



2019 Membership Form

Woodmere Neighborhood Association
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NAME _____ NAME _____

NAME _____ NAME _____

STREET _____ HOME PHONE _____

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EMAIL _____ EMAIL _____

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 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.

Please send your \$25 or \$30 (for handbook) check payable to:
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For WNA Use Only
Check No. _____
Amount: _____
Date: _____



Spring 2019 Edition

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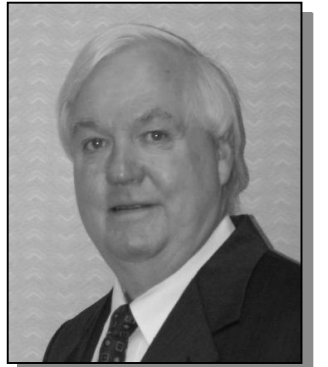
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Woodmere NEWS

President's Commentary



**Jimmy Gunn,
WNA President**

DEAR NEIGHBORS:

The Woodmere Neighborhood Association (WNA) is asking that you join your association today. We need your support. Currently, we have 103 paid members out of a total of 794 homes in the Woodmere subdivision. This represents 13% of the homes in the neighborhood saying I want to pay my membership and support the work of the Board of Directors for the 2019 year. We need more of you to pay your membership dues right now and say I want to work to make Woodmere the nicest, cleanest and safest neighborhood in Montgomery. Your Board of Directors work every day to ensure that this is the case. Our annual membership drive has been extended through the month of May 2019. If you are one of the 103 residents that have paid for the 2019 year, we all say thank you. I would ask every paid member to reach out to two other unpaid members and get them to join the association. I would ask all of the Zone Coordinators and Block Captains to call on their neighbors on their street to get them to join. Let's all get involved and talk up our Association and meet our neighbors. Please fill out the 2019 Membership Form at the back of the newsletter and return today. You can also go on line www.woodmeremontgomery.com to join. If you have any questions about the WNA or the membership, please call me at 277-7667. Let's make 2019 the year where everyone joins and makes us a highly active and energized neighborhood association. MAIL THE CHECK and MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

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

**Woodmere Neighborhood Association Meeting
Thursday, May 9, 2019 6:30 p.m.
Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium
Speaker: Tab Bruce
Vice President, RePower South
Come Out and Support your Neighborhood**

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The blog is free.

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City Contacts

Mayor's Office
241-2000

City Council
625-2097

Animal Control
409-0622

Police
241-2651

Fire
625-3916

Ordinance Violations
311

For all emergencies, call 911.

2019 Financial Report

Phyllis Tillery, Treasurer

	January	February	March	April	Budget
Beginning Balance	3568.15	3773.15	4132.94	5009.94	
Income					
Membership Dues, Plus Online Dues	200.00	483.97	1300.00	173.97	3,540.00
Advertisements	0.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00
Handbooks	5.00	15.00	30.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	205.00	558.97	1340.00	173.97	3,540.00
Expenses					
Newsletter	0.00	0.00	396.00	0.00	1945.00
Day in the Park	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies	0.00	111.18	0.00	0.00	100.00
Meeting Room	0.00	0.00	0.00	320.00	200.00
Printing Handbooks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	195.00
Website & Crime Prevention	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	175.00
Administrative Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	505.00
Postage	0.00	88.00	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	67.00	0.00	120.00
Park Benches Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	0.00	199.18	463.00	320.00	3,540.00
Ending Balance	3773.15	4132.94	5009.94	4863.91	

Visit us online at www.woodmeremontgomery.com

**At Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts
November 17 thru
May 19, 2019**

**Second Sight
Women Artists of
the South**

Well into the 20th century women artists were not necessarily perceived as being in the traditional mainstream. But, beneath the radar, women have always been active participants, exercising their creative impulses in a number of forms. Two women from Alabama were pioneers at art schools in New York, and Paris. Clara Weaver Parrish (1861. 1925) of Selma, and Anne Goldthwaite (1869. 1944) from Montgomery were professionally trained fine artists. Montgomery's Zelda Fitzgerald (1900. 1948) never attended art school, but made paintings that documented her life with her husband, the writer F. Scott Fitzgerald. This exhibition reflects the vibrant spirit of women's artwork in the Southern region in ways that were traditional and innovative.



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WNA General Meeting

The next Woodmere Neighborhood Association General Meeting will be Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 6:30 at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium. Please make plans to attend. Membership dues for 2019 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.



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May 25, 2019 is Clean-Up Day

Bring a rake, clippers, lawnmower, or just your willing hands to Woodmere Park on Saturday at 8:00AM. Or just mow your own yard, but let's clean-up Woodmere. Trim what you can mow what you can. Woodmere is our neighborhood. Let's make it better.

**May Guest Speaker:
Tab Bruce**



Tab Bruce

Tab Bruce is Vice President of RePower South Montgomery. Repower South operates the recycling plant in Montgomery located at 1551 Louisville Street.

Tab is 47 years old, married with 3 children. After a few years of college at AUM and Troy State, Tab enlisted in the US Army where he spent 5 years in service (1992-1997). After his service, Tab was hired by Mercedes Benz US International where he was employed for 11 years (1998-2009) before being recruited to KIA Motors Manufacturing of Georgia where he spent 9 years (2009-2018) before coming to RePower South Montgomery. Tab was selected for this position based on his experience in launching new plants and ability to implement production systems. He has been with RePower South Montgomery since November 2018.



RePower South

Stratford Place Semi-Annual Block Party

By Sam Whatley

As you drive along Woodmere Boulevard you may have noticed two brick columns at the entrances to the cul-de-sacs Salisbury Place and Queen Elizabeth Court. The columns are decorated like English coats of arms with shields revealing two lions and the words %Stratford Place+at the bottom. Stratford Place is the one-block area between the ends (1600 and 2100 blocks) of Woodmere Loop.



Twice a year neighbors in the fifty houses of Stratford Place are invited to a %block party+in the cul-de-sac of Salisbury Place. One of those happened Sunday afternoon, April 14th. A dozen neighbors and a couple of well-trained dogs celebrated a very windy spring day. It was a chance to catch up on neighborhood news without the internet.

%Who moved in that house?+someone asked. %How much are they asking for the house across the street?+%Who do you get to work in your yard?+The questions and answers went on for more than two hours. And so did the stories of things that had happened in our lives over the years, while we munched on the snacks we brought and sipped away at the drinks.



This tradition has been going on since 2006, with an occasional lapse due to weather. It was almost cancelled this time, with wind whipping hats off, flipping over empty folding chairs, and sending napkins soaring yards away. But the cluster of neighbors withstood the blast and held their ground. They wanted to be there.

Because in this day of online isolation, it's good to talk to neighbors, face to face. It's good to laugh about mistakes we have made and tease each other about our age. It's good to remember that we are important to each other, that we care for each other. Maybe that's old fashioned, but it makes life a little better. Why not try it on your street? You might like it.



My Mother's Chimes

There are things
in this life so brief,
that bring us joy
and sometimes grief.

When the days are hard
we yearn for peace,
and seek a place
where troubles cease.

I seek that place
during trying times,
and listen closely
for my mother's chimes.

They move so gently
in the swaying breeze,
as they quietly put
my mind at ease.

And so I begin
to feel a calm,
coming over me
like a healing balm.

I close my eyes
for the sound is muchō .
like the softest whisper
of an angel's touch.

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2019 Garbage Schedule

Memorial Day – Monday, May 27, 2019

GARBAGE: Monday & Thursday routes worked Tuesday & Thursday Tuesday & Friday routes worked Wednesday & Friday

Independence Day – Thursday, July 4, 2019

GARBAGE: NO CHANGE IN SCHEDULE

Labor Day – Monday, Sept. 2, 2019

GARBAGE: Monday & Thursday routes worked Tuesday & Thursday Tuesday & Friday routes worked Wednesday & Friday

Columbus Day – Monday, Oct. 14, 2019

GARBAGE: NO CHANGE IN SCHEDULE

Veterans Day – Monday, Nov. 11, 2019

GARBAGE: NO CHANGE IN SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, Nov. 28, 2019

GARBAGE: Monday & Thursday routes worked Monday & Wednesday Tuesday & Friday routes . No Change

Christmas Day – Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2019

GARBAGE: Monday & Thursday routes - No Change Tuesday & Friday - No Change

Saturday pick-up points will be in operation on 1st & 3rd of each month

Goodwyn Jr. High School, 209 Perry Hill Road

Vaughn Road School, 4407 Vaughn Road

Cramton Bowl, North Parking Lot

Halcyon Elementary School, 1501 Parkview Dr.

Tire, Battery and Oil Amnesty

Montgomery has a partnership with Bridgestone Firestone Service Centers in Montgomery. They will take old tires (**limited to 4 tires per month**), batteries and oil from local residents free of charge. Thank you Bridgestone!

Electronics

Desktops, laptops, CPUs and towers, printers, copiers, fax machines, scanners, keyboards, mice, servers, phones, cell phones, pagers, PDAs, medical electronics, VCRs, DVD players, cameras, camcorders, TVs, TV dish boxes, radios and much more on Thursdays from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the McInnis Recycling Center. \$10.00 Charge for old TV's and CRT's.

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The Nandina Weed

By Sam Whatley

When my wife Debi and I moved to our garden home in Woodmere twenty years ago, we inherited an overgrown jungle of vines and bushes at the end of the cul-de-sac. It took us years to clear it, leaving only a few crepe myrtles and a holly tree. I found three little nandina



sprigs and planted them in the bare spots. We thought the red berries and green foliage would give us some color in the winter months.

Someone has said that the good thing about Alabama is that anything will

grow here. Then he added, "The bad thing about Alabama is that **anything** will grow here." For that reason, spring and summer are months of cutting shrubs back and pulling weeds up. One such weed is a nandina bush.

Wikipedia describes the shrub this way: "Nandina is a non-domestic, noxious and highly invasive weed that displaces the non-toxic, native plants on which local birds would thrive. Nandina has been imported from China and Japan and has invaded many natural areas."

I wish I had read that twenty years ago. Nandina roots spread out profusely just under the surface, like other forms of bamboo. Each root sprouts new plants every year. I dig up plants and spray the ground each spring, but a new crop emerges twelve months later. This year I dug up more than twenty tiny and mid-sized bushes. It was a miniature forest.

If you are thinking about planting nandina bushes, think of them as bamboo with berries. And then think of something else to plant.

2019 Mayoral Forum

Candidates for Mayor of Montgomery, Alabama

WHEN

6 PM - 9 PM, Thursday, July 18, 2019

WHERE

Crump Senior Center
1751 Congressman William L. Dickinson Drive

WHO

All qualified candidates for Mayor of Montgomery are invited.
All citizens of Montgomery are invited.

The Forum is sponsored and administered by **East Montgomery Neighborhood Alliance** and **Midtown Montgomery Neighborhood Alliance**.

FORMAT

Questions will be solicited in writing from citizens attending. A panel of Alliance members will review, edit, and condense questions. Candidates will be seated at a table in an order drawn by lot. Each candidate will have a limited time to make opening and closing statements. An Alliance moderator will pose a question (from those submitted) to all candidates and each candidate will address the same question. An Alliance timekeeper will assure equal time to each candidate.

OTHER

Tables will be provided for candidates to display campaign materials.

For questions, contact:
Crews Reaves email:
crews.reaves75@gmail.com
George Howell email:
george.howell@knology.net

Chicken Problems

This photo was taken March 13th on Katrina Place. These chickens were seen in Woodmere Park April 25th and 26th. If you know who owns them, please contact Zone 3 Coordinator, Sam Whatley, at chesshorse2@gmail.com. Chickens must be kept in a pen. A large hawk was circling around Katrina on April 26th. Chickens require a variance from the city. Possession of chickens without a variance is an ordinance violation and subject to fine. Even with a variance, a city-approved coop and a limit on the number of chickens are requirements. No roosters are allowed under any circumstances.



Montgomery featured in Waste Today Magazine

The city of Montgomery outfitted its fleet of 80 residential and commercial waste vehicles with Atlanta-based RUBICON SmartCity technology this past June for a six-month trial run. Through smartphones loaded with the Rubicon mobile app as well as plug-in devices that connect to the truck's OBD II port, the technology presents an opportunity for the city to better service its residences. Chris Conway, City Public Works Director, said the software is easy for drivers to use requiring just the push of a button to document areas of concern requiring attention. This software can tell you if you have property maintenance issues, street maintenance issues, traffic maintenance issues- whatever, you've got a vehicle that's out there driving every street in your city that's able to give you real-time feedback.

It's Time for Hummingbirds

Although hummingbirds visit us primarily between Memorial Day and Labor Day, it is not too early to hang up your feeder. Early arrivals could come any day



Community Policing

Our new East Precinct Liaison Officer is Corporal Tea. Her phone number is 625-4800 and her email is ntea@montgomeryal.gov. She will be at our next WNA General Meeting. Please come and introduce yourself.

GETTING OLDER

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office.
"Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?"
"Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her.
There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied,
"I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS'."

