



Capitol Heights Newsletter



Aug 2018

Midtown Montgomery's Friendliest Historic Neighborhood

Montgomery, AL



A NIGHT TO UNITE.

AUGUST 7 GET TO KNOW
YOUR COMMUNITY

Armstrong Park

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Bring your chair/blanket

Games and prizes

Live music - tattoos

Food and FUN!!

WE ARE CAPITOL HEIGHTS!

Sponsored by Building Our Neighborhoods



For Development and Success

AUGUST 2018 CHCA MEETING

General Membership Agenda

Capitol Heights Civic Association, Inc.

July 10th, 2018 7 PM

United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

2000 Winona Avenue

Montgomery, Alabama 36107

Call to Order:

Montgomery Police Department- Discussion

Guest Speaker- David Burkett

Old Business-

National Night Out Update for August 7, 2018.

If you would like to volunteer your time or be a sponsor for this popular community wide event,

Please contact us by email or come to the meeting.

New Business-

Americans with Disabilities Act- Public Access Survey- How to Improve Capitol Heights

<http://www.montgomeryal.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/4784/>

Recent Zoning Discussion- The Facts

Recent Business License Discussion- City Council

Comments, Announcements, and other business: Decorating contest winners.

Adjournment:

Everyone is invited...hope to see you there!!

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If you have an article or comment to share, please call me at 315-0344. History articles, your corner of the neighborhood articles or events are especially welcomed!! Cindy

CAPITOL HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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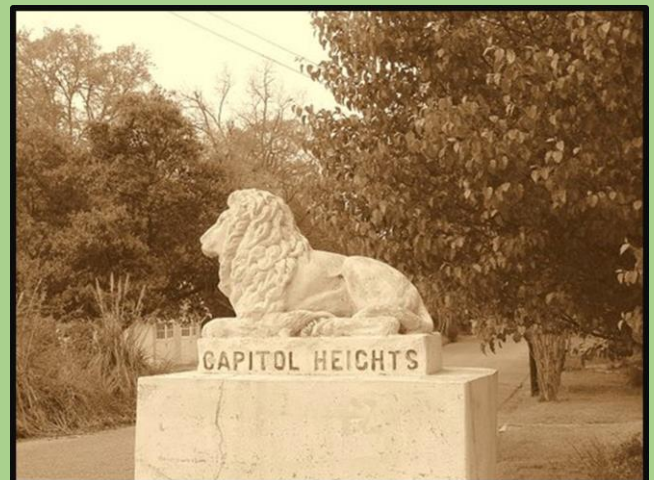
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CAPITOL HEIGHTS MONTGOMERY

CAPITOL HEIGHTS COMMUNITY GARDEN

*"Midtown Montgomery's Friendliest
Neighborhood"*





FRESH

1004 Madison Ave
Montgomery, AL 36104

**Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday,
5Am - 2Pm,
Year Round**



Rescued Relics

**Montgomery's Salvage
Warehouse**

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

We Want You!

Sistas With Values MOVING MOUNTAINS MENTORING PROGRAM

**June 4th - July 26th
and
August 1st - September 14th**

The Council on Substance Abuse-NCADD is now accepting applications from youth, ages 13-17, in Montgomery County for its free TEEN Direct Youth Mentoring Program.

Activities Include:

- Career Planning
- Team Building
- Leadership Development
- Exploration Trips
- Prevention Education
- Lots of fun and more!

For more info please contact Satavia Mann
at smann@cosancadd.org or 334.262.1629

COSA NCADD

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
6:00 PM.

CHUMC is located at
2000 Winona Ave



Being a good neighbor & dog owner

There is no **Poop Fairy**.



Scoop your Poop

Grab it • Bag it • Toss it

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. 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."**

Building Our Neighborhoods



For Development and Success

Gathering of Neighborhoods

Clean City Commission/ Montgomery Tree Commission

Meeting begins 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 \$6.00 (optional). RSVP to 625-2126

**NETWORK WITH NEIGHBORS FROM
THROUGHOUT MONTGOMERY COUNTY**



Vicarious Vacation Series

Defend yourself against the dreaded doldrums of DOG DAYS! Spend every Saturday of August traveling the world in the cool confines of the auditorium in Old Alabama Town. For the seventh year, Landmarks Foundation offers exciting seated trips led by seasoned travelers who will take us on four free *VICARIOUS VACATIONS*!

- August 4:** Planes, Trains & Automobiles –
The Journey from Lima to Machu Picchu,
Rich and Christy Anderson
- August 11:** A Cruise to the Orkney Islands & Iceland,
Ann and Steve Linder
- August 18:** World War I Battlefields, Jim Hodgson
and Steve Brickley
- August 25:** Hiking Mt. Rainier's Wonderland Trail,
McDowell Crook

Vicarious Vacation Series

Saturdays in August: 11 am

Loeb Reception Center, 301 Columbus St.

Free to the public

WELCOME MAXWELL'S ACSC & AWC

Many of our neighbors who are Landlords, have rented to the 2018-2019 Air Command and Staff College and Air War College students. To all these new students in our community, ***we welcome you and your families to our little corner of the world!***

Capitol Heights Civic Association and the neighbors of Capitol Heights wish you the very best year and hope your stay with us is a very pleasant one!!



Front porch of one of Robert and Cindy Thornhill's rentals

How do you know if the ground is too hot for your dog to walk on?

Check the pavement for heat before taking your dog on a walk. Place your hand or a bare foot on the surface for 10 seconds. **If it is too hot** for you to keep your hand or foot on it, then it is **too hot** for your **pet**. Stay on grassy surfaces and avoid bare **ground** when outside in the summer heat.



Hosting a BLOCK PARTY

This year I celebrate my 10th year of living in Capitol Heights and I couldn't be happier. Ever since I was a young adult I would walk down Church Street where charming historic homes lined the street and dream I would one day live in one of those homes. Well, finally my dream came true, but on a different street, Capitol Avenue, and in a different town.

I consider it a privilege to live in my lovely bungalow and just adore my neighbors. Being a true southerner, I enjoying throwing and attending parties. Recently, I was honored to attend a casual get-together where the host and hostess provided hot dogs and the guest were asked to bring a side dish to share and a lounge chair. The invited guest were neighbors, and it was such a fun party. The evening was spent getting to know new neighbors and seeing some familiar faces. Our little group decided that night that we would continue having monthly get-togethers hosted by other families. In fact, along with another family, I will host an ice cream party in August.

Throwing get-togethers with the neighbors has huge benefits and the different events are endless. Our host had a huge porch which came in handy when it rained a bit during the event. If you don't have a large front porch consider sharing the party with your neighbor. Two houses with porches side by side can offer more room for guest to mingle. You could even opt to have more kid family friendly foods and beverages on one porch while catering more to the adults on the other. Some of the houses in the neighborhood have incredible backyards for

entertaining. There are all sorts of fun and creative ideas with invitations. I really liked this one I have included in a photo.



Parties do not have to be limited to the warmer months. With fall and winter on the horizon, think about hosting a backyard party around the **fire pit with a s'mores bar**.

You could have a friendly **chili competition** between a few neighbors and have some ball games playing on an outside TV. Maybe you could host a neighborhood **brunch** and tell the **neighbors to show up in their PJ's**, have everyone bring their favorite brunch item and have a mimosa or Bloody Mary bar. Host a **cookies & hot chocolate party** in early December, or organize a soup swap. As you can see by the few examples I have listed, the possibilities are endless.

Like our homes, we have charming and unique neighbors. The important thing is to get involved and make it happen! When you do throw that party, be sure to submit a small article to Cindy Keeping for the newsletter along with pictures.

Gwen Moore, neighbor on Capitol Avenue

James Ave Block Party



What happens when two neighbors put their heads together and invite everyone on both sides of their streets...**BLOCK PARTY!!**

Seth and Megan Rhodebeck and Dave and Bethany Garth are two neighbors, on two different streets, who threw together (within a week) this gathering. Even on a rainy day, they had a great turnout. New neighbors, Syad & Elizabeth Nomaz, and Chris & Teresa Beets joined the fun and were able to meet most of their neighbors.



I was invited and knew most of the neighbors. It was good to see Beverly Lynn, Elvis and Terry Patterson, Gwen Moore and Rick Meank



YARD OF THE MONTH

JULY 2018



148 S. Madison Terrace



Community Garden on Winona Avenue



2215 Winona Avenue

Yes, it's hot, but you can still be a gardener whose yard could earn Yard of the Month. The first week of each month, make sure your lawn is tidy and that your garden [in-ground or pots, extensive or compact] adds a punch of color and interest. [And ditch the plastic flowers!]

YOUR very own Capitol Heights Community Garden, jointly sponsored by Capitol Heights United Methodist Church and the Capitol Heights Civic Association, worked on by church youth group, other church members, and neighbors. Exemplifies what's right about our neighborhood! Check out and harvest basil and vegetables [tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers].

Homemade Weed Killer



- 1 GALLON COMMERCIAL DISTILLED WHITE VINEGAR
- 1 CUP TABLE SALT
- 1 TBSP. DAWN DISHWASHING LIQUID

THE NIGHT BEFORE YOU PLAN TO USE THIS WEED KILLER - POUR SALT AND DAWN INTO THE VINEGAR CONTAINER. TURN THE BOTTLE UPSIDE DOWN A COUPLE OF TIMES TO MIX THE INGREDIENTS.

NEXT DAY, POUR SOLUTION INTO PUMP SPRAY. THIS SOLUTION IS TO BE USED **ONLY** IN AREAS THAT YOU **DO NOT WANT ANYTHING TO BE ABLE TO GROW AGAIN**. SIDEWALKS, PATIOS, GRAVEL DRIVEWAYS, FENCE LINES ETC. SPRAY HEAVILY ON A DAY WHEN THE SUN IS HOT.

THE ACETIC ACID IN VINEGAR IS THE ACTIVE INGREDIENT. WHEN APPLIED TO PLANT FOLIAGE, THE ACETIC ACID DESTROYS CELL MEMBRANES CAUSING PLANT TISSUES TO DRY OUT. ACETIC ACID DOES NOT MOVE THROUGH THE PLANT SO ONLY THE FOLIAGE OF TREATED WEEDS ARE DAMAGED OR KILLED, THE ROOTS ARE NOT AFFECTED. **HOWEVER, THE SALT IN THIS HERBICIDE IS LIKELY TO MAKE THE DIRT WHERE SPRAYED UNHOSPITABLE FOR ANY FUTURE PLANTING.**

VINEGAR-BASED HERBICIDES ARE CONTACT AND NON-SELECTIVE, WHICH MEANS **ANY PLANT FOLIAGE THAT IS SPRAYED WILL BE DAMAGED**. THESE PRODUCTS CAN BE USED TO KILL WEEDS GROWING IN PATIOS, WALKWAYS, DRIVEWAYS AND LANDSCAPE BEDS. IF USED IN LAWN AREAS, CAREFULLY APPLY TO **WEED FOLIAGE ONLY** OR SURROUNDING GRASS WILL BE DAMAGED.

CHCA WOULD LIKE TO
THANK THE FOLLOWING
MERCHANTS/INDIVIDUALS FOR
THEIR DONATIONS OF FOOD
AND GIFTS FOR OUR
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT!!



Donated by Kathy Gunter



REGIONS

Green Lantern Branch



- **Beverly Lynn**
- **Councilman Tracy Larkin**
- **Capitol Heights United Methodist Church**
- **The Shouting Stones (Bruce & Debbie George)**

North Lewis News



CHANGES

Summer is beating down on North Lewis Street, but as far as I know we are all coping. However, there are big changes on the horizon. Seems like



North Lewis is going through some changes this year. The latest is that the house on the corner of North Lewis and St. Charles is up for sale. I was so happy when Stephen and his lovely family moved in.

Just last month they were re-doing their front yard landscaping. Ah well. They now have three children and need more room. So if you know of someone who wants a completely-and I mean completely-renovated historic home on a great block with great neighbors (if I do say so myself) please give that realtor a call. The Guyette house has a "contract pending" sign attached to the "For Sale" sign. Dave showed up in the middle of the night and posted another "For Sale" sign on the house next to me. Oh, how I wish someone would buy and renovate that beautiful old home. I keep hoping...

CATS

My big good news is that the last female cat has been trapped and spayed. She is one of mine and I am so relieved. Her kittens have also been placed. Therefore, my colony and the Winona colony are in control. We are a "No Kitten Zone." What a relief. If you see a cat around North Lewis and Winona, it is part of a well-cared for colony. Please do not trap anymore.

CATASTROPHE AVERTED

The blue house on the corner of Winona and North Lewis had some plumbing problems. I felt so bad for them as the front yard was torn up.



The next day, my friend next door to them, Pam, smelled gas. At first she wondered if she was mistaken, but the next day the odor was stronger. So, wisely, she called the gas company. Seemed the plumber actually broke a gas main. Thank goodness for Pam or we might all have been a big boom!!

COLORS

So the grass is green and the cannas are orange and yellow. The lantana is orange and purple. My Wandering Jew is purple and has a small pink flower. The Crepe Myrtles are hot pink and one is



white. Molly' sunflowers are a friendly yellow. I have a small white rose. I might have more if I could out and get that nasty vine off my bush-- too hot.

I do not like the heat, but nonetheless it is a beautiful time of year for North Lewis Street.

CONTACTS

Remember we are looking for a new neighbor. Actually two. Spread the word.

Stay COOL!!

Karren Pell, North Lewis Ave

Keep Capitol Heights Clean



Handling Storm Drain Issues



According to the City Maintenance Department, neighbors are asked to call 311 and report the exact location of the clogged drain and the city will clean it out.

This has been a stormy July, so when you are out and about, please take the time to call or use your 311 app to report clogged drains in order to keep the water from flooding in the next storm!



**MONTGOMERY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**School starts
Monday,
August 6th**

This also means
traffic will change and
buses will be rolling...so let's be vigilant
and careful!!



1900 Winona

Summer being hot and rather stormy this year, the ladies of the 1900 block of Winona gathered for a small pot luck dinner at my house even though my kitchen was in disarray due to the painting of my base cabinets. In spite of the disorder, Helen, Bonnie, Nancy, and myself shared a pot luck dinner and had a great time exchanging stories. Paul Rawlinson decided to mow his lawn instead of joining us - we understood! Heather could not join us since she was teaching an art class at **Product of Montgomery** that evening. There is something that happens when you break bread with fellow neighbors and take time to just share your thoughts and stories. I highly recommend it.

With the recent loss of the huge oak tree in the 1800 block of Winona Ave, I took a photo of our huge oak tree in front of Bonnie's house. Capitol Heights has lost many of her glorious old trees in the last couple of years. When I was renting my first apartment on S. Capitol Pkwy back in 1975, I used to park under a big old oak tree and I loved

that tree - GONE. 😞 I was talking to Paul Rawlinson about the trees and he recalls when the streets were lined with many huge oaks providing tons of shade for our street.

Looks like
the logo for
this article?
Yep!!

Neighbor Cindy





Pride of the Neighborhood Decorating Contest Winners!!



The Yankee Doodle Award

Stacy Trantham & Robert Henderson

The Firecracker Award

Bill & Pam Guyette



The Grand Ole Flag Award

Norma Fredrickson

**Winners will be recognized at our National Night Out
August 7th**

Thanks to all who participated!!





Capitol Heights United Methodist Church
located at 2000 Winona Avenue recently hosted a

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH / COMMUNITY DINNER



Over 70 children attended and received school supplies and dinner. For all who came to the Back to School Bash/Community Dinner, THANK YOU! We had a great turnout and gave out lots of school supplies. Thank you so for your community support!



Harvest the community garden

Capitol Heights community members.... Please come on out to the garden and harvest. There is much to be eaten. Basil, cucumber, peppers, blueberries, and tomatoes are ready. Even a couple of watermelons and eggplants too. Plenty for all to enjoy so please do.



This is Capitol Heights!

TUESDAY MORNING.

THE MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER.

FEBRUARY 13, 1906. 9

Why Pay Rent When a Beautiful Home is Within Your Reach? Is your object to enrich your landlord or to provide a cosy corner for yourself and family?

Please remember that we are offering lots at

CAPITOL HEIGHTS

for almost nothing, as compared to City lots, and on terms which will enable you to pay for them with your pin money. This is not all. We will contract to build you a home according to your own plans, and let you pay for it just as you would have to pay rent, with only 6 per cent interest on the actual cost. You may make your own contract, draw your own checks, keep your own books and finally accept or reject the house, just as if you had paid every dollar out of your own pocket.

Capitol Heights is the most model residence plat in the State. It is 200 feet higher than the City, is approached by an elegant Avenue 100 feet wide, now being graveled. Has NOW in actual operation, a double track street car service. City water mains, graded streets, cement sidewalks. Two rows of young shade trees on every avenue and a graded City school within five minutes walk.

If you think all this is too good to be true, ring Phone Number 666, at our City office, and our salesman will call and take you through the property, and submit these propositions personally.

There is no property in the State which, for safety and the certainty of an increase in value, offers greater inducements to the home-seeker or investor than lots at **CAPITOL HEIGHTS**.

This is an opportunity, within the reach of all, which should not be cast aside.

Capitol Heights Development Company,

City office No. 8 Pollak Building. City office Phone No. 666. Office on Property, Corner Madison Ave. and Vickers St. Phone No. 2081.

Capitol Heights History

As you can see from this 1906 Montgomery Advertiser advertisement, Capitol Heights was making itself know to the Montgomery area. What's the meaning of the phrase '**Pin money**'? Originally a small allowance given to a woman in order to purchase clothes etc. for herself. The point being...it was easy to buy a lot and build you a home...they did it all!

The Developers - Albert F. Wilson, James S. Pinkard and Massey Wilson bought the land in 1904 and on November 29, 1904 Pinkard and the others started **Capitol Heights Development Company**. The land was broken up in Blocks and Lots and called Capitol Heights. H.L. Pinckard was the president for many years and was responsible for the development of the town. The town of Capitol Heights incorporated in 1907, and the area was graded and improved through the proceeds of a 1916 bond issue. Capitol Heights became a part of Montgomery around 1926.

In **1904** a strip of land 100 feet wide through the land was dedicated to Montgomery County for the express purpose of building an electric railroad. The land must always be used for public transit or it reverts back to its owners. Today that strip of land is **Madison Avenue**.

The location of their office "Corner of Madison Ave and Vickers St." - Vickers St. is now South and North Madison Terrace where the lions are located.

If you have discovered any history of our beloved Capitol Heights, please call me so we can share!!

