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# Woodmere News

## President's Commentary

Sam Whatley



August brings hot weather, family reunions, and fallen mock orange balls (if you happen to live near that line of trees between the Museum and Bell Road). August 5<sup>th</sup> is National Night Out, which is a great night to cut on your outside lights and meet a few of your neighbors, perhaps at the end of a cul-de-sac. Take the initiative to meet someone you usually see only from across the street. Walk over and chat. The better we know each other, the easier it is for us to look out for one another.

WNA's next general meeting will be at the Museum of Fine Arts, Thursday, August 14th at 6:30 pm. Our speaker will be Mr. Locke D. Bowden, the City Engineer, discussing "Cameras, Red Lights, and Future Montgomery Traffic Patterns." This is the man who helped us get the stop sign on Woodmere Blvd. in May. Please come out and thank him. Traffic has slowed down on that busy street. Also the Chairman of the Montgomery City Council, Mr. Charles Jinright, will be there with updates from our city government.

We need your support and involvement. If you have not yet joined your 125-plus neighbors who are part of this association, please turn to the back page, write a check, and fill out the application. Working together we have encouraged the city to pave streets, replace trees, install security lights, and clean up the park. We can do more with your help. We need volunteers who want to keep Woodmere the best place to live in Montgomery. We need you.

*Neighborhood Association Meeting*

*Thursday, August 14 2008*

*6:30 p.m.*

*Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium*

**Guest Speaker:**

**Mr. Locke "Bubba" Bowden**  
**City of Montgomery Traffic Engineer**

**Topic: "Cameras, Red Lights, and Future Montgomery Traffic Patterns."**

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**241-2097**

**Animal Control**  
**241-2970**

**Police**  
**241-2651**

**Fire**  
**241-2400**

**Recycling**  
**241-2925**

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

## The Stop Sign Story

In May many Woodmere neighbors were surprised to see traffic slow down on Woodmere Boulevard. A new All-Way Stop Sign was erected at the intersection of Woodmere Boulevard and Woodmere Drive (at the park). It came about through the efforts of many Woodmere volunteers over a period of six months.

Last fall we asked City Engineer Locke D. Bowden to approve a stop sign to slow down traffic on Woodmere Boulevard. He replied that we would need a petition signed (either yes or no) by every resident whose property touched either Woodmere Boulevard or Woodmere Drive. At least 90% would have to agree to the stop sign.

The final results were that 73 signed yes, 2 signed no, 2 refused to sign, 2 were vacant, and at 1 the wife signed one way and the husband signed another. But fortunately 73 out of 80 equals 91.25%. Mr. Locke D. Bowden approved the sign. He will be speaking at our Quarterly Meeting, August 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Museum of Fine Arts. Come out and thank him for helping us slow down the traffic and hear what he has to say about red lights and cameras.



WNA residents appreciate the new all-way stop sign erected at the intersection of Woodmere Boulevard and Woodmere Drive (park side).

*We need your input! Let us know what you would like to see in the Woodmere News!*

*To submit an article, a letter to the editor or a suggestion, email it to  
[info@woodmeremontgomery.com](mailto:info@woodmeremontgomery.com).*

## Spring Cleanup in the Park

By Jimmy W. Gunn, Parks Committee Chair

The annual spring clean-up was on Saturday, May 17, 2008 from 9-3. We had neighbors and a dozen teenagers from Camp Davis help clean up Woodmere Park and other immediate areas. It was a lot of fun and exercise, and we collected a lot of trash and debris. We ask that all of us do our part in keeping the neighborhood attractive and free from trash.

The Parks Committee has contacted Councilman Charles Jinright and Wiley Steen of Parks and Recreation about the repaving of the walking trail in the east park and erecting fencing along the boundary of Woodmere Apartments. They have both agreed to do this and have put it into the budget. If you haven't been to our park lately, please go see what has been done. The pond is taking shape and is being sprayed now to remove the invasive weeds that are floating around in it.

We urge all of you to join the neighborhood association and participate in our meetings and events. Thanks for making our neighborhood a safe and beautiful area to live in.



Shelby Hutcheson pauses during his busy raking and cleaning of the berms along Woodmere Drive.



(Left to right) Ken Heumann and Jimmy Gunn chat over the park rules after deciding to call it a day. Reporter Alvin Benn, who writes about people and places in south Alabama for the *Montgomery Advertiser*, arrived to cover the clean-up efforts. "I don't even know why you folks need one," he said. "The park looks like fairways and greens on the Robert Trent Jones golf courses. The rest of Montgomery should follow your lead."



*Purchase a WNA T-shirt!*

*\$10 each*

*Sizes M—L—XL are still available.*

*Contact Sam Whatley*

*for more details.*

## What Makes a Good Citizen?

*(Adapted from a Met Life article, contributed by Jessie Donaldson)*

Being born in the U.S., you may tend to take for granted the lifestyle most of us are able to enjoy. You may forget that the rights we consider unalienable are not available to everyone in the world. Basic resources like food and water are hard to come by in much of the world. Most who live in the U.S. are truly fortunate.

Fortune comes with a price tag. In order to maintain the U.S. as we know it, we have to concentrate on not just what our elected officials can do to help us, but also on what we can do to help each other and ourselves. This is our home and it's our responsibility, as U.S. citizens, to maintain it.

Good citizens should understand how their actions affect others. Good citizens should be willing to make reasonable personal sacrifices for the common good. Good citizens should vote in every election. Citizens owe it to their country to become well-informed about local and national politics so they can make intelligent choices at the polls. Events, political and non-political, in the U.S. can and do impact the rest of the world.

Other indications of a good citizen may include:

Good citizens obey laws and respect others, their property, and their privacy.

Good citizens conserve resources by reducing, reusing and recycling.

Good citizens should treat water as a precious commodity and do not waste it.

Good citizens choose environmentally-friendly products.

Good citizens use less gasoline by carpooling, using public transportation and driving less.

Good citizens perform community service. They volunteer to work the polls on Election Day and pick up litter in the park on Clean-Up Day. They share their time and skills to make the neighborhood safer and better.

Good citizens buy U.S.-made products when possible.

Good citizens represent the U.S. and their neighborhood when traveling by practicing politeness, patience, kindness, and generosity.

Nearly 36 million Americans live below the poverty line. For these people, the good fortunes of this country may seem unattainable. If you are fortunate enough to have adequate health care, food, clean water, a home, family and friends, hopefully you are able to recognize your good fortune and, when possible, share with others to try to make their lives better in some way.



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**WOODMERE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
QUARTERLY MEETING  
THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2008  
MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS AUDITORIUM**

The meeting was called to order by Sam Whatley, President.

Sam Whatley presented the speaker, Ms. Natalie Roberts, Sales Manager of the Renaissance Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center.

Ms. Roberts gave a brief overview of the Renaissance Center. Local businesses are invited to use the center for seminars and other activities. It seats 1,800 guests, has 18 meetings rooms, and one ballroom. Brunch is served on Sundays and a Lunch-eon Buffet is served during the week. The large convention center, including the Exhibit Hall, accommodates 10,000. The convention hall consists of 72,000 square feet and seats 7,000 people. Ms. Roberts entertained questions from the audience.

**Question:** Will Buckmasters come back?

**Answer:** Yes, we are negotiating with them now.

**Question:** Are you negotiating with Maxwell for their Computer Conference?

**Answer:** Yes, that will be handled by someone else.

#### **Business Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting by Mable Pryor were passed out and approved.

The Treasurer's Report by Melissa Martin was passed out and approved as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Income: \$1635; 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Expenses: \$434.40; Balance: \$2,026.89.**

#### **Old Business**

**2008 Memberships are available** – 94 have joined (150 joined in 2007) please join.

**3-Way Stop Sign Petition Letter, Sam Whatley.** We have enough signatures to proceed with the 3-Way Stop Sign. 90% said yes.

#### **New Business**

Special Presentations by Jimmy Gunn were made to: (1) **Charles Collins**, who served on the Board of the Woodmere Neighborhood Association for many years as Block Captain, Zone Coordinator, Treasurer and more. He will continue to participate with the association but will no longer hold an office; and (2) **Peggy Agent**, who was the Secretary of the association for many years. She will continue to serve also.

#### **Parks Committee- Jimmy Gunn, Chairperson**

Jimmy said that our spring clean up was rained out but has been rescheduled for May 17. Lunch will be provided. Come out and meet your neighbors. Jimmy thanked everyone who helped him to locate his lost dog.

The neighborhood Yard Sale will be held on May 31, 2008. Pam Rhodes will chair this event.

The Presidential Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, June 3. Please vote.

Woodmere T-Shirts are available for \$8.00. Please help the association by purchasing one.

Woodmere handbooks are available to members who did not receive one.

The next newsletter will be in August. We need a Newsletter Editor.

The walking track in the park will be paved sometime this calendar year.

The meeting was adjourned. Mable Pryor, Secretary

**Financial Report****2008 Second Quarter  
WNA Financial Statement**

	April	May	June	Year to Date	2008 Budget
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>2026.89</b>	<b>2076.89</b>	<b>1758.90</b>		
Income	50.00	225.00	1 85.00	2035.00	3750.00
Advertisements	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	0.00
T-Shirts	0.00	29.00	0.00	29.00	400.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>254.00</b>	<b>185.00</b>	<b>2124.00</b>	<b>4150.00</b>
Expenses					
Newsletter	0.00	305.80	0.00	668.80	1400.00
Day in the Park	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1200.00
Admin Expenses	0.00	100.00	28.56	128.56	203.00
Meeting Room	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	200.00
Website	0.00	0.00	0.00	71.40	75.00
Spring Festival	0.00	116.19	0.00	116.19	250.00
Yard Sale	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Crime Prevention	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Streets & Sidewalks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Spring & Fall Clean-ups	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Post Office Box Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	72.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>571.99</b>	<b>28.56</b>	<b>1034.95</b>	<b>4150.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>2076.89</b>	<b>1758.90</b>	<b>1915.34</b>	<b>1915.34</b>	

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These figures reflect income and expenses through June 30, 2008.

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WNA eNews

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Dear Woodmere Neighbor

Thank you for choosing to live in Woodmere. Your Woodmere Neighborhood Association stands ready to support you through your Block Captain, Zone Coordinator, Officers, and Standing Committees. Together we have better access to the police, maintenance, and parks departments of Montgomery. A recent example of our association's initiative is the installation of a new stop sign at the park. This has slowed down traffic on Woodmere Boulevard and made it much safer to cross.

Through WNA's encouragement more than a dozen Woodmere streets were repaved last year. A barrier fence was erected at the end of Woody Lane. And at the park, security lights were installed in the parking lot, a line of trees was planted, and extra wooden fencing was erected to keep cars off the grass.

The WNA provides such things as the Day in the Park, the Children's Spring Festival, the Annual Woodmere Yard Sale, quarterly meetings at the Museum, the quarterly Woodmere News delivered at your door, the WNA website, and our E-news update (for members who share their email addresses with us). We also do Spring and Fall Clean-ups to spruce up common areas.

We do all of this with volunteer labor and voluntary annual dues from those who join WNA. All memberships are \$25.00 and expire on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. If you would like to join us in keeping Woodmere the best place to live, please take a moment to make out a check to WNA for \$25.00, fill out the enclosed application, and mail it to us.

We appreciate your support of WNA and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Sam Whatley  
President



August -  
Yard of the Month  
National Night Out - August 5<sup>th</sup>  
WNA General Meeting August 14

September -  
Yard of the Month  
October -  
Day in the Park - October 5<sup>th</sup>  
WNA Newsletter

November -  
General Election - November 4

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Please list all individuals in the household.

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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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