



Building Our Neighborhoods

BONDS

For Development and Success

A Program of the City of Montgomery



BONDS is a neighborhood 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.

Experience *Our* Montgomery

Building Our Neighborhoods for Development and Success (BONDS) Program's theme for 2015 is Experience *Our* Montgomery. As we approach our 20th year, we've decided to really look at what we are offering as well as how we are offering those things. In our planning for the year, we noticed a recurring thing and it all centered around an experience... not simply seeing or hearing about, but actually experiencing various things and we were reminded about how our experiences really shape who we are and allows us the opportunity to discover new things about ourselves and those around us and that's all an essential part of the learning and growth process. So that brings us to... EXPERIENCE *OUR* MONTGOMERY!

What we are offering isn't new, but it is packaged differently and the plan is to promote it differently, but you will see that we are not taking anything away from what we have offered in the past. Those options will still be present, but you will be encouraged to explore a little further than the traditional means for training or "experience" opportunities.

As you review this Itinerary you will see that some of the opportunities are not what you have come to know as "traditional" to BONDS training activities. The experiences aren't all traditional lecture learning. The topics are expanded and other opportunities outside of what is listed are available to you. We encourage you to take full advantage of this year to truly get to know Montgomery like never before and earn some grant training/experience credits for it! We want you to pick the things that interest your neighborhood or you as an individual. This is a great way to encourage participation from various members of the neighborhood as some participate in a number of meetings already; and you don't know or are not utilizing the credit. You should include the need in your neighborhood newsletter to be sure everyone knows they can assist in meeting the training obligations of the neighborhood by simply sharing what they are actively engaged in and the simple steps to documenting it.



It is VERY important for you to keep in mind this itinerary does **NOT** include all of the possibilities available in Montgomery to "Experience *Our* Montgomery". We are open to including your own experiences and discoveries. Give us a call to discuss those you are considering. Keep in mind we hope each discovery offers some or all of these characteristics:

- You learn something about Montgomery, advocating for your community, the services available to your community, or how to better engage your neighbors in improving their neighborhood;
- Your experience takes you out of your own neighborhood;

- You share your experience. Take others with you, capture photographs of your activities, talk about your experience at your neighborhood association meeting;
- You participate while you are there... ask questions, talk to the hosts of the activity, talk to others attending the activity... participation will always gain you the best experience you can have;
- You have fun!

Enjoy this year and stay tuned as there will be an occasion for you to acquire 10 training credits at one time ...we'll give you some of the details needed to take advantage of this opportunity.

- It will be very important to read the things we send to you as the clue will be nestled in something that will be sent either email or regular postal mail;
- You will need to have at least 10 neighbors to participate in the same activity;
- There must be an ***obvious*** sense of cohesion (everyone wears the same color shirt, everyone wear a red Santa Hat, or elf apron, or Rudolph Nose, etc. it doesn't have to make much sense; in fact the wackier the sign of cohesion the better) all details will be given at the time of the request.
- ***SIMPLY STAY TUNED AND BE WATCHFUL OF THE CORRESPONDENCE WE SEND!!!***



EXPERIENCE OUR MONTGOMERY CATEGORIES:

CITIZENSHIP AND GOVERNMENT

Includes learning experiences on topics such as:

- City Services (Community Development, Housing Codes, Sanitation, etc.), Public Policy, Coalition Building, Public Safety, Public Hearings, etc.

CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION

Includes learning experiences on topics such as:

- Gardening, Green thinking, Water Conservation, Recycling, Preservation, etc.

CULTURAL***

Includes learning experiences on topics such as:

- Collaboration and Outreach (Volunteer for a community event that provides a benefit outside your own neighborhood, partner with another neighborhood on a project, partner with a community service provider on a project, etc.)
- History of our city/county, state, local architecture, local economics, etc.

LEADERSHIP****

Includes learning experiences on topics such as:

- Attend Alliance Meetings/Training
- Neighborhood financial accountability/responsibilities, Fundraising / Membership, Effective Leadership, Media/Advertising / Public Relations, Sharing (Best Practices, Time to Shine), Technology Tools, Parliamentary Procedure, Effective Meetings, Effective Communications, etc.

RESOURCES

Includes learning experiences on topics such as:

- Community resources: non-profits, financial, health, city/county services, etc.

*** Cultural: 1) of or relating to the fine arts (such as music, theatre, painting, etc.); 2) of or relating to a particular group of people and their habits, beliefs, traditions, etc.

**** Leadership: Note this category applies to all our citizens and is not meant to indicate availability is only for organization leaders such as the Officers, Board Members, Committee Chairs, etc.

Documenting Neighborhood Experiences for Training Credit

The need to document your experience... why is it important?

In order to be eligible for a BONDS Neighborhood Grant and association must:

- Be an organized resident lead group (neighborhood association, neighborhood watch, garden club, Homeowners Association (HOA), etc.)
- Have a minimum of three(3) officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and or Treasurer)
- Show evidence of on-going meetings (meeting minutes, newsletter with meeting information, etc.)
- Have By-laws
- Have a checking account in the name of your neighborhood association
- Receive a minimum number of training credits (this number changes)

The documentation will be the evidence of the training credits.

Because you are going to be required to obtain more training credits than BONDS will offer; it will be more important this year than in past years to familiarize yourself with the Alternative Training Credit Form. The form is available on-line as well as in the BONDS Resource Center. 2016 Grantees will be required to obtain 15 training credits between January 2015 and December 2015. BONDS has 10 opportunities available this year and the remaining 5 will be for you to determine; but several options are available to you.

If your neighborhood group needs to earn training credit to be applied toward BONDS Neighborhood Grant Application, you can choose to attend a public hearing, an event, or a meeting, a lecture series, etc. There are also other opportunities for earning training credits outside of the traditional means. We'd like to encourage you to "*Experience Our Montgomery*".

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Documenting Neighborhood Experiences for Training Credit (continued)

City/County Public Hearings - Such as City Council, County Commission, Architectural Review Board, Historic Preservation Commission, Board of Adjustment, Planning Commission and Montgomery Public Schools-School Board.

PURPOSE: To encourage you, as a community leader, to interact with your elected officials and observe first-hand the governing process as it affects your individual neighborhood.

VALIDATE ATTENDANCE: To validate your attendance at the hearing, event, or meeting have a copy of the agenda, program, etc. signed by an official or program coordinator. This validates your attendance at the event / meeting. Note that for Public Hearings an *agenda* signed by an *official*, preferably your own representative, is required to validate your attendance.

Event or Meeting – Such as State of the Precinct Meetings, Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office briefings, planning charrettes hosted by the city, public meetings hosted by the city, etc. Other events or meetings will be considered by contacting BONDS to discuss.

PURPOSE: To encourage you, as a community leader, to interact with other concerned citizens and concerned leadership regarding an issue that impacts our community; particularly your neighborhood.

VALIDATE ATTENDANCE: To validate your attendance at the hearing, event, or meeting have a copy of the agenda, program, etc. signed by an official or program coordinator. This validates your attendance at the event / meeting.

Other Activities – When documenting other activities, it will probably be best to talk to us before you go forward. If, for example, you are visiting the Historic Markers of Montgomery (see the Historic Markers Brochure), BONDS will need a photo of your group in front of each of the markers. If you choose to attend a Jam Session at Old Alabama Town, BONDS would want your group to have photos taken with the musicians. If you bring your own instrument and join in the jam session, then *definitely* get your photo taken while in action. Should you decide to visit the museum, again, photos of your group enjoying the museum would be needed. (We prefer you submit digital photos. There is no need to go to the expense of having them developed and printed.) Note that ticket stubs alone will not be enough to document attendance – photos and ticket stubs are acceptable.

PROCEDURE: Attach the document(s) validating your attendance to a completed Alternate Training Request form (available at the BONDS office or online at www.montgomeryal.gov) and submit to BONDS at 25 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36104 for review. Items can also be submitted via email to cynthia.mccollister@montgomeryal.gov or to bonds@montgomeryal.gov.

BONDS SEMINARS

Unless it is indicated otherwise, all BONDS Seminars meet in the 3rd Floor Conference Room 25 Washington Ave. 6:00pm until 8:00pm.

Thursday, February 12

Get Your Passport to Experience Our Montgomery

Representatives from various professions of interest to our community will discuss what they have to offer to Experience Our Montgomery. BONDS will also provide an itinerary of opportunities for experiencing Montgomery and issue passports for capturing your experiences.

Wednesday, February 25, 2015, 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Breakfast with BONDS

DISC Personality Assessment conducted by

Sandra “Hat Team Realty” Nickel

Capitol City Club, 201 Monroe Avenue

Free Breakfast, seating is limited.

RSVP to Cynthia 625-2126 on or before

3:00 PM Wednesday, February 18.

Thursday, September 10

Bridging the Gap – Technology Discussions

Thursday, November 12

Neighborhood Best Practices – Time to Shine

(This is also an opportunity to share your neighborhood storyboards, etc.)

OTHER BONDS ACTIVITIES

April (date to be announced) Crime Prevention Seminar

Hosted in Partnership with the Montgomery County Sherriff's Office and Montgomery Police
Department

Thursday, May 21 BONDS Kicks Off National Night Out Location and further details: To be announced

Thursday, September 17 BONDS After Hours Neighborhood Leadership Institute Graduation Location and further details: To be announced

Gathering of Neighborhoods

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO NETWORK WITH NEIGHBORS FROM THROUGHOUT
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

GON meets from NOON—1:00PM on the 3rd Tuesday of every other month.

GON meets at First Baptist Church's Community Ministries Building
(aka Caring Center or Huff Building) at
200 S. Perry St., Montgomery
Lunch is available for \$6.00 (optional).

February 17

Ask the Chief of Police

Ernest Finely, Montgomery Chief of Police

April 21

Water Conservation and Safety

Speaker(s) to be announced

June 16

Ask the Sheriff

Derrick Cunningham, Montgomery County Sheriff

August 18

Neighborhood Projects You Can Do In Your Neighborhood

Neighborhood Representatives and BONDS Staff

October 20

What Is the Best Way to Tell Your Story and Reach Your Audience?

Speaker(s) to be announced

December 15 (may be cancelled)

Topic to be Announced

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City and County of Montgomery

**This listing is NOT all inclusive. There are many other opportunities available.
We look forward to your suggestions!**

Alabama Department of Archives and History
<http://www.archives.alabama.gov/>

2015 ArchiTreats Lunchtime Lecture Series

ArchiTreats: Food for Thought begins another year of exciting and interesting talks on Alabama history at the Alabama Department of Archives and History. The 2015 schedule offers a wide range of unique topics spanning centuries of Alabama history. Bring your lunch and join us at noon on the third Thursday of every month and learn something new about our state's past! Admission is always FREE.

Museum of Alabama

Take a Guided Tour of the Museum of Alabama on Saturdays at 1pm. Admission to the Museum of Alabama is always FREE!

Museum of Alabama: Alabama Voices

Alabama Voices covers the dramatic unfolding of Alabama history from the dawn of the 1700s to the beginning of the 21st century. More than 800 artifacts, hundreds of images and documents, and twenty-two audiovisual programs tell the story of struggles over the land, the rise of a cotton economy, the Civil War, industrialization, world wars, civil rights, the race to the moon, and more. Voices taken from diaries, letters, speeches, songs, and other sources convey the experiences of Alabamians who lived through and shaped the history of these periods. Admission to the Museum of Alabama is always FREE!

Central Alabama Community Foundation
[cacfinfo.org](http://www.cacfinfo.org)
<https://www.facebook.com/cacfinfo>

The Central Alabama Community Foundation is a nonprofit philanthropic foundation created by and for the people of central Alabama. Individuals and corporate donors make gifts and bequests of any size for the betterment of our community. Through our grants program, the Foundation addresses a wide variety of needs and opportunities, supporting programs and projects in education, human services, health, cultural arts, and other civic concerns.

The Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church
dexterkingmemorial.org

Tours of both the Church and Parsonage are available by reservation.

The Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama is the church where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was Pastor from 1954-1960, and began his quest for civil rights. The Dexter Parsonage Museum, historic home to ten pastors of the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church from 1920-1992, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982. It was restored in 2003 by the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Foundation, Inc., under the direction of church members, acting as an Authentication Committee.

Tours are available by reservation Tuesday through Saturday, every hour on the hour as follows:

Tuesday thru Friday: 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm & 3:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm

Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library
mccpl.lib.al.us

Dads and Daughters Saturday

Calling ALL Fathers and Daughters to Dads and Daughters Saturday for storytimes, fun and laughs, 11am-12pm every 2nd Saturday at the Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library.

There will be singing, dancing and arts & crafts. So come visit us and have an enjoyable time!

Sat., Feb. 14, 2015, 11:00AM - 12:00PM

More Information on Website: www.facebook.com/groups/151619918292213/

Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library, 245 High St Montgomery, AL

Free Event

HandsOn River Region

<http://www.handsonriverregion.org/index.html>

HandsOn River Region strives to mobilize volunteers and connect people, information and services to meet local needs and build a strong, caring community.

Since 1974, HandsOn River Region has connected people with service opportunities in the River Region to build a stronger community. HandsOn River Region is an affiliate of the River Region United Way, Points of Light and HandsOn Network, the largest volunteer network in the country and The Alliance of Information & Referral Service (AIRS).

Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama (HMMA) Tours

hmmausa.com

You are invited to come watch the process of building over 1,500 Hyundai cars each work day. After checking out the display cars in the showroom, you'll watch a briefing and video before boarding the tour tram and putting on a headset and safety glasses. Your tour guide will drive you through the manufacturing plant and explain the many steps involved with making a car. You'll enjoy watching the technology, learning how it all works, and waving at the enthusiastic Alabama Team Members.

No Charge

Tour Days and Times: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. **by reservation only.**

Evening Tour: Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. **by reservation only.** (NO Thursday evening tours will be held in December, January, or February due to adverse weather conditions.)

Mid-Alabama Coalition for the Homeless

http://www.mach-homeless.org/contact_us

Vision: The vision of the Mid-Alabama Coalition for the Homeless is to be the leader in our community's effort to plan, coordinate, and develop resources with the goal of ending homelessness.

Mission: The Mid-Alabama Coalition for the Homeless serves as a vehicle to secure HUD funding and provides support to and resources for organizations that provide services for the homeless in the River Region.

Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce Convention & Visitor Bureau ***visitingmontgomery.com***

Capitol Cool Calendar

Check out the Capitol Cool Calendar on the Visiting Montgomery web pages for things to do in Montgomery. Not all calendar entries are training credit eligible, but they can still be enjoyed!

Historical Marker Brochure, provided Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce

Visit historic markers posted around Montgomery. Brochures are available through the Visitor Center located at 300 Water Street, Montgomery, AL

- Pioneers & Patriots – City Founders in Early America (Markers) 1-22
- The Blues & the Grays – Civil War Sites in Montgomery 23-40
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Montgomery Area Community Wellness Coalition
wellness-coalition.org

The Wellness Coalition exists to serve uninsured or underinsured citizens of central Alabama's River Region. We work with community partners to coordinate services and share information to increase quality, efficiency and effectiveness of health care services.

Our Mission: To increase access to health care and the appropriate use of health care facilities.

Our Vision: To develop a coordinated health care system that promotes health and wellness and is responsive to the needs of the medically uninsured and underinsured in Alabama's River Region (Autauga, Elmore, Lowndes, Macon and Montgomery counties).

Montgomery City/County Emergency Management Agency
http://www.montgomeryal.gov/city-government/city-departments/emergency-management-agency

http://www.mc-ala.org/Living/Pages/EmergencyPreparedness.aspx

Montgomery's Downtown Business Association
downtownmontgomery.org.

Mardi Gras Block Party

Downtown Business District

Montgomery's Downtown Business Association is excited to bring authentic New Orleans music to Downtown Montgomery for a Mardi Gras Block Party in the Downtown Entertainment District and will be free to the public. Headlining the event is New Orleans talent "To Be Continued Brass Band", also known as TBC Brass Band, whom GoNola.com cited as one of the Top 5 Brass Bands in New Orleans. They are also featured in the lineup for the 2015 New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival. Get ready to move to the fire-burning sounds of New Orleans' favorite native sons as they take you on a sound journey with their raw natural power.

February 13. 5-8pm

Free event

Aviator Bar Hangar, 100 Commerce St

Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts
mmfa.org

Featured Exhibition: Reflections

African-American Life from the Myrna Colley-Lee Collection

January 17 through March 8, 2015

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A visual dialogue between artist and identity is presented in Reflections, an exhibition of more than four dozen works selected from the collection of costume designer and arts patron Myrna Colley-Lee. The Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts invites you to see this spectacular exhibition presenting interpretations of the lives, traditions, and environments of African Americans in the 20th century.

Reflections: African American Life from the Myrna Colley-Lee Collection is organized by International Arts & Artists, Washington, DC in collaboration with the office of Myrna Colley-Lee. The exhibition is sponsored by Hyundai, and co-sponsored by Max.

Sat., Jan. 17, 2015, 12:00AM - Sun., Mar. 8, 2015, 11:59PM

Free Event

Old Alabama Town

www.aldalabamatown.com

SATURDAY JAM SESSIONS

Pick and grin at Saturday Jam Sessions in the Rose House at Old Alabama Town. Bring your acoustic instruments and have fun. 9a.m.-12 p.m. For more information, call 334-240-4500. Old Alabama Town, 301 Columbus Street, Montgomery, AL 36104

Free Event.

Sundowners: Montgomery's Historic City of St. Jude

Join us for the next exciting Sundowners program, with historian Jeff Benton discussing the City of St. Jude, an important piece of history during the Selma to Montgomery march in 1965.

Thursday, February 24th @ 5:15pm

301 Columbus St.

Free to the public.

Black Heritage Tours at Old Alabama Town

Feb. 7, 14, 21 & 28.

9:30 am & 11:30am

Every Sat. in February, get an up-close and moving look at how African Americans lived in early Alabama. Follow the journey from slavery on an urban plantation (1850) to the turn of the century (1890) in Alabama. Sites include the Ordeman House Slave Quarters, the Shotgun (a fine example of an African American urban dwelling), the Cleveland Avenue Presbyterian Church (relocated to Old Alabama Town in the 1970s) and the Adams Chapel School.

\$10 Adults / \$5 Children ages 5-18 / Free to 4 & under. Groups of 10+ can reserve a tour anytime by calling 334-240-4517 or f.giles@oldalabamatown.com.

Cider Saturdays

Feb. 7, 14, 21 & 28.

9am-4pm

Old Alabama Town, Lucas Tavern (buy tickets at 301 Columbus St.)

Every Saturday this winter, combat winter chill by enjoying hot apple cider in the Tavern at Old Alabama Town. Each Saturday we are serving hot cider inside Lucas Tavern, the perfect way to begin a tour of our historic village. Come see what winter was like in early Alabama.

Tour admission \$10 Adults, \$5 Children.

River Region United Way
Riverregionunitedway.org

River Region United Way is a locally based nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening lives helping people, and improving community conditions in Autauga, Elmore, Lowndes, Macon and Montgomery counties in the River Region. With our partners, we work to create real, lasting change. We support community programs and initiatives that help those in need and support our goal of preventing problems from happening in the first place.

Selma to Montgomery March the Dream Marches On
dreammarcheson.com

This website hosts tons of information about the activities surrounding the 50th Anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery March. The site was created in partnership of City of Montgomery, Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce Convention and Visitor Bureau, City of Selma, Selma-Dallas County Tourism, and Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail.

Southern Poverty Law Center
www.splc.org

Civil Rights Memorial and Civil Rights Memorial Center

Dedicated to those who died during the modern Civil Rights Movement, the wall includes excerpts quoted in the historical speech by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Free Admission. Open Mon. - Sun. dawn to dusk.
400 Washington Avenue Montgomery, AL 36104

The Civil Rights Memorial Center is adjacent to the Civil Rights Memorial. In addition to exhibits about Civil Rights Movement martyrs, the Memorial Center houses a 56-seat theater, a classroom for educational activities, and the Wall of Tolerance.

Civil Rights Memorial Center hours of operation:

M-F 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Adult admission \$2, Children are admitted free of charge

Metered parking is available on the streets around the memorial (no need to feed the meters on Saturdays and Sundays, parking is free). Trolleys are also available from the Montgomery Area Visitor Center. Large groups should complete the group tour form before visiting.



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