



CAPITOL HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER



January 2018

Midtown Montgomery Friendliest Historic Neighborhood

Montgomery, AL

Welcome 2018

Holiday Outdoors Decorating Contest WINNERS:

**A BIG thank you to all neighbors who
decorated their homes to showcase our
neighborhood.**

Most Traditional
2130 Capitol Ave

Reason for The Season
103 Vonora Ave

Jingle All the Way
1539 St Charles Ave

The Spirit Award
102 S. Madison Ter

The Santa Award
33 Vonora Ave

Judges Choice
55 Vonora Ave

Honorable Mentions:
1509 St Charles Ave
1924 Capitol Ave
2118 St. Charles Ave



**Santa lit up our
Christmas tree
in the pavilion
at Armstrong
Park -
Christmas carols,
hot apple cider.
Good times & fun
neighbors!!**



Then there was the Montgomery Christmas Parade



DECEMBER 2017 MEETING



The December 2017 Capitol Heights Civic Association meeting was transformed into a first rate Christmas Caroling group. The carolers went to many houses to sing carols to neighbors and enjoyed hot apple cider and cookies. A good time was had by all!

CHCA also voted Danita Rivers as its newest Member at Large...
CONGRATULATIONS Danita!!

If you are not on the CHCA e- mailing list and wish to be included, please contact Cynthia McCollister, Secretary, at capitolheightsmontgomery@gmail.com You will be notified of upcoming events, important announcements and invited to fun gatherings!!



CAPITOL HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

WEBSITE

capitolheightsmontgomery.org

CHCA 2017- 18 OFFICERS:

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

MEMBERS AT LARGE:

Paul Rawlinson
DJ Pollard
Gene Gun
Stacy Trantham
Nancy Blair
Mae Tullis
Danita Rivers

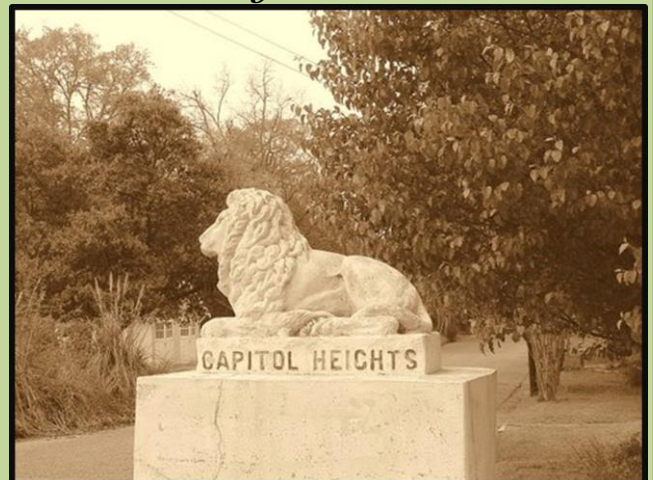
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CAPITOL HEIGHTS MONTGOMERY
CAPITOL HEIGHTS COMMUNITY GARDEN

*"Midtown Montgomery's Friendliest
Neighborhood"*



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 February 2018 newsletter will be January 24th.

You may 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!



2018 CAPITOL HEIGHTS CALENDARS FOR SALE

PORCHES OF CAPITOL HEIGHTS



2018 CALENDAR



\$10

CONTACT BEVERLY LYNN TO PURCHASE YOURS
BEVERLYLYNN40@YAHOO.COM

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN CAPITOL HEIGHTS

HOW?

BY CINDY KEEPING

The answer depends on what you want to see change or improve in your neighborhood. All of us who live in CH experience a lot of different realities which makes being “united” in a “cause” hard to pull off.

How do we become united in what we can actually achieve in a given time period?

Many of us met with Linda Wool, Montgomery’s Long Range Planning Coordinator in September 2005 and created the Capitol Heights Neighborhood Plan (completed March 2007). Go to the city’s webpage under “Planning”- you will find the copy of the whole plan. At that time, we considered our Civic Association “strong” with good participation. We were pretty united in what we wanted to see happen in our community. We were experiencing a movement where many houses were being renovated, new buyers moving in. Then the crash happened...funds were tight and houses were lost unfortunately, a good bit of them to less than desirable landlords. (continued on page 4)



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So now it is 2018. What is your vision for our neighborhood? One group of Capitol Heights neighbors believes that Historical Designation (HD) could stabilize Capitol Heights and improve the owner-occupied to rental ratio, improve property values, increase community spirit, and lower crime. Neighbors promoting HD are going door-to-door seeking signatures of Capitol Heights property owners on a petition for Historical Designation.

Our City Councillor, Tracy Larkin, is working on the enforcement of the ordinances, already on the books, that will require the registering and licensing of all landlords in Montgomery. With the licensing comes the inspection of the properties to make sure they are within code for safety and proper living conditions. If you think about it, this enforcement could greatly aid our very own community with all the problem rentals we deal with daily. Call Mr. Larkin and ask what you can do to help him in this endeavor.

What else can each of us do to better our community? Complaining without offering a solution? Nah!! We've got that! Think outside of the box (the negatives) and consider being a part of the solution – promote Capitol Heights and what's good about this neighborhood.

- We have great neighbors
- Our houses are charming and different
- We have wonderful sidewalks
- Our trees are mature and some of them feed us (pecan trees)
- A good bit of our houses are approaching 100 years old...and they are still standing strong!!
- WE ARE the neighborhood you have to go through to reach our revitalized downtown.
- Our history is rich...a lot of Montgomerians have very fond memories of being raised here in Capitol Heights.
- Porches – need I say more?
- Mail delivery to your door.

It would be great to see more affirming comments about our neighborhood on Nextdoor...it's like family...sure we can pick out the faults but let's choose to shine a light on the good – it's much more healthy.



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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, January 9th, 2018 Capitol Heights Civic Association meeting held at Capitol Heights United Methodist Church at 2000 Winona Ave. **7:00 pm**

Thursday, January 11th



**Tuesday, February 13th – SPECIAL GUEST
JASON POWELL of**



Petals from the Past

One of our favorite guest speakers...Jason holds his master's degrees in horticulture from Texas A&M University. Since starting Petals from the Past in 1994 he has applied contemporary techniques in growing the finest old-garden plants along with new varieties. He is a wealth of knowledge for all your gardening questions!

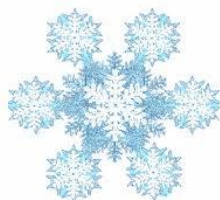
7:00pm

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 **Stacy Trantham** be and is hereby appointed to the Montgomery Clean City Commission for a three-year term, with term ending November 18, 2019.

Jewel Pitts was awarded YMCA LAMP's Youth in Government "MAN OF THE YEAR 2017" in recognition for outstanding community service performed for the youth of Montgomery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, that **Cindy Keeping** be and is hereby appointed to the Montgomery Historical Preservation Commission for a three-year term, with term ending April 19, 2020.



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 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.

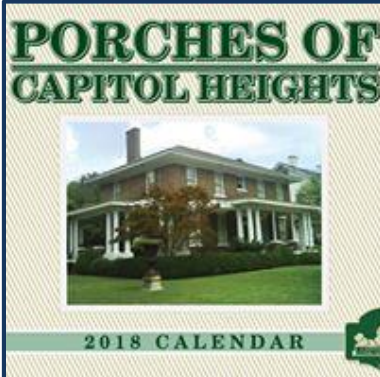
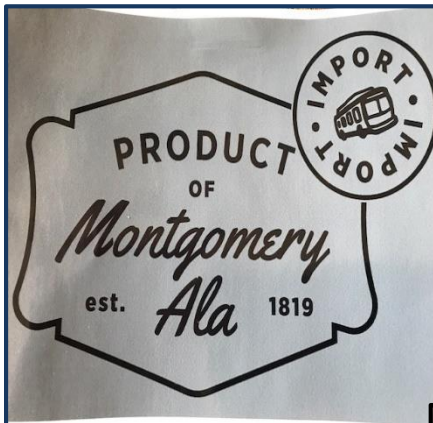
If for some reason the City does not handle the situation you are reporting to your liking, the 311 office is located at 25 Washington Ave -3rd floor. The inspectors are located on the first floor.

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.

**THANK YOU FOR REPORTING AND
CARING!!**



THIS IS CAPITOL HEIGHTS



OCT 12th
in historic Capitol Heights

ARTOBERFEST
In Vickers Park
& Better BLOCK
Mt. Meigs
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

local art ★ crafts
coffee ★ food ★ family fun ★ street cafes
pop-up shops ★ dog & bike friendly

Artists and Vendors Wanted! Free to participate.
Contact us! Artists for ARToberfest: cindykeepingneighbor@gmail.com
Vendors & Pop-up Shops: joebirdwell@gmail.com



The house at 1802 Madison Avenue, also known as the Perry House, is a beautiful Montgomery treasure on the list to be demolished. Without immediate assistance, 100 years of history will be lost forever.

Here's how YOU can be awesome & save it!

1. Donate

Give us money! In order to save the house, it needs a whole new roof & other repairs.



2. Grab a Shovel

Bring your work gloves and help us clear away foliage & junk, scrape & paint, etc.

3. Cheer Us On!

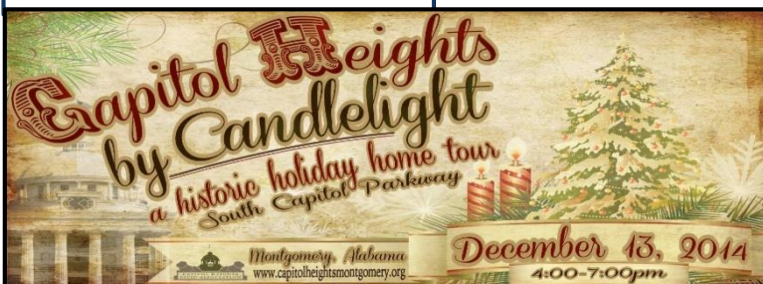
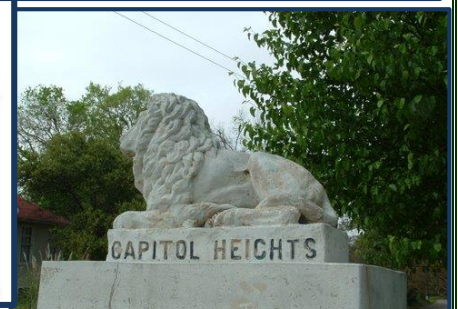
Spread the word by telling your friends! Keep up with our activities & photos at:

the1802madisonproject.blogspot.com facebook.com/Save1802MadisonProject



Capitol Heights Neighborhood Plan

Plan Adopted by the Montgomery, Alabama, Planning Commission
March 2007



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Capitol Heights is OUR neighborhood!!

August 5th 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Capitol Heights' Armstrong Park

THINGS TO KNOW

BOND'S Gathering of Neighborhoods Meeting:

In January, the office of BOND's will be relocating from the Southern Bypass to downtown at 25 Washington Ave. We wish Regina and Cynthia much strength and good wishes on this move!! Welcome back to downtown!!



Questions? call 334-625-2126

LANDMARK FOUNDATION EVENTS:

Landmarks Foundations **Discovery Sundays** free to the public:

January 21 - Winter Place, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Visit Winter Place, 454 South Goldthwaite St., Montgomery, currently under restoration as a private home. One of two houses will be open for inspection. The other can be seen from the exterior only. The property is not handicapped accessible.

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. Below please find the schedule for the recitals and if you care to, please share this info and encourage participation from musicians you know in the area who would like to perform. All ages, style and levels of ability are welcomed.

Sunday Jan 28th 3:00 pm at CHUMC –
This will be a masterclass.

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.

To submit performers, send an email to:

skymeadows@gmail.com

Performers name:

Title of piece(s):

Composer:

Duration:

Submit 1-2 pieces per performer, with your primary selection listed first. There is a 7minute time cap per performer. You may email to request an exception which will be determined as time permits. Each teacher may enter 5 students. There will be no printed programs, so students must be prepared to introduce themselves, and state the name of the piece and composer for each work performed. Teachers are encouraged to perform, but not required. You are not required to be a member to participate, and the recitals are free and open to the public. We invite local musicians, both amateurs and professionals to participate in performing, however, priority will be given to AMTA members in the scheduling of performers. The goal of the series is to promote the performance, study, and teaching of high quality music throughout our region. Recitals are subject to cancellation or change to masterclass format due to lack of participation, and will last a minimum of 40 minutes and a maximum of 90 minutes. Performers will be scheduled on a first come first served basis, so please sign up ASAP. You may sign up to co-host a recital by providing 5 student performers and performing as a teacher. Sign up ends one week before the recital date.

