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# Woodmere News

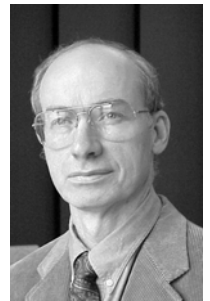
## President's Commentary

The dog days of Summer are upon us and everyone wants to get outside in the cool part of the day. This is when a watermelon's first cousin is a barbecue grill. Friends, families, and neighbors find ways to have reunions and the world makes a little more sense. And what better place to have those picnics than in our beautiful parks?

With that in mind, the WNA has invited Wiley Steen, Director of Montgomery City Parks and Recreation to speak at our General Meeting, Thursday, August 10th at 6:30pm at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. He will discuss how the city plans to continue improving our parks to make them more secure and better places of recreation. Come out to meet Mr. Steen. He and City Councilman Charles

Jinright will be available to answer questions about our parks.

On another note, see in this issue Jimmy Gunn's article on the Day in the Park Event coming September 24th. Here is a chance to eat food, have fun, and get to know many of your Woodmere neighbors. Jimmy needs your help to make this happen. Email him at [info@woodmeremontgomery.com](mailto:info@woodmeremontgomery.com) to volunteer your time and talent. Together we can keep Woodmere the best place to live in Montgomery.



Sam Whatley  
President

Neighborhood Association Meeting

Thursday, August 10, 2006

6:30 p.m.

Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium

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## WNA General Meeting Review: May 11, 2006

The Woodmere Neighborhood Association met on Thursday, May 11, 2006 for its quarterly meeting. President Sam Whatley called the meeting to order with about 55 people present. Guest speakers were Councilman Charles Jinright, Molly Stone, Judge Reese McKinney, Trey Granger and Sonya Henson. . Councilman Jinright gave attendees an update on the city and how well Montgomery is doing. He commended the Association for being one of the better neighborhood associations in town.

Molly Stone, Museum of Fine Arts Development Officer, gave an update on the new edition of the Museum. With the new edition, there is a new Exhibition Gallery as well as a new Children's Gallery.

Judge Reese McKinney, Trey Granger and Sonya Henson of the Probate Judge's Office explained the new voting system that is being used this year. The new method was demonstrated and a number of those present participated in the demonstration.

President Whatley shared some crime statistics for our area based on information that was received from the MPD.

The reconfiguration of the zones was discussed as well as the need for Zone Coordinators and Block Captains. New zone maps are available.

A fall event is being planned for the park to include a cookout.

The Streets and Sidewalks committee continues to observe problems. Cars are being reported to the police department for parking at the park after dark.

All members were reminded that dues expire on December 31 of the year in which they are paid.

The By-Laws are being revised and will be available on the website. The changes will be presented at the August meeting. A vote will be taken to amend the By-Laws at the November meeting.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Thursday, August 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Museum of Fine Arts. Members and nonmembers are encouraged to attend.

We need your input!

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

## A Day in the Park

By Jimmy W. Gunn, Parks Committee Chair



## A Day in the Park

Sunday, September 24

4 - 6 p.m.

Woodmere Park

- Meet Your Neighbors
- Free Soft Drinks
- Hot Dogs & Hamburgers
- Music
- Face Painting
- Balloon Art
- Clowns
- Door Prizes

If you would like to help with the planning of this festivity, please call Jimmy W. Gunn at 241-4196 during the day. Let's all get involved to make this a success. Your Woodmere Neighborhood Association needs your support and participation. Let's all work to make Woodmere the best of the best. See you in the park.

## The Freecycle Network™

The Freecycle Network™ is made up of many individual groups across the globe. It's a grassroots and entirely nonprofit movement of people who are giving (& getting) stuff for free in their own towns. Each local group is moderated by a local volunteer. Membership is free.

The Freecycle Network was started in May 2003 to promote waste reduction in Tucson's downtown and help save desert landscape from being taken over by landfills. The Network provides individuals and non-profits an electronic forum to "recycle" unwanted items. One person's trash can truly be another's treasure!

How does it work? When you want to find a new home for something -- whether it's a chair, a fax machine, piano, or an old door -- you simply send an e-mail offering it to members of the local Freecycle group. Or, maybe you're looking to acquire something yourself. Simply respond to a member's offer, and you just might get it. After that, it's up to the giver to decide who receives the gift and to set up a pickup time for passing on the treasure.

Our main rule: Everything posted must be free, legal, and appropriate for all ages.

To find the Montgomery group, visit [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org).

City Contacts

Mayor's Office  
241-2000

City Council  
241-2097

Animal Control  
241-2970

Police  
241-2651

Fire  
241-2400

For all emergencies,

Financial Report

By Charles Collins, Treasurer

April 1, 2006 – June 30, 2006

Balance April 1, 2006		\$3319.49
Income:		
Membership Dues	\$500.00	
Crime Watch	80.00	
Advertisements	135.00	
Total Income	\$705.00	\$4024.49
Expenditures:		
Spring Newsletter	\$484.00	
Maps	135.85	
Museum Usage Fee	50.00	
Signs to Go	63.80	
Total Expenditures	\$733.65	
Balance June 30, 2006		\$3290.84

4 Hour Work Exchange Program

By Bernice Blount

I recently returned from my first eco-tourism vacation. It will not be my last!

Do you desire to spend an extended period of time in the U.S. Virgin Islands? Are you a nature lover? If so, visit [www.maho.org](http://www.maho.org) to obtain information about their work exchange program.

I discovered the site in January while searching for an opportunity for a niece and myself. During my 35 day stay at Concordia, I encountered participants whose age ranged from early 20s to 60-something.

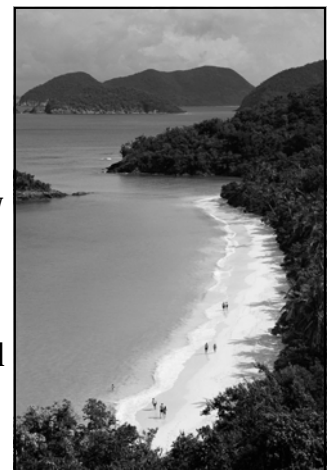
Work duties varied widely as well ... easy laundry, trash collection and pool cleaning tasks to more difficult trail clearing and painting. Assignments were based on ongoing projects and areas of need.

If you read through the comments on Maho's website, you should notice that many entries mention the stairs. Being fairly physically fit is helpful. And, some stair climbing will be required even if you stay in a roadside tent. I do not recommend those unless you have a physical condition which requires that selection. Most of those do not have the best view nor do they receive as nice a breeze as tents closer to Drunk Bay.

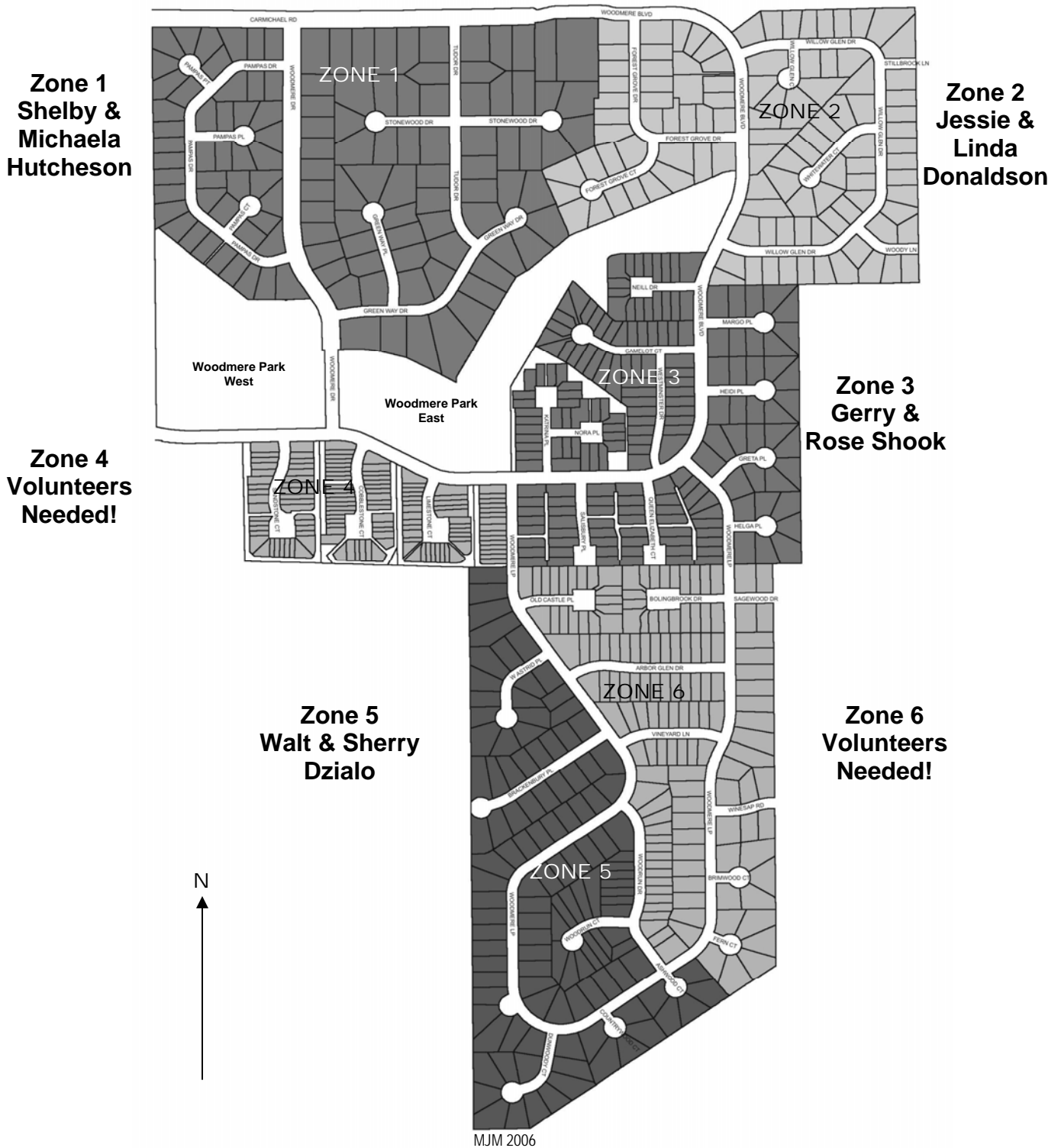
Do not allow the stairs to discourage you. During my stay, a couple brought their 81 and 82 year old mothers with them. I encountered the four of them everywhere ... on beaches, exploring sugar mill ruins, and wondering through town during carnival events. They did not stay in a roadside tent; those 80 year olds were up and down those stairs each

time they left the property.

St. John is very laid back. "Island Time" is the norm and not the exception. Cell phones appeared not to work more often than they worked; internet access is available but not plentiful. Nevertheless, you would enjoy St. John if your idea of a wonderful vacation involves: nature singing you to sleep and waking you up; exploring nature trails and ancient ruins; and just kicking back and allowing the day to unfold. I'm already planning my next visit. Perhaps I'll see you there.



# Woodmere Neighborhood Zone Coordinators



**Free Long Term Care  
Insurance Seminar**

**Tuesday, October 17  
6 p.m.**

Information only, no sales pitch

Dinner provided by  
Personal Touch Catering

Vaughn Park Church Fellowship Hall\*

RSVP by October 12

888-385-9069  
Matthew Morrow

\*On the corner of Vaughn And Perry Hill Road right  
beside the Vaughn Park

Look for the new Woodmere  
Neighborhood Association  
sign advertising the General  
Meeting in August.

Let us know what you think!



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Thursday, August 10, 2006  
6:30 p.m.

Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium

**Guest Speakers**

Councilman Charles Jinright  
Chairman of the Montgomery City Council

Wiley Steen  
Montgomery Parks & Recreation

## How Much Does A Neighbor Cost?

By Sam Whatley

A good neighborhood takes good neighbors. But to have such a neighbor, you need to be one. Ever wondered how your yard, vehicle, or pet might be affecting your next-door neighbor? Reflect on this story reported recently from the African nation of Benin.

It seems a golfer went to the manicured grounds near the Benin airport to hit a few golf balls. He sliced one high and wide. It struck and killed a bird that fell into the windshield of a fighter jet. The pilot trainee who was taxiing the plane lost control, careening his aircraft into four other jets on the tarmac. All five aircraft, comprising the entire Benin Air Force, were totaled. Damages amounted to \$40 million. The golfer was charged in court with hooliganism and ordered to repay the government. But the judge soon discovered that, with the man's \$273 per year salary, it would take him 146,520 years to pay it off, if no one added any interest.

Even if you are not a golfer, there is a lesson here. Take care in dealing with your neighbors. A little carelessness could snowball into a major problem. But a kind word or action can prevent a mountain of discord. And remember, a neighbor is a potential friend who lives nearby.

## By-Law Changes

The Board of Directors of the Association recently met and reviewed the By-Laws. The Board felt that the By-Laws needed to be revised to add some flexibility. The proposed By-Law changes have been placed on the Association's website, [www.woodmeremontgomery.com](http://www.woodmeremontgomery.com) for all to review. Copies of the By-Laws with proposed changes will be available at the General Meeting on August 10. Members will receive a copy of the proposed changes a minimum of seven days before the November General Meeting. If you have any questions or concerns about the By-Law, please contact one of the officers

## Membership

The Association currently has about 125 members. Membership begins on the date that membership dues are received and expires on December 31 of that year. If you have not paid membership dues in the 2006 year, then you are not currently a member of the Association. The WNA is a neighborhood association. Unlike homeowners association, a member does not have to be the owner of the home. If you are not currently a member of WNA, you are strongly encouraged to do so. The membership fees are only \$10 per year.

**Volunteers are needed to serve on committees, as block captains, distribute newsletters and many more things! If you would like to volunteer, please contact one of the officers or email [info@woodmeremontgomery.com](mailto:info@woodmeremontgomery.com).**



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# 2006 Membership Form

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Please list all individuals in the household.

NAME

NAME

NAME

NAME

STREET

HOME PHONE

WORK PHONE (HIS)

WORK PHONE (HERS)

EMAIL (HIS)

EMAIL (HERS)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- New Association Member     New Crime Watch 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 \$10 annually. All memberships expire on December 31. Crime Watch dues are \$5 and are only paid once. If you are paying for both, you may send one check.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your check payable to:  
Woodmere Neighborhood Association  
PO Box 231473  
Montgomery, Alabama 36123

For WNA Use Only
Check No. _____
Amount: _____
Date: _____