



Capitol Heights Newsletter



2014

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



Thanks to all of you for making **ARTOBERFEST** great this year!!



FRONT PORCH LIVING

With the heat of the summer leaving, our front porches will be once again the perfect spot for hosting neighbors and friends. Why not sweep the leaves off and invite your neighbors over for some coffee or wine? Talking on NextDoor Capitol Heights is ok...but meeting face to face is "the old fashion way"! Better yet, take a picture and send it to Capitolheights@gmail.com...we will be glad to put it in the newsletter.



Capitol Heights by Candlelight LUMINARIES

"Honor of" or "Memory of"
Imagine all of S. Capitol Parkway lined with candle luminaries with your loved ones name (in memory of or in honor of)...great way to commemorate your love to a family member or friend.

\$10.00 each and again the proceeds from all money received for this tour will be shared with Brantwood Children's Home.
Contact Gwen Moore at 868-1188

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 11 – 5:30 (Tuesday)



Military Appreciation & Thanksgiving Dinner

This year our association's Thanksgiving gathering happens on **Veterans Day** so we are inviting all our Military neighbors to join us as we celebrate all there is to be thankful for and to show our appreciation for their service to our country. Please bring covered dish to share, the association will provide the turkeys, gravy and paper products.



Dec 9 – 7:00 (Tuesday) Capitol Heights Civic Association meeting at Capitol Heights United Methodist Church on Winona Avenue.

Dec 13 – 4:00 – 7:00 pm (Saturday) **Capitol Heights by Candlelight**

Event begins at the Greek Orthodox Church at the corner of S. Capitol Pkwy and Mt. Meigs. Tickets will be sold at the church but if you want tickets to sell before the event
Contact Gwen Moore at 868-1188.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Anyone wanting to receive direct email notifications of any crimes committed in CH and Neighborhood Watch material via email, please contact Cindy Keeping who will be glad to put your email on the list for notifications. Neighborhood Watch meetings are included in the monthly CHCA meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at the Capitol Heights United Methodist Church on Winona Avenue 7:00 pm. Next meeting will be November 11th – Military Appreciation & Thanksgiving Dinner...see you there... *Cindy*



YARD OF THE MONTH



Robyn & Gwen Moore
1827 Capitol Ave.



Daniel & Wendy Diermayer
38 N. Florida



Hunter & Kim Wolfe
1901 James Ave



CONGRATULATIONS YOM!

HELP WANTED



Santa & his helpers will be at the Candlelight tour this year! The Tour is a family event and children get in for free so we have something for both young and mature. If you would like to be a helper - **cookie bakers, house sitters** for Friday night when the home owners and VIP get a private tour, **candle lighters**.



Call Gwen Moore at 868-1188...thank you!



Capitol Heights Feral Cat Fund T-shirts for sale!!



Support the Capitol Heights Feral Cat fund by buying a t-shirt - **\$20** donation made out to Capitol Heights Feral Cat Fund – please email Stacy Trantham “The Cat Lady” at got12bamadoes@yahoo.com



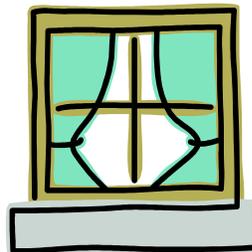
This fund is used to pay for the neutering & spaying of feral cats in our neighborhood. All cats are released back into the neighborhood after being fixed to live out their days without producing more kitties.

HISTORICAL –

We asked a bunch of neighbors to tell us all that they have found out about their houses before they bought them and since they have moved in...here are their stories...

“What I know about my house”

by Tricia Crowley



Our house [2014 St. Charles Ave.] was built by Dr. Jolley and family; the water was turned on in 1913. We were maybe the 6th owners. During WWII some rooms were rented out to military families. We bought the house from Pauline Woodruff, who could no longer live alone in it any more. She and her daughter, Frances Suggs Gray, both widowed, lived in the house from about 1953. That was when the Methodist Church steeple was struck by lightning and burned. When the church was being rebuilt, they wanted the entrance of the sanctuary to face St. Charles [it had faced Winona]. But Mrs. Woodruff lived in a house on the corner. So the church bought her house to demolish, and bought our house to give to her in return.

The Crowley family has lived in it since July 1986.



What I know about my house... by Nancy Loveman

513 N. Panama St. was built in 1928 and was originally 709 N. Panama St. and later 507 until finally becoming 513. The Earl C. Green family moved here in Sept. of that year when my mother, Mayme was 3 years old. Her brother was 4 and sister was 8. When Mayme was 6, her baby sister was born at home in the front bedroom. This was the first house in the block. The street was not paved until after my mother married.



The house originally had 3 bedrooms that run along the south (driveway) side of the house, 1 bathroom in the back, living room, dining room, kitchen on the north side, hall from the living room to the bathroom, a big open front porch on the east, and a back porch that years later was enclosed. A separate 1 car wood framed garage was years later replaced with a 2 car metal framed one.

Granddaddy bought 2 lots that were 50ft X 250ft. In the side lot he always had a large garden that he started the summer before they could even move in the house. Years later he used to say that he wanted to buy 3 lots & put the house in the middle one but he just couldn't afford that other \$150! His brother helped him in the building of the house by doing all the electrical work.

The original house had a wood-burning stove in the kitchen. The living room & 3 bedrooms all had fireplaces in which they burned coal. We removed all the chimneys when reroofing the house, so none of the fireplaces work now. All the fireplaces have very nice brick facades and mantels.

The house is solid brick masonry with brick tiles, plaster walls, and 9 foot ceilings with picture mold. The plaster walls in the living & dining rooms are heavily stippled which makes it very hard to paint. The walls in all the other rooms are lightly stippled.

We still have all the original windows though most won't stay open unless you prop them open with a stick. We installed storm windows outside of the original windows to insulate the house better.

My grandfather built all the cabinets that are still in the kitchen.

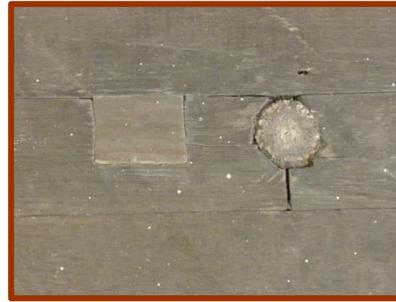
In the early days, the Green family had chickens in the backyard and a cow.

During the first few years, they had 2 different iceboxes that sat in the corner of the dining room which drained under the house through a hole in the floor. Each required a different size & shape of drain hole. Granddaddy plugged one of the holes with a piece of corncob which fit perfectly. Last year, we got back to the original hardwood floor in some rooms, & the corncob plug was found! I have saved it. The corncob plug was installed no later than 1937.



This is a picture of the corncob drain stopper.

Below is the original floor before restoration in 2013 and you can see both drain holes, 1 with the corncob plug and 1 with a rectangular wooden plug.



Eventually Granddaddy remodeled the kitchen in a way that would allow for an electric refrigerator to be installed there.

Granddaddy & my uncle Earl dug out a dirt cellar under the house. There they used to

store potatoes where they would stay cool, and a variety of my grandfather's tools.

I remember many times sitting on the back porch and shelling peas or butter beans in a huge pan. We also would eat watermelon out in the back yard & throw the rinds into the garden to compost.

Granddaddy had a HUGE scuppernong vine that my cousin & I used to climb in, hoping we didn't get caught. My grandmother would make scuppernong jelly. They also had several fig trees that I could climb in. Granny also made fig preserves.

My grandfather lived here until he had a stroke in 1973 & lived out his life in the VA hospital until 1982. Granny lived here until 3 weeks before her death in April 1984. At that time, we (Randy and I) bought the house and have lived here 30 years now. Our daughter Robin was almost 2 when we moved here. In 1987, our 2nd daughter, Krissy arrived.

In 1990, we screened in the front porch. In 2006, we tore off the old back porch and added a sunroom, laundry room, & second bathroom. In the past 2 years, we have had most of the hardwood floor restored that we had covered with carpet & vinyl.

Below is the house before screening in the porch. Randy & Robin are on the porch blowing bubbles.



Thank you Tricia and Nancy for sharing your stories!!



GOOD INFORMATION

Capitol Heights has an “inner” email site called **Capitol Heights Next Door**...there you can send out and receive emails from your neighbors concerning anything and everything going on in our neighborhood or the city. If you want to post on Next Door you have the option to keep it in our neighborhood or share with Morningview, Lee Oaks, Highland Park, Highland Gardens and Forest Hills. There are the following categories:



General

Crime and Safety – report to your neighbors the facts of any crimes in our area or share good safety tips

Recommendations – found a great contractor, share the info with your neighbors

Documents

Lost & Found – Lost puppy ?

Free Items - Need to get rid of an item?

Classifieds – Want to sell an item? Or looking to buy something??

We ask that everyone refrain from vulgar language and disparaging comments... information is all that is needed.



Capitol Heights Civic Association's website is located at CapitolHeightsMontgomery.org

This is a work in progress with current announcements and gallery of photos from events old and new. We want to have a listing of all houses for sale or rent in our area...Owners and Landlords, please contact us by email (capitolheightsmontgomery@gmail.com) to let us know about your houses!! Our Constitution and By-laws can be found as well as upcoming events and notifications!!

Check out the bi-monthly newsletter on line for the Associations events & announcements!!



HISTORIC DESIGNATION For Capitol Heights



Five years ago the membership of CHCA voted to take on a project to expand the local historic designations for Capitol Heights to include all parcels within Capitol Heights. Currently, Capitol Heights has just under 300 properties designated as historic out of approximately 1200 properties that are within the neighborhood boundaries. Leaving 900 properties yet to be designated as historic.

What is local historic designation? “Local historic designation means an individual structure or a neighborhood has been recognized by the city of Montgomery as architecturally or historically significant to the community. These resources are characteristic of architectural styles, periods of development or important events.” Source: City of Montgomery's Historic Designation and the Architectural Review Process Brochure 2014.

How does / will our community benefit from local historic designation? In a study done by Auburn University, homes with a historic designation were determined to appreciate more than those in other areas of the city. Montgomery's Garden District was part of the study and as compared to the remainder of the city property values had appreciated 42.35% in the Garden District while property values in the remainder of the city had appreciated 8.3%.

Studies have also shown that designation helps stabilize property values in neighborhoods, as buyers (whether as homeowners or investors) may feel they have more protection for their investment, and it may also discourage investment by those who might feel burdened by having to comply with the additional regulations.

In addition, since exterior changes are subject to the review of the Architectural Review Board, there is assurance proposed changes will compliment both the individual property and the district as a whole.

How does a neighborhood gain local historic designation? There are several steps required to be completed in order to request historic designation and you can read more about them on the neighborhood's website. As of now, we have provided all of the information the city requires in order to mail to parcel owners a letter explaining the designation along with the consent form to indicate their consent. We are expecting the mail out to occur before the end of this year.

Signed consent forms are to be returned to CHCA and a minimum of 60% agreement of the targeted parcel owners is required. CHCA HD Committee will track the receipt of consent forms while also working (door to

door canvases, phone calls, workshops, additional mailings, etc.) to obtain enough agreement in writing to reach our goal of 65% agreement. Obtaining more than the required 60% allows for any rejections that will occur after submission to the city. Consent forms can be rejected during the city's audit when: property ownership has changed hands since the form was originally signed, all property owners did not sign the form, etc.

What does this designation mean for you? Any exterior changes that are made to designated properties are subject to review by the Architectural Review Board prior to work being done. Designation does not require changes that would not have been approved by the ARB to be undone. The review process is effective from the point of designation forward; everything done before that time is considered "grandfathered in".

There is so much more information that can be shared regarding this project. After the first of the year, informational meetings will be held that will help to address questions you might have, as well as explain how you can help if you feel this is important for the neighborhood.

To stay informed, consider one or several of these opportunities:

- Attend meetings of the Capitol Heights Civic Association held from 7PM-8PM the second Tuesday of every month in the Fellowship Hall of the Capitol Heights United Methodist Church at 2000 Winona Avenue. You do not have to pay membership dues to attend meetings.
- Join the CHCA email list by sending a request to capitolheightsmontgomery@gmail.com.
- Like our Facebook page, "Capitol Heights Montgomery" once in Facebook, just search for Capitol Heights Montgomery.
- Join the Capitol Heights community at Nextdoor.com.

You can also contact Cynthia McCollister
Capitol Heights Historic Designation Project Chair
530-1097 or cynthia.mccollister@charter.net.

Find Information About:

**Historic Designation
Learning Opportunities
Volunteer for the Project**

Ask Your Question/Get Your Answer

CALL: 530-1097

VISIT:

www.capitolheightsmontgomery.org



Membership Registration

Mission Statement –

The Capitol Heights Civic Association is established to promote the social, cultural, and architectural wellbeing of the Capitol Heights neighborhood through various educational and community oriented events and activities

Membership dues are good from May through April each year and are not prorated.

\$20 per household

CHCA WEBSITE: capitolheightsmontgomery.org

FACEBOOK PAGES: Capitol Heights Montgomery
Historic Capitol Heights
Capitol Heights by Candlelight

EMAIL: capitolheightsmontgomery@gmail.com

CHCA meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Capitol Heights United Methodist Church on Winona Avenue . 7:00 pm

See you there neighbor!!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE _____

Please fill out and give to Ken Reynolds, Treasurer





Free Paper Shredding/Event

WHO? MCCC, AARP Alabama, MAX Credit Union & Gilmore Services

WHAT? Paper Shredding/Recycling event*

WHERE? Paterson Field parking lot
1201 Madison Avenue

WHEN? **Friday, November 21, 2014**
From 7:00 a.m.
until 1:00 p.m.

WHY? To safely dispose of confidential documents while protecting the environment

*Participants are encouraged to consider bringing a donation of non-perishable food to benefit the Montgomery Area Food Bank.



For more info, call Montgomery Clean City Commission at (334) 625-2175.



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Building Our Neighborhoods

BONDS

For Development and Success
A Program of the City of Montgomery

Training Seminars

Unless noted,
BONDS seminars meet at
City Hall Auditorium
103 N. Perry Street
from 6-8 PM

November 13, 2014
**“Active Shooter in
Your Neighborhood!”**

BONDS After Hours

BAH begins at 5:30pm
3rd Thursday of Every Other Month
November 20, 2014 Crime Prevention
Location to be announced

– Have a Safe Holiday

ALERT MONTGOMERY



Montgomery City/County Alert Network

The Montgomery City/County EMA announces our new Alert Network to immediately contact you during a major crisis or emergency. We will deliver to you important emergency alerts, notification and updates on all registered devices:

- Email account (work, home, other)
- Cell phone/Text
- Voice
- Wireless PDA

When an emergency occurs, authorized senders will instantly notify you using this network. This is your personal connection to real-time reliable updates, instructions on where to go, or what not to do, who to contact and other important information.

Best of all it's 'FREE'

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TO SELF REGISTER GO TO:
<http://Alert.Montgomeryal.gov>

Or

YOU CAN ALSO REGISTER BY CALLING: 334-241-2339

Or

SEND US AN EMAIL TO:
emaemail@montgomeryal.gov

INFORMATION YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER:
EMAIL ADDRESS

CELL PHONE NUMBER OR HOME PHONE NUMBER

HOME ADDRESS for reverse 911 emergency notification