

Transcript from September 28, 2010 to September 29, 2010

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- 10:33 pm **themrmco**: [#Bhamchat](#) - Looking forward to it!
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- 11:35 pm **sallyalbright**: [@acnatta](#) What's [#Bhamchat](#)?
- 11:37 pm **acnatta**: [@sallyalbright](#) [#bhamchat](#) is a weekly conversation about Birmingham on Twitter. Here's some more info - <http://bit.ly/cS4Y46>
- 11:45 pm **bhamchat**: We'll be starting [#bhamchat](#) in about 15 minutes. Go ahead and introduce yourself if you're planning to participate!
- 11:47 pm **APYJD**: [@bhamchat](#) Hello all. I'm a 2L at UA Law. [#bhamchat](#)
- 11:48 pm **bhamchat**: FYI - we're aware that some of you will be watching the live chat being held downtown by [@BABJ_NABJ](#) [#bhamchat](#)
- 11:50 pm **ButtermilkMeeks**: [@bhamchat](#) I'm a grad student and information professional that works downtown and lives in a sub-rural part of Metro Birmingham [#bhamchat](#)
- 11:51 pm **cfuhrmeister**: What's up? [#bhamchat](#)
- 11:54 pm **whoatemyblog**: I'm own a computer repair business in Vestavia and live in Birmingham. I'm also a weight loss blogger [#bhamchat](#)
- 11:55 pm **ramsaytroy**: Hello [#bhamchat](#) I'm a Junior at UAB
- 11:56 pm **cfuhrmeister**: I work on the sports desk at The Birmingham News and live in Highland Park. I have a blog - hellobham.com [#bhamchat](#)
- 11:59 pm **bhamchat**: [@MoodyPaints](#) no, we've never added it since it was so specific to the city [#bhamchat](#)

September 29, 2010

- thegeekwife**: Hello everyone at [#bhamchat](#)! Hope you all are doing well. [#bhamchat](#)
- 12:01 am **bhamchat**: Good evening everybody! Welcome to [#bhamchat](#) - a weekly conversation about Birmingham, AL [#bham](#) - <http://bit.ly/cS4Y46>
- 12:03 am **ShredderFeeder**: two words: redundant hashtags. LOL QT [@thegeekwife](#): Hello everyone at [#bhamchat](#)! Hope you all are doing well. [#bhamchat](#)
- 12:03 am **bhamchat**: We'll be trying to discuss issues related to the release of [#blueprintbham](#) this evening. [#bhamchat](#)
- 12:04 am **bhamchat**: Please introduce yourselves and tag your answers (e.g. Q1) so folks know where we are. We'll get started in about two minutes! [#bhamchat](#)
- 12:07 am **rod4short**: RT [@cfuhrmeister](#): I work on the sports desk at The Birmingham News and live in Highland Park. I have a blog - hellobham.com [#bhamchat](#)
- 12:07 am **bhamchat**: Q1: How many of you have actually read or know what [#blueprintbham](#) is? [#bhamchat](#)
- 12:08 am **whoatemyblog**: Q1: Embarrassingly, I have no idea what it is [#blueprintbham](#) [#bhamchat](#)

12:09 am **thegeekwife:** I am a Master's student in Criminal Justice, currently unemployed, and I have a blog - thegeekwife.com #bhamchat

12:09 am **APYTJD:** @bhamchat Q1: I Haven't gotten all the way through it yet. However, from what I've heard from friends, it's a better plan than 2020 #bhamchat

12:09 am **ButtermilkMeeks:** @bhamchat Q1 I've skimmed it and I am aware of its contents. #bhamchat

12:09 am **ramsaytroy:** Q1: I have glanced over it and looked at the site; mostly going off media for my info #bhamchat

12:09 am **thegeekwife:** @bhamchat A1: I have read #blueprintbham #bhamchat

12:09 am **chris_depew:** @bhamchat Q1 I have, but I'm a geek like that. Suspect most of us here are likewise. #bhamchat

12:11 am **bhamchat:** @Whoatemyblog it's a five-year strategic plan for the region - brief overview available here - <http://bhamisopen.com/plan.php> #bhamchat

12:11 am **cfuhrmeister:** I haven't read all the way through it. But I'm impressed with the details I've heard. #bhamchat

12:11 am **bhamchat:** @chris_depew that's probably quite true! :) #bhamchat

12:13 am **J_W_Little:** I've read it working on posting an analysis in four parts on my blog. Hopefully the first part will be up tonite thisisalabama.net #bhamchat

12:14 am **bhamchat:** Q2 in 2 minutes! #bhamchat

12:15 am **thegeekwife:** @J_W_Little Tell us who you are, what you do etc..... #bhamchat

12:15 am **ButtermilkMeeks:** @bhamchat Can you describe it as a plan? My reading of the document indicates its more of a guideline for BBA to develop plans. #bhamchat

12:16 am **J_W_Little:** sorry coming in late here. I live in downtown bham and write a blog thisisalabam.net #bhamchat

12:16 am **chris_depew:** @bhamchat guess I should clarify. I've read the condensed version in the paper, not every single line. #bhamchat

12:17 am **bhamchat:** @ButtermilkMeeks that's a good way to describe what it is; good broad overview of components here - <http://bit.ly/cBtuTT> #bhamchat

12:18 am **bhamchat:** @chris_depew that's fine. We'll be covering broad topics here with so many folks prepping analysis elsewhere in the coming days. #bhamchat

12:21 am **bhamchat:** We're having some issues right now with Twitter - not really a surprise there (we're using #newtwitter tonight) #bhamchat

12:24 am **bhamchat:** Q2 One area brought up in #blueprintbham is effective public & private leadership. Is #bham's next generation of leaders here? #bhamchat

12:25 am **acnatta:** RT @bhamchat: Q2 One area brought up in #blueprintbham is effective public & private leadership. Is #bham's next generation of leaders here? #bhamchat

12:26 am **thegeekwife:** @bhamchat If our candidates for governor are an example of our leaders then we are in serious trouble. #bhamchat

12:27 am **liftmoving:** A1:- <Great question>. I have skimmed the major talking points. #bhamchat

12:27 am **APYTJD:** @bhamchat Q2: I definitely think they are. However the old guard isn't quite ready to loosen it's grip on the city...on the state. #bhamchat

12:27 am **ramsaytroy:** RT @thegeekwife: @bhamchat If our candidates for governor are an example of our leaders then we are in serious trouble. #bhamchat

12:27 am **chris_depew:** RT @thegeekwife: @bhamchat If our candidates for governor are an example of our leaders then we are in serious trouble. #bhamchat

12:27 am **liftmoving:** A2- clarification--> Here as in Birmingham or here as on Twitter? #bhamchat

12:28 am **ButtermilkMeeks:** Q2 I think we need outsiders & natives that have lived in more engaged communities to invigorate the area's leadership. #bhamchat

12:29 am **bhamchat:** @liftmoving re Q2: Birmingham. The chat is always about metro #bham, not just those of us online :) #bhamchat

12:29 am **thegeekwife:** I did not tweet that last tweet 3 times @twitter is having issues it seems. #bhamchat

12:29 am **cfuhrmeister:** I'm seeing a grassroots leadership movement in Bham. Young entrepreneurs and organizers are making things happen in the city. #bhamchat

12:30 am **thegeekwife:** @ButtermilkMeeks I agree. #bhamchat

12:30 am **liftmoving:** @bhamchat ha.. thanks—long day (I think I left my brain at the dm) #bhamchat

12:30 am **APYTJD:** @ButtermilkMeeks It's ok to have natives in leadership, we just shouldn't demonize outsiders who want n. See Patrick Cooper. #bhamchat

12:30 am **liftmoving:** @cfuhrmeister I agree. I also believe it is a generational issue. #bhamchat

12:31 am **chris_depew:** @cfuhrmeister but is that people becoming leaders or working around existing leaders? #bhamchat

12:32 am **J_W_Little:** Public leaders take their cue's from the public. The public has to stay involved to keep the plan on pace #bhamchat

12:32 am **bhamchat:** @deongordon when it's over, come on over and join this week's #bhamchat conversation about #blueprintbham :)

12:32 am **APYTJD:** @chris_depew @cfuhrmeister Q2: Now I think it's people working around current leadership. We have so much talent here. #bhamchat

12:34 am **bhamchat:** Q2 follow-up - Do you feel that new leaders are being given a real opportunity to affect change in metro #bham? #bhamchat

12:34 am **J_W_Little:** The private leadership will do whats best for their business. But I have been impressed w/ the private leaders on steering commtte #bhamchat

12:34 am **acnatta:** RT @bhamchat: Q2 follow-up - Do you feel that new leaders are being given a real opportunity to affect change in metro #bham? #bhamchat

12:34 am **cfuhrmeister:** Current leadership has to be worked around. But if people keep fighting the good fight, eventually the leadership will change. #bhamchat

12:35 am **dgarvich:** Q2 we're dependent on old money to get anything done. Old money is happy with the status quo. Catch 22 - #bhamchat

12:36 am **J_W_Little:** @cfuhrmeister Are you talking about the city council? you cant work around them. You just have to make clear that standing... #bhamchat

12:37 am **J_W_Little:** @cfuhrmeister in the way of progress will cost them their jobs. #bhamchat

12:38 am **ButtermilkMeeks:** @bhamchat Q2(a) No - everything affecting the metro area goes through the state legislature & outside interests decide our fate. #bhamchat

12:38 am **thegeekwife:** Q2 People that aren't fond of change have to understand if we don't move forward the city will not grow & will become stagnant. #bhamchat

12:38 am **cfuhrmeister:** @J_W_Little Working around isn't best choice of words. Have to work for results in spite of some leadership decisions. #bhamchat

12:39 am **chris_depew:** @J_W_Little Not just council but #effco commission and state govt. And soon an anti-bham gov. #bhamchat

12:39 am **cfuhrmeister:** @J_W_Little Indeed. #bhamchat

12:39 am **ButtermilkMeeks:** @dgarvich I wholeheartedly agree with your sentiment. The status quo keeps the old money in money. #bhamchat

12:40 am **cfuhrmeister:** And I'm referring to all leadership – public and private. #bhamchat

12:41 am **bhamchat:** Q3 will be up in 3 minutes #bhamchat

12:41 am **dgarvich:** @ButtermilkMeeks maybe it's time for new money. ;) #bhamchat

12:42 am **J_W_Little:** The private leadership is helping craft this plan. They realize unless they help this community grow that they will sink #bhamchat

12:44 am **J_W_Little:** @chris_depew I agree that Montgomery is a huge hurdle for bham. But this area has 1/4 of the state population. We have the... #bhamchat

12:44 am **J_W_Little:** @chris_depew .. bargaining power if we unite. #bhamchat

12:47 am **jeremyflint:** Checking in on #bhamchat tonight. Good discussion about #blueprintbham

12:47 am **ButtermilkMeeks:** @J_W_Little Hopefully - enough of us will unite. Unite Metro Birmingham! #bhamchat

12:47 am **ButtermilkMeeks:** @J_W_Little 1/4 of the population - but perhaps the most fragmented group of communities the state has ever known... #bhamchat

12:48 am **J_W_Little:** @ButtermilkMeeks Very true. But we have to unite or well just be left with the status quo. #bhamchat

12:49 am **bhamchat:** Q3 Education is a major focus of #blueprintbham. How do we try to fix #bham's school systems? #bhamchat

12:51 am **thegeekwife:** @bhamchat Year round schooling isnt the answer. Teach smarter & better not longer, get rid of unqualified teachers. #bhamchat

12:52 am **ButtermilkMeeks:** @bhamchat Q3 That is a tough one - require school board members to have college degrees? #bhamchat

12:54 am **ramsaytroy:** Q3: That is a great question. We need parents to take a serious role in their kids education and great teachers #bhamchat

12:54 am **chris_depew:** @bhamchat Q3 True change won't happen if parents don't get involved, and nobody has magic answer for that. #bhamchat.

12:54 am **J_W_Little:** Not an anti-labor person but the teachers union is public educations biggest problem. #bhamchat

12:55 am **Jon_Lewis:** Late to the party. Sorry. #bhamchat

12:55 am **J_W_Little:** Bad teachers are almost impossible to get rid of... Good teachers have no incentive to teach were they are needed most. #bhamchat

12:56 am **thegeekwife:** @Jon_Lewis Welcome! #bhamchat

12:56 am **chris_depew:** @bhamchat I do think we should look at dissolving city system or letting state take over. #bhamchat

12:57 am **ramsaytroy:** Q3: Also charter schools would help #bhamchat

12:58 am **cfuhrmeister:** I'm not completely convinced on charter schools, but I think they would help. #bhamchat

12:58 am **chris_depew:** @ramsaytroy look for @FakePaulHubbert to knock on your door after midnight. #bhamchat

12:58 am **J_W_Little:** I'm not saying dissolve the union but renegotiate a contract that would allow teachers to be payed by performance and teach past 3 #bhamchat

12:59 am **bhamchat:** Q3b do we see (as brought up at @educationnation yesterday) @AEA_Alabama as a problem with the system? #bhamchat

12:59 am **ramsaytroy:** Q3b Yes #bhamchat

12:59 am **J_W_Little:** and yes charter schools would help but public schools need to bring in the innovations that CS have pioneered @ramsaytroy #bhamchat

1:02 am **J_W_Little:** The AEA refusal to renegotiate the labor contracts to allow teachers to use the innovation that charter schools have proved work #bhamchat

1:02 am **cfuhrmeister:** 3b: Most definitely. #bhamchat

1:03 am **chris_depew:** @bhamchat Q3b Yes, but my wife the teacher would loudly disagree. #bhamchat

1:05 am **themrmco:** #Bhamchat Q3 - How about we use some tried and true techniques. We have an entire generation graduating w/ elementary reading levels.

1:08 am **themrmco:** #bhamchat - I have worked with these kids & I see it every day. HS students with 4th - 6th grade vocabulary and 3rd grade comprehension!

1:09 am **Jon_Lewis:** @themrmco That is sad. What's the remedy for that? Better teachers? Parent involvement? Money? All of the above? #bhamchat

1:10 am **bhamchat:** RT @themrmco: #Bhamchat Q3 - How about we use some tried and true techniques. We have an entire generation graduating w/ elementary reading levels.

1:10 am **themrmco:** #bhamchat - The only solution is radical. You can bandaid the situation with money. But the real cure is intervention! It would take 2 years

1:11 am **Jon_Lewis:** Regardless of the system, students have to want to learn. Parents have to instill that in them. It cannot all be the system. #bhamchat

1:12 am **dgarvich:** RT @Jon_Lewis: Regardless of the system, students have to want to learn. Parents have to instill that in them. It cannot all be the system. #bhamchat

1:12 am **J_W_Little:** @Jon_Lewis No doubt but when you have the problems on the scale bham has there is no way that many parents don't care #bhamchat

1:13 am **themrmco:** #bhamchat fortunately for us - She is in Birmingham running her Reading & Math Center for the last 45 years! Has helped millions!

1:13 am **bhamchat:** Q4 (last question) - Do we as a community look back too much? Does it keep us from moving forward? #blueprintbham #bhamchat

1:14 am **acnatta:** RT @bhamchat: Q4 (last question) - Do we as a community look back too much? Does it keep us from moving forward? #blueprintbham #bhamchat

1:14 am **J_W_Little:** @Jon_Lewis You improve the system the parents will help Give the people no hope with a broken system & you have good parents leave #bhamchat

1:14 am **Jon_Lewis:** Q4 - many here do, but many want to look back. I think that is inherent in many people. The younger generation is changing that. #bhamchat

1:15 am **themrmco:** #bhamchat Q4 - We have looked back too much. That is the benefit of the group behind #Blueprintbham - It's time to look forward!

1:16 am **J_W_Little:** Q4 it's natural to look back. Problem is people look back and get mad or feel shame. Need to look back and take pride. #bhamchat

1:16 am **Jon_Lewis:** Q4 - people have to see action. When the RR Park becomes a reality, it opens people's eyes to the future and opens doors. #bhamchat

1:18 am **thegeekwife:** Q4: There is a lot of history here, but I agree that the younger generation wants to change that, make Bham bigger / better #bhamchat

1:18 am **themrmco:** #Bhamchat - I am looking forward to getting involved in the #blueprintbham project - especially in education and media.

1:19 am **louisianagirl91:** @bhamchat As one who's been here 7 yrs, I'd say yes. Bham not only looks back too much, there's also too many fingers pointing. #bhamchat

1:19 am **themrmco:** #bhamchat - For too long we have looked back in shame. We have paid the price for that for decades. Finally... Let's move forward!

1:19 am **ramsaytroy:** Q4 We cant forget our past, but we have to move on for the better of the area #bhamchat

1:20 am **RSSBham:** @Jon_Lewis Agreed! Basing teacher pay on students grades is wrong. Issue lies w/ parent & student mostly. #bhamchat

1:20 am **Jon_Lewis:** I sense a shift in attitudes in Birmingham right now. I had a fifty year old attorney say the same thing to me tonight. #bhamchat

1:21 am **cfuhrmeister:** Looking back is necessary if we want to move forward. Need to fondly remember good times and learn from the bad times. #bhamchat

1:22 am **themrmco:** #bhamchat - I disagree with laying all the blame on Parents and Students... It's teachers too. Not all but most! The results I see prove it!

1:22 am **Jon_Lewis:** @cfuhrmeister we can learn from the past without dwelling on it. #bhamchat

1:23 am **bhamchat:** We'll slip one more question in and let the transcript track until 8:45 p.m. tonight... #bhamchat

1:23 am **devo50:** @Jon_Lewis Is #bhamchat still going on?

1:23 am **bhamchat:** Q5 Where do you want to see metro Birmingham be by 2015? #bham #blueprintbham #bhamchat

1:23 am **RSSBham:** @J_W_Little With proper support, teachers have plenty of incentive. Just ask one to find out. Stop blaming and start supporting! #bhamchat

1:24 am **Jon_Lewis:** @devo50 Yes, welcome aboard. #bhamchat

1:24 am **thegeekwife:** @RSSBham But do you not agree that student grades are a direct reflection on the quality of teaching?? #bhamchat

1:24 am **acnatta:** RT @bhamchat: Q5 Where do you want to see metro Birmingham be by 2015? #bham #blueprintbham #bhamchat

1:24 am **Jon_Lewis:** Q5 What exactly are you asking? #bhamchat

1:24 am **bhamterminal:** RT @bhamchat: Q5 Where do you want to see metro Birmingham be by 2015? #bham #blueprintbham #bhamchat

1:25 am **bhamchat:** @devo50 we're going to run a little over tonight - until 8:45 p.m. CT #bhamchat

1:25 am **thegeekwife:** @bhamchat Q5: With the benefits of Atlanta, including rail system & all sports venues. Not realistic but one can dream. #bhamchat

1:26 am **ramsaytroy:** Q5: I want to see people stop comparing us to other places that are better off. i want bham on the same level as those cities #bhamchat

1:26 am **J_W_Little:** @RSSBham I don't think the issue is black and white. There is a lot of grey. #bhamchat All I'm saying is when you have a school system...

1:26 am **Jon_Lewis:** RT @thegeekwife: @bhamchat Q5: With the benefits of Atlanta, including rail system & all sports venues. one can dream. #bhamchat

1:27 am **J_W_Little:** @RSSBham #bhamchat ..that is graduated only half the kids that start and most of them are reading on a 5th grade level there is a problem

1:27 am **louisianagirl91:** Q5 I guess I'd like to see an influx of new blood, new people & new ideas move to bham. No one's moving here. why is that? #bhamchat

1:27 am **themrmco:** #bhamchat The issue is black and white. Our kids can't read. Reading is the foundation of all education.

1:27 am **J_W_Little:** @RSSBham #bhamchat and its not all bad teachers or all bad parents but its enough of both to have horrible effects. And as a member of the..

1:28 am **Jon_Lewis:** An educated workforce w diversified industry. More amenities like RR Park (baseball park - dome). More importantly - mass transit. #bhamchat

1:28 am **J_W_Little:** @RSSBham #bhamchat public we can only demand better results from the system and when we see innovations in charter schools that have

1:28 am **thegeekwife:** @THEMRMCO My question is HOW they got to HS that way? Whose fault is that? Who kept passing them? I don't get it! #bhamchat

1:29 am **Jon_Lewis:** RT @louisianagirl91: Q5 I guess Id like to see an influx of new blood, new people & ideas move to bham. Why does No one move here? #bhamchat

1:29 am **themrmco:** #bhamchat Q5 - It's not new blood that is required. Let's utilize the people we have. Showcase our great people! More will join us soon!

1:29 am **J_W_Little:** @RSSBham #bhamchat that have really good results we should demand them for all the children and not just those who are lucky or rich enough

1:30 am **devo50:** @bhamchat I agree w/@Jon_Lewis that Bham needs to catch up w/ big cities. #bhamchat

1:30 am **thegeekwife:** @Jon_Lewis It doesn't help when you have a candidate for governor saying Bham is not a mass transit city. #bhamchat

1:31 am **Jon_Lewis:** @thegeekwife That was unbelievable. How could Bentley say that? Incredibly ignorant or pandoring to his constituents? #bhamchat

1:31 am **acnatta:** @louisianagirl91 we move here, we just don't normally jump right in; but there are a lot of non-natives in #bham right now - #bhamchat

1:31 am **GATrialLawyers:** RT @Jon_Lewis: RT @bhamchat Q5: With benefits of Atl incl rail system/sports venues. #bhamchat IMHO Bham should aspire to be Charlotte

1:31 am **themrmco:** #bhamchat How they got to high school. Social Promotion? If our graduation and standardized exams were not written on 7th grade level ...

1:32 am **ramsaytroy:** When Davis lost to Sparks bham took a hit #bhamchat

1:32 am **thegeekwife:** @Jon_Lewis Don't get me started on either of them, they are both not good for this city, period. #bhamchat

1:33 am **Jon_Lewis:** @thegeekwife Agree but at least Sparks is more progressive. We only have two choices. #bhamchat

1:33 am **RSSBham:** @J_W_Little I agree the system is flawed. Just hate seeing teachers get all the blame. ;) 140 chars not enough to explain #bhamchat

1:34 am **ageorgialawyer:** RT @Jon_Lewis: Q5 I'd like to see influx of new blood Why does No 1 move here?(bc it's not progressive enough.I lived there 3yrs #bhamchat

1:34 am **thegeekwife:** @Jon_Lewis Understood, but I stand by my statement, if Bentley wins I am moving from Alabama. #bhamchat

1:34 am **louisianagirl91:** @THEMRMCO not sure I agree, new folks come IN w/ideas & are willing 2 try them. those already here don't like 'change', afraid? #bhamchat

1:35 am **bhamchat:** OK folks, back on topic - your vision for #bham in 2015 #bhamchat

1:35 am **Jon_Lewis:** @RSSBham @J_W_Little You cannot just blame teachers. It is a combination of Students, parents, teachers, government and system. #bhamchat

1:35 am **themrmco:** #bhamchat The non-natives... Well you are here now. I for one am grateful for anyone willing to work to better our area and people!

1:35 am **Jon_Lewis:** @thegeekwife LOL (kind of) #bhamchat

1:36 am **RSSBham:** Would love to discuss further but work beckons. Another time? #bhamchat

1:36 am **themrmco:** #bhamchat Politics In Alabama? Ohhh boy! The most distasteful thing about it is... Good people won't go anywhere near it. Oh But I will!

1:36 am **Jon_Lewis:** RT @thegeekwife: @louisianagirl91 what we said earlier, lots & lots of old money and lots of history, they don't like change. #bhamchat

1:36 am **thegeekwife:** @louisianagirl91 It goes back to what we said earlier, lots & lots of old money and lots of history, they don't like change. #bhamchat

1:36 am **Jon_Lewis:** @RSSBham Have a great night! #bhamchat

1:37 am **louisianagirl91:** there is NO reason why Bham can't be the crossroads of the south. Thousands drive THRU, but what would make them come back? #bhamchat

1:38 am **Jon_Lewis:** @louisianagirl91 People do come back. They love it here. I have heard so many people say, "I never knew Birmingham was so nice" #bhamchat

1:38 am **bhamchat:** OK - do folks have a (read: ONE) link to an event or website to share w/everyone? (metro #bham related of course) #bhamchat

1:39 am **themrmco:** #bhamchat #blueprintbham - So ok.. It's time to do more than promote the nightlife in Birmingham. How about a online radio show each week?

1:41 am **devo50:** @THEMRMCO Politics in AL is no diff than any where else. More people need to get out there to vote. #bhamchat we need to promote voting

1:42 am **themrmco:** #bhamchat / #bham Birmingham Websites... Check out Magic City Online @ <http://bit.ly/bGskRt> -

1:42 am **Jon_Lewis:** Birmingham Wing Fest on October 9 - <http://www.bhamwingfest.com/> #bhamchat

1:43 am **bhamchat:** Well, we're about to stop the formal portion of #bhamchat; we'll be putting up archives tomorrow morning for the last two weeks.

1:43 am **themrmco:** #bhamchat / #bham lord knows I need to add more to it. Let me know what you want.

1:43 am **Jon_Lewis:** For more info, contact @bhamwingfest #bhamchat

1:43 am **bhamchat:** Thanks to everyone for stopping by this evening! If you have ideas for future chats, please reply to us w/out the #bhamchat hashtag...

1:43 am **dgarvich:** @Jon_Lewis ooh.... Didn't know about this. Thanks! #bhamchat

1:44 am **Jon_Lewis:** Have a great night everyone!! #bhamchat

1:44 am **dgarvich:** @bhamchat thanks for hosting again! #bhamchat

1:44 am **themrmco:** #bhamchat #bham I will devote some studio time for radio and video promotions for Birmingham. Find me on Facebook @ <http://bit.ly/bgX2uT>

1:44 am **Jon_Lewis:** Thanks @bhamchat and @acnatta #bhamchat

1:44 am **bhamchat:** We'll see all of you next week! Thanks again! #bhamchat

1:44 am **thegeekwife:** Thank you everyone for a great night of conversation #bhamchat. Thanks @Jon_Lewis for the RT's.

1:45 am **bhamchat:** BTW - during the week, you can find us at @bhamterminal or @acnatta #bhamchat

1:45 am **bhamchat:** RT @Jon_Lewis: Birmingham Wing Fest on October 9 - <http://www.bhamwingfest.com/> #bhamchat

1:46 am **bhamchat:** RT @themrmco: #bhamchat / #bham Birmingham Websites... Check out Magic City Online @ <http://bit.ly/bGskRt> -

1:48 am **magiccityonline:** #bhamchat #bham #blueprintbham - MCO Studios in Pelham is ready to assist. New radio and video shows being planned. Contributors welcome!

1:50 am **bhamwingfest:** RT @bhamchat: RT @Jon_Lewis: Birmingham Wing Fest on October 9 - <http://www.bhamwingfest.com/> #bhamchat

2:40 am **wilsonsway:** RT @bhamwingfest: RT @bhamchat: RT @Jon_Lewis: Birmingham Wing Fest on October 9 - <http://www.bhamwingfest.com/> #bhamchat

2:43 am **themrmco:** @dgarvich - I currently do an entertainment show on Wednesdays - willing to do a Tuesday night show

to coincide with [#bhamchat](#) & more!

5:04 pm

deongordon: Reading last night's [#bhamchat](#). Good convo re: [#blueprintbham](#), area leadership, and mass transit. [#bham](#)

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