



WOODMERE  
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

August 2014

### Officers

**Jimmy Gunn**  
President  
Woodmere Dr.  
277-7667

**Jessie Donaldson**  
1st Vice President  
Forest Grove Ct.  
271-4428

**Wil Glasgow**  
2nd Vice President  
Green Way Dr.

**Mable Pryor**  
Secretary  
Arbor Glen Dr.  
260-2941

**Melissa Martin**  
Treasurer  
Queen Elizabeth Ct.  
324-4540

Woodmere Neighborhood Association  
PO Box 231473  
Montgomery, Alabama 36123

[www.woodmeremontgomery.com](http://www.woodmeremontgomery.com)

[info@woodmeremontgomery.com](mailto:info@woodmeremontgomery.com)

On Facebook at  
[www.facebook.com/woodmeremontgomery](http://www.facebook.com/woodmeremontgomery)

# Woodmere News

## President's Commentary Jimmy Gunn



The WNA Board of Directors is charged with protecting, preserving and enhancing the common assets of the Woodmere community. This is not an easy task, considering the difficulty we have getting all 792 households in Woodmere to take an active role in the affairs of our neighborhood. Currently we have 136 members. But if the Board of Directors is to do its job and help protect our property values, then you, the resident, should do everything you can to assist the board in accomplishing their goals. After all, if the WNA Board of Directors does its' job well, we all benefit.

To help the Board of Directors protect our property values, please consider the following reminders:

- Obey all city ordinances.
- Join the WNA and pay your dues.
- Attend the Quarterly Meetings.
- Report all violations of city ordinances to 311 or to the Board.
- Attend our monthly Board meetings to discuss current issues.
- Communicate with the Board of Directors through email, phone calls, or Facebook.
- Take pride in Woodmere.

If we all do our part, it will be much easier for the Board of Directors to do theirs.

Our next WNA General Meeting will be on Thursday August 7, 2014 at 6:30 pm at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts in Blount Cultural Park. We will have Charles Jinright, City Council President, and Captain A. L. Wheeler, East Precinct Commander for the Montgomery Police Department. Make plans to attend and see what is going on in Montgomery and in the Woodmere neighborhood. See you there.



Our sign after some hard work on Clean-Up Day

Woodmere Neighborhood Association Meeting  
Thursday, August 7, 2014 6:30 p.m.  
Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium  
Speaker: Captain A.L. Wheeler  
East Precinct Commander, MPD  
**Come Out and Support your Neighborhood**

The WOODMERE NEWS is the official publication of the Woodmere Neighborhood Association, PO Box 231473, Montgomery, Alabama 36123.

Website:  
www.woodmeremontgomery.com.

The WOODMERE NEWS is published four times a year. Views and conclusions expressed in articles herein are those of the authors, not necessarily those of the editors or officers of the Woodmere Neighborhood Association. Opinions expressed in this newsletter do not necessarily reflect the policies of the Woodmere Neighborhood Association. Advertising: Inquiries should be directed to the Woodmere Neighborhood Association. Rates will be furnished upon request. The Woodmere Neighborhood Association reserves the right to omit any advertising or editorial copy deemed to be unsuitable for publication. Publication herein does not necessarily imply endorsement of any product or service offered.

This issue was edited by Sam Whatley

**City Contacts**

**Mayor's Office  
241-2000**

**City Council  
241-2097**

**Animal Control  
241-2970**

**Police  
241-2651**

**Fire  
241-2400**

**Ordinance Violations  
311**

**For all emergencies, call  
911.**

**Financial Report**

**Melissa Martin, Treasurer**

	April	May	June	Year to Date	Budget
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>3,446.06</b>	<b>3,241.06</b>	<b>2,982.08</b>	<b>1982.50</b>	
<b>Income</b>					
Membership Dues, Plus Online Dues	125.00	275.00	123.97	2552.94	3750.00
Advertisements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stratford Place Signs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>125.00</b>	<b>275.00</b>	<b>123.97</b>	<b>2552.94</b>	<b>3750.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Newsletter	0.00	385.00	0.00	759.00	1500.00
Day in the Park	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
Administrative Expenses	0.00	30.25	0.00	166.23	805.00
Meeting Room	0.00	50.00	0.00	100.00	200.00
Entrance Signs	0.00	68.73	167.69	241.85	0.0
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	0.00	0.00	100.00
Post Office Box Rental	0.00	0.00	88.00	0.00	70.00
Stratford Place Signs	330.00	0.00	0.00	330.00	330.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>330.00</b>	<b>533.98</b>	<b>167.69</b>	<b>1597.08</b>	<b>3,750.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>3241.06</b>	<b>2982.08</b>	<b>3446.06</b>	<b>3446.06</b>	

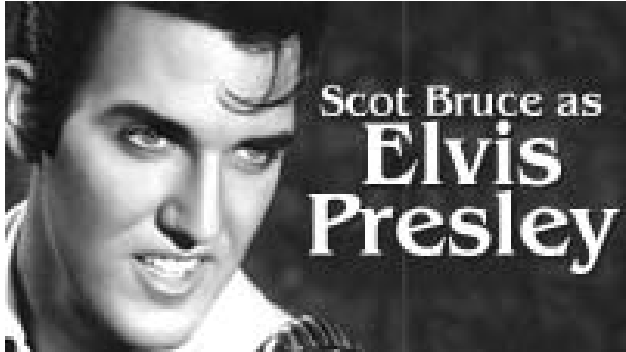


**At the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts**

**Docent Recruitment**

Have you ever considered becoming a tour guide? Join the Museum's docent volunteer program today!

Call Alice Novak, Assistant Curator of Education at 334-240-4362.



**Cissy's Critters**



*Need Someone to care for your pets while you are away?  
Reasonable Rates, Dependable Service  
and LOTS of Tender Loving Care!!!!*

(334) 271-6593      Cell: (334) 301-4283

**Showing at ASF**

One night only, Monday, August 18th, Scot Bruce will present *Elvis—The Early Years*. Contact the box office at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival (334-271-5353) and get out your blue suede shoes.

**HELPING THE MONTGOMERY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Waldo Spencer and Gerry Shook are members of the WNA who have volunteered a combined total of 17 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 10 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 240-4580 for information. MPD needs your help.



**FLAG DAY 2014**

June 14, 2014 was National Flag Day and the Woodmere Neighborhood Association commemorated the day with the changing of the flags at the neighborhood entrance sign on Woodmere Boulevard and Carmichael Road. The old flags were lowered with dignity and new flags were raised to fly from our flag poles. Participating in the ceremony were Jimmy Gunn, Diane Sams, Walt Diazlo, (left to right) and Jessie Donaldson (taking the photo).



**ALARMS  
LOCKS • SAFES**

**Paul D. Cooper**  
Operations Manager

Montgomery Office  
3344 Atlanta Hwy.  
24 Hr 334-271-2222

Dadeville Office  
6788 Hwy. 49 South  
24 Hr 256-825-2022

## Genealogy or Chasing Our Tales, Part VII

When we left our travelers in the last episode of Chasing Our Tales, they had passed Bonham's Station and Colonel Wood's tavern just south of present day Montgomery. From Colonel Wood's tavern, the next stop along the Old Federal Road was the establishment of one unfortunate named Sam Manack. Manack's place (Manack's Store) was located on Pinchony (Pinchona) Creek near present day Pintlala and was the first licensed tavern in Alabama. Manack's was open for paying guests from about 1803 to 1816. Samuel Manack became a very prosperous man with a large herd of cattle and a plantation on the Alabama River as well as his tavern at Pintlala.

Manack (Moniac) was the son of a Dutchman and a Creek woman and his Creek name was Takkes-Hadjo. Moniac was the Dutch spelling of the family name but since Sam was illiterate, the spelling became altered and was changed to Manack. Sam was born near Tuskegee, Alabama in about 1781 and was married to William Weatherford's sister, Elizabeth in about 1802. William Weatherford or Red Eagle was the chief planner of the infamous massacre at Fort Mims in south Alabama near Mobile and the leader of the Creek Red Sticks. William Weatherford surrendered to Andrew Jackson after the Battle of Horseshoe Bend at the end of the First Creek War and lived the rest of his life peacefully as a farmer in Monroe County, Alabama. Sam Manack served as a guide for the U.S. military during the First Creek War.

Sam Manack and Elizabeth Weatherford's son, David, was the first Indian to graduate from West Point. David was killed in the Second Seminole War fighting against renegades under the command of an Indian named Osceola at a place called Wahoo Swamp on the Withlacoochee River in Florida. Ironically, David was married to Mary Powell, a cousin of Osceola. You see, Osceola was also known as Billy Powell and was born near Tallassee, Alabama. His father was William Powell and his mother was Polly Coppinger, a Creek woman of mixed race. Billy and his mother fled from Alabama to Florida after the defeat of the Red Sticks at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend because his family had sided with the hostiles. Billy Powell was of mixed blood from Creek, Scots-Irish and English bloodlines. At best he was one-quarter Indian and, more likely, was only one-eighth. But Osceola, as he came to be called by the Seminoles, claimed to be full-blooded Indian.

Sam Manack's half-sister was Hannah Manack. Hannah married Josiah Francis, the Creek prophet, and she and her husband sided with the Red Stick Creeks in the First Creek War along with William Weatherford and one of Sam's brothers.

In about 1813, there was a disturbance with the Red Stick Creeks and there was the threat of war. Sam Manack was a short distance from his home when he first encountered hostilities from the Red Sticks. Soon afterwards Manack said, "Went up to my house on the road, and found some Indians camped near it, who I tried to avoid but could not. An Indian came to me who goes by the name of High Headed Jim.... He shook hands with me and immediately began to tremble & jerk in every part of his frame, and the very calves of his legs would be convulsed". High Headed Jim was a believer in the new Red Stick religious movement and they thought they could confuse non-believers, like Sam Manack, by this violent reaction to the touch.

Within days of this encounter, Manack's plantation on the Alabama River and his house on the Old Federal Road near Pintlala lay in ashes. Since Sam refused to side with the hostiles, these were destroyed by the Red Stick Creeks, who included his brother, half-sister and brother-in-law. Because Samuel Manack participated actively alongside the American army in the ensuing First Creek War against many of his relatives and countrymen, he

By Jessie Donaldson

successfully petitioned Congress for \$12,595.25 in compensation for property he lost during that conflict which included his two homes, various livestock and other goods.

After this sad end to Sam's fortunes in life, Sam turned to heavy drinking and spent many days in a drunken stupor. When the treaty was signed that required the Creeks to give up their lands in Alabama and began the infamous Trail of Tears with the Creek's journey to their new home in Oklahoma, Sam's role in the Creek War was forgotten and he was required to make the move west too. Sam Manack died in Pass Christian, Mississippi during the move to Oklahoma in about 1837.

Today there is a Manack Community in Lowndes County near the intersection of the Old Selma Road and Highway 37. The Pintlala Historical Association has conducted archeological digs at what is has determined as being the location of Manack's Store or Tavern in attempts to recover any artifacts.

One of the most blood-thirsty, cruel white men that ever inhabited any country was Savannah Jack, or, as he was called by the outlaw world of the early 1800s, "Savaner Jack". He boasted that he had killed so many women and children upon the Cumberland and Georgia frontiers that he could swim in their blood if it was collected in one pool. Savannah Jack was also known as John Haig. His exact ancestry is not known.

Savannah Jack was involved in some of the most horrible hostilities recorded in Butler County and the Montgomery vicinity at the time of the First Creek War. The next time we visit with Chasing Our Tales, we will examine the details of this villain and see how his deeds are woven into our history.



Osceola

Visit us online at  
[www.woodmeremontgomery.com](http://www.woodmeremontgomery.com)



Find us on  
**Facebook**

*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](mailto:paulwise@charter.net).*

**LIVING....or EXISTING?**

In every aspect of your daily life  
 Do you really live.....or just exist?  
 When you're asked to do something...  
 Perhaps volunteer, do you hang your head  
 Or do you persist?

When it's about your neighbors  
 Your family or a friend,  
 If they need some help, or maybe a hand.....  
 Do you look away  
 Or do you lend?

Let us all stand up and take a look  
 At where we live, who our neighbors are,  
 And what goes on around us..  
 Whether it's near or far.

Take a look at your house, your yard your home  
 Your biggest investment, do you live there with  
 pride,  
 Can you say, "yes! this is mine....!"  
 Or just exist and stay inside?

Our neighborhood and homes reflect  
 On us.....it shows who we are and how we live.  
 So ask yourself this important question.....  
 Do I want to be in a place I love.....would I show  
 it off.....  
 Am I doing all that I can....

To make sure my life, my living and pride  
 Shows in everything I do....whether in or out-  
 side.....  
 Can I stand back and look and say I live.....  
 Or just exist, and be satisfied?

By Linda Donaldson

© all rights reserved



Many thanks to Sandra Osborne, Wil Glasgow, Carol Ann Mustin (left to right) and all the other volunteers who spruced up the neighborhood on Clean-Up Day, May 17, 2014.

**Yard of the Month  
 June**

Townhouse: 1626 Cobblestone Court  
 Home: 5904 Greenway Drive  
 Garden Home:  
 1621 Queen Elizabeth Court

**July**

Townhouse: 1598 Sandstone Court  
 Home: 1817 Woodmere Loop  
 Garden Home: Westminster Drive

***Evening in the Park***  
**October 14th**  
**6:00 PM**

Wil Glasgow's Back Yard  
 5840 Green Way

Go to Woodmere Park  
 Listen for Music  
 Smell Hot Dogs on the Grill  
 Look for Friendly Neighbors  
 Join In

**WOODMERE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEETING  
MAY 8, 2014  
6:00 – 8:00 P.M.  
MONTGOMERY MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS**

**OUR FIRST SPEAKER WAS CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT CHARLES JINRIGHT. HE MADE THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS:**

**THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS WILL BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE AN AREA WITH STATUES AND POOL  
MONTGOMERY WAS VOTED THE BEST HISTORIC CITY IN THE NATION.  
STRATFORD SQUARE IS BEING FURTHER DEVELOPED.  
THE HOME DEPOT AREA IS BRINGING IN NEW BUSINESSES.**

**SECOND SPEAKER: CAPTAIN WHEELER, EAST PRECINCT CAPTAIN (THIS AREA). IF YOU SEE SOMEONE AT YOUR NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE WHO DOES NOT LIVE THERE, CALL US. WE ARE LOCATED DOWNTOWN, BUT THE EAST AND SOUTH PRECINCT SUBSTATIONS ARE LOCATED AT MONTGOMERY MALL.**

**(Q) HOW ARE THINGS GOING WITH THE BICYCLES?**

**(A) BICYCLE POLICEMEN WITH YELLOW SHIRTS SHOULD INCREASE WITH THE WARM WEATHER. POLICEMEN ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO RIDE SLOWLY THROUGH NEIGHBORHOOD WITH THEIR WINDOWS DOWN SO THEY CAN MEET PEOPLE.**

**CAPTAIN WHEELER ENCOURAGED TELEPHONE CALLS. THE OFFICE NUMBER: 241-2775 – 2660.**

**(Q) DRUG DEALING GOES ON IN THE PARK, WOULD IT BE FEASIBLE TO PLACE CAMERAS IN THE PARK?**

**(A) THAT WOULD BE A TRICKY AND COSTLY ISSUE. IT WOULD DEPEND ON THE LOCATION.**

**(Q) WHAT CAN BE DONE TO KEEP DRUGS OUT?**

**(A) WE ARE CONSTANTLY WORKING ON THAT ISSUE. CITIZENS NEED TO BE MORE VIGILANT. YOU CAN WRITE DOWN CAR DESCRIPTIONS AND TAG NUMBERS, ETC.**

**(Q) HOW OFTEN DO WE HAVE OFFICERS DOING TRAFFIC PATROL?**

**(A) LET ME KNOW WHAT AREA YOU ARE SPEAKING OF, AND I CAN GET SOMEONE THERE.**

**THIRD SPEAKER: THOMAS KARRH, CHIEF INSPECTOR HOUSING CODE, IN CHARGE OF CODE DIVISION. HE SUGGESTED THAT TO IMPROVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD, THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE DONE:**

- **CLEAN UP BOARDED UP HOUSES, FIX UP RUN DOWN HOUSES.**
- **YARD CUTTING VIOLATIONS ARE CONSIDERED IS NUISANCES.**

**WE CAN ONLY WORK ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, OTHER ISSUES GO TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. DIAL 311 FOR ASSISTANCE, YOU SHOULD GET A RESPONSE WITHIN 24 HOURS. THE INSPECTORS GET A LIST THE NEXT DAY. WE HAVE SIX INSPECTORS.**

**THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT PICKS UP STREET TRASH ONCE A WEEK. THEY DO NOT PICK UP BUILDING MATERIAL, SHEETROCK, ETC. LETTERS ARE SENT REGARDING SWIMMING POOL COMPLAINTS. YOU WILL HAVE TEN DAYS TO COMPLY. WE TREAT POOLS TO DETER MOSQUITOES.**

**CAMPER TRAILERS MUST BE HIDDEN BEHIND THE BUILDING LINE OF THE HOUSE. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CALL THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.**

**(Q) WHAT'S THE PROCESS OF HOUSE IN DISREPAIR?**

**(A) IT WOULD BE INSPECTED, A LETTER ISSUED TO THE OWNER OF RECORD. AFTER 60 DAYS, THERE WOULD BE A RE-INSPECTION. IF THERE IS NON-COMPLIANCE, IT COULD POSSIBLY GO TO COURT.**

**MABLE PRYOR, SECRETARY**



# 2014 Membership Form

Woodmere Neighborhood Association  
PO Box 231473  
Montgomery, Alabama 36123  
www.woodmeremontgomery.com  
info@woodmeremontgomery.com

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.

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

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