



# the Reporter

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## Mayor's Message

### An ancient tale:

A century ago an elderly woman would travel the long road to the river each day to collect water in two buckets that she balanced on each end of a pole on her back. One bucket was new and the other quite old and leaked a bit. Each day when she returned home, the new bucket was full, but the old bucket was half empty. The old bucket felt bad, but the wise woman explained the next day, "See all the flowers along the side of the road? You helped water them and in doing so, have made what would be a difficult daily drudgery into a beautiful and peaceful journey."

I tell this story because, in a way, it helps explain 'why and how' we can all help solve a community problem. Recently, Amwaste has experienced 'growing pains' related to their

service. The city has been working closely with Amwaste to resolve the problems. We have a new district supervisor at Amwaste who is looking at restructuring routes to help them be more efficient. They are also working hard to get more equipment (supply chain issues) and to hire more personnel (there is a significant shortage of candidates).

All of these are Amwaste issues but there is one problem where all our residents can help...breaking down boxes. In the new age of Amazon online ordering, box deliveries have increased 100-fold, creating a massive change in recycling opportunities. Here are two good reasons we should go to the (minimal) trouble of 'flattening' our boxes. First, if you have more boxes than will fit in the cans, Amwaste personnel must spend more time loading trash into the trucks. For those who bring their cans to the street, remember, the cans are auto-lifted to dump in the truck...a relatively quick process. If they must then hand-load boxes, it takes more time and routes may not get completed.

For back-door service, boxes outside the cans may require more than one trip, which can significantly increase time. The second reason for breaking down boxes is that unbroken-down boxes can quickly fill up these smaller trucks, requiring extra time to dump them and return to their routes. A bonus reason to break down our boxes is that when the trucks arrive at the recycling plant, broken-down boxes make the recycling process more efficient.

If each of us takes a little bit of time, we can help make the daily journey for our AmWaste workers more peaceful and enjoyable.

So what do you say, "Are you willing to pitch in and help?"



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### Times Construction May Be Conducted in the City

Thanks to several meetings with neighbors and construction experts, City Ordinance 2151 was recently passed, creating a construction schedule similar to neighboring communities. It regulates times of construction activity stating "unless previously approved by the City Manager for special circumstances, no construction noise is permitted on

- ✓ **Sundays**
- ✓ **New Year's Day**
- ✓ **Memorial Day**
- ✓ **Independence Day**
- ✓ **Labor Day**
- ✓ **Thanksgiving**
- ✓ **Christmas Eve**
- ✓ **Christmas Day**

During all other days of the year, construction shall be prohibited **before 7am** and **after 7pm**.

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## Environmental Sustainability Committee is off to a Buzz!

On February 26, 2024 the City Council appointed a 5-member Environmental Sustainability Committee, the members of which will serve three-year terms.

- **Clay Ragsdale** – past president, Black Warrior Riverkeeper
- **Jeff Lisenby** – president, Jefferson County Beekeepers Association
- **Laney DeJonge** – past president, Board for Alabama Environmental Council; co-founder Homegrown Habitat
- **Helen Harmon** – master gardener; certificate in native plant studies; board member for Birmingham Botanical Gardens
- **Emily DeBuys** – educator and professional artist – with a particular interest in portraying insects, and an advocate for sustainability.

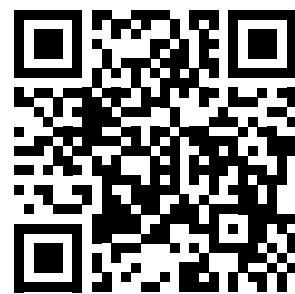
The committee will:

- make recommendations to the city council to promote and enhance a quiet, clean, and healthy environment on public property for the Mountain Brook community;
- identify and recommend methods and resources to assist the city in the promotion and implementation of environmentally sustainable practices on public property;
- serve as the Mountain Brook Bee City Committee;
- strive to maintain the city's Bee City USA affiliate status;
- strive to maintain the city's American Green City Alliance (AGZA) certification status;
- strive to maintain the city's Mayor's Monarch Pledge affiliate status; and
- make recommendations to the city council on other matters concerning the use of native plants and the support for pollinator habitats on public property.

(L-R) Laney DeJonge, Helen Harmon, Jeff Lisenby, Clay Ragsdale, Emily DeBuys



## Amwaste Observed Holidays Important Update



Amwaste will now provide twice a week garbage pickups during holiday weeks. All collections will be delayed by one day and households with a Friday pickup will be serviced on Saturday. The next holiday this change will impact is the week of Memorial Day.

Amwaste observes the following holidays:

- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day
- New Year's Day

Residents are encouraged to report their missed pickups on the City's website at the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/5xfc28tn>

The City of MOUNTAIN BROOK

- Garbage Missed Pickup**  
Report if pick-up was missed for CART (household garbage).
- Cart Deliver / Remove**  
Report need for garbage cart change
- Debris / Bulk Request**  
Request a pickup -or- report missed pick-up of bulky items or yard debris.
- Back Door Garbage Service**  
Homes requesting back-door garbage pick-up



## 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 (205) 802-3800 or [gastons@mtnbrook.org](mailto:gastons@mtnbrook.org) so the City can coordinate its repair with Alabama Power Company.



**Asters**

**Planting Native Plants**

**W**hy does planting native plant species matter? Without native plant species, the insects that evolved with the plants cannot survive. Likewise, native plant species rely on insects to persist through pollination.

Native species generally require little maintenance once they are established. Also, because native plants have adapted to the environment, they usually require less water than non-native varieties and, therefore, survive dry periods better than non-native plants.

Choosing to plant native plants as a substitute for non-native, ornamental species can help reverse the current trend of species loss and help to preserve the natural heritage. Non-native or exotic plants are those that are growing outside their natural range. It is important to realize, however, that not all exotic plants are invasive. There are many attractive and useful non-native plants.

When incorporating native plants into your landscape, there are several things you can do. You can include them alongside nonaggressive, ornamental species in your flower beds. Naturalizing larger areas—such as a pasture or woodlot—with some of the more aggressive native species available can help to push the non-native plants out. Also, you can create beautiful rain gardens with native species. Doing this will help to stabilize and hold the soil in place.

It is important to educate ourselves about the native species available in our area. You can visit native plant nurseries and preserves to help decide what to plant. By going native, you will be preserving Alabama's local biodiversity while also creating a beautiful landscape to enjoy for years to come.

*-adapted from an ACES article by  
Lynn Dickinson*



**Pollinators**



**Woodland Sunflower**



**Coneflowers**

**Recycling Day 2024**

**T**he City of Mountain Brook held its 4th annual recycling day featuring secure paper document destruction and electronic waste recycling. The event took place on April 6th at Mountain Brook High School from 9 to 12pm. The enthusiasm and turnout were fantastic. The event featured volunteers from the Kiwanis Club of Homewood-Mountain Brook and Leadership Mountain Brook. The city has processed over 52 tons of paper and electronics in the first 3 years of offering this service, and it has been a huge success with Mountain Brook citizens continuing to prove their commitment to recycling and sustainable practices.



## Recent City Council Actions

### The City Council has adopted or amended the following ordinances since January 1, 2024

- Ordinance No. 2154 - Created a one-way operation of Winthrop Avenue between Alden Lane and Overbrook Road.
- Ordinance No. 2155 - Amended Chapter 117 of the City Code Floodplain Development Ordinance.
- Ordinance No. 2156 - Provided for an agreement for cost sharing between the City of Birmingham and the City of Mountain Brook for the sidewalk project along Montclair Road.

### The City Council has approved the following projects since January 1, 2024:

- Declared January 2024 as National Mentoring Month.
- Declared January 2024 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month.
- Expressed gratitude to Vince Schilleci for his work on the Editorial Board.
- Executed an agreement with Speyer Roofing Inc, dba Leak Solutions, for the decking and roof demolition and removal of the patio at City Hall.
- Accepted the proposals submitted by Motorola Solutions for the video evidence management for the police department.
- Approved one (1) Rosenbauer Pumper for the Fire Department.
- Designated the north side of Winthrop Avenue from its intersection with Alden Lane and Overbrook Road as "No Parking" weekdays between the hours of 2:45pm to 3:15pm.

- Authorized an agreement with The Bridge Builders of Alabama for the Parkway Bridge Restorations project.
- Authorized an agreement with JP Painting Company LLC for the Public Works Department Painting Project.
- Authorized an agreement with B Group Architecture for the design and construction documents of the Public Works building.
- Awarded the bid for the Public Works Department Construction Supervisor Ford F-150 XLT in the amount of \$59,389.50 to Long Lewis Ford.
- Awarded the bid for the Public Works Department Supervisor Ford F-150 XLT in the amount of \$61,189.50 to Long Lewis Ford.
- Approved change order No. 5 for the Jemison Trail Improvement Project.
- Authorized the MWCF Deductible Addendum-2024 with respect to the \$300,000 deductible workers' compensation insurance coverage.
- Executed a service agreement with Lexipol LLC for the Cordico Shield Law Enforcement Wellness App.
- Executed an agreement with Net Connection LLC for the batting cage installation at Mountain Brook Elementary.
- Ratified an agreement with MAK Engineering for the Mountain Brook Fire Station No. 2 Storm Shelter Peer Review.
- Accepted the proposal with Mobile Communications America for the location of amplifier and base radio at Fire Station No. 2.

- Accepted the proposal with BHATE Geosciences Corporation for the construction materials testing and IBC Special Inspection Services at Fire Station No. 2.
- Executed an agreement between O'Neal Library and LibraryPass with respect to a digital comic book subscription service.
- Established the Environmental Sustainability Committee.
- Proclaimed March 2024 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.
- Executed 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.
- Accepted the professional service agreement with Skipper Consulting Inc. for on-call traffic engineering services.
- Accepted the professional services proposal with Bhatte Geosciences Corporation to conduct a limited asbestos containing materials sampling survey at Fire Station No. 2 located at 3100 Overton Road.
- Authorized the agreement for consulting services with Schoel Engineering for the Mountain Brook High School Field 1 Area parking lot plans for modification to fill and permitting with ALDOT.
- Approved the conditional lunchtime food use (Sitar II) application at 2037 Cahaba Road.
- Accepted the professional services proposal with Nimrod Long and Associates for landscape design services for the extension of Irondale Furnace Trail.

## RECEIVE TEXT ALERTS

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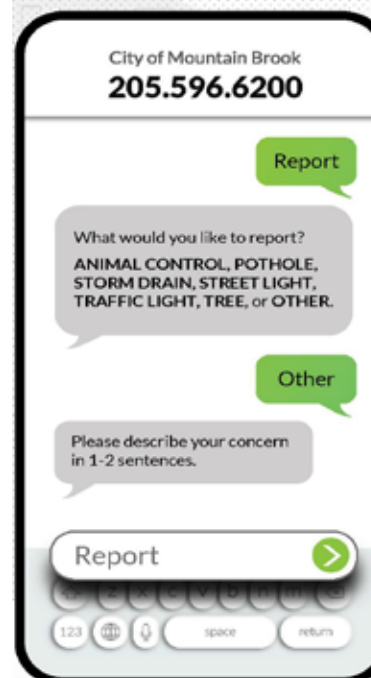
### What to Expect:

- After the initial keyword is sent, you will receive a confirmation message asking you to reply YES to verify opt-in.
- Message frequency varies. Notifications may include: **Upcoming Events, Road Closures, and Council Meetings.**
- You can text **STOP** at any time to remove yourself from the notification list.

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## REPORT AN ISSUE

City of Mountain Brook **TextMyGov**  
**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**

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## Quarterly Crime Statistics

	4th Quarter 2023	1st Quarter 2024
Robbery	0	1
Robbery (aggravated shoplifting)	0	0
Burglary/Residence	5	10
Burglary/Business	2	0
Theft	49	47
Theft from Vehicle (UBEV)	24	11
Auto Theft	4	3
Assaults (Other)	5	5
Identity Theft	15	22
Criminal Mischief	12	13
Drugs	37	32
Family Violence	8	8
Accidents	277	200
• With Injuries	11	12
• With Fatalities	1	0
Calls For Service	5884	6701
House Watches	172	243

### 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.

## Tree Cutters/Grass Cutters/Landscapers Business License Requirements

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 who leave piles of debris behind upon completion of the job put 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") who receives payment for any job that produces waste or debris MUST haul away said debris from the premises.

Please remember, if 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.

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

### Spring is Here: Minimize Nuisance Noise in Mountain Brook

In addition to the low crime rates, an exceptional school system, and convenient shopping Villages, Mountain Brook residents enjoy minimal noise pollution throughout our community. Those well-manicured lawns and beautiful budding gardens don't happen by accident, but keep in mind Ordinance 34-7(c) when firing up your lawn equipment this spring and summer! It states, "The operation or permitting the operation of any mechanically powered lawn equipment operated for commercial purposes within a residential district, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. weekdays and 8:00 a.m. on weekends is not allowed." Some examples of such equipment includes, but are not limited to, leaf blowers, lawnmowers, tractors, stump grinders, chippers, string trimmers, clippers, edgers and any other mechanically powered garden tool, blower or device. Take neighborhood tranquility a notch higher by converting your yard equipment from gas-powered to battery-powered, and/or hire landscape companies that offer this alternative!



**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 Rathmell Soccer Complex. We load open-bed vehicles Tuesday through

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

**SPECIAL ITEMS DISPOSAL:**

Paint cans - Remove the lids from all of the cans, and 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.

**Building Permit Activity**

Permit Type:	4th Quarter - 2023		1st Quarter - 2024	
	No. Permits	Permit Value	No. Permits	Permit Value
New Construction	10	\$ 8,156,524	3	\$ 3,493,153
Alterations/Additions	115	\$ 7,005,569	168	\$ 25,298,162
Repairs/Other	146	\$ 16,007,220	166	\$ 5,621,147
Totals:	271	\$ 31,169,313	337	\$ 34,412,462

**COMPARISON OF PREVIOUS YEAR**

Permit Type:	4th Quarter - 2022		4th Quarter - 2022	
	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

**Board Appointments/Reappointments:**

- Reappointed K. C. Hairston as Presiding Judge of the Mountain Brook Municipal Court with the term to end January 25, 2026.
- Reappointed Mary Evelyn McKee to the Board of Landscape Design with the term of office to end January 22, 2027.
- Mayoral reappointment of Carey Hollingsworth to the Planning Commission with the term of office to end January 22, 2030.
- Appointed Clay Ragsdale to the Environmental Sustainability Committee with the term of office to end February 26, 2027.
- Appointed Laney DeJonge to the Environmental Sustainability Committee with the term of office to end February 26, 2027.
- Appointed Jeffrey Lisenby to the Environmental Sustainability Committee with the term of office to end February 26, 2026.
- Appointed Emily Debuys to the Environmental Sustainability Committee with the term of office to end February 26, 2026.
- Appointed Helen Harmon to the Environmental Sustainability Committee with the term of office to end February 26, 2025.
- Elected Council Member Graham Smith as the Council Liaison to the Environmental Sustainability Committee.
- Reappointed John R. Doody Jr. to the Finance Committee with the term of office to end March 11, 2028.
- Appointed Marta Self to the Board of Zoning Adjustment with the term of office to end on March 11, 2027.
- Appointed Cleo Kathryn Gorman to the Village Design Review Committee, to fill the unexpired term of George Israel, with the term of office to end on May 29, 2024.

The Parks & Recreation Board and Board of Landscape Design have board member positions open. You can apply at <https://www.mtnbrook.org/get-involved> under Apply here.

**Schedule of Meetings**

<b>CITY COUNCIL</b>	2nd & 4th Mon.	7:00 p.m. <i>(Call 205-802-3800 for time of Pre-Meeting)</i>	City Hall
<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>	2nd Mon.	3:30 p.m.	Call Board of Ed Office 205-871-4608
<b>LIBRARY BOARD</b>	3rd Tues.	8:45 a.m.	Library
<b>PARK &amp; REC. BOARD</b>	2nd Tues.	5:00 p.m.	City Hall
<b>BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT</b>	3rd Mon.	5:00 p.m.	City Hall
<b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b>	1st Mon.	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
<b>VILLAGE DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE</b>	3rd Wed.	9:00 a.m.	City Hall
<b>BOARD OF LANDSCAPE DESIGN</b>	1st Tues.	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
<b>CHAMBER OF COMMERCE</b>	3rd Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	City Hall
<b>EDITORIAL BOARD</b>	Quarterly	8:15 a.m.	City Hall

## New Businesses

### MEDICAL

- Smile Doctors of Alabama PC, (dba Weissman Orthodontics), 36 Church Street, (614) 286-0300

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- Authentic Therapy, 2 Office Park Circle Suite 4, (205) 210-8882
- The Collective Therapy Center, LLC, 3 Office Park Circle Suite 235, (205) 210-8620
- Epik Consulting, dba\Entergetic Pathway, 300 Office Park Drive Suite 205, (205) 393-8170
- Reliatran, LLC, 6 Office Park Circle, (205) 586-6979
- ThistleDown Swim Academy, LLC, 3524 Brookwood Road, (205) 901-7254
- Stegall, David L, dba, Stegall Arbitration, 6 Office Park Circle Suite 302, (205) 732-2336
- DCS Alabama Development, LLC, 4 Office Park Circle Suite 316, (205) 397-3998
- Helen Miller Design, LLC, 2615 Watkins Road, (205) 527-8620

### RETAIL AND PERSONAL SERVICES

- JSF Medical, 3634 Knightsbridge Road, (205) 746-6541
- DSD Operations, LLC, dba\ The UPS Store, 217 Country Club Park, (205) 870-7797
- DW Cleaners, LLC, dba\Overton Cleaners, 4911 Cahaba River Road, (205) 588-6521
- Camp, Benjamin, dba\Southern and Faithful, 3541 Victoria Road, (205) 949-7050
- Pinnacle Bank, 2020 Cahaba Road, (615) 743-8854
- Niknafs, Mike, Hair Stylist, 2839 Cahaba Road, (702) 528-7419
- Fant, Suzzan, Hair Stylist, 2839 Cahaba Road, (205) 907-9999
- Onward Capital, LLC, dba, Onward Reserve 390 Rele Street, (205) 518-5048
- Haden House Interiors, LLC, 333 Eaton Road, (601) 863-9576
- Cunningham Financial Group, LLC 2908 Pump House Road, (205) 326-7364
- The Material Guys, 2949 Montevallo Road, (205) 547-9748
- Sidney Bragiel Creative, LLC, 4224 Old Leeds Lane, (205) 533-1432
- James Kennedy Events, LLC, 755 Montgomery Drive, (334) 868-2001

### CONTRACTORS

- Smart Techniques Electrical Contractors, 6 Office Park Circle Suite 215, (866) 699-7686

## 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 and 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.

For an excellent alternative to chemical broadcast mosquito spraying in your yard, use **Mosquito Dunks**. Learn about this process at [www.mtnbrook.org/mbee/page/alternative-mosquito-control](http://www.mtnbrook.org/mbee/page/alternative-mosquito-control).

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](http://www.jcdh.org)) search word is "Vector Control" phone **(205)-930-1230**.

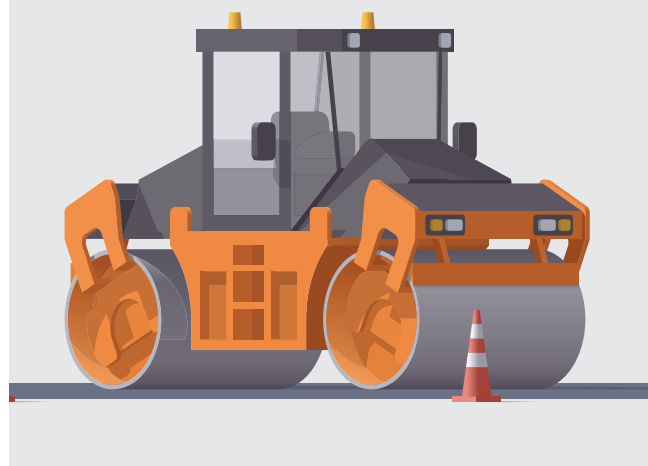
If you have any questions concerning these changes you may call Daniel Davis **(205) 802-3869** or Ronnie Vaughn **(205) 802-3865**.

## Street Paving List 2024

The City of Mountain Brook will begin work on the 2024 street resurfacing projects this summer. Our contractor, Dunn Construction should begin paving in early summer. Please drive carefully around any construction zones and pay close attention to workers directing traffic and signage.

The streets to be milled and paved are as follows:

- Montrose Road (Montevallo Road to Beechwood Road)
- Beechwood Road
- Park Brook Road
- Overbrook Road (Montevallo Road to Cherokee Road)
- Forest Run Lane
- Camellia Lane
- Montclair Road (Country Club Road to Memory Lane)
- Morningside Drive (City Limits to Montclair Road)
- Pumphouse Road (280 Bridge to City Limits)



## PARKS & RECREATION NEWS



Nim Long and family

### Jemison Park

The new and improved Jemison Trail was officially opened on Tuesday, February 6 while filming a Red Rock Tuesday segment with Fox 6. City leaders and representatives from Friends of Jemison and Nimrod Long and Associates gathered to celebrate the grand opening and explain all the new improvements including the wider asphalt trail, additional parking spaces and paved paths to the trail, and the new gravel Chief's Trail across the creek. A few weeks later the group gathered again to reveal a plaque placed in the park to honor Nimrod Long's contributions to the city's parks, trails, and sidewalk systems. Nim has been instrumental in creating and improving our fantastic greenspaces that have made the quality of life in Mountain Brook what it is today. But his efforts haven't stopped! Thanks to additional funding and generous donors, we are moving forward with plans to create a new bridge over Shades Creek to connect the end of Chief's Trail back to the main trail so it will make a complete loop. Construction on this new bridge should start around June.

# PARKS & RECREATION NEWS (CONT.)

## Youth Athletic Programs

**Mountain Brook Athletics (MBA)** [www.mbatletics.org](http://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](http://www.gbyla.org)  
 email: [mountainbrooklacrosse@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.birminghamunited.com)  
 email: [rec@birminghamunited.com](mailto:rec@birminghamunited.com)

Registration for fall season will be open in June and July.



**P**lease 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.

**Reminder: NO DOGS are allowed on the playing fields.**



# MOUNTAIN BROOK SCHOOLS SAFETY REMINDERS



**M**ountain Brook Schools would like to remind our parents and community of the safety protocols and procedures in place throughout the school district. As always, if you see something, say something. Our administrators on each campus, along with our award-winning School Resource Officer team, have been trained to assist with concerns that may arise. Our goal is to ensure that our campuses are a safe place for our students, faculty, and staff on a daily basis. Please feel free to reach out to one of them with questions or concerns.

We are fortunate to have such a supportive community of parents and guardians who want to ensure the welfare of our students and faculty members. Please remember when you visit a school, you must be checked in with the front office staff at the entry of each school. For large events taking place on the campuses during school hours, schools will be using the Circool program to send invitations and tickets for events. This program will send you an invitation prior to the event and you will RSVP to receive your digital ticket. To check in when you arrive, please make sure to have a copy of your digital ticket available. If you have not registered your account with Circool, please check your invitation email to sign up. It is critically important that all parents register with the Circool program in

the event you need to reconnect with your child at an offsite location.

Additionally, Mountain Brook Schools recently partnered with the City of Mountain Brook and ALL IN Mountain Brook to establish a 24/7 community crisis line which students or anyone in the community can call, text or chat by contacting 205-92-SAVES (205-927-2837). The link to the crisis line webchat feature is available on the Mountain Brook Schools website, ALL IN Mountain Brook, Mountain Brook City and Chamber of Commerce websites.

Mountain Brook Schools is constantly reevaluating our safety plan and procedures in an effort to ensure the security of our students and staff. Each one of our instructional spaces are receiving updated locking mechanisms and the district has taken additional steps to secure the exterior areas of our buildings.

As a reminder, in the event of any event or sudden emergency, all official communication will come directly from Mountain Brook Schools.

We are grateful for the continued support of our parents and community. Safety is a responsibility shared by every member of our community and we are grateful for the partnerships that help ensure that students, faculty, and staff are safe on our campuses while they are engaged in learning.



# O'Neal Library News

## Children's Department

### May

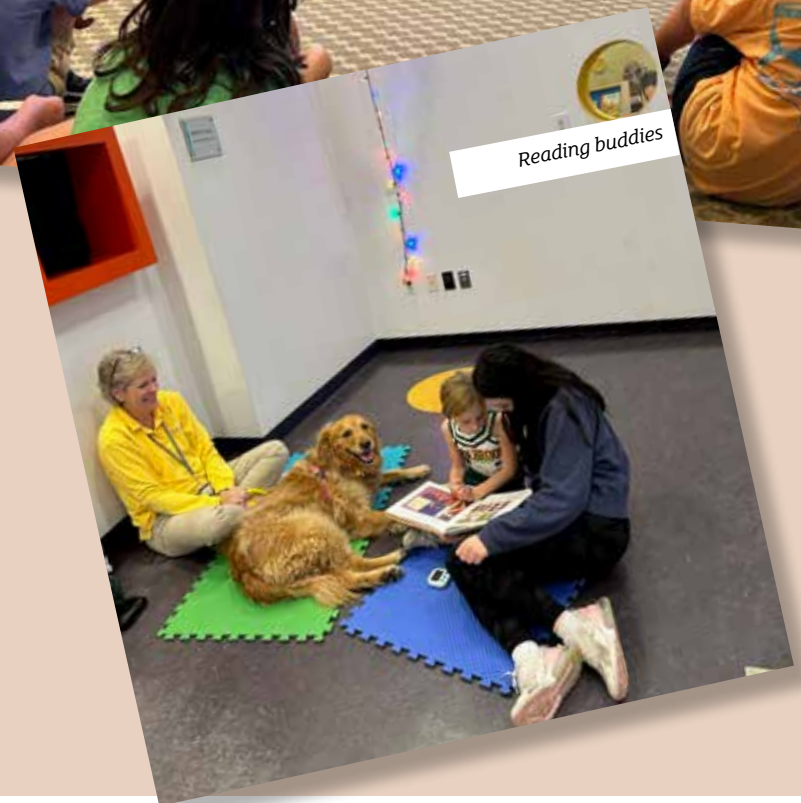
- May 19: Summer Reading Kickoff Carnival

### June

- June 3: Reading Buddies
- June 8: Books in the Brook @ Overton Park
- June 10: Breakout Book Club
- June 14: Sensory Play, Explore, & More
- June 17: Illustrator Art Club
- June 18: Xtreme Hot Off the Press book club
- June 24-27: Geoffrey Glaub Memorial Camp – Reptiles, Rivers, & Raptors

### July

- July 1: Reading Buddies
- July 8: Breakout Book Club
- July 12: Sensory Play, Explore, & More
- July 15: Illustrator Art Club
- July 16: Xtreme Hot Off the Press book club
- July 30: Summer Reading Finale Party with Roger Day



## Summer Reading Kickoff

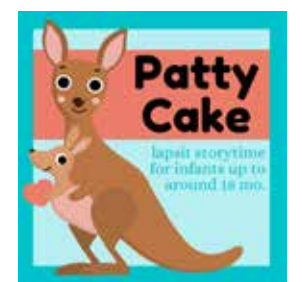
# CARNIVAL

On Sunday, May 19, the Junior Women's Committee of 100 (JWC) and the Library Children's Department will host the 2024 summer reading kickoff carnival at the Library. Along with game booths, concessions, bounce houses, train rides, and prizes, carnival-goers will also have the opportunity to be among the first to sign up for the Choose Your Own Reading Adventure summer reading program.

## SUMMER STORYTIMES



Did you know that the storytimes you love during the school year continue through June and July? Whether your child is in their second month, second year, or second grade, there's a storytime just for you. Littles from infancy up to pre-K can attend an age-specific weekly program with an adult, while rising kindergarteners through second graders will delight in Library Out Loud Adventure, a drop-off program on Tuesday afternoons. All are welcome on Thursday mornings for the all-ages, no-registration All Together Storytime. Check the Library's online children's calendar at [oneallibrary.org](http://oneallibrary.org) for dates, times, and sign-up links.



# O'Neal Library News

## 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. 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](http://www.oneallibrary.org).

Now available at the Adult and Young Adult Services desk for in-library use, our Sensory Kit is designed to support the sensory needs of teens and adults and to help neurodivergent patrons have a more comfortable time in the library. All are welcome to use the Sensory Kit. From fidgets to noise-canceling headphones to weighted lap blankets, items in the kit are intended to reduce anxiety and frustration and increase focus.

O'Neal Library patrons can now enjoy a new All Access experience from the New York Times Online! Your complimentary access includes everything The New York Times offers:

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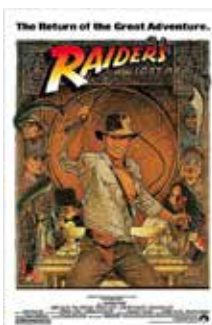
Visit [oneallibrary.org/nytimes-all-access](http://oneallibrary.org/nytimes-all-access) to get started. Users must be a resident in Mountain Brook and be 18 years or older to gain access.



### Special Programs

- **Retirement By Design: Determine Strategies to Reach Your Retirement Goal**  
Thursday, May 9 2024 6:30-7:30 pm
- **Red Mountain Theatre's Seasoned Performers Present – TWO FOR ONE!**  
Wednesday, May 29 2024, 2:00-3:00pm
- **String Trio: Student Recital – join us for a live concert from a trio of student musicians.**  
Wednesday, June 5 2024, 11:00am-12:00pm
- **Bookies Movie Afternoon: Watch the the film based on Richard Hughes novel "A High Wind In Jamaica"**  
Sunday, July 7 2024, 3:00-5:00pm

- **80s Adventure Film Series – check [oneallibrary.org](http://oneallibrary.org) for movie titles and more information**  
Saturday, May 11 2024  
3:00-5:00 pm  
Tuesday, June 4 2024,  
6:30-8:30pm  
Saturday, July 27 2024,  
3:00pm-5:00pm



- **Medicare Made Clear: - What You Need to Know**



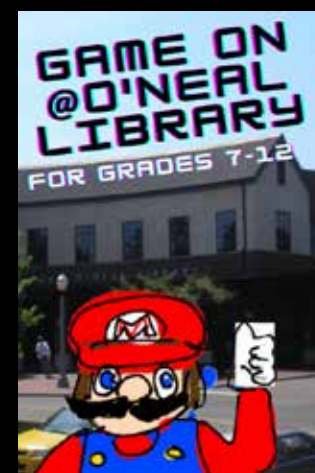
Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 10:00am - 12:00pm

- **Crafterday – Bring Your Own Craft for a Relaxing, Social Get Together**  
Saturday, May 11, 2024, 9:00-12:00  
Saturday, June 8, 2024, 9:00-12:00  
Saturday, July 13, 2024, 9:00-12:00
- **Mahjong Meet Up: For Experienced Mahjong Players – Lessons Coming This Summer!**  
Wednesday, May 1 2024, 10:00am-12:00pm  
Monday, June 3 2024, 10:00am – 12:00pm  
Wednesday, July 3 2024, 10:00am-12:00pm



- **Gentle Yoga - With Marie Blair**  
Tuesday, 2024, 10:00am - 11:00am  
Tuesday, May 7, 2024, 10:00am - 11:00am  
Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 10:00am - 11:00am  
Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 10:00am - 11:00am  
Tuesday, May 28, 2024, 10:00am - 11:00am  
Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 10:00am - 11:00am  
Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 10:00am - 11:00am  
Tuesday, June 18, 2024 10:00am - 11:00am  
Tuesday, June 25, 2024 10:00am - 11:00am  
Tuesday, July 2, 2024, 10:00am - 11:00am  
Tuesday, July 9, 2024, 10:00am - 11:00am  
Tuesday, July 16, 2024, 10:00am - 11:00am  
Tuesday, July 23, 2024, 10:00am - 11:00am  
Tuesday, July 30, 2024, 10:00am - 11:00am

## TEENS



### Game On

- Friday, May 3 2024, 3:30pm -5:00pm

### Teen Advisory Board Meeting

- Monday, May 6 2024, 4:30pm

### Bookgroups

#### The Bookies Book Club

- Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 10:00am - 11:30am  
The Mysterious Case of Rudolf Diesel by Douglas Brunt
- Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 10:00am - 11:30am  
Chenneville by Paulette Jiles
- Tuesday, July 9, 2024, 10:00am - 11:30am A  
High Wind in Jamaica by Richard Hughes



#### Books & Beyond

- Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 6:30pm - 8:00pm, Author Study: Henry James
- Tuesday, June 25, 2024, 6:30pm - 8:00pm,



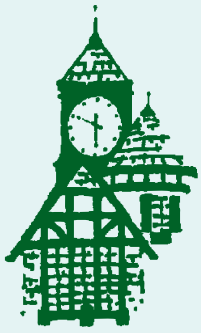
### Reader's Choice

- Tuesday, July 23, 2024, 6:30pm - 8:00pm, Adventure

### Great Short Stories

- Monday, May 13 2024, 6:30pm - 7:30pm, "Momento Mori" by Jonathan Nolan
- Monday, June 10 2024, 6:30pm - 7:30pm, "Where Are You Going, Where Have You Been?" by Joyce Carol Oates
- Monday, July 8 2024, 6:30pm - 7:30pm, To Be Determined





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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.



## Class of 2024 Raising Funds For Foundation

Under the leadership of campaign chairs **Katie & Charles Crommelin, Amy & Michael Littleton, Jana & Carey Rome** and **Julie & Joe Sandner**, this year's Senior Class is raising funds to support the Foundation. More than 210 families have participated, and there is still time to give! Donations can be made at [www.mbgives.org](http://www.mbgives.org) or by check to the Foundation at 32 Vine Street, 35213. What a special legacy for the Class of 2024!



The Foundation's annual Track Meet fundraiser took place on April 16 and 17, 2024 at Mountain Brook High School. All Mountain Brook students in third - sixth grades are invited to participate and represent their schools at this community event. Last year, more than 700 students ran and raised \$80,000 for the Foundation. For Track Meet information and results, visit [www.mbgives.org](http://www.mbgives.org).

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