

**Green Mountain
Civic League**



GREEN MOUNTAIN CIVIC LEAGUE

Spring Newsletter

April 2016

<http://www.greenmountaincivicleague.org>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual SPRING Green Mountain Civic League Meeting

7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26

**at the Green Mountain Volunteer Fire Department,
aka Huntsville Fire and Rescue Station 13**

SPRING GREEN MOUNTAIN CLEANUP

Saturday, April 30

Meet at the Green Mountain Nature Trail at 9 a.m.

Please take a morning to preserve the beauty of our neighborhoods! It only takes **an hour or 2 hours** at most.

Also if driving please ***slow down*** when approaching our cleanup crew!!!

The **Huntsville Police Department** will be patrolling for speeders and the **Green Mountain Fire and Rescue Volunteers** will be providing escort.

Green Mountain Volunteer Fire Department

Rummage Sale

Friday & Saturday, 13-14 May

Friday 8:00am to 6:00pm and Saturday 8:00am to 3:00pm (rain or shine)

Drop off goods at the Fire Station on May 12th from 3:00pm until 7:00pm

If you need to deliver at another time please call 256 882-1563 to make arrangements

Your donations are **tax deductible!**

FALL ANNUAL GREEN MOUNTAIN CIVIC LEAGUE PICNIC

At the Madison County Nature Trail

Sunday September 25th, 3:00-5:30 pm

WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Good Day to all our Green Mountain Neighbors,

As cited in the Events section above, we will be holding our annual Spring **Green Mountain Civic League General Membership meeting this coming Tuesday** at the Fire Station. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend!

Both the **Minutes** and **Treasurer's Report** from the **Oct 2015 Fall General Membership Meeting** are included for your review and concurrence. Please come prepared to discuss any exceptions, and/or vote on both of these at our Tuesday meeting.

Beyond the vote on the Fall meeting minutes, we'll have a status/discussion, led by our Beautification Committee Leadership, on the progress and forward plan for the Passive Park, working with the City of Huntsville. We'll also be discussing some anticipated restructuring of our existing Civic League bylaws, holding a vote on a number of current Civic League leadership positions, and as always, host any discussion on topics of interest of our community members.

If you know of any new Green Mountain residents who are not members of the

civic league, please do extend an invitation for them to participate as well. We'll have membership forms available, and current members will be able to pay 2016 dues as well.

And finally, per the other **Announcements** below, we are always looking for additional volunteer support for both Community Watch and the Green Mountain Volunteer Fire Department. The appropriate contact information for each is provided, along with a listing of your current slate of officers, and their associated contact information.

Hope to see you on Tuesday!

Mark Prill, President, GMCL

AGENDA

Green Mountain Civic League General Membership Meeting

April 26, 2016

Call to Order – Mark Prill

Speaker - Mr. John Hamilton

Brief Update on the Green Mountain Passive Park Plans

Fall General Membership Meeting Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Membership

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Adjourn

The minutes from the October General Membership Meeting and the current Treasurer's Report are below. Please come prepared to vote on both of these at our spring meeting.

Green Mountain Civic League
Fall General Membership Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2015

President: Mr. Phil Riddick, District 5 County Commissioner, was recognized for his dedication and work toward the successful purchase of the Green Mountain property for the greenspace Passive Park, complete with space earmarked for a future Fire Station and helicopter emergency landing capability. Mr. Riddick was presented with a framed picture of the Green Mountain Nature Trail Bridge as a token of appreciation for his efforts.

Captain Dewayne McCarver, the new South Precinct Captain, was introduced and welcomed to partnership with Green Mountain residents.

Board Members Present:

Mark Prill, President

Bev Humphrey, Vice President

Joyce Morgan, Secretary

Susan Prill, Communications Chair

John Wardlaw, Safety Committee Chair

Fred Hinckley, Block Captain

Russell Rawson, Fire Chief

Nancy Corbeille, Beautification Committee Chair

Mike Hollis, Beautification Committee

President: The Fall General Membership Meeting was called to order by the President, Mark Prill. The Spring General Meeting minutes were accepted as previously written. Mark indicated the upcoming Board of Zoning Special Exception meeting regarding the clubhouse would be tabled until later in the meeting given the sensitive nature of the discussion.

Highlights from the Spring Membership Meeting were offered:

Vice President: Beverly Humphrey and Shelly Harris continue to work on getting house numbers on mailboxes. Beverly reiterated that she and Shelly are conducting an audit of South Shawdee and all connecting streets from South and North Shawdee intersections.

Treasurer's report: Anita Reck reported the details of expenses and income from the report. Beginning income January 2015 totaled \$4072.72; income from dues/deductions and decal reimbursements totaled \$1694.00. Expenses of \$808.74 left a balance of \$1059.75. Ending cash balance is \$5132.47.

Membership: Looking for volunteers for GMCL to assist with new memberships. All positions of the GMCL are voluntary, and the GMCL needs more help to sustain the organization.

Database: Volunteers are needed to manage a database of Green Mountain

residents.

Web Page: Michelle Garrett can no longer manage the control and/or updates to the Green Mountain web page. Volunteers are needed.

Block Captain: Trying to implement different forms of communication to reach residents, especially in cases of safety of residents. Looking for leadership. GMCL will need buy-in from its members to use telephone number and email addresses. This information will not be shared for any advertising. We currently have 254 email addresses.

Safety: The details of the accident on July 21 were shared; neither driver was seriously injured. The leaning tree across Valley Green has been removed. Road reflectors have been replaced. It was also learned that a stop sign, previously reported obscured from grass/weed growth, was cleared to correct the situation.

Community Watch: Susan Prill has agreed to manage for now until someone volunteers.

Volunteer Fire Department: The Green Mountain Volunteer Fire Department (GMVFD) will be able to keep our current fire engine. The GMVFD has also been successful with the purchase of a Lucas Device, an electrically driven device for performing chest compressions during CPR. The Fire Department has 2 members certified to instruct classes in the use of this device. In need are Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the volunteers. A fund raiser will be held later this year to help pay for necessary PPE as well as any necessary upgrades to the current fire engine.

Beautification Committee: Nancy Corbeille and Mike Hollis provided a copy of a diagram, called a conceptual design, of the greenspace park layout. The specific

details of the drawing were discussed. There is a 50x50 signage easement in the NE corner of South Shawdee and South Village Square. There will be a sidewalk if the City determines it is necessary. The City of Huntsville has 2 years from the closing date of the sale for the work on the park to be completed to fulfill the contract obligations. The plan includes a walk through to determine the trees to be saved and/or planted, after which the City will need to approve the conceptual design. Once that is approved, residents can assist in this project, and seedlings can be started if desired.

Nancy reminded Green Mountain residents of the planned Fall Green Mountain Cleanup on October 24.

Old Business:

Nature Trail Picnic Reservation: Mark will talk with Bobby, the Nature Trail Park Manager, regarding a standing reservation for the Green Mountain picnic.

Green Mountain Development: Mark hosted a general summary and discussion regarding the Inspiration Clubhouse Special Topic GM Community meeting hosted at the GM VFD on the 29th of September, 2015.

New Business:

No additional business was addressed, and the meeting was adjourned.

TREASURER'S REPORT			
		Community	
	<u>Civic League</u>	<u>Watch</u>	<u>Combined</u>
January'15 beginning cash	\$ 2,483.94	\$ 1,588.78	\$ 4,072.72
<u>INCOME</u>			
Dues/donations	1,073.97	525.03	1,599.00
Decal reimbursements	63.65	31.35	95.00

Total Income	\$ 1,137.62	\$ 556.38	\$ 1,694.00
<u>EXPENSE</u>			
Newsletters, postage	(273.15)	(134.54)	(407.69)
Picnic food, supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postal box rental	(65.66)	(32.34)	(98.00)
Bank charges	(14.74)	(7.26)	(22.00)
Car decals	(145.12)	(71.48)	(216.60)
Postage to mail car decals	(11.82)	(5.82)	(17.64)
Large mailing envelopes/mat, glue	(31.37)	(15.44)	(46.81)
Total Expenses	\$ (541.86)	\$ (266.88)	\$ (808.74)
Income before extraordinary item	<u>\$ 595.76</u>	<u>\$ 289.50</u>	<u>\$ 885.26</u>
** Extraordinary item **			
Property purchase expenses in 2015	(1,106.05)	(544.77)	(1,650.82)
Property purchase reimbursement in 2015 includes a 2014 expense	<u>1,222.96</u>	<u>602.35</u>	<u>1,825.31</u>
Extraordinary item net	\$ 116.91	\$ 57.58	\$ 174.49
Net Income	\$ 712.67	\$ 347.08	\$ 1,059.75
August '15 ending cash	<u>\$ 3,196.61</u>	<u>\$ 1,935.86</u>	<u>\$ 5,132.47</u>

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

(1) GREEN MOUNTAIN CIVIC LEAGUE MEMBERS WANTED

Please reach out to our new or current neighbors who may not members and ask them to join the civic league.

(2) COMMUNITY WATCH CHAIR & VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Our Community Watch Chair is vacant. We are in need of a volunteer to

lead this effort for our community. And, our current roster of volunteers has been diminished due to relocations and opt-outs among residents.

The result is that our time between duty cycles has been reduced to 4 months, but enough volunteers to make that 6 months or even a year would be great.

Please contact Acting Coordinator Susan Prill. Membership form is below.

(3) VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS WANTED

Our Fire Department manning level is low, and the Department can use any and all volunteer support as firefighters, as well as additional emergency response support crew members. Please consider helping to support our neighbors.

Green Mountain Civic League (GMCL) Officers

President: Mark Prill (president@greenmountaincivicleague.org)

Vice-President: Beverly Humphrey
(vicepresident@greenmountaincivicleague.org)

Secretary: Joyce Morgan

Treasurer: Anita Reck

Standing Committees, the Chairperson, & the responsibilities of each committee:

Beautification: Nancy Corbeille Oversee Green Mountain Passive Park activities for GMCL. Schedule and manage clean-up days on the mountain.

Communications: Susan Prill

(email_distributions@greenmountaincivicleague.org) Facilitate and expand communications among residents through newsletters, email announcements, and the Green Mountain website.

Website: Michele Garrett (webmaster@greenmountaincivicleague.org)

Maintain/update the GMCL website.

Data Base: Anita Reck Maintain and secure the GMCL data base of residents' names, addresses, and email addresses.

Events: Norma Oberlies Manage the annual GMCL fall picnic and any other

organized recreational events held by the GMCL.

Membership: Anita Reck Expand membership and maintain accurate and timely records.

Public Safety: John Wardlaw Monitor and alert residents to crime, vandalism, and threats to property on Green Mountain, contacting proper authorities if necessary.

Liaison: Bev Humphrey (vicepresident@greenmountaincivicleague.org) Contact and communicate with local government entities in matters pertaining to the interest of the GMCL.

By Laws: Curtis Strange Maintain and update the GMCL by-laws.

Nominating Committee: John Wardlaw Generate candidate lists for the GMCL officer and committee chair positions.

Block Captains: Fred Hinckley Recruit and coordinate block captains to provide rapid two-way communication in urgent or emergency situations

Ex-officio Members:

Community Watch: Susan Prill (acting communitywatch@greenmountaincivicleague.org) Manage neighborhood surveillance program in which residents keep watch over one another's houses, patrol the streets, etc., in an attempt to prevent crime.

Volunteer Fire Department: Russ Rawson Manage fire department composed of volunteers who perform fire suppression and other related emergency services for Green Mountain.

Archives: Vacant Maintain accurate and comprehensive records of the GMCL and public issues related to Green Mountain.

Preserve at Clayton Pond: Jeff Bachman

Inspiration on Green Mountain: Karen Schuster

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please Print Clearly

NAME: _____

_____ **Last** **First** **Spouse**

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

Home **Cell** **Work**

EMAIL1: _____

EMAIL2: _____

(by providing you are giving GMCL permission to send email to your address)

MEMBERSHIP (per household per calendar year)

Civic League	\$ 8.00	
Community Watch	\$ 4.00	
Green Mountain Decals:	\$ _____	(\$2.00 each)
Total	\$ _____	

Please indicate your interest in participating on a Civic League Committee:

Beautification _____ Block Captain _____ Communications _____

Events _____ Membership _____ Public Safety _____

Would you like to participate in the Community Watch Patrols? _____

Volunteers are needed by the Green Mountain Volunteer Fire Department when the volunteer fire fighters are on a call. Would you like to assist:

Being Present in the station during a call _____

Directing traffic at the required site _____

Cleanup at the station _____

Make check payable to: ***Green Mountain Civic League***

Mail to: Green Mountain Civic League

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