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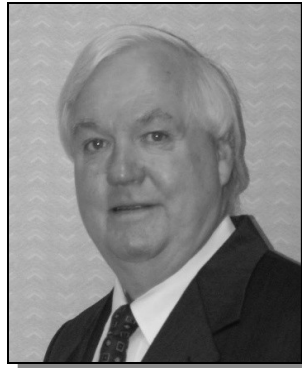
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# Woodmere News

## President's Commentary



Jimmy Gunn, WNA President



Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh, President  
Alabama Public Service Commission

I hope everyone is preparing for the summer months that are ahead of us. We will be able to take some well-earned vacations and get things done in and around our homes. I am not looking forward to the heat and humidity along with the mosquitoes. We can count on some relief with a few afternoon thunderstorms and showers. Everything is beginning to turn green and the grass is growing. Get those lawnmowers gassed up now.

The entire month of May will be our annual WNA Membership Drive. We hope to make this our best year as to the number of paid members. By the time you receive this newsletter, you will have received a letter from the WNA requesting that you join the Association for the 2016 year. We need your support by paying the annual \$25.00 membership fee and by volunteering to serve as a Zone Coordinator, Block Captain, an Officer or a member of one of the Committees. Also consider purchasing a WNA 2016 Handbook (\$5.00) filled with maps, history, city ordinances and important Woodmere info. The WNA will also be contacting everyone during the month of May to get each and every one involved in our Association. Call me and tell me that you want to serve. My phone number is 277-7667. If you have any ideas or suggestions that would help our neighborhood, please email us at [info@woodmeremontgomery.com](mailto:info@woodmeremontgomery.com). Each of us needs to step up and say I want to get involved. Let's all work together to make Woodmere the best neighborhood in Montgomery.

Our next WNA General Meeting will be on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 6:30PM at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium. Our keynote speaker will be Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh, President of the Alabama Public Service Commission. Come and discover how that agency regulates our utilities, trucks, trains and much more. Also hear a report from our City Council President, Charles Jinright. Bring a neighbor. Let's fill the auditorium.

**Woodmere Neighborhood Association Meeting**

**Thursday, May 19, 2016 6:30 p.m.**

**Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium**

**Speaker: Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh**

**President, Alabama Public Service Commission**

**Come Out and Support your Neighborhood**

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This issue was edited by Sam Whatley and Jessie Donaldson

**City Contacts**

**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**

	January	February	March	2016	Budget
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	2,411.49	2,461.49	2,490.49	2,411.49	
<b>Income</b>					
Membership Dues, Plus Online Dues	75.00	425.00	250.00	750.00	3,750.00
Advertisements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Handbooks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>75.00</b>	<b>425.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>750.00</b>	<b>3,750.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Newsletter	0.00	396.00	0.00	396.00	1500.00
Day in the Park	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
Administrative Expenses	25.00	0.00	51.00	76.00	805.00
Meeting Room	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Printing Handbooks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Website	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Yard Sale	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Crime Prevention	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Spring & Fall Clean-Ups	0.00	0.00	155.85	155.85	100.00
Post Office Box Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>396.00</b>	<b>206.85</b>	<b>627.85</b>	<b>3,750.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>2,461.49</b>	<b>2,490.49</b>	<b>2,533.64</b>	<b>2,533.64</b>	

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**At Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts**



March 15 –Sept 4  
Going Home:  
Paintings by Anne Goldthwaite (1869-1944) Oil on canvas  
Gift of Richard W. Golthwaite 1970

**Clean Up  
Your  
Neighborhood**



### THE LAUGHTER OF A CHILD

There are many things beautiful  
Like the humble dove  
Created only by God,  
And sent to us with love.

Life gives us things to cherish  
Some we don't forget,  
Like the wonderful memories  
Made with friends we've met.

Yet there is something more precious  
Of the unforgettable things,  
And it floats on the air  
Like soft angel wings.

It's a most delightful sound  
That right from the start,  
Will bring a lift to your day  
And much joy to your heart.

This wonderful thing  
Though so innocent and mild,  
Is one of God's loveliest gifts...  
The sweet laughter of a child.

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### At ASF



March 3—May 7  
A play about  
moonshine, racing,  
and adventure. A  
snapshot of the  
1940s South and  
the rough and tumble  
origins of NAS-  
CAR.

### Nextdoor

The City of Montgomery is now on Nextdoor. City departments, including the Police Department, will now be able to post bulletins and announcements on the Nextdoor blog. You can read their posts but they can not read our posts.

*Paul Wise, WNA Streets and Sidewalks  
Chairman, invites you to call 311 to report  
streets or sidewalks that need repair. If that  
fails, call him at 244-0079 or email him at  
paulwise@charter.net.*

### NEW MPD APP AVAILABLE

There is a new Montgomery Police Department app available for your smart phone or tablet. The app is free and can be easily downloaded from your App Store or Play Store. The new app allows phone contact with the police without having to dial and allows citizens to submit tips or alerts directly to the police department from within the app.

## Chasing Our Tales, Part XIV

By Jessie Donaldson

Welcome to our 14th visit here with Chasing Our Tales. We have some ground to cover so let's get right to it.

It is a hot, humid day on August 30, 1813 and the drum signal for the noon meal in the fort has just sounded. The commander of the fort is intoxicated and nearly 1,000 hostile Indians lay hidden in a ravine within 400 yards of the fort's walls. No one inside the fort suspects they are there. But wait, before we visit this disaster, we need to lay a little ground work for what led these people to this point in history.

The rebel forces in the United States have won the Revolutionary War and declared their independence from England. The representatives of the fledging U. S. government met with the Creek Indian Nation's National Council in Tuckabatchee (near present day Tallassee) and negotiated an agreement to allow the construction of the Federal Road across the Creek Nation connecting Fort Wilkinson located near Milledgeville, Georgia with Fort Stoddert in the southern part of the Alabama Territory near Mobile. This did not set well with all the Creek Indians. The Creek National Council took it upon themselves to punish some Creeks by means of execution for the killing of some whites. This did not set well with all of the Creeks.

The Creek Nation was divided into what is referred to as the Upper Creeks and the Lower Creeks. The Upper Creeks resided along the Alabama, Tallapoosa, and Coosa rivers in Central Alabama. The Lower Creeks made their homes along the fertile plains of South Alabama and along the Flint, Chattahoochee and Ocmulgee Rivers. The Lower Creeks tended to be friendlier with the whites while the Upper Creeks deeply resented the flow of white settlers into their homeland and opposed the creation of the Federal Road. These resentments led to much dissention within the Creek Nation. The end of the Revolutionary War brought an end to the Creeks trade in skins with British trading agents, adding fuel to the embers and eliminating a means to their livelihood. Add to this mix the War of 1812 between the United States and England and you have the potential for disaster. In 1811 the Shawnee prophet, Tecumseh, travelled to Alabama to speak to the Creeks at Tuckabatchee in an attempt to start an uprising against the whites. The Upper Creeks were particularly receptive to Tecumseh's messages and among the audience was one William Weatherford (Red Eagle). The rumor generally accepted on the Alabama frontier was that the British were offering the Creeks five dollars each for white scalps

The Upper Creeks become known as the Red Sticks based on their preference for painting their war clubs red. The Lower Creeks were referred to as White Sticks. In July, 1813, a band of the Red Sticks led by Peter McQueen and High Head Jim travelled to Pensacola to trade with the Spanish for bullets and gunpowder. The supplies were intended for use in a proposed siege of Tuckabatchee against the Creek National Council and signaled the start of a Creek Civil War between the Upper and Lower Creeks. This movement was misunderstood by the white settlers as representing a threat to them. A force of militia led by Colonel James Caller and Captain Dixon Bailey intercepted the Red Sticks on their return from Pensacola when the Indians stopped for their noon meal along the banks of a small creek in Escambia County, Alabama called Burnt Corn Creek. The creek acquired its' name due to a band of Indians leaving an ailing friend at the creek many years ago with a supply of corn for food. A portion of the corn was later discovered partially burned in the camp fire.

As the Indians were engaged in their noon rest, the white militia staged a surprise attack which routed the Indians. The Indians retreated to a cane thicket along the creek where they stopped to reorganize. The militia, thinking the Indians had left the area, stopped and began to plunder the Indian packs to see what they had captured. After regrouping, the Indians retaliated against the militia and drove them away. The shots fired at Burnt Corn Creek were the start of the First Creek War.

The incident at Burnt Corn Creek enraged the Red Stick Creeks and they vowed revenge. A plan was formulated by William Weatherford (Red Eagle) to stage an attack against a small fort in Alabama located about 35 miles north of Mobile called Ft. Mims. Ft. Mims began as the fortified home and outbuildings of Samuel Mims on Tensaw Lake. Samuel Mims was a close old friend of Charles Weatherford, William Weatherford's father. Eventually the fort consisted of 17 buildings including a blockhouse and a log palisade around the enclosure. Major Daniel Beasley, who had no military experience, was placed in command of the fort. Beasley was a close friend of General Claiborne who was in charge of the Mississippi militia. Claiborne used his influence to obtain the appointment for Beasley. In mid-August, 1813, the fort housed about 550 people consisting of 250 or so militia and the remainder made up by settlers and friendly Indians seeking shelter from the Red Sticks who were now on the warpath.



William Weatherford

William Weatherford left his home at Hickory Ground (Wetumpka) to join with the Red Sticks in the march on Ft. Mims. The band of Red Sticks closing in on the fort contained, among their midst, Red Eagle, Peter McQueen, Paddy Welch, Far Off Warrior, Josiah Francis, High Head Jim, David Tate, Hannah Moniac (sister of Sam Moniac), and others. Within the fort was Captain Dixon Bailey (Burnt Corn Creek), Major Beasley, Weatherford's sister, David Tate's first wife (Mary Randon) with two of her daughters, Weatherford's brother and a half-brother plus other relatives of members of the Red Stick party. The fact that Dixon Bailey from the Burnt Corn Creek incident was at the fort was additional incentive for the attack. At the fort, the attack many had feared had been dismissed as a scare tactic. The inhabitants of the fort became lax. Major Beasley was convinced that the Indians feared the force at the fort and believed they could more than handle any threat offered by the Indians. Of the two main gates into the fort, one gate had become

fouled by sand washed against it by the rains and would not close. On August 29, two young black men were sent out to mind some cattle a short distance from the fort. They returned on the run saying they had seen 24 painted warriors in the forest. A mounted patrol was dispatched and found no evidence of the Indians. The two young men were accused of raising a false alarm and were sentenced to be flogged. Just before noon on August 30, a scout named James Cornells rode into the fort and told Major Beasley that he had seen a force of Indians approaching the fort. Beasley told Cornells he had actually seen a herd of red cattle and, accusing Cornells of raising a false alarm, attempted to arrest him. The scout got away and left the fort at a mad gallop telling Beasley the red cattle "would give him a hell of a kick before night".

A shipment of rum had just arrived and Major Beasley had become intoxicated. The people of the fort were merry and the officers of the militia were taking their leisure as the drum sounded to announce the noon hour and time for the noon meal. The Red Sticks remembered the noon meal at a place called Burnt Corn Creek. What happened next is a matter of history and we will cover details of that next time we visit with Chasing Our Tales.

**If you see something unusual in the neighborhood, PLEASE REPORT IT.**





The Little Free Library

## Woodmere Little Free Library Rebuilt

WNA member and library steward, Lynne "Scout" Windham is pleased to announce a bigger and better Little Free Library in Woodmere. It's located at the same place: off Woodmere Blvd on the berm between Cobblestone & Limestone Courts. The Woodmere library is for the use and enjoyment of all Woodmere residents. The rules are simple: simply take a book you find interesting, read it, then return it or pass it along to someone else. You may also donate a favorite book (except, please no commercial solicitations, political ads or religious tracts). These books are always a gift – never for sale.



Lynne "Scout" Windham



## Never Forgotten

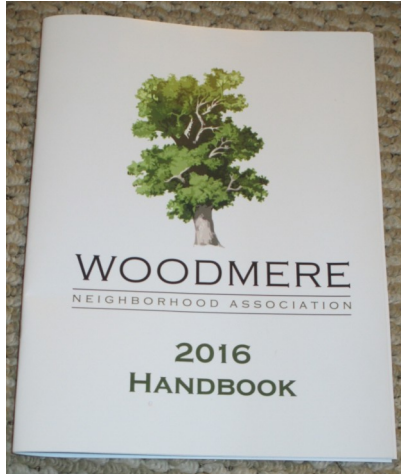
A few tears here. A memento left there. A furtive search for a name. Kneeling to take a rubbing of a particular name. Standing, choking up, staring at the wall, touching it with one hand while remembering. The total awe of the size of the whole thing. These are a few of the actions encountered during a visit to the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. better known as the Vietnam Wall. Here we find listed the more than 58,000 names of the men and women who gave up their lives while responding to our country's call to duty during the Vietnam War. About 2,600,000 answered the call and served in Vietnam from 1965-1973. The average age of those who served in Vietnam was 19 years old. Those who served represented only 9.7% of their generation.

## Landscaping For Security

A well landscaped lawn can define a property and display its own unique flair. In the same way a well-cared for lawn is noticed, an overgrown landscape is even more noticeable. Overgrown bushes, shrubs and trees can provide concealment for a potential criminal. Homeowners may wish to consider designing their landscape in a crime preventive manner. The American Crime Prevention Institute suggests homeowners consider the following landscaping tips:

- ◆ **Shrubbery:** Shrubs should be used between six feet and twelve feet from pedestrian walkways and vehicle parking areas. The height of shrubs should not exceed three feet at maturity.
- ◆ **Barrier Plants:** Barrier plants have thorns or needles and often a dense structure. Barrier plants can be grown below and near windows to discourage access. Commonly used barrier plants include Pyracantha, Barberry, Natal Plum, Yucca, Hedgehog and Porcupine Holly. When placed below windows, the barrier plant should be trimmed below the height of the windowsill. Since the purpose of barrier plants is to discourage pedestrian access, barrier plants may exceed three inches in height.
- ◆ **Trees:** Trees should not serve as a climbing aid to upper level homes or aid a person in climbing over a fence. Tree foliage should not obscure the roadway, walkway or parking lot lighting. Trees should be regularly thinned and trimmed. The lowest foliage for a tree should not be less than seven foot from the ground surface.
- ◆ **Groundcover Plants:** Groundcover plants, including annual and semiannual flowering plants should be used within six inches of pedestrian walkways and vehicle parking areas. The height of groundcover plants should not exceed two feet at maturity.
- ◆ **Landscaping Rock:** Consider placing small landscape rock or gravel under windows and entryways. This creates noise when stepped on. Avoid using large rock (riprap or river rock), which can be used to break out a glass window.

Lieutenant Denise Barnes  
from Montgomery Police Department



Order your 2016 Handbook today by adding \$5.00 to your \$25.00 membership on page 8, or by paying \$5.00 at the meeting May 19th.

### Introducing the Woodmere Neighborhood Association 2013 Handbook.

What's in it? Things like:

- ◆ Maps of Woodmere including the entire area and all 6 zones with actual block numbers for every one of the 792 houses.
- ◆ Shading to show every block captain's assigned streets.
- ◆ A listing of all officers, members of the Board of Directors, zone coordinators, and chairs of committees.
- ◆ A history of the Woodmere Neighborhood Association.
- ◆ The WNA By-laws.
- ◆ Up to date City Ordinances that affect you such as:
  - Trash pickups, Cutting grass, Abandoned cars, Parking on your lawn
- ◆ Internet and phone contacts for major city offices such as police, fire, city council, mayor, animal control, parks and recreation etc.
- ◆ Information about Blount Cultural Park, ASF, and the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. Get your WNA 2016 Handbook at the meeting May 19th.

## HELPING THE MONTGOMERY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Waldo Spencer, Arnold Thompson, and Gerry Shook are members of the WNA who have volunteered a combined total of 23 years with the Montgomery Police Department. There are approximately 65 active Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) who have saved the city over \$300,000 last year and have put in over 2500 hours per year for the 12 years that the program has been in Montgomery.

Duties vary among the volunteers including: checking homes of residents who are on vacation, assisting the MPD at headquarters and other MPD locations, and helping with special events. Are you 55 years old or older? Can you give at least 4 hours per week to help the MPD? Contact Community Policing at 240-4800 for information.



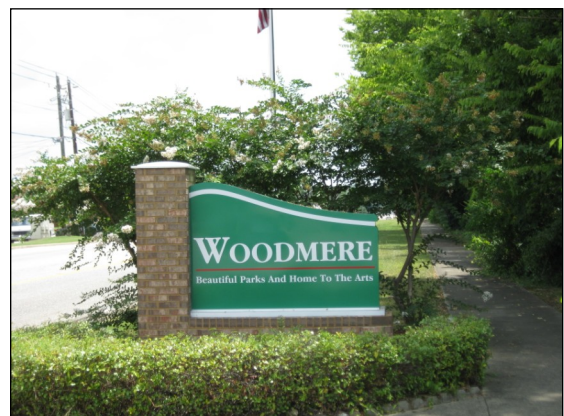
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What does the Public Service Commission do? Come to the WNA General Meeting May 19th, meet the President of the Alabama Public Service Commission, Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh. Find out who regulates our trains, airlines, truck lines, telephone lines, electric power and gas. Be informed.

### Thanks Neighbors

Kudos to the several residents of the neighborhood seen lately carrying garbage bags with them and picking up trash on the streets in Woodmere. It is people like you that help make a neighborhood a great place to live.

If you see trash, pick it up. Help keep our neighborhood clean and neat. If we will all follow the example set by a few, the entire neighborhood will benefit.





**WOODMERE**  
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# 2016 Membership Form

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NAME

NAME

NAME

NAME

STREET

HOME PHONE

WORK/CELL PHONE

WORK/CELL PHONE

EMAIL

EMAIL

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.

Woodmere Neighborhood Association 2016 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
- Block Captain
- Other skills/interests



Please note:

We send out neighborhood notices via email. If you provide your email address, you will receive these notices. We also send out emails about lost and found pets. If you have any questions or concerns, please send us an email.

Please send your \$25 or \$30 (for handbook) check payable to:  
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Check No. _____
Amount: _____
Date: _____