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# Woodmere News

## President's Commentary Jimmy Gunn



The month of May is our annual WNA Membership Drive. The WNA Board invites all of the residents of Woodmere to join the Neighborhood Association for the 2014 year. We currently have 124 paid members. The Woodmere Neighborhood Association is just that, a neighborhood association. Membership is open to anyone who lives in Woodmere, regardless of whether you own or rent your home. The dues are only \$25.00 per year. Your support will continue to promote, preserve and improve the quality of life in Woodmere.

The WNA is planning a Neighborhood Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 17, 2014, beginning at 8:00 AM. We will meet in the parking lot of the Woodmere Park on Woodmere Drive. Bring items that you can use to assist in the cleanup. It will be a good way to meet new neighbors and at the same time, clean up areas in the neighborhood that need attention. Show your support by helping with this project.

I would ask that each of you go to our website, [www.woodmeremontgomery.com](http://www.woodmeremontgomery.com), and look under **Resources**. You will be able to find Fifteen (15) city ordinances for review. The Crime Prevention/Ordinance Enforcement Committee is now ready to serve the residents of Woodmere with any complaint or concern that you might have. We would like for everyone to channel their complaint or concern through [info@woodmeremontgomery.com](mailto:info@woodmeremontgomery.com). This will allow the committee to keep up with the complaints and concerns of our residents, and also to follow through to resolution. Some of the ordinances pertain to animals, dogs running at large, soliciting, signs in yards and right-of-ways, littering, overgrown grass and weeds, parking in the yards, junked and abandoned vehicles, and noise. The committee will handle the complaint and concern and only the committee will know of your request. All concerns and complaints will be held in confidence to attempt to keep you from being involved if the complaint or concern might involve a neighbor.

The Crime Prevention/Ordinance Enforcement Committee is determined to make Woodmere the premier place to live in Montgomery. With everyone looking out for each other and reporting your concerns and complaints to the committee, we can be crime free and have a beautiful neighborhood.

Our next WNA General Meeting on May 8, 2014 will be devoted to ordinance enforcement. We will have the Chief Inspector of Housing Codes, Mr. Thomas Karrh, of the City of Montgomery, as our guest speaker. Please plan to attend and have your complaints and concerns addressed.

Please email us any ideas that would help our neighborhood. Our email address is listed to the left. If you would like to be an Officer, Zone Coordinator, Block Captain or a member of a committee, let us know. You can make a difference by becoming active in the Association.

Woodmere Neighborhood Association Meeting  
Thursday, May 8, 2014 6:30 p.m.  
Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium  
Speaker: Thomas Karrh  
Head of Housing, Code Department  
**Come Out and Support your Neighborhood**

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This issue was edited by  
Sam Whatley

## City Contacts

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241-2000

City Council  
241-2097

Animal Control  
241-2970

Police  
241-2651

Fire  
241-2400

Ordinance Violations  
311

For all emergencies, call  
911.

## Financial Report

**Melissa Martin, Treasurer**

	January	February	March	Year to Date	Budget
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	1,982.50	2,953.49	3,126.49	3,446.06	
<b>Income</b>					
Membership Dues, Plus Online Dues	1103.97	600.00	325.00	2028.97	3750.00
Advertisements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	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
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1103.97</b>	<b>600.00</b>	<b>325.00</b>	<b>2028.97</b>	<b>3750.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Newsletter	0.00	374.00	0.00	374.00	1500.00
Day in the Park	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
Administrative Expenses	132.98	3.00	0.00	135.98	805.00
Meeting Room	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	200.00
Entrance Signs	0.00	0.00	5.43	5.43	0.0
Website	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	88.00	0.00	70.00
Stratford Place Signs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>132.98</b>	<b>427.00</b>	<b>5.43</b>	<b>565.41</b>	<b>3,750.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>2953.49</b>	<b>3126.49</b>	<b>3446.06</b>	<b>3446.06</b>	



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## Genealogy or Chasing Our Tales, Part VI by Jessie Donaldson

In William Faulkner's novel, *The Hamlet*, the early pioneers into this region of the country are described thusly: *They came in battered wagons and on muleback and even on foot with flintlock rifles and dogs and children and home-made whiskey stills and Protestant psalm books .....They came from the Atlantic seaboard and before that, from England and the Scottish and Welsh Marches as some of the names would indicate....They brought no slaves and no Phyfe and Chippendale highboys; indeed, what they did bring most of them could (and did) carry in their hands. They took up land and built one- and two-room cabins and never painted them, and married and produced children and added other rooms one by one to the original cabins and did not paint them either....Their descendants still planted cotton in the bottom and corn along the edge of the hills.* These were our ancestors.

When we left our travelers in the last episode of Chasing Our Tales, they had passed through most of the Creek Nation's lands and had arrived at Walker's Station near Shorter. This places them about 25 miles east of present day downtown Montgomery. Up until 1836, this area was still part of the Creek Indian Nation and was not ceded to the United States until the end of the Second Creek War. The Creek Nation extended from the Chattahoochee River on east side to Line Creek on the west side as a result of the Treaty of Fort Jackson (Toulouse) after the First Creek War. The next time you drive east on Highway 80 or north on I-85, take note when you cross Line Creek. It is a small stream just this side of Shorter and it once marked the western boundary of the Creek Nation. Now you know why it was named Line Creek. Travelers entering Alabama would breathe a sigh of relief when they crossed Line Creek because they had made it through the Indian Nation and felt they were safer now. They could not have been more wrong.

When our travelers reached Line Creek, they found a stream about 50 yards wide when it was at normal levels. At times Line Creek was crossed on a ferry pulled by ropes but, depending upon flooding conditions, the ferry was not always operational.

After Line Creek, the next stop was probably the most famous of all of the stations along the Old Federal Road – the Lucas Tavern near the present location of Waugh. The Lucas Tavern was operated by James Abercrombie from 1818 until 1821. In 1821, Walter Lucas took over the operation of the tavern. Lucas also had a mercantile operation in Montgomery and left most of the management of the tavern to his wife, Eliza. On April 2, 1825, a large entourage stopped at the Lucas Tavern to spend the night. One prominent member of this entourage was Marie-Joseph-Paul-Yves-Roch-Gilbert de Motier, better known as the Frenchman, **Marquis de Lafayette**, of the American Revolutionary War. The accommodations and food at the Lucas Tavern were said to be the best to be had. The Lucas Tavern was relocated to near downtown Montgomery and can now be viewed as part of Old Alabama Town.

The Federal Road continued west from Waugh and Line Creek to the banks of another stream, Milly's Creek, and Old Milly's Stand, the tavern from which the creek took its name. Milly was the wife of a British soldier who



This is the Eliza Lucas Tavern in Waugh as it looked in the early 1900's. You can visit the restored tavern today at Old Town Alabama, downtown. It was a tavern from 1818 to 1840, then a home until 1960. Moved to Montgomery in 1978, it may be the oldest building in Alabama. The **Marquis de Lafayette** slept here in 1821.

deserted and fled to the Chattahoochee taking Milly with him. He died near Cusseta leaving Milly alone in the Indian Nation. The Creek Indians thought Milly was an enchanted medicine woman and, as such, she was left alone. In the late 1700's, Milly would wander about in the Indian Nation for years with no husband and no friends before she eventually settled on the bank of a small creek east of present day Montgomery where she opened a small tavern and built a toll bridge. Milly accumulated a large herd of cattle and horses and become quite prosperous. In 1792, Milly learned that the Indians had captured an 8-year old white girl named Temperance Ellis and were holding her captive at the Indian town of Autosee. Milly immediately went to Autosee where she traded 10 horses and 8 cattle for the young girl. Milly gave the girl a home for several years before sending her to live with her relatives in Georgia. Milly's Creek is now known as Miller Creek. Milly Creek Lane is County Road 293 and it intersects with Highway 80 just west of Vaughn near the construction site of the new outer loop interchange. Unfortunately, history only yields Milly's first name. Milly later married a man named Evans and the tavern was known as Evan's Tavern and, even later, as Evansville.

When the road neared what is now Mt. Meigs (then known as Mt. Pleasant), it began a more southwest route and actually crossed what is now Taylor Road somewhere between the intersection with Vaughn Road and U. S. Highway 231. The Federal Road continued south-west and crossed present day Highway 331 near the location of the present-day Snowdoun Community and then on to Pintlala. Sometime in the 1830's, a branch of the road was developed at Mt. Meigs that followed a due west direction and took travelers to the downtown Montgomery area known at that time as New Philadelphia. After Old Milly's and Mt. Meigs, the stops became less often because many of the travelers continued westward to Montgomery to catch a steamboat south. That branch of the road almost exactly matches the route of the Atlanta Highway into downtown Montgomery.

The next stop on the Federal Road was Bonham's near Snowdoun after the road had crossed Catoma Creek. Bonham's was erected in 1820; one year after Alabama became a state and had one room to hold the family, guests, stagecoach drivers and Mrs. Bonham's fury. A traveler of that time, James Stuart, arrived at Bonham's and requested a meal from the reluctant Mrs. Bonham. He described her as "the worst tempered American female" he had encountered in three years of traveling.

The next stop after Bonham's was Colonel Wood's where the accommodations and food were much better although sometimes Wood and, maybe the stagecoach driver, would keep the passengers waiting until they came back from hunting. Wood was said to brew an excellent beer brewed from molasses.

The next time we visit with Chasing Our Tales, we will discuss the owner of the next stop, Sam Manack and his misfortunes plus we will meet some unsavory characters such as Savannah Jack who preyed on the Old Federal Road travelers.



The Marquis de Lafayette



## DREAMS AND DIRT ROADS

by Linda Donaldson

Sit with me a moment  
And let me share a rhyme,  
About a Sunday afternoon  
Going back in time.

The day was warm  
And the sky was hazy,  
While fluffy white clouds  
Drifted slow and lazy.

Riding in the country  
With my loved one near,  
Talking of times past  
And memories so dear.

About the old dirt road  
Where we used to walk,  
Holding hands in silence  
Then we'd stop and talk.

And old wooden bridges  
Over cool calm streams,  
Where we gazed at the water  
And shared all our dreams.

I close my eyes  
And I can feel the breeze,  
As it whispers soft and quietly  
Through the swaying trees.

In times of stress and trouble  
I think of all we're missing,  
So come again real soon  
And we'll do some reminiscing!

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## 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.

## Thomas M. Karrh, II Chief of Code Enforcement



Thomas Karrh will be our speaker at the Woodmere Neighborhood Association meeting May 8, 2014 at 6:30 pm at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. Everyone is invited. He will speak on the enforcement of city codes which make our neighborhood, and city, cleaner, healthier, more aesthetic, and much more valuable.

Mr. Karrh is the City of Montgomery's Chief of Code Enforcement. He has been employed with the City of Montgomery since 2007. Mr. Karrh is responsible for the daily operation of the Housing Code Division. His duties include enforcement of the city's housing code ordinance and supervision of the housing code inspectors. Mr. Karrh specializes in evaluating residential buildings, vacant structures and other properties for code compliance.

Prior to employment with the City of Montgomery, Mr. Karrh owned and managed Thomas Karrh Construction Company where he performed residential building, remodeling and subdivision development. His other employment experience includes electronic controls systems, telecommunications work and real estate sales.

Mr. Karrh is an ICC Certified Property Maintenance Inspector, ICC Certified Residential Building Inspector, ICC Certified Commercial Building Inspector, and an ICC Certified Accessibility Inspector and Plans Examiner. He is State Certified as Master Homebuilder, Master Electrician, Master Plumber and Gasfitter and Advanced Installer On-site Waste Water systems.

## Check out the new signs in Woodmere!



Going one way you enter Bellwood. Going the other way you enter Woodmere. We thank both neighborhood associations, our city councilman, Charles Jinright, and the city of Montgomery for providing and installing these two signs.



The four pillars of Stratford Place have beautiful new signs due to the generosity of residents on Queen Elizabeth Court, Salisbury Place, and the WNA, and to the hard work of Gary and Melon Clinton, Gerry Shook and Jessie Donaldson. Thanks to all.

Visit us online at  
[www.woodmeremontgomery.com](http://www.woodmeremontgomery.com)

Thanks to the efforts of Jessie Donaldson and Melissa Martin, we now have 15 of the most pertinent city ordinances regarding situations encountered in our neighborhood posted for easy reference on the [www.woodmeremontgomery.com](http://www.woodmeremontgomery.com) website. These ordinances are word-for-word direct from the original city source and can be quoted per chapter, article and section. Go to the website pull down the tab for RESOURCES. You will see the listing for the ordinances there. Click on any particular subject and the pertinent ordinance will pop up.





# 2014 Membership Form

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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.

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