



# 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 2017 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 \_\_\_\_\_



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Spring 2018 Edition

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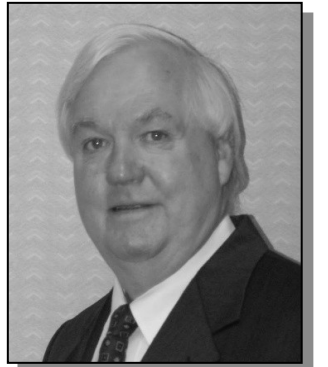
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The blog is free.

# Woodmere NEWS

## President's Commentary



**Jimmy Gunn,**  
WNA President

### DEAR NEIGHBORS:

I hope everyone is enjoying the spring weather and you are ready to start going outdoors again. Lawn mowing season has officially begun. If you have driven down Carmichael Road into our neighborhood lately, you probably have noticed that part of our Woodmere Neighborhood Sign was hit and destroyed by a vehicle. The sign is being repaired as we speak. The Board was able to find the driver of the vehicle that hit the sign and contacted his insurance company who will take care of the repair bill for the sign.

That brings me to this point. It is becoming dangerous to walk close to our streets due to the cars speeding through our neighborhood. The cars come down my street (Woodmere Drive) doing 50 miles per hour. I had two speeding cars pass each other on my street the other day. All of the stop signs in Woodmere can be taken up since most cars blow through them without stopping anyway. You never know if the drivers are going to stop for you when you have the right-of-way. The cut thru from Eastern Bypass to Bell Road through our neighborhood has increased the traffic in our neighborhood. Carmichael Road and Woodmere Boulevard are in need of repaving due to this increase in traffic. Litter is being thrown out on a daily basis so we can never keep up with getting it collected on a routine basis. I have asked MPD for more patrol units in our neighbor on a regular basis. I would ask that you contact MPD also to ask for their help.

The property on Woodmere Boulevard near the apartments that is up for rezoning will not have a service station on it. The Board has met with the owner of the property and reached an agreement regarding prohibiting certain undesirable businesses from being built on this property. This

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### Woodmere Neighborhood Association Meeting

**Thursday, May 10, 2018 6:30 p.m.**

**Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium**

**Speaker: Corporal Cedric Leonard**

**Montgomery County Sheriff's Office**

**Come Out and Support your Neighborhood**

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**Ordinance Violations**  
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**For all emergencies, call**  
911.

**Financial Report**

**Phyllis Tillery, Treasurer**

	January	February	March	April	Budget
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>2708.32</b>	<b>2813.32</b>	<b>3018.32</b>	<b>3083.32</b>	
<b>Income</b>					
Membership Dues, Plus Online Dues	100.00	575.00	175.00	0.00	3,750.00
Advertisements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Handbooks	5.00	15.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>105.00</b>	<b>590.00</b>	<b>175.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,750.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Newsletter	0.00	385.00	0.00	385.00	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	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Printing Handbooks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	195.00
Website	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Administrative Expenses	0.00	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	0.00	0.00	60.00	0.00	102.00
Park Benches Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>385.00</b>	<b>110.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,427.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>2813.32</b>	<b>3018.32</b>	<b>3083.32</b>	<b>2498.32</b>	

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**At Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts**

**February 24 thru June 3, 2018**



Montgerian Anne Goldthwaite (American, 1869–1944) is best known as a painter of Southern subjects who spent the majority of her professional career in New York. Goldthwaite was an even more prolific printmaker during a period when women were just beginning to establish themselves in that role in the art world. This exhibition will survey Goldthwaite's print oeuvre (it exceeds 300 subjects), beginning with her student work in Paris and extending to works produced near the end of her life when she created many subjects in lithography.



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**WNA General Meeting**

The next Woodmere Neighborhood Association General Meeting will be May 10, 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**

**An Evening with Eagles**

**May 30, 2018 @ 7:30 pm**

Join us for an evening celebrating American air power as we hear stories of courage, innovation, and resiliency from three aviation pioneers. Join our featured speakers Gen. Lori Robinson, astronaut Dr. Guion Bluford, and Operation Enduring Freedom hero CMSgt Calvin Markham in an intimate setting where they will share their inspiring stories of service and sacrifice. Afterwards shake hands of all ten "Eagles."

**Confidentiality Statement**

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**

**Memorial Day – Monday, May 28, 2018**

**Garbage:** Monday & Thursday routes worked Tuesday & Thursday; Tuesday & Friday routes worked Wednesday & Friday

**Independence Day – Wednesday, July 4, 2018**

**Garbage:** NO CHANGE IN 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**

The WNA will perform quarterly or more often trash pickup missions on the two streets within the confines of the Woodmere neighborhood. The next organized trash pickup will be held Saturday, May 12, 2018 and those interested in participating should meet at the parking lot on Woodmere Drive at 9:00 a.m. on May 12. Bring your own grabbers and trash bags from home. Let's participate and help keep our neighborhood clean.



## TALES OF THE HIBISCUS

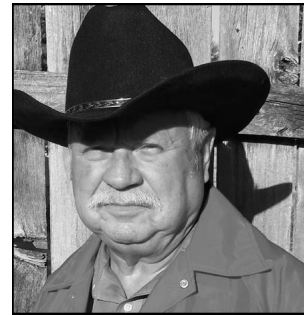
We will pick up the story began in the Fall 2017 edition of the Woodmere News about the plants known as hardy hibiscus. In the early 1950s, a man named Robert Darby split his time working as a hardy Hibiscus breeder/ hybridizer between Behnke nurseries in Beltsville, Maryland and the USDA. He began by mixing the halberd-leaf mallow *Hibiscus laevis*, the scarlet rose mallow *Hibiscus coccineus*, and the rose mallow *Hibiscus moscheutos* in an effort to create interesting new plants for the gardening world. The very first plant he released and sold in 1955 through Behnke nurseries was *Hibiscus* 'Lord Baltimore'. This cultivar boasted huge, 10" wide, waxy, lipstick-red flowers on 4 ft. to 8 ft. stems that brought an interesting, perennial, tropical-looking beauty to zones 4 and higher. A vigorously flowering plant, each Lord Baltimore flower lasts about one day which is typical for all hardy hibiscus. Each plant can produce up to 250 flowers per growing season. Other hardy hibiscus introductions from Robert Darby include Lady Baltimore, Anne Arundel, and Turn of the Century.



**Dave Fleming**

are very proficient at shipping them around the country, both by means of bare root specimens and small green plants.

Typically, hardy hibiscus are propagated by cuttings rather than using cell tissue and radiation methods. However, the group of hardy hibiscus known as Luna Hibiscus is better propagated from seed. During the 1960s, the Sakata Seed Corporation in Japan began hybridizing hardy hibiscus from the native wild plants that grow in the marshes in the United States. Their work produced the very successful H. 'Southern Belle' and H. 'Dixie Belle', but their greatest hits were produced in the 1970's and 80's with the spectacular 'Disco Belle' series. These were the beginnings of the hybrid Luna hibiscus.



**By Jessie Donaldson**

Meanwhile, the Flemings would release such hybrids as Kopper King, Plum Crazy, Fireball, Fantasia, Robert Fleming and Dream Catcher. Although the last of the Fleming brothers, Dave, died in late 2001, the Flemings Flower Fields and others continue the work began by the Flemings and Robert Darby with new varieties appearing on the market. Monrovia Nursery is an industry giant that continues a lot of research in this area using environmentally sustainable methods. Monrovia operates a giant nursery in Cairo, Georgia among other locations. Walters Gardens is another developer of new hardy hibiscus with their Summerific® varieties such as Summer Storm and Cherry Cheesecake.

The public cannot buy from Walters Gardens or Monrovia. They market strictly through specific nurseries. There are 6 or 8 nurseries across the country that offer the plants on the internet and they



**Summer Storm Hibiscus**

In the early 1990s, Dr. Ying Doon Moy, a refugee from China, developed a hybrid hibiscus while he was working as the research and development horticulturist at the San Antonio Botanical Center in Texas. He created a hybrid known as the Moy Grande, the largest, open-face hibiscus flower in the world. The Moy Grande is said to produce 12-inch wide blossoms. Although Dr. Moy passed away in 2012, the Botanical Gardens still maintain a display of his namesake hibiscus in his honor. Dr. Moy also genetically crossed the "Changsha" tangerine with a Mandarin Orange (Satsuma) to produce a high quality fruit



**White Luna Hibiscus**



**Moy Grande**

new plant will hold its characteristics before it is marketed. Even then, enough specimens must be grown to meet market demand. New varieties may take five to eight years before they are brought to market representing a significant investment by the nursery with many hours spent in development. Many of the new varieties available on the market now are patented and only licensed nurseries can legally sell the plants.

The hardy hibiscus is really relatively easy to grow requiring little care. They are sun lovers and require at least half-a-day of full sun. They do not like to dry out and require watering if we do not receive rain. They thrive best on organic fertilizers such as compost. I have perhaps 12 or 14 different varieties that I grow. They will be in full bloom by early to mid June with blooming season lasting until September or October. Consider this an invitation to come by and see them for yourself.

If you are interested in growing hardy hibiscus for a hobby, contact me and I will give you the web-sites of the various nurseries across the country where you can purchase the plants. Most of the nurseries sell out of the plants by June and many of them will not ship the plants during the heat of the summer. Occasionally you will come across a couple of the varieties at your local nurseries and at Lowe's or Home Depot.

which is mostly seedless and more cold hardy than Satsumas called "Changats". The first commercial release of this fruit was named 'Orange Frost' (but Dr. Moy called it 'Flourishing') and his high-yielding variety of this citrus fruit he named 'Bumper' was available all over Texas in 2013. The new variety will lead to growth and production of citrus in areas where this was previously impossible.

New varieties of hibiscus must be proven through four or five generations of the plant to be sure the



**Heart Throb Hibiscus**

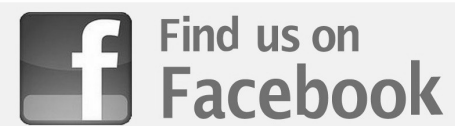
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**REMEMBER WHEN** by Steve Tillery

I will be the first to say I am not of the really old generation but am not that young either. I like to think about the olden days when cars and trucks were different. I'm sure the older generation can add memories to these. Remember these?

- Remember when cars and trucks had only AM radios and only outside radio antennas (no windshield antennas).
- Remember installing an FM Converter under the dash so you could listen to FM through the AM radio? Unfortunately there was only a couple of stations out there.
- Remember add on air conditioning units that fit under the dash?
- Remember the first under the dash 8-Track player? And the numerous times the tape wound up jammed in the player?
- Remember the guys in high school "borrowing" the speakers at drive-in movies and putting them in the rear window behind the back seat? They thought they had Hi-Fidelity!
- Cars had the gas filler under the tag in the rear. Pickup trucks had the gas tank inside the cab behind the seat and the filler by the door. And hearing the gas sloshing around when driving.
- Cars and Trucks had real outside air vents that opened under the dash on the sides. Pull a handle to let in lots of air. Remember the leaves and trash that blew out when you opened them in the spring?
- Headlight dimmer buttons on the floor. Starter pedals on the floor?
- When the only heater vents in a vehicle were under the dash in the middle above the driveshaft hump. I'd swear heaters back in those days put out more heat.
- When cars and trucks had vent windows on the side windows. Talk about air flow!
- Remember when Direct Oil Gas stations had merchandize (prizes?) in the glass cases- after buying so much gas you could select a prize
- Remember trying to speed shift a 3 speed manual on the column?
- Remember putting a screwdriver in the shifter on the column to replace a broken knob?
- Remember the pump up glass gas pumps? Gimme 5 gallons-Regular or Ethel?
- Remember bumper jacks that fit real metal chromed bumpers?
- Remember as a kid looking a performance car's speedometer to see how high it went?
- Remember when most all cars had bench seats-and bucket seats were a novelty or specialty?



### May Guest Speaker: Corporal Cedric Leonard

Corporal Cedric Leonard with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department will be our guest speaker at the May 10 WNA General meeting. Deputy Leonard will speak on the subjects of social media security and bullying. Please join us on May 10 at 6:30 in the auditorium of the Montgomery Fine Arts Museum in Blount Cultural Park for this timely presentation.

### Know Your Ordinances

#### DIVISION 2. OVERGROWN GRASS AND WEEDS

#### Sec. 12-61. Overgrown grass or weeds prohibited and declared a nuisance.

It shall be unlawful and declared a nuisance and injurious to public health, safety and general welfare for any occupant, owner, lessee, or person in control of any property within the city or any occupant, owner, lessee or person in control whose property abuts city streets to allow an abundance of overgrown grass or weeds to exist if any of the following conditions are met: (1) the grass or weeds provide breeding grounds and shelter for rats, mice, snakes, mosquitoes and other vermin, insects and pests; (2) the grass or weeds attain such heights and dryness so as to constitute serious fire threat or hazard; (3) the grass or weeds bear wingy or downy seeds, when mature, that cause the spread of weeds, and when breathed, irritation to the throat, lungs and eyes of the public; (4) the grass or weeds are capable of hiding debris, such as broken glass or metal, which could inflict injury on any person going upon the property; (5) the grass or weeds are unsightly; or (6) if not grown as ornamental plant growth, the grass or weeds exceed 12 inches in height. Said property shall include, but not be limited to, sidewalks, city right-of-way strips, alleys, parking lots, driveways, grounds, fences, walls, property lines, privately owned storm drains, and vacant lots within the city.

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agreement will be presented to the planning commission in late April. Let's all start monitoring the street that you live on and keep our properties up so that we will have a beautiful neighborhood. If the board needs to get involved, we will be glad to do so.

I would ask that each of you join the WNA for the 2018 year and participate in our meetings and events. Less than 15% of the residents are members of the association. Why? We need funds to assist in beautifying the common areas throughout Woodmere. We need your help to maintain the entrance areas, flags and flag poles in our neighborhood. We also need you to help in our planned cleanups and making sure that the street where you live is clean and maintained. If your street or sidewalk needs repair or needs a handicapped ramp on the sidewalk going onto the street installed, contact the board. We need your backing and your support.

Let's all do our part in maintaining our properties, keeping the trash picked up in our neighborhood and calling Montgomery Police Department when you witness any crime or suspect an illegal activity taking place. Also call 311 if you notice a city ordinance being violated. It will take each and every one of us working together to keep Woodmere the best place to live here in Montgomery.

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