

Transcript from July 13, 2010 to July 14, 2010

All times are Pacific Time

July 13, 2010

- 6:07 pm **Jon_Lewis**: Check out #Bhamchat tonight @acnatta @bhamterminal
- 6:11 pm **bhamterminal**: Got any topic suggestions for tonight's #bhamchat? Send a message to @acnatta w/out the hashtag. It starts a 7 p.m. CT #bham!
- 7:02 pm **acnatta**: RT @bhamterminal: Got any topic suggestions for tonight's #bhamchat? Send a message to me w/out the hashtag. It starts @ 7 p.m. CT #bham!
- 7:02 pm **ramsaytro**: RT @bhamterminal: Got any topic suggestions for tonight's #bhamchat? Send a message to @acnatta w/out the hashtag. It starts a 7 p.m. CT #bham!
- 8:23 pm **bhamterminal**: @eldangeroso83 cool. We'll warn you though - we're hosting #bhamchat tonight starting at 7 p.m. There will be a lot of tweets until 8 p.m.
- 10:12 pm **bhamterminal**: Less than 2 hours away from this week's #bhamchat. Still looking for topic suggestions...
- 10:38 pm **alisonlewis**: Who's doing #Bhamchat tonight?
- 10:45 pm **ramsaytro**: #bhamchat at 7pm. Looking forward to it
- 11:24 pm **Jon_Lewis**: RT @ramsaytro: #bhamchat at 7pm. Looking forward to it
- 11:59 pm **acnatta**: Settling in to watch the All Star Game and take part in #bhamchat. Should be fun...

July 14, 2010

- bhamterminal**: Good evening everybody; Welcome to #bhamchat! Pls introduce yourself to everyone as we get started. Q1 in 3 minutes...
- 12:02 am **bhamwiki**: #bhamchat John here, representing bhamwiki
- 12:02 am **ramsaytro**: Hi everybody #bhamchat
- 12:03 am **Jon_Lewis**: @bhamterminal hello #bhamchat
- 12:03 am **bhamterminal**: FYI - What is #bhamchat? - from last summer - <http://bit.ly/11m3nL>
- 12:03 am **ButtermilkMeeks**: Brandon here - I'm a 33 years old, work in a library, and I am finishing up grad school (finally) #bhamchat
- 12:06 am **bhamterminal**: May we suggest those that follow us that do not want to see the extra tweets between 7 - 8 p.m during #bhamchat. use @muuter. Thanks!
- 12:07 am **ramsaytro**: RT @bhamterminal: May we suggest those that follow us that do not want to see the extra tweets between 7 - 8 p.m during #bhamchat. use @muuter. Thanks!
- 12:08 am **bhamterminal**: Q1: What are your thoughts on the #bham city council passing a texting while driving ban today? - <http://bit.ly/cvR78P> #bhamchat
- 12:08 am **ButtermilkMeeks**: RT @bhamterminal: May we suggest those that follow us that do not want to see the extra tweets between 7 - 8 p.m during #bhamchat. use @muuter. Thanks!
- 12:10 am **collirp**: RT @bhamterminal: May we suggest those that follow us that do not want to see the extra tweets between 7 - 8 p.m during #bhamchat. use @muuter. Thanks!
- 12:11 am **collirp**: #bhamchat Hi, I'm Rob in Crestwood South.
- 12:11 am **ButtermilkMeeks**: I'm thinking they wanted some good press - its not an easily enforceable law, but I would love to see the police enforce it on I65 #bhamchat
- 12:12 am **toddbob3**: @bhamterminal #bhamchat Q1: waste of time. Unenforcable.
- 12:12 am **ramsaytro**: I like the ban, they should think about banning talking on cellphones without a headset #bhamchat
- 12:14 am **bhamwiki**: #bhamchat @ikepigott has a lot to say about it: <http://occamsrazr.com/2010/07/09/driven-to-distraction/>
- 12:14 am **ButtermilkMeeks**: @ramsaytro I agree - most of the times I've had near misses on the road have been with cell phone talkers and not with texters. #bhamchat
- 12:14 am **collirp**: I support the Texting ban 100% on same grounds as banning drunk driving. #bhamchat
- 12:15 am **toddbob3**: @ButtermilkMeeks good call on wanting positive press. Maybe Gale did some lobbying recently! Haha #bhamchat
- 12:19 am **bhamwiki**: #bhamchat Q1: they should ban ALL distractions (phone, CD player, food, make-up) and then provide trains with free wi-fi.
- 12:20 am **bhamterminal**: Q2 will be up in 2 minutes #bhamchat
- 12:22 am **collirp**: #bhamchat Q1 re @ikepigott, I admit to conflating all phone-related distracted driving, but my concern rests on experience, not media buzz.
- 12:24 am **collirp**: #bhamchat Q1: When you have that phone near your head, you drive like a drunk. I've seen you.

@ikepigott

12:25 am **bhamwiki:** #bhamchat Q1. also, babies should not be transported in cars. Bring back housecalls and nannies. Think of it as job creation

12:26 am **collirp:** #bhamchat Q1: @ikepigott doesn't consider that decline in road fatalities may have been steeper without rise in phone use.

12:27 am **bhamterminal:** Q2: How can we build on young people finding BHM cool & interesting? RE: recent Alex & Luke visit - <http://bit.ly/cf14Ma> #bhamchat

12:27 am **alisonlewis:** I'm here. What are yall talking about? #bhamchat

12:27 am **bhamterminal:** Thx to @ButtermilkMeeks for submitting Q2 for #bhamchat

12:27 am **ButtermilkMeeks:** @bhamwiki Please remember that babies have to be strapped in - i.e. there can be no nursing while driving. #bhamchat #bhamchat

12:28 am **alisonlewis:** @bhamterminal I'd like to know that #bhamchat

12:28 am **Jon_Lewis:** Sorry I'm late. I was eating the best pecan pie from @alisonlewis #Bhamchat

12:29 am **Jon_Lewis:** Q2 - how do you define young? #Bhamchat

12:31 am **ButtermilkMeeks:** Q2 I think the city/region needs some new public relations firms under contract - each with a different target. #bhamchat #bhamchat

12:32 am **bhamterminal:** @ButtermilkMeeks do you want to clarify your Q for folks? #bhamchat cc @jon_lewis

12:32 am **zakmo:** Q2: I think the new YP groups are a start. My problem is not a lot of nightlife for YP. It's all shady. #bhamchat

12:32 am **ramsaytrov:** Q2: We need more places like what's on 2nd. Also bring in good bands, comedians etc on a regular basis. #bhamchat

12:33 am **SalsarLawAL:** Just left court. Will not be able to participate in #bhamchat Headed to #Mafiaoza's. #Pow

12:33 am **zakmo:** Q2: there are lots of other opportunities I appreciate though. Birmingham has potential. #bhamchat

12:33 am **Jon_Lewis:** @SalsarLawAL Tell John the Manager he rocks @mafiaoza's #Bhamchat

12:33 am **alisonlewis:** @SalsarLawAL you're going for the 2 for 1 night huh #bhamchat

12:34 am **acnatta:** @zakmo should it be all about nightlife though? #bhamchat

12:34 am **bhamwiki:** #bhamchat Q2: I'd like to see our new parks (RR Park + Red Mtn Park) program regional cultural and outdoors events. The PLACE is the draw.

12:34 am **alisonlewis:** @acnatta that's what i'm thinking #bhamchat

12:35 am **Jon_Lewis:** @bhamwiki I think they will once it's built - especially with the amphitheater #Bhamchat

12:35 am **bhamterminal:** Hey folks, just a reminder to limit the #bhamchat hashtag to the topics being covered in the chat. Thx!

12:35 am **Jon_Lewis:** I also think it would be great if they could build a new stadium for the #Barons downtown and bring them back. #Bhamchat

12:35 am **mercedesKSD:** @acnatta Nightlife will follow if the vibe of the city improves. #bhamchat

12:36 am **acnatta:** @bhamwiki don't forget Ruffner :) #bhamchat

12:36 am **ramsaytrov:** the gokickball people seem to have it down pat #bhamchat

12:36 am **zakmo:** @acnatta no. But it's def one of the things missing for YP. we have other stuff covered mostly. #bhamchat

12:36 am **acnatta:** @mercedesKSD that was my point. #bhamchat

12:37 am **collirp:** @acnatta No, it's not all about nightlife. What about the other 16 hours? #bhamchat

12:37 am **Jon_Lewis:** There is more to do they we avail ourselves to. I saw that there are 20 hiking trails within 20 minutes. #Bhamchat

12:37 am **ButtermilkMeeks:** @Jon_Lewis When I stated young ppl, I really meant outsiders plugged into net/media w/ a strong voice #bhamchat.

12:37 am **ParksideBham:** okay just catching up but here for #bhamchat !

12:38 am **Jon_Lewis:** There's the museum of art. tons of charitable projects to get involved with - Kid One, Magic Moments, UCP of Greater Bham #Bhamchat

12:38 am **ParksideBham:** RT @mercedesKSD Nightlife will follow if the vibe of the city improves. #bhamchat >>>AGREED!

12:38 am **bhamwiki:** #bhamchat Q2: @Jon_Lewis I agree. Pack more fun for all ages into the downtown area. Baseball, cinema, festivals, etc

12:38 am **Jon_Lewis:** @ButtermilkMeeks I don't know that I'm following you #Bhamchat

12:38 am **ScottSchablow:** @zakmo "Birmingham has potential." Are you sure? Hope and potential are very different. #bhamchat

12:39 am **ButtermilkMeeks:** I too think our town is on the precipice of having great "quality of life" attractions for visitors and residents. #bhamchat #bhamchat

12:40 am **ramsaytrov:** @bhamwiki a downtown baseball field would go a long way #bhamchat

12:40 am **alisonlewis:** @ButtermilkMeeks i love our town #bhamchat

12:40 am **Jon_Lewis:** I think it depends what stage you're in. It's a great quality of life compared to Atlanta and Nashville, especially public schools #Bhamchat

12:40 am **acnatta:** RT @ScottSchablow: @zakmo "Birmingham has potential." Are you sure? Hope and potential are very

different. #bhamchat

12:40 am **mercedesKSD:** @ScottSchablow Right. It has hopes to grow, but not always the potential. #bhamchat

12:41 am **Jon_Lewis:** I think what Birmingham lacks in quality is due to the lack of cooperation among governmental entities. #Bhamchat

12:41 am **acnatta:** We're talking a lot about downtown; what about the rest of the city? #bhamchat

12:41 am **ButtermilkMeeks:** @Jon_Lewis Have you watched the Alex & Luke update about their time in BHM? <http://bit.ly/9Q63Di> #bhamchat

12:41 am **bhamwiki:** @scottschablow We've been described as the "City of Perpetual Promise" as early as 1937 #bhamchat

12:41 am **alisonlewis:** @mercedesKSD we have great restaurants! #bhamchat

12:41 am **collirp:** @ScottSchablow Potential's definitely there despite our talent for squandering it. #bhamchat

12:41 am **Jon_Lewis:** @ButtermilkMeeks No, but I will. #Bhamchat

12:42 am **APYTJD:** Definitely. RT @Jon_Lewis I think what Birmingham lacks in quality is due to the lack of cooperation among governmental entities. #Bhamchat

12:42 am **bhamwiki:** @ramsaytroy #bhamchat I agree. I'd love to see that Barons downtown (and let Hoover start a new single-A team or something)

12:42 am **Jon_Lewis:** @acnatta That's the problem. What is the city of Birmingham? #Bhamchat

12:43 am **ButtermilkMeeks:** For me a good quality of life means parks, good public transportation, clean air, and good schools. We have a couple of those.#bhamchat

12:43 am **ramsaytroy:** potential is here but they tend to leave for greener pastures #bhamchat

12:43 am **Jon_Lewis:** @Jon_Lewis Is Birmingham just Birmingham, or does it include Gardendale, Homewood, Hoover, Mtn. Brook, Trussville, etc.? #Bhamchat

12:43 am **acnatta:** @Jon_Lewis that's not quite what I meant, but it's the same idea. The city is 240K, metro is 1.2 million. #bhamchat (cont'd)

12:44 am **acnatta:** @Jon_Lewis I was talking about the city specifically; Rickwood Field. Ruffner, various neighborhoods and the rest of the region #bhamchat

12:44 am **ButtermilkMeeks:** @APYTJD I completely agree - city and suburbs cooperation are the key to the region's future. Unfortunately... #bhamchat #bhamchat

12:44 am **Jon_Lewis:** @ButtermilkMeeks Public transportation is a must, and we can't get there. #Bhamchat

12:44 am **WeMentorSMM:** Amen. RT @Jon_Lewis: I think what Birmingham lacks in quality is due to the lack of cooperation among governmental entities. #Bhamchat

12:44 am **zakmo:** @scottschablow we def have potential. But too many groups with their own but similar agenda stifle progress. I think #bhamchat

12:44 am **mercedesKSD:** @alisonlewis Definitely. That's one good thing, for sure. #bhamchat

12:45 am **DOGingham:** a downtown dog park would go a long way too #bhamchat

12:45 am **mercedesKSD:** I always describe Bham as "where great ideas go to languish" #bhamchat

12:45 am **bhamwiki:** @ramsaytroy #bhamchat you make a good point. We've got to be building up jobs in exciting industries. @GreenBldngFocus might have the idea

12:46 am **bhamterminal:** Q3 - What is the best thing about Birmingham (city or metro) in your eyes? #bhamchat

12:46 am **collirp:** #bhamchat The neighborhood system is one way to transform the city if we get young people involved in nghbrhd meetings, etc.

12:46 am **ButtermilkMeeks:** What will it take for the communities that make up the metro BHM area to cooperate and work together for the common good? #bhamchat

12:47 am **Jon_Lewis:** @mercedesKSD I don't agree - Barber Motorsports, Regions Classic, innovation depot - there are many good ideas that come to fruitn #Bhamchat

12:47 am **collirp:** #bhamchat Neighborhoods could collaborate and share news and tools more. Be less Balkanized.

12:47 am **mercedesKSD:** The public trans issue is vital. The thriving cities I love to visit in the US all have good trans systems. #bhamchat

12:47 am **alisonlewis:** @bhamterminal great place raise a family! #bhamchat

12:47 am **bhamwiki:** @collirp #bhamchat Q2: I agree. It's a well-thought-out structure. Needs much fresh blood (and should probably start migrating online)

12:48 am **alisonlewis:** @bhamterminal great restaurants! great running trails #bhamchat

12:48 am **Jon_Lewis:** @collirp The leaders need to meet regularly and agree to work together for Metro #Bhamchat

12:48 am **zakmo:** Birmingham isn't alone when it comes to a run-down downtown. "suburbanism" caused it. recently people are starting to move back #bhamchat

12:48 am **ninjaman1994:** RT @bhamterminal: Q3 - What is the best thing about Birmingham (city or metro) in your eyes? #bhamchat

12:49 am **Jon_Lewis:** RT @alisonlewis: @bhamterminal great place raise a family! #Bhamchat

12:50 am **ButtermilkMeeks:** Q3 - Also we have some really great food here! (Definitely my #1 favorite thing about BHM!) #bhamchat #bhamchat

12:50 am **acnatta:** @zakmo That's a loaded comment. Not sure the merchants along 2nd Ave. N. would call downtown "run down" #bhamchat

12:50 am **collirp:** #bhamchat Q3: Its history. Natives (white) act ashamed of it, but newcomers seem to find it inspiring. MLK's letter made world history.

12:50 am **ramsaytrov:** Q3: I'm really biased on this one, to me it is UAB #bhamchat

12:51 am **brndon:** @bhamterminal Q3: I really believe the city is small but desperately desires growth. Has potential to become anything in 10 years #bhamchat

12:51 am **bhamwiki:** #bhamchat Q3: The best thing to me is the diverse natural beauty all around us. 2nd is creative industries. 3rd is @primaveracoffee

12:51 am **Jon_Lewis:** Q3 - centrally located - Atlanta, Nashville, New Orleans, and beach within hours. lakes. Beauty. Creativity. Talent. #Bhamchat

12:51 am **mercedesKSD:** @Jon_Lewis Two of those strike me more as suburban interest than revitalizing the main urban area. #bhamchat

12:52 am **alisonlewis:** @bhamwiki i love @primaveracoffee #bhamchat

12:53 am **collirp:** #bhamchat Q3: Free cricket & frog concerts every evening almost year round.

12:53 am **brndon:** @bhamterminal Q3: GoodPeople Brewing!!! #bhamchat

12:53 am **Jon_Lewis:** @mercedesKSD True. I would argue that #UAB has done more to revitalize the area than anything and #ChildrensHospital #Bhamchat

12:53 am **zakmo:** @acnatta 140 characters aren't enough sometimes. 2nd ave is one of the best parts of downtown. I'm moving to Morris this week. #bhamchat

12:54 am **mercedesKSD:** Q3- The culture here, at a more personal level, is friendly, accessible, and still a little quirky. All good things to build on. #bhamchat

12:54 am **ButtermilkMeeks:** @collirp Great point re: history -so much violence from the beginning. It has come so far. #bhamchat

12:54 am **APYTJD:** Birmingham is a family friendly place. If you already have a family no other place to be. For singles, not the greatest place. #bhamchat

12:55 am **ikepigott:** @collirp - I *do* consider that. But we could also eliminate distractions further by banning all calls, radios, and passengers. #bhamchat

12:55 am **mercedesKSD:** @Jon_Lewis Agreed, UAB is a terrific asset to the area. #bhamchat

12:55 am **Jon_Lewis:** @zakmo Not limited to 2nd Avenue anymore - @cafedupont #BrickandTin #CafeTrat #Bhamchat

12:55 am **alisonlewis:** @APYTJD that's a bummer. #bhamchat

12:55 am **ikepigott:** @collirp - Those using the stats to push these measures are happy to be disingenuous about what they don't know. #bhamchat

12:56 am **ikepigott:** Sorry to derail #bhamchat with a return to Q1, but I don't like being called out when I'm not around to respond.

12:57 am **alisonlewis:** Speaking of family, I need to run to hang with the kids! Night all #bhamchat

12:57 am **bhamterminal:** @ikepigott no problem; that's why we hopefully label the tweets :) Thanks for stopping by tonight! #bhamchat

12:59 am **bhamwiki:** @mercedesKSD @Jon_Lewis #bhamchat Q3: Also happy to add UAB / Med Center / SRI to the list.

12:59 am **APYTJD:** @alisonlewis That I definitely know. RT @alisonlewis @APYTJD that's a bummer. #bhamchat

1:00 am **collirp:** @ikepigott Be nice, it's my first time at #bhamchat ; you have no enemies here.

1:00 am **ikepigott:** @collirp - No. My premise is that we are a bunch of sheep, and never question what is served to us by those with agenda. #bhamchat

1:01 am **bhamwiki:** @ikepigott you said "agenda"! #bhamchat

1:01 am **ikepigott:** @collirp - There ARE valid questions, very apparent ones, and those in the media-litigation-politics triangle like questions #bhamchat

1:02 am **ikepigott:** @bhamwiki - Yes, I said agenda. And I did so with full knowledge that the red-squiggly-line police were watching me. #bhamchat

1:03 am **bhamterminal:** Did folks read David Pelfrey's B&W article this week? #bhamchat

1:03 am **3choboomer:** Q3 #UAB, specifically the cultural diversity it brings to #bham. We need to do our best to keep those people here. #bhamchat

1:03 am **ScottSchablow:** @collirp lack of political leadership kills us still. Maybe Bell can succeed.s #bhamchat

1:03 am **ikepigott:** @collirp - Sorry if I came off as brusque. I did write several times that I think texting-driving is a dumb thing to do. #bhamchat

1:04 am **ButtermilkMeeks:** @bhamterminal Is it online? #bhamchat #bhamchat

1:04 am **ramsaytrov:** RT @3choboomer: Q3 #UAB, specifically the cultural diversity it brings to #bham. We need to do our best to keep those people here. #bhamchat

1:04 am **Jon_Lewis:** @ikepigott Can you update me on the hoopla? #Bhamchat

1:04 am **ikepigott:** @collirp - I don't mind when bad things are banned with good laws, but the rush to this one is poorly crafted, bad precedent. #bhamchat

1:04 am **SalsarLawAL:** @alisonlewis So that's why it's packed. #bhamchat

1:05 am **ikepigott:** @collirp - And being a former reporter, I know the dynamic of fear-and-solution that fuels the media/legal/political triangle. #bhamchat

- 1:05 am **Jon_Lewis:** @SalsrLawAL Have two for me. #Bhamchat
- 1:06 am **ikepigott:** Okay -- off to bathe the kids -- thanks for the distraction, everyone! #bhamchat
- 1:06 am **bhamterminal:** @ButtermilkMeeks yes; it's a long piece. Hoping it could be basis for convo on the site tomorrow morning? - <http://bit.ly/90ojah> #bhamchat
- 1:07 am **ButtermilkMeeks:** @bhamterminal Thanks - reading it now. #bhamchat
- 1:10 am **bhamwiki:** #bhamchat re: Pelfrey's column. My reaction was to wonder if he it was parody. Would have helped to voice preferred alternatives.
- 1:10 am **mercedesKSD:** Suppertime, got to go. Thanks for the great discussion. #bhamchat
- 1:11 am **Jon_Lewis:** @mercedesKSD Goodnight! Enjoyed. #Bhamchat
- 1:12 am **bhamterminal:** We'll be ending #bhamchat a little early tonight. Anyone want to share one link (upcoming event, issue, etc - and yes, just one)?
- 1:16 am **bhamterminal:** Just want to remind folks about our #coworking mtg tomorrow - 411: <http://bit.ly/bkTVe6> #bhamchat

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