

Capitol Heights News

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A LETTER FROM OUR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

MEETINGS SUSPENDED

Meetings are normally held the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM. However, meetings are temporarily suspended due to the pandemic.

CONTACT US

Issues or concerns can still be brought to the attention of the CHCA Board Members by emailing capitolheightsmontgomery@gmail.com.

RENTING?

Renting or buying, all residents of Capitol Heights are eligible to join the CHCA.

Please stay tuned! We look forward to seeing you soon!

Hello Neighbor,

You are receiving this National Night Out Special Edition Newsletter from the Capitol Heights Civic Association membership to welcome you to our neighborhood. Our association's members have been looking forward to sending you this communication to include your family in our community association and help us in celebrating National Night Out.

The importance of bringing our city police, county sheriff's department and other law enforcement and city leaders together with our community has never been so important to the safety of our Capitol Heights community than this year.

If you read the letters and articles submitted, you will see the law enforcement connection here in Capitol Heights is strong and you will know we have someone looking out for our security and safety. The relationship is great especially with the Montgomery Community Police that attend our monthly meetings just to let us know what they are seeing on the street and make us aware of any particular problems we need to be aware of and listen to your comments and concerns. You will also see mentioned the huge event that our associations volunteers usually put on every year to bring us all together for NNO. Unfortunately, this year it must be postponed due to the restrictions placed on the venue in our beautiful Louis Armstrong Park on Madison Avenue and due to the Corona Virus.



It is hard to explain to the kids the playground is off limits as well as the bouncy castle that we usually have for them to make their day. The adults are also used to being able to dance together to the Shouting Stones and all enjoy freshly made hot dogs, popcorn and ice cream floats without masks and social

distancing. Our members have decided to postpone the outdoor event until a later date after waiting since August for things to improve. It is more than we can control, and we are looking out for your protection too.

If you would like to be notified of the next event of the Capitol Heights Civic Association send your email and your address to capitolheightsmontgomery@gmail.com. Check us out at capitolheightsmontgomery.org and come along with us in doing some great things for our Capitol Heights community.

Thank you,
Gene Gunter
President, CHCA

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (NNO): TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020

Neighborhoods throughout Montgomery, AL are invited to join over 38 million neighbors across 16 thousand communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide. National Night Out is nationally sponsored by National Association of Town Watches (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by your Capitol Heights Civic Association and Neighborhood Services Department (City of Montgomery).

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes strong police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live and work. Together, we are making that happen. From time to time, neighbors throughout Montgomery and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on their front porch lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and law enforcement. Along with the traditional outside lights and front porch vigils, most communities celebrate National Night Out by hosting parades, cookouts and other various community events with safety demonstrations, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and more.



National Project Coordinator, Matt Peskin said, "This is a night for our nation to stand together and promote awareness, safety, and neighborhood unity. National Night Out showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement. **When law enforcement and the community work closely together, some amazing things can happen.**"

This year Capitol Heights Civic Association will forgo the annual cookout/ potluck/ music fest extravaganza we usually host and instead ask that you turn on your porch lights and enjoy the evening on your front porch or with an evening walk. Take some time and enjoy this newsletter as it is full of compliments, good wishes, and appreciation for all of you that live in Capitol Heights.

Capitol Height has celebrated NNO for many many years! Early on, we celebrated by turning on our porch lights. NNO really heated up for Capitol Heights once Brenda and Lynn Bryant offered to host the celebration in their front yard! There was always food – pot luck was nothing that required a fork – music, some dancing, and fellowship with neighbors! Brenda and Lynn hosted NNO many times with crowds of up to 100+! Eventually the celebration was moved to Louis Armstrong Park and bounce houses, face painting and more were added to the celebration. Representatives of the Police Department, Fire Department, District Attorney Office, our elected officials, and more have attended all along and truly "a good time was had by all"! We'll do it again once our state moves ahead of the COVID-19 outbreak and that will happen!

For more information, please visit natw.org and capitolheightsmontgomery.org.

NNO AUGUST, 2011
Lynn & Brenda's Front Lawn



NNO AUGUST, 2019
Armstrong Park—Madison Ave.



Dear Citizens of Montgomery,

We would like to first thank the Capitol Heights Civic Association for their support for law enforcement in our community. The COVID-19 pandemic has been hard on everyone but particularly first responders as the job demands are inevitable no matter what circumstance they are faced. It speaks volumes to know how much generosity and thoughtfulness your association provides to support law enforcement.



This pandemic has “put the brakes” on us from doing our community outreach events/activities which really hurts us personally as we strive to connect with the community on many levels to bridge the gap in society. My staff looks forward each year to many events throughout the community, i.e., taking youth camping/fishing, spending Deputy Dave’s Day in Ramer with the community, fishing with our senior citizens, enjoying Easter programs, Christmas programs, Thanksgiving programs...just to name a few.

Many don’t realize we provide Easter baskets to sick children that are in the hospital and unable to enjoy Easter and now access is limited to our hospitals due to the virus which is hard to explain to a child. The same thing can be said during Christmas and it is hard for a child to reason with this pandemic because in their minds, things should continue as is without worrying about a virus or illness affecting them. Our Deputies are supposed to put on a protective face but sometimes it is hard as they realize how families are feeling and being treated; at the end of the day, they go home to their families but they are still affected by what they’ve seen during the day. It’s hard to turn your feelings “on and off” so our Deputies are just as affected as our citizens in the community.

The support of the community as it relates to crime is just as important to our agency. The citizens in the areas where we patrol continue to be the “eyes and ears” when it comes to reporting suspicious activity. We are solving and preventing most of the crimes that occur in the county with their assistance. If you see something, no matter how big or small, if you think it looks suspicious, call us! Let us go out and check it out just to be sure and for that, we *Thank You!* We would like to thank the citizens of Montgomery County for continuing to look out for your neighbor!

It goes without saying, I truly love my staff as well as the citizens of Montgomery County and this is my home too! Again, thank you Capitol Heights Civic Association for the humble gratitude and support! If you need anything from me or my agency, please do not hesitate to give me a call at 334.832.1646.

Sincerely, Derrick Cunningham
Sheriff of Montgomery County

**Montgomery Police Department &
Neighborhood Watch**

The Neighborhood Watch Program is organized to enable the police and the community to work together to make specific geographical areas more crime resistant to reduce crime. It is a citizen involvement, neighborhood and community-based effort, designed to help citizens and the police or sheriffs’ department in preventing primarily residential burglaries. In harmony with the philosophy of Community Policing, Neighborhood Watch encourages strong working relationships between patrol officers and the citizens they serve.

Neighborhood Watch, Crime Watch, Block Watch, Town Watch, whatever the title, is one of the most effective and least costly methods to prevent crime and reduce



fear. The Watch idea is adaptable. There are Dormitory Watches, Park Watches, Apartment Watches, Window Watches, Boat Watches, School Watches, Realtor Watches, Utility Watches, and Business Watches. A Watch can

be organized around any geographic unit.

Police and sheriffs’ departments across the country are learning that community participation in anti-crime programs is essential. One of the most effective ways to promote citizen interaction with police is the sharing of information. Citizen groups determine specific needs or problems and then share this information with local police. The police then act on this information and report back to the group on their progress. This program also works when the police go to public groups and organizations and make them aware of specific criminal activities, or the needs of the police department.

Corporal C.A. Cooper is a Crime Prevention Officer assigned to the North Precinct. He is responsible for developing, coordinating, and implementing a variety of crime prevention, safety, and community relations programs for the Police Department. Corporal Cooper is also very familiar with the interworking of the Capitol Heights community after having worked in the area for several years helping to combat crime.

Corporal C.A. Cooper
Community Policing Bureau
Crime Prevention Officer
Montgomery Police Department
334-625-4800 (Office)

From the Desk of Councilman Tracy Larkin:

I am excited about our National Night Out events all over this great City. We gather to meet our neighbors old and new, speak with our community leaders, speak with our community police officers, fire departments one on one, and many others, etc. The music, food, fun and games are open to everyone and Capitol Heights togetherness is better because of each one of you and your interest in our community and your participation in National Night Out. So please mark your calendar, see you there and let's practice Covid-19 protocol.

Also, just a friendly reminder of the City of Montgomery City Council Meetings held at 5p.m. every first and third Tuesday of the month in the Council Chambers located at 103 North Perry Street. For more information call 334-625-2096 or email my office. The next City Council Meetings will be held on October 06, 2020 & October 20, 2020.

Tracy Larkin, President Pro Tem & District 3
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Hello to all the very dedicated and engaged members of the Capitol Heights Civic Association,



I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your commitment to improving the quality of life that you desire for every member of the Capitol Heights Community. The pride that each of you have for your community is evident from the streetscapes, to home maintenance, and the miniature library at the church. In addition, you all really know how to celebrate National Night Out. The variety of food and the live entertainment makes for a fun evening in the Louis Armstrong Park.

Finally, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your County Commissioner for the 4th District. Thank you for support and remember that You Make The Difference.

Isaiah Sankey
County Commissioner District 4



★ Thank you, Neighborhood Services for your help in producing this newsletter!

MEMBERSHIP

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 the 2020-2021 year are: Household — \$10.00 Circle one: New Member Membership Renewal

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE _____ NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS _____

Membership Renewal occurs annually and dues are payable at or before the association meeting held in May.

What can the CHCA do for our neighborhood? Please let us know your ideas:

Keeping the home safe

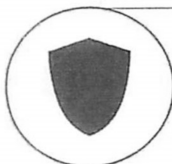
Encourage your family members to...

All households



- Clean hands at the door and at regular intervals
- Create habits and reminders to avoid touching their face and cover coughs and sneezes
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, and handrails regularly
- Increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning

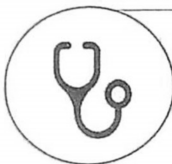
Households with vulnerable seniors or those with significant underlying conditions



Significant underlying conditions include heart, lung, kidney disease; diabetes; and conditions that suppress the immune system

- Have the healthy people in the household conduct themselves as if they were a significant risk to the person with underlying conditions. For example, wash hands frequently before interacting with the person, such as by feeding or caring for the person
- If possible, provide a protected space for vulnerable household members
- Ensure all utensils and surfaces are cleaned regularly

Households with sick family members



- Give sick members their own room if possible, and keep the door closed
- Have only one family member care for them
- Consider providing additional protections or more intensive care for household members over 65 years old or with underlying conditions

What every American and community can do now to decrease the spread of the coronavirus

Prevent the spread of COVID-19 in 7 STEPS

- 01 Wash your hands frequently
- 02 Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- 03 Cover your cough using the bend of your elbow or a tissue
- 04 Avoid crowded places and close contact with anyone that has fever or cough
- 05 Stay at home if you feel unwell
- 06 If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early — but call first
- 07 Get information from trusted sources



SOURCE: WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

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2020 Census FAQ

What is the census?

The census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories. It happens every 10 years. You are asked to count everyone who was living in your home as of April 1. If you were temporarily staying somewhere else on that date, count yourself where you live and sleep most of the time. Respond to the 2020 Census to shape your future.

What's in it for me?



Your responses inform where over \$675 billion is distributed each year to communities nationwide for hospitals, clinics, schools, roads, and more.



Census data gives community leaders vital information to make decisions about maintaining public safety, preparing for emergencies, opening businesses, and planning for the future.



Responding also fulfills your civic duty because it's mandated by the U.S. Constitution. The United States has counted its population every 10 years since 1790.



Your responses are used to redraw legislative districts and determine the number of seats your state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Is my information safe?

Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics. They cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way—not by the FBI, not by the CIA, not by the DHS, and not by ICE.

When can I respond to the census?

You can respond to the census today—online, by phone, or by mail. Census takers will visit households that do not respond, and they can assist you in completing your form.

What questions are asked?

You are asked a few simple questions, like age, sex, and the number of people who live in your home, including children.

What won't be asked?

The census does not ask for Social Security numbers, bank or credit card numbers, money or donations, or anything related to political parties.

For more information, visit:

2020CENSUS.GOV

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NEIGHBOR SPOT LIGHT - Mr. Falkowski

We would like to take a moment to thank Mr. Joel Falkowski for always going the extra mile to make sure the Capitol Heights Neighborhood looks pristine. As he goes about his daily walks, he can be observed picking up trash along his route. His #1 reason for walking, he says, "is his loving wife Mrs. Ginger". Individuals such as Mr. Falkowski are what makes our neighborhood great!

Mr. Falkowski has lived here with his family for over forty years. He and his wife initially lived across the street with his mother-in-law but then decided because of the quite, historic and beautiful homes in the area to purchase their own. Mr. Falkowski is retired from the Air Force and the Postal Services. Thank you, Mr. Falkowski, not only for your military service but the care you take of Capitol Heights!



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Partnering with Capitol Heights Middle School....



Dr. Benjamin Brown, Assistant Principal at Capitol Heights Middle School (CHMS), tells us that the school is off to a great start with virtual learning. Every Capitol Heights Middle School student has a device and online learning platform.

The school's 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) grant application was approved. CHCA will participate in this grant by providing speaker's from different professions (your neighbors) for their Career/Job Fair. (We would love to do more if anyone is interested. Email capitolheightsmontgomery@gmail.com with how you'd like to help.)

Dr. Brown asks us to remember if you know any family or child that needs support, then they are there to help.