

# CAPITOL HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER



April 2018

Midtown Montgomery Friendliest Historic Neighborhood

Montgomery, AL

## 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.



## Capital of Dreams Half Marathon

Capitol Heights was part of the path for the runners of the Capital of Dreams Half Marathon race held Saturday, the 10<sup>th</sup> of March. Racers from all over entered our fair community at Yancey from Upper Wetumpka Road and when they ran on S. Capitol Pkwy. they were greeted by a group of neighbors who cheered and clapped them on.



Several Capitol Heights neighbors were racers themselves; **Seth Rhodebeck** from Capitol Avenue, **LaDonna Patton** from Capitol Avenue, and **Dave Garth** from James Avenue, were contestants who were definitely greeted with fan fair!!

Over 2,000 runners ran through, and a **Guinness World of Records** was set with a runner from Tennessee who was pushing a stroller with three small children. "A Tennessee woman may now be in the Guinness record books. Ashlee Eskelsen set a new world record for pushing a triple stroller with her 3 sons on board in Saturday's Montgomery Half Marathon and 5K" stated AlabamaNews.net. (continued on page 2)



Old Alabama Town presents

### The Old Alabama Town Revue

with Karren Pell & the Old Alabama Town Revue Crue

## It's All About The Books

We're singing about the Alabama Book Festival



Anthony Castaldo  
Larry Gobrecht  
Toni Wood  
Timothy Henderson  
Karren Pell

special guest artist:  
Kirt Cumutt  
Stephen Bray

& the ever popular **PELLETS**  
Tom Huber & Katie Pearson

April 5 @ 7:00pm  
Old Church  
Columbus Street  
Old Alabama Town

*Don't forget your cushion!*

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The hosts of the neighbor gathering, Rich and Christy Anderson, offered G & S donut holes to all the runners and several took them up on the offer!



## The North Lewis News

*This is the second installment of a new feature in the Capitol Heights Newsletter. I'm again sending a shout out to Tricia Crowley, Lisa Harrison, and Carole King to join in the fun with newsletter about the stupendous, or not so stupendous, events in their own immediate neighborhood.*

Spring seems to be arriving in phases. Early on the forsythia and pop-corn bushes bloomed, and then faded. Then the weather turned cold--again! Currently my maple is red and gorgeous, and Cindy and Carole's is green, and its shape is perfection. My thrift (I was informed last year it is NOT Candy Tuff) is also in bloom. Not everyone seems pleased with their flora, however. Stephen on the corner has dug up the rose bushes and plans to put in some bushes that will frame his porch without also providing thorns. Seems his children drop things off the porch and then retrieving them gets, well, thorny.

There is some sad news. We here at 117 North Lewis lost our darling Sweeney Lou. I'm sure many readers know Sweeney as we walked a known route every night, and Sweeney loved going to the neighborhood events. Her illness was sudden, and her absence has left us stunned. I also came home to find my big black feral cat deceased. Not having a good time here. But, in other fur face news, Pam adopted an adorable pup from the shelter. The pup was sick, and Pam got her well, and now she is a fabulous part of our street.

In house news, the house around the corner from North Lewis at 1540 Winona is being renovated by Cajun Man, Elliott Newmann. This is very good news as you may recall he renovated the house at the corner of St. Charles and North Lewis last year, won a Landmarks award for his work, and now a wonderful family lives there. Although the house being renovated is not on North Lewis Street, it is right behind several of our homes, and so an improvement there is an improvement for us.

So its spring on North Lewis Street, and we are out working in our yards, talking with our neighbors, walking our dogs, and enjoying living on North Lewis Street. *Karren Pell, writer and neighbor*



# MARCH 2018 CHCA MEETING

**Speaker: Montgomery County Commissioner  
for District 4, Isaiah Sankey**

Commissioner Isaiah Sankey was the Speaker for the Capitol Heights March meeting. He advised that the Montgomery County Commission (MCC) has no rule-making authority, rather is an administrative arm of the State. Once the MCC was primarily charged with road construction and maintenance, but now also works to provide many services to residents of Montgomery County, supports neighborhoods, funds the Judge of Probate office, and works with the Chamber of Commerce to bring new businesses to Montgomery.

Commissioner Sankey invited all neighbors to attend meetings of the MCC, which usually meets at 8 A.M. (information session) and 9:30 A.M. (formal session) on the first and third Monday monthly at 101 S. Lawrence St. (call [334-832-1210](tel:334-832-1210) to confirm date/time as meetings are sometimes in neighborhoods at different times). To be heard at any meeting, a citizen sends a letter to Administrator Donald Mims, requesting to be put on the agenda. Currently, citizens are heard after decisions are made, but there is discussion about changing that as well as recording meetings (YouTube). Additional information: <http://www.mca.org/ElectedOfficials/Pages/CountyCommission.aspx>

Each County Commissioner has \$60,000 in discretionary funds; non-profits may ask to be heard at county commission meetings regarding the need for funds. In 2003, the 1-cent sales tax resulted in \$4m that was to go to Montgomery County Board of Education.

Commissioner Sankey addressed concerns expressed about county funds used for the new town of Pike Road, especially roads, schools and other infrastructure, and how long such assistance will be given this affluent community.

Commissioner Sankey discussed the Alabama Bi-Centennial and events that began in 2017 and will culminate in 2019. There was discussion of a proposed Capitol Heights historic marker for Vickers Park. We also talked about the first national memorial to victims of lynching, being built through the efforts of Bryan Stevenson and EJI, that will soon open in Cottage Hill and is expected to bring many more visitors to Montgomery.

A big **THANK YOU** to our **County  
Commissioner Isaiah Sankey**



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# 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

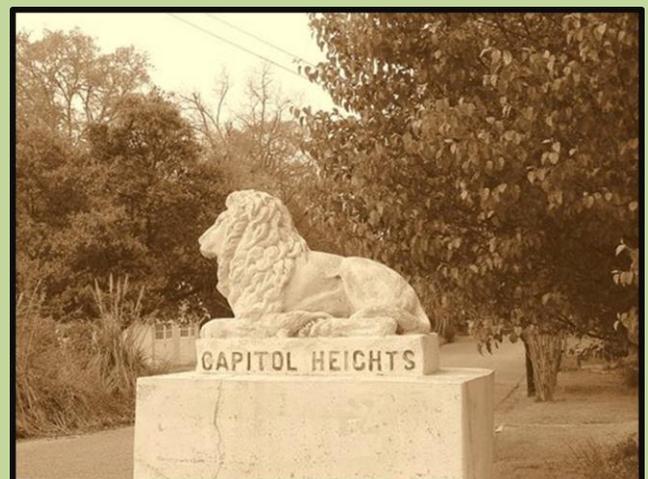
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CAPITOL HEIGHTS MONTGOMERY  
CAPITOL HEIGHTS COMMUNITY GARDEN

*“Midtown Montgomery’s Friendliest  
Neighborhood”*



# 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 anyone wants 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.

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



## 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 include your home in the next newsletter. Thank you, Cindy

**There are 5 houses on North & South California 100 years old or older:  
#23, #25, #33, #103, & #107**

**North & South Lewis has 2 houses: #103 & #190**

**North & South Madison Terrace has 2 houses:  
#321 & #1732**

**North & South Florida has 1 house: #38**

**North Panama St has 3 houses 100 years or older:  
#202, #210, #327**

**Yancey Ave has 8 houses:  
#1717, #1722, #1917, #1918, #2029, #2043, #2051 & #2331**

**Madison Ave has 6 houses:  
#321, #1722, #1802, #1902, #1903, & #2120**

**North Capitol Pkwy has 5 houses:  
#25, #39, #108, #202, & #209**

**Capitol Ave has 9 houses:  
#1802, #1812, #1831, #1835, #1840, #1921, #1932, #2136 & #2149**

**James Ave has 2 houses:  
#1901 & #1912**

**Windsor Ave has 1 house:  
#1913**

**15.6% of our community! A total of 193 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. When you are signing the paperwork make sure to **CONFIRM** the proper name and address on the paperwork. It must read like your deed to be properly done. The committee has gone ahead and filled in the information but we need to have it confirmed. 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!!

## 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:**

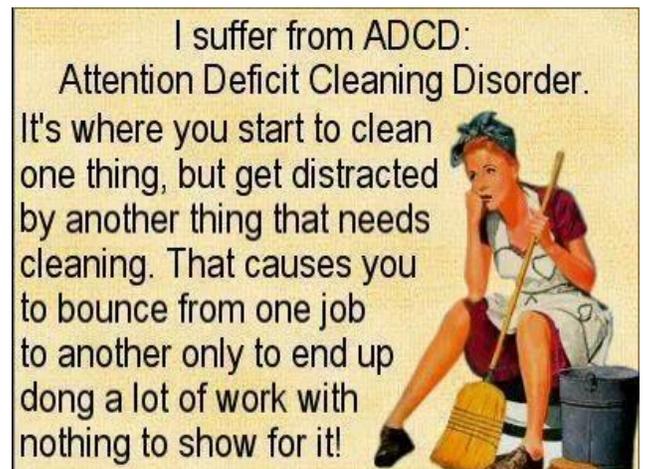
**Cindy Keeping**  
**cindykeepingneighbor@gmail.com**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CAPITOL HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOC

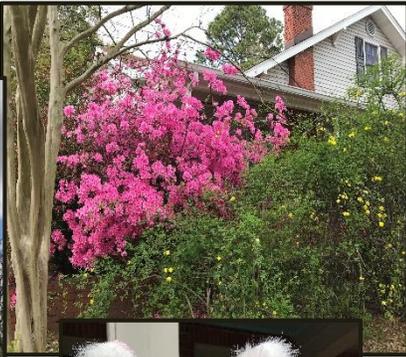
Our April 10th CHCA Meeting will be a business meeting to more fully discuss any proposals for improving our CHCA and Capitol Heights. Meeting begins 7:00 At Capitol Heights United Methodist Church located at 2000 Winona Ave.

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

SPRING TIME!!



# 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 Gathering of Neighborhoods Meeting:**

Meeting begins at NOON on the 3rd Tuesday of Every  
Other Month  
April 17<sup>th</sup>

### **“311 and Housing Codes”**

The location of this meeting is  
Vaughn Park Church of Christ  
3800 Vaughn Road, Montgomery  
Lunch is \$6.00 (optional). RSVP to 625-2126

## **Calling all music lovers and musicians**

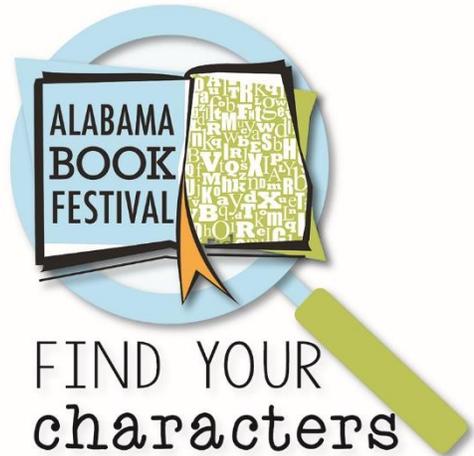


Skye Meadows Jenkins is working on a recital series that she is presenting through the Montgomery Music Teachers Forum at Capitol Heights United Methodist Church this year.

**Sunday Apr 29<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm at CHUMC –**  
State auditions theme. Duets and chamber music theme.



## **LANDMARK FOUNDATION EVENTS:**



A former Auburn football player, a death row- inmate? exonerated? a coloring book designer and an award-winning food blogger are part of the diverse lineup for the 2018 Alabama Book Festival. They join a long list of bestselling authors taking part in the annual event at Montgomery’s historic Old Alabama Town from

**9 a.m. until 4 p.m.**

**on April 21 in Old Alabama Town**



## **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





## THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

The Memorial located at 417 Caroline Street, in the Cottage Hill District will be open to the public by April 26. This Memorial has been built in Montgomery by the Equal Justice Initiative which was founded in 1989 by Bryan Stevenson, a widely acclaimed public interest lawyer and best-selling author of *Just Mercy*; EJI is a private, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

The main Memorial structure is constructed of over 800 steel monuments, one for each county in the United States where a racial terror lynching took place. The names of the lynching victims are engraved on the columns. When visitors enter the memorial, perception shifts as visitors realize that the columns that appeared to be holding up the structure are actually monuments suspended from above, which evoke the lynching that took place in the public square.

The memorial is more than a static monument. In the six-acre park surrounding the memorial is a field of identical monuments, waiting to be claimed and installed in the counties they represent. Over time, the national memorial will serve as a report on which parts of the country have confronted the truth of this terror and which have not.

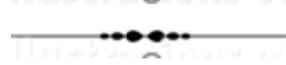
**Memorial Hours – open every day except Tuesdays from 9 am to sunset.**

## First Sundays at One

Learn more about work in the **Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts** (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.

For more information, call 334-240-4333.

Sun., Apr. 1, 2018, 1:00PM – 2:00PM



## Waterfront Sweets Easter Sunday Fun Day

It's Easter Sunday! Come have fun at Waterfront Sweets. Face painting, kids music, and free ice cream for the kids. One cone per child between 2pm to 4pm.



Call (334) 416-8598 for more information.

Sun., Apr. 1, 2018, 2:00PM – 4:00PM



## Montgomery Trees Presents

Professional Tree Pruning Tips for the Homeowner with a focus on Crepe Myrtles.

Part of a Brown Bag Lunch Series

Whether you're a tree care professional or a homeowner, you won't want to miss this session on tree pruning! Bring your lunch and come learn what and when to prune, which tools to use, how and where to make proper pruning cuts and much more. This session will cover pruning that can be done from the ground with hand tools. We'll talk about proper techniques, review types of hand tools (both good and bad), and talk about "what not to do."

We will also cover the RIGHT way to prune your crepe myrtles.

**Presenter:**

**Russell Stringer, Urban Forester with City of Montgomery**

Certified Arborist/Municipal Specialist

Alabama Registered Forester

International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)

Friday, April 13

12:00 – 1:00pm

Cost: Free, however donations are always greatly appreciated.

**Please RSVP by Monday, April 9 to [info@montgomerytrees.org](mailto:info@montgomerytrees.org).**

## Mayor's State of the City Address

City Hall (Old Council Chambers)  
103 North Perry Street

April 10<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 – 6:30 pm



National Night Out  
Mini Grant Orientation

April 16<sup>th</sup> 12:00 – 1:00 pm  
Or  
April 19<sup>th</sup> 5:30 – 6:30 pm

25 Washington St  
Downtown

## 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.

## Free Shredding Event

Montgomery Clean City Commission, MAX Credit Union, AARP Alabama and Gilmore Services will offer free on-site document destruction Friday, April 13 from 7:00 a.m. until noon  
Location: Garrett Coliseum  
1555 Federal Drive

The event is intended for private residential document shredding, not for business or company disposal. The three (3) bag/box limit will be strictly enforced to keep the flow of traffic moving.

Organizers ask event participants consider bringing a donation of non-perishable food to benefit the Montgomery Area Food Bank

# The Old Town Revue

*Our neighbors Karren Pell, Tim Henderson, and Toni Wood are cast members of the Old Alabama Town Revue, Cindy Clark makes the posters, and Carole King is the manager so Capitol Heights is very well represented in the show.*

The Old Alabama Town Revue April Show:  
It's all About the Books: We're singing about the Alabama Book Festival

*The Old Alabama Town Revue Cruce closes their 2017-2018 season with a salute to the Alabama Book Festival. Since both the book festival and the Revue is held at Old Alabama Town, the Cruce feels like they and the festival are like littermates. So every year the last show is full of songs related to the titles featured in the festival.*

The Alabama Book Festival has a great line up of authors this year, and the Old Alabama Town Revue Cruce are inspired. Get ready to enjoy a variety of songs from a Tom Petty Tribute to a ballad inspired from *To Kill a Mockingbird*. From rock 'n' roll standards to originals, this show is gonna be fun.

So don't miss it: Thursday night 7:00, April 5, in the church on Columbus Street.

Don't forget your cushion.

