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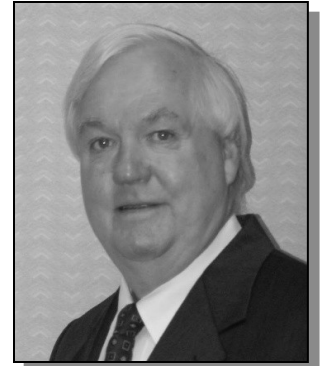
Woodmere NEWS

President's Commentary

It is my hope that you and your families had an amazing Christmas and New Year. Now if I can just remember to put 2017 on my checks and letters. As I write this commentary today and look out my office window where it is sunny and the temperature is 69 degrees, it is hard to believe that it is winter- time.

Traffic, speeders and vehicles blowing through three way stop signs have become major issues in the neighborhood. Woodmere continues to be a major cut-through for traffic going from the Eastern Bypass to Bell Road. Not only is this putting a lot of wear and tear on the road surfaces on Carmichael Road and Woodmere Boulevard, it also increases the number of speeders throughout our neighborhood. The street that I live on, Woodmere Drive, takes on the appearance of a drag strip on most days. I was nearly hit this week at the intersection of Woodmere Drive and Woodmere Boulevard as a vehicle blew the stop signs doing 50 miles per hour. Even the public school buses are not abiding by the 25 MPH residential speed limit. Please contact the Montgomery Police Department as I have been doing if you are having similar experiences. Please use caution at these intersections. Go slow, come to a full stop at the stop signs and make sure that there is no oncoming traffic.

There is no better time than today to get active in your neighborhood association. A strong association helps make things happen at City Hall and makes our neighborhood safe, stable and a desirable place to live. Last year, we had a total of 105 members out of a total of 796 homes. Our goal is 200 members this year. We need you to send in the 2017 WNA Membership Form with your check of \$25.00 found at the back of the newsletter and sign up for one of the committees. A willingness to serve and a few hours of your time could make a big difference in Woodmere. Let's all work together to make Woodmere the best neighborhood in Montgomery.



Jimmy Gunn,
WNA President

Woodmere Neighborhood Association Meeting

Thursday, February 9, 2017 6:30 p.m.

Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium

Speaker: Dr. Linda Boyle

Director, Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System

Come Out and Support your Neighborhood

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625-2000**

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625-2097**

**Animal Control
625-2970**

**Police
625-2651**

**Fire
625-2400**

**Ordinance Violations
311**

**For all emergencies, call
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Financial Report

Phyllis Tillery, Treasurer

	October	November	December	2016	Budget
Beginning Balance	2,742.01	2,612.69	2,722.69	2,782.69	
Income					
Membership Dues, Plus Online Dues	25.00	210.00	75.00	3186.91	3,750.00
Advertisements	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
Handbooks	5.00	35.00	10.00	210.00	0.00
Total Income	30.00	495.00	85.00	3706.91	3,750.00
Expenses					
Newsletter	0.00	385.00	0.00	1551.00	1500.00
Day in the Park	159.32	0.00	0.00	159.32	750.00
Office Supplies	0.00	0.00	25.00	478.28	100.00
Meeting Room	0.00	0.00	0.00	320.00	200.00
Printing Handbooks	0.00	0.00	0.00	195.26	195.00
Website	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Yard Sale	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	374.00	200.00
Spring & Fall Clean-Ups	0.00	0.00	0.00	155.85	100.00
Post Office Box Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00	102.00	102.00
Total Expenses	159.32	385.00	25.00	3335.71	3,750.00
Ending Balance	2,612.69	2,722.69	2,782.69		

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At Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts

Moonstruck: Works On Paper From The MMFA Collection. In this installation of works from the Museum's collection of works on paper, the moon is depicted as both compositional device and as symbol.

February Guest Speaker: Dr. Linda Boyle



The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced the appointment of Dr. Linda L. Boyle as the new director of the Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System (CAVHCS), with division campuses located in Montgomery and Tuskegee and clinics in

Montgomery, Monroeville, and Dothan in Alabama as well as Columbus and Ft. Benning in Georgia. Dr. Boyle will oversee health care delivery to more than 48,000 Veterans with a workforce of over 1,600 employees. The CAVHCS is a 330-bed facility with an operating budget of approximately \$280 million.

Boyle was appointed Interim Director at the Alaska VA Healthcare System (AVAHS) on August 1, 2015. Prior to this appointment, she had been serving as the Associate Director for Patient Care Services since September 2001.

Prior to her VA service, Dr. Boyle was the Medical Group Commander at Patrick Air Force Base in Florida. A retired Colonel of the United States Air Force, Dr. Boyle served on active duty for approximately 24 years as well as five years with the Air National Guard of Pennsylvania. She held a variety of healthcare leadership positions in her military career, including Clinical Specialist and Medical Support Squadron Commander. She obtained her nursing diploma from Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and her bachelors and masters degrees in nursing from the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Boyle is also a proven leader as a National Systems Redesign Coach and a Graduate of the Federal Executive Institute. Dr. Boyle is also a contributing author for "Realizing the Future of Nursing: VA Nurses Tell Their Stories".



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Nextdoor

The City of Montgomery is now on Nextdoor. City departments, including the Police Department, are now able to post bulletins and announcements on the Nextdoor blog. You can read their posts but they can not read our posts.

Paul Wise, WNA Streets and Sidewalks Chairman, invites you to call 311 to report streets or sidewalks that need repair. If that fails, call him at 244-0079 or email him at paulwise@charter.net.



Clean Up Your Neighborhood

The Woodmere Neighborhood Association has adopted Woodmere Boulevard and Carmichael Road within the Woodmere neighborhood in cooperation with the Montgomery Clean City Commission. The WNA will perform quarterly or more often trash pickup missions on the two streets within the confines of the Woodmere neighborhood. The first such organized trash pickup will be held February 11, 2017 and those interested in participating should meet at the parking lot on Woodmere Drive at 9:00 a.m. on February 11. Grabbers and trash bags will be furnished. Let's participate and help keep our neighborhood clean.

Chasing Our Tales XVII

Welcome to our 17th visit with Chasing Our Tales. The last time we met, we were discussing the events that occurred during the First Creek War of 1813-1814. Most of these events occurred concurrent with the U. S. War of 1812 with England. The Upper Creek Indians, referred to as Red Sticks, allied themselves with the English and fought to reduce the encroachment on their lands and to return their society to a traditional way of life and religion. The friendly Lower Creeks embraced the changes and learned to plant crops, run plantations and assimilate with the whites moving into the area. The Upper Creeks were led by William Weatherford (Red Eagle). The Lower Creeks were led by William McIntosh. You may recall that William Weatherford was the son of Sehoy III of the Wind Clan and Charles Weatherford. William McIntosh's mother was a Wind Clan Creek named Senoia. McIntosh and Weatherford were nephews of Alexander McGillivray.

Previously, we talked of the massacre that occurred at the Kimball plantation and the subsequent battle at Ft. Sinquefield in early September of 1813. Following the massacre at Ft. Mims in August and the Ft. Sinquefield battle in early September, bands of Red Stick Creek warriors continued to attack plantations and settlements all over present-day lower Alabama. Plantations belonging to peaceful and friendly lower Creek Indians as well as white plantations were attacked with most of the livestock killed and crops destroyed.

In November of that year, Captain Samuel Dale, who was stationed with the militia at Ft. Madison in present-day Clarke County, volunteered to lead a mission to drive the Red Stick Creeks out of lower Alabama. Accompanying Dale were about 30 Mississippi volunteers and 40 militia from the area. As Capt. Dale marched north with his force, they soon ran into a large force of Red Sticks near the mouth of Randon's Creek on the Alabama River. Randon's Creek is located due west of present-day Frisco City in Monroe County.

Capt. Dale and 11 of his men became separated from the main force in the melee that followed. The 11 men with Dale included Jeremiah Austill, James Smith and a free black man named Caesar. On the morning of November 12, after a meager breakfast, Dale and his group became aware that Indians were in their vicinity. Dale and his men hurried to the riverbank to observe a large canoe containing a Red Stick chief and 10 warriors coming down the river. Soon the Indians saw Dale's men and paddled the canoe away from the bank toward the middle of the river. Shots were exchanged and two of the warriors leapt from the canoe into the river. One of them was immediately shot dead by James Smith.

Capt. Dale signaled to a group of militia gathered on the far bank of the river to launch a canoe to intercept and attack the Indians. Now the Indian canoe contained 9 warriors including the chief and, in sight of this force, the militia on the far bank was unwilling to join the fight. Located on the river bank near Dale and his men was a small dugout canoe. Following orders from Capt. Dale, Caesar launched the dugout and Dale, Austill and Smith jumped in the canoe with Caesar. Caesar paddled the dugout into the river with strong strokes of the paddle to meet the Indian canoe. As they approached the Indians, Dale, Smith and Austill attempted to fire their rifles at the Indians but only one gun would fire as the priming powder in the other two was dampened during the launching. The one gun that fired missed.

As the two canoes were about to collide, the Indian chief recognized Capt. Dale, who was a large man, and shouted "Now for it, Big Sam." The two canoes met side-by-side and the chief knocked Austill down with his rifle. Caesar reached out and held the two canoes together.

While Caesar held the canoes with an iron grip, the occupants swung at one another over his unprotected head. Dale split the chief's skull open, breaking his rifle stock in the process, and the leader fell to the bottom

of the canoe dead. Austill got knocked down, but Dale's and Smith's vigorous actions with their clubbed rifles saved him from certain death. In one later account "verified before the Alabama legislature," Dale described the contest as a series of short, sharp confrontations with rifles, paddles, tomahawks and war clubs. He remembered one warrior bounding over the bodies of his comrades "with a terrific yell" and swinging a rifle. The blow missed Dale's head but dislocated his left shoulder. "I dashed the bayonet into him," the hearty backwoodsman recalled. "It glanced around his ribs, and the point hitching to his backbone, I pressed him down. As I pulled the weapon out, he put his hands upon the sides of the canoe and endeavored to rise, crying out, 'Tar-cha-chee is a man. He is not afraid to die!'" Dale then drove the bayonet through his heart. Meanwhile, a wounded brave at the end of the canoe kept snapping his rifle at Dale, but it wouldn't fire. He, too, was bayoneted by Dale, and followed his fellow warriors to the "land of spirits." Dale and his comrades killed all of the Indians and tossed the bodies into the river one-by-one.



The Famous Canoe Fight

The famous canoe fight made Captain Samuel Dale as legendary as Daniel Boone or Davy Crockett to the early Alabamians. He was eventually promoted to Brigadier General in the Alabama militia and a county, a city and a fort was named after him.

At this time, General Andrew Jackson, with a large 3,500 man force of Tennessee volunteers and Cherokee and Choctaw allies, was marching into Alabama from the north laying waste to Creek towns and villages in his path. General John Floyd was marching from the east crossing the Chattahoochee River at Ft. Mitchell with his Georgia militia numbering about 900 men. At the same time, General Ferdinand Claiborne was marching north with about 850 men plus 150 friendly Choctaw warriors from his post at Mount Vernon north of Mobile.

During the summer of 1813, three new reinforced settlements were erected by the Red Sticks. There were three components of the Upper Creek Nation, the Alabamas, the Tallapoosas and the Abeikas. The Tallapoosas built a fortified reinforced town on the east bank of the Tallapoosa River near the present-day town of Shorter and called it Autossee. The Abeikas erected a fortified town on the upper Tallapoosa north of the present-day town of Dadeville and called it Tohopeka. Tohopeka was built on the Horseshoe Bend of the Tallapoosa. The Alabamas, led by the prophet Josiah Francis (Ft. Mims leader), built a fortified town of the Alabama River near the present-day town of White Hall in Lowndes County about 10 miles west of present-day Montgomery and called it Econochaca or "Holy Ground".

At Econochaca, the Creeks formed a barrier of sharpened stakes and logs and placed their backs to the river as defense. By late 1813, there were more than 200 houses there and several hundred warriors. The Red Sticks had captured a few hundred slaves during the Ft. Mims massacre and during subsequent raids on plantations. A number of slaves had fled their plantations and joined the Red Sticks. The Red Stick prophets, including Josiah Francis, performed ceremonies to establish a spiritual barrier that they believed would have the power to destroy any white man that tried to pass through it. The Red Sticks gathered at Econochaca included William Weatherford. Econochaca was the staging ground for the attack on Ft. Mims and large stores of corn, ammunition and other foodstuffs were kept here. After Burnt Corn, Ft. Mims, Ft. Sinquefield and the various plantation

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raids, the Red Sticks in Lower Alabama knew the U. S. forces would be in pursuit so they gathered at Econochaca.

Indeed, Econochaca was the target of General Claiborne as he marched north from the Mobile area. After weeks of marching through difficult terrain in bad weather, they were within 100 miles of Econochaca where they erected a stockade and called it Ft. Claiborne. Then, on December 13, 1813, began the march to Econochaca to set up camp 10 miles south of the settlement on December 22. Immediately, upon receiving word of the vicinity of the American force, the Red Sticks, under William Weatherford, evacuated all of the women and children from the town.

The stage was set. The Battle of the Holy Ground was about to take place. Join us next time on Chasing Our Tales as we will examine the fateful outcome of this historical battle that happened so near to us.

NOTE: previous visits with Chasing Our Tales are available by visiting www.woodmeremontgomery.com and viewing previous editions of the Woodmere News newsletter.

WNA General Meeting

The next Woodmere Neighborhood Association General Meeting will be February 9, 2017 at 6:30 at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium. Please make plans to attend. Membership dues for 2017 are due starting in November 2016. 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.

At Alabama Shakespeare Festival**Because of Winn-Dixie**

Based on the novel by Kate DiCamillo.

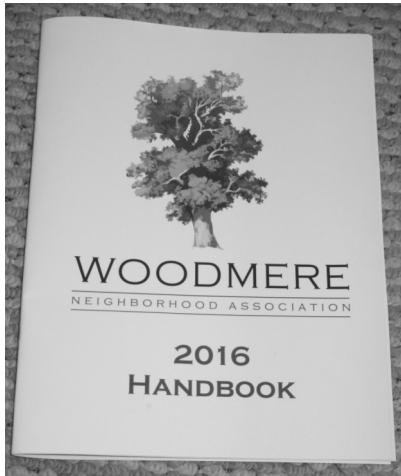
January 27, 2017 – February 12, 2017

See it before it hits Broadway! *Because of Winn-Dixie*, the new musical by Tony-winning *Spring Awakening* songwriter Duncan Sheik and Tony-nominated *Legally Blonde* lyricist Nell Benjamin, is based on the (Newbery Honor) children's book of the same title. This charming story is all about a dog who brings new life and hope into a family as Opal Buloni and her preacher father settle in a new Southern town full of quirky characters.

**Sherlock Holmes**

March 8, 2017 – May 13, 2017

A new adaptation of the Sherlock Holmes story by Geoffrey Sherman, this gripping tale of the world's most famous detective features amazing twists and turns, accompanied by a healthy dose of comedy.



Order your 2016 Handbook today by adding \$5.00 to your \$25.00 membership on page 8, or by paying \$5.00 at the meeting February 9.

The Woodmere Neighborhood Association 2016 Handbook.

- ◆ Maps of Woodmere including the entire area and all 6 zones with actual block numbers for every one of the 792 houses.
- ◆ Shading to show every block captain's assigned streets.
- ◆ A listing of all officers, members of the Board of Directors, zone coordinators, and chairs of committees.
- ◆ A history of the Woodmere Neighborhood Association.
- ◆ The WNA By-laws.
- ◆ Up to date City Ordinances that affect you such as:
Trash pickups, Cutting grass, Abandoned cars, Parking on your lawn
- ◆ Internet and phone contacts for major city offices such as police, fire, city council, mayor, animal control, parks and recreation etc.
- ◆ Information about Blount Cultural Park, ASF, and the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. Get your WNA 2016 Handbook at the meeting

The Experiment

I thought to myself one day
That I'd do an experiment,
with things to do and errands to run
I'd make the time well spent.

I was going to make special effort
To be especially nice,
And make someone feel special
Even if I had to try twice.

So to the places I went
I began a conversation,
And then to the lady behind me
Waiting in line at the postal station.

I smiled and asked "How are you"
Really meaning what I said,
And to prove I was sincere
I told her to "Please go ahead".

After doing this for awhile
Everywhere I went,
I decided it really worked
I'd succeeded in my experiment.

But in order to make it work
It takes special effort you see -
And I found out that day
It all begins with me.

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Signs and Bulletins

Remember it is a violation of a city ordinance to attach yard sale signs or any other sign or bulletin to utility poles of any sort. Let's all help to keep our neighborhood beautiful. Remove all signs and bulletins from utility poles.

2017 Sanitation Holiday Schedule

Washington's Birthday – Monday, Feb. 20, 2017
GARBAGE: WORKING – No change in schedule

Memorial Day – Monday, May 29, 2017
GARBAGE: Monday & Thursday routes worked Tuesday & Thursday; Tuesday & Friday routes worked Wednesday & Friday

Independence Day – Tuesday, July 4, 2017
GARBAGE: Monday & Thursday routes NO CHANGE; Tuesday & Friday routes worked Wednesday & Friday

Labor Day – Monday, Sept. 4, 2017
GARBAGE: Monday & Thursday routes worked Tuesday & Thursday; Tuesday & Friday routes worked Wednesday & Friday

Columbus Day – Monday, Oct. 9, 2017
GARBAGE: WORKING – No change in schedule

Veterans day – Friday, Nov. 10, 2017
GARBAGE: WORKING – No change in schedule

Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, Nov. 23, 2017
GARBAGE: Monday & Thursday routes worked Monday & Wednesday; Tuesday & Friday routes – No Change

Christmas Day – Monday, Dec. 25, 2017
GARBAGE: Monday & Thursday routes worked Tuesday & Thursday; Tuesday & Friday routes worked Wednesday & Friday



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2017 Membership Form

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NAME

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NAME

NAME

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HOME PHONE

WORK/CELL PHONE

WORK/CELL PHONE

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 memberships expire on December 31.

Woodmere Neighborhood Association 2016 **Handbooks are available for \$5.00.** Add this to your \$25.00 membership and mail today.

The Association is always looking for indicate areas of interest:

- Membership
- Special Events
- Crime Watch
- Newsletter
- Newsletter Distribution
- Block Captain
- Other skills/interests _____



volunteers. Please

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.

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