



2020 Membership Form

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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 2019 memberships expire on December 31, 2019.
All of the 2017 Edition Handbooks have been sold but **2020 Edition Handbooks may be available in February 2020.**
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.

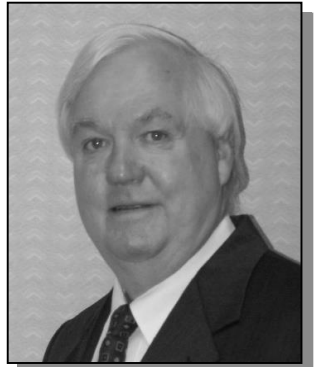
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Woodmere NEWS

President's Commentary



**Jimmy Gunn,
WNA President**

DEAR NEIGHBORS:

The cool days of fall finally got here. Put up the mower and take out the leaf blower. A month ago, it was nearly 100 degrees outside. Alabama weather changes quickly and drastically sometimes. Our Woodmere Neighborhood Association has seen quick and drastic changes too. **We need your help!**

Due to members moving, we are missing folks in four key areas and need volunteers to step up and fill in the vacancies. Without your participation, all we have done to build up Woodmere could be in vain.

There are other positions that are needed, as well. **Zone 6 needs a Coordinator** to organize block captains to deliver newsletters for the streets that start with the 2100 block of Woodmere Loop and go through the 1900 block of Woodmere Loop, to include: Bolingbrook Dr., Arbor Glen Dr., Vineyard Ln., Winesap Rd., Brimwood Ct., Fern Ct., and the odd numbered houses on Woodrun Dr. If you live in this area and would be willing to volunteer for an hour or two a month, please call Sam Whatley at 416-8618.

If you have website maintenance experience, **we have an urgent need for a webmaster** to maintain our website www.woodmeremontgomery.com, our Facebook page, Twitter and Nextdoor, our neighborhood social media site. Contact us at info@woodmeremontgomery.com or email Jessie Donaldson at jdonaldson@knology.net or Sam Whatley at chesshorse2@gmail.com. About one or two hours a month would keep these sites up to date.

If you are interested in crime prevention, **we need someone to monitor two websites that keep us informed of crime reports** from the Montgomery Police Department. About 15 minutes a week would keep our members informed about crimes reported in this part of the city. You can make a difference. Just send a note to info@woodmeremontgomery.com.

There are 794 houses in Woodmere. We love this neighborhood and want to continue to keep it clean and safe. We need more than the same handful of people to make this work. A few hours of your time could make the difference. If you don't help us, who will?

Fall 2019 Edition

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On Facebook at
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We monitor and maintain a blog for the
Woodmere Neighborhood at
www.Nextdoor.com
The blog is free.

**Woodmere Neighborhood Association Meeting
Thursday, November 14, 2019 6:30 p.m.
Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium
Speaker: Retired General Ron Sams
Topic: Starwatch Program
Come Out and Support your Neighborhood**

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City Contacts

Mayor's Office
241-2000

City Council
625-2097

Animal Control
409-0622

Police
241-2651

Fire
625-2930

Ordinance Violations
311

For all emergencies, call 911.

2019 Financial Report Phyllis Tillery, Ex-Treasurer

	June	July	August	September	YTD
Beginning Balance	4939.25	4558.35	4558.35	4106.58	
Income					
Membership Dues, Plus Online Dues	175.00	0.00	75.00	225.00	1807.94
Advertisements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1110.00
Handbooks	5.00	0.00	5.00	0.00	60.00
Total Income	280.00	0.00	75.00	225.00	3037.94
Expenses					
Newsletter	396.00	0.00	396.00	0.00	1188.00
Day in the Park	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies	0.00	0.00	130.77	0.00	241.95
Meeting Room	320.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	320.00
Printing Handbooks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Website & Crime Prevention	159.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	159.00
Administrative Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	00.00
Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	88.00
Spring & Fall Clean-Ups	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Post Office Box Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00	134.00	201.00
Flags & Flag Poles	105.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	210.56
Total Expenses	660.90	0.00	526.77	134.00	2408.51
Ending Balance	4558.35	4558.35	4106.58	4197.58	

**At Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts
October 26 thru
January 12, 2020**

**Cal Breed: Signs of Lift
On view in the
Weil Atrium**

Cal Breed's (American, born 1972) enthusiasm for glass is integral to how he communicates. He states, "Glass is the ink I write with and has been my medium for years."

In 2002, his passion spurred him to open Orbix Hot Glass in Fort Payne, Alabama. The woods next to the Little River Canyon National Preserve, where his studio sits, provide endless inspiration for Breed. He experiments with and melds different glass blowing techniques to create sculptural pieces that reference natural forms and their connections to humankind. Dancing with light, Breed's sculptures embody elements from his environment to metaphorically address the fleeting and vaporous nature of life.



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WNA General Meeting

The next Woodmere Neighborhood Association General Meeting will be Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 6:30 at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium. Please make plans to attend. Membership dues for 2020 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.



Retired General Ron Sams, speaker at the WNA General Meeting, November 14

Help Wanted - WNA Webmaster

If you have experience in creating or maintaining websites, the Woodmere Neighborhood Association is looking for you. If keeping up with the latest news on websites, Facebook, or Twitter is your cup of tea, we need your help. The WNA needs to find a volunteer webmaster to manage our website, Facebook, Nextdoor and Twitter accounts. If we do not find one, some of these services may need to be discontinued. If you can volunteer a hour or so each month to help us, contact us at jdonaldson@knology.net or chesshorse2@gmail.com

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

2019 Garbage 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.

**The WNA Elections
November 14th**

Be sure to come to the WNA General Meeting on Thursday, November 14th, at 6:30 pm to vote in the WNA Election of Officers. Those nominated are: Jimmy Gunn, President, Jessie Donaldson, First Vice-President, Wil Glasgow, Second Vice-President, Margaret Berry, Secretary, and Gary Matthews, Treasurer. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. We need your input and your participation

Don't Leave Garbage Cans Out For Days

By Jimmy Gunn

Our City Ordinance (Sec. 25-35.) (a) states that: On scheduled garbage pickup days {Monday & Thursday}, the resident will be required to place the roll-out container at the curbside not later than 7:00AM and **remove the roll-out container from the curbside not later than 7:00PM of the same day.** Curbside means the curb at the front of your house. **Failure to comply with this ordinance can result in a monetary fine.**

This may be new information for some residents on Sandstone Court, Cobblestone Court, Limestone Court and Woodmere Loop. The berm areas at the end of each alleyway at Woodmere Boulevard on these streets have become a dumping ground for debris and garage containers. It gives a bad impression to anyone visiting Woodmere. After a few days, garbage containers smell and mosquitos breed in them.

These four areas are city right of ways. Anyone leaving garbage cans in these areas should cease to do so. The WNA will be working with the City Sanitation Department to identify residents who are dumping debris and leaving their garbage containers at these sites. **This ordinance will be explained to residents and if violations continue, citations will be issued.**

We all should take pride in our neighborhood and keep it clean at all times. Removing these garbage containers from the street after twelve hours will help with our property values. Thank each of you for making Woodmere the safest, cleanest and most desirable neighborhood in Montgomery.



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Should I Paint or Stain My Wood Fence?

Painting or staining a wood fence can help your fence last longer and look better. Either one will extend the lifespan of your fence by giving it some protection against rot, insects, wear, and tear.

However, of the two we always recommend that you stain a fence rather than painting it.

Wood absorbs stain much deeper than it does paint. This means that paint, when it gets old, starts to chip, peel, and appear careworn, requiring near-immediate attention as soon as it starts to show signs of wear and tear. By contrast, stain will simply fade over time.

We've even heard stories of paint peeling off a fence in less than a year. Of course the quality of the paint used will affect how long the paint lasts. Cedar, in particular, does not work well with paint. Paint doesn't allow the cedar to breathe, which means you'd actually reduce the lifespan of the fence. This would be a shame, since lifespan is one of the more attractive features of using northern white cedar to build a fence.

But What if I Want Color?

You don't have to give up colors if you stain a fence instead of painting it. You just need to get a solid stain.

You aren't limited to brown. There are stains in vibrant colors such as red, blue, green, yellow, indigo, purple, peach, pink, and grey.

If you do like the natural look and feel of wood you can just use a transparent or semi-transparent stain in a more natural color which allows you to see the grain of the wood.

What About Costs?

There's always a lot of debate about whether paint or stain cost more in the long run. This depends on how you're evaluating the costs. Gallon for gallon stain is less expensive than paint, but you will need more of it. On the other hand, the stain won't have to be replaced as often, which means in the end you'd still purchase less of it.

The time you'd take scraping and sanding away peeling paint so that you can paint a fence a second time will also need to be taken into account. You can simply clean an old stained fence and reapply the stain, making for a faster project all around.

A.J. Hartwell Woodmere Spotlight

By Carolyn Glenn-Blackstock

Woodmere has its share of interesting residents, and Arthur Hartwell, or "A.J." is no exception. A professional golf caddie, he moved to Woodmere three years ago after his engagement to his wife Sasha, who already lived here and was working for the MPS system as a psychometrist. Here is a recent interview with A.J.:

What are some things you like about this neighborhood?

I like the fact that we live so close to the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, the Blount Cultural Park, the Museum and the Woodmere Park. Also, neighbors take pride in the ownership and upkeep of their property.

You are a member of the Woodmere Neighborhood Association (WNA) and serve as the block captain of the odd-numbered houses in the 1600 block of Woodmere Loop. As an active member of the neighborhood association, what are some improvements you would like to see?

I would like to see more neighbors turn on their front and back porch lights. A well-lit neighborhood is a safe neighborhood. Also, I would like to see lights in Woodmere Park.

When did you first become interested in golf?

My father has been an avid golfer all his life, so I guess you could say that I grew up in the sport. If I had to put an age on it, I would say when I was around seven or eight.

What exactly do you do in the golfing field?

When people think of a caddie, they think of the guy who carries the golf bag. While carrying the bag is part of the job, our actual job description is a lot more complicated. We are a confidante, a playing partner and a right-hand man. We also help the player with distance to the pin, wind calculation, club selection, and assistance with reading putts on the green.



What are some of the most interesting courses you have played?

Shoal Creek (Birmingham), all of the Robert Trent Jones courses in Alabama, Ross Bridge Golf Resort and Spa, TPC Myrtle Beach, Caledonia Golf and Fish Club (South Carolina), Waldorf Astoria Golf Club, Waikoloa Kings' Course (Kona, HI), and Black Course at Bethpage State Park (Farmingdale, NY).

Who are some of the most interesting people you have played with?

I have caddied and met many amazing people, among them: Condoleeza Rice, Steve Harvey, Greg Calhoun, Taylor Hicks ("American Idol"), Darius Rucker (Hootie and the Blowfish), Coaches Nick Saban and Tommy Tuberville and Dan Mullin; Charles Barkley, Cheyenne Woods (Tiger Woods' niece), some U.S. senators, congressmen and women, CEOs and CFOs of Fortune 500 companies.

What advice would you give to an aspiring golfer?

Learn the rules
Keep your eyes on all of your playing partners after they have hit
Be prepared for all of the weather elements
Last, but not least, have fun!!

A. J. Hartwell is a good neighbor and a happy Woodmere resident who seems to be living his dream right now! We are glad that he is one of ours.



A. J. and Sasha Hartwell

STAR WATCH PROGRAM Montgomery Police Department Launches New Crime Center

On Feb. 1, 2019, Montgomery Police Department announced the launch of a new police-community technology initiative, focused on a new real-time crime center.

The River Region Strategic Technology and Resource Center (or STAR) Center is a state-of-the-art facility that utilizes video surveillance from every source available to enhance response time, and provide accurate information for responding officers.

In addition to the facility, MPD announces a police-community partnership called the STAR Watch program. STAR Watch is a voluntary program that will allow businesses and citizens, schools, and neighborhoods to share cameras with the STAR Center. This will allow MPD to enhance its coverage area and provide useful information for in-progress crime. The STAR Center has chosen Eagle Eye Networks for the video management software due to its affordability, security and ease of use.

STAR Watch shield logo, black shield. If you have any questions regarding STAR Watch or the STAR Center, feel free to contact the Planning and Technology Bureau at 334-625-2334. We thank you for your interest, and assistance, with fighting crime in the River Region!



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Oh how I love walking
On a crisp November day,
Strolling in the park
Crunching leaves along the way.

Pumpkins and hay bales
Decorate the yards,
With silly, happy scarecrows
Standing like guards.

Neighbors on porches
Visiting and talking,
Wave and say hello
As I finish my walking.

And now I'm back home
Where cinnamon and spice,
Flicker in candles
And smell, oh so nice!

I love this time of year
And all the days of fall,
But, I must admit
November is the best of all!

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New WNA Treasurer

Please welcome Gary Matthews as our new Woodmere Neighborhood Treasurer. Gary lives with his wife, Kellie, at 1452 Pampas Drive. Gary is a retired accountant from the Retirement Systems of Alabama. You can contact Gary at 272-3438 or gmatthews@knology.net.

Your Community Theatre: The Cloverdale Playhouse

By Pat Thornton



Cloverdale Playhouse

What makes a community? Is it a group of people who live in the same zip code or have affinities for the same books or video games? Community means fellowship with others, a sharing of common attitudes, interests, and goals. Community feeds your sense of self and others.

In Montgomery, we're lucky enough to have a community theatre - the Cloverdale Playhouse. Volunteers mount live productions to guide us through time-honored stories, exploring who we are and how we interact. They make us laugh, cry and create a forum for sharing our own stories. Both the original and the current artistic directors, Greg and Sarah Thornton, are neighbors, as are some of the rotating casts and crews.

The 2019 season closes with *Dancing at Lughnasa* - an award-winning play about five Irish sisters who dance their way through memories and challenges. It runs from December 5 - 15th - a holiday treat about family love. Opening nights end with a party so you can meet the cast and crew.

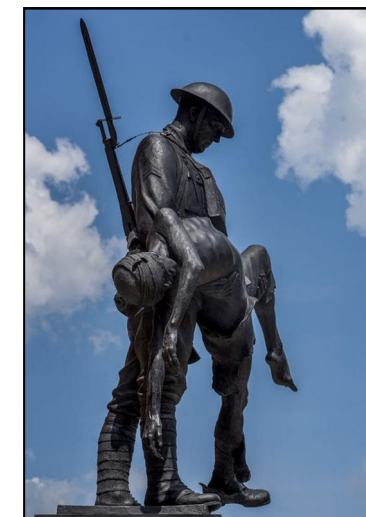
The 2020 Season will focus on stories of people who are different from us. By sharing their stories, we may alter our thinking or gain perspective. Season ticket packages are on sale, just in time to stuff stockings.

Rainbow Soldier Statue

By Sam Whatley

Veterans Day, November 11th, falls on a Monday this year. If you can, take time to go downtown to Union Station and pay your respects at a statue that honors Alabama soldiers who fought in World War I. Veterans Day celebrations in this country began with the end of that war.

On November 11, 2018, eight train cars were boarded by 3,677 Al-



Rainbow Soldier Statue

abamians at Union Station in Montgomery, taking them to World War I. Last year in front of Union Station, a bronze memorial of the Rainbow Soldier was dedicated to honor those soldiers who served in the 167th U.S. Infantry Regiment of the 42nd Rainbow Division. The Rainbow Division was made up of men chosen from National Guard units from every state

in the union.

Montgomery resident Nimrod Frazer, a decorated military veteran and author of the book *Send the Alabamians: World War I Fighters in the Rainbow Division*, commissioned the Union Station statue and the one that stands at Maxwell as a tribute to those warriors who left Alabama to serve.

Our Rainbow Soldier statue is identical to the Rainbow Soldier memorial erected in 2011 in Fère-en-Tardenois in France. Both statues were created by British sculptor James Butler. Frazer commissioned both sculptures, a tribute to those who fought alongside the French at the Battle of Croix Rouge Farm in 1918.

