



*ATTENTION! Tenants and Landlords, CHCA welcomes your attendance and membership! See inside for meeting times and contact information.*

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# Capitol Heights News

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## Elect to Vote

*by Judge Reese McKinney*

**T**he Montgomery Election Center is encouraging Montgomery citizens to vote on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 in our Municipal Election. This important citywide election will determine our mayor and city council members.

Citizens living in Montgomery must be a registered and qualified voter to vote in the Municipal Election. If you have moved or relocated in Montgomery and need to register to vote or update your address, contact the Montgomery County Board of Registrar's Office at 832-1215.

Absentee voting will begin on Thursday, July 14, 2011 and voters must complete an Absentee Ballot Application before receiving the ballot. An Absentee Ballot Application can be obtained by calling 832-1281, downloading the application from [www.montgomeryelectioncenter.org](http://www.montgomeryelectioncenter.org), or by visiting

the Montgomery Election Center downtown at 125 Washington Avenue.

The following deadlines assure the election process runs smoothly for voters, candidates, and polling officials:

- Last day to register to vote is Friday, August 12
- Last day to apply for an Absentee Ballot is Thursday, August 18
- Hand-delivery deadline for an Absentee Ballot is Monday, August 22
- Postmark deadline for an Absentee Ballot is Monday, August 22 and must be received at The Election Center by noon on Tuesday, August 23
- Election Day is Tuesday, August 23 from 7:00 a.m. – 7 p.m. at the voter's designated polling place.

For more information regarding registering to vote and absentee voting, call 832-1281.

## Vote August 23 to help achieve 100% voter turnout

### Spring Fling

Thanks to all the neighbors who helped make Spring Fling a success: Jimmy Lisenby, Tony Lisenby, Gloria Moore, Karren Pell, Tim Henderson, John Masters, Cindy Keeping, Donna (DJ) Pollard, Larry Meyer, and Toni Wood Meyer. We had our biggest crowd ever and a good time was had by all.

### Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale

More than 20 families across the neighborhood participated in the annual yard sale. Afterwards the remainders were donated to the Helping Hands Thrift Store on Upper Wetumpka Rd., to the Alabama Youth Home thrift store on Vandiver Blvd., and to a youth group. So many people benefited!

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH TIP

Dial **241-2651** to report non-emergency incidents.

A non-emergency call is simply a request for police service that is not a life or death situation such as:

- Cars blocking the street or driveway
- Abandoned vehicle
- Vehicle collision in a parking lot
- Non-injury collision not blocking the street
- Loud party
- Barking dog
- Crimes not in progress such as vandalism, or property thefts.
- Other events not requiring an emergency response.

### 2011 Yard of the Month Winners (to date)

#### April

1926 Madison Ave  
1717 Yancey Ave

#### May

146 Madison Terr  
245 N Capitol Parkway

#### June

1920 Capitol Ave

If you notice a yard that deserves recognition, please contact Cindy Clark at 593-0699. Or email [cindydclark@charter.net](mailto:cindydclark@charter.net)

## Keeping our Neighborhood Safer

Cindy Keeping – Capitol Heights Neighborhood Watch Coordinator



We have produced Neighborhood Watch signs (at left) for members to display in their yards. Research shows that neighborhoods displaying

these signs can see a decrease in criminal activity.

Thanks to Mark Fair Signs we are offering 12 x 18 inch signs for \$20 to Neighborhood Watch members.

Signs are available now. For more

information on how you can get one for your yard, please call Cindy Keeping at 315-0344.

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BBQ

Neighborhood Watch members had a great time sharing ideas at our cook-out hosted by Robert Henderson and Stacy Trantham on McCarter Avenue.

City Councilman Tracy Larkin joined us for dinner and encouraged our efforts to make our community safer!

If you are interested in participating in the Neighborhood Watch or want to know who your block captain is, call me at 315-0344.

## BY THE NUMBERS

### 2011 Home Sales in Capitol Heights

Houses sold since January 2011 – 14 (including nine foreclosures)

Current number of houses FOR SALE in Capitol Heights – 30



Houses currently being renovated:

1930 Capitol Avenue  
2029 Capitol Avenue  
50 S. Madison Terrace  
208 N. Lewis Street

*The Capitol Heights neighborhood is defined as that area within the boundaries of Upper Wetumpka Hwy and McCarter Avenue to the north; S. Lewis Street and Vonora Street to the west; Federal Drive to the east; and Mt. Meigs Road to the south.*

# Breakfast & a Show

## LATINO SUPERMARKET

Once upon a time the Capitol Grill was the place to go on Saturday morning to meet your neighbors, sip coffee, savor omelets and grits, and trade gossip. Since it closed several months ago some folks have been searching for a place to fill that Saturday breakfast niche.

Well, search no more. The Latino Supermarket at 1550 Mt Meigs Road serves up a fresh and delicious breakfast every day. You won't find grits and country ham here but you will find excellent food. There is no breakfast menu yet so this is what I recommend: ask for huevos rancheros (the best I've ever had) or plantains or Mexican eggs (eggs scrambled with onions and peppers). Or you can order from the lunch menu. While you wait for your food you can watch the cook in the kitchen making tortillas for your meal. If you've never had a fresh tortilla, you are in for a treat!

It's a great place for lunch and dinner too. While you're there, shop in the market for items you can't find anywhere else. The coconut popsicles are a perfect finish to a great meal.

— Cindy Clark

## OLD ALABAMA TOWN REVUE

What could jingle bells, sweethearts, words and music, and summertime possibly have in common? They were the themes for the newest, most exciting cultural event happening in the River Region at the Old Alabama

Town church. Produced in the vein of *Prairie Home Companion*, Capitol Height's very own Karren Pell has compiled an assortment of music, poetry, readings, and audience participatory fun with a cast of Capitol Heights' locals. Karren acted as the hostess/moderator/musician for the amazing acts. Tim Henderson astounded the audiences with his mastery of the guitar, banjo, mandolin and, mostly recently, ukulele. Bruce George slammed it down on the bass guitar. Tony Wood-Meyers belted it out with her sultry, bluesy velvet of a voice. Greta Lambert and Greg Thornton from Alabama Shakespeare Festival had us all laughing to tears with limericks and amusing short stories. The late, great local author Wayne Greenhaw was gracious enough to present a reading from his most recent publication at the April Revue. And Clay McKinney, the youngster in the bunch and also a native Capitol Heightsian, amazed us with his cello performances. Audience participatory activities have included sing-a-longs, kazoos, and tambourines.

Karren plans to expand the scope of the Revue into a live radio show (with hopes of national exposure) to showcase our local talent.

The next Old Alabama Town Revue is Thursday evening, August 11 at 7:00 p.m. and will feature the Dog Days of Summer. Mark your calendar now and watch your CHCA emails for reminders!

— Carole King

## WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Join the Capitol Heights Civic Association.

Everyone who lives or owns property in Capitol Heights benefits from the efforts of CHCA.

Some of the projects that CHCA is working on for our neighborhood:

- beautification of Madison Avenue
- improvements in Vickers and Armstrong Parks
- Historic designation expansion and of course...
- our popular Candlelight Christmas Tour.

If you'd like to participate in any of these projects, or have other ideas to improve our neighborhood, join CHCA today.

To find out how you can make a difference call Cynthia McCollister at 334-530-1097 today.



## ARE YOU RECEIVING CHCA E-MAILS?

Send your e-mail address to: Cynthia.mccollister@charter.net to be added. Membership not required.



## MEMBERSHIP

We are currently accepting membership dues for the 2011 – 2012 year. Dues are \$20 per household and are renewable in May of each year. Dues can be paid at any regular meeting or mailed to P. O. Box 70065 Montgomery, AL 36107-0065

## CHCA Officers Elected for 2011-2012

### President

Cynthia McCollister 530-1097  
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### Vice President

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### Secretary

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 12 at 7:00 p.m. **CHCA Regular Meeting** At the Capitol Heights United Methodist Church 2000 Winona Avenue. Call Cynthia McCollister, 530-1097, with questions.
- July 19 at 12 noon **BONDS Gathering of Neighborhoods**. Each month BONDS invites a guest speaker on topics of interest to neighborhoods. Lunch will be available for \$6.00 per person, please RSVP to BONDS at 625-2126.
- August 2 at 6:30 p.m. **National Night Out** Hosted again this year by Brenda and Lynn Bryant at 2215 Winona Ave. Call 263-5179 for more information.
- August 9 at 7:00 p.m. **CHCA Regular Meeting** At the Capitol Heights United Methodist Church 2000 Winona Avenue. Call Cynthia McCollister, 530-1097, with questions.
- August 11 at 7 p.m. **Old Alabama Town Revue, Karren Pell: Dog Days** Musical revue in the Old Church on Columbus Street in Old Alabama Town. Free
- August 16 at 12 noon **BONDS Gathering of Neighborhoods**. Each month BONDS invites a guest speaker on topics of interest to neighborhoods. Lunch will be available for \$6.00 per person, please RSVP to BONDS at 625-2126.
- August 23 **Election Day** Don't forget to vote!
- September 13 at 7:00 p.m. **CHCA Regular Meeting and Pot Luck Cookies & Cake** At the Capitol Heights United Methodist Church 2000 Winona Avenue. Call Cynthia McCollister, 530-1097, with questions.
- September 20 at 12 noon **BONDS Gathering of Neighborhoods**. Each month BONDS invites a guest speaker on topics of interest to neighborhoods. Lunch will be available for \$6.00 per person, please RSVP to BONDS at 625-2126.

## CAPITOL HEIGHTS CELEBRATES NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday evening, August 2 beginning at 6:30 p.m.  
2215 Winona Avenue

Hosted by Brenda and Lynn Bryant

**Food • Music • Fellowship • Fun • Free!**



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Neighbors are asked to bring:  
Finger foods for sharing /  
Soft drinks, Tea, or Water\* / Ice\*  
A chair for visitin'  
\*Contact Brenda at 263-5179

To better enjoy the music and food  
please bring your picnic chairs or blankets

***The perfect recipe for beating the heat!***

Light up the neighborhood: turn on your porch lights during  
the event to let criminals know—we are on the watch.