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May 2009

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Woodmere News

President's Commentary

Ordinances Affect our Lives

By Jimmy Gunn

Did you know that a car parked on your lawn will soon cost you \$50 per day? Do you know which city ordinances apply to our neighborhood? Who do you call to report uncut lawns, abandoned cars, or homes in disrepair?

To find out these and other ordinance questions, come Thursday, May 14, 2009, from 6:30-8:00 pm to our next WNA Quarterly Meeting at the Museum of Fine Arts. We will hear from Mr. Eddie Hill about which city ordinances apply directly to us. We will learn what each of us can do to keep Woodmere the best place in Montgomery to live. Be there and be in the know.

May is Membership Drive Month for the WNA. Expect to see your Block Captain in the next few weeks going to every door, getting to know who lives on your street. Then when a pet is missing or a suspicious vehicle is parked in an odd place, someone will know who to call to check on things. Your Block Captain is interested in keeping you connected to our association. That's why he/she will ask you to join the Woodmere Neighborhood Association in May. Together we can keep



Jimmy Gunn, President, WNA

crime down, the parks clean, and our streets attractive and safe.

Make plans to join us May 14th and show you support your neighborhood. Whether you own or rent, your voice and presence count. Turn to the back page of this newsletter and send in your membership application today.

Neighborhood Association Meeting
Thursday, May 14th, 2009, 6:30 pm
Come Hear Mr. Eddie Hill, Montgomery
Chief Property Maintenance Inspector
Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium



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We need your input!

To submit an article, a letter to the editor or a suggestion, please email info@woodmeremontgomery.com

Financial Report

Melissa Martin—Treasurer

WNA FYE' 09	January	February	March	Year to Date	Budget 2009
Beginning Balance	\$1746.62	\$1796.62	\$2299.62	\$1746.62	
INCOME					
Membership	100.00	825.00	275.00	1100.00	3750.00
T-Shirt	0	0	0	0	0
Ads & Miscellaneous	0	30.00	0.00	30.00	0.00
Total Income	100.00	855.00	275.00	1230.00	3750.00
EXPENSES					
Newsletter	0	352.00	0	352.00	1400.00
Day in the Park	0	0	0	0	1200.00
Administrative	0	0	25.00	0	203.00
Meeting Room	50.00	0	0	50.00	200.
Website	0	0	0	0	71.40
Yard Sale	0	0	0	0	300.00
Crime Prevention	0	0	0	0	200.00
Spring & Fall Clean-ups	0	0	158.40	0	100.00
PO Box Rental	0	0	0	0	72.00
Total Expenses	50.00	352.00	183.40	585.40	3750.00
Ending Balance	\$1796.62	\$2299.62	\$2391.22	\$2474.62	

The WNA Board of Directors

Officers

President - Jimmy Gunn
 1st Vice-Pres. - John Cannady
 2nd Vice-Pres. - Jessie Donaldson
 Secretary - Mable Pryor
 Treasurer - Melissa Martin

Zone Coordinators

Zone 1 - Shelby & Michaela Hutcheson
 Zone 2 - Linda Donaldson
 Zone 3- Gerry & Rose Shook
 Zone 4 - Pam Rhodes
 Zone 5 - Walt and Sherry Dzialo
 Zone 6 - Brenda Steele & Mable Pryor

Committee Chairs

Parks—Jimmy Gunn
 Crime Prevention - Arlene Gomez
 Streets & Sidewalks - Pam Rhodes
 Media - Sam Whatley
 Block Captains - John Cannady
 Long Range Task Force - Jessie Donaldson/Jimmy Gunn
 Ordinance Enforcement - Entire Board



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Woodmere Neighborhood

Yard Sale May 30th

We had more than 60 families to sell items at their homes last year in the annual Woodmere Yard Sale. Why don't you join in the fun this year and sell those things that are in your way? Think of it as your own personal Bailout.



April 4th Woodmere Neighborhood Cleanup

The Spring Clean-up was delayed by one week this year due to stormy weather, but the event was a success nonetheless. About 20 volunteers showed up to trim trees, mow common areas, and clean up the brush. The result was a pyramid of accomplishment. Yet another reason to join the Woodmere Neighborhood Association. Help us look sharp and show we are proud to call Woodmere home.



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City Contacts

Mayor's Office
241-2000

City Council
241-2097

Animal Control
241-2970

Police
241-2651

Fire
241-2400

Recycling
241-2925

**For all emergencies,
please call 911.**



City Websites

For ordinances:
www.montgomeryal.gov

For public tax records:
www.stategovrecords.com

WNA QUARTERLY MEETING Thursday, February 5, 2009 MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS AUDITORIUM

The meeting was called to order by Jimmy Gunn, Acting President. He presented the Mayor Pro-Tem, Charles Jinright. Mr. Jinright reported said that I-65 and I-85 will be tied together with the Outer Loop. He also stated that negotiations with 20 different companies are being held to bring businesses to town which will bring jobs to this community. The Outer Loop will be a toll road, targeted mostly by people coming through Montgomery. It will take some of the pressure from the bypass and Taylor Road areas.

The Guest Speaker for the evening was Master Gardener Marie Tomlin who discussed spring gardening do's and don'ts. She strongly recommended recycling and composting to improve soil structure. Things that should not be placed in compost are grease, oil, meat products, cheese, fish bones, yogurt or milk. A soaker hose should be used in order to preserve water. Soil should be tested. A soil kit can be obtained from the Montgomery County Extension Service for approximately \$7.00. Other tips included only bag grass at the beginning and at the end of the season, leave grass taller when dry, fertilize when weather is warm, ant control the entire yard, Bayer tree and shrub products were recommended, and do not prune flowering trees until they bloom. The web site for additional information for the County Extension service: www.aces.edu The Master Gardener helpline number is 1-877-252-GROW (4769)

TREASURER'S REPORT, Melissa Martin Attachment: Balance \$2,121.62

OLD BUSINESS (Attachment giving a summary of the Breakout Session from the November 13 meeting.)

PARKS COMMITTEE, Jimmy Gunn, Chair announced that the Neighborhood Clean up will be scheduled for the latter part of March and reminded everyone that garbage cans should be moved from the yard after the garbage pick up.

The next general meeting will be held May 14, 2009. The meeting was adjourned. Mable Pryor, Secretary

May is Membership Drive Month

We have 105 members so far this year. Help us reach the other 690 that have yet to join. Let's see what we can do when we work together. What about you? Fill out and mail the application on the back of this newsletter to P.O. Box 231473, Montgomery, AL 36123-1473. Enclose a check for \$25 payable to WNA. Support the organization that speaks for you and cares about your neighborhood.

We need your participation to make the Woodmere Neighborhood Association a success. Please contact us at info@woodmeremontgomery.com to volunteer.

Yard of the Month Signs

Our thanks to Michaela Hutcheson and Mable Pryor for choosing our Yard of the Month honorees. Would you like to nominate a neighbor for this honor? Just call your Block Captain or email info@woodmeremontgomery.com. Let's all take pride in our homes this summer.



Yards of the Month - April 2009

Diane and John Vanella - Stonewood Court
Melon and Gary Clinton - Queen Elizabeth Court
Dianne Towns - Limestone Court

What Do Block Captains Do?

By Michaela Hutcheson, Zone 1 Coordinator

1. Become familiar with neighbors—secure names, phone numbers and email addresses (if possible). Keep a copy and send a copy to the Zone Coordinator.

Why? It helps them locate missing pets, report potential crimes, and alert authorities in cases of fire or natural disaster. It helps them know whose house to watch while you are on vacation.

2. Distribute the Woodmere News and other info as necessary.
3. Encourage neighbors to join Woodmere Neighborhood Association and WNA committees (Crime Prevention, Parks, Streets and Sidewalks, Long Range Task Force, and Media).
4. Encourage neighbors to report problems or incidents to them such as serious illness, vacations, break-ins, lost pets, etc.

Get to know your Block Captain. If there is no Block Captain on your street, email info@woodmeremontgomery.com and volunteer or nominate a neighbor you trust.



Looking for a pet? Check out the Montgomery Humane Shelter. Call (334) 409-0622 or Visit them at www.petfinder.com.

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**Please see Woodmere
website for offer to residents,
or call Don at 657-4717**

The Beauty of Spring

The Dogwood trees
Beautiful and bright,
Are dressed for spring
In their radiant white.

The Daffodils so yellow
Are a wonderful treat,
As they greet me each morning
With their fragrance so sweet.

The purple Wisteria
It's color so dense,
What a beautiful sight
Creeping over my fence!

We welcome the beauty
That comes in the spring,
Bringing whispers of hope
That make the heart sing.

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Linda Donaldson is the Zone 2 Coordinator in Woodmere. She has had several poems published.



Computer Maintenance 555 — *the infection wars*

By John Cannady, 1st Vice President aka Katphishe

So you enjoy surfing the net, communicating via email, purchasing stuff, etc. Unfortunately, keeping your computer systems clean and free of those Internet pests is not as easy as calling Cook's Pest Control. Well, when you are engaged in the largest network in the world...the Internet, you are locked into a never ending highway—no beginning or end. This is where our pest control issues begin. I would like to share with you a way I have found to keep your systems virtually clean and in need of very little maintenance...this really works! I've been virus free/spyware free and pretty much any other bug free for 5 years and counting. This is my secret:

1. **Purchase Virus software and keep it up-to-date.** According to Symantec's Norton Antivirus knew of over 70,000 different computer viruses in 2005 and 5,000 new ones every year. AVG and Avast are **FREE** Virus Software and can be downloaded from their sites (also have Anti-spyware built in) <http://free.avg.com/download-avg-anti-virus-free-edition> or http://www.avast.com/eng/avast_4_home.html. If you want to find out more about viruses go to this link: http://www.g4tv.com/techtv/vault/features/34602/Viruses_Explained.html. It is also a good idea to run 2 anti-spyware programs on your systems. I recommend Spybot Search and Destroy 1.62 which is free and can be found at this link: http://download.cnet.com/Spybot-Search-amp-Destroy/3000-8022_4-10122137.html
2. Every night before shutting down your system (yes, I recommend you shut your systems down when not using them), **clean out and or delete your Browsing History** (Cookies, History, and Temporary Internet Files). Each version of Internet Explorer has a way to do this very easily. Also delete what's in your Temps Folder...located in your profile under local.
3. **Run Defragmentation (Defrag) and Chkdsk** a minimum of once a week. Defrag is located in your system tools folder. Defrag is like an oil change...it allows the Hard Drive to run MORE efficiently by physically organizing the contents of the disk to store the pieces of each file close together and contiguously. Chkdsk (Check Disk) is a command-line tool that checks volumes for problems. The tool then tries to repair any that it finds.
4. **Keep your Windows Operating System Up-To-Date.** Sure bet way for those pests to infiltrate your shinny new system with your most updated virus protection. These updates patch holes in your operating system! Go to this site. <http://update.microsoft.com/microsoftupdate/v6/vistadefault.aspx?ln=en-us>
5. **BACKUP, BACKUP, BACKUP YOUR DATA!** There are many ways to do this at very little cost to you (Flash Drive , CD, Floppy, etc...). It gets very expensive to have someone do this for you \$100 and up. One way I have found to do this is never save anything to your main computer. Buy yourself an external/portable hard drive, USB type and create many shortcuts (My Docs, Pictures, Video, Emails, Word, Powerpoints, etc...) to that drive and save everything to your shortcuts. This way your documents are never saved to your hard drive that houses the operating system.

I hope this helps you maintain your computer system in tip-top shape. Katphishe

My Vision for Woodmere **By Jimmy Gunn**

To be the neighborhood that we want to be will require that more of us take part in our association, both as members and as committee members. The Quarterly Meeting on May 14th is an opportunity for folks to do just that. Come out and find out what our city's ordinances are and how we can make sure they are enforced. We can work together to correct many of the problems that we have all complained about. Uncut yards, cars parked on lawns, swimming pools that aren't kept up, cars without car tags, and litter in yards are all things that can be changed if we work

together through the Block Captain, Zone Coordinator and Committee System. That's how we put up a stop sign at the corner of Woodmere Blvd. and Woodmere Drive. That's how we had new trees planted in the park and how we got lighting in the parking lot. We can do much more with your help. Do you care about your community? Do you care enough to come to the meeting May 14th? We need you there.



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2009 Membership Form

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Please list all individuals in the household.

Date: _____

NAME

NAME

NAME

NAME

STREET

HOME PHONE

WORK PHONE 1

WORK PHONE 2

EMAIL 1

EMAIL 2

- 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 your interest below:

- Parks Committee
- Streets and Sidewalks Committee
- Crime Prevention Committee
- Newsletter
- Newsletter Distribution
- Block Captain
- Other skills/interests _____

Please note: We send out a monthly newsletter, the *Woodmere eNews*. If you provide your email address(es), you will receive this newsletter. We also send out notices about lost and found pets. If you have any questions or concerns, please send us an email.

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