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Fall 2007

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Woodmere News

President's Commentary

WNA's next general meeting will be at the Museum of Fine Arts, Thursday, November 8th at 6:30 pm. Mr. Michael Vigilant, Chief Operating Officer of the Alabama Shakespeare Festival will explain some of the programs that ASF offers to our community. There are things you can do to be part of the ASF experience. Come see what they are.

The Chairman of the Montgomery City Council, Mr. Charles Jinright, will update us on developments in our city. This is another opportunity to ask questions about local government. It's also a good place to join the 150 families that have supported WNA since January. In fact, we are beginning to accept memberships for 2008. See the back page for details.

Many of you volunteered to serve our neighborhood since our August meeting. Thank you for answering the call. We now have officer candidates for the next two years. We want to also thank other volunteers like Libby Howard, serving as Streets and Sidewalks Chair, and Carolyn Blackstock, who will be the next Woodmere News Editor. A dozen residents have agreed to serve on our Long Range Task Force to envision improvements to Woodmere that we can work toward for the future.

There is still a need for a Zone 6 Coordinator and several Block Captains. Email info@woodmeremontgomery.com or give us a call to volunteer your time and ideas.

Alabama Shakespeare Festival is one thing making Woodmere the best place to live. So are you. Join us as we move into 2008. Improve and protect your property. Support your association.



Sam Whatley
President

Neighborhood Association Meeting
Thursday, November 8, 2007
6:30 P.M.

Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium

Guest Speakers:
Councilman Charles Jinright,
ASF Chief Operating Officer Michael Vigilant

Everyone Welcome - Please Attend
We Will Elect New Officers At This Meeting

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WNA General Meeting Minutes: August 9, 2007

The Woodmere Neighborhood Association met on Thursday, August 9, 2007 for its quarterly meeting at the Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium. President Sam Whatley called the meeting to order. The guest speakers were Councilman Charles Jinright, Mayor Bobby Bright and Mark Johnson, Director of the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts.

Mark Johnson spoke first and invited everyone to pick up literature about exhibits now and upcoming at the Museum of Fine Arts. He said the museum is open to the public with free admission but donations are invited to help the Museum. Volunteers are needed at the Museum to conduct tours and man the front information desk. Call the Museum for details.

Councilman Jinright urged everyone to visit the Fine Arts Museum and thanked everyone for coming and taking pride in their community. He said he meets with Jimmy Gunn of the WNA regularly on parks in Woodmere.

Mayor Bobby Bright complimented Councilman Jinright on the good work he has done in our district. Mayor Bright said he wants to work to see the city keep growing. Mayor Bright said the Museum is owned by the city but the theater is owned by the Shakespeare Foundation. The state used to support the theater but no longer does so. They are trying to get that support back. The city provides landscaping for the theater and maintains Woodmere Park and Blount Park. The 90 plus acres fronting Vaughn Road are owned by two different entities and is divided into 50 acre and 45 acre segments. The owners of these properties have no assets and can not maintain the property. The owners are trying to negotiate with the city to perform the maintenance, but Mayor Bright said this would be illegal unless there was a formal turnover of the land. All parties will have to agree to turn the property over to the city. The Mayor wants to maintain this property like the rest of the park. The Blount homestead would not be included in this property exchange. The Mayor said we would see increased police force in the area soon and they would step up patrols in the park. He urged people to call police on any suspicious activity and call the Mayor if nothing is done.

In the business session, Treasurer Charles Collins reported that as of the end of June, 2007 the WNA account balance was \$2358.90 with \$200.00 received in the month of July for membership dues with expenditures of \$16.40. The account balance as of July 31st was \$2792.50.

Jimmy Gunn, Parks Committee Chairman, reported that his seven committee members have a good rapport with Wiley Steen of the Parks Department and Councilman Jinright. Jimmy reported there will be improvements in the park including repairs to the pond dam and other projects. There are plans to resurface the walking path in the park soon.

A report was presented by Jessie Donaldson concerning the Long Range Planning Taskforce Nominating Committee. The nominees for the Taskforce were announced and a meeting is planned for the initial organization of the taskforce.

It was announced that the 2007 WNA handbooks would be distributed at the end of the meeting to current members in good standing. Sam Whatley said the WNA currently has vacancies for the Secretary, Streets and Sidewalks Committee Chairman, Newsletter Editor and a Zone Coordinator

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for Zone 6. If you know of anyone who would be willing to serve in these positions, please contact Sam Whatley.

WNA officers will be elected at the next General Meeting on November 8. Jimmy Gunn is chairman of the committee to submit nominations. Jimmy said there are approximately 750 homes in Woodmere and we need at least 60% participation in the Neighborhood Association. Jimmy urged residents and members to get more involved in the Woodmere Neighborhood Association and let's make Woodmere the #1 neighborhood in the city.

Woodmere Neighborhood Trick Or Treat

By Libby Howard, Chairman
Streets and Sidewalks
Committee

This will be a great way to meet your neighbors, have some safe, old-fashioned Halloween fun and help create a safer stronger neighborhood community.

Who: Residents of all ages of the Woodmere Neighborhood.

Where: The Woodmere Neighborhood.

When: Halloween night, Wednesday, October 31st

Call Kim Wilson Owen at 233-5100 if you want to sign up as a resident who would like to hand out treats to young trick or treaters. Be sure to leave your porch light on if you will be welcoming Trick or Treaters.

Rules for Trick or Treating:

1. Parents or other adults should accompany children.
2. Know where your children are at all times.
3. Follow the Montgomery Police Department's "Safe Halloween Guidelines". These will be available Halloween night at the 1600 Woodmere Loop home of Pam Rhodes. The Montgomery Police Department recommends trick or treating between 6 and 8 p.m.
4. Stay alert! Report anything suspicious or dangerous.
5. Encourage friends and neighbors to watch out for all of the trick or treaters who will be out in the streets on Halloween night.
6. Wear reflective clothing or carry light sticks and flashlights.
7. Teach kids safety when crossing streets and meeting strangers.

And last but not least: **SAY HELLO TO YOUR NEIGHBORS!**



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Day in the Park

By Jimmy W. Gunn, Chairman
Parks Committee

Thanks for everyone who turned out for the event that was held on Sunday, October 7, 2007 from 4-6 PM. We had over 200 Woodmere neighbors come and enjoy the rides, delicious hotdogs, chips and drinks. The weather was perfect and Allen and Dawneese Bowen of The Space Walker did a great job of accommodating everyone. We look forward to putting this on again next year and hope it will grow in attendance even more.



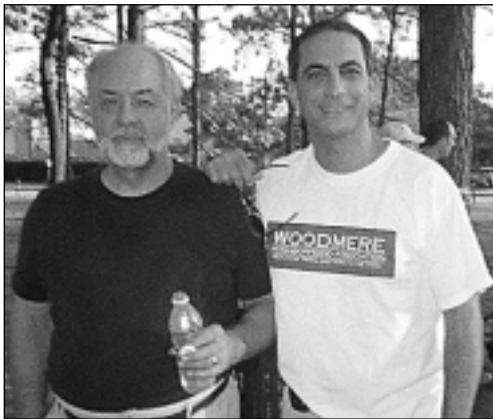
Left to right: Cousins Sabrina Davis, Xaia Davis



Master Tom Ilic



"Mee Maw" Jamie Doron with Chelsie Doron



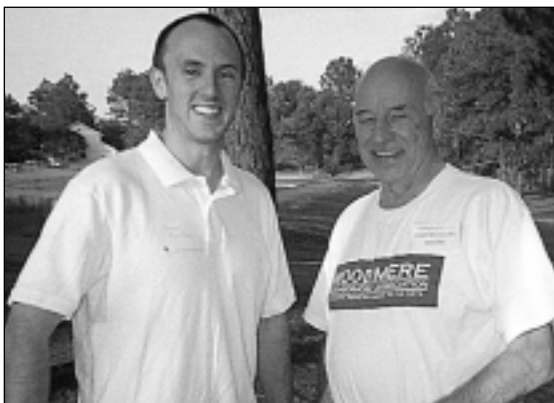
Left to right: Will Glasgow, Jim Sadie



Shundreka Givan and Kelli



Ken and Elaine Heumann with Susie



Left to right: Dan Bentley, Charles Collins



Left to right: Mary Ivey, Kathryn Brady



Jimmy Gunn with grandson
Carson McCulloch



2007 Day in the Park



Left to right: Brooke Peoples,
Pam Rhodes

WNA Officer Nominating Committee Report

I was asked by Sam Whatley, WNA President, to chair a nominating committee charged with submitting a list of nominees for new officers to be elected at the General Meeting scheduled for November 8. The following is a list of nominees selected by the committee. Other nominations may be submitted from the floor during the General Meeting. Nominees are subject to election by the attendees of the General Meeting.

Slate Of Nominated Officers For 2008

President: Sam Whatley
1st Vice President: Gerry Shook
2nd Vice President: John Cannady
Secretary: Mable Pryor
Treasurer: Charles Collins

Committee Chairs For 2008

Crime Prevention: Jim Sadie
Streets and Sidewalks: Libby Howard
Parks and Recreation: Jimmy Gunn
Media: Melissa Martin (website)
Media: Carolyn Blackstock (newsletter)

By Jimmy W. Gunn, Chairman
Parks Committee

2008 Streets and Sidewalks

As chairman of the Streets and Sidewalks Committee, with great help and support from Committee members Pam Rhodes and Linda Mitchell, I am looking forward to an exciting year of possibilities in our neighborhood. Plans are being put into place to identify and resolve any areas in our neighborhood in need of repair or maintenance.

We are anticipating some fun times as well. Among activities being considered are Yard of the Month competition and Holiday Lighting recognition. Since the past WNA yard sale turned out well, plans for another one are in the works. These are just a few of the ideas and if anyone has some other suggestions, we would love to hear from you.

Please don't hesitate letting us know about any problem areas or situations on your street that need attention. Your comments concerning how our Streets and Sidewalks Committee is handling issues in our neighborhood are welcome. You may respond with your compliments, criticism or suggestions to WNA's website by e-mailing info@woodmeremontgomery.com and your comments will be forwarded to the committee.

If you would like to contact me, I can be reached at 386-3301 or my cell, 558-8073. My e-mail address is lhanners@securancegroup.com.

By Libby Howard, Chairman
Streets and Sidewalks Committee

Financial Report

By Charles Collins
Treasurer

Income:	Proposed Budget	Jan.1 - Mar. 31	Apr. 1 - Jun. 30	July. 1 - Sep. 30
Beginning Balance		\$2035.10	\$2740.60	2358.90
Membership Dues For 2007 (Goal 150)	\$3750.00	1240.00	350.00	850.00
Advertisements (Hand Book)	500.00		260.00	
T-Shirts (Goal 40)	400.00	40.00	40.00	28.00
Donation			50.00	
Totals	4650	1280.00	700.00	878.00
Disbursements:				
Newsletters (4 Per Year - 850 Copies)	1400	324.50	546.70	429.00
Day In The Park	1200.00			
Administrative Expenses	203.00		124.32	16.40
Museum Rental Fees (4 Times Per Year)	200.00	50.00	100.00	
Website	75.00			
Post Office Box Rental	72.00			68.00
Easter Egg Hunt (April)	250.00	200.00		
Yard Sale (June)	300.00		310.68	
Spring & Fall Clean-Ups	100.00			
Neighborhood Handbook	500.00			875.00
Crime Prevention Program	200.00			
Street & Sidewalk Committee	150.00			
Non-Profit Status Application Fee	0.00			300.00
Totals	\$4650.00	574.50	1081.70	1688.40
Ending Balance		\$2740.60	\$2358.90	1548.50

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Brisk fresh air,
Pumpkins and scarecrows
And the State Fair.

Children wearing costumes
For trick or treat,
Hoping to gather
Things that are sweet.

The leaves are turning
Colors so bold,
Red and yellow
Orange and gold.

The night will come sooner
As daylight will end,
So welcome to Fall...
And October my friend!

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Send Clear Message

By Sandra Nickel

Most people are concerned about crime in their neighborhoods. They should be. But they can't expect the problem to be solved with a policeman on every corner or a new jail that would rival the RSA Tower in height to lock up everyone involved in crime.

The only real solution will come from the neighborhoods themselves. As neighbors, we should be willing to step forward when called upon without fear of retribution.

We can do this better by participating in neighborhood associations and especially by getting to know everyone on our block. Don't wait for someone else to come knocking; let's initiate the introduction ourselves.

As neighbors, we need to set an example, too. If we don't keep our own yards picked up, lawns kept up and houses fixed up, we are in essence saying "We don't care." Criminals see that attitude, too. They know the residents will allow things to take place there because they aren't asked to leave.

Call the police non-emergency number at 241-2651 when we see or suspect suspicious activity taking place. They may not respond as fast as we want, but they won't know if we don't call. And like a squeaky hinge, our repeated calls will get their attention.

The answer isn't moving away, but it is found in moving in -- into setting a good or neighborly example. When criminals realize we don't care, they won't either.

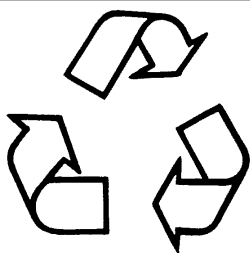
Excerpt from Montgomery Advertiser, October 7, 2007: Alabama Voices. Sandra Nickel, who works in real estate, is active in various community causes in Montgomery.

The Drought Is Here!

Climatologists tell us that we are in the worst drought of the last 100 years. It's time we all took action to conserve water before the governor and mayor impose mandatory restrictions. Here are five things you can do to help.

- Do not water your lawn more than once a week.
- Install a displacement device (like a brick) in the tank of your toilet.
- Take shorter showers. Time yourself the next time you shower.
- Do not use running water to thaw frozen foods.
- Fully load your dishwasher before using it.

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NAME _____

NAME _____

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WORK PHONE (HERS) _____

EMAIL (HIS) _____

EMAIL (HERS) _____

DATE: _____

New Association Member Renewal

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

Email Door Mail

Association dues are \$25 annually. All Memberships expire on December 31.

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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