



CAPITOL HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER



February 2018

Midtown Montgomery Friendliest Historic Neighborhood

Montgomery, AL

Capitol Heights Real Estate Review

How is the Real Estate market in our neighborhood?

I'm glad you asked! While chatting with an attorney, who was working on the closing one of my Capitol Heights sales, she told me the word is Capitol Heights is the neighborhood to be buying houses in.

The market is steadily improving for us here! In the last year, 36 homes sold and 6 more are currently under contract – total 42 homes. We saw a price range from the lowest selling for \$8,000 after being on the market for 57 days to the highest selling for \$178,000 after being on the market for only 37 days. The range of days on the market goes from 7 - 897. Of these 42 homes sold or under contract, 34 were on the market for 6 months or less. The 23 homes represent the lower end of the price range; these homes were foreclosures and/or fixer uppers.

Houses are selling, that closing attorney was right! I sold 8 homes in Capitol Heights over the last year, one of which my clients made an offer on just hours after it hit the market. Prior to making this offer those same clients, unfortunately, lost in a “bidding war” for a home here that had only been on the market for a few days. Yep, houses are selling!

So what does it take? What sets apart the lower from the higher prices, the fewer days on the market? Condition, location and price play a huge

factor. The houses that are selling fast are either priced to sell and investors snap them up or have been renovated and well taken care of.

Location still has a strong draw to buyers and I continue to get calls from people who want to move to Capitol Heights! Our neighborhood is the gateway to downtown. We have well-built historic homes, sidewalks, great neighbors, and charm! Capitol Heights, as well as the other historic neighborhoods, have something that just can't be duplicated; let's be proud of it! I look forward to the ongoing renewal of Capitol Heights!

By Amylynne Blake
Realtor, Wallace & Moody

Houses for Sale



Capitol Ave



N. Capitol Pkwy



Madison Ave



S. Capitol Pkwy



N. Florida St

JANUARY 2018 MEETING

Our Capitol Heights Civic Association meeting for January included important information from our speaker, Sergeant Hicks, and a brief talk by Commissioner Sankey. Sergeant Hicks of the Montgomery Police Department discussed the following:

Social Networking and Internet Safety Tips

Crime Mapping Tool – Reported to MPD and how it helps the community (by way of individuals reporting to MPD)

Nextdoor Application – Its purpose and use to the community.

**19,700 People are on Nextdoor App, which is a private network that only the Neighbors can communicate with each other and now the police. Crime Tips and other tips can be sent directly to Sergeant Hicks through the MPD Next door account, Facebook Account, Youtube Account or at Sergeant David Hicks – MPD ([\(334\) 625-3538">334\) 625-3538](tel:3346253538) dhicks@montgomeryal.gov.*

Open Data Montgomery - This tool consists of the crime statistics that help to see what is going on in your neighborhood; daily, weekly. Check www.crimemapping.com & www.montgomeal.gov.

Citizen's Police Academy – Next class is scheduled for February 26, 2018 – April 16, 2018. 6pm-9pm. Open to the public. * 8 Week Course – Purpose: Understanding the daily operations and functions of the Police Department.

Internet Safety – Secure your Home Internet from Criminal and Hackers. Always update your Antivirus software on all devices.

Internet Exchange Location - Buying and selling online or in response to an ad – Safe Location to exchange. The Montgomery Police Department has a designated spot at [320 North Ripley Street](#) to make this purchase or trade.

By Danita Rivers, CHCA EC Member.

CAPITOL HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

WEBSITE

capitolheightsmontgomery.org

CHCA 2017- 18 OFFICERS:

Helen Harris	President
Bruce George	Vice President
Terry Robinson	Treasurer
Cynthia McCollister	Secretary

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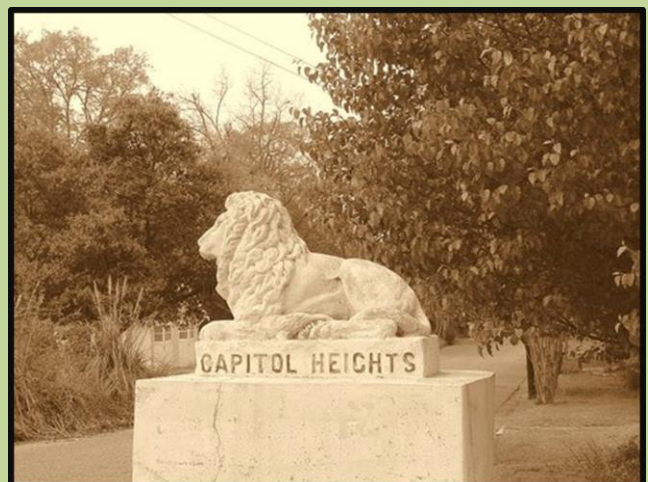
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CAPITOL HEIGHTS MONTGOMERY
CAPITOL HEIGHTS COMMUNITY GARDEN

*“Midtown Montgomery’s Friendliest
Neighborhood”*



Old Alabama Town presents

The Old Alabama Town Revue with Karren Pell & the Old Alabama Town Revue Crue

Light & Love

Groundhogs and Cupid share the evening



Don't forget your cushion!

Anthony Castaldo

Larry Gobrecht

Toni Wood

Timothy Henderson

Karren Pell

special guest artist:

Stephen Bray

& the ever popular

PELLETS

Tom Huber & Katie Pearson

February 1 @ 7:00pm
Old Church
Columbus Street
Old Alabama Town

PORCHES OF CAPITOL HEIGHTS



2018 CALENDAR



2018 CAPITOL HEIGHTS CALENDARS FOR SALE

\$7.00 ON SALE

CONTACT BEVERLY LYNN TO PURCHASE YOURS
BEVERLYLYNN40@YAHOO.COM

Share your history...

This newsletter is looking for good stories about your family and/or your home...

- the history of your house
- Birth of a baby, graduations etc.
- Civic awards/services

The deadline for each newsletter is the 24th of the previous month...the deadline for the upcoming March 2018 newsletter will be February 24th.

Please submit your articles to:

Cindy Keeping
cindykeepingneighbor@gmail.com

CHCA ELECTIONS 2018

CAPITOL HEIGHTS IS OUR
NEIGHBORHOOD!!

THE ELECTIONS FOR NEW OFFICERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND TREASURER PLUS 7 MEMBERS AT LARGE– WILL BE HELD AT THE GENERAL MEETING IN MAY 2018.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MORE OF A VOICE TO SEE THINGS HAPPEN, CONSIDER SERVING FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM. BRING YOUR PASSION FOR HISTORIC HOMES AND NEIGHBORHOODS AND YOUR IDEAS AND ENERGY TO MAKE IT HAPPEN!

HISTORICAL DESIGNATION

Historical Designation efforts have begun...in the next several months expect to see a neighbor come to your door to discuss Historical Designation with you. These neighbors will have all the forms necessary to help you and answer your questions regarding HD and the proper petition form to sign. To achieve historical designation 60% of the neighborhood must sign petitions; we are well on the way to meeting that goal.

We are starting with the houses south of Madison Avenue area first. If you are interested in talking to your neighbors on your block about Historical Designation, or if you need a petition to sign, please contact Helen Harris at 334-315-4904 or Cynthia McCollister at 334-530-1097.

“In the United States, a **historic district** is a group of buildings, properties, or sites that have been designated by one of several entities on different levels as historically or architecturally significant.” Wikipedia

Significant ~ Sufficiently great or important to be worthy of attention; noteworthy

Getting historic designation for our 110-year-old neighborhood takes a lot of paperwork-requires neighborhood agreement, surveys, local official involvement. We are doing the necessary research and paperwork so the result can hopefully mean higher property values and access to grants and financial assistance for maintenance and repairs. **Be part of the solution!!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1 – OLD ALABAMA TOWN REVUE – KARREN PELL AND THE PELLETS
(see page 2)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH –
Capitol Heights Civic Association meeting:

SPECIAL GUEST JASON POWELL of



One of our favorite guest speakers...Jason holds his master's degrees in horticulture from Texas A&M University. Jason will talk about tough heirlooms for our southern gardens, including a wide variety of antique roses, perennials, shrubs, and herbs. Anyone wishing to buy plants at the end of the February 13 CHCA meeting may pre-order by calling a Petals from the Past at [205-646-0069](tel:205-646-0069). Jason will bring as many plants ordered early enough as will fit in his vehicle. Their catalog may be viewed online at: petalsfromthepast.com/catalog/ Jason is a wealth of knowledge for all your gardening questions!

7:00pm

Neighborhood Tid-Bits:

CHUMC has a **Bible study** for youth and another for adults every Wednesday at 6:30 PM.

CHUMC has **YOGA** for WOMEN every Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 PM. Enter through the Florida St. door, wear comfortable exercise attire, and bring a yoga mat.

CHUMC also has a monthly **FREE COMMUNITY DINNER** every third Saturday at 6 PM. Join them at 6 PM.

Congratulations!!

Our neighbors are involved

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, that **Beverly Lynn** be and is hereby appointed to the Montgomery Clean City Commission for a three-year term, with term ending December 31, 2019.



TIPS FOR USING 311

There are several ways to access 311 – an App for your phone, your computer and calling directly. The advantage of using your phone and computer is immediately receiving the service request number. With this number, you can follow up on the request and the city will send you updates on your request.

To download and install the 311 App on your phone- Go to App store, search for 311 Montgomery and download. With this App you can take and send photos of the situation you are describing to the city. To report on your computer, go to montgomeryal.gov and find the 311 Access link under “REPORT AN ISSUE”. You will be prompted to create an account and/or report an issue.



What is 2-1-1 Connects Alabama?

Are you facing difficult times and don't know where to turn? Are you looking for help with everyday needs? Are you wanting to volunteer? Dialing 2-1-1 is your first step. 2-1-1 is a free, easy to remember number to dial for information about health and human service organizations in your community. By dialing 2-1-1, information is much easier to find.

Happy Valentine's Everyone



ANNOUNCING

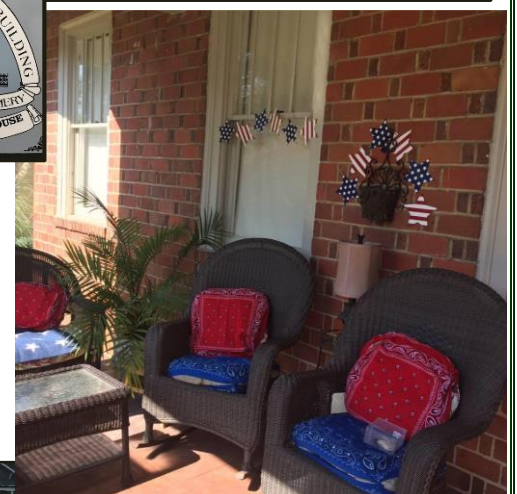
2305 ST CHARLES AVE
RESTORATION WORK!!



Neighbors Erin Reese and Matthew Grubb have recently purchased this property and renovations have begun!! If you drive by you will notice a new roof has already happened. They have some great plans to bring this building to a new level of curb appeal and viability.

Matthew and Erin...we welcome and thank you both!!!

THIS IS CAPITOL HEIGHTS



We're not bad people.
We're just a bunch of
neighbors who want to
live in a nice
neighborhood.



THINGS TO KNOW

BOND'S Gathering of Neighborhoods Meeting:

**Tuesday, February 17 • 12-1pm
Lunch is \$6.00 (optional).**

Montgomery's new Chief of Police, Ernest Finley, will share his plans for MPD as well as answer your questions. First Baptist Church's Community Ministries Building (aka Huff Building, aka Caring Center) 200 South Perry Street, Montgomery. GON is a forum for neighborhood association members and neighborhood watch organization members to meet and discuss neighborhood issues. Every other month features a speaker on topics important to neighborhoods and residents.

LANDMARK FOUNDATION EVENTS:

Cultural Crossroads XVII: Early Alabama Historians

February 10, 9 am - 4 pm

Alabama Department of Archives and History

Free to the public, *registration required.*

\$25 for lunch and refreshments

For more information call 240-4500

<http://www.landmarksfoundation.com/events/current-exhibit/>

Montgomery Curb Market

Each week, residents and visitors can enjoy purchasing fresh flowers, produce, and specialty foods at the

Montgomery Curb Market.

Location: 1004 Madison Ave in historic downtown Montgomery (its location since 1947)

Hours of Operation: 5 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays
Support LOCAL!!!



Calling all music lovers and musicians...

Skye Meadows Jenkins is working on a recital series that she is presenting through the Montgomery Music Teachers Forum at Capitol Heights United Methodist Church this year.

Sunday Mar 4th 3:00 pm at CHUMC –
AMTA requirements theme. Memorization mandatory.

Sunday Apr 29th 3:00 pm at CHUMC –
State auditions theme. Duets and chamber music theme.



New Column to Debut in March!

Starting with the March issue, streets or communities who identify themselves as a group are invited to send in newsletters. So think about your street, your corner, your church group, your KRU friends, your walking group, you get the idea--and write up some news for the month of March.



"If you run into trouble, give my brother a call. He's an excellent divorce lawyer."