



# CAPITOL HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER



May 2018

*Midtown Montgomery Friendliest Historic Neighborhood*

Montgomery, AL



## Capitol Heights Civic Association 2018-2019 Elections

**The elections are here...**the following Capitol Heights Civic Association board members are running again as follows: Gene Gunter, Mae Tullis, and Danita Rivers have all agreed to serve as Members-at-Large on the Executive Committee. Terry Robinson and Cynthia McCollister are willing to serve in their current offices if no one else steps up. So far, no one has placed their bid to run for the Executive officers' positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Also, we standardly have seven Members-at-Large positions and currently only three Members-at-Large are returning to serve.

Serving on this Board takes a commitment to meet at least once a month, vote on issues concerning the betterment of this neighborhood, and possibly chairing a committee for an event or effort. Looks great on your resume' and can be a very rewarding experience. You will learn and develop skills you did not have before as you navigate your exposure to city government, neighborhood issues and planning events. As we have experienced in recent years, there are administrations that emphasize events and others take on more improvement task...each administration has the liberty to decide and make their mark their way. Every neighbor should consider be a part of this effort for the sake of the community and its future, but also for your own growth as a caring neighbor. I have just visited Savannah, Georgia...beautiful historic city. It took a lot of effort, but now many people are thankful to be able to visit such a historically beautiful city. **Serving takes effort but the reward is there**

**along with the knowing that this neighborhood needs an association to watch over our interests in this city.**



## Spaghetti Dinner

If you would like to be part of the Capitol Heights Civic Association election for officers for the 2018-2019 year, the voting will be held on **May 8th**. You are invited to a **spaghetti dinner on election night**. \$10.00 membership dues will be collected from those who wish to vote that evening on the proposals and issues of the Capitol Heights Civic Association and your dinner is free.

If you prefer not to be a voting member you can enjoy the dinner for only \$5.00 and enjoy the fellowship with other concerned neighbors in your neighborhood.

# APRIL 2018 CHCA MEETING

All neighbors were especially invited to bring up any issues they were dealing with in the neighborhood. A small turn out of neighbors resulted in discussions about the upcoming Community Yard Sale and Community Garden, and a brief discussion about current problem areas in our neighborhood.

Two possible changes to the By-laws were discussed:

- Allowing EC members to accept resignations of EC members in lieu of waiting until a General Meeting to turn in notice.
- If the Capitol Heights Civic Association should dissolve, a provision for the existing funds to be donated to a charity



"Frankly, I don't remember why  
I called this meeting."

## CAPITOL HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

### WEBSITE

[capitolheightsmontgomery.org](http://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

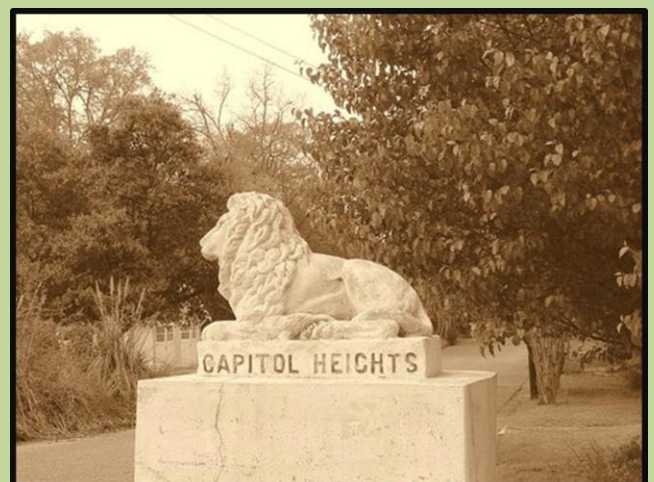
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CAPITOL HEIGHTS MONTGOMERY  
CAPITOL HEIGHTS COMMUNITY GARDEN

*"Midtown Montgomery's Friendliest  
Neighborhood"*





The boundaries of the Capitol Heights neighborhood are Upper Wetumpka Road, to the North, Mount Meigs Road to the south, South Lewis Street to the west, and Federal Drive to the east. Two new boundary signs have been added and are located at the southern border of the Capitol Heights neighborhood along Mount Meigs Road (previously known as Line Creek Road). The locations are at the intersection of Capitol Avenue, South Pennsylvania Avenue, and Mount Meigs Road. and to the west at South Lewis Street and Mount Meigs Road.

There has been only one existing sign for South Capitol Parkway that has been in place for a while along with seven other boundary signs for the neighborhood north of Madison Avenue. The new signs are the result of the Capitol Heights Civic Association being selected for a Bonds grant by the city of Montgomery. During a yearlong process, the decision to use the grant for the signs was voted on and approved at the meeting of the Capitol Heights Civic Association. These green neighborhood signs bring awareness to all that visit the area and show the current boundaries of the Capitol Heights neighborhood.

By Gene Gunter  
Member-at-Large CHCA



## CITY OF MONTGOMERY BONDS GRANT BANQUET

IN ATTENDANCE AT THE CAPITOL HEIGHTS TABLE:

REP. JOHN KNIGHT, MEMBERS OF CHCA- KATHY GUNTER, GENE GUNTER, MAE TULLIS, AND CURRENT CHCA PRESIDENT, HELEN HARRIS AND OTHER COMMUNITY LEADERS. MAE TULLIS ACCEPTED THE GRANT AWARD TO THE CAPITOL HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION ON BEHALF OF THE CHCA.

IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN IMPROVING THE NEIGHBORHOOD, THERE IS NO BETTER PLACE TO VOICE YOUR OPINION, VOTE ON ISSUES, AND CONTRIBUTE TO MAKE THINGS BETTER FOR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN, AND YOU CAN HELP. THIS YEAR WE WILL BE UPDATING OUR WEBSITE TO REACH MORE NEIGHBORS, CONTINUING OUR HISTORIC DESIGNATION EFFORTS, AND COLLECTING HISTORY ON PROPERTIES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD FOR A DOCUMENTARY ABOUT CAPITOL HEIGHTS. COME JOIN THE FUN AND GET INVOLVED. HOPE TO SEE YOU MAY 14TH, JUST TWO WEEKS AWAY!

By Gene Gunter  
Member-at-Large CHCA



# YARD OF THE MONTH

After its winter hibernation, Yard of the Month will start back again in May. Three winners will be chosen each month: at least one from the part of the neighborhood south of Madison Avenue, and at least one from the part of the neighborhood north of Madison [a bigger area.] So keep up with the mowing, edging, and flower and bush tending so that your house might be eligible for one month's recognition and bragging rights!

By Tricia Crowley

We are missing the **YARD OF THE MONTH** signs...please contact CHCA if you have them or know of their whereabouts. Contact :  
capitolheightsmontgomery@gmail.com



## CAPITOL HEIGHTS COMMUNITY GARDEN

Yes, there will be a garden again this year, again in conjunction with Capitol Heights United Methodist Church on their property. At the organizational meeting on April 16 it was announced that Shadreck Kagoro will coordinate the garden this year. Most of the garden has been weeded by volunteers, and the soil has been sent off for testing. Once we know what amendments we will need to make to the soil, Shadreck will call a work day for turning over the soil, repairing the drip irrigation system, if needed, and planting. E.A.T. South and the Wellness Coalition have offered to donate plants and seeds. The home-school group that meets at CHUM and the church youth group will offer help as well. We just need your help to make it a real community effort. **So check NextDoor for the date and time of the work day.**

By Tricia Crowley  
Neighbor & Gardener

## Centennial Homes of Capitol Heights

A special "thank you" to Tricia Crowley who lives on St. Charles Avenue for sending me information about her home and others that have reached the age of 100 or more:

2014 St. Charles Ave built in 1913  
1902 St. Charles Ave built in 1900

15.8% of our community! A total of 195 houses in Capitol Heights are at least 100 years old as of this year. A bunch of our houses were built in the 20's so this number is soon to drastically jump in the near future!



# HISTORIC DESIGNATION FOR CAPITOL HEIGHTS

Historic Designation is on its way...we began on the south of Madison Avenue side first and now we are gearing up for the north side of Madison Avenue.

**VOLUNTEERS:** you are invited to a Training COMING SOON – WILL BE ANNOUNCED Meet with neighbors while learning how to fill out the paperwork properly, and learn how to answer questions concerning Historic Designation. We only need you to take care of your block, so we need folks from every block to show up!!

**NEIGHBORS:** Expect to be approached by phone or in person on this topic of Historic Designation. Your signature must be signed like your deed states your name to be properly done. Also, if there are several owners, **each** one has to sign. Please help us in this endeavor.

If you want to see what the Montgomery County Tax records show type in:

- Montgomery AL County tax records
- Click on **Citizen Access Portal**
- Click **Real Property**
- You have a choice of inserting your last name or click **Property Address** for a more direct access to your property (avoid indicating "N" or "S" ...keep it simple)
- Your property info will show – click on the upper left blue line of numbers indicating your parcel numbers to gain access to more info, i.e., **Land, Building, Sales**- each one gives you the recorded info about your property.

Thank you to all who have volunteered!!



WOULDN'T IT BE FUNNY IF IT WAS JUST OUT OF GAS?

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CAPITOL HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOC

Our May 8th CHCA Meeting  
ELECTION and Spaghetti dinner begins 6:00p.m. at Capitol Heights United Methodist Church located at 2000 Winona Ave.

### May 12<sup>th</sup> Saturday

COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALE

7:00 am to 12:00 pm

(See THIS IS CAPITOL HEIGHTS for more information)

## COME MEET YOUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*"On the Road Again"*

**Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

5:00pm Information Session

6:00pm Formal Session

Place: Weeping Willow Baptist Church  
2925 Forbes Drive

*For a complete up-to-date schedule of Montgomery County Commission meetings, go to [Montgomeryalcountycommission.org](http://Montgomeryalcountycommission.org)*



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Walk to the store located at

Say "hello" to Heather or Joe, your neighbors!

The

## Sundown

Restaurant

3416 Atlanta Hwy  
Montgomery,  
Alabama

Good  
neighbors...  
good food!!



## Landlord Tips

- Please take the time to remind your tenants to place their **grills** – propane or charcoal- away from the house preferably in the back yard for safety sake.
- Remind your tenants that parking their car in the **front yard** is a code violation. Your lease should have a specific clause in it that states all laws/ordinances are to be observed as a condition of the lease.
- **Trash cans** are to be placed out on the curb near the street for collection, then returned back to the house by end of the day of collection.

As neighbors to your property, we look to all Landlords to uphold their contracts/leases with their tenants to provide a sense of community respectfulness to all. Please take time to ride through the community and view your rental property to see for yourself the condition your tenants keep your rental property. We **thank you** for your efforts to keep our neighborhood clean and safe.

## I get it...

I'm walking along in our neighborhood...I see a crushed soda can and a few feet down the street I see a McDonalds bag full of cardboard. I hate trash all over Capitol Heights!! I get discouraged and angry. I don't believe it's my neighbors who are dumping this debris so it really aggravates me. I can walk on and just be discouraged...I get it. But, I care about this community and I know that more trash will be dumped if this neighborhood is trashy all the time. So I pick it up...it's just the right thing to do.





# North Lewis News

I love seeing folks out in their yard, walking along with strollers and pups, and stopping for a chat. It's been a cool, but nice spring. I am hoping the cool temperatures continue for a while.

The news is that our friend and neighbor Pam is moving--across the street into the lovely yellow bungalow. We are so excited Pam is staying on North Lewis. Cindy and Carole's front step project is simply gorgeous. All new steps for porch and from sidewalk to front walk.



Previous flagstones have been re-laid to be smooth and trip proof! One day I saw Guyette's roof guys working across the street. Glenn keeps those places looking great and we appreciate it. The renovating continues behind me. As noted, the house is not on North Lewis Street, but its proximity is important and we are glad for the home being renovated. Sadly, the house next to me remains neglected. We need a plan.

Another sad note: the reason we have not been out walking dogs is that we have lost

all our dogs except Dolly. We have been totally grief stricken. Dolly is fine, but she is not up to a big walk. Ah me. Me neither.

Another on-going issue on North Lewis Street is litter. Hubby picks up paper and cans every day. He swears he is going to put a sign on that bush at the corner of North Lewis and Winona: "The fine for Littering is \$250! You are on Camera!"

So I am pondering the upcoming Capitol Heights Yard Sale: Do I want to stay on North Lewis or probably increase my audience by dragging the stuff to the park? What say ye ole residents of North Lewis?

Karren Pell  
Neighbor and writer



## Being a good neighbor & dog owner

Leaving your pet's number 2 behind on walks (sidewalks, neighbor's yards) is not only creating a potential mess for someone to step in, but also poses certain health risks too, did you know dog waste carries bacteria and parasites, like hookworms? These parasites can be passed to other dogs if sniffed, touched or ingested. And, people may come into contact with these parasites and also experience some sickness as a result. To take care of your dog's business while out on a walk, **"pick it up in a waste bag, tie or fasten it closed, and then toss it in your trash can when you get home."**

# THIS IS CAPITOL HEIGHTS



**Saturday 12 May**

**7:00 am to 12:00pm**

## **COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALE**

*It's time to clean out your house and earn a few dollars.*

We invite you to set up at the comfort of your own home. If you want to donate any items after the sale, there will be a scheduled pick up by a local charity.

Please sign up by sending an email to [capitolheightsyardsale@gmail.com](mailto:capitolheightsyardsale@gmail.com) with your

- Name
- Your address
- Contact info
- If you will want a donation pick up.

If you can help the week of with signage please also let us know.

Any questions can be directed to

**Chandra Pasillas and Alexine Saunders**

at [capitolheightsyardsale@gmail.com](mailto:capitolheightsyardsale@gmail.com)



## **Community Garden**

"Members of the CHUMC have been diligently working toward getting the community garden up and running for the 2018 season. Meetings have been held, the soil has been tested and now is the time to begin planting.

If you would like to participate with the care and benefits of this community garden, please contact Shadreck Kagoro, Youth Minister/Community Garden Coordinator

**264-2464**



## Dream Catchers Career Fair Capitol Heights Jr High



Our very own Mae Tullis, Executive Member of the CHCA, initiated and attended the recent Dream Catchers Career Fair which she said had a “great start.”

Mae reported, “CHMS principal, faculty and staff were excited and pleased. The students were engaging and quite a few shared their career goals. Engineers, doctors, nurses, educators, entrepreneurs and more.”

Heritage Barbershop representative informed them on what it takes to start a business so that it will be successful. The university admission asked future professional athletes what is their educational backup plan if it an athletic career doesn't work out for them?

It started dreams for some and expanded dreams for those already dreaming!

*(Thank you Mae Tullis for creating and reporting this event!)*



## Grill Safety

With the recent fire on North California St due to an unattended grill, we thought it might be a good idea to remind everyone of safe practices when cooking on a grill this summer.

According to the National Fire Prevention Association:

- Use a propane or charcoal grill outside only.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches-that means front porches are dangerous areas to fire up a grill. Take your grill to the back yard away from the house and fences.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended

Common sense is required, but many of us have been grilling for years and you become lax in your understanding of safety...so THINK and guard yourself from lax thinking...your neighbors depend on it.



## Roof Care

In walking around the neighborhood you see a lot of roofs with leaves and pine straw collecting in piles and sitting there. Piles of leaves probably collect in roof valleys or near chimneys. If you don't remove them, they will trap moisture and gradually decompose, allowing moisture to accumulate in your roof — or worse, create fertile ground for weeds to grow.

# 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 we offer grants and leadership training to neighborhood associations and their leaders.

## BONDS Calendar for May 2018

### Training Seminars

**BONDS SEMINARS ARE A GREAT WAY TO  
LEARN ABOUT COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

25 Washington Ave.

***May 8th 6:00pm- 8:00pm***

***BONDS 101 – Programs and Services***

### **BONDS Gathering of Neighborhoods Meeting:**

**Free Financial Workshops  
Presented by Regions Bank and Hosted by  
BONDS**

Workshops begin at NOON on the 3rd  
Tuesday of Every Other Month

The location of this meeting is Vaughn Park  
Church of Christ

3800 Vaughn Road, Montgomery  
Lunch is provided by Regions.  
RSVP to 625-2126

***May 15 Building Your Financial  
Confidence***



# Neighborhood Tid-Bits:

## Capitol Heights

**United Methodist Church**  
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. CHUMC is located at  
2000 Winona Ave



## Capitol Heights



**National Night  
Out  
August 7, 2018**

At our next CHCA meeting on May 8, in addition to a spaghetti dinner and elections, we will discuss plans for National Night Out and our application to BONDS for a mini-grant to help with the cost of NNO in Capitol Heights. What have you most enjoyed about previous NNO events in Capitol Heights? What new food or entertainment would you propose?

Email us at:

**capitolheightsmontgomery@gmail.com**  
with your suggestions and/or come and discuss at the CHCA Election/Spaghetti Supper Meeting on May 8.

## BONDS

Remember to sign in and include your neighborhood. Capitol Heights needs the training credits awarded for attendance to qualify for BONDS Grants.



May is **Preservation Month**, and everyone has places that are important to them. Places they care about. Places that matter. *This Place Matters* is a national campaign that

encourages people to celebrate the places that are meaningful to them and to their communities, and **Preservation Month** is the perfect time to share it with the world. This campaign isn't just about photography, after all. It's about telling the stories of the places we can't live without. Through This Place Matters, we hope to encourage and inspire an ongoing dialogue about the importance of place and preservation in all of our lives that lasts far beyond the month of May.

At the National Trust, we want to help you shine a spotlight on all the special places that are important to you. And to get you started, we're sharing exciting tips and tools so you can take your This Place Matters campaign to the next level. Follow the steps:

### What places matter to you?

Tell us which places matter most to you, and we'll help to tell the world!

- 1) Download your [This Place Matters materials](#) including signs, social media shareable, and a campaign toolkit.
- 2) Take photos at the places that matter most to you.
- 3) Share your photos online with the hashtag #ThisPlaceMatters.
- 4) Stay tuned to @SavingPlaces on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) as we spotlight our favorites!



**National Trust for  
Historic Preservation®**

For more information, go to Landmarks Foundation and look under "Resources"

## LANDMARK FOUNDATION EVENTS:

### Herb Day

The Old Alabama Town Herb Society (OATHS) puts on an annual Herb



Day every May, featuring an open air market, a variety of workshops and demonstrations, and vendors of all kinds. Held on the Living Block at Old Alabama Town. Free to the public.

**Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 8:00 – 3:00**



### Rescued Relics Montgomery's Salvage Warehouse

**Open Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday from 10 am to  
noon! 423 Madison Avenue**



### Montgomery Curb Market

1004 Madison Ave  
Montgomery, AL 36104  
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday, 5Am - 2Pm,  
Year Round



### First Sundays at One

#### Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts

Come and see traveling exhibitions as well as the Museum's Permanent Collection in these **FREE** docent led tours the **FIRST** Sunday of each month at 1 P.M.

**Sun., May6, 2018, 1:00PM – 2:00PM**

For more information, call 334-240-4333





The City of Montgomery's  
Historic Preservation Commission  
cordially invites you to the  
**2018 Historic Preservation Awards Reception**

Tuesday, May 8th, 2018  
5:30 PM

City Council Auditorium  
City Hall  
103 North Perry Street



# OLD HOUSE EXPO

**FREE**

**Sunday, May 6, 2018 1-5 pm**



850 E. Edgemont  
Cloverdale Idlewild- \$139,000  
Built in 1915



3412 Wellington  
Cloverdale Idlewild- \$154,000  
Built in 1938



845 Felder  
Old Cloverdale - \$549,000  
Built in 1920



1483 South Perry  
Garden District- \$270,000  
Built in 1900



1323 South Court  
Garden District- \$78,000  
Built in 1920



1164 South McDonough  
Garden District- \$295,000  
Built in 1917



440 Clayton  
Cottage Hill- \$169,000  
Built in 1900

#	Address	Neighborhood	Sale Price	Year	#	Address	Neighborhood	Sale Price	Year
1.	850 E. Edgemont	Cloverdale Idlewild	\$139,000	1915	5.	1323 South Court	Garden District	\$78,000	1920
2.	3412 Wellington	Cloverdale Idlewild	\$154,000	1938	6.	1164 S McDonough	Garden District	\$295,000	1917
3.	845 Felder Ave.	Old Cloverdale	\$549,000	1920	7.	440 Clayton	Cottage Hill	\$169,000	1900
4.	1483 South Perry	Garden District	\$270,000	1900					



## Neighbor in Need

One of our Capitol Heights neighbors, recently experienced a tragedy. Jack Osgoode's longtime friend died on April 16, during a fire which totally destroyed Jack's home. Both of Jack's dogs are alright. Jack is currently working to save a few items before he must tear down his house and remove the debris. Jack has repeatedly expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all who have expressed concern, stopped by to help, washed clothes, left food and ice, offered showers, and visited him. Many folks offered specific help and Jack did not write down and does not recall some of your offers. Please leave a note with Jack, giving contact information and type of assistance, or email CHCA at [capitolheightsmontgomery@gmail.com](mailto:capitolheightsmontgomery@gmail.com). We will print and give Jack your notes and offers of assistance. Tearing down the burned house and rebuilding will be financially difficult for Jack as his house was not insured. Jack has opened a GoFundMe account and says that:

I would love it if you took a moment to check out my GoFundMe campaign:

[https://www.gofundme.com/demo-amprebuild?pc=em\\_co\\_shareflow\\_m&rcid=r01-152530063745-06883c9525d342ce](https://www.gofundme.com/demo-amprebuild?pc=em_co_shareflow_m&rcid=r01-152530063745-06883c9525d342ce)

Your support would mean a lot to me. Thank you so much!

- Jack Osgoode

Please let CHCA know if you have access to heavy **equipment**, tools, dump trucks, dump site (city charges normal dump fees) or anything else to help with the tear-down at a later date. We will also be posting workdays for those who have offered to help remove debris. Also needed:

**Plywood**/lumber to secure house until tear-down

**Storage space** for the few items Jack can save and for items donated. Do you have room in your garage, storage shed, or warehouse for us to store items for Jack? We already have some furniture and appliances for Jack, if we can store them by May 17. Please keep Jack in mind as you hold yard sales or clear out household goods, small appliances, mini fridge, blender.... We can collect items as soon as we have a place to store them.

Thank you, Capitol Heights!

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**Ellin Tindall**, who lived in Capitol Heights most of her life and was an active member of CHCA for decades, died on April 20, 2018. Ellin Tindall is survived by her daughter, Patricia T. Davis, son, Lance Tindall, sister, Jerry Edwards, and two grandchildren. Ellin Tindall was a ceramic artist and painter. Years ago, Ellin Tindall and her family bought a boarding house on Winona and restored it to a beautiful single family home.