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Autumn 2006

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Woodmere News

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world: indeed it's the only thing that ever has. Margaret Mead, noted American Anthropologist

President's Commentary

Fall has finally fallen. The weather is pleasant and you might have a chance to meet a few neighbors while you rake.

Over 200 of us met some neighbors at the Day in the Park, Oct. 1st. Now that was a celebration. Thanks to all who came.

Come to our next general meeting at the Museum of Fine Arts, Thursday, Nov. 9th, two days after the election, and vote for our own neighborhood.

At this meeting, Susan Carmichael, Director of the Montgomery Clean City Commission, will show us how we can make this a better place to live. And WNA members will have a chance to vote on some important issues, like our annual dues and By-Laws.

Incredibly, WNA has operated for many years by charging only \$10 per year. Obviously that must change. The Board recommends that the 2007 amount be \$25. Although still lower than most associations, it is realistic for us.

If you are not a member, you can still join for 2006 for \$10. If you are a member, you can help us decide on the proposed changes. Although copies of the By-Laws will be available at the meeting, all members should have received them in

advance by either email or U.S. mail.

If you have an idea that would help our neighborhood, please email us at



Sam Whatley,
WNA President

info@woodmeremontgomery.com That's also a good way to volunteer your time and talent to keep Woodmere the best place to live.



Day in the Park—Space Walker owners Allen Bowen and Dawneese provided a terrific set-up with equipment, hot dogs, cotton candy, and more

Neighborhood Association Meeting
Thursday, November 9th, 2006
6:30 p.m.
Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium



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We need your input!

To submit an article, a letter to the editor or a suggestion,

please email
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WNA— good stewards

By John Paul Leofsky

How can we become better stewards of this marvelous planet earth? What are some actions we can take?

- Recycle—use the orange bags on Mondays; include all paper, cardboard, glass, metal, and plastic.
- Buy local—support the farmers market and local growers.
- Use fluorescent bulbs, LEDS, and other efficient lighting fixtures.
- Set your thermostat two degrees higher in summer and lower in winter—will also save money!

- Walk more, ride a bike, consolidate driving trips

Safeguarding a sustainable environment is crucial for fishermen, hunters and recreational nature lovers of all kinds—it is natural security of the highest order.

Using fewer resources need not mean a lesser quality of life; it will mean greater freedom from dependency on foreign oil from hostile and unstable nations.

WNA FY' 06	Jan 1 - Mar 30	Apr 1 - Jun 30	Jul 1 - Sep 30	Oct 1 - Dec 31	Jan - Dec 2005
Fund Balance	\$3,040.46	\$3,319.49	\$3290.84	\$2,618.57	\$2,782.26
INCOME					
Membership	800.00	500.00	185.00		550.00
Crime Watch	135.00	80.00	35.00		65.00
Ads		135.00			30.00
TOTAL INCOME	935.00	705.00	220.00		645.00
EXPENSES					
Web	87.35				
Museum Rent	50.00	50.00	50.00		200.00
Newsletter	448.80	484.00	528.00		118.80
Supplies	69.82	135.83	114.67		
Signs		63.80	127.60		
PO Rental			72.00		68.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	655.97	733.65	892.27		386.80

Nearly 20% of our residents are WNA members, double a year ago— help us become a viable Neighborhood Association. Dues are only \$10. Please join today!

Report of WNA August Quarterly meeting

Consolidated details from minutes

The Woodmere Neighborhood Association (WNA) held its quarterly meeting on Thursday, August 10, 2006 at the Museum of Fine Arts.

The Treasurer's Report, given by Charles Collins, reflected a payment of \$528.00 for newsletters and stated that WNA currently has 127 members.

Speakers for the night were: Charles Jinright, Chairman of the City Council and Zone 9 Councilman. He reported on the need for new school facilities, the bright spots in public education, and the city's budget.

Speaker Wiley Steen, Director of Montgomery Parks and Recreation introduced Kay McCreer who provided an overview of all the parks' programs. She explained how Woodmere Park is a city park, not a neighborhood park.

New things being added to the park include extended wooden fencing, new park rules signs, security lights, and more trash bins. There are plans for resurfacing walking paths and repairing the leak in the pond levee.

At the November 9, 2006, General Meeting revisions will be proposed to the By-Laws. Copies of the By-Laws were given out to all members present. They were asked to study them and contact any Board member with suggestions

or visit to the website to record their ideas.

Charles Collins handed out area maps with the reorganized zones. He explained how the block captain system works. He reported that we have 30 block captains; need 23 more; and asked for volunteers.

Jimmy Gunn reported that the Parks Committee has a Day In The Park planned for September 24 from 4 to 6 p.m., with a rain out date of October 1. There will be special activities for children, as well as hot dogs, chips and drinks.

The Crime Prevention Committee reported a decrease in crime in the community. Residents were urged to call the police if they see anything unusual, such as abandoned cars. Lawns left unmowed and neglected should be reported to block captains, who will contact officials.

The Streets and Sidewalks Committee reported problems with getting speed bumps approved by the city. Research is needed for a stop sign on Woodmere Drive.

A dues increase beginning January 1, 2007, is being discussed and will be reported on in the next newsletter and at the November 9, 2006 General Meeting.

Great neighbors - Be one!

- take the initiative when something needs attention;
- maintain homes when repairs are needed;
- avoid shining bright lights on the road or neighbors property;
- help out when neighbors are away, and keep an eye on things.

November Midterm Election

On November 7th, we will select local, state, and congressional leaders to represent us in the 2006 General Election. Precinct 01C votes at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts.

Voting will be in the new wing area of the museum again. We will use the newer voting machines. Gone are the bulky, stand-alone voting booths.

For absentee ballot info, call the County Board of Registrars at 832-1215:





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City Contacts

Mayor's Office

241-2000

City Council

241-2097

Animal Control

241-2970

Police

241-2651

Fire

241-2400

**For all emergencies,
please call 911.**

Financial Report 3rd Qtr 2006

By Charles Collins, Treasurer

Woodmere Neighborhood Association
Financial Statement

July 1, 2006 — September 30, 2006

Balance July 1, 2006		\$3,290.84
Income:		
Membership Dues	\$185.00	
<u>Crime Watch</u>	<u>35.00</u>	
Total Income	\$220.00	\$3510.84
Expenditures:		
Summer Newsletter	\$528.00	
P.O. Box Fee	72.00	
Signs to Go	127.60	
Administrative Expense	114.67	
<u>Museum Rental Fee</u>	<u>50.00</u>	
Total Expenditures	\$892.27	
Balance September 30, 2006		\$2,618.57

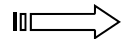
Blocks Captains wanted

Since November 2005 when a slate of new officers were elected for the Woodmere Neighborhood Association, a concerted effort has been made to secure six zone coordinators and fifty-four block captains.

These numbers were determined after a re-organization of the neighborhood zones from nine to six. The plan we have attempted to develop and the rationale for fifty-four block captains was to give a person an average of fifteen homes, hoping not to overburden anyone.

Over the span of a little less than a year we have enlisted five zone coordinators and thirty-seven block captains. The plan has worked well thus far.

We do need help. It is difficult for one person to talk to everyone in the neighborhood. What follows are the listing of the zones and where we need block captains.



Five Dollar Crime Watch Money



How does this neighborhood benefit from the crime watch money?

The five dollars each member contributes is used for a number of things. It is used to purchase Crime Watch Signs that have been placed in strategic places around the neighborhood. There are currently six. These have been paid for by the association.

Other benefits that do not require a direct payment are Crime Prevention Presentations by a member of the Montgomery Police Department; Home Safety Surveys by the Police Department; Speed Signs placed by the Traffic Division; and Warning Stickers for the home that identify you as a member of "Operation I D".

Operation I D means that all items of value on the premises have been marked for ready identification

by Law Enforcement Agencies. There are some miscellaneous costs associated with a number of benefits identified. Crime Prevention Presentations require educational material and handouts purchased by the association. **Operation I D** requires electric engravers.

In addition to crime watch expenses, a good crime prevention program of which Neighborhood Watch is a part requires funding. Is this a good \$5 deal or what? Especially when your home and maybe even your life is at risk.

New Woodmere Neighborhood Association T-shirts
cost \$10
Sizes M, L, XL
Available at the November 9th Meeting
And From Sam Whatley 396-7840

Day in the Park— Kudos to the Park

Many thanks to Jimmy Gunn and his Park Committee of Carolyn Blackstock, Waldo Spencer, Walter Stephenson, Wil Glasglow, Hazel Pierce, John Leofsky, Stephen Bartelt and Pete Miller for an outstanding program of food and activities for all at the "Day in the Park" Sunday October 1st.

For the 200 plus that attended it was a fun filled couple of hours. Truly a successful event enjoyed by all and a task "Well Done" by the committee.

A special thanks to Mindy Buckley for the spectacular face paintings.



Children loved our clown Dorothy Cook.



Neighbors and their dogs met each other at the Day in the Park.

Blocks Captains wanted

Zone 1 (4) Stonewood Drive; Tudor Drive; Pampas Place; and portions of Carmichael Road and Woodmere Boulevard.
 Zone 2 (4) Willow Glen Drive and all between the drive and Woodmere Boulevard.
 Zone 3 (4) One for each of the Greta, Helga, Heidi, and Margo Place cul-de-sac.
 Zone 4 (2) One for each side of Cobbelstone Court.
 Zone 5 (0) Complete
 Zone 6 (3) Woodmere Loop from Sagewood to Winesap; Woodmere Loop from Vineyard to Woodrun Drive; Woodrun Drive (one side).

Please read through the listing. If you live on one of the streets, the neighborhood needs you. If your street is not listed, you may know someone on one of the streets listed who you think may help. Pass along their name.

I'll be happy to talk with them. Contact me -- Charles Collins 244-9419 or see me at the general meeting. Hope to hear from you.

We need volunteers to serve on committees, as block captains, distribute newsletters and many more things!

Please contact one of the officers or email info@woodmeremontgomery.com.

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Defending Your Home

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Imagine you are at home in your bedroom late at night and you hear unmistakable sounds of someone trying to break into your home. Of course the first thing you will do is call 911 to summon the police but the intruder is nearly in your home now. What do you do?

This question and many others can be answered by the Montgomery Police Department in a free self protection course offered to the public. The course is taught in a classroom environment by Montgomery Police officers in a very friendly informal manner.

The course includes firearm safety and orientation as well as alternative means of self protection including pepper sprays, tsars, etc. Frank discussion during the course includes recommendations on certain means of defense. Legal aspects of self defense are discussed as well as situations where the legal use of firearms for defense is acceptable.

Many assumptions and untruths are laid to rest during this course. Many people have incorrect information regarding their rights relating to self defense and the ownership of firearms, particularly handguns. The conditions under which you can legally transport firearms and where you can possess firearms are covered in detail as well as handgun safety, handgun nomenclature, ammunition, legal responsibilities, care and



A New Recycling Program

Susan Carmichael, Director of the Montgomery Clean City Commission will be our speaker at the next general meeting of the association.

The Recycling Division has a new program of composting, called ZooDoo, that Susan will share with us.

The city uses herbivorous animal waste from the zoo, mixing it with other composting material to develop a beneficial blend for all kinds of home uses.

Come hear Susan and learn how you may obtain this new compost.

Call (334) 241-2599 the Montgomery Clean City Commission for information on other recycling programs

Annual / General
 Neighborhood Association Meeting

Thursday, November 9th, 2006
 6:30 p.m.

Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium

Guest Speaker

Susan Carmichael, Director
 Montgomery Clean City Commission

Voting on By-Laws and dues increase

Cont'd from previous page Submitted by Jesse Donaldson

cleaning of guns, and how to shoot a handgun. The course involves a visit to the Montgomery Police indoor firing range and actual live firing.

Your own personal weapons and ammunition are permitted or if you do not have a handgun, one will be provided for you to complete the course. Firearms for home protection other than handguns are discussed.

You must be 21 years old or older with a U.S. citizenship. The course consists of two sessions of about four hours each. You can choose between two Wednesday nights or two Saturday mornings for the course, whichever is more convenient for you. If you want to sign up for the course or for more information, call the Montgomery police Academy at 240-4812.

The WNA appreciates the service provided by the Montgomery Police Department to the Woodmere Community. This information is offered solely for those who would like to take advantage of the department's program.



At Day in the Park, Mindy Buckley, an art teacher painted tiny master pieces.



Jackie Davis & Tommy Howard of Space Walkers

2007 DUES INCREASE

Submitted by Peggy Agent

In 1997 when the Woodmere Home Owners Association became the W N A, the dues were still \$10 per year, as they had been for many years. The amount has never gone up or been adjusted for price increases. Local residents freely donate hundreds of hours annually. Their generous work if valued fairly would be in the tens of thousands of dollars. People are our finest asset.

For nine years our revived Association has published newsletters and directories, sponsored Egg Hunts for children, paid back taxes on the pond property to redeem it, paid the Museum of Fine Arts \$50.00 each time we met there, and worked to keep the Woodmere gate to the Blount Cultural Park open. The Board members are cautious in spending money. We work hard to keep this neighborhood safe, enjoyable, and attractive.

On October 1, 2006, the Association sponsored **A DAY IN THE PARK**. This event cost a modest \$1,014.00, a bargain for over two hundred guest attendees. Your Board of Directors wants to make this a yearly event.

The latest newsletters cost \$520.00. This helpful circular gets distributed each season just before the quarterly Meetings. Each issue has dozens of hours of writing, composing, reviewing, and distribution costs

The yearly cost to the Association for a DAY IN THE PARK, the newsletter, and the General Meetings is approximately \$3,294.00. There are other events the Board of Directors would like to do for the community, such as the Egg Hunt, yard sale in the park, some form of membership directory, upgrades to the pond, and other things.

After much discussion, the Board realizes that dues need to be raised so that we can do more for this community. The Board proposes dues of \$25.00 per household per year, just to keep up with inflation. We urge you to support this action; remember that membership is voluntary.

The Crime Watch fee of \$5.00 remains the same. This is set by the Police Department and is a one time fee.

At the General Meeting on November 9th, new membership applications for 2007 will be available and you may pay your dues then. All 2006 memberships expire on December 31, 2006 and 2007 dues become effective on January 1, 2007.





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2007 Membership Form

Woodmere Neighborhood Association
PO Box 231473
Montgomery, Alabama 36123

Please list all individuals in the household.

Date: _____

NAME

NAME

NAME

NAME

STREET

HOME PHONE

WORK PHONE 1

WORK PHONE 2

EMAIL 1

EMAIL 2

- New Association Member
- New Crime Watch Member
- Renewal

Please indicate your preference for receiving correspondence from the Association for such items as the newsletter, Meeting notices, etc.

- Email
- Door mail

Crime Watch dues are \$5 and only paid once. If you are paying for both, you may send one check, with memo note.

Annual Dues for 2006 are \$10. Dues for 2007 are \$25, if approved at the Nov. 9th General Meeting.

The Association is always looking for volunteers. Please indicate areas of interest below:

- Membership
- Special Events
- Crime Watch
- Newsletter
- Newsletter Distribution
- Block Captain
- Other skills/interests _____

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Mail address above

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