



Newsletter
2021 Wrap Up

Hello Neighbors!

We are so happy to be able to share this newsletter with all of you. It shows that this pandemic has not kept you from taking care of your neighborhoods! We've all found our way to make changes where we could, let go when we couldn't (at least for now) and kept a forward momentum. We all hope 2022 will be different, but one way or the other, we know you've got this. Please know we are right there with you! We're also busy finding new ways to adjust our learning opportunities and other activities to... well, to keep up with you! Be well, keep safe, and we will see you all soon!

Happy New Year!

Neighborhood Services

17 Montgomery Neighborhoods Receive Grants for Neighborhood Improvements

Neighborhood Services awarded \$71,855 to the following 17 Neighborhood Associations and Homeowners Associations:

Arrowhead Homeowners Association, Avalon Park Homeowners Association, Capitol Heights Civic Association, Inc., Cottage Hill Foundation, Dove Field Farm Landowners Association, Inc., Eastwood Villa Homeowners Association, Greater Bell Road Neighborhood Association, Halcyon Oaks Homeowners Association, Hillwood Neighborhood Association, Jones Road Neighborhood Association, Mobile Heights Improvement Association, Old Cloverdale Association, Plantation Estates Neighborhood Association, South Hull District Association, Timbers Homeowners Association, Vaughn Meadows Neighborhood Association, Woodley Park Area Association

Each of these neighborhoods completed the process of deciding on a project, creating a plan and a budget, getting feedback and approval of the plan from the community, and collecting training credits. They all put in the time and effort to do "good" in their neighborhood. Neighborhood Services wants to congratulate each of these hard working neighborhoods!

YOU DID YOURSELF PROUD!

It's not too early to be thinking about a Neighborhood Services grant for 2023! We will announce the grant calendar March 1!

THE MISSION OF NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES IS TO PROVIDE RESOURCES TO STRENGTHEN AND EMPOWER NEIGHBORS IN MONTGOMERY TO TAKE ACTION FOR ENGAGED, CONNECTED, VIBRANT COMMUNITIES.

National Night Out Mini-Grant 2021

Twenty two neighborhoods received grants of \$500 towards National Night Out events for their neighborhoods. The winning neighborhoods were: Arrowhead HOA, Avalon Park HOA, Brookview Estates NA, Capitol Heights Civic Association, Carriage Hills NA, Eastwood Villa HOA, Garden District Preservation Association, Greater McGehee Estates NA, Green Acres NA, Halcyon Oaks HOA, Highland Park Community Association, Historic Mobile Heights NA, Jones Road NA, Mobile Heights Improvement Association, Park Manor NA, Plantation Estates NA, Regency Communities Association, Seth Johnson NA, The Bellwood HOA, The Greater Madison Park NA, Woodley Park Area Association.

These grants make it easier for neighborhoods to hold fun events for their entire community while also providing an opportunity to meet local law enforcement, fire fighters, and local politicians. Neighborhood connections are strengthened within the neighborhood and with the first responders and local officials that are there to serve them. And EVERYONE has a lot of fun!

Community Garden Workshop



On Saturday, September 25, Neighborhood Services and EAT South hosted the Starting a Community Garden Workshop. Lois Cortell of the City of Montgomery and Nick Rankin of Young Men on a Mission provided information and led discussions on just what goes into starting and sustaining a community garden. Over 20 participants came out to spend the morning with us, gleaning useful information for their neighborhood. Neighborhood Services wishes them all well and can't wait to see the fruits (and veggies) of their labor!

Pick Up Some Pop-Up Supplies!

Pop-up parks and events are a fun, non-permanent way to try new ideas in your community. Thanks to a grant from AARP, Neighborhood Services has gathered a lending library of equipment and supplies to support neighborhoods that want to try a pop-up event. If this is all new to you, don't worry! Neighborhood Services will be holding a Pop-Up Workshop this spring. We'll share information and ideas guaranteed to get you as excited about pop-up events as we are!



We're even planning a training workshop on the topic this spring! (Check the calendar for the date!) You'll get to check out the new gear plus learn how to create your own Pop-up in your neighborhood!

We have tables, seats, art supplies, games, artificial turf, tents, and more.

2022 Training Calendar

Calendar: 01/06/2022

Beginning March 1 st Ending November 1, 2022	How to Write a Neighborhood Services Grant Location: Virtual online, in person, or one on one. Call for details: 334-625-2175.
January 18 Noon - 1pm	Free Regions Workshop: Your Credit Report Location: Virtual Training. No registration required. Will not be recorded.
March 15 Noon - 1pm	Free Regions Workshop: Energize Yourself Financially Location: Virtual Training. No registration required. Will not be recorded.
April 28 11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Neighborhood Services Hosts a Neighborhood Pop-Up Event Details to be announced.
May 17 Noon - 1 pm	Free Regions Workshop: 10 Ways to Simplify Your Life Using Banking Technology Location: Virtual Training. No registration required. Will not be recorded.
June 9 Time: to be announced	Topic to be announced
July 19 Noon - 1 pm	Free Regions Workshop Counterfeit Money Awareness and Cash Handling Tips Location: Virtual Training. No registration required. Will not be recorded.
August 11 Time: to be announced	Topic to be announced
September 20 Noon - 1 pm	Free Regions Workshop Managing Your Money Location: Virtual Training. No registration required. Will not be recorded.
October 13 Time: to be announced	Topic to be announced
November 15 Noon - 1 pm	Free Regions Workshop The Importance of Saving Location: Virtual Training. No registration required. Will not be recorded.

All citizens of Montgomery County are welcomed to participate in our training opportunities.
Attendance at the trainings listed above is eligible to earn Training Credits toward our neighborhood grants.
Please call Neighborhood Services 334-625-2175 with your questions.

**STAY TUNED IN WITH NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES
ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE ADDED TO THE CALENDAR.**

Dates and times subject to change.

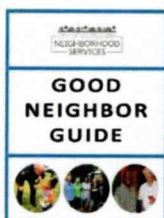
Neighborhood Services Training 2022 Going Virtual Again!

We made it through an entire year of virtual training and Neighborhood Services congratulates all of our neighbors for their persistence and willingness to make this work.

All training sessions but the Pop-Up Event will be **virtual again this year**. We miss seeing our neighbors but until COVID-19 has “left the building” we feel it’s in the best interest of everyone if we continue to meet virtually.

More information and events will be added throughout the year.

Looking forward to “seeing” y’all in the coming year!



Neighborhood Services is *tickled pink* to announce that we have created a Good Neighbor Guide. You’ll find the inside scoop on City Ordinances and other useful information that supports happy, healthy neighborhoods! You can get your copy either through email, off our webpage or by contacting the office. Just call 334-625-2175 and request a copy!

GOOD NEIGHBOR GUIDE

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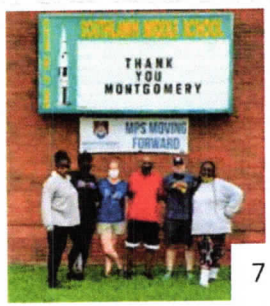
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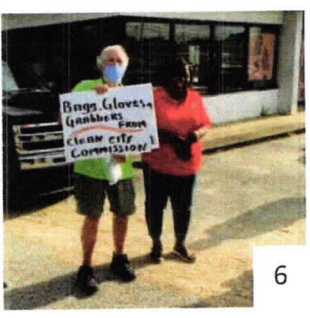
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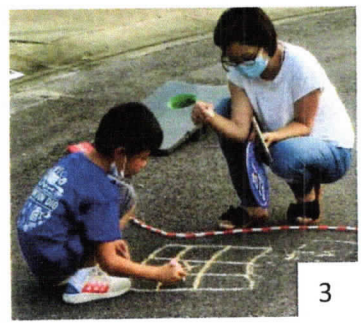


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1 – 5 Photos from various neighborhood National Night Out celebrations.
 6-7 District 4 Cleanup Events
 8-9 Community Garden Workshop
 10 Neighborhood Services Board Members at the Spooktacular!



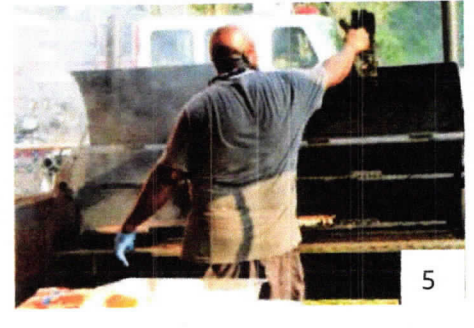
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