



2017 Membership Form

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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 info@woodmeremontgomery.com.

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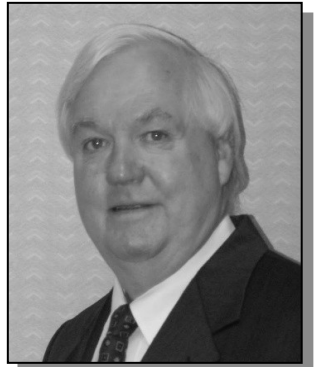
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Woodmere NEWS

President's Commentary



Jimmy Gunn,
WNA President

Most of us, who grew up before the 1960s, know the joys of living in a neighborhood. As children, this was our playground and the neighbors were our friends. When we became parents, our neighborhood was our sanctuary and the neighbors were our support system.

How would you describe your Woodmere neighborhood today? Do you know everyone on your block? Do you feel safe and secure living in Woodmere? Is Woodmere comprised of a community of people working toward a common goal or are individual families living independent lives of each other? Unfortunately, the latter characterizes many neighborhoods today, including Woodmere. Why is this?

We are a transitory population. We move from place to place in search of a better lifestyle. We do not stay home. We are a virtual ghost town during the week. We do not trust as easily. We put up high fences and thick hedges around our property. Do you dream of living in a neighborhood like the one you remember as a child? Here are a few ideas for creating a supportive and peaceful environment in Woodmere.

Reach out to your neighbors. Speak to them. Invite a neighbor over for coffee or tea. Ask them to attend your church. Plan a neighborhood gathering for everyone on your block.

Get involved in your neighborhood. Note the habits of your neighbors. Keep a check on your neighbors from a safety or health standpoint. Let your neighbor know when you are gone for a day or two. Offer to watch your neighbors' home when they are away.

Make a connection with your neighbors. Establish a neighborhood watch on your street. Create a neighborhood directory for each resident. Be aware of elderly or disabled neighbors. Visit new neighbors when they move into Woodmere and give them your phone number. Become a WNA Block Captain.

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Woodmere Neighborhood Association Meeting

Thursday, May 11, 2017 6:30 p.m.

Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium

Speaker: Dr. Linda Boyle

Director, Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System

Come Out and Support your Neighborhood

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625-2000

City Council
625-2097

Animal Control
625-2970

Police
625-2651

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Ordinance Violations
311

For all emergencies, call
911.

Financial Report

Phyllis Tillery, Treasurer

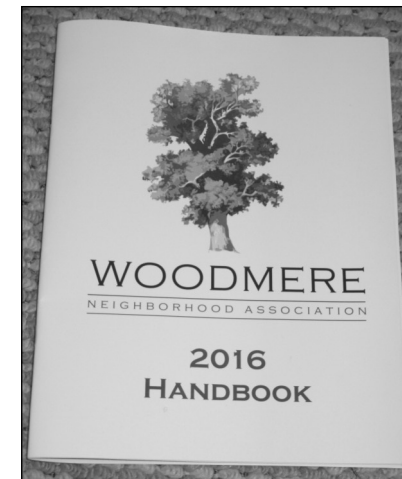
	January	February	March	April	Budget
Beginning Balance	2,782.69	3,017.69	2,985.88	1752.30	
Income					
Membership Dues, Plus Online Dues	225.00	500.00	100.00	125.00	3,750.00
Advertisements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	.00	0.00
Handbooks	10.00	25.00	5.00	5.00	0.00
Total Income	235.00	525.00	105.00	130.00	3,750.00
Expenses					
Newsletter	0.00	385.00	0.00	0.00	1500.00
Day in the Park	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
Office Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Meeting Room	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Printing Handbooks	0.00	0.00	97.63	0.00	195.00
Website	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Administrative Expenses	0.00	61.81	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	56.00	0.00	102.00
Park Benches Project	0.00	0.00	1094.95	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	0.00	646.81	1248.58	0.00	3,727.00
Ending Balance	3,017.69	2,985.88	1752.30		

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**At Montgomery
Museum of Fine Arts**

Rodin: Realism, Fragments, and Abstraction. May 20 to January 07, 2018. *Auguste Rodin (French, 1840-1917), The Three Shades, originally modeled 1880-1904, lent by Iris Cantor*



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 11

**The Woodmere Neighborhood Association
2016 Handbook.**

- ◆ 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 11.

Signs and Bulletins

Remember it is a violation of a city ordinance to attach yard sale signs or any other sign or bulletin to utility poles of any sort. Let's all help to keep our neighborhood beautiful. Remove all signs and bulletins from utility poles.

2017 Sanitation Holiday Schedule

Memorial Day – Monday, May 29, 2017
GARBAGE: Monday & Thursday routes worked Tuesday & Thursday; Tuesday & Friday routes worked Wednesday & Friday

Independence Day – Tuesday, July 4, 2017
GARBAGE: Monday & Thursday routes NO CHANGE; Tuesday & Friday routes worked Wednesday & Friday

Labor Day – Monday, Sept. 4, 2017
GARBAGE: Monday & Thursday routes worked Tuesday & Thursday; Tuesday & Friday routes worked Wednesday & Friday

Columbus Day – Monday, Oct. 9, 2017
GARBAGE: WORKING – No change in 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



**Neighborhood Youth Obtains
Eagle Scout Award**

Travis Moody, son of David Moody, was awarded his Eagle Scout badge on Saturday, February 18th at St. James Methodist Church on Vaughn Road. Travis (on the right) is shown with his father, David, his brother and his grandfather. Travis's mother pinned the Eagle Scout pin on Travis in a very special ceremony with many fellow scouts in attendance. Travis installed the Arlene Gomez Memorial Bench in the east end of Woodmere Park as a project toward winning the Eagle Scout award.

Zone Coordinator

Sam Whatley, Salisbury Place, is our new WNA Zone Coordinator for Zone 3. Call him at 416-8618 or email him at chesshorse2@gmail.com

New Park Benches



The Woodmere Neighborhood Association, in partnership with the City of Montgomery and Councilman Charles Jinright, has purchased and installed two new 16-foot long benches in the west end of Woodmere Park. The benches are athletic style and steel dipped in vinyl to avoid scratches and rust. The benches are located parallel with Woodmere Drive just inside the rail fence. Stop and sit a spell and enjoy your beautiful park.

WNA General Meeting

The next Woodmere Neighborhood Association General Meeting will be May 11, 2017 at 6:30 at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium. Please make plans to attend. Membership dues for 2017 are due starting in November 2016. 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.

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WNA Secretary

Margaret Berry, Pampas Drive, has joined the board and is our new WNA Secretary. Call her at 213-4000.



Clean Up Your Neighborhood

The Woodmere Neighborhood Association has adopted Woodmere Boulevard and Carmichael Road within the Woodmere neighborhood in cooperation with the Montgomery Clean City Commission. The WNA will perform quarterly or more often trash pickup missions on the two streets within the confines of the Woodmere neighborhood. The second such organized trash pickup will be held May 13, 2017 and those interested in participating should meet at the parking lot on Woodmere Drive at 9:00 a.m. on May 13. Grabbers and trash bags will be furnished. Let's participate and help keep our neighborhood clean.

May Guest Speaker: Dr. Linda Boyle



Dr Boyle was scheduled to be our guest speaker at our February meeting but, since her household furnishings arrived from Alaska the day before the meeting, we re-scheduled her for May. Dr. Linda L. Boyle is the new director of the Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System (CAVHCS), with division campuses located in Montgomery and Tuskegee and clinics in Montgomery, Monroeville, and Dothan in Alabama as well as Columbus and Ft. Benning in Georgia. Dr. Boyle oversees health care delivery to more than 48,000 Veterans with a workforce of over 1,600 employees. The CAVHCS is a 330-bed facility with an operating budget of approximately \$280 million.

Boyle was appointed Interim Director at the Alaska VA Healthcare System (AVAHS) on August 1, 2015. Prior to this appointment, she had been serving as the Associate Director for Patient Care Services since September 2001.

Prior to her VA service, Dr. Boyle was the Medical Group Commander at Patrick Air Force Base in Florida. A retired Colonel of the United States Air Force, Dr. Boyle served on active duty for approximately 24 years as well as five years with the Air National Guard of Pennsylvania. She held a variety of healthcare leadership positions in her military career, including Clinical Specialist and Medical Support Squadron Commander. She obtained her nursing diploma from Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and her bachelors and masters degrees in nursing from the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Boyle is also a proven leader as a National Systems Redesign Coach and a Graduate of the Federal Executive Institute. Dr. Boyle is also a contributing author for "Realizing the Future of Nursing: VA Nurses Tell Their Stories".

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Be considerate of others. Be the kind of neighbor you want to have. Keep your yard neat and tidy. Keep your animals to yourself. Your pet should only be allowed to invade your own space, no one else's. Maintain peace and quiet. Do not play loud music.

Be generous Take an apple pie that you cooked to a neighbor who has just moved in or who needs cheering up. When you see a neighbor struggling with a project, offer to help them.

Draw neighbors together. Have a neighborhood potluck or progressive dinner. Join together with other parents on Halloween to make trick-or-treating a safe experience for the neighborhood children.

Volunteer in your neighborhood. A successful neighborhood is one where people are available and willing to help their neighbors. In fact, some people have only their neighbors to rely on. When you see someone struggling with a heavy load, offer to help. You do not have to be neighborly to live in a neighborhood, but it sure makes life more pleasant and meaningful for everyone involved if you are. Creating a safer, more peaceful neighborhood is a team effort. Please do your part.

Support your WNA. The WNA membership dues for 2017 are payable now. Funds go to support the programs and efforts of the WNA. The WNA dues are \$25.00 made payable to the WNA. Whether you own or rent in Woodmere, it is important that you support the efforts of the WNA Board of Directors by paying your membership dues and participating to make Woodmere the premier neighborhood in Montgomery. Only you can make a difference.

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

Chasing Our Tales XVIII

Welcome to our 18th visit with Chasing Our Tales. If you recall, the last time we met, we were discussing the events that occurred during the First Creek War of 1813-1814 and the sequence of events setting the stage for the Battle of the Holy Ground. The Holy Ground or Econochaca as the Indians called it was on the Alabama River near the present-day town of White Hall in Lowndes County. Josiah Francis and other Red Stick prophets performed ceremonies sanctifying the land and establishing a spiritual barrier that they believed would destroy any white man attempting to enter. It is interesting to note that although Josiah Francis (Hillis Hadjo, his Creek name) helped perform the religious ceremonies sanctifying the Holy Ground, there is no record of him actually participating in the battle and it is thought he may have escaped with the women and children. Actually, after the Red Sticks failure at Holy Ground, there is no record of Josiah Francis in any subsequent battles of the Creek War. Remember from Chasing Our Tales XIII, Josiah Francis was married to Hannah Moniac, the half-sister of Sam Moniac, and Sam Moniac was married to the sister of William Weatherford. William Weatherford's first wife, Polly Moniac, was the sister of Sam Moniac. William Weatherford's mother, Sehoy III, had a half-sister that was married to Peter McQueen of the Ft. Mims Massacre. Peter McQueen was the uncle of Billy Powell who came to be known as Osceola. We will revisit Josiah Francis at a later date as his life after this battle is of some interest.



Pushmataha

At the Holy Ground, the Red Sticks had formed a barrier of sharpened stakes and fallen logs. With their backs to the river, they prepared to meet the advance of the U. S. Army under General Ferdinand Claiborne. Claiborne led a force of about 1,000 men including some friendly Choctaw warriors. The Choctaws were led by their chief, Pushmataha. The Red Sticks at Holy Ground were led by William Weatherford and numbered several hundred warriors plus a few hundred slaves captured during the Ft. Mims attack and other subsequent raids on plantations. Many slaves fled from their plantations to join the Red Sticks at Holy Ground. At the time of the battle, there were more than 200 houses at Holy Ground.

On December 23, 1813, the stage was set for the start of the battle. Claiborne's men began to emerge from the forest and attack the fortifications and breastworks thrown up by the Red Sticks. In his offensive plan, Claiborne divided his force into three columns, one to attack the left flank of the fortifications, one to attack the center, and one to attack the right flank. Perhaps a tactical error.

The heaviest fighting took place on the right flank where Weatherford and the largest group of Creek warriors used a giant fallen log as a breastworks. This resulted in a delaying action that allowed the remainder of the women and children to escape through holes in the advancing front. Notably, Josiah Francis and his daughter, Milly Francis, slipped away at this time (Milly would go on to make her own mark in history later but not in Alabama).

The Red Stick defenses soon collapsed under Claiborne's assault and, soon, the U. S. soldiers closed in on the settlement and the remaining Red Sticks. 20 to 30 Red Stick warriors were killed but most of the estimated Red Stick force of 320 escaped through the lines of the attacking army. A few dozen of the slaves were killed also. Shortly after the start of the battle, Weatherford and roughly 120 Red Sticks remained to defend the town. Everyone else had fled. The battle lasted a little over an hour.

In the final collapse of the Holy Ground or Econochaca, a legend was born. William Weatherford had a great grey horse named Arrow and as the U. S. soldiers closed the noose tighter and tighter on the Holy Ground, Weatherford, mounted on Arrow, found himself trapped. He tried several different routes to attempt to escape through the U. S. lines but found his way blocked each time. Finally, he found himself trapped on a bluff above the Alabama River. Desperate to escape, he wheeled the great grey horse about and plunged off the bluff into the river. According to the legend, the bluff was 40 feet above the water when, in fact, the bluff was less than 20 feet and, maybe, nor more than 15 feet. Regardless, 20 feet or 40 feet, this was no small feat for a man on horseback and, Weatherford with his horse, Arrow, escaped and lived to fight another day. Weatherford's Leap is an Alabama legend that lives on today.



Weatherford's Leap

As a military engagement, the Battle of the Holy Ground was a dismal failure for the U. S. forces with only a small number of the hostiles killed and the majority escaping to do battle on another day in another place. Claiborne lost one man during the engagement. When the U. S. forces retired from the battlefield, they left the Choctaws to plunder and pillage whatever the Red Sticks left. Regardless of the lack of a significant military battle, large stores of food, corn and ammo were confiscated, depriving the Red Sticks of much needed supplies which would have profound impact on their ability to do battle in the future. Most of Claiborne's troops were enlisted for a definite period of time and their enlistments ran out soon after the end of the battle.

After the battle, Claiborne's men discovered scalps taken by the Red Sticks at Ft. Mims and at the Kimble-James Massacre near Ft. Sinquefield.

The loss of foodstuffs and the destruction of livestock during this battle and the other battles of the First Creek War plus the destruction of livestock and crops during plantation raids would mean severe hardships for the Creeks in the future.

Though the failure of the spiritual barrier preparation for the battle performed by Josiah Francis was complete disaster, the Red Sticks did not seem to be disheartened as they continued to gather in massive forces to do battle against the U. S. forces.

During the waning days of 1813, there were other significant events taking place in Alabama that would have a tremendous impact on the fate of the Creek Indians and the outcome of the First Creek War. General Floyd was advancing and doing battle with his army from Georgia in East Alabama while General Jackson, with his Tennessee Army, was advancing from the north. The pincers were closing in on the Red Sticks.

Due to the significance of the battles fought by Floyd and Jackson's forces on Alabama History, we will talk about them in our next encounter with Chasing Our Tales. All of this begins to set the stage for what happened at a horseshoe bend in the Tallapoosa River near present-day Dadeville, Alabama. See you next time.

NOTE: previous visits with Chasing Our Tales are available by visiting www.woodmeremontgomery.com and viewing previous editions of the Woodmere News newsletter.