

# Woodmere News

WOODMERE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION . . . BEAUTIFUL PARKS AND HOME TO THE ARTS

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## President's Commentary

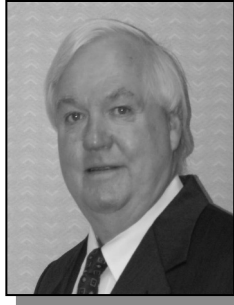
Things in the Woodmere neighborhood are looking good. I hope everyone has noticed the new fencing that has been added to the Woodmere Park West between the park and Woodmere Apartments. Both parks are now completely enclosed, which should prevent any vehicle traffic from entering the parks. Special thanks go to Charles Jinright and Wiley Steen for making all of this happen. The one acre pond was recently sprayed with a herbicide to remove the vegetation buildup that had developed over the summer. We also need to thank Karl Shogren and his crew from the Parks and Recreation Department for keeping our parks, pond and berms looking so pristine and beautiful.

I would like to remind everyone of the National Night Out Event on Tuesday, August 3, 2010 from 6:00-7:30 PM. We will all meet right inside the fence area of Woodmere Park East on Woodmere Drive. The plans are to have live music and serve hotdogs, chips and drinks. This would be a great time to come out to meet and socialize with your Woodmere residents. I hope to see you there.

I hope that everyone has had a chance to take advantage of the 311 Access Montgomery Program for one call to city services. I have and it works great. You can call 311 or 240-INFO (4636) during the hours of 7:00 AM until 5:00 PM Monday through Friday to report a car parked in the yard, uncut lawns, dirty swimming pools, abandoned cars, or homes in disrepair. I called yesterday about a hanging pine tree limb over the sidewalk at the corner of Carmichael Road and Woodmere Drive and the limb was cut down and removed the same day. You can't ask for better service than that. For police emergencies, still use 911 or the 241-2651 non-emergency number.

Our next neighborhood meeting will be held on Thursday, August 12, 2010 at 6:30 PM at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. The guest speaker will be Mr. Ken Reynolds who is the Retail Development Coordinator for the city of Montgomery. Mr. Reynolds will tell us what is being done to bring back businesses along the Eastern and Southern Bypasses. I hope everyone has a safe and cool summer. Let's continue to look after each other to make Woodmere a great place to live and play.

## Jimmy Gunn



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## Neighborhood Association Meeting

Thursday, August 12, 2010

6:30 p.m.

## Guest Speaker - Ken Reynolds

Retail Development Coordinator for the city of Montgomery

If you have a question for Mr. Reynolds, please email your question, even if you are planning on attending, to [info@woodmeremontgomery.com](mailto:info@woodmeremontgomery.com) by August 10. We want your questions asked and answered!

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please call 911.

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**Financial Report**

**Melissa Martin, Treasurer**

	April	March	June	July	Year to Date	Budget
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>3258.02</b>	<b>2964.17</b>	<b>2915.73</b>	<b>3191.23</b>	<b>3392.42</b>	
<b>Income</b>						
Membership Dues	150.00	225.00	325.00	25.00	1150.00	3750.00
Advertisements	0.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	0.00
T-Shirts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>285.00</b>	<b>325.00</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>1995.00</b>	<b>3750.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Newsletter	363.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	726.00	1400.00
Day in the Park	0.00	150.00	0.00	300.00	450.00	1200.00
Administrative Expenses	0.00	108.44	0.00	0.00	108.44	203.00
Meeting Room	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	200.00
Website	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	71.40	75.00
Yard Sale	0.00	25.00	49.50	26.68	101.18	300.00
Crime Prevention	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	410.00	200.00
Spring & Fall Clean-Ups	80.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	530.85	100.00
Post Office Box Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	72.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>443.85</b>	<b>333.44</b>	<b>49.50</b>	<b>326.68</b>	<b>2497.87</b>	<b>3750.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>3643.02</b>	<b>3793.02</b>	<b>3258.02</b>	<b>3258.02</b>	<b>3258.02</b>	

**Quarterly Meeting Minutes - May 13, 2010**

The Woodmere Neighborhood Association met on Thursday, May 13 for its quarterly meeting at the Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium. President Jimmy Gunn called the meeting to order. The attendees were given updates from the committee chairs that were present at the meeting. Everyone was reminded that National Night Out will be held on August 3, 2010. It will be held in Woodmere Park. Everyone is invited to attend. Following the reports, there was a brief question and answer session from the audience.



The next quarterly meeting will be on Thursday, August 12, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts and the guest speaker will be Mr. Ken Reynolds, Retail Development Coordinator, for the city of Montgomery. All are invited to attend.

We need a webmaster for the WNA website, [www.woodmeremontgomery.com](http://www.woodmeremontgomery.com). For more information, please email [info@woodmeremontgomery.com](mailto:info@woodmeremontgomery.com)



Tuesday, August 3, 2010

Woodmere Park  
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

#### RECYCLING OPTIONS

Recycling can be dropped off on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month at one of seven recycling drop-off sites located around Montgomery:

Halcyon Elementary • Goodwyn Jr. High  
Dannelly Elementary • Wares Ferry Elementary  
Peter Crump Elementary • Bellingrath Jr. High  
Southlawn Middle School

Place your aluminum, paper, and cardboard only in a plastic bag, paper bag or cardboard box and drop it off at one of these sites between 9 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.

The following locations are available for dropping off your recycling at any time:

McInnis Recycling Center at 4341 Norman Bridge Rd

Mount Scrap at 824 North Decatur Street

Recycling bins are also located at:

Garrett Elementary • Capital Heights Jr. High  
Maggie St. Baptist Church • Bellingrath Jr. High  
McKee Elementary • Floyd Middle Magnet  
Jeff Davis High School • Frazer Memorial UMC

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#### A Note from the Editor....

We try to put information that is useful to our residents in our quarterly newsletters. What I find interesting, you might not find interesting. Send me an email and let me know what type of articles you would like to see in our newsletter. If you have an article that you would like to submit, please send me an email at this email address:  
[info@woodmeremontgomery.com](mailto:info@woodmeremontgomery.com).  
The account is checked daily.

## Newsletter Editor Needed

We currently need an editor for the neighborhood newsletter. Interested individuals should email [info@woodmeremontgomery.com](mailto:info@woodmeremontgomery.com) for more information.

## Just One of Those Days

Well I got out of bed  
On the wrong side again,  
And I thought to myself  
Some days I just can't win!

Then my hair wouldn't do  
Anything near right,  
And everything I chose to wear  
Turned out to be a fright.

Then I went to get some coffee  
Thinking oh, this will be good,  
But alas, I was mistaken  
For it tasted just like wood.

So I thought, I'll just relax  
Have a nice calm drive to work,  
But then I was cut off  
By some crazy driving jerk....

Who was taking up the lane  
That rightfully was mine,  
So I yelled (though he couldn't hear me)  
"Hey buddy, you crossed the line!"

But I made it to the office  
Where I know I have some friends,  
And we'll commiserate together  
Until this long day ends!

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### The Cost of Litter

### Montgomery Clean City Commission

Everyone can see that litter is unsightly. What is not always clear is the lesser known "costs" of litter to a community.

**Litter costs money.** Taxpayers pay upwards of \$1.5 million annually to pick up trash from the nation's roadsides and that is just cleaning up the most littered areas. Without programs such as Adopt-a-Highway and community volunteers, DOT estimates clean up would cost \$50 million annually. And that is just to pick it up. Then there is the money lost when businesses do not want to locate in littered, unkempt areas. Add lost tourism dollars to the equations and the cost keeps going up.

**Litter is a safety hazard.** Litter attracts rats, roaches and other disease-causing creatures and bacteria. It is a breeding ground for fire. Litter also impacts insurance rates due to the hundreds of thousands of litter-related auto accidents each year.

**Litter increases the possibility of crime.** In the 1980s George Kelling, a former probation officer in New York City, developed the "broken window theory" which stated that petty criminal behavior such as graffiti and littering increased the possibility of more crime. Then in a paper release in November 2008, Kees Keizer, of the University of Groningen in the Netherlands, revealed the results of a scientific study which demonstrated that signs of vandalism, litter and low-level lawbreaking changed the way people behaved by doubling the number of citizens prepared to litter and/or steal. The theory became a scientific fact.

In short, litter makes an area less safe, less healthy, and less economically viable.



If you piled up all the litter thrown away in the United States each year, it would cover at least 100 soccer fields with piles of waste 30 stories high.  
Source: Skidmore, Steve "What a Load of Trash!"

Recycling on aluminum can saves the energy to light a 100-watt light bulb for 3.5 hours (210 minutes)  
Source: Can Manufacturers Institute

### Stand Up Cops!

### Montgomery Clean City Commission

No, it is not your imagination! There **are** 7 foot tall policemen watching your every move! It started in April as part of the Great Montgomery Cleanup as a means to draw the community's attention to one important fact: Litter is a crime and, in case you didn't know, tossing your cigarette butt out of your car window is considered littering and thus a ticketable offense.

The stand-up cops are regularly moved to different high traffic locations around Montgomery to bring attention to the fact that MPD is serious about keeping litter off the streets. Litter is expensive and presents many other drawbacks to our community.

Throwing away one aluminum can wastes as much energy as if that can were 1/2 full of gasoline.  
Source: www.cleanair.org

Every year, Americans make enough plastic film to shrink-wrap the state of Texas.  
Source: www.cleanair.org

## Golf Carts

There are about 1,000 golf cart accidents a month. Roughly half the accidents occurred on golf courses, the other half at homes, on streets and on other public property. They are quite dangerous, especially when used on public roads. Fractures and head trauma were the most common injuries found in the UAB study of 2008. The highest injury rates were found in 10 to 19 year olds and men older than 80. There are a hodgepodge of state and local regulations governing golf carts. **But in Alabama, it is illegal to operate an unlicensed vehicle, including a golf cart, on public streets and on sidewalks.**

## Pedestrian Safety

Beautiful scenery surrounds the Woodmere neighborhood and we know it is hard to resist taking advantage of this amenity. However, it's very important to use caution when walking. Follow these tips to insure you have a safe and fun walk!

1. Always walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk and you have to walk in the road, ALWAYS walk facing traffic so that you can see any car that might become out of control.
2. Dress to be seen. Brightly colored clothing makes it easier for drivers to see you during the daytime. At night, you should wear special reflective material on your clothing so that you are easily seen by traffic.
3. Tips for Crossing the Street:
  - Cross only at corners or marked crosswalks.
  - Stop at the curb or the edge of the road. Look thoroughly to the left and right for traffic before you step into the street.
  - Remember when crossing – walk, don't run!

For more information on pedestrian safety, visit [www.nhtsa.org](http://www.nhtsa.org).





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## Neighborhood Concerns

- **Stop Signs** – Please stop at all stop signs – it is the law. More importantly it is a safety concern for pedestrians and children in the neighborhood. Stop, means Stop. Thank you.
- **Scoop the Poop** - Please be courteous and take a pooper scooper and bag with you when you walk your pets. No one likes to find a surprise left by a pet when they are walking on the grass or sidewalk.
- **Barking Dogs** - Dogs that bark or howl constantly disrupt the quiet and make it very unpleasant for neighbors. If you have a howling doggie, please make an effort to keep it from disturbing neighbors.
- **Dogs Off Leash** - The city of Montgomery requires all dogs to be leashed. Leashes must be used in the areas around the lakes, on the roadways and walking trails and in any open spaces. There have been reports of loose dogs frightening children and scaring and injuring the wildlife.

## National Night Out - August 3, 2010

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Woodmere will be participating in National Night Out on August 3.

# National Night Out

Tuesday, August 3, 2010

Woodmere Park • 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Join us on Tuesday, August 3 at Woodmere Park from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. for National Night Out. We will have live music, hot dogs, chips, cookies and beverages. Representatives from the MPD Community Police division and the local fire department have been invited. This is an excellent time to meet other residents in Woodmere.





**WOODMERE**  
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

# 2010 Membership Form

**Woodmere Neighborhood Association**  
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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CELL \_\_\_\_\_

WORK \_\_\_\_\_

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EMAIL 2 \_\_\_\_\_

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 your interest below:

- Parks Committee
- Streets and Sidewalks Committee
- Crime Prevention Committee
- Newsletter
- Newsletter Distribution
- Block Captain
- Other skills/interests \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: We send out a monthly newsletter , the *Woodmere eNews*. If you provide your email address(es), you will receive this newsletter. We also send out notices about lost and found pets. If you have any questions or concerns, please send us an email.

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