

Capitol Heights News

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 7, Noon Health Issues and What My Neighborhood Should Know (BONDS), see article on page 3
- April 12, 7:00 AM River Regions Breakfast, see article on page 2
- April 12, 7:00 PM CHCA Meeting. Vote on proposed addition to Constitution, see page 1
- April 13, 6:00 PM Financial Management Tools for Your Neighborhood Association (BONDS), see article on page 3
- April 26, 5:00 PM Architectural Review Board Meeting. City Hall Rm 142 Call 241-2722 for info.
- April 26, 6:00 PM How to Develop Relationships with Your Elected Officials (BONDS), see article on page 3
- April 30, Art in the Park sponsored by Highland Gardens Civic Association (check newspaper for times and specifics)
- May 7, CHCA Spring Fling, details to be announced.
- May 10, 7:00 PM CHCA Meeting. Nomination of new officers
- June 14, 7:00 PM CHCA Meeting. Election of new officers

M E M B E R S T O V O T E O N C H A N G E I N C O N S T I T U T I O N

A proposed amendment to the Capitol Heights Community Association Constitution was presented at the regular meeting held in March.

The intention of the change is to better clarify the association's objectives and aims regarding historic preservation. Initial discussions regarding the proposed change were lively and further discussion will be held at the next regular meeting. Be certain to attend so that your opinion can be heard!

As required by the current CHCA Constitution, amendments are presented at one meeting and "...shall lie over to be voted on at a subsequent meeting..."

Members wishing to study the current constitution can expect to find an update posted to

our website in the very near future as a request has been sent to the Web Administrator.

The change submitted for discussion and vote is as follows:

II Objectives and Aims

Section 2.

D. To generally be supportive of the concept and goals of historic preservation and maintaining the architectural integrity of historic districts and individual historic structures; however, The Capitol Heights Civic Association is prohibited from taking any official position before any government agency, board, commission, committee, council, official or any political subdivision thereof regarding any structure or district concerning historic preservation regulations, designations, or variances there to.



**N E I G H B O R H O O D T R E E C O M M I T T E E
T I M V A U G H T , C H A I R M A N**

Many of you were able to hear the new city Urban Forester, Russell Stringer, speak at the February meeting. It was an excellent opportunity for us to be introduced to one of the newest city efforts; Urban Forestry. Mr. Stringer explained his role with the city and his vision of continuing, expanding and maintaining the tree canopy we have over Montgomery. He expressed a strong interest in working with older neighborhoods and sought our assistance in determining a planting/growth plan for Capitol Heights. He also assured us that with proper maintenance and replanting, we can count on a pleasant and beautiful environment for future generations much the same as we inherited from our predecessors. To start this process (as you may have no-

ted) several older trees have been removed from the city right of way, and new trees are being planted. Russell explained the city would be planting more trees in the future-only along city right of way (the space between the side walk and the street). These efforts will bring Montgomery up to speed with other great city's forestry plans and keep Capitol Heights "Cool in the shade". The addition of the Urban Forester is a great step for the City of Montgomery.

As a result of the February meeting a Neighborhood Tree Committee was formed. Under the direction of Mr. Stringer, we have begun the process of mapping all city trees in Capitol Heights. Basically this follows the following guidelines: Identify where there are (continued on page 4-TREES)

V I S U A L P R E F E R E N C E S U R V E Y

With the March River Region Breakfast Meeting being a huge success, we now look forward to April's meeting which promises to be a unique opportunity for the River Region.

April's project spotlight will be on the Downtown Montgomery Convention Center and will be presented by Bill Wallace of Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood.

The featured presenter will be nationally-renowned Smart Growth expert Tony Nelessen. Mr. Nelessen is the creator of the **Visual Preference Survey**--an incredibly powerful Smart Growth planning tool.

At the April meeting, he will be conducting the

River Region's first ever Visual Preference Survey presented by the City of Montgomery Planning and Development Office. More details about this highly effective and proven planning tool can be found at www.nelessen.org.

We hope that you can join us for this unique opportunity to participate in one of the most important steps toward building a foundation for Smart Growth in the River Region.

The April breakfast is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12th from 7.30am to 9am at Faulkner University. The Breakfast meeting cost \$4 and Registration is available online at : <https://www.faulkner.edu>

If you have any questions, please contact Chad Emerson at 334.386.7536 or cemer-son@faulkner.edu

(This article can be found at www.faulkner.edu Select "River Regions Breakfast".)

CHCA Officers

*Lynn Bryant,
President*

*Paul Rawlinson,
Vice President*

*Helen Harris,
Secretary*

*Mike Dapelo,
Treasurer*

Members at Large

Ken Reynolds

D.J. Pollard

Jimmy Johnson

Rick Meeks

Jewell Pitts

Karen Pell

Ferry Robinson



WHAT CAN THE CHCA DO FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

Have an idea you would like to be considered? Include your suggestions with your membership application and dues payment or send an email to capitolhgts04@aol.com.

The Executive Committee will take your ideas into consideration and present them at future meetings!

Please note: items sent to the email address may not be immediately acknowledged.

**YARD OF THE MONTH
MARCH 2005**

Winners for Yard of the Month are
Max and Uretta Lail at 2231 Yancy Avenue
And
Paul Ivey at 1902 Madison Avenue

Congratulations!

Thank you for your efforts to make our neighborhood more beauti-



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please support the work of the CHCA and our neighborhood by joining today!

Mail this form along with your check to:

CHCA Post Office Box 70065 Montgomery, Alabama 36107-0065

Dues for this year are: Seniors — \$5.00 Individuals — \$10.00 Household — \$15.00

Circle one: New Member Membership Renewal

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE _____ NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS _____

Annual membership dues are payable by May 10th. See dues amounts on Membership Application included above. Reminder: payment of membership dues must be current to participate in voting of CHCA.



CHCA Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Capitol Heights United Methodist Church. Everyone who lives in the neighborhood is invited to attend. Meetings begin at 7:00 P.M.

BONDS MEETINGS CONTINUE IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO PARTICIPATE

Members are encouraged to attend any of the sessions offered. To register, contact Anne Kilgrew at the BONDS office (264-6223). At the session, be certain to sign in and note that you are attending for CHCA. Our association receives a block grant if we attend enough sessions.

Health Issues and What My Neighborhood Should Know, Speaker: Mike Murphee

April 7th, Noon (bring your lunch) MAO Conference Room

Financial Management Tools for your Neighborhood Association, Speaker: Ronica Faire

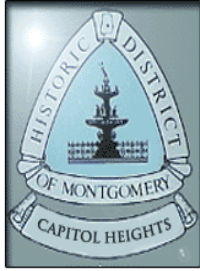
April 13th, 6:00-7:00 PM, BONDS Conference Room

How to Develop Relationships with Your Elected Officials, Speaker: Rosalind Toles

April 26th, 6:00-7:00 PM BONDS Conference Room

Community Based Schools/My Neighborhood's Role, Speaker: Montgomery Public Schools-Office of Student & Community Services
Time and Place TBA

Hope to see many of you at the meetings!



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TREES (from page 1) electric lines along city right of way; locate "open" spots where the city may plant new trees; and make note of trees which appear to be under extreme stress or disease. Everyone should note that trees along the right of way are technically City of Montgomery property - even if you plant it or maintain them. They should not be cut without the Urban Forester's approval. If your street is in the designated historical district, a permit must be obtained for tree removal - even if it is on your property. Mr. Stringer is very diligent about returning phone calls and is happy to discuss your trees. He may be reached at City Hall at 241-2740. You may also contact the County Extension Office at 265-0233.