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Association dues are \$25 annually. All 2017 memberships expire on December 31.
Woodmere Neighborhood Association 2017 **Handbooks are available for \$5.00.** Add this to your \$25.00 membership and mail today.

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

- Membership
- Special Events
- Crime Watch
- Newsletter
- Newsletter Distribution
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Fall 2017 Edition

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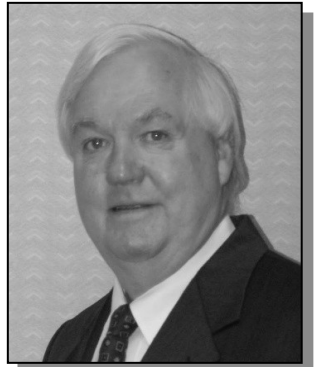
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Woodmere NEWS

President's Commentary



Jimmy Gunn,
WNA President

DEAR NEIGHBORS:

Are you concerned about crime in and around Woodmere? I sure hope so. Woodmere is like a garden. If you neglect it, weeds pop up and start choking off the flowers and plants that we all care about. Soon all that is left is a scraggly mess of what could have been. Woodmere needs your involvement to help reduce crime in our area. The Montgomery Police Department cannot be in Woodmere 24/7. We have to be the eyes and ears of our community and police our own area.

I am asking that you to attend the WNA General Meeting on Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 6:30PM at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts in Blount Cultural Park. Your help and participation are needed in the process of rebuilding and maintaining a clean and safe neighborhood to live in. Each one of us needs to reach out to our neighbors in one manner or another in order to strengthen our neighborhood ties. The Montgomery Police Department will have representatives at the meeting to address our concerns and to give us the actual facts of the crime in our area.

The WNA wants to strengthen our Neighborhood Watch Program. This program tells criminals your neighborhood is serious about keeping crime at bay and it's a great way to work together to solve a range of neighborhood challenges. Knowledge of the crime going on in your area is power, especially when it comes to fighting crime. Keeping up with crime trends in our area by using community sites will help us stay one-step ahead of criminals. Put November 2, 2017 on your calendar. See you there.

Woodmere Neighborhood Association Meeting

Thursday, November 2, 2017 6:30 p.m.

Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium

Speaker: Fred Bassett

President, Hummingbird Research, Inc.

Come Out and Support your Neighborhood

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Mayor's Office
625-2000

City Council
625-2097

Animal Control
625-2970

Police
625-2651

Fire
625-2400

Ordinance Violations
311

For all emergencies, call
911.

Financial Report

Phyllis Tillery, Treasurer

	June	July	August	September	Budget
Beginning Balance	1840.24	2215.74	1973.83	1696.20	
Income					
Membership Dues, Plus Online Dues	825.00	323.97	200.00	100.00	3,750.00
Advertisements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	.00	0.00
Handbooks	25.00	0.00	5.00	25.00	0.00
Total Income	850.00	323.97	205.00	100.00	3,750.00
Expenses					
Newsletter	0.00	0.00	385.00	0.00	1500.00
Day in the Park	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
Office Supplies	0.00	422.78	0.00	0.00	100.00
Meeting Room	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Printing Handbooks	0.00	0.00	97.63	0.00	195.00
Website	0.00	143.10	0.00	0.00	75.00
Administrative Expenses	474.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	505.00
Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Spring & Fall Clean-Ups	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Post Office Box Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00	56.00	102.00
Park Benches Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	474.50	565.88	482.63	56.00	3,727.00
Ending Balance	2215.74	1973.83	1696.20	1740.20	

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At Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts

December 2 thru February 11, 2018



Moonlight and magnolias may characterize the South in the imagination of many people, but few southern photographers have turned their cameras on these subjects. However, the ruins of an antebellum mansion captured the attention of artists, while country churches and baptism ceremonies stimulated several artists to document these distinctive southern structures and associated religious rituals. Like their northern counterparts, many southern photographers have pictured the landscape and some have made portraits of their contemporaries.



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WNA General Meeting

The next Woodmere Neighborhood Association General Meeting will be November 2, 2017 at 6:30 at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium. Please make plans to attend. Membership dues for 2018 are due starting in November 2017. It is only \$25 and the funds go to support the programs and efforts of the WNA. Your money stays in Woodmere to support the Woodmere Neighborhood.



**Alabama Shakespeare Festival
A Christmas Carol**

November 19, 2017 – December 24, 2017
A heartwarming must-see that will get you into the swing of the holiday season with Scrooge's search for redemption and a spectacular, magical evening of ghosts, spirits, festivity, and goodwill. Under new direction this season, there are sure to be a few extra surprises in store for all who love Alabama's favorite holiday tradition. "God bless us, every one!"

**November Guest Speaker:
Fred Bassett**

Our November Guest speaker is a returning speaker who almost needs no introduction. Fred Bassett is the foremost local authority on hummingbirds and has spent more than two and one-half decades studying birds. Fred has appeared as our guest speaker on previous occasions and we welcome him back. If you have questions about any strange birds in the neighborhood (feathered kind), be sure to ask Fred. Fred is a member of the Woodmere Neighborhood Association.



Fred Bassett is a certified master bird bander who is president of Hummingbird Research, Inc, a non-profit organization dedicated to the study and preservation of hummingbirds. He is a retired Air Force pilot who has worked with birds for over twenty five years. During the winter Fred documents western hummingbirds wintering in south Alabama and Florida, and the last nineteen winters he has captured more than 3,300 hummingbirds of eleven different species in that area. He travels each summer to study hummingbirds in western states and has done hummingbird research in Alaska and Canada. He has banded more than 30,000 hummingbirds at more than 1,100 locations from Miami Florida to Haines, Alaska. Results of his research have been presented in several national publications.

2017 Sanitation Holiday Schedule

Veterans day – Friday, Nov. 10, 2017
GARBAGE: WORKING – No change in schedule

Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, Nov. 23, 2017
GARBAGE: Monday & Thursday routes worked Monday & Wednesday; Tuesday & Friday routes – No Change

Christmas Day – Monday, Dec. 25, 2017
GARBAGE: Monday & Thursday routes worked Tuesday & Thursday; Tuesday & Friday routes worked Wednesday & Friday

Woodmere Neighborhood Association Members For 2017

Eduardo Alfaro
Khaled Almansari
Lamya Almas
Chris Anderson
David & Gail Barrett
Elaine Barron
Steve Bartelt
Jerry Bass
Fred Bassett
Margaret Berry
David & Jenny Bethea
Carolyn Blackstock
Robert & Anita Bostic
Ronald & Jennie Botterbusch
Robin & Lynne Bozeman
Ronald & Eunice Bridges
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Wallace Cox
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Mike & Angie Henby
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James & Linda Jenkins
Paul & Donna Jones
Kelvin Kennebrew
Munkyoo Kim
Deborah Langham
Sue Letner
Roland Lewis
Ann Lewis
Kyung & Keum Lim
Daniel Literas
Bernice Martin
Vanity Martin
Gail Mask
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Gary & Kellie Matthews
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Martha Perry
Hazel Pierce
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Charles & Juanita Porter
Tommy Potts
Darrell & Judy Powell
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Lloyd & Penny Probst
Khalida Qadri
Pamela Rhodes
Faye & Charles Rowe

Ron & Diane Sams
Frank & Liz Savage
Gerry & Rose Shook
Barry & Pat Sisson
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Robert & Renee Summers
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Bill Testa
Arnold & Lula Thompson
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Juliette Wimberly
Lynne Windham
Paul Wise
William & Carol Wright
Ronald & Brenda Yarbrough

Is your name listed here? If not, turn to the last page in this newsletter and fill out the application form now. Join us for 2018 and make your neighborhood stronger. Make your voice heard.



Woodmere Spotlight



Labarron Gamble: The Good Neighbor

by Carolyn Glenn-Blackstock

If you live near the 1600 block of Woodmere Loop, you have probably noticed Labarron Gamble driving his signature 1990 blue Chevy truck, pulling the riding lawn mower on the way to his second job while waving to all the neighbors.

Labarron, wife Latonya and daughter Madison moved to Woodmere in 2011. "We chose this area because we knew it was nice and quiet," he explains. "What we really like about it is that all our neighbors get along.

We look out for each other, and we communicate with each other to keep up with everything that goes on in the neighborhood."

An avid Auburn fan, Labarron wears orange and blue all football weekend. He starts celebrating on Fridays, and if you walk by his back yard, you will be drawn to the gate by the aroma of grilled ribs or chicken and the sound of some "old-school" music. Out front, his car sports two Auburn flags.

One of the most important qualities in a good neighbor is helpfulness, and Labarron is the perfect example. He is always there if someone needs to move furniture, clean up the front yard, or plant sod. He even mows the entire berm behind the townhouses on his block, no easy feat, especially when the temperature exceeds 90!

He is not only a hard worker, working two jobs, but also the block protector. Once, when a young thief was trying to break into unlocked cars in the rear of the townhouses on Woodmere Loop, Labarron confronted him in the street. "I work too hard for the things I own," he admonished the fellow. This is just one of many instances where people clearly "up to no good" are scared off or turned away when they see his watchful eye.

We should all be fortunate enough to have such a neighbor!

Streets & Sidewalks

Steve Bartelt, Nora Place, is our new WNA Streets and Sidewalks Chairman. Steve invites you to call 311 to report streets or sidewalks that need repair. If that fails, call him at 277-4828 or email him at stevebgolfer@yahoo.com

Newsletter Articles

We are always looking for new articles or new authors for the Woodmere News. If you would like to submit an article to be printed in the next newsletter, contact Jessie Donaldson or Sam Whatley. You can reach them at jdonaldson@knology.net for Jessie or chesshorse2@gmail.com for Sam.

TALES OF THE HIBISCUS

You say you want to grow some hibiscus at your home for the color, the large blooms and the dark green leaves and you want the kind that lasts all year. Initially it sounds as if you want to grow the tropical hibiscus. Tropical hibiscus are common in the home & garden centers and nurseries in the Spring and Summer of the year and they are beautiful during that time. And, if we lived in Temperate Zone 10 or higher (instead of Zone 8a), you would have the plant to meet your desires but tropical hibiscus will not survive the winters in Montgomery, Alabama. You would have to replant every year. What if there was a hibiscus that came back every year and grew larger and produced larger blooms than the tropical hibiscus? Enter the modern Hardy Hibiscus.



Fleming Brothers

In the early 1900s, a lady named Ruth Bates earned her mas-



Summer Storm Hibiscus

ter's degree and became a plant and tree expert. She went on to become the State Naturalist for the state of Nebraska. She planted vast parks with trees, shrubs and perennials that still adorn these areas today. Ruth eventually met and married an engineer from Omaha named Will Fleming. From this union, three sons were born; Jim, Robert and Dave Fleming. These three brothers would go on to become three of the greatest flowering-plant hybridizers ever known to the United States and they would start one of the largest pioneer nurseries that exists even today :Fleming Flower Fields.

The three brothers were all small in stature with all three being less than 5 1/2 foot tall. The brothers felt it their duty to enlist during World War II. Jim and Robert survived the D-Day landing at Omaha Beach and Dave volunteered for other military service. The three became self-declared pacifists after the war. Jim and Robert earned degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Kansas State in Botany, Plant Pathology and Genetics. Dave became an electrical engineer. The three brothers were dedicated to spending the rest of their lives spreading happiness and peace through their flowers. They never married and spent the rest of their lives on the home property in Nebraska.

In 1947, the brothers founded Flemings Flower Fields and , began in earnest their research in plant hybridizing. Jim developed winter-hardy carnations and Robert began work on his pet project, dwarf



Sultry Kiss Hibiscus



Lord Baltimore Hibiscus

and winter-hardy crape myrtles. Over the next 40 years, Robert, with his brothers, developed the Fleming Filigree Crape myrtle. Hardy to -30 F., these plants are only 1 1/2 ft. tall and produce mounds of flowers in red, pink or violet purple.

Although he was the electrical engineer, Dave was the one that brought the brothers the most fame in the nursery world. Working with the wild hibiscus that grows in ditches, marshes and swamps, Dave began to develop new and never before thought possible hybrids from these wild 8 ft. tall monsters from the wetlands. Referred to as hibiscus, altheas, rose mallows or other things, most wild flower enthusiasts have never seen one of these growing in the

wild. Dave began developing hybrid specimens with red, copper and purple leaves with maple, palm, heart shaped and hydrangea shapes. Huge 12-inch blooms in reds, whites, purples, yellows and other shades were produced. The new winter-hardy hibiscus was born with a hardiness down to -30 F. Suddenly, we had a domesticated hibiscus that could be grown as far north as Zone 3 or Zone 4 (we are in Zone 8a). The hybridization of the plants by Fleming would continue until 2001.

Tales of the Hibiscus will continue in the next edition of the Woodmere News.

Thank You, Neighbor

As Thanksgiving approaches, I would like to thank my neighbors who do a good job of taking care of Woodmere. These are things that many of us take for granted, but we shouldn't. When neighbors take care of their property, they take care of all of us.

I like neighbors who keep their lawns mowed. It takes time, effort, and money to regularly cut the grass and edge the curb. Another neighborly chore is pruning the shrubbery and trees. Keeping the outside painted and clean adds value to the property next door. Again, this is perspiration intensive and frequently expensive, but it makes Woodmere much more appealing.

Many of our residents pick up trash or clean up after their dog as they walk around the park or the Loop. Some venture a step further and pull a neighbor's garbage can back up to the house, if it has been out for a day or two. Keeping a key to a neighbor's house to feed a cat, pick up the mail, or check on things while they are on vacation, is a real service. Residents who join our neighborhood association give us a voice with city government and help us to stay informed.

Those are just a few things. You can probably think of many more. So, let's thank our neighbors this Thanksgiving. They add a lot to our lives every day. We all need each other more than we realize.

Sam Whatley