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Winter 2007

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Woodmere News

President's Commentary

With the New Year comes the excitement of opportunities for WNA to grow as a vibrant neighborhood association. To illustrate, in this newsletter you will find a Calendar of 2007 Scheduled Events. Use it to mark your calendar and join your neighbors who have volunteered to bring us these events. Here are a few highlights.

Our first General Meeting is February 8th at 6:30 pm at the Museum of Fine Arts. Charles Jinright, the Chair of the Montgomery City Council, will update us on city news. Also, Realtor Sherry Weeks will present "How to Increase the Equity in Your Home and Neighborhood."

Jimmy Gunn, Chair of the WNA Parks Committee, has volunteered to direct two Woodmere Neighborhood Cleanup Days in March and October, restoring beauty and order to our parks and common areas. Jimmy will also direct another Day in the Park Celebration in late September.

We will revive our Easter Egg Hunt at Woodmere Park in April, giving our children and grandchildren a thrilling day of discovery. As each of us does our spring cleaning, we need to set things aside for the neighborhood-wide yard sale in June which Pam Rhodes, Chair of Streets and Sidewalks, has volunteered to coordinate.

Melissa Martin, Chair of the Media Committee, will bring us a new Woodmere Neighborhood Handbook this summer chocked full of useful phone numbers and websites to keep us informed about everything from locating our block captains to checking on last week's District 20 crime reports. You must be a 2007 member of WNA to get one so see the application on the back page, if you have not paid for this year.

National Night Out is coming in August, and October is Make a Difference Month. This will be our first year to celebrate these two events. Of course, we will also have our May and August General Meetings. November's General Meeting will feature the election of new officers for WNA.

Could you volunteer some time to help us this year? Email us at info@woodmeremontgomery.com or call me at 396-7840, and let us know that you want to be part of keeping Woodmere a great place to live.



Sam Whatley
President

Neighborhood Association Meeting
Thursday, February 8, 2007
6:30 p.m.
Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium

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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.

WNA General Meeting Review: November 9, 2006

The Woodmere Neighborhood Association met on Thursday, November 9, 2006 for its quarterly meeting. President Sam Whatley called the meeting to order with 42 people present. The guest speaker was Susan Carmichael from the Clean City Commission.

Susan Carmichael gave a brief history of the Clean City Commission and had several handouts regarding the commission and its projects.

President Sam Whatley gave a report of the things that WNA had accomplished during the 2006 year.

After much discussion, WNA members voted to increase dues to \$25 per year as well as accept all the changes that were made to the Association's by-laws.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Museum of Fine Arts. Members and nonmembers are encouraged to attend.

Commentary By Charles W. Jinright, City Council President, District 9

Happy New Year, We are excited about the new year here in Montgomery. There are a number of new things happening this year. The new hotel and convention center will be completed this year and opened early next year. Our public school system will have a new leader and construction will start on \$300 million in new and remodeled schools. This will be major change in our city. The public school changes will help our home values, which are continuing to stay good here in Montgomery. Every where you look we have new construction going on. That is a sign of growth and makes our area of town a great place to live. I am looking to do some additional park improvements this year. I also have some street paving planned.

Thanks for being a part of the Woodmere Neighborhood Association that helps you and our city. A special thanks to the leadership of Sam Whatley and your board of directors.

I look forward to being at your meeting on February 8th.

We need your input! Let us know what you would like to see in the Woodmere News!

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

Spring Cleanup in the Park

By Jimmy W. Gunn, Parks Committee Chair

Residents in the Woodmere community will be gathering for a spring cleanup in the park on March 24, 2007. We will meet at 9:00 AM at the park on Woodmere Drive. Neighbors are asked to bring high spirits, power tools, shovels, rakes, mowers and leaf blowers or any other garden or lawn tool that may come in handy. This is going to be a day to dig in and get dirty. So old work clothes are recommended.

Not only will we work in the park, but we will also concentrate on the common areas (berms, sidewalks, ditches, grass growing in the streets, distractions, and eyesores). We need to identify where new plant growth is needed, so we can plant and refurbish in the fall.

Your Zone Coordinators and Block Captains will be in touch with you to give you more details about the event. We will also provide everyone more information at the General Meeting on February 8, 2007. If you have any suggestions or know of a particular area that needs cleaning, please contact me at 241-4196 or 301-1538.

Let's all pitch-in and support this event. This is your neighborhood and each and every one of us can make Woodmere the place where we want to live and enjoy life. See you there.



WNA: The Vision

By Charles Collins, Treasurer

Recently the country celebrated the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.. His day of recognition is to remember the vision he so dramatically communicated to all of us. He deeply believed in what he was doing, knowing it was the right thing to do - to change our relationships with each other into a positive force for good. This was demonstrated by him in words, actions and deeds. We all now know the impact his actions had on our country

I have used the example of Dr. King to help us visualize what our Woodmere Neighborhood can be and look like. It can be clean, beautiful, safe and a place where people want to come to live. However, we must believe it is possible and then demonstrate that belief through our actions. The Woodmere Neighborhood Association needs the support of every household, first with their membership, then their participation on committees, as a block captain, and finally their support of general meetings and activities sponsored by the Association. This is our neighborhood and our association. Visualize what you would like your neighborhood to be, then help make it happen. Do it through your words, actions, and deeds.

Visit us online at
www.woodmeremontgomery.com



Purchase a WNA T-shirt!
\$10 each
Sizes M—L—XL are still available.
Contact Sam Whatley
or Charles Collins for more details.

Three Great Ways to Get Involved and Help Our Neighborhood

1. Join WNA - Your dues help in many ways, such as improving quality of life, beautification, social activities, and social awareness (membership form is on page 8.)
 2. Volunteer - Throughout the year we ask neighbors to help with clean-up days, social events, committees and caring for our parks.
 3. Attend City Council meetings to make sure our neighborhood is represented.
- To get involved, drop an email to info@woodmeremontgomery.com or call a board member and let them know your area of interest. Together we make a difference!

How to Increase the Value of Your Home and Your Neighborhood

All it takes to increase the value of your home and neighborhood are homeowners who want to maintain their investment and are willing to commit to it. For many of us, our home is our biggest asset so maintaining – or even improving – its value makes sense. Home improvements not only increase the value of your home, but they improve the quality of the neighborhood.

Whatever your budget, put a higher priority on improvements that can be easily seen. Use the following guidelines:

- Spend money on what can be seen vs. what can't be seen.
- Fix up the exterior first, then the interior
- Focus first on the clutter, trash and bad smells that drive down a home's value

There are many inexpensive projects that add value to your home. Below are a few examples.

- Add a fresh coat of interior paint.
- Eliminate the clutter inside the home
- Put up new curtains and blinds

Crime Watch Dues

In the January Meeting of the Board of Directors action was taken to eliminate the acceptance of Crime Watch money from neighborhood households. This is the result of an increase in annual dues and the satisfying of money requirements to the Montgomery Police Department.

Recycling: Why Recycle?

Recycling saves landfill space. It conserves natural resources. It saves energy and it reduces pollution. For more information regarding recycling or to get an orange recycling bag, please contact the City of Montgomery Recycling Program at 241-2925.

- Clean the carpet
- Consider flooring options
- Install modern light switches and outlets
- Install ceiling fans
- Refinish kitchen cabinets

The exterior of your house is just as important as the interior if not more important. The exterior of your home is the first thing people see. Does your have a strong first impression? Following are a few examples that can help your home's curb appeal.

- Get rid of trash and yard waste.
- Prune and plant.
- Wash the siding
- Paint the exterior trim and shutters
- Green-up your lawn.
- Light the way with landscape lighting.

What does it take to improve the value of your home and neighborhood? The answer is quite simple. It takes people who are willing to work together.



Woodmere Neighborhood Zone Coordinators

**Zone 1
Shelby &
Michaela
Hutcheson**



**Zone 4
Bryan &
Linda Penn**

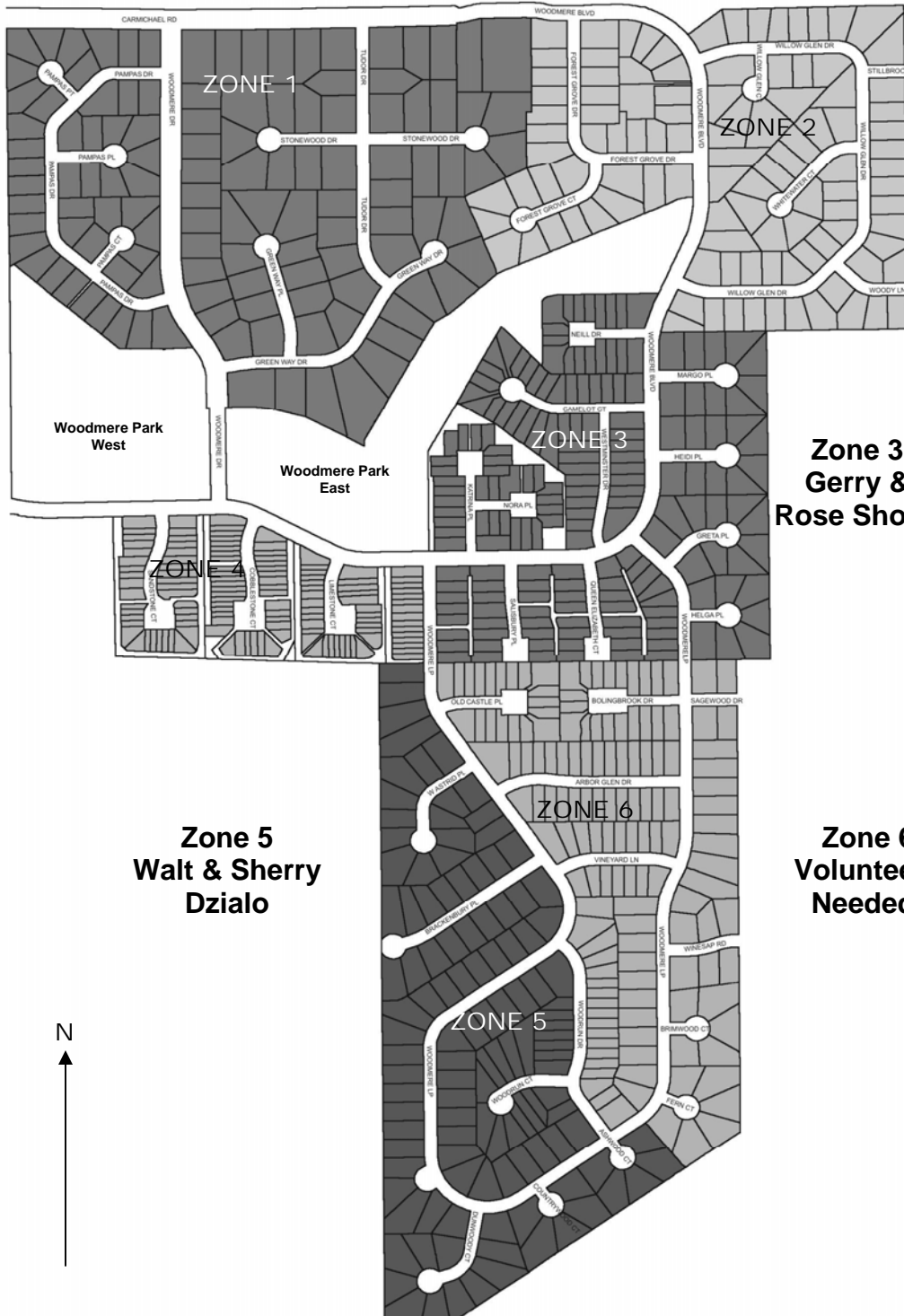


**Zone 2
Jessie &
Linda
Donaldson**

**Zone 3
Gerry &
Rose Shook**

**Zone 5
Walt & Sherry
Dzialo**

**Zone 6
Volunteers
Needed!**



Financial Report

By Charles Collins, Treasurer

	JAN 1 - MAR 31	APR 1 - JUN 30	JUL 1 - SEP 30	OCT 1 - DEC 31	JAN - DEC 2006	JAN - DEC 2005
Beginning Balance	3,040.46	3,319.49	3,290.84	2,618.57	3,040.46	2,782.26
Income						
Membership Dues 2005						550.00
Membership Dues 2006	800.00	500.00	185.00	80.00	1,565.00	
Membership Dues 2007				1,350.00	1,350.00	
Crime Watch	135.00	80.00	35.00	20.00	270.00	65.00
Advertisements		125.00			125.00	30.00
T-Shirts				290.00	290.00	
Miscellaneous				5.00	5.00	
Total Income	935.00	705.00	220.00	1,745.00	3,605.00	645.00
Expenses						
Newsletter	448.80	484.00	528.00	390.50	1,851.30	118.80
Day in the Park				1,014.59	1,014.59	
T-Shirts				652.50	652.50	
Administrative Expenses	69.82	135.85	114.67	90.91	411.25	
Supplies				58.57	58.57	
Meeting Room	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	200.00	200.00
Website	87.35			71.40	158.75	
Signs		63.80	127.60		191.40	
PO Box Rental			72.00		72.00	68.00
Total Expenses	655.97	733.65	892.27	2,328.47	4,610.36	386.80
ENDING BALANCE	3,319.49	3,290.84	2,618.57	2,035.10	2,035.10	3,040.46

Mark Your Calendar!

February

8 Neighborhood Association Meeting

March

24 Spring Cleanup in the Park

April

7 Annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Park

May

10 Neighborhood Association Meeting

June

9 Woodmere Yard Sale Day

July

Neighborhood Handbook distributed

August

7 National Night Out

9 Neighborhood Association Meeting

September

30 Day in the Park

October

13 Fall Cleanup Day

November

8 Neighborhood Association Meeting



WNA in 2006

By Sam Whatley

Sometimes it's wise to look back. As we compare our association to where it was a year ago, many things come to mind.

At the end of 2005 we had about 40 members, one zone coordinator, and two committee chairmen. A year later we had 145 members, five zone coordinators and five committee chairmen. During the past year we sponsored a Day in the Park, which brought 200 neighbors together to have fun and get to know each other. We produced four issues of the newsletter and launched our association's first website, www.woodmeremontgomery.com.

Our Parks Committee met with city officials and obtained better lighting and extended fencing. The Board began the process of long range park planning, so that our park of the future will be better than the one of today.

Our Board of Directors studied the By-Laws and made them more readable, concise, and efficient. In November our members took the bold step of raising membership dues to preserve the association and allow it to thrive.

All these things took time, hard work, and money, but the results are clear. Our neighborhood is safer, friendlier and more attractive. Poised to build on this foundation, we have the confidence that working together we can do many more things in 2007.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt

By Peggy Agent



On Saturday, April 7, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., the annual Woodmere Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt will be held in the East Park. The Egg Hunt has not been held for several years, but the WNA Board of Directors thinks it is time to restore this popular event.,

The Egg Hunt will be structured so that the children will be divided by age groups. This gives all the children an equal opportunity to find eggs and win prizes.

We need someone to volunteer to head the committee doing the planning. We also are requesting that anyone interested on working on the committee to contact Sam Whatley, WNA President, at 396-7840 or Peggy Agent, WNA Secretary, at 270-3229. If anyone has suggestions for the event we invite your input. Some of the things that will need to be done include: fill plastic eggs with candy, secure prizes, plan refreshments, publicity, mark areas of park for age groups, and hide eggs.

All children, living in Woodmere, ages 1 year through 6th grade are invited to participate. You will need to bring your own basket for collecting the eggs. We look forward to seeing you there!.



Find out how you can increase the equity in your home and your neighborhood.

**WNA General Meeting Guest Speaker
Thursday, February 8, 2007
Sherry Weeks
ERA Weeks & Browning Realty**



2007 Membership Form

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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Please list all individuals in the household.

NAME

NAME

NAME

NAME

STREET

HOME PHONE

WORK PHONE (HIS)

WORK PHONE (HERS)

EMAIL (HIS)

EMAIL (HERS)

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.

The Association is always looking for volunteers. Please indicate areas of interest below:

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

Please send your check payable to:
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For WNA Use Only
Check No. _____
Amount: _____
Date: _____