Quarter - 2023	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	3	\$ 4,110,000	15	\$ 12,857,625
Alterations/Additions	76	\$ 20,213,860	87	\$ 18,075,151
Repairs/Other	184	\$ 6,836,435	215	\$ 32,498,218
Totals:	263	\$ 31,160,295	317	\$ 63,430,994
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COMPARISON OF PREVIOUS YEAR				
Permit Type:	1st Quarter - 2022		2nd Quarter - 2022	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	15	\$ 12,985,134	8	\$ 11,360,827
Alterations/Additions	95	\$ 20,729,621	111	\$ 18,977,932
Repairs/Other	193	\$ 13,658,671	190	\$ 6,500,906
Totals:	303	\$ 47,373,426	309	\$ 36,839,66

New Businesses

BANKING, PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER SERVICES

- CB&S Bank Inc., (dba\ CB&S Bank), 7 Office Park Circle, 256/332-1710
- Grovont Management LLC, 2817 Montevallo Road, 205/719-5840
- MBV II LLC, 2701 Cahaba Road, 205/226-8636
- Catori Furnishings, 3549 Springhill Road, 205/567-2247
- CBM Design Inc., 2106 Cahaba Road, 205/835-5980
- Cecil Ingram Properties LLC, 3744 North Woodridge Road, 205/596-7000
- Clark Law Firm PC, 300 Office Park Drive, 205/506-0075
- Innerworth Christian Counseling LLC, (dba\ Innerworth Counseling), 2 Office Park Circle, 251/279-0254
- Everley Law LLC, 300 Office Park Drive, 205/947-0040
- Hilarie Rhea Counseling & Wellness LLC, 30 Office Park Circle, 662/323-1468
- Mae Davis Interiors LLC, 66-D Church Street, 205/914-6511
- Over the Mountain PT LLC, 8 Montevallo Terrace, 706/338-8789
- Peacock & Hodnett Counseling LLC, 200 Office Park Drive, 205/827-5505

- Soprani Julia, 2309 Christopher Knoll, 407/227-4984
- Focus 1001 LLC, (dba\ FocusMD Birmingham), 300 Office Park Drive, Suite 303, 205/769-0649
- Laura Wagstaff LLC, 4 Office Park Circle, 205/913-3780
- Perfect Circle Counseling LLC, 4 Office Park Circle, 205/632-458
- Yoakim, Richard, (dba\ Richard Yoakim Counseling), 6 Office Park Circle, 205/933-9276
- Max Well Home Services, (dba\ Home RN), 127 Oak Street, 205/354-7115
- Girls on the Run Birmingham, 500 Office Park Drive, 202/431-6196

RETAIL AND RESTAURANT

- Condado Tacos 51 LLC, 2800 Cahaba Village Plaza, Suite 130, 614/947-1171
- They Begin Inc., (dba\ Click and Love), 6 Office Park Circle Suite 111, 205/410-6806
- Party Favor Vintage LLC, 2817 Overton Road, 205/317-5826
- R & R Wine & Liquor B LLC, 81 Church Street, 205/848-2080
- Lily Shaw LLC, 2824 Canoe Brook Circle, 205-482-5005

Board Appointments/ Reappointments:

- Reappointed Jeffrey Brewer to the Mountain Brook Board of Education with the term of office to end May 31, 2028.
- Reappointed Brooks Sanders to the Board of Landscape Design with the term of office to end June 26, 2026.
- Reappointed David Lyles to the Board of Landscape Design with the term of office to end June 26, 2026.
- Reappointed Andrew Hicks to the Board of Landscape Design with the term of office to end June 26, 2026.

PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

■ Youth Athletic Programs

Fall Sports season is about to get started. You may have time to still register for some sports, but act quickly!

Mountain Brook Athletics (MBA)

www.mbatletics.org

The deadline for fall sports is August 10! Fall sports include cheerleading, baseball, tackle football, flag football and volleyball.

Registration for basketball and wrestling will begin in September.

Mountain Brook Lacrosse

www.gbyla.org

email:
mountainbrooklacrosse@gmail.com

Lacrosse had another great year. Both the highschool boys and girls teams were in the championship games. The girls won for the third year in a row! Look for spring registration to open closer to November.

Mountain Brook Soccer Club

www.birminghamunited.com

email: rec@birminghamunited.com

Registration for fall season will be open until August 12, 2023.

■ Jemison Park

The Jemison Trail is still closed as we transform the old concrete trail to a new asphalt trail with better views of the park and Shades Creek. The park is changing quickly so please visit the City's website www.mtnbrook.org for more current updates as work progresses on the new trail.

■ Pickleball!

Have you tried pickleball, the fastest growing sport in the country, which is a cross between tennis and ping pong? The paddles are shaped like ping pong paddles but bigger and the balls are almost like wiffle balls. The courts are much smaller than tennis courts which require less

running. It is a great sport for all ages and physical abilities. It is a very social sport and the craze has landed in Mountain Brook!

There are 4 dedicated pickleball courts at Crestline Elementary that are open to the public to use outside of school hours. The courts will be open after school to 9pm Monday-Friday. On the weekends and other days that the school is closed, they will be open 7am-9pm.

There are lights on the courts that can be turned on by pressing the button on a controller located between the courts and restroom. The lights will turn off automatically and can be turned on again up until 9pm when they will no longer work.

The courts are first-come first-served. We ask that players limit play to 1 hour if others are waiting. There are paddle holders that can be used to keep track of who is next in line to play. We are researching an online reservation system that can be used for all our pickleball and tennis courts.

Please help us care for the courts by not sitting or climbing on the nets or damaging the playing surface with skateboards or other activities not suited for its intended purpose. If you see anything that needs attention, you may call the Parks and Recreation Department at 802-3877.

We would like to thank Rep. David Faulkner for presenting this idea and donating \$50,000 from the county's community improvement fund to make this available for everyone. We are working with Rep. Faulkner to place more dedicated courts around Mountain Brook. We also have pickleball lines painted on the 2 tennis courts at Overton Park, but they close at dusk.

Irondale Furnace Trail - Cherokee Rose Garden Club

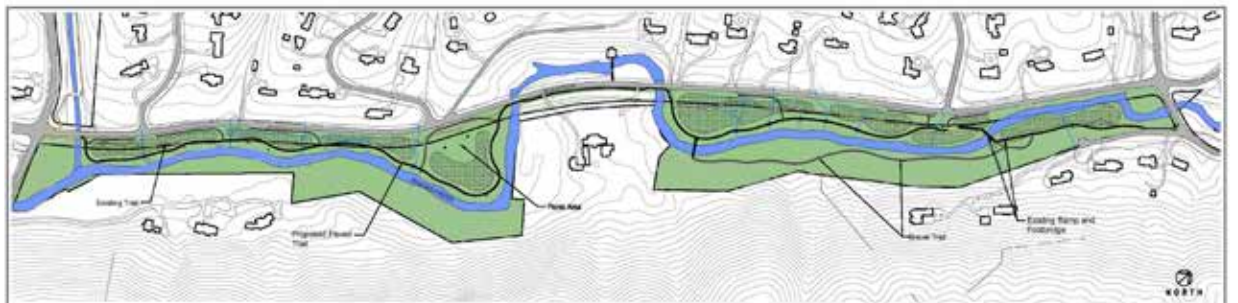


Cherokee Rose Garden Club members have been supportive of the Irondale Furnace Trail since the (then) Federated club was formed 54 years ago. At that time the club was instrumental in establishing the Irondale Furnace Trail listed as an Alabama Historic Site.

With the help of the City, the club continues to encourage efforts of keeping at bay invasive species to allow native flora to abound. A few of the outstanding ones are Hearts-A-Bustin, Bottlebush Buckeye, Black-Eyed Susan, Mayapple, Florida Flame Azalea, Phlox, Varieties of Trillium and Ferns, Smooth False Foxglove (*Aureolaria Flava*) and Mountain Laurel.

In the last decade this club has donated three Winter King Hawthorne trees, two benches, picnic table and many plants. Other clubs, groups and Boy Scout Troops have also donated countless hours to conserve and beautify this unique and beautiful trail.

Jemison Park Renovations



On June 27, Mountain Brook broke ground on the city's \$3.3 million renovation project for Jemison Park. The project includes a new 9' wide asphalt trail to replace the existing narrow concrete trail, improvement to the picnic area, and additional parking. The park will remain closed during the renovation and is expected to reopen in January 2024. C.S. Beatty Construction is the General Contractor and the renovations were designed by Nimrod Long and Associates, Inc.

The renovation project is the culmination of a park master plan commissioned by the non-profit Friends of Jemison Park in 2018. The master plan noted problems with the location and size of the existing trail – the current trail lies in lower areas of the park which is subject to frequent flooding. The trail width is also no longer adequate for the volume of daily users. The new trail will be wider



and located on higher ground and closer to Shades Creek. Areas where the old trail is removed will be planted in native species endemic to the park.

Improvements to the picnic area will include a new stone terrace for picnicking and additional native and pollinator plantings.

Many of the existing parking areas along Mountain Brook Parkway will be expanded. For the first time, the

renovations will add sidewalks along the parking areas with pathways connecting parking to the new trail location.

The project is jointly funded by the City of Mountain Brook and the Friends of Jemison Park. The generous contributions of many citizens, corporations and organizations to the fund-raising effort led by the Friends of Jemison Park is greatly appreciated!



Crepe Myrtle Bark Scale

The crepe myrtle bark scale (CMBS) is a pest recently introduced to the Southeastern US and, unfortunately, to Central Alabama.

CMBS infestations appear as white or gray, waxy fixtures on stems, large twigs, and trunks. They tend to gather in branch crotches, but will attach to trunks, branches and twigs all the same. The primary significance of this pest relates to aesthetics and maintenance (cleaning). The good news is that it's not known to cause decline or mortality. These bark scales produce large amounts of honeydew, the sugary waste the scale produces as it feeds on the plant. As a result, the leaves, branches, and trunk become covered with black sooty mold, which grows on the honeydew.

Each scale, which more closely resembles a mealybug, houses and protects up to a couple hundred eggs, which hatch during the spring as "crawlers". There can also be a second peak in crawler activity in late summer.

The most effective treatments still take some time to work. So depending on the severity and specific impact in a given circumstance, it may be necessary (to the extent possible) to physically wash/scrub all affected areas with soapy water and a soft nylon brush, to remove both the scales and the buildup of sooty mold.

The most effective chemical control is a soil drench in the early spring with a systemic insecticide (one that is taken up through the plant) This will typically provide protection

for the entire growing season at least a year. Products include Xylam, Safari, and Merit. You can ask your local hardware store or nursery for more information on these products.

Contact insecticides for crawlers are best applied in the late April and May, then again in late summer when immatures appear. As the mode of action indicates, these products come into contact with the unprotected crawler stage of the insect; so timing the application to coincide with crawler activity is essential. Keep in mind that control via residual contact depends on the product remaining in place, so pay attention to rainfall in particular.

Aside from following all label instructions,

do not spray if it is windy, or at/above 90 degrees, as chemicals can volatilize and drift. Minor pruning will reduce some height and remove flowers present to lessen the impact of the insecticide on pollinators. This will also allow for better spray coverage. Monitor the insect and repeat as needed based on crawler activity, rainfall, and other factors.



Cahaba Road/Culver Road/Lane Park Road Roundabouts

The City of Mountain Brook and City of Birmingham have teamed together to install two roundabouts. A large roundabout will be installed at the Cahaba Road/Highway 280 ramps/Lane Park Road intersection and a mini roundabout at the Cahaba Road/Culver Road intersection. The design plans are approximately 90% complete, and the cities have been acquiring the right of way and easements needed for the project.

Jefferson County Environmental Services has a project planned to replace the sanitary sewer through this intersection. Since this sanitary sewer needs to be replaced prior to the construction of the roundabouts, the schedule for this project has become dependent on the sanitary sewer project.

Currently, the County's project is scheduled for construction in fall 2023. Therefore, the roundabouts are estimated to start construction early 2024.

Montclair Road

The City of Mountain Brook has received a federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP grant) funding for sidewalks along Montclair Road. The proposed sidewalk will be located on the south side of Montclair Road from Old Country Club Road to Mountain Brook Park Drive. Additionally, on the north of Montclair Road, the proposed sidewalk will extend from the Courtyards of Mountain Brook neighborhood to Memory Lane. Design of these improvements is underway.

Compost is Still Available

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

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

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

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



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.





LAST YEAR HIGHLIGHTS & MESSAGE FOR THIS YEAR

Message from Mountain Brook Schools:

As a district, we have spent the summer growing through professional development, attending conferences all over the country, as well as right here in Mountain Brook. Our teachers spent over 10,000 combined hours over the last two months in professional development. This is in large part due to your contributions as a community to the Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation.

We are thrilled to have your children back in our school buildings this month and look forward to another great year. Last year, we had a tremendous year as a district in all areas. We were once again ranked among the top public school systems in the state. Our four elementary schools were recognized in the spring for being among the top individual schools in the entire state and our School Resource Officer team was named the "Top SRO Team in Alabama." Additionally, our athletic department was ranked as the number five athletic department nationwide last school year and we tied a record,

winning seven varsity state championships. We had multiple students compete against international robotics competition on the world stage and some even placed in the top five. Our fine arts department shared its standard of excellence to a global audience overseas in Italy over winter break. It is an honor to see our students and teachers have tremendous success in and out of the classroom on an annual basis. This year, we're excited to continue our focus on our purpose of engaging each student deeply.

We encourage you to learn more about our school partners in the community who help us operate at a high level. Learn more about the Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation, the PTO, All In Mountain Brook and the Spartan Athletic Foundation by searching their name and reading more on their websites.

- Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation: www.mbgives.org



- All In Mountain Brook: allinmountainbrook.org
- Spartan Athletic Foundation: <https://spartanathleticfndn.leanstreamrp.com/>

Thank you for your support of our schools and for allowing us the privilege of teaching your children. See you very soon!

Crestline Facilities Updates:

■ New gym and pickleball courts

The City of Mountain Brook and Mountain Brook Schools partnered to build a new gym located on the campus of Crestline Elementary that features four pickleball courts and four outdoor basketball goals. Listed below are a few friendly reminders when visiting the facility:

■ Pickleball courts / basketball goals:

- Closed for public use during school hours 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Currently operate on a first come, first serve basis

- DO NOT sit on the nets
- DO NOT hang on the rims
- Lights automatically are programmed to turn on at dusk and shut off at 9:00 p.m.
- Light switch on the pole across from the water fountain will activate lights (if off) between dusk and 9:00 p.m.

■ Gym:

- Closed for public use during school hours 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Reservation of gym space must be made through arrangements with school administrators



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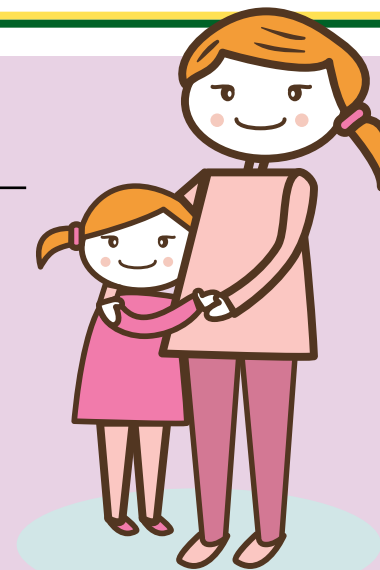


According to the Alabama Administrative Code r.290-080-090-.10(2)(g), an education agency must retain a copy of education records for five (5) years after the termination of the special education program for which they were used. At the end of the five (5) year retention period, the education agency shall provide written notice to parents to inform them that the special education records are no longer needed and will be destroyed. This serves as notice that special education records for students who have not attended Mountain Brook Schools since May 2018 will be destroyed after October 1, 2023 unless the parents notify the Director of Special Education at the following address prior to that date to arrange a time to receive the records:

Dr. Missy Brooks
 Director of Special Education Services
 Mountain Brook Schools
 32 Vine Street
 Mountain Brook, AL 35213
 205-414-3836

Child Find Notice

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



Career Tech Course Offerings



Mountain Brook High School offers several Career and Technical courses in the areas business administration, finance and marketing. The courses include: Accounting, Business Software Applications I and II, Career Focus, Digital Design, INCubatoredu/Entrepreneurship, Foundations of Business Leadership, Introduction to Law and the American Legal System, Leadership Mountain Brook, Personal Finance, Work-based Learning and Workforce Essentials.

Mountain Brook Junior High offers Project Lead the Way courses as semester and year-long electives for seventh and

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



Gifted Child Find Notice

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

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

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

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

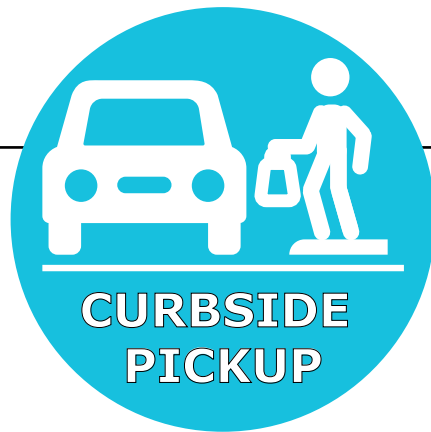
O'Neal Library News

Goodbye, Overton! Hello, Curbside at Crestline!

The temporary location at Overton Road was a smashing success, thanks to the Library's committed, enthusiastic patrons; the City's willingness to work creatively across departments; and the lessons learned during COVID on how to pivot on short notice. O'Neal Librarians offered programming, book recommendations, summer reading incentives, technology help, play space, book clubs, and plenty more. An abridged version of the book and audio/visual collection was available for adults, teens, and children to browse and check out. In short, the Library carried on as a community hub almost without interruption.

As July comes to a close, it is time to hand the building back to the Mountain Brook Fire Department for training exercises. Our last day of operation at Overton was Thursday, July 27.

Due to ongoing repair work at the Library building, the summer reading carnival, which was originally postponed to August, will not take place this year. Set your sights on May 2024, when the carnival will return to kick off next year's summer reading program.



Curbside Pick-Up at Crestline Begins August 1st

While the O'Neal Library in Crestline is not ready to open to the public just yet, we are able to begin offering curbside pick-up service beginning Tuesday, August 1st. You can request titles through our app or via our website – www.oneallibrary.org – and pick the items up at O'Neal Library, 50 Oak Street.

You will also be able to return any items to the O'Neal Library through our normal book drops located in the rear of the building.

We hope to be back to normal operations this fall. We thank you for your patience and understanding!



Under the Mountain returns to the O'Neal Library on Saturday, September 16, for an evening with best-selling author Ottessa Moshfegh! In less than ten years, and with wildly popular titles such as *My Year of Rest and Relaxation* and *Eileen* (a movie adaptation of the latter, co-written by the author herself and starring Anne Hathaway, is slated to be released later this year), Moshfegh has quickly established herself as one of the leading authors working today at getting under a reader's skin. Whether writing about an elderly woman menaced by a murder that may not have happened (*Death in Her Hands*) or about desperate medieval peasants under the rule of a debauched feudal lord (*Lapvona*), Moshfegh's fiction is characterized by her macabre wit, her unflinching lack of sentimentality, and her darkly splendid imagination.

Originally from Boston, Massachusetts, Moshfegh has lived and worked in New York City, China, and Southern California. She received her BA in English from Barnard College and her MFA from Brown University. From 2013 to 2015 she was a Wallace Stegner Fellow in fiction at Stanford University. *Eileen*, her first novel, was shortlisted for the National Book Critics Circle Award and the Man Booker Prize, and won the PEN/Hemingway Award for debut fiction in 2016. Her fiction and essays



have been published in *The New Yorker*, *The Paris Review*, and *Vice*.

This event is free, but we encourage you to RSVP through our website because seating is limited. We will also be live streaming the event for free as well. This event is brought to you by Under the Mountain, your local series of horror-related events hosted by the O'Neal Library. 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.

■ A Night Dark & Grimm

The sun's going down earlier these days, which means *A Night Dark & Grimm* must be drawing close. Don your costumes and bring the whole family to the Library on Friday, October 20, for an enchanted evening of fairy tale magic. Expect games, crafts, prizes, treats, and a full cast of costumed characters from all your favorite fairy tales. Stick around after the sun goes down to watch a movie on the lawn. This event is open to everyone and does not require registration.



■ Outreach

Here's something you may not know: the Children's Department Librarians are frequently in your kids' schools, sharing book talks, doing story times, promoting Summer Reading and other library programs, and providing complements to the schools' special events like Medieval Week and the Summer Learning Program. Librarians also set up shop at community events like Citizen Appreciation Day and the Christmas Parade. During the 2022-2023 school year and the summer after, six staff members from the O'Neal Library Children's Department offered more than 200 outreach sessions and talked to upwards of 5,000 kids and parents about books and the library. Keep your eyes peeled for your friendly neighborhood book divas – you never know where they'll pop up next!

O'Neal Library News

O'NEAL LIBRARY ADULT DEPARTMENT

The O'Neal Library app is the best place to keep up with all the amazing programs being added all the time! Another great benefit is not having to carry your library card. The app saves it all so it's 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, so download the app today, regularly check the events calendar online, or sign up for our weekly event 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.

Learn a new language this fall! The next session of online American Sign Language classes begins on Zoom on Tuesday, October 3rd. There is no in-person component to this class. Program and registration information is available at <https://www.oneallibrary.org/asl>.

When we think of healing, we often overlook the role our environment plays in our overall well-being. However, our homes can greatly impact our physical, emotional, and mental health. That's where house healing comes in. **House healing** is the practice of creating a harmonious and healthy living space. On **Thursday, Oct. 5th at 6:30pm**, Jason Kirby of Elysium House Healing will talk about his background in house healing, introduce us to the tools of the trade, and walk us through sample floor plans. You'll leave this presentation with strategies for achieving a healing home environment.

Enjoy a **free movie** at the library! On Saturday, **October 7th at 3pm**, the Short Story Matinee film is the 1958 movie, *The Fly*, adapted from George Langelaan's short story of the same name. 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.

It's never too late to build new habits! Ideal for writers of all skill levels, **Miriam Calleja's writer's workshops** offer 90 minutes of writing prompts on select Tuesdays and Thursdays each month. Registration required. If you'd like to start with movement, register for the **Gentle Yoga** with Marie Blair series, returning this fall!

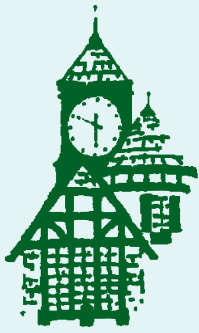
ONL offers three book groups: **The Bookies**



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.

Our **Teen Advisory Board** is always a big help in planning exciting programs for teens in grades 7-12 throughout the year. They meet the **first Monday or Tuesday** of the month to brainstorm over a FREE dinner. Students in grades 7-12 can join today by visiting www.oneallibrary.org to fill out the online TAB application!





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CHAMBER CONNECT

As part of their ongoing efforts to provide training and networking opportunities for members and the community, the April Chamber Connect focused on navigating transitions for senior citizens. The event featured a panel of local experts including Eliza Maxwell of HomeRN, Bridget Sikora and Katie Crommelin of Ray & Poynor, and Morgan Gearhart of Argent Trust

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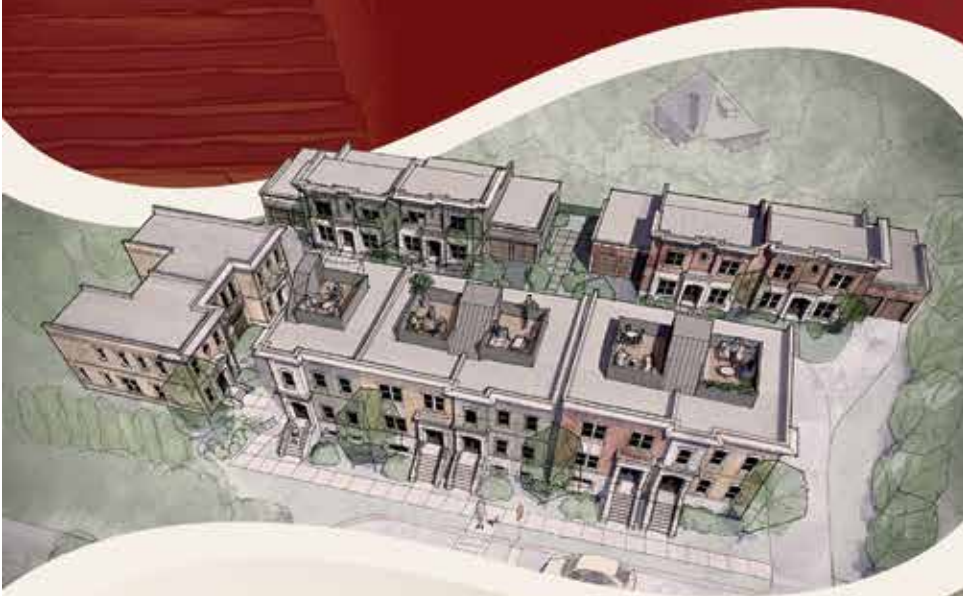
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WASHINGTON UPDATE LUNCHEON

The Mountain Brook Chamber, in partnership with other area Chambers of Commerce, welcomed Congressman Gary Palmer to the Grand Bohemian Hotel in Mountain Brook on April 13th for his Washington Update Luncheon.

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Mobilizing the community for academic excellence.

The Mission of the Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation is to mobilize community support and resources for the academic improvement of the school system. Funds raised become part of a permanent endowment.

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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.

We Are Stronger Together

Foundation Approves Grant For 2023-2024

A grant total of \$549,440 will be given to the school system for professional development, library enhancements and technology for the 2023-2024 school year. Of that total, \$66,497 will be allocated to implement math-related technology at the newly renovated Mountain Brook Junior High and Mountain Brook High School. Another portion will be used to fund two new math coaches, meaning that Mountain Brook Schools will now have one math coach at each of its elementary schools.

Other highlights from the grant include \$200,000 to ensure that every student and teacher has access to a Chromebook, \$100,000 for professional learning stipends for Mountain Brook teachers and \$10,000 to support a summer learning conference for Mountain Brook faculty, which they are able to attend at no personal cost. For more information, please visit MBGives.org.



We Give180 To Support Mountain Brook Schools

The Foundation's Give180 Campaign kicks off as Mountain Brook students head back to school. This annual campaign asks each family to donate \$1 or more for the 180 days of learning through Mountain Brook Schools. The goal is 100% participation and if each family in the district participates, we will raise at least \$450,000 for the 2023-2024 school year. To be a part of this year's Give180 effort, please mail a check to the Foundation at 32 Vine Street, 35213 or make a donation at MBGives.org.

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Institute for Innovation

Mountain Brook Schools launched the Institute for Innovation in 2015, and its mission is to establish a culture of innovators within the school system. Through an annual granting process funded by the Foundation, Mountain Brook teachers are encouraged to submit ideas for grant consideration. Innovative ideas funded through the Institute for Innovation can serve as

pilot projects and if successful, can be implemented throughout the school system. Each year, more than \$40,000 in grants are awarded to Mountain Brook teachers as a part of the Institute for Innovation, and these grants have been agents of transformation for many classrooms throughout the district. **For more information on past recipients, please visit MBGives.org.**