

Click THAT 'hood

There's been a great deal of buzz surrounding a series of pieces highlighting [the best](#) and [worst cities](#) in the state written by [al.com/Alabama Media Group](#) columnist [John Archibald](#). During [his regular weekly segment on WBHM](#), local *Morning Edition* host [Tanya Ott](#) highlighted [a comment](#) on [Archibald's most recent piece](#) about the state's worst cities made by [Emily Lowrey](#), founder and publisher of [Magic City Post](#), suggesting [al.com/AMG](#) take a closer look at each of the city's 99 neighborhoods as part of its overall analysis.

It got us wondering just how familiar folks were with [all of Birmingham, AL's 99 neighborhoods](#) (or the city's general boundaries for that matter). Luckily, someone was already working on a solution, courtesy of a [Code for America Brigade](#) project - [Click That Hood](#). The premise of the simple - it asks you just how familiar you are with the locations of neighborhoods in several cities across the country. [Marcus Dillavou](#), a founder and lead engineer at [VIPAAR](#), decided to add Birmingham to the site himself, sharing [a post describing how he went about it](#) earlier today. It should give folks an idea of the issues involving access to usable general data about the city. [He was able to add 87 of the 99 neighborhoods to the map](#), all of them located north of Red Mountain.

The site is being highlighted in advance of [this weekend's second annual Code Across America initiative](#), appropriate as February 23 is [International Open Data Day](#). The hope is to continue to spark an interest in civic innovation. There are no known events taking place in Birmingham, though perhaps helping Marcus tackle getting the rest of the city on the map or helping populate [Bhamwiki](#) with information about [those neighborhoods](#) (& other things Birmingham) would be pretty significant tasks unto themselves.

We also figured it was time to get [our area's See Click Fix map](#) out from hiding on our site. A button taking you to the page will appear on the sidebar tomorrow morning.