



2018 Membership Form

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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 2018 memberships expire on December 31.
Woodmere Neighborhood Association 2017 **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 send your \$25 or \$30 (for handbook) check payable to:
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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. WNA considers your personal data (name, address, e-mail, phone, etc.) as confidential and will not release this data under any circumstances to any merchant, agent, or other organization.

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Summer 2018 Edition

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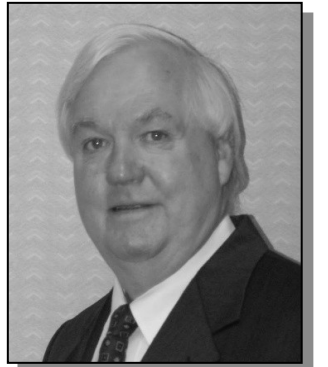
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Woodmere NEWS

President's Commentary



Jimmy Gunn,
WNA President

DEAR NEIGHBORS:

One of the privileges of being part of the Woodmere Neighborhood Association is watching the positive changes the WNA is able to make through our city government and the negative changes it is able to avoid. These are changes that affect every resident of Woodmere. A good example is the rezoning issue that came before the Planning Commission not long ago. An empty lot on Woodmere Blvd across from the gas station had been zoned for apartments years before, but never developed. The owner needed to rezone it to be able to sell it. His request was reasonable, but the WNA Board could see the potential for the development of a number of businesses that would not be suitable for our neighborhood. Consequently, the Board approached the seller with a list of businesses we would like excluded from his proposed rezoning. After realizing our concerns, he readily agreed. The changes were made and the Planning Commission and City Council voted to keep those businesses out of that rezoning.

This action came because the seller, the Planning Commission, and the City Council recognized that the WNA Board represented you, the 793 households of Woodmere. In other words, we were heard because we have an active association. As the saying goes, "In union there is strength."

But to continue to be heard in City Hall we need you to support us. We need your presence at our meetings and your willingness to join us (or renew) by paying your \$25.00 annual dues. If you have not sent in your check for 2018, would you do so today? Yes, it is voluntary, just as our work at City Hall is voluntary. But if we all pull together, we can keep our property values up and our crime down. What do you say? Won't you join us? The application form is on the back of this newsletter. Thanks.

Woodmere Neighborhood Association Meeting

Thursday, August 9, 2018 6:30 p.m.

Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium

Speaker: Dr. Edwin C. Bridges

Interim Director of Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts

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311

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Financial Report

Phyllis Tillery, Treasurer

	March	April	May	June	Budget
Beginning Balance	3018.32	3083.32	3083.32	1680.23	
Income					
Membership Dues, Plus Online Dues	175.00	0.00	121.91	250.00	3,540.00
Advertisements	0.00	0.00	60.00	60.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	1200.00	0.00
Handbooks	5.00	0.00	5.00	10.00	0.00
Total Income	175.00	0.00	186.91	1520.00	3,540.00
Expenses					
Newsletter	0.00	0.00	390.00	30.00	1945.00
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	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Printing Handbooks	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.00	195.00
Website	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Administrative Expenses	50.00	0.00	50.00	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	60.00	0.00	60.00	0.00	120.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	1200.00	0.00	100.00
Total Expenses	110.00	0.00	1590.00	0.00	3,540.00
Ending Balance	3083.32	3083.32	3083.32	3200.23	

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At Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts

June 30 thru September 16, 2018



Jane Cassidy, *The Undersea Well*: Cassidy creates site-specific audio-visual installations. By manipulating various technologies such as speakers and projectors, Cassidy fuses light and sound to form meditative environments filled with visual music. At the MMFA, she will exhibit multiple installations, moving from individual sculptural encounters simulating deep space, to a contemplative installation melding sound and illumination.



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WNA General Meeting

The next Woodmere Neighborhood Association General Meeting will be Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 6:30 at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium. Please make plans to attend. Membership dues for 2018 are due. 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.



Alabama Shakespeare Festival
August 25, 2018 – September 16, 2018

COME JOIN OUR SISTERHOOD! Four women at a lingerie sale with nothing in common but a black lace bra AND memory loss, hot flashes, night sweats, not enough sex, too much sex and more! This hilarious musical parody set to classic tunes from the '60s, '70s and '80s will have you cheering and dancing in the aisles! See what millions of women worldwide have been laughing about for 16 years! It's the Hilarious Celebration of Women and The Change!®

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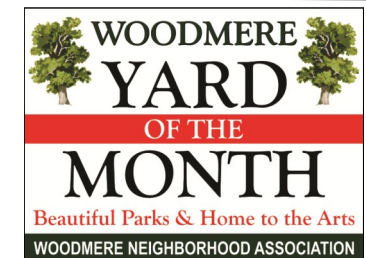
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WNA considers your personal data (name, address, e-mail, phone, etc.) as confidential and will not release this data under any circumstances to any merchant, agent, or other organization.

2018 Sanitation Holiday Schedule

- Labor Day – Monday, Sept. 3, 2018**
Garbage: Monday & Thursday routes worked Tuesday & Thursday; Tuesday & Friday routes worked Wednesday & Friday
 - Columbus Day – Monday, Oct. 8, 2018**
Garbage: NO CHANGE IN SCHEDULE
 - Veterans Day – Monday, Nov. 12, 2018**
Garbage: NO CHANGE IN SCHEDULE
 - Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018**
Garbage: Monday & Thursday routes worked Monday & Wednesday; Tuesday & Friday routes – No Change
 - Christmas Day – Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2018**
Garbage: Monday & Thursday routes - No Change; Tuesday & Friday routes worked Wednesday & Friday
- Help Keep Montgomery Clean... PLEASE DO NOT LITTER!

Clean Up Your Neighborhood

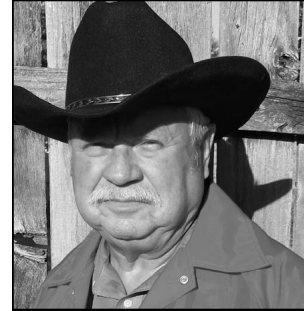


Yard Of The Month

The Woodmere Neighborhood Association Yard of the Month program is coming back. We have new eye-catching Yard of the Month signs and three lucky households will be displaying these signs in September. There will be one winner for conventional home, one for patio/garden homes and one for town houses. Judging will be conducted during the month of August so get the mowers, trimmers, planters and all of lawn equipment ready.

Chasing Our Tales XX

Twenty times we have met and 20 times we have talked about early Alabama and, most recently, about the First Creek War. The last time we talked, General John Floyd had fought the Creeks at the Battle of Calabee Creek after which Floyd moved his Georgia militia back to the safety of Ft. Mitchell on the Chattahoochee River. General Ferdinand Claiborne had fought and defeated the Red Stick Creeks and William Weatherford (Red Eagle) at the Battle of the Holy Ground. General Claiborne retired his forces back to the relative safety of South Alabama and then back to Natchez with his Mississippi militia. General Andrew



By Jessie Donaldson

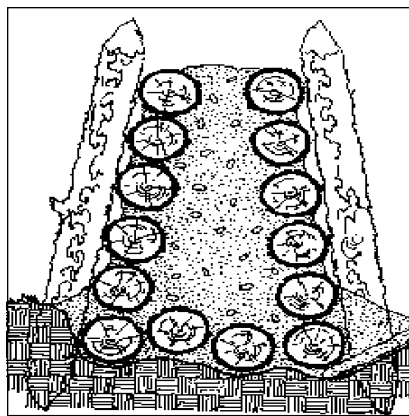
Jackson had fought the battles of Tallushatchee and Talladega.



Aerial View Of Horseshoe Bend

The campaigns carried out by Claiborne forced the Red Sticks eastward and away from the Alabama River. The campaigns by Floyd pushed the Red Sticks northward and away from the Chattahoochee, East Alabama and the lower Tallapoosa River. Meanwhile, General Jackson, with his Tennessee militia accompanied by General John Coffee, Sam Houston, and Davy Crockett, began to move southward. In March, 1814, Jackson commanded a force of about 3300 men which included 500 Cherokee warriors and about 100 friendly Creeks plus reinforcements of regular Army soldiers from the Thirty-Ninth U. S. Infantry.

For the previous six months, the Red Stick Creeks had sought a place of refuge that could be defended easily and, thereby, offer the time to regroup and reequip to continue the struggle to stop the steady flow of settlers into Creek land. At a point about midway in its flow southward, the Tallapoosa River curls back on itself to form a peninsula containing about 100 acres of wooded land. The peninsula faces north and south with the narrow neck of the peninsula at the North end and the toe of the peninsula at the South end. At the neck of the peninsula, the Red Sticks constructed an elaborate log-and-dirt barricade across the 400 yard entrance to the peninsula. The barricade was five to eight feet tall and was formed from two vertical pine log walls filled with dirt between the two walls. The barricade ran in a zigzag pattern and included strategically placed portholes which allowed the defenders to fire upon an attacking force from behind the safety of the barricade. The design would subject an attacking force to fire from two sides.



Section of the Barricade Construction

At the toe on the south end of the peninsula, the Red Sticks built a village of about 300 log homes. They called the village Tohopeka. With the massive barricade at the North neck and the 100-yard wide Tallapoosa on the other three sides, the Creeks hoped to defeat any attacking army. Within this refuge lived about 1000 Red Stick warriors and over 350 women and children. The Red Sticks were led by a chief named Menawa and a prophet named Monahee. When he was born, Menawa was named Hothlepoya. He was the son of a high-status Creek woman and a Scots fur trader. He was born in the village of Oakfuskee, the site of which is now covered by Lake Martin. When he be-

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On March 27, 1814, General Jackson, with his forces, approached the peninsula known as Horseshoe Bend from the north side facing the Red Stick barricade. Jackson split his forces and sent General Coffee with a force of 700 mounted riflemen and 600 Indian allies to a spot two and one half miles south of the village of Tohopeka where they forded the Tallapoosa and approached the Horseshoe from the south side directly across the river from the village. At about 10:30 in the morning, Jackson formed his forces in a line on a ridge facing the barricade about 250 yards away. Realizing a frontal assault would be futile; Jackson ordered his two artillery pieces forward and began a bombardment of the center of the barricade from about 100 yards away. For the next two hours, the two cannons fired shot after shot at the barricade. Since the barricade was constructed of soft pine and dirt, it absorbed the cannon fire with little damage. Red Stick riflemen constantly sniped at the cannons and the barricade was still unapproachable.



Chief Menawa

Prior to Jackson's approach, the Red Sticks had tied up dozens of canoes on the southern tip of the peninsula to enable the escape of the women and children. At about 12:30, some of the Cherokees and Creeks under Coffee across the river swam the 120 yard-wide river and captured several of the canoes. They paddled the canoes back across the river and began to ferry more friendly Indians and militiamen across the river where they began an attack on the Indian village.

Shortly thereafter, Jackson, upon seeing the smoke and gunfire from the village, ordered a frontal charge on the barricade. Jackson knew that the Red Sticks behind the barricade would be distracted by the attack from Coffee's men to their rear. Thus began a brutal battle that would rage on for another six hours.

At the beginning of the battle, the Red Stick prophets had said that a huge black cloud would appear and drive Jackson's Army away insuring victory for the Red Sticks. Later a small black cloud did appear sparking yells and cheers from the Red Sticks but resulting in only a quick shower of rain. At this time, there began a heated disagreement between Menawa and the prophet, Monahee, regarding the strategy of the battle. Menawa promptly and on the spot killed Monahee. The Red Sticks instantly rallied behind Menawa.

A great roll from Jackson's drummers signaled the bayonet charge on the front of the barricade while some of the Red Sticks were diverted by Coffee's attack at their rear. The first man to reach the top of the barricade was Major Lemuel Montgomery who was promptly killed by a shot to the head. Montgomery was 28 years old and Montgomery County was named in his honor. One of the next men over the barricade was Sam Houston who stood six feet six inches tall. Houston was waving a sword and leading his platoon over the barricade only to fall just inside with an arrow in his thigh. Houston yelled at a nearby lieutenant and asked for help in removing the arrow. The lieutenant refused and told Houston he should see the surgeon. Houston threatened the lieutenant with his sword after which the lieutenant pulled with all of his strength and ripped the arrowhead from Houston's thigh resulting in a large gash. Jackson saw Houston's wound and ordered him to see the surgeon to bind the wound. As

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soon as Jackson walked away, Houston rejoined the fight.

Soon the Red Sticks were falling back toward the village at the toe of the peninsula and their situation looked hopeless. Somewhere about the middle of the afternoon, Jackson ordered a halt and sent an interpreter forward offering life to those Red Sticks who would surrender. At about this same time was when the black cloud appeared in the sky and the Red Sticks felt victory was certain. They declined Jackson's proposal and the battle began anew. Sam Houston grabbed a musket and charged forward only to receive a wound that shattered his right arm and another that smashed his right shoulder. One of the bullets was removed later by a surgeon but he carried the other one until his death.

Jackson eventually destroyed the log houses at the Indian village with flaming arrows and, by nightfall, the battle was over. Roughly 800 of the Red Stick warriors at the battle lay dead on the battle ground or in the river. This was the largest loss of life for the Indians in a single battle in North America.

A few interesting details about the battle include the fact that although Davy Crockett was with General Coffee's command, he never crossed the river and never actually participated in the battle. Crockett would go on to serve in the U. S. Congress representing the state of Tennessee. After his frustration with politics, he went to Texas and would eventually lose his life at the Alamo. Sam Houston would carry problems from his three wounds the rest of his life. Houston was elected Governor of the state of Tennessee from 1827-1829. He went on to lead Texas in their fight for independence and twice served as the President of the Republic of Texas and, afterwards, as the Texas U. S. Senator and then as the Governor of the state of Texas from 1859-1861. He is

the only person to be elected Governor in two separate states.

The Creek chief, Menawa, was wounded numerous times during the battle and was passed over as dead. He lay amongst the dead until sometime during the night when he crawled to the river and managed to pull his body into one of the canoes. The canoe drifted downstream on the river to be found the next morning by Creek Indian women and children near where the Elkahatchee Creek flows into the Tallapoosa. Menawa lived and eventually fought on the side of the U. S. in the First Seminole War in Florida. He was forced to move to the western Indian Territories during the Trail of Tears.

General John Coffee would go on to distinguish himself again at the Battle of New Orleans. Coffee County, Alabama was named in his honor. Andrew Jackson, of course, went on to glory at the Battle of New Orleans and the Seminole Wars in Florida. Jackson served two terms as President of the United States.

The power of the Creek Indian Nation was broken at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend. Not only the Creek, but never again would any force of the Indians be powerful enough to generate general fear in the nation, or to task the force and power of any state. After Horseshoe Bend, the power of the Indian was on the decline and the possession of continental North America changed owners.

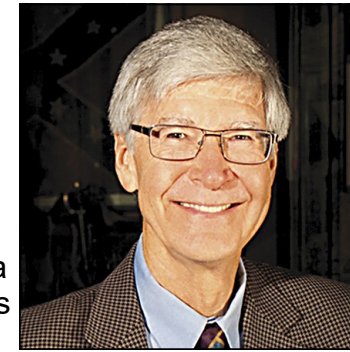
Horseshoe Bend National Military Park is a U.S. national military park managed by the National Park Service that is the site of the last battle of the Creek War on March 27, 1814. The address is 11288 Horseshoe Bend Rd, Daviston, AL 36256. The park encompasses 3.188 square miles. The park is open seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. To reach the park, take Highway 49 north from Dadeville. The entrance to the park will be on the right a short distance after you cross the Tallapoosa River.



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August Guest Speaker:

Dr. Edwin C. Bridges will be our guest speaker for the General Meeting in August. Dr. Bridges is the interim director of the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. He grew up in Bainbridge, Georgia and is a graduate of Furman University and the University of Chicago. Dr. Bridges served as the director of the Alabama Department of Archives and History for 30 years from 1982 until



Dr. Bridges

2012. He is the author of a new book, *Alabama: The Making of an American State*. He and his wife, Martha, have three daughters and three grandchildren. Please join us on August 9 at 6:30 in the auditorium of the Montgomery Fine Arts Museum in Blount Cultural Park for this outstanding presentation.

Statue Garden Grand Opening

The Grand Opening for the long awaited Statue Garden at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts will be on Sunday, September 30 from noon until 3:00 p.m. The event will be open to the public.

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Chapter 25 - SOLID WASTE ARTICLE II. - COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Sec. 25-35. - Disposal of garbage by single-family dwellings, duplexes, townhouses and condominiums; property where garbage fee not collected; removal or abatement by city.

- (a) Roll-out containers for residences. The city will provide each resident with a roll-out container for the purpose of storage of garbage and miscellaneous refuse. The resident will be responsible for cleaning of the roll-out container. On scheduled garbage pickup days, the resident will be required to place the roll-out container at the curbside not later than 7:00 a.m. and remove the roll-out container from the curbside not later than 7:00 p.m. of the same day. The city will be responsible for repair or replacement of roll-out containers damaged or stolen through no fault of the resident. Upon proof of disability because of health, age or other reasons, the department will continue to collect garbage from garbage cans placed near the back entrance of such residence unless otherwise designated by agreement with the department. No collection personnel shall enter houses or buildings.

Woodmere and the Nextdoor blog

As a resident of Woodmere Neighborhood, you can join the Woodmere Nextdoor blog free by going to <https://nextdoor.com/city/montgomery--al/> on your computer. You will be asked to enter your street address so that your residency can be confirmed. The Woodmere Nextdoor blog now has 322 members. There are two Nextdoor leads in Woodmere who are responsible for verifying that new members are actually residents of Woodmere. Nextdoor is not for free commercial ads but if you have a household item to sell, you may post it. The Nextdoor leads are responsible for keeping unauthorized commercial ads off the blog and any posts that are considered offensive or not in the best interests of the neighborhood.