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November 2015

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Woodmere News

WNA President's Commentary



Jimmy Gunn, WNA President



Charles Jinright, City Council President

Fall has finally arrived. The weather is very pleasant and the leaves have begun to fall. As we get out of the house and rake up the leaves in our yard, we have a chance to meet a few of our neighbors and learn more about them.

WNA's next General Meeting will be at the Museum of Fine Arts in Blount Cultural Park on **Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 6:30 PM.** Our guest speakers will be Earl Martin of Inter-vest Realty and Blake Markham of Montgomery Metro. Earl will be speaking on the commercial development along the Eastern Bypass and Blake will discuss the residential market in Woodmere. We will learn what we can do to increase the property values of our homes. Councilman Charles Jinright will also be there along with Corporal Nickie Givan from the Community Policing Bureau of MPD. Let's all make an effort to attend and address our issues at this meeting.

Our Board of Directors is asking for your input as to what you would like to see happen in Woodmere in the next 5-10 years. Is there more, or less, of something you want to see? Do you have time to make phone calls, deliver newsletters, be a block captain or serve on a committee? How can we get more of the residents of Woodmere to join the association and participate on a regular basis? There are a lot of beautification projects that need to be done in Woodmere, but these projects take resident involvement and money. What do we need to do to keep the Woodmere neighborhood the **BEST** in Montgomery?

I encourage everyone to help with the litter problem in Woodmere. It is an everyday occurrence. All of us working together to pick up around our homes will help keep this under control. Also, pick up trash at common areas near your home. Litter can lead to the "broken window" effect: more litter, rubbish, graffiti and vandalism. You can help prevent this.

In the next few months, each of you will receive a membership invoice asking you to pay \$25.00 and join the WNA for the 2016 year. You can join today or join at that time and become a member and participant in your neighborhood. It is going to take all of us to keep Woodmere a safe, clean and friendly community to come home to everyday.

Woodmere Neighborhood Association Meeting
Thursday, November 5, 2014 6:30 p.m.
Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium
Speaker:s Earl Martin and Blake Markham
Topic: How to Increase Property Values
Come Out and Support your Neighborhood

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This issue was edited by Sam Whatley

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625-2000**

**City Council
625-2097**

**Animal Control
625-2970**

**Police
625-2651**

**Fire
625-2400**

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311**

**For all emergencies, call
911.**

Financial Report

Phyllis Tillery, Treasurer

	July	August	September	Year to Date	Budget
Beginning Balance	3175.63	3,102.63	2,720.52	2,015.53	
Income					
Membership Dues, Plus Online Dues	100.00	223.97	75.00	2,609.76	3750.00
Advertisements	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stratford Place Signs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	100.00	223.97	75.00	2,699.76	3750.00
Expenses					
Newsletter	0.00	385.00	0.00	1,155.00	1500.00
Day in the Park	0.00	171.08	0.00	0.00	750.00
Administrative Expenses	14.00	0.00	0.00	455.77	805.00
Meeting Room	0.00	50.00	200.00	350.00	200.00
Entrance Signs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Website	159.00	0.00	0.00	159.00	75.00
Yard Sale	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Crime Prevention	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Spring & Fall Clean-Ups	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Post Office Box Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.00
Total Expenses	173.00	606.08	200.00	2,119.77	3,750.00
Ending Balance	3,102.63	2,720.52	2,595.52	2,595.52	

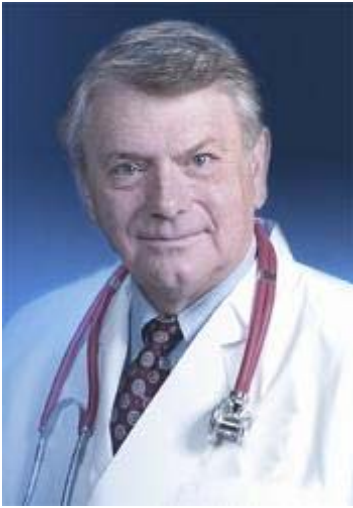


African Crest Mask: Female Antelope

At the **Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts**

African Art:
Masks, sculptures, and religious and domestic objects made from wood, gourds, terra cotta, and iron.

October—November 22
Come see the art, skill, and heritage of 13 African tribes.



Earl Martin, called Alabama's Real Estate Doctor

Come to the WNA Meeting Thursday Nov. 5th, 6:30 pm

What is being developed on the Eastern Bypass? Are there more new stores coming?

Earl Martin of

Intervest Realty Group will tell us Thursday, November 5, 6:30 pm at the WNA General Meeting, Montgomery Museum of Fine Art. Also speaking at the meeting will be **Blake Markham** of Montgomery Metro. He will discuss ways to increase the value of your property. He sells homes in Woodmere.



Blake Markham, Montgomery Metro and Markham Properties



**Playing at ASF
October 8, 2015—May 3, 2016**

When Daisy Werthan causes a car wreck, her son hires hard-working Hoke Colburn to look after her. What begins as a clash of wills, evolves into a decades long friendship between a Jewish matriarch and a man of color. All of this as the Civil Rights movement unfolds in Atlanta. Don't miss this Pulitzer Prize-winning play. Call the box office at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival (334-271-5353).



Yard of the Month August

Townhouse: 1634 Cobblestone Court
Home: 6126 Dunwoody Court
Garden Home: 1604 Queen Elizabeth Ct.

September

Townhouse: 1620 Woodmere Loop
Home: 6116 Ashwood Court
Garden Home: 1537 Westminster Drive

**Clean Up
Your
Neighborhood**

Editor's Note: The prefix for all city phone numbers is now 625 (see City Contacts in the left column on page 2). The old prefix of 241 is being phased out. If you call any city offices, please use 625.

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 paul-wise@charter.net.

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Genealogy or Chasing Our Tales, Part XII

Have you had a family reunion lately? How about any family problems or family disagreements? These might seem insignificant compared to the tale of one certain family tree from early Alabama. Pull up a chair while we discuss the McGillivray family and the Wind Clan plus others from early Alabama history.

Our tale starts with Lachlan McGillivray of Scotland (c. 1718-1799). Although he left no accurate records and no biography, most historians agree that Lachlan most likely immigrated to America in the late 1730s or early 1740s to either Charleston, South Carolina or Augusta, Georgia. Members of his family had been actively engaged in trade with the Indians for more than a generation. He was recruited by James Oglethorpe to act as a settler/soldier to protect the western frontier of Georgia from the Spanish in Florida, the French in the western Alabama territory and the Indian allies of both of these.

By the mid-1740s, Lachlan McGillivray was established as a trader in the Upper Creek Indian nation in what is now central Alabama. He constructed a fur trading post and plantation at Little Talisi near present day Wetumpka, Alabama. This location was likely very near Fort Toulouse. He competed with the Panton, Leslie and Company for the fur trade although most of the Panton, Leslie and Company posts were in Spanish Florida. Lachlan opened several other fur trading posts in central Alabama and his interests prospered. He reinvested his earnings in businesses along the eastern seaboard of Georgia and eventually settled in Savannah, Georgia. In a will drafted in 1767, well before his death in 1799, he planned for the distribution of a 281-acre plantation on Hutchinson Island, Georgia as well as a 1000-acre plantation north of Savannah known as Vale Royal and cash amounting to 2,500 pounds, plus other numerous possessions.

But that is getting ahead of our story. Early in Lachlan's fur trading career, when he made his first visits to the villages of the Creek Indians, he met a beautiful black-eyed Creek princess by the name of Sehoi. Sehoi's given name was Sehoi Marchand. She was the daughter of a Creek woman also named Sehoi and a French officer from Fort Toulouse named Jean-Baptiste Marchand. Sehoi Marchand's mother, Sehoi, was a high-status member of the Coushatta of the Wind Clan of the Creeks. The Wind Clan of the Creeks was arguably the most politically powerful clan of the Upper Creek and wielded great power among the members of the tribe. Sehoi's immediate family included several important chiefs.

The Creeks had a matrilineal kinship system, especially the Muscogee Creeks to which the Wind Clan belonged. The matrilineal system meant that the bloodline and property possessions followed the mother's family lines. The house always belonged to the wife. The children were considered wholly Wind Clan Creek regardless of the bloodline of the father.

Lachlan McGillivray took Sehoi Marchand as his wife in a marriage recognized by the Creeks, although they were never married in the Scottish Presbyterian tradition. The Creeks took marriage as a serious matter and had strong taboos against infidelity (especially by women) (reference what happened to Abram Mordecai in Chasing Our Tales X), however. Divorce was permissible and easily obtained. A husband could divorce his wife by simply leaving her house and a wife by throwing all of her husband's possessions outside of her door.

By Jessie Donaldson

Sehoy and Lachlan had a son named Alexander McGillivray. They also had two daughters named Sophia and Jean (Jeanne). Although Lachlan made no provisions for Sehoy in his will, he left Alexander the sum of 1,000-pounds and other possessions. He left his other possessions and plantations to the children of his Scottish siblings and cousins. Lachlan arranged for and paid for Alexander's education at Presbyterian academies in Charleston and Augusta. Alexander spent some time with his father in Savannah but, as was traditional, he was reared with the Creeks by his maternal uncle, Red Shoes. The role of maternal uncle was far more important in the rearing of young Creek boys than the father's role since they belonged to the same clan.

Lachlan returned to Scotland for several visits prior to the American Revolution, but appeared to identify himself as a citizen of America since this was the source of and location of his considerable fortune. He took an active role in Savannah's administration and assisted in the negotiation of treaties between the Indian tribes and the city of Savannah. But he also had many business interests with British merchants and, at the start of the American Revolution, sided with the British Loyalists. Obviously, he and other Loyalists in Savannah acquired enemies among the American Patriots. Following the 1783 Treaty of Paris, the new U.S. government confiscated and sold the property of many Loyalists. Lachlan McGillivray lost his lands, his slaves, his money and much of his other property. He and several other Loyalists sold whatever property they still possessed and left for Scotland.

Sehoy Marchand married again after her marriage to Lachlan McGillivray and she had a daughter named Sehoy III. Sehoy III married a man named Charles Weatherford in about 1780. Their children were Elizabeth "Polly" Weatherford, William Weatherford, John Weatherford and Rosanna Weatherford. William Weatherford was, perhaps, better known by his Indian name of Red Eagle and he would play a big role in the coming Creek Wars. Elizabeth "Polly" Weatherford married Samuel Moniac (Manack) (See Chasing Our Tales VII). More on this in Chasing Our Tales XIII.

In 1793, Lachlan's son, Alexander died and Lachlan paid for Alexander's orphaned children, Alleck and Mary (their mother had also died) to be educated in Scotland. Lachlan died in 1799 at the age of 80.

We will talk more of the McGillivray family and the Wind Clan in the next edition of Chasing Our Tales. And the Weatherfords will be there too. There is so much more to this story. It takes some unexpected twists as it intertwines with Alabama history.



Alexander McGillivray



Sehoy II Marchand

William Weatherford,
Red Eagle



A DAY FOR YOU

If I could plan
A day for you,
I'd start with love
And sunshine too.

I'd add some daises
And a rose or two,
Each petal glistening
With the morning dew.

Then I would add
A gentle breeze,
To whisper quietly
Through the trees.

And when the day
Comes to an end,
A brilliant sunset
I would send.

These are the things
That I would do,
If I could plan
A day for you.

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WOODMERE NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT

Many thanks to Wil and Joyce Glasgow for hosting the WNA Neighborhood Night Out in their backyard again this year. The grill was sizzling and, once again, everyone was treated to grilled hot dogs with your choice of trimmings, chips, cookies and soft drinks. Thanks to our many neighbors for the turnout for this event. Jimmy Gunn, WNA President, was present as well as Paul Wise, Ron Sams, new members Booker and Martha Perry and many others. For those that missed it, we will do it again next year at about this time. Please make it a point to come and meet your neighbors.

WNA NEXTDOOR BLOG

Woodmere has created a neighborhood blog on the internet to help the residents of the neighborhood quickly communicate with each other. Joining the blog is as easy as going to www.nextdoor.com on the internet, fill in the blank with your name (you must use your real name), your address, your email address and then click on the FIND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD button. Join as an individual, not as a family. Be sure you select Woodmere, Montgomery, Alabama for you neighborhood and you will be in. Once you join with a recognizable Woodmere address, one of the three leads that monitor the blog will verify that you are a member of the Woodmere Neighborhood and welcome you to the site.

The Nextdoor blog allows everyone to quickly communicate with the rest of the neighborhood for the following purposes:

Quickly get the word out about a break-in

Organize a Neighborhood Watch Group

Track down a trustworthy babysitter

Find out who does the best paint job in town

Ask for help keeping an eye out for a lost dog

Find a new home for an outgrown bike

Sell that old sofa

Finally call that nice man down the street by his first name

The blog is monitored by three people within the neighborhood that are "leads" for the blog site. Any blogs posted that are considered to be inappropriate, disrespectful, not in the best interests of the neighborhood or commercial in nature may be deleted. There is no cost involved in the use of the blog. All you need is an internet connection. Over 78,000 neighborhoods in the country use Nextdoor to communicate.



HELPING THE MONTGOMERY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Waldo Spencer and Gerry Shook are members of the WNA who have volunteered a combined total of 17 years with the Montgomery Police Department. There are approximately 65 active Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) who have saved the city over \$300,000 last year and have put in over 2500 hours per year for the 10 years that the program has been in Montgomery.

Duties vary among the volunteers including: checking homes of residents who are on vacation, assisting the MPD at headquarters and other MPD locations, and helping with special events. Are you 55 years old or older? Can you give at least 4 hours per week to help the MPD? Contact Community Policing at 240-4580 for information. MPD needs your help.

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Bill & Jerry Wilkes
Juliette Wimberly
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Paul Wise

If your name is not on this page, join us now. Turn the page and complete the membership form for 2016.

Your membership will make a difference.





2016 Membership Form

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NAME

NAME

NAME

NAME

STREET

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.

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.

Please send your \$25 check payable to:
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Montgomery, Alabama 36123

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Amount: _____
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