



CAPITOL HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER



March 2018

Midtown Montgomery Friendliest Historic Neighborhood

Montgomery, AL

This is the first appearance of a new column featuring newsletters from groups within our neighborhood. So next month let's hear from your street, your walking group, your gardening group. A shout out to Trisha Crowley--how about the "St. Charles Chatter," and to Carole King--how about the "South Capitol Parkway Bulletin"?

The North Lewis News

FLOWERS AND FAUNA. Forsythia bushes and camellias are sharing the "Blooming Now" headlines. My popcorn bush is also budded out. I don't know--I still don't trust the weather. I don't put anything out until after Easter. But spring will come--let's get on with other news

THE SAD HOUSE. We still have the problem



house at the corner of North Lewis and Winona. The "For Sale" sign is down, but I do not think it is sold. The house is in a lot of danger as the roof leaks, and the owner wants the house to fall down or be demolished. I know it could be saved. If anyone has any ideas on saving it, please contact me. (continued on pg. 2 Lewis St)



HISTORY OF A BEAUTY

Those of us in historic neighborhoods who have heard of Frank Lockwood, one of Montgomery's leading architects, will appreciate this story about 2215 Winona Ave.

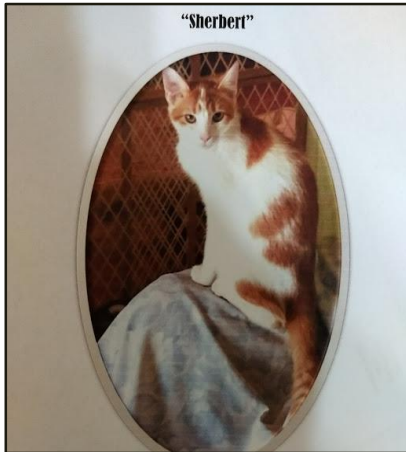
First a little something about Frank Lockwood. Born in 1865 in New Jersey, he graduated from Princeton University and Pratt Institute, then moved to Montgomery in 1894. He built his reputation as a residential architect primarily in Montgomery's Historic Districts, where over two-dozen of his masterpieces are lived in today. However, he is also credited with designing many buildings including several at Huntingdon College and a wing of the Alabama State Capitol. He lived out his life in Montgomery on Adams Avenue and died in 1935.

In 1910, the Eager House currently located at 2215 Winona Avenue, formerly known as 705 Winona Ave, was designed by Frank Lockwood. William and Mary Bell Eagers had the house built in 1910 and the family owned it until 1989. The family had five children ranging from 1 ½ to 14 years old when they moved in. Mr Eager worked for the Montgomery Traction Co. which operated the trolley system. Unfortunately, Mr. Eager passed away after living just 10 years in the house. Fortunately, Mrs. Eagers had her twin sister living next door.

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DOG PROBLEM. Cindy says those pit bulls still roam at night. They have killed another chicken. You recall they killed Micha & Brittany's cat. There are three of them, and they roam at night; I have never seen them during daylight.



CATS CATS CATS. Good news on feral cat colonies. After over three years of work, both colonies are in control. Kudos to Kathy Blackmon for helping. There are still males and females that need to be fixed, but

the numbers have dwindled significantly. I only have one female. Thanks for all the help with my fundraiser that gave me the money to accomplish some good. So basically, all the cats you now see are fixed, have their shots, and are being taken care of. Please contact me if you have a question regarding cats in the neighborhood. AND I have two wonderful young cats--still kittens really--who need homes – like Sherbert in the photo.

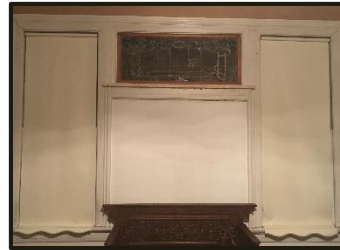
TWO NEW NEIGHBORS. We have two new neighbors on the Madison end of the block. Alma Hubbard has moved to Montgomery to assume leadership of the Montgomery County Historical Society. She will reside at North Lewis Street. Maryann McCrory is renovating a duplex for her own home. Hooray!!

NEWS NEWS NEWS. This column will be a monthly feature in the Capitol Heights newsletter so please send me your news to share with the whole neighborhood.

Karren Pell, writer and neighbor

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The current owner, Brenda Bryant, after much research, phone calling, and patience has acquired the original plans and an additional set of plans Mr. Eager himself altered to suit his specifications. In their time of living in this house they have found treasures like a uniform metal button with “Montgomery Traction Co” in raised lettering found in the back yard.



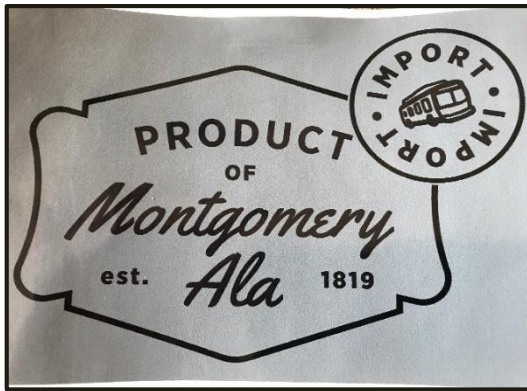
The basement/crawl space held the original stained glass window designed for the space in the dining room. Brenda's husband,

Lynn retrieved it and had it disassembled and re-leaded so that it now is in its proper place in the dining room.

During the history of this beautiful home it was converted into two apartments and in those conversion efforts, the stair case hand rails were removed but fortunately, they were stored in the basement. Lynn and Brenda plan to restore the stair hand rails and install them with the original stairs.

The house has been brought back to a three bedroom three bath house. The Bryant's have just recently had the front porch completely restored and to their complete surprise the contractor, Bryant Aspenwall, was able to restore the original columns. The house was also painted in colors that enhances the handsome features.





A little more than five years ago a dream was hatched. The

dreamers were three neighbors who live in Capitol Heights – Joe and Robin Birdwell and Heather Parrish. Their initial dream was to create an artist venture in the form of a “POP UP SHOP” like folks in Dallas and other areas of the country were trying out and getting great results! So the initial effort was the first Artoberfest/Better Block Pop Up October 2013 in Vickers Parks and on Mt Meigs Road! HUGE success!! The dream was possible!! That same year in December, the Holiday Pop Up Shop was opened on Tallapoosa Street. Montgomery responded well. Each year, the Holiday Pop Up Shop chose a different location to draw attention to the area and potential retail opportunities. Christmas 2017 brought a change...they now had a building to actually open a permanent store located at 1228 Madison Ave. The dream has grown...over 60 local artists/makers are represented in the shop; a good many from Capitol Heights!!

In addition to local arts and goods, Product of Montgomery offers art classes (private and public), special events (Adult coloring book night), Trunk shows and they offer open studio space for aspiring artist needing a space to work on their project. A special opportunity is the 3-D printer and laser cutting equipment services for prototyping and specialty art projects.

Shop days and hours are Tuesday thru Saturday 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. Contact Heather at 334-538-0092 or email Heather at heather@productofmontgomery.com

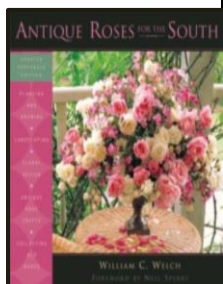
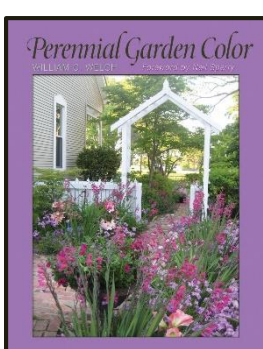
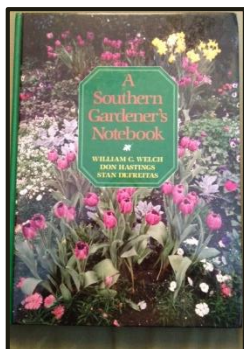
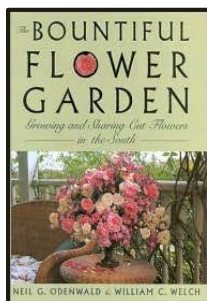
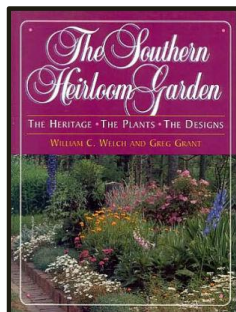
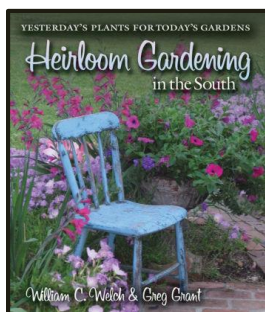


This article was written to highlight efforts of our neighbors in Capitol Heights to help revitalize a historic commercial area on Madison Avenue and is not intended to endorse a business interest. If you know of similar efforts to revive storefronts in or near Capitol Heights or have information about talented artists, musicians, or crafts-people residing in Capitol Heights, please submit an article.

FEBRUARY 2018 CHCA MEETING

Our speaker, **Jason Powell**, from **Petals from the Past** in Jemison, AL, was introduced as a favorite visitor to Capitol Heights who once spoke annually at CHCA meetings in the spring. Jason talked about his background in southern gardening and his love of heirloom plants. Jason spoke briefly about seasonal garden chores in the south and introduced us to many hardy, low-maintenance heirloom plants including herbs, perennials, re-seeding annuals, shrubs, and antique roses. Jason discussed recommended plants for our area for rich or poor soils, full sun or shade, boggy or well-drained areas, and brought specimens for us to see and/or buy. Jason also discussed year-round vegetable gardening in the south and brought several southern gardening books for us to look at. Recommended books included *Heirloom Gardening in the South* and *The Southern Heirloom Garden* by William Welch and Greg Grant, as well as *The Bountiful Flower Garden*, *A Southern Gardener's Notebook*, *Perennial Garden Color* and *Antique Roses for the South*, all by William Welch.

Thank you Jason for your rich knowledge that you share and the plants you grow!!



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 Gunter
Stacy Trantham
Nancy Blair
Mae Tullis
Danita Rivers

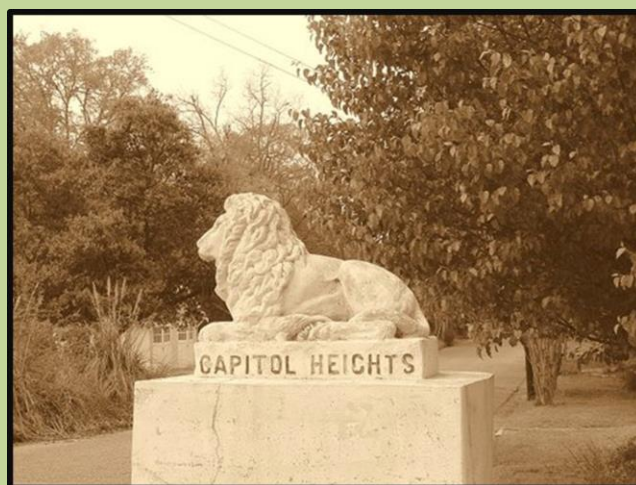
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CAPITOL HEIGHTS MONTGOMERY
CAPITOL HEIGHTS COMMUNITY GARDEN

*"Midtown Montgomery's Friendliest
Neighborhood"*



Capitol Heights Civic Association 2018-2019 Elections

In the past twenty something years, this neighborhood has held elections each year in May for new Officers – President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary- and seven Members- at-Large. Neighborhood monthly meetings, neighborhood events and projects were successfully conducted with the goal of improving our community. Our elected members represented this neighborhood at various City of Montgomery meetings to speak on behalf of our best interest and promote our community.

It is now March and the time for voting is coming up. If one wanted to examine or explore a more innovative style of leadership to take this community into the next decade -NOW is the time to attend the March meeting and to make a motion. On the following column/page you will find the Constitution and By-Laws. A couple of the purposes of the Association is highlighted as well as how to make a motion for vote by the community.

Whether you want to make a suggestion in the form of a motion or you want to step up and run for office...the next couple of meetings will be worth the effort.

CITY OF MONTGOMERY DISTRICT CLEAN-UP

June is Clean Up Month for District 3. Residents in Capitol Heights can take advantage of special garbage and trash removal service during June.

The Council members, the Sanitation Department, as well as the Montgomery Clean City Commission, are reminding residents that June is the time to "cut down, trim back, clean up, and throw away." The City of Montgomery Sanitation Department will remove nearly all items placed behind the curb, including up to 2 tires, on your regular trash pick-up day without extra charge. The only exceptions are loose leaves, dirt, building materials and tree branches exceeding four feet in length or eight inches' diameter.



CHCA Constitution

I. Name

The name of the organization shall be "The Capitol Heights Civic Association," a non-profit organization.

II. Objectives and Aims

Section 1: The objective of the Capitol Heights Civic Association is to provide a means whereby the residents of Capitol Heights may accomplish united action in matters of common interest to the community.

Section 2: The aims of the Capitol Heights Civic Association shall be:

- a. To maintain the integrity of the social, cultural and architectural standards of the Capitol Heights area and adjacent areas.
- b. To stimulate and support community pride, activity and neighborly cooperation among residents of Capitol Heights and adjacent areas.
- c. To promote the cultural and social growth of the Capitol Heights area and adjacent areas by assisting and advising local governmental and private organizations, churches and schools, excluding any activity in the Association's name that may be construed as partisan support or endorsement of political or business interests.**

III. Membership

Any person who is a bona fide resident or property owner of Capitol Heights shall be eligible for membership in this association upon such terms and conditions as shall be provided in this Constitution or in the Bylaws of this Association as amended from time to time.

IV. Boundaries

The boundaries of the Association shall include all properties that are located north of Mt. Meigs Road, east of South Lewis Street (inclusive of South Lewis Street), east of Vonora Street (inclusive of Vonora Street), south of McCarter (inclusive of McCarter), and west of Federal Drive.

V. Officers

Section 1: The officers of this Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2: There shall be an Executive Committee composed of the elected officers of the Association plus seven (7) members at large. The President shall be the chairman of the Executive Committee. He shall have no vote except to break a tie vote of the Committee.

VI. Election of Officers

The officers mentioned in Article V, Section 1 hereof shall be elected annually. The president may hold office more than 1 year and must be voted in at the annual election in May.
Section 1: The dues of the members shall be such as are fixed by the Bylaws of the Association.

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VII. Dues and Assessments

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Section 2: Assessments on members shall be prescribed and limited by the Bylaws of Association.

VIII. Amendments

Any proposed amendment to this Constitution shall become a part hereof by two thirds of the members present and voting at any regular meeting; provided that any amendment so proposed shall be read at the meeting at which proposed, and shall lie over to be voted on at a subsequent meeting as the membership shall determine.

IX. Bylaws

The Association may by a majority vote of the members present and voting at any regular meeting enact Bylaws not inconsistent with the objectives and aims of the Association or the Constitution; provided that any Bylaws so proposed shall be read at the meeting at which proposed and shall lie over to be voted on at a subsequent meeting as the membership shall determine.

Bylaws (revised April 2006)

I. Officers and Their Duties

Section 1: The President shall preside at all meetings and in his absence the Vice President shall preside; in the absence of both the President and Vice President, the members present and voting shall elect a President Pro Tem, who shall preside and exercise the usual functions of the President.

Section 2: The Secretary shall keep the minutes and records of the Association and the roll of membership and shall inform the treasurer of any changes in the roll. The Secretary shall conduct and have charge of communications sent or received by the Association and give notice of its meetings one week in advance (postcard, phone, signs or letter) setting out the purpose of said meeting and shall perform such other duties as the Association shall direct.

Section 3: The Treasurer shall collect all revenues of the Association and make distributions in accordance with the following provisions. He shall keep the Association's accounts. At the annual election of each year, he shall submit to the Association an annual operating statement and balance sheet. He shall deposit all funds of the Association in a depository to be designated by the Executive Committee. All checks drawn on the account shall be signed by the Treasurer and another officer.

II. Dues and Assessments

Section 1: The annual dues for membership in the Association shall be determined periodically by the Executive Committee. \$10.00 per voting member.

Section 2: The fiscal year of the Association shall be from June 1 to May 31.

Section 3: Dues shall be payable before the annual meeting in May of each year for the ensuing year.

Section 4: No member in default of dues payment shall be entitled to participate in the voting of the Association or hold office in the Association.

Section 5: Special assessments shall be limited to a total of \$10.00 for any fiscal year. Any proposal for special assessments shall be read at the meeting at which proposed and shall lie over to a subsequent meeting as the membership shall determine.

Section 6: The individual members of the Association are not to be personally liable for the debts incurred by the Association.

III. Committees

Section 1: All chairmen of the Committees, except the Executive Committee, shall be appointed by the President.

Section 2: Standing Committees shall be formed for the following activities:

- a. Communications – for information, publicity, education, newsletter and safety
- b. Parks and Green space – public utilities, street, and drainage
- c. Social and Special Events – membership, cultural, social, and welfare
- d. Watch Dog – panning, zoning, and design review
- e. Special Projects
- f. Miscellaneous, as needed
- g. Christmas Season

IV. Meetings

Section 1: Regular meetings shall be held at least once during each quarter of the fiscal year, at such time and place designated by the Executive Committee except that there shall be an annual meeting in May of each year for the election of officers.

Section 2: There shall be such special meetings of the Association as the President or Executive Committee shall deem necessary to carry out the objectives and aims of the Association.

V. Quorum

Section 1: Ten members in good standing shall constitute the quorum required by this Article as necessary for the transaction of any business binding the Association.

Section 2: A simple majority of the quorum shall be sufficient to approve business of the Association and proposals placed before it except as otherwise specified in the Constitution and Bylaws, provided general membership has been notified one week in advance of meeting.

Section 3: Seven members in good standing of the Executive Committee shall constitute the quorum required

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VI. Authority for Procedure

Roberts Rules of Order shall be recognized as the standard for the parliamentary procedures of the Association. Full text of 1915 Version



What makes your house significant...??

Is there a story or history about your house? Have you discovered a treasure of some sort in your home? Is there a unique feature about your house – windows, doors, fireplace or chimney??

Please share your story for Montgomery readers to learn more about our exceptional neighborhood

Submit your articles to:

**Cindy Keeping
cindykeepingneighbor@gmail.com**

*Gratitude is the fairest blossom which
springs from the soul.*

-BALLOU

**There are 8 houses on Winona Ave
that are 100 years or older –**

**#1540, #1722, #1738, #1742, #1903,
#1945, #2207, & 2215**



Centennial Homes of Capitol Heights

The source of my information on the ages of the houses in Capitol Heights comes strictly from the Montgomery County Tax Assessors Citizen's Portal on line. The accuracy is not conclusive but is all that I have to work with, so to speak. If you believe your house to be 100 years or older, please contact me and I will announce in the upcoming editions of this newsletter. Thank you, Cindy

**There are 13 houses on
S. Capitol Pkwy that are 100 years or
older – their addresses are:**

**#4, #5, #10, #11, #18, #26, #33,
#34, #44, #48, #58, #131 & #200**

**There are 11 houses on St. Charles Ave
at least 100 years or older.**

**#1818, #1902, #1916, #2014, #2038,
#2115, #2145, #2150, #2232, #2311, &
#2323**

HISTORIC DESIGNATION FOR CAPITOL HEIGHTS

Many of our Capitol Heights neighbors are working to secure Historic Designation (HD) for our Capitol Heights Neighborhood. Those of us supporting Historic Designation believe HD will stabilize and improve Capitol Heights and make it an even more pleasant and safer place to live. How can Historic Designation have such an impact? We believe neighborhoods with more owner-occupied than rental homes are healthier neighborhoods. We believe a neighborhood with landlords who maintain their properties is a better neighborhood. In the last ten or so years, Capitol Heights has gone from a 60% owner occupied and 40% rental ratio to a 60% rental and 40% owner-occupied neighborhood. We believe the landlords who care about their investments will welcome the increased value of homes that comes with historic designation, but the landlords who do not properly care for their properties and who make cheap repairs may sell their properties after Historic Designation. Uncaring landlords are unlikely to want to spend the time securing ARB approval and finding appropriate materials and design for exterior repairs after Historic Designation. Losing lousy landlords in Capitol Heights would benefit us all. Everyone who lives in a rental home deserves a landlord who maintains the property in such a way that the home is safe and comfortable. A renter is more likely to notify a landlord of needed repairs if the landlord cares about the property. Renters and their neighbors deserve landlords who care about the rental properties they own. Historic Designation could benefit homeowners and renters, alike. Historic Designation could benefit all of our Capitol Heights.

When one of our volunteers comes to your home, or writes to you (absentee homeowner/landlord), please consider signing the petition for Historic Designation. If you are uncertain about Historic Designation, please voice your questions or concerns. We will try to find answers for you. Write to us at capitolheightsmontgomery@gmail.com with your questions/concerns and we will try to address those issues. helen harris - Historic Designation Committee Member.



Capitol Heights Homes in World War I Tour of Homes

Three wonderful homes in Capitol Heights have been chosen for the **Landmarks Foundation World War I Tour of Homes**.

The Landmarks Foundation tour commemorates the 100th anniversary of the United States' entry into World War I. World War I began in Europe in July 1914, the United States entered the war in 1917, and the war ended in November 1918. Montgomery was the location of Camp Sheridan where soldiers lived and trained.

The **Landmarks Foundation WW 1 Tour of Homes** on March 11 is from 1-5p.m. The tour features homes in several historic neighborhoods that were built in the first decade of the 20th century--besides their construction dates, several have documented ties to that time period in Montgomery. **Tickets are \$20** and may be purchased on the Landmarks website www.landmarksfoundation.com) or at the Old Alabama Town Visitor Center at 301 Columbus Avenue; the OAT Visitors Center is open from 9-4, Monday through Saturday. The Old Alabama Town website has information on the tour and pictures of all the homes. Proceeds of the tour benefit the programs of Landmarks Foundation Montgomery.

The homes featured in Capitol Heights include:



103 North Lewis-
the home of Jim and
Judy Campbell

109 North Lewis-
the home of Cindy
Clark and Carol
Mosely
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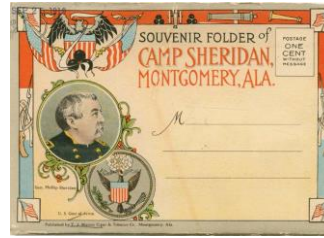
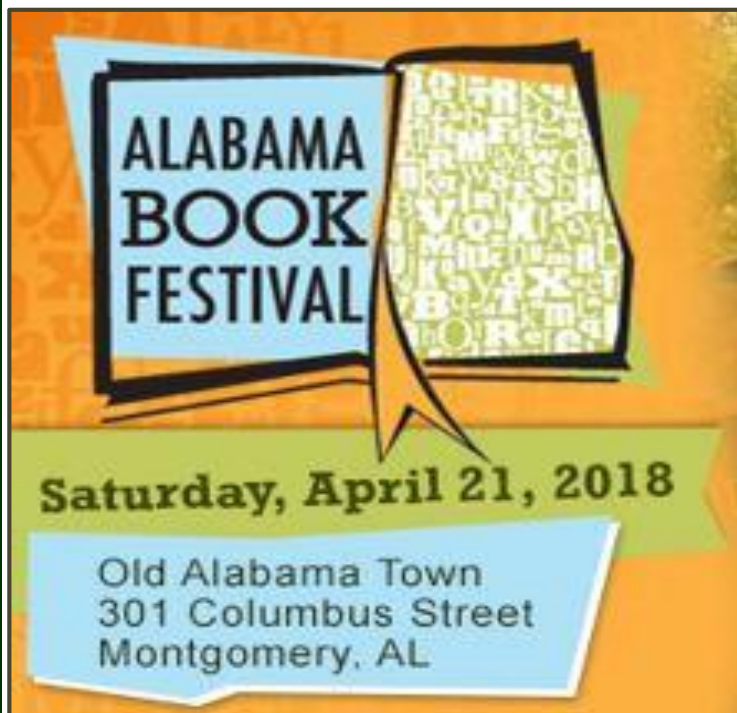


2207 Winona Avenue-
the home of Debbie
Garrison.

The story this writer is most familiar with is about the Belser sisters who lived in 103 North Lewis. Tradition has it that they hosted many a dance for the soldiers and the local girls in their second story open space area. They decorated the large room with streams of crepe papers and danced the night away.

All three of these homes are spectacular and the owners have renovated and furnished their homes delightfully. This will be a great tour, and a fun day. You might contact the home owners and see if they need volunteers. I'm told you can see the other houses for free if you volunteer some time.

So once again **Capitol Heights** is recognized for our beautiful homes and gracious residents.



Camp Sheridan
4 March, 2 - 3 p.m.
Old Alabama Town
Reception Center
Auditorium,
301 Columbus Street
Free to the public

Mark Pace, a local Montgomery collector and enthusiast, shares his collection and insights into the fascinating history of Camp Sheridan. The Camp influenced our own Montgomery history and Pace offers stories you may not have heard.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CAPITOL HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOC

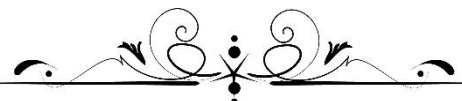
March Meeting – 13th at 7:00

Capitol Heights United Methodist Church
located at 2000 Winona Avenue.

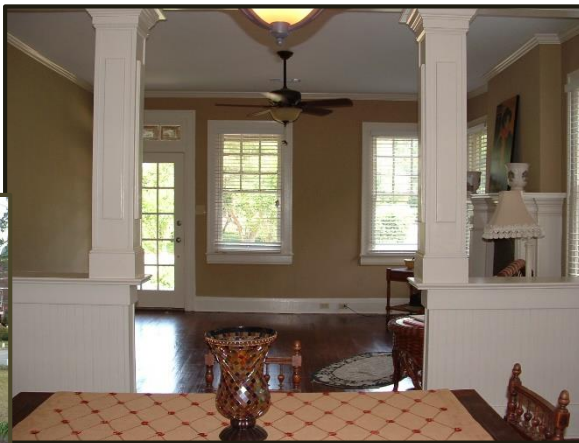
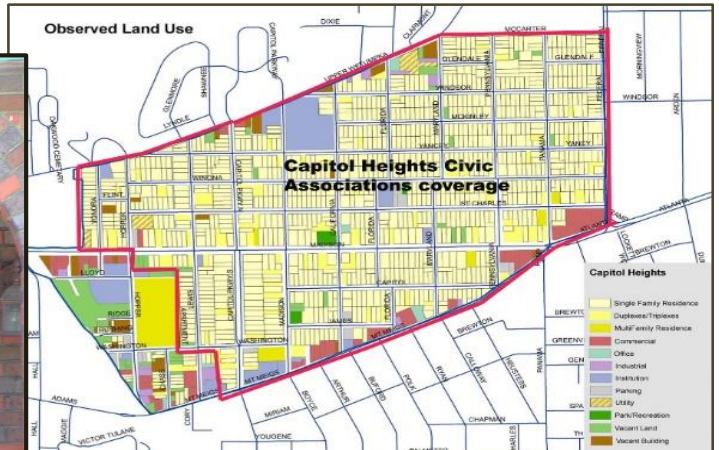
Speaker **County Commissioner Isaiah Sankey**. There will be time for a discussion of future plans for Capitol Heights and CHCA, the constitution, and by-laws, and whether a change in the day or time of our CHCA meetings would improve attendance. Join us to learn more about the activities of the Montgomery County Commission and help us plan for the future of our neighborhood.

Our April CHCA Meeting will be a business meeting to more fully discuss any proposals for improving our CHCA and Capitol Heights.

Our May CHCA Meeting will be election night for CHCA. Please consider running for office: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, or member-at-large.



THIS IS CAPITOL HEIGHTS



THINGS TO KNOW

What is B.O.N.D.S?
Building Our Neighborhoods for
Development and Success

BONDS is a neighborhood association strengthening program; providing training, a resource center, networking opportunities, and financial assistance (grants) in an effort to improve the overall quality of life throughout the city and County of Montgomery.

We believe that strong neighborhoods help preserve the fabric of our city and offer grants and leadership training to neighborhood associations and their leaders.

BONDS Gathering of Neighborhoods Meeting: “Retirement”

**Vaughn Park Church of Christ
3800 Vaughn Rd.
March 20th,
12:00 – 1:00 pm
Lunch is FREE thanks to
Regions Bank**

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.



Family Art Affair and Jazz Jams



Join us at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts for an afternoon of entertainment for the entire family. Inspired by the work displayed in the Uncommon Territory

exhibition, participants will create their own artwork in our studio while listening to jazz music playing throughout the Museum.

Call 334.240.4333 for more information.

Sun., Mar. 25, 2018, 2:00PM – 4:00PM



BONDS TRAINING SEMINAR

MARCH 10TH

9:00am-12:00pm

**MARKETING/ PR/ NEWSLETTER
DESIGN**

(EFFECTIVELY TELL YOUR STORY)

Location to be Announced



Neighborhood Tid-Bits:

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

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

