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Woodmere News

President's Commentary Jimmy Gunn



Fall has arrived. This is a season filled with change. Days become shorter and, although it is often warm and sunny during the daytime, it can be cold at night. The leaves on many trees die and fall to the ground. About five hundred (500) years ago, when Middle English was spoken, expressions like "fall of the leaf" and "fall of the year" were quite common, and the season name "Fall" comes from them. Fall can bring strong winds and a lot of rain. The best part of this season for me is I can put my lawn mower in storage for five (5) months.

I want to invite everyone to come to the next Woodmere Neighborhood Association (WNA) General Meeting on Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 6:30PM at the Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium. Jessie Donaldson, WNA 1st Vice President, will submit a list of nominees for new officers for 2014 to be elected at this meeting. If you are interested in running for an office, please let us know. We will have Mac McLeod, Director of Business & Commercial Development, City of Montgomery, as our guest speaker. He will be speaking on possible future changes for East Montgomery, the Eastern Boulevard and the Woodmere area. It is imperative that we keep Woodmere Boulevard and Carmichael Road attractive, litter-free and crime-free to preserve our neighborhood. Also, it is time for everyone to renew their membership dues for the 2014 year. Whether you own or rent, invest \$25 into your association. Show that you are behind the WNA and support the board that looks after your best interest each and every day. Fill out the application at the back of this newsletter and mail back today.

I would encourage everyone to help with the litter problem in Woodmere. It is an everyday occurrence. All of us working together to pick up in and around our homes will help to keep this under control. Also, pick up trash at common areas near your home where there are not neighbors to do so. Litter can lead to the "broken window" effect: more litter, dumping of rubbish, graffiti and vandalism. See everyone on the 7th of November.

Neighborhood Association Meeting

Thursday, November 7, 2013

6:30 p.m.

Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium

**Speaker: Mr. Mac McLeod, Director of
Business and Commerce Development**

Topic: Eastern Boulevard

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Financial Report

Melissa Martin, Treasurer

	July	August	September	Year to Date	Budget
Beginning Balance	3,736.56	3,886.56	3,717.56		
Income					
Membership Dues	150.00	750.00	100.00	3900.00	3750.00
Advertisements	0.00	180.00	0.00	300.00	120.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	0.00
Stratford Place Signs	.00	25.00	0.00	370.00	0.00
Total Income	150.00	255.00	100.00	5020.00	3750.00
Expenses					
Newsletter	0.00	374.00	0.00	1122.00	1500.00
Day in the Park	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
Administrative Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,014.62	805.00
Meeting Room	0.00	50.00	0.00	150.00	200.00
Entrance Signs	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.48	0.00
Website	0.00	0.00	0.00	177.93	75.00
Yard Sale	0.00	0.00	0.00	53.00	150.00
Crime Prevention	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Spring & Fall Clean-Ups	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Post Office Box Rental	0.00	0.00	88.00	88.00	70.00
Stratford Place Signs	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
Total Expenses	0.00	1445.88	88.00	2,833.03	3,750.00
Ending Balance	3886.56	3717.56	3729.56	3,729.56	



Gogo: Nature Transformed

Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts October 5 through December 29, 2013

Inspired by nature, Georgia designer Janet "Gogo" Ferguson creates intriguing jewelry and home wares. Her work finds its creative force in objects such as animal bones, shells, and seaweed that wash ashore near her home on Cumberland Island. Her gold and silver renderings of these minutely detailed objects become wearable art. Her larger pieces become mobiles and sculptures. Come see nature transformed. It's here in Woodmere, home to the arts.



At Your Theatre

The Alabama Shakespeare Festival 2014 Season begins with **A Christmas Carol** November 29 - December 24th. This Charles Dickens' holiday hit has been adapted by Geoffrey Sherman and features Charles Dickens, himself, as a character. Come out, laugh a little, and enjoy the magic of a memorable tale.

Yards of the Month

September

Curtis & Michelle Daniels, 6130 Dunwoody Court
Gerry & Rose Shook, 1605 Salisbury Place
Lynne "Scout" Windham, 1603 Cobblestone Court

August

Aaron & Barbara Robinson, 1865 Woodmere Loop
Bill Widgeon, 1620 Queen Elizabeth Court
Jacquelyn Glenn, 1609 Sandstone Court

Attention WNA Members:

If your name appears on **page seven**, Dr. Steineker, the dentist listed below, has a dental bleaching discount for you. Mention you are a member of WNA when you call. Just one more perk of being a member. See page eight to join for 2014.



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And the band played on. Tom Sellers and his son Jaime played jazz and party music at the Night in Woodmere Park on October 15th. Forty or so neighbors came out to enjoy the food, music and fellowship. Thanks to Wil and Joyce Glasgow for their hospitality and back yard.



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Genealogy or Chasing Our Tales, Part IV

by Jessie Donaldson

In the previous edition of this article, our travelers have arrived at Edgefield and are about to embark on the next leg of their journey that will be slower and more dangerous than anything they have encountered so far. They are about to leave the "Jumping Off Place" and head toward the wilds and unknown of this place called Alabama because they have caught "Alabama Fever".

Alabama Fever resulted from global economic forces that accelerated the drive to colonize the area initially known as East Mississippi. In the 1600s, the English interests in India introduced Europeans to eastern cotton textiles such as calico, madras, and khaki. By the 1700s, English textile machinery had been developed to produce high-quality textiles that earned great profits and rapidly transformed the consumer market. The invention of an industrial cotton gin capable of removing seeds allowed planters to supply short-staple cotton, a faster-growing variety of the plant, to British and New England textile manufacturers. Quickly, the cotton industry emerged as vital to the U.S. economy. Cotton cultivation, however, rapidly exhausts the soil. Within 30 years, cotton yields in Georgia and the Carolinas had diminished, prompting planters to seek more fertile fields in the nation's Old Southwest.

In the Georgia Journal, a paper published in middle Georgia in the early 1800s, the following article was posted:

Georgia Journal - 1809 -1818 Post # 57

2 Dec. 1817

To Alabama Movers

In the course of ten days I will start to Ala. Territory with my family, I request that all persons, wishing to go, will meet me in Milledgeville.

Signed Nehemiah Howard.

And so began the formation of groups of travelers with their Conestoga wagons; brave individuals with the pioneer spirit and willingness to venture into the unknown in search of open land and a new beginning. The hardy individuals crossed the Savannah River near Augusta, Georgia on a ferry and made the journey on the Federal Road to Milledgeville, the location of the Federal land office handling land grants for the newly opened Alabama Territory.

Near Milledgeville, the capital of Georgia at that time was Fort Wilkinson on the Oconee River. A chain of such forts provided some sense of security to traveling families and a stopping place to rest and resupply. If your ancestors moved westward from this point, they are sure to have traveled on this route. The Oconee River was an important



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boundary line for the growing territory because the land grew wilder and more dangerous as you ventured west of this point. Remember loaded wagons might travel up to 15 miles per day but some days they would only cover five miles depending upon the terrain. Next would be Fort Hawkins near Macon. Fort Hawkins was established in 1806 to protect the border of the existing United States (the Ocmulgee River) from not only the Native Americans, but also the Spanish, French and British troops. Until it was "decommissioned" in 1828, much American history passed its way. This Fort was named for Benjamin Hawkins, who was appointed as the Federal Indian Agent for the territory.

From Fort Hawkins, the travelers would journey to Fort Lawrence, on the west side of the Flint River across from Francisville, near Roberta, Georgia. The fort was located between Roberta and Reynolds in present day Taylor County, Georgia. In 2011, a team of archaeologists, historians, surveyors and interested persons ventured into the forests of Taylor County, Georgia in search of Fort Lawrence on the Flint River. Its archaeological remains have yet to be located. Fort Lawrence was established by Benjamin Hawkins, who served as an Indian agent for all Native Americans west of the Ocmulgee River early in the nineteenth century.

The next destination would be Fort Perry, built in Marion County, Georgia by General John Floyd. Fort Perry was located on the old Federal Road about 12 miles north of present day Buena Vista, Georgia. It was named in honor of the hero of the Lake Erie Battle in 1812, Commandant Oliver Hazard Perry, whose message from the Battle of Lake Erie that "We have met the enemy and they are ours" gave him immortal fame.

From Fort Perry, the travelers next had to cross the Chattahoochee River to reach the next stopping point of Fort Mitchell in the Alabama Territory. The site for Fort Mitchell is almost directly across the river from present day Fort Benning, Georgia and is 10 miles south of present day Phenix City, Alabama. Fort Mitchell, an important post of the Creek War of 1813-1814, was built in what is now Russell County, Alabama, by troops under the command of General John Floyd. Named for Governor David B. Mitchell of Georgia, the original fort was a large rectangular stockade hastily erected by Floyd's men as they advanced on Autossee, an important Creek village on the Tallapoosa River in Alabama. Built on a high hill overlooking the Chattahoochee River, Fort Mitchell served as a base for Floyd's maneuvers and he returned there to allow his wounded men to recover following his attack on Autossee. The original fort was replaced by a smaller stockade during the 1820s. This second Fort Mitchell was an important base during the Creek War of 1836 and became the starting point of the Creek Trail of Tears. In 1836 and 1837, thousands of Creek men, women and children left Fort Mitchell on their long forced march to new homes in what is now Oklahoma.

After Fort Mitchell, other than a few sparse settlements, the security of the forts would disappear until the travelers reached Fort Bainbridge, Alabama. The stretch of the road they were about to begin was the worse. There would be numerous streams to ford with no bridges and no ferries. There would be malaria, Indians, and outlaws plus bad weather and dense forest. Resupply would be almost impossible. In our next episode, we will review some eyewitness accounts of this bad stretch of road as we next visit with Chasing Our Tales.

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Free Paper Shredding Event

Friday, November 15, 7:00 am til 1:00 pm

Paterson Field Parking Lot (1215 Madison Ave.)

5 bag/box limit

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Bring canned goods and non-perishable food items for Food Bank.

FALL IS HERE

**Falling leaves of bronze and gold
Breezy days bringing cool fresh air,
Scarecrows sitting on hay bales
Candy apples at the county fair.**

**In October the nights take on a chill
When Halloween time is here,
And pumpkins wear scary faces
What a fun filled time of year.**

**In November our thoughts turn to family
And the friends we hold so dear,
As we make plans to be together
When Thanksgiving time is here.**

**Football games, homecoming parades
Bonfires, dry leaves and all,
Bright mums and yellow daisies
Oh how I love the Fall!**

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