



2018 Membership Form

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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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Winter 2018 Edition

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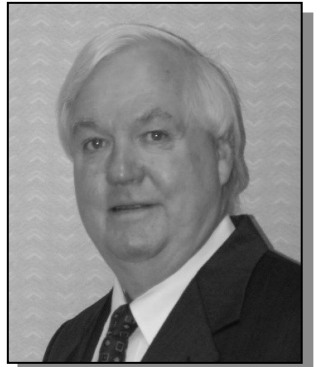
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Woodmere NEWS

President's Commentary



Jimmy Gunn,
WNA President

DEAR NEIGHBORS:

I hope all of you had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. The year 2018 offers all of us new challenges and opportunities. The WNA Board continues to work for you on a daily basis to assure that Woodmere will continue to be a clean, safe and inviting neighborhood to come home to everyday .

The Board asks for your input as to what you would like for us to work on in Woodmere that concerns you. Is litter, crime, street repair, homes in disrepair, infrastructure, berms, improvements in the park or anything else something that the Board can work with you on to bring to fruition?

A strong WNA is made up of all of our residents. I would ask that each of you join the WNA and then get involved. Let's make 2018 the year that unites our community and brings great things to Woodmere.

The WNA wants to strengthen our Neighborhood Watch Program. This program tells criminals your neighborhood is serious about keeping crime at bay and it's a great way to work together to solve a range of neighborhood challenges. Knowledge of the crime going on in your area is power, especially when it comes to fighting crime. Keeping up with crime trends in our area by using community sites will help us stay one step ahead of criminals. Put February 8, 2018 on your calendar. See you there at 6:30 p.m.

Join or renew your membership online at
www.woodmeremontgomery.com

Woodmere Neighborhood Association Meeting

Thursday, February 8, 2018 6:30 p.m.

Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium

Speaker: Greg Thornton

Founding Artistic Director, Cloverdale Playhouse

Come Out and Support your Neighborhood

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625-2970

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625-2651

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625-2400

Ordinance Violations
311

For all emergencies, call
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Financial Report

Phyllis Tillery, Treasurer

	September	October	November	December	Budget
Beginning Balance	1696.20	1740.20	1794.17	2453.32	
Income					
Membership Dues, Plus Online Dues	100.00	48.97	225.00	255.00	3,750.00
Advertisements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	1000.00	0.00	0.00
Handbooks	0.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	100.00	53.97	1225.00	100.00	3,750.00
Expenses					
Newsletter	0.00	0.00	385.00	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	0.00	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	0.00	180.85	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	56.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	102.00
Park Benches Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	56.00	0.00	565.85	0.00	3,427.00
Ending Balance	1740.20	1794.17	2453.32	2708.32	

Visit us online at www.woodmeremontgomery.com

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 February 8, 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
Much Ado About Nothing**

February 22, 2018 – May 6, 2018

"Sigh no more, ladies, sigh no more, men were deceivers ever..." The delightfully antagonistic relationship of Beatrice and Benedick is at the heart of this Shakespearean comedy. They skewer each other with witty repartee until they must join forces to save innocent young lovers threatened by a common enemy

**February Guest Speaker:
Greg Thornton**

Our November Guest speaker is Mr. Greg Thornton of the Cloverdale Playhouse. Mr. Thornton's career as an actor has spanned over 35 years. He was a resident actor and Associate Artist with the Alabama Shakespeare Festival for over twenty



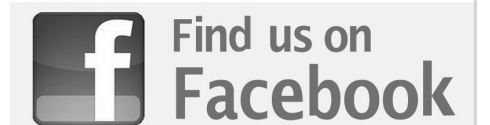
Greg Thornton

seasons. He has worked extensively with the Cincinnati Playhouse, the Repertory Theater of Saint Louis, the Cleveland Playhouse, the Denver Center Theatre Company, the Old Globe in San Diego, CA, the Pioneer Theatre in Salt Lake City, UT, and Playmakers Rep in Chapel Hill, NC.

Most recently, he played Prospero in *The Tempest* at the Orlando Shakespeare Theater. He was the Founding Artistic Director of the Cloverdale Playhouse in Montgomery, Alabama, now in its seventh season. His directing credits include *Opus*, *A Raisin in the Sun*, and *The Clean House*. He directed the Bama Theatre Company's production of *As You Like It* in the NYC Fringe Festival. His film and television credits include *Marathon Man*, *Law and Order*, *Tales from the Darkside*, *Another World*, and *One Life to Live*. He is also a narrator of recorded books for Audible.com.

Calling All Articles!!!

We are always looking for new articles or new authors for the Woodmere News. If you would like to submit an article to be printed in the next newsletter, contact Jessie Donaldson or Sam Whatley. You can reach them at jdonaldson@knology.net for Jessie or chesshorse2@gmail.com for Sam.



Calling All Pollinators: Helping Your Local Bees

By Christy Erickson

Bees are an essential species for our economy and ecosystem, more than you may know. Their function as pollinators makes them essential to crop production around the globe.



Photo by Louise Docker

They are responsible for much of the food we consume, and even the clothes we wear. According to an article published by The Guardian, bees are responsible for 84 percent of the crops grown for human consumption. That's nearly three out of every four bites you eat! According to the United States Food and Drug Administration, bees are responsible for an estimated 15 billion dollars in added crop value annually.

Bees are one of the key factors responsible for what is known as cross-pollination. Cross-pollination occurs when the pollen from the flower of one plant fertilizes the flower of another plant. When a bee feeds, it carries pollen from the male plant to the female, making bees one of the main sources of cross-pollination for plants around the world. Nearly 250,000 species of plants rely on the transfer of pollen in order to reproduce. This is why they lend such a big hand to our consumables and economy.

Unfortunately, the importance of bees is often overlooked. As it turns out, they're in a bit of a crisis. According to a recent study by the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, bee populations have declined by 30 percent in recent years. But why?

An anomaly known as Colony Collapse Disorder has been cited by many as the main culprit for this decline. Colony Collapse Disorder occurs when the majority of worker bees abandon their queen, resulting in the collapse of the entire colony over the winter months. The cause

of CCD has been attributed to many things, including the use of harmful pesticides, the parasites varroa mite and the loss of habitat.

When speaking to Salon, Dave Goulson—who founded the Bumblebee Conservation Trust—recommended the conservation of bee habitats in order to help the struggling populations. Creating a pollinator garden is a simple way to help these bee populations thrive in your own backyard.

Although some people are afraid of attracting pollinator bees to their lawn or garden, the less aggressive species of bee tend to be native pollinators, unlike a typical yellow jacket or non-native honey bee. According to the USDA, the sting of pollinator bees tends to be mild in comparison to more aggressive breeds. Try planting flowering strains native to your ecoregion, and be sure to avoid using harmful pesticides and other chemicals toxic to bees.

There are several ecoregions throughout the United States. Some examples include the Subtropical regions in Florida and the Southeastern United States, the Temperate Steppe of the Great Plains, the Desert and Desert Mountain ecoregions of the Southwest and the Marine Mountains of the Washington and Oregon coast. Be sure to educate yourself on your specific ecoregion and what flowering plants are native to that area.

Even if you do not have a lot of space, a simple raised-bed flower garden or some potted plants with some native strains will help your local bee population to thrive.

Instead of using harmful pesticides in your pollinator garden, consider weeding by hand. Not only do you get exercise, but gardening has shown to improve mental well-being and happiness. According to a 2011 article published by CNN, the experience of gardening "allows people to connect to a primal state" that can help one cope with the stresses and anxieties of the modern world. You can also utilize an organic pesticide alternative that is less harmful to bees such as bacillus thuringiensis (Bt) and Kaolin Clay.

With a few simple materials such as soil, seeds, water, and space (and plenty of sunshine!) you can be well on your way to helping our winged friends to thrive.

The Advantages of a Neighborhood Association

By Carolyn Glenn-Blackstock

Are you on a first-name basis with your neighbors? Would you like to be? Getting to know the people living next to you, across from you, or anywhere on your street can not only broaden your social circle, but also make you a happier person.

One of the best ways to learn about your neighborhood and its residents is to attend one of the quarterly Woodmere Neighborhood Association (WNA) meetings.



WNA President Jimmy Gunn (left) and 1st Vice-president Jessie Donaldson, look over agenda notes at the last quarterly association meeting.

"You don't have to be a member to come," says WNA President Jimmy Gunn, "and you don't have to be a homeowner. Renters are welcome, too. Learn what we are about and just give it a try."

Membership in the association has several benefits. There, you communicate and bond with other residents. You also have the clout and support of the association when issues arise such as

dilapidated homes, unkempt yards, suspicious neighbors or unsafe areas. Monetary reserves are used to improve common areas and erect significant structures, like neighborhood entrance signs and flagpoles. Residents benefit from increased police patrols because of communication between the association and law enforcement.

There is no downside to belonging to a neighborhood association. It is not the same as a homeowners' association, where members are bound by rules and are required to join.

Make it your New Year's resolution to come to the next meeting, Thursday, February 8, 2018, and see what you have been missing!

Much Thanks To Mr. Jinright!



Charles Jinright (left) Presents Check To WNA President Jimmy Gunn

At the Woodmere Neighborhood Association's previous meeting on November 9, 2017, our Councilman, Mr. Charles Jinright, presented the Association with a check for \$1000! Thanks so much. We will put it to good use for the Woodmere Neighborhood.

WNA Zone Coordinators

Woodmere Neighborhood has 53 streets which are divided into 6 zones. The zone coordinators recruit and assist block captains to serve the 793 homes in our neighborhood. They meet monthly as part of the WNA Board of Directors. The zones are described below.

Zone 1 includes the Carmichael Road, Pampas, Greenway, Tudor and Stonewood streets and cul-de-sacs. Jimmy Gunn (Greenway Drive) is the Zone 1 Coordinator, as well as being the President of WNA.

Zone 2 starts where Carmichael Road becomes Woodmere Boulevard. It takes in Forest Grove Drive and Court, Willow Glen Drive and Court, Stillbrook Lane, White Water Court, and Woody Lane. Jessie and Linda Donaldson (Forest Grove Court) are the Zone 2 Coordinators. Jessie is also 1st Vice-President and the Editor of the *Woodmere News*.

Zone 3 starts at Neil Drive and goes to Katrina Place on one side of Woodmere Boulevard and the 1600 Block of Woodmere Loop on the other. It takes in 6 cul-de-sacs of patio homes and 4 cul-de-sacs of residential homes, including Margo, Heidi, Greta, and Helga. The two end blocks of Woodmere Loop, 1600 (odd numbers) and 2100, are also included. Sam Whatley (Salisbury Place) is the Zone Coordinator and the co-Editor of the *Woodmere News*.

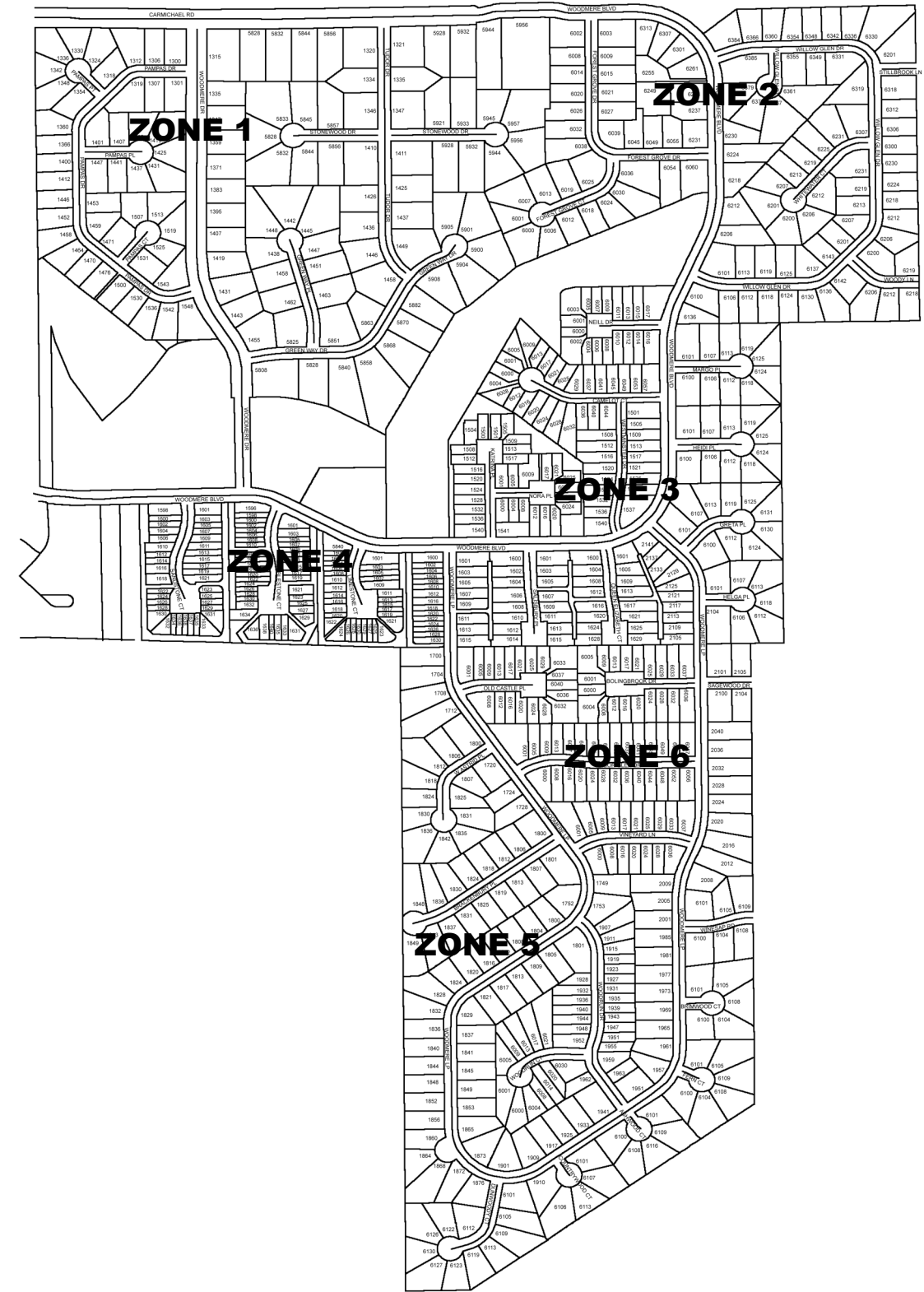
Zone 4 contains the townhouses on Limestone, Cobblestone, and Sandstone and the 1600 (even numbers) block of Woodmere Loop. It has two Zone Coordinators, Tommy Potts (Sandstone Court) and LaBaron Gamble (Woodmere Loop).

Zone 5 includes the west side of Woodmere Loop, from the 1700 block to the 1900 block, along with 6 cul-de-sacs and the even numbered houses on Woodrun Drive. The Zone 5 Coordinators are Walt and Sherry Dzialo (Ashwood Court).

Zone 6 takes in the odd numbered houses on Woodrun Drive, the inside portion and the east side of Woodmere Loop from Block 1900 – 2001, including Arbor Glen, Vineyard, and 5 cul-de-sacs. The Zone Coordinator is Phyllis Tillery (Woodmere Loop). She is also the WNA Treasurer.

Get to know your zone coordinator and consider volunteering to serve as a block captain for your street. Call any of the officers listed on the front page of this newsletter. They will be sure you are connected to the right person. We need your help to keep this a great place to live. And if you have not joined this year, fill out the form on page 8 and send it in. Thanks for being a neighbor.

Sam Whatley



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WNA Zones