

# MOUNTAINBROOK

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## Sponsor Spotlight: NOVA Office Strategies

By Sandra Moore

We'd like to thank NOVA Office Strategies for becoming the official sponsor of the 2009 Mountainbrook Newsletter. This, in turn, lets us spend a higher percentage of MBCA membership dues on our other fiscal responsibilities. Many thanks to NOVA and its Vice President of Business Development, Doug Moore, who also happens to be a Mountainbrook neighbor, for their support in building our community.

So what is NOVA Office Strategies? It's a thriving small business located here in Charlotte that provides both on-site and off-site management of paper and electronic documents. It was founded in 1999 by Jason Ryan, who began his career in 1993 behind a photo copy machine in the copy center of a law firm. After five years of working for someone else, Ryan decided to strike out on his own. His plan was to create an on-site facilities management company that would offer back-office services—such as document management—to law firms. He believed he could differentiate his firm with higher levels of customer service and strict attention to detail. With a \$10,000 loan against the equity of his uptown condo, Ryan took the entrepreneurial leap and NOVA was born.

The business took off and as it grew, it was in need of a sales director who could attract corporate clients. In 2006, Greg Norton, with his extensive sales, marketing and management experience, partnered with Ryan to expand the document service offering to corporations. NOVA now works with a number of Fortune 500 Companies to help host, organize and print their document population.

Douglas Moore joined NOVA in 2008 to expand on Legal Document and Technology services. With over 15 years experience in litigation support spanning across the country, Moore needed to feel challenged in his work. "I wanted to find a young company that was adapting to meet the needs of technology so that I could continue to develop as an expert in e-discovery". Mr. Moore relocated his family from New York, "because once in a great while, you meet individuals that you share the same level of enthusiasm, zest for life, love of family and professional dedication".

Today, NOVA is a successful local business that continues to grow, employing 50 people locally and 12 people in their Raleigh office. It is a company that works with local law firms and corporations servicing national needs while contributing to the state-wide economy and generously donating to local causes. The MB newsletter thanks NOVA for their generosity and looks forward to working together.

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## SPRING EGG HUNT SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH 4PM AT THE PARK

Egg hunt at 4PM  
Teenagers come at 3:30 to help  
hide eggs

Other fun games  
and activities for all ages

Bring your own egg basket!

The MB Civic Association  
membership is quickly approaching  
50% of our residents.  
Our goal for 2009 is  
**100% PARTICIPATION.**  
We welcome your contributions  
at any level.

Thank you  
everyone for making  
Mountainbrook a special place to  
live.

Not sure if you've mailed your  
membership check??? Please  
check for your address listed at

[www.mbcivic.com](http://www.mbcivic.com).

## **A LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT**

Hello neighbors! Aren't you glad that it is spring? When the sun starts to shine and the weather gets warmer it always seems to make me smile! Mountainbrook has a lot to look forward to this year with a new playground and lots of great events and initiatives. Just the other day, my daughter and I went to the park in the afternoon. I was delighted to see the area full of kids and families enjoying the weather and the new playground! It's amazing to see that one improvement can bring so much to so many people! I hope that we can continue to work with the Anne Heinig Park Board to continue improvements to our beautiful park! Thank you to all who were involved in bringing this project to fruition. Keep in mind we are still selling bricks for Phase 2. See our website for more information. [www.mbcivic.com](http://www.mbcivic.com)

Our board met the first week of March and discussed our priorities for the year. Guided by our Mission and Vision, we outlined our priorities to include planning for Beautification Projects, increasing our volunteer pool, planning for advertising income, and continuing with our communication efforts to you, the Garden Club, the Park Board, and the Swim and Tennis Club.

As I stated, one of our goals this year is to increase our volunteer pool. If you happen to find yourself with some extra time on your hands this year and need a break from the day to day, why not volunteer some time here in your neighborhood? We have a need for all types of skills. Maybe you could help deliver directories/newsletters, write an article, do some legal research, help with beautification efforts, participate in the yard sale, hang signs, volunteer for social events—there are lots of opportunities! Interested? Please contact [president@mbcivic.com](mailto:president@mbcivic.com).

We are excited to welcome our new co-board members Elizabeth and Sandy McGregor who will be heading up our Safety committee. We know this has been a hot topic this past year and Elizabeth and Sandy have a lot of great ideas and plans to “keep everyone in the loop”.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to Sandra Moore who has joined our newsletter committee. Sandra negotiated our exciting new deal with our corporate sponsor, Nova Office Strategies. She will continue to interview neighbors and write interesting news pieces for our newsletter.

A special thank you goes out to Bill Martin, Camille Coers and Jennifer Carwile who have left our board this year. We have truly appreciated their time and commitment to our neighborhood. Bill has generously served our board for a number of years in different roles. Although Camille is leaving our board, she will continue to work on Mountainbrook beautification efforts—Thanks Camille! We wish Jennifer much success as she moves back to Louisiana in the fall.

Lastly, this past month, as the president of our Civic Association, I was invited to a movie premier hosted by “Crossroads Charlotte”. The goal of Crossroads Charlotte is to “choose and pursue a future for Charlotte, not just arrive in one.” What do we as a neighborhood and individuals offer to our city? Take a moment to check out Crossroads Charlotte and see what it's all about. [www.crossroadscharlotte.org](http://www.crossroadscharlotte.org)

Thanks for taking the time to read this newsletter and we look forward to hearing from you soon!

*Karen Willis*

President, Mountainbrook Civic Association

*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.” Anthropologist, Margaret Mead*

## Fond Memories Since 1963

By Sandra Moore

Bill and Imogene Kinney are longtime Mountainbrook residents who raised 4 children, 12 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren in and around Mountainbrook. I had the pleasure of speaking with Bill on a very rare lazy afternoon in February. You see, my parents were in town visiting from New York and it was a sunny, not-a-cloud-in-the-sky Saturday. It was the kind of day where two young granddaughters could have fun riding bikes to the park and play at the playground with their Nona and Papa while Mom and Dad could relax and regroup.

While I was sipping my tea and thinking of my children playing with my parents, I imagined the walk up to the playground. The same walk that I take when I go for a run, the same path my family takes when we picnic on the lawn, and ultimately the very walkway where so many generous neighbors are creating history and preserving community.

The walkway which leads to the newly refurbished playground is how I came to know Mr. Kinney. I called Mr. Kinney about a brick I read on one of my walks. On the brick was written "Fond Memories since 1963, the Kinney family". I didn't know Mr. Kinney until I telephoned him, and because of the brick he donated to the playground fundraiser, I am that much more grateful to live in this amazing community George Good-year named Mountainbrook.

Mr. Kinney with his wife and four children moved to Mountainbrook in 1956. The Kinneys loved the rolling hills, the old school house (now Long's Dry Cleaners) and the swim club. He knew that the rolling hills would never go away and by owning a bond for the swim club, he made sure that his investment would be as solid as those rolling hills. By befriending neighbors and building a community, Mr. Kinney not only had fond memories, dear friends and family, but he helped create a legacy for all of us to enjoy as well as preserve.

My husband Doug and our two children moved from the city of New York. One would think that Mr. Kinney and I could have a challenge striking up conversation being from different generations and lifestyles, yet he couldn't get me off the phone as I was intrigued and inspired by so many of his stories. We both felt a sense of service to others, a pride for our family and the work ahead of us to maintain our sense of community. I even learned that Mr. Kinney and I are related. The daughter that grew up in his house married the son from the Mielke family that grew up in our new house. I guess that makes us house-in-laws.

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### Your Current Mountainbrook Civic Association Board Members —serving our community:

|                                       |                          |                            |              |
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**MOUNTAINBROOK ANNUAL COMMUNITY YARD SALE**

*Saturday, April 25th*

*Have your tables set up at your own house by 7AM.  
We put up the signs and give buyers a map to each house.  
Couldn't be easier to start your spring cleaning!*

*If you're interested in participating or volunteering, please contact Karen Willis at [President@MBCivic.com](mailto:President@MBCivic.com) or 704-564-3399*

**DATES TO REMEMBER THIS QUARTER**

- Tuesday, April 7 : 7:30PM Civic Association Board Meeting
- Thursday, April 9 : 9:30AM Garden Lovers Meeting
- Saturday, April 11 : 4PM Egg hunt & games at the park—bring your own basket
- Saturday, April 18 : 9AM-1PM Swim Club Member Clean-Up Day, get \$50 off dues\*
- Saturday, April 25 : 7AM Mountainbrook Annual Community Yard Sale—set up at your own house  
3-5PM Swim Team Registration & Parent Meeting—Parent Meeting to be held first\*
- Sunday, April 26 : 4-5PM, 2nd day of Swim Team Registration\*
- Tuesday, May 5 : 7PM Civic Association Board Meeting
- Thursday, May 14 : 9:30AM Garden Lovers Meeting
- Saturday, May 16 : 9AM-1PM 2nd Swim Club Member Clean-Up Day, get \$50 off dues\*
- Saturday, May 23 : 5PM Parkapalooza at the Park, tickets on sale May 1st.  
Mountainbrook pool opens, see swim calendar for hours\*
- Tuesday, June 2 : 7PM Civic Association Board Meeting
- Thursday, June 4 : Preschool pool party\*
- Friday, June 12 : Start of Summer Pool Bash
- Saturday, July 4 : Independence Day Celebration at the pool\*

\*Membership to Mountainbrook Swim & Tennis Club are required for these events. Please see the Club's website, [www.mountainbrookclub.net](http://www.mountainbrookclub.net) for more information.

**Congratulations to the Yard of the Month Winners!**

Please see our website at [www.mbcivic.com](http://www.mbcivic.com) for photos of these beautiful homes.

- Jan. : Jim & Susan Wollin, 3632 Johnny Cake Ln.
- Feb. : Doug & Danielle Bialy, 3532 Mountainbrook Rd.
- Mar. : Tom Focht, 3400 Knob Hill Ct.



If you would like to place an ad in our newsletter or directory, please see our ad rates at

[www.mbcivic.com](http://www.mbcivic.com)

or contact  
Mike Anderson

[Directory@MBCivic.com](mailto:Directory@MBCivic.com)  
704-556-0456

**SPEEDHUMPS FOR HIGHVIEW ARE ON THE WAY!**

We received final approval for the speedhumps along Highview Road. The speedhump locations are marked on the street and installation will occur sometime between June and August. If you have any questions, please contact the CDOT Business Manager, Phillip Reiger, at 704-336-4896.



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**Egg Hunt on  
Saturday April  
11th at 4:00. Don't  
forget your basket!**



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