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Woodmere News

President's Commentary

Make a Difference

By Jimmy Gunn

By now all of you have heard about the meth bust on Bolingbrook Drive, a month or so ago. I understand this was just a one-person "Shake and Bake" process, not a full-blown meth lab operating in a residence. Whatever the extent of the operation, we should not and do not want things like this in Woodmere. This is not only dangerous for the surrounding residents, but taints our fine neighborhood. How do we turn this into something positive?

First, everyone needs to join the Woodmere Neighborhood Association. Our membership drive runs from October 1 to December 31, 2009. Whether you own or rent, invest \$25 into your association. Show that you are behind the WNA and support the board who looks after your best interest each and every day. See page 8 and fill out the application.

Second, become familiar with your neighbors. Be nosy. If something does not appear right on your street, contact your block captain and discuss the situation. Don't let one bad situation ruin it for the entire block. Take action and work toward resolution through the block captain.

Third, join a committee or volunteer to be a block captain, zone coordinator or officer. I am



Jimmy Gunn, President, WNA

asking everyone to give one hour a month to Woodmere. This can include everything from picking up trash on your block to meeting your neighbors. Find out who lives on your street. You might develop some everlasting friendships.

Fourth, participate in the events held during the year. Our Fall Cleanup is on Saturday, October 24th from 8 am—12 noon. Come on out for some fun and fellowship.

We look forward to a big year in 2010. Plan to be part of it.

Neighborhood Association Meeting
Thursday, November 12th, 2009, 6:30 pm
Come, Hear, and Meet Lynda Wool
Long Range Planner with the
Montgomery Planning & Development Division
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 info@woodmeremontgomery.com

Financial Report

Melissa Martin—Treasurer

	July	August	September	Year to Date	Budget
Beginning Balance	2548.67	2648.67	2302.67	1746.62	
Income					
Membership Dues	100.00	50.00	50.00	2150.00	3750.00
Advertisements	0.00	0.00	190.00	190.00	0.00
T-Shirts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	20.00	55.00	0.00
Total Income	100.00	50.00	260.00	2395.00	3750.00
Expenses					
Newsletter	0.00	363.00	0.00	1078.00	1400.00
Day in the Park	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1200.00
Administrative Expenses	0.00	33.00	25.00	267.55	203.00
Meeting Room	0.00	0.00	50.00	150.00	200.00
Website	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Yard Sale	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Crime Prevention	0.00	0.00	255.00	255.00	200.00
Spring & Fall Clean-Ups	0.00	0.00	0.00	158.40	100.00
Post Office Box Rental	0.00	0.00	70.00	70.00	72.00
Total Expenses	0.00	396.00	400.00	1978.95	3750.00
Ending Balance	2648.67	2302.67	2162.67	2,162.67	

The WNA Board of Directors

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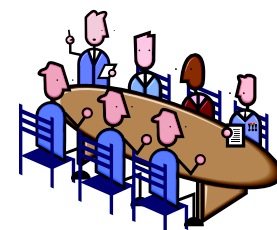
- President - Jimmy Gunn
- 1st Vice-Pres. - John Cannady
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- Zone 1 - Shelby & Michaela Hutcheson
- Zone 2 - Linda Donaldson
- Zone 3 - Gerry & Rose Shook
- Zone 4 - Pam Rhodes
- Zone 5 - Walt and Sherry Dzialo
- Zone 6 - Brenda Steele & Mable Pryor

Committee Chairs

- Parks—Jimmy Gunn
- Crime Prevention - Arlene Gomez
- Streets & Sidewalks - Pam Rhodes
- Media - Sam Whatley
- Block Captains - John Cannady
- Long Range Task Force - Jessie Donaldson/Jimmy Gunn
- Ordinance Enforcement - Entire Board



Around the Museum Grounds

A poem by John Leofsky,
Block Captain, Westminster Drive

There is a place I like to go
Part path through woods, and grove
narrow.

As sun was setting in the west
My dog and I southward progressed.

Temps were perfect, a fading breeze
Calm dwindling light
Warmly low through the trees
Along the trail, sheltered by leaves
Yet unfallen.

A small boy on his new bike jumped off
to greet Lady,
Coming bravely off the trail.
Two remote toy planes, mostly silent
Dipped and spiraled and glided
In joyful turns and swoops.

Along the paved trail,
Stepping around puddles
Over the stone bridge,
Seeing dozens of people

Walking, riding, talking,
In wonderful winter twilight
The model planes climbed up
Catching the last sunbeams.

And we walked happily home
Meeting Imogie (nee Katie)
A lovely new golden retriever
Adopted by our neighbor, Mellon
Three days ago.

A favorite loop,
Perhaps two miles,
Always brings
Countless smiles.



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VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service)

Gerry Shook, Zone 3, Coordinator

I have been with Volunteers in Police Service for one year now. I find it enjoyable and rewarding, knowing that VIPS provides services that free up our police officers to perform higher priority duties.

Types of services done by VIPS include: Theft Prevention (Neighborhood Watch or Home Security), Education Programs (such as Stranger Danger or Children's ID), School Patrol, Vacation Home Check, Administrative Duties (directing visitors or reporting case status to victims) and many others.

As a VIP participant you can choose from many available volunteer job openings and time slots. Volunteers must be at least 50 years of age and work at least one four-hour shift per week. To qualify you must attend the Citizen Police Academy.

The next Citizens Police Academy will be Jan. 12 to May 23, 2010. Classes are from 6 pm-9 pm each Tuesday. Anyone interested should call Sgt. George Brooks at 241-2572. There are 35 slots per class.



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City Contacts

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241-2000

City Council
241-2097

Animal Control
241-2970

Police
241-2651

Fire
241-2400

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241-2925

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241-2068

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City Websites

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www.montgomeryal.gov

For public tax records:
www.statgovrecords.com

WOODMERE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2009 MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS AUDITORIUM

The Woodmere Neighborhood Association met on Thursday, August 13, 2009 for its quarterly meeting at the Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium. President Jimmy Gunn called the meeting to order. The invocation was presented by Sam Whatley. The guest speakers were Councilman Charles Jinright and Mayor Todd Strange. Councilman Jinright spoke first and introduced Todd Strange.

Mayor Strange discussed many topics, including the shortfall of the city's budget. Among those topics were the intentions to reduce the number of city employees by 150 people. Mayor Strange announced that the city would cease to pick up recyclable material bags left by the street. There will be several sites designated around the city as locations where citizens can turn in the recyclable items. The city is looking into turning the recycling program over to a contractor. The mayor also discussed the enforcement of ordinances, including the ones pertaining to keeping lawns cut, cars parked on lawns and keeping pools clean.

Jimmy Gunn announced that we have 127 members. The WNA has 53 block captain positions. Many are vacant. Each zone is in need of volunteers to fill these positions.

Sam Whatley introduced a proposal to amend the WNA by-laws to allow us to file for a federal designation as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. The amendment would designate the WNA as non-profit and would include a clause for dissolution of the WNA funds in the event of disbandment. The non-profit designation would mean that annual dues would be tax deductible and allow the WNA to apply for certain grants, particularly grants offered by Alabama Power for the purchase of trees to be planted in the Woodmere Park and along Woodmere Boulevard.

Arlene Gomez introduced a proposal to amend the WNA by-laws referenced in article 8, section 4 of the by-laws pertaining to the crime prevention committee. The proposed amendment would allow better facilitation of the crime watch program. Both proposed amendments will be voted on at the General Assembly meeting of November 12, 2009.

Jimmy Gunn reported that five new Neighborhood Crime Watch signs have been acquired and installed. Two of these were free and the WNA paid for three signs at a cost of \$85 each.

Jimmy also offered a report from the streets & sidewalks committee. There will be a three-way stop sign installed at the intersection of Woodmere Boulevard and the 2100 block of Woodmere Loop.

In a meeting with Russell Stringer, city forester, and Linda Wool, city long range planning coordinator, a master plan for the beautification of Woodmere Boulevard and Woodmere Park was discussed. Linda Wool has a master level grant writer working on the project. The project would include the planting of trees in Woodmere Park and along the north side of Woodmere Boulevard. Trees will be planted in the park in the approximate location of the old goal posts in the West Park in November of this year.

In new business, the possibility of a new interchange to be built at the intersection of Bell Road and I-85 was discussed. The proposed interchange would cut down on the traffic flow through Woodmere to the East Boulevard from Bell Road. State Representative David Grimes announced that he had asked the Alabama DOT for the interchange.

Jimmy Gunn announced that the Fall Clean-Up day is set for October 24. The next General Meeting to be held on November 12 at the Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium at 6:30 p.m..

Submitted by Jessie Donaldson and Carolyn Blackstock for Secretary Mable Pryor

Meet Lynda Wool on Thursday, Nov. 12th

The Woodmere Neighborhood Association is honored to host Lynda Wool at our quarterly meeting on November 12th at 6:30 pm at the auditorium of the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. She has vision.

Lynda Wool, Senior Planner for the City of Montgomery, oversees the Long Range Planning and Neighborhood Planning Division. She has worked in the Montgomery's Planning Department for six years and is involved in a master plan for Woodmere.

Ms. Wool has a master's degree in planning from Auburn University and a master's in public administration from Auburn Montgomery. She is currently working on her dissertation to complete a PhD in public policy in an Auburn University/Auburn Montgomery joint program. Come out and see what she sees in our future. And bring a neighbor.



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Proposed WNA By-Laws Changes for 2009

The WNA is filing for 501 (c) (3) federal recognition as a tax-exempt non-profit organization. To do so, we must make two changes to our By-Laws at our November meeting. These changes were discussed at our August 13th meeting. Below is a third proposed change to our By-Laws to reflect our new commitment to prevent crime in Woodmere.

Article 8: Section 4

Current Language:

The Crime Prevention Committee, upon direction from the Board of Directors, may act as a liaison between the Woodmere Community and the Montgomery City Police Department. It reports all information to the Board of Directors. Zone Coordinators relay pertinent information from this committee to their block captains.

Proposed Language:

The Crime Prevention Committee Chair and/or committee members will attend all city meetings necessary to keep the Neighborhood Watch Program active in the Woodmere neighborhood. The Crime Prevention Committee, along with participation from the board, will make a concerted effort to participate in city-suggested activities such as National Night Out and provide publicity of such as appropriate.

YARD SALES

Our yard sales are great, they can be so much fun! But let's all be responsible, so we won't be the one...

Who always leaves the signs up, forever and a day.

For when the fun is over, and the sale is history, Those old outdated sale signs look terrible to me!

Please remember to remove your "Yard Sale" signs as soon as your sale is over. Let's all help keep our neighborhood looking neat and beautiful!

Thank you.

Letter to the Editor

I have been a resident of Woodmere since 2005 and a pet owner since 2006. I take my dog for daily walks and clean up after her. It is my MORAL obligation to respect my neighbors and their property.

However as I look at my front yard, I find piles from "neighbors" who do not care where their dogs leave their excrement. It's a nasty nuisance.

If everyone walking their dog would re-use their plastic shopping bags, we could clean up our neighborhood and make Woodmere a better place.

Please ask others to do their part.

W. L. Croskey, Vineyard Lane

The WNA would like to thank Ken Groves and his staff at the City of Montgomery Planning and Development Board for putting trash containers at the covered bus stop on Carmichael Road in front of the Marriot Courtyard and at the bus stop at the entrance to Stratford Village Apartments. Both areas had been littered with trash. These additions are helping our neighborhood with its litter problem. We asked for this and the city responded. Thank you, again.



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CREATING A SAFE PASSWORD

By John Cannady, 1st Vice President aka Katphisher

Your passwords are the keys you use to access personal information that you've stored on your computer and in your online accounts. If criminals or other malicious users steal this information, they can use your name to open new credit card accounts, apply for a mortgage, or pose as you in online transactions. In many cases you would not notice these attacks until it was too late.

What makes a strong password?

To an attacker, a strong password should appear to be a random string of characters. The following criteria can help your passwords do so:

Make it lengthy. Each character that you add to your password increases the protection that it provides many times over. Your passwords should be 8 or more characters in length; 14 characters or longer is ideal.

Many systems also support use of the space bar in passwords, so you can create a phrase made of many words (a "pass phrase"). A pass phrase is often easier to remember than a simple password, as well as longer and harder to guess.

Combine letters, numbers, and symbols. The greater variety of characters that you have in your password, the harder it is to guess.

Create a strong, memorable password in 5 steps

1. Think of a sentence that you can remember.
2. Check if the computer or online system supports the pass phrase directly.
3. If the computer or online system does not support pass phrases, convert it to a password.
4. Add complexity
5. Finally, substitute some special characters.



Password strategies to avoid

Some common methods used to create passwords are easy to guess by criminals. To avoid weak, easy-to-guess passwords:

Avoid sequences or repeated characters. "12345678,"

Avoid using only look-alike substitutions of numbers or symbols. '@' as in "P@ssw0rd".

Avoid your login name.

Avoid dictionary words in any language.

Use more than one password everywhere.

Avoid using online storage.

Yards of the Month – September 2009

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Residence – 5840 Green Way Drive

Townhouse – 1635 Cobblestone Court

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Please list all individuals in the household.

Date: _____

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NAME

NAME

NAME

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WORK PHONE 2

EMAIL 1

EMAIL 2

- 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 your interest below:

- Parks Committee
- Streets and Sidewalks Committee
- Crime Prevention Committee
- Newsletter
- Newsletter Distribution
- Block Captain
- Other skills/interests _____

Please note: We send out a monthly newsletter, the *Woodmere eNews*. If you provide your email address(es), you will receive this newsletter. We also send out notices about lost and found pets. If you have any questions or concerns, please send us an email.

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