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Woodmere News

President's Commentary

Jimmy Gunn



Jimmy Gunn, WNA President



Charles Jinright, City Council President

Fall has finally arrived. Fall is a season filled with change. Days are becoming shorter and the evenings are cooler. The leaves are falling from the trees and hedges. We can finally put up our lawnmowers for a while.

Thanks to everyone who showed up for the Evening in the Park Event at the Glasgow home on Tuesday, October 14, 2014. There was a lot of good food, good entertainment and good fellowship. Thanks to everyone who put this together and made it happen.

I would ask that all of you come to the Neighborhood Association Meeting on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 6:30PM at the Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium. We need your participation and input. If you have an idea that would help our neighborhood, please email us at info@woodmeremontgomery.com. That's also a good way to volunteer your time and talent to keep Woodmere the best place to live in Montgomery.

It is not too early to pay your 2015 WNA membership dues of \$25.00. The application form is on the back of this newsletter. You can pay at the November 6, 2014 Association Meeting or mail it to the association's post office address. Show your support for the Woodmere Community by joining today.

We want to have a big year in 2015 by increasing WNA membership, identifying short range and long range projects and making Woodmere more beautiful and safer. This can only happen with everyone's support and participation. Why don't you plan to be a part of this? You might just enjoy it and meet some new friends and neighbors at the same time.

Woodmere Neighborhood Association Meeting
Thursday, November 6, 2014 6:30 p.m.
Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium
Speaker: Charles Jinright
President, Montgomery City Council
Come Out and Support your Neighborhood

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241-2651

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241-2400

Ordinance Violations
311

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Financial Report

Melissa Martin, Treasurer

	July	August	September	Year to Date	Budget
Beginning Balance	2,938.36	3,012.33	2,577.33	1,982.50	
Income					
Membership Dues, Plus Online Dues	73.97	0.00	80.00	2,706.91	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
Total Income	73.97	0.00	80.00	2,706.91	3750.00
Expenses					
Newsletter	0.00	385.00	0.00	1,144.00	1500.00
Day in the Park	0.00	0.00	450.00	450.00	750.00
Administrative Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	166.23	805.00
Meeting Room	0.00	50.00	0.00	150.00	200.00
Entrance Signs	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	0.00	0.00	70.00
Stratford Place Signs	0.00	0.00	0.00	330.00	0.00
Total Expenses	0.00	435.00	450.00	2,482.08	3,750.00
Ending Balance	3,012.33	2,577.33	2,207.33	2,207.33	



La Pompe Notre-Dame, 1852, by Charles Meryon

At the **Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts**

The Grand Tour: Prints from Rome, Florence, Paris, Venice and London

September 27—November 23

Come see the old world through the art of centuries gone by.

A Christmas CAROL



Playing at ASF November 23—December 24

A Christmas Carol is back. Whether you love the Dickens tale for its triumph of compassion over greed, or just like a stunning play well done, this is for you. Contact the box office at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival (334-271-5353).

Come to the Meeting

What will be Montgomery's priorities in 2015 when it comes to spending money? Find out November 6, 6:30 pm at the WNA General Meeting, Montgomery Museum of Fine Art. Come prepared to ask questions and learn what your city government is doing and planning to do next.

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.

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.



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Yard of the Month August

Townhouse: 1624 Woodmere Loop

Home: 1901 Woodmere Loop

Garden Home: 1624 Woodmere Loop

September

Townhouse: 1637 Sandstone Court

Home: 6230 Willow Glen Drive

Garden Home: 1614 Salisbury Place



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Genealogy or Chasing Our Tales, Part VIII

The Old Federal Road brought settlers to the area of Montgomery County, Lowndes County and on into Butler County. In Butler County, we find one of the most atrocious acts committed in these early days of Alabama.

In Western Butler County, there is an area referred to as “the flats” or “pine flats” or “dogwood flats” and it has carried these names since the early days. As you travel west from present day Greenville on Highway 10 toward Pineapple, you will come to the intersection of Highway 47 and an area known as Awin and “the flats”. A short distance back to the east of this intersection was the location of old Ft. Bibb. Ft. Bibb was built in 1818 as a stockade to enclose the home of Captain James Saffold. Saffold relocated to this home site from his original home on the “Ridge”, also known locally as “Militia Ridge” located on the route of the Old Federal Road. Ft. Bibb was built for the protection of the few settlers in this area who moved in shortly after the treaty of Ft. Toulouse (Ft. Jackson) was signed in August 1814 with the Creeks at the end of the First Creek War.

Captain Saffold was a veteran of the First Creek War and fought under General Floyd and Major William McIntosh at the Battle of Calabee Swamp (see Chasing Our Tales, part V). Other settlers in this part of the county were William Garner, Daniel Shaw, Greg Thigpen and James Garrett. Northeast of the “pine flats”, near the present day Manningham community, lived John Dickerson and William Ogle (some spellings show Orley or Oglesby). Manningham takes its name from Elijah Manningham and his cousin, Benjamin Manningham, who settled there in 1818.

In 1818, work was ongoing to construct another stockade for the protection of settlers at a location to be named Ft. Dale. Ft. Dale is located about six miles north of the courthouse in present day Greenville and Ft. Bibb was about 12 miles due west. Ft. Bibb was named for Gov. W.W. Bibb, the governor of the Alabama territory. Ft. Dale can be found on Highway 185 north of Greenville at the intersection of Highway 185 and County Road 44. At the time of these incidents, the fort was not yet named. Highway 185 is now called the Ft. Dale Road.

On March 13, 1818, William Ogle had attended a military or militia muster at the construction site for Ft. Dale and was on his way to his home which was located about four miles west of Ft. Dale on the Old Federal Road. On the way home, he encountered an old friend, Ell Stroud, who was passing through the country with his wife and children. Ogle was concerned about Stroud’s safety and persuaded Stroud to accompany him to his home for the night.

During the night, hostile Creeks led by an unsavory character who went by the name of “Savannah Jack” attacked the house. Savannah Jack and his band robbed the Strouds and Ogles. They murdered William Ogle and four children outright. Ell Stroud’s wife was severely wounded as well as two or three of the other children. Mrs. Stroud died while being carried to seek medical help.

Five or six days after the massacre, Captain William Butler, Captain Saffold, William Gardner, Daniel Shaw and John Hinson set out from Ft. Bibb and proceeded in the direction of the new Ft. Dale. Near Pine Barren Creek, about four miles from Ft. Bibb, Savannah Jack and his followers attacked them. Gardner and Shaw were killed outright while Captain Butler and John Hinson were wounded. Hinson managed to get on his horse and escape while Captain Butler attempted to make it back to Ft. Bibb. Butler was soon captured and immediately murdered by Savannah Jack. Butler was a Virginian and also served under General Floyd at the Battle of Calabee Swamp. He had lived in Alabama in the “flats” area since 1817. The county was subsequently named after him.

By Jessie Donaldson

At the time of the attack on Captain Butler, Colonel Sam Dale was at the location of the stockade that was under construction to be later named Ft. Dale. He sent troops to the aid of the people at Ft. Bibb. Later Savannah Jack and his band stole horses from Dave Reddock, Thomas Carter and Josiah Hill as well as killing several cattle belonging to Thomas Hill. At this time, a William Cogburn lived at the home of James Benson (said to be the first white settler in Butler County). The Indians killed Cogburn during an attack when he climbed on top of a log to get a better view of Savannah Jack's bunch.

Savannah Jack boasted that he had killed so many women and children upon the Cumberland and Georgia frontiers as well as the new Alabama territory that he could swim in their blood if it was collected in one pool. According to some accounts, Savannah Jack was born at the old Sauwonoga (Sounvanoga plus other spellings) Indian town site on the Tallapoosa River prior to 1780. He was said to be the son of an Irishman from Detroit, John Haig (Hague), and an Indian woman of mixed Shawnee and Yuchi descent. The old Sauwonoga town site became the settlement town of Augusta in 1816 when some of the immigrants from Georgia settled there just off the Old Federal Road. No, not Augusta, Georgia - Augusta, Alabama. More on that later. Savannah Jack fought with William Weatherford (Red Eagle) and the Red Stick Creeks against Andrew Jackson and the peaceful Creeks during the First Creek War and he deeply opposed Weatherford's signing of the treaty with Andrew Jackson at Ft. Toulouse.

In 1789, we know he lived in the vicinity of Pensacola, Florida where he killed a cattle herder and became a wanted man by the Spanish. Remember Florida belonged to Spain at the time. In 1799, he was living at Miccosukee, Florida northwest of present day Tallahassee with the band of Creeks and Seminoles led by a white man from Maryland by the name of William Augustus Bowles. While at Miccosukee, the "state of Muskogee" was proclaimed by Bowles as the sovereign state of the Creeks (although Bowles was a white man). A Muskogee flag was designed and the band made several raids on American and Spanish settlements stealing unknown amounts of gold and treasure while committing numerous murders. Bowles was also a pirate and he terrorized ships along the Gulf coast, particularly those belonging to Panton, Leslie & Company. Bowles became a wanted man by both the United States and Spain. As a side note, the city of Ft. Walton Beach, Florida has an annual "Billy Bowlegs" festival, which actually uses Bowles as its namesake although the spelling was changed.

Eventually, after the events in Butler County, Savannah Jack returned to Florida where he lived out the rest of his days in obscurity. Savannah Jack was never brought to justice for the crimes he committed. William Ogle's wife, the survivor of the Ogle Massacre, remained in the area and later married John Dickerson.

When we next chat about Chasing Our Tales, we will visit the town of Augusta, Alabama and examine some of the early commerce plus meet some of the traders in our area from the times of the Old Federal Road.



William Bowles, pirate

THE THINGS OF FALL

Cool fresh air and falling leaves
Floating softly with the breeze.

Scarecrows, pumpkins and Halloween
Squirrels hiding acorns can be seen.

Hotdogs and pompoms at the football game
Hayrides and apple cider....they're calling my
name!

Yellow mums and white daisies, oh I want them
all....
Yes, these are the things I love about fall!

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Excerpt from City Ordinance Against Having Junk Cars

In this section the term "dismantled, junked or abandoned vehicles" shall be deemed to include parts thereof including bodies, engines, transmissions, rear ends, etc. The term "vehicle legally or physically incapable of being operated" shall include one which does not have attached a current license plate, according to law, or which lacks the equipment in good operating condition as required by law to enable it to be operated.

No person shall deposit, store, keep or permit to be deposited, stored or kept in the open, upon property, a dismantled, unserviceable, junked or abandoned vehicle, or one legally or physically incapable of being operated under its own power.

The owner of any vehicle described in this section shall remove the vehicle within five days after being ordered so to do in writing by the owner, lessee or occupant of the premises where such vehicle shall be found. If the owner of any such vehicle is not known or cannot readily be ascertained, notice to remove may be given by attaching such notice to such vehicle. The police department, upon request, shall assist in ascertaining the name and address of the owner of any such vehicle. If the owner of such vehicle is also the owner, lessee or occupant of the premises, notice to remove shall be given by the police department. An unregistered vehicle on premises not owned or occupied by the owner of such vehicle may be deemed to be abandoned.

Upon failure to remove such vehicle, within the time limited in this section, such owner, lessee or occupant of the premises or the police department shall forthwith remove or cause such vehicle to be removed from the premises to a location to be provided for such purpose by the city.



Nextdoor Woodmere

Woodmere is using a private online network called Nextdoor. Neighbors share community events, recommendations, items for sale, crime reports, ideas about how to improve our neighborhood. You can also get alerts from surrounding neighborhoods. There are apps for both the iPhone and Android. To join, visit www.nextdoor.com/join/XBMWWDY or go to www.nextdoor.com for more information.

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☐ 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 _____

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