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# Woodmere News

## President's Commentary



Jimmy Gunn, WNA President



The WNA Board invites all of our residents to join the Neighborhood Association for the 2015 year. We had 139 paid members in 2014. We want to double that this year. The dues are only \$25.00 per year. Membership is open to anyone who lives in the Woodmere Community, regardless of whether you own or rent your home. Your support will continue to promote and improve the quality of life in Woodmere.

Strong vibrant neighborhoods don't just happen. They're the result of years of hard work and effort. Investing your time and money is an important part of building and strengthening Woodmere. Your Board of Directors is committed to the welfare of its members and to preserving Woodmere as a safe and attractive area.

We encourage all residents to attend the WNA General Meeting on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at the Museum of Fine Arts to hear presentations regarding the interests of our community. Your membership dues provide the funds used to better communicate important matters to the neighborhood and make it easy for neighbors to contact the WNA. Check out our website at [www.woodmeremontgomery.com](http://www.woodmeremontgomery.com) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/woodmeremontgomery](http://www.facebook.com/woodmeremontgomery).

Whether you are an active participant or a supportive member, we need your paid membership so the WNA can be a catalyst for improvement in our neighborhood. Membership allows your household to vote when decisions are being made on the betterment of Woodmere. There is a membership form on page 8 of this newsletter. Please fill it out and mail back in today. You'll be glad you did.

Woodmere Neighborhood Association Meeting  
Thursday, February 5, 2015 6:30 p.m.  
Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium  
Speakers: Charles Jinright, Montgomery City Council  
Captain Al Wheeler, Montgomery Police Department  
**Come Out and Support your Neighborhood**

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This issue was edited by Sam Whatley

**City Contacts**

Mayor's Office  
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**

	October	November	December	2014	Budget
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	2,207.33	2,207.33	1,690.53	1,982.50	
<b>Income</b>					
Membership Dues, Plus Online Dues	0.00	346.91	325.00	2,706.91	3,750.00
Advertisements	0.00	60.00	0.00	60.00	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>0.00</b>	<b>406.91</b>	<b>325.00</b>	<b>3,438.82</b>	<b>3,750.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Newsletter	0.00	385.00	0.00	1,529.00	1500.00
Day in the Park	0.00	150.71	0.00	600.71	750.00
Administrative Expenses	0.00	25.00	0.00	191.23	805.00
Meeting Room	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	200.00
Entrance Signs	0.00	0.00	0.00	241.85	0.00
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	250.00	0.00	250.00	100.00
Spring & Fall Clean-Ups	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Post Office Box Rental	0.00	113.00	0.00	113.00	70.00
Stratford Place Signs	0.00	0.00	0.00	330.00	0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>923.71</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,405.79</b>	<b>3,750.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>2,207.33</b>	<b>1,690.53</b>	<b>2,015.53</b>	<b>2,015.53</b>	



At the **Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts**  
**January 10—March 8**

Come see the Verdute Prints by Canaletto (1697-1746). These scenes of Venice show the city in its decline. This exhibition is in honor of Adolph Weil, Jr. as the etchings were once part of his collection.



## Come to the Meeting

What's going on behind the Museum? Find out February 5, 6:30 pm at the WNA General Meeting, Montgomery Museum of Fine Art. Come prepared to ask questions and learn what your city government is doing now and planning to do next.

**Playing at ASF January 24 — February 15**

Fall down the rabbit hole with Alice as she encounters those beloved zany and strange characters. This whimsical and wonderful adaptation is said to be one of the funniest plays ever written. Contact the box office at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival (334-271-5353).

*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.*

### 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.



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

It is common knowledge that the city of Montgomery was incorporated in 1819 from a merger of two towns, New Philadelphia and East Alabama Town, situated on the Alabama River. The year, 1819, was also the year Alabama was admitted as a state to the union. Montgomery is built on the site of two previous Indian towns, Econachatee and Towassa, and is built on a river bluff called Chunnaanaauga Chatty. But there was a town whose location lies within the present day city limits of Montgomery that existed before Montgomery.

We talked about the infamous Savannah Jack in our last visit with Chasing Our Tales and touched on the fact that Savannah Jack lived at Souvanoga on the Tallapoosa River. Souvanoga was also the residence of the parents of Tecumseh, the Shawnee Indian Chief. Souvanoga was said to be the home of about 50 warriors in its prime. With the influx of white settlers in the early 1800s, many of the Indians left Souvanoga and the Indian town was on the decline.

As we have discussed before, most of these white settlers moving into the Alabama territory entered the state on the Old Federal Road and these settlers were mostly from the Carolinas and Georgia. The route of the Old Federal Road happened to run near the location of the Indian town, Souvanoga. Apparently in about 1816, some of the settlers decided this was a good spot to make their homes and a good number of those stopping at this site must have been from Georgia because they renamed the town after one of the principal towns in their state.

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Lynne "Scout" Windham with the Little Free Library

### **WOODMERE NOW HAS A LITTLE FREE LIBRARY!**

WNA member, Lynne "Scout" Windham, is excited to be the steward of the new Little Free Library in Woodmere. This Little Free Library is for the use and enjoyment of everyone in our lovely neighborhood. It is located off Woodmere Blvd on the berm between Cobblestone Ct. and Limestone Ct. The way it works is simple:

- The library now contains a few books across a range of genres.
- Please stop by to browse and take whatever interests you.
- You may also donate a few of your favorite books. (Please no commercial solicitations, political ads or religious tracts.)
- These books are always a gift – never for sale.

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## Chasing Our Tales

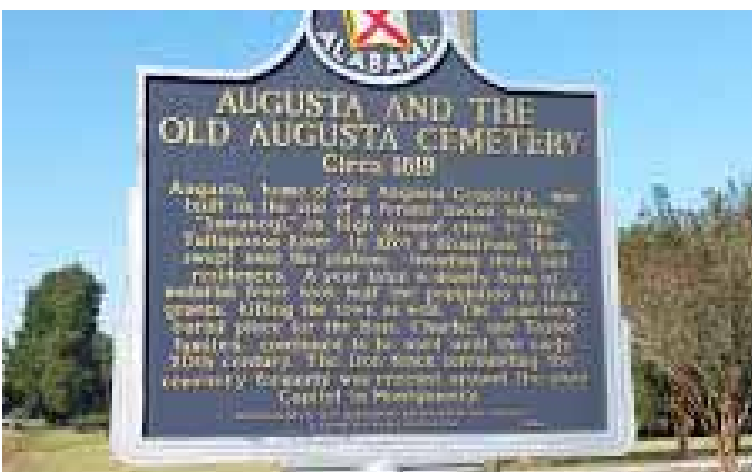
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Thus came to be the town of Augusta, Alabama. Located on the Tallapoosa, Augusta was the northern most point on the navigable portion of the Alabama River system and the town thrived. The 7th Brigade of the Alabama Militia held their muster drills at Augusta. Augusta had a doctor, a grog (beer or ale) shop, a commission man, a blacksmith, and a stage stop where the stage changed horses. When the river was high enough to allow navigation, steam boats from Mobile brought goods and departed for Mobile with loads of cotton and other freight. The leading mercantile establishment in Augusta was the firm of Robert Mitchell and Company. The company was previously referred to as Meigs and Mitchell with the owners being Major Robert Mitchell and Joseph Meigs. Joseph Meigs is the man for whom the town of Mt. Meigs was named. On one trip, the steam boat, *Yankee*, delivered the following goods which the Mitchell Company offered for sale: 100 barrels of rye whiskey, 10 barrels of apple brandy, 5 barrels of Cognac brandy, 5 casks of wine, 25 boxes of No. 1 chocolate, 15 boxes of No. 2 chocolate, 5 boxes of Spanish cigars, alum, Liverpool salt, Carolina hoes, 20 barrels of New Orleans sugar and a variety of other things. That makes 120 barrels of alcoholic drink and only 20 barrels of sugar.

In 1824, the Tallapoosa River flooded and swept through the town filling all of the shops and homes with water. Just one year later, a malaria epidemic killed more than half of the population of Augusta and brought an end to the town. Many of those killed are buried in the old Augusta cemetery along with members of the Ross, Charles, Lucas and Taylor families.

What you may not know is that many of us drive by the Augusta cemetery frequently and do not realize it. You see, Augusta was near Ware's Ferry and the present day Ware's Ferry Road passes within about 100 yards of the old Augusta cemetery. The present day Old Augusta Baptist Church, an active modern small church, is located on Ware's Ferry Road just a short distance from the cemetery. If you drive out Ware's Ferry Road toward Mt. Meigs, the old cemetery is on the left a short distance beyond the Dozier Road intersection. The old cemetery is located just on the edge of the Tallapoosa Lakes Golf Course and a historical marker on Ware's Ferry Road announces its presence.

When we next meet to discuss Chasing Our Tales, we will visit with a few more of the colorful characters that once lived in this area such as the trader, Woccoioie Clarke, and one of the early entrepreneurs named Abram Mordecai.



Old Augusta Cemetery is located just off Ware's Ferry Road near Dozier Road, Montgomery, Alabama.

## CITY ORDINANCE FOR PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS

Chapter 20 of the city of Montgomery's Code of Ordinances sets certain rules and regulations for the conduct of peddlers and solicitors to protect the privacy and safety of the citizens of the city. It is up to you to report in violations of this ordinance. If you feel this ordinance has been violated, call the police non-emergency number 241-2651 and register your complaint. If a violation occurs, call the number immediately so a unit can respond while the violators are still in the vicinity.

Chapter 20 of the Code of Ordinances sets these rules:

1. From April 1 through October 31, individuals may enter your property for the purpose of soliciting or peddling between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Saturday, the lawful hours are 10:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. These are the lawful hours unless you invite them or give them permission.
2. From November 1 through March 31, individuals may enter your property for the purpose of soliciting or peddling between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Saturday, the lawful hours are 10:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. These are the lawful hours unless you invite them or give them permission.
3. It is unlawful for more than three (3) people to approach your property for the purpose of soliciting or peddling at any time unless you invite them.
4. **It is unlawful for any individual or group to solicit, peddle, or canvas at any time at a residence that has a sign (or decal) on the property forbidding this act.** The sign or decal may say "no soliciting", "no solicitors", "no peddling", or "no trespasses".
5. It is unlawful for an individual or group to cause confusion about the individual's connection or association with another group or organization.
6. It is unlawful for an individual to present false or invalid identification. They must be able to present proper identification immediately upon being asked by the resident.
7. It is unlawful to imply that the city endorses the solicitation or peddling.
8. It is unlawful for the individual to refuse to leave a residence immediately upon being asked to leave by the owner or a lawful occupant. To refuse to leave constitutes trespassing.

*Soliciting* means asking for anything including, but not limited to, contributions, votes, money, signatures, opinions, preferences, appointments, or the opportunity to share or present an opinion, preference, message or idea. *Canvassing* means asking for opinions or preferences and sharing or presenting opinions, preferences, advertising, messages, information, or ideas, orally or in writing. *Peddling* means going from place to place seeking to sell, marketing, or trading goods or services.

People approaching your property must be able to produce valid and proper identification. Ask them for this first. If they cannot produce such identification, ask them to leave. **If you have a "no soliciting" or other signage on your property and they approach your residence, call the police.**

Your Woodmere Neighborhood Association still has a limited number of the "no soliciting" decals available at no charge for placing on your front door or near the entrance to your home. These will be available again at the **WNA General Meeting on Thursday, February 5 at 6:30** in the auditorium of the Montgomery Fine Arts Museum in Blount Cultural Park. You must attend to get your decal. We will see you there.



**NO SOLICITING**

## WNA Contributes to Crime Stoppers

In November the Woodmere Neighborhood Association Board voted to contribute \$250.00 to the Central Alabama Crime Stoppers. Crime Stoppers regularly offers cash rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of criminals in this part of the state. Many criminals have been brought to justice through these tips. These cash rewards are not funded by your taxes, but by contributions to Crime Stoppers.



Central Alabama  
**CRIME STOPPERS**

The WNA is proud to join the East Montgomery Neighborhood Alliance in this effort to keep our community and our city safe. To learn more go to [www.215stop.org](http://www.215stop.org).



## Alley Section Restored

One section of alley between Salisbury Place and Woodmere Loop was restored last summer thanks to the cooperation and financial investment of four neighbors. They hired the construction company and divided the cost. Alleys between patio homes and townhouses in Woodmere are private property, with each homeowner owning the half of the alley adjacent to their property line. So when the alley needs repair the city is not involved. However, in this case the Montgomery Water Works reinforced the part of the section around their manhole, which decreased the overall cost. For more information email Sam Whatley at [chesshorse2@gmail.com](mailto:chesshorse2@gmail.com).

## WOODMERE'S LITTLE FREE LIBRARY *continued from page 4*

The Little Free Library movement was started in 2010 by community activists in Wisconsin. It has now grown to include little libraries in most states and dozens of countries. The Little Free Library mission is to promote literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges worldwide, and to foster a sense of community and connection as we share our favorite books across generations. For more information, please check-out their website at [www.littlefreelibrary.org](http://www.littlefreelibrary.org).

When asked how she learned about this "Take a Book; Return a Book" community project, Scout Windham said, "I first heard about the Little Free Library movement when visiting a friend in Charleston, SC, last year. He lives in the historical district and his fancy Little Free Library put his home on the tourist map! He told me how much fun it had been to meet more of his neighbors and to read interesting books shared by others. Since I love to read and meet people, it sounded like a great idea to try for our neighborhood. The only problem was *I am not handy with a hammer*. Fortunately, a good friend offered to build it for us and so now it is up and open. I hope folks will enjoy it as much as I do!"



# 2015 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.

Please send your \$25 check payable to:  
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