

Woodmere News

WOODMERE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION . . . BEAUTIFUL PARKS AND HOME TO THE ARTS

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President's Commentary

I hope that all of you are enjoying the nice weather that has been bestowed upon us in the last few weeks. I am beginning to see Woodmere inhabitants coming out of hibernation, working in their yards and washing their cars. This is my favorite time of the year. I would invite all of you in Woodmere to join the Woodmere Neighborhood Association for the 2011 year. We have a total of 110 paid members. We need you to become a part of the association. Please send in your membership fee of \$25.00 today. It will be greatly appreciated.

Our Woodmere Neighborhood Association General Meeting will be held at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts on Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 6:30 PM. Ms. Diane Burke, Deputy Director, Montgomery City Sanitation Department, will be our guest speaker. Make plans to attend and listen to her informative presentation and ask any questions of concern that you might have. Other dates of importance for this year are May 14 - Fall Clean-Up, June 11 - WNA Yard Sale and October 4 - Day in the Park. If you would like to help organize any of these events, please contact me or email info@woodmeremontgomery.com.

The new entrance sign on Carmichael Road should be completed mid May. I know everyone is going to be impressed by the new sign as it will enhance the appearance of our neighborhood. Due to recent high winds that came through our subdivision, the flag pole at the entrance was broken in half and will have to be replaced. Fortunately, Sam Whatley rescued the flag and it is in safe keeping. We will have to replace the flag pole after the completion of the new sign. Let me know if you would like to be a part of the committee to make this happen. I would like to extend special thanks to Jessie Donaldson and those who helped him for the tearing down and removal of the old sign. This was no easy task.

I want to remind everyone of 311 Access Montgomery. If you see abandoned or junked cars, homes in disrepair, cars parked on lawns, dirty swimming pools or uncut lawns, please call 311 or 240-4636 and report them. You can also go to www.montgomeryal.gov and click on the 311 link to send an email. I can guarantee you that they will take care of the problem and keep you informed on the matter. I continue to have residents of Woodmere contact me concerning dogs relieving themselves on the lawns of neighbors while the owners are walking them. Dog owners, please clean up after your animals. This is the neighborly and responsible thing to do.

If you have any ideas that would help our neighborhood, please email us at info@woodmeremontgomery.com. If you would like to volunteer for a certain committee, project or office of the WNA, please let us know. We want to keep Woodmere the best neighborhood in the city.

Jimmy Gunn



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Neighborhood Association Meeting
Thursday, May 12, 2011
6:30 p.m.
Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts

We hope to see you there!

City Contacts

Mayor's Office
241-2000

City Council
241-2097

Animal Control
241-2970

Police
241-2651

Fire
241-2400

Recycling
241-2925

Housing Code
Enforcement
241-2068

For all emergencies,
please call 911.

For ordinances:
www.montgomeryal.gov

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Financial Report

Melissa Martin, Treasurer

	January	February	March	Year to Date	Budget
Beginning Balance	2158.06	2032.68	2945.11	2158.06	
Income					
Membership Dues	100.00	1700.00	550.00	2350.00	3750.00
Advertisements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
T-Shirts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	2100.00	2100.00	0.00
Total Income	100.00	1700.00	2650.00	4575.00	3750.00
Expenses					
Newsletter	0.00	374.00	0.00	374.00	1400.00
Day in the Park	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1200.00
Administrative Expenses	0.00	413.57	2400.00	2813.57	203.00
Meeting Room	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	200.00
Website	175.38	0.00	0.00	175.38	75.00
Yard Sale	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Crime Prevention	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
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	72.00
Total Expenses	225.38	787.57	2400.00	3412.95	3750.00
Ending Balance	2032.68	2945.11	3195.11	3195.11	

Quarterly Meeting Minutes - February 10, 2011

The Woodmere Neighborhood Association met on Thursday, February 10 for its quarterly meeting at the Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium. President Jimmy Gunn called the meeting to order. The attendees were given updates from the committee chairs that were present at the meeting. The guest speakers for the meeting were Councilman Charles Jinright and Chief Chris Murphy with the Montgomery Police Department. Following the reports and presentations, there was a brief question and answer session from the audience.

The next quarterly meeting will be on Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. All are invited to attend.



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April 2011 Yards of the Month



The Woodmere Neighborhood Association would like to thank Ron and Diane Sams of West Astrid Place for donating a new flag for the Carmichael entrance.



1598 Cobblestone Court



6025 Bolingbrook Drive



1865 Woodmere Loop

RECYCLING OPTIONS

Recycling can be dropped off on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month at one of seven recycling drop-off sites located around Montgomery:

- Halcyon Elementary • Goodwyn Jr. High
- Dannelly Elementary • Wares Ferry Elementary
- Peter Crump Elementary • Bellingrath Jr. High
- Southlawn Middle School

Place your aluminum, paper, and cardboard only in a plastic bag, paper bag or cardboard box and drop it off at one of these sites between 9 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.

The following locations are available for dropping off your recycling at any time:

- McInnis Recycling Center at 4341 Norman Bridge Rd
- Mount Scrap at 824 North Decatur Street

- Recycling bins are also located at:
- Garrett Elementary • Capital Heights Jr. High
 - Maggie St. Baptist Church • Bellingrath Jr. High
 - McKee Elementary • Floyd Middle Magnet
 - Jeff Davis High School • Frazer Memorial UMC

Bins collect different materials; please call 241-2925 for specifics. More bins to be added shortly.

A Mother's Love

A little child
Afraid at night,
Then gentle hands
That calmed the fright.

The soft sweet voice
That filled the room
Brought such peace
And lifted gloom.

The healing kiss
On an injured knee,
And the great big hug
That set us free...

To run about
Again and play,
In a great big world
For another day.

There are many gifts
From God above,
But none so precious
As a Mother's love.

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Calendar of Events

WNA Neighborhood Meeting
May 12

Spring Clean-up
May 14

Neighborhood Yard Sale
June 11

National Night Out
August 2

WNA Neighborhood Meeting
August 11

Day in the Park
October 4

WNA Neighborhood Meeting
November 10

Traffic laws apply to persons riding bicycles and motor-driven cycles.

Every person riding a bicycle or motor-driven cycle on a roadway shall be granted all the rights and be subject to all of the duties as to the driver of a vehicle by the laws of the state of Alabama declaring rules of the road applicable to vehicles or by the traffic ordinances of this city applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to special regulations in this article and except as to those provisions of laws and ordinances which by their nature can have no application.



Parking on Front Yards

Per Section 27-395 of the City of Montgomery's Code of Ordinances, it is unlawful to park in front yards of homes. There are exceptions for loading or unloading and washing of vehicles, but under no circumstances is the vehicle to remain parked in the front yard for longer than three (3) hours. A fine of \$50 per day can be levied against the registered owner of the motor vehicle in violation of the ordinance. A call to 311 can lead to investigation of violations of this ordinance and result in substantial fines for vehicles violating the ordinance. Let's keep our neighborhood looking good and refrain from parking in front yards.



Jessie Donaldson

Sec. 27-395. - Parking motor vehicles in front yards prohibited.

(a) Prohibition. It is hereby ordained by the city council that it shall hereafter be unlawful within the corporate limits of the city to:

- (1) Park a motor vehicle in the front yard of a residence or business, unless the motor vehicle is parked in a driveway;
- (2) Park a motor vehicle over any part of a sidewalk, or any unpaved portion of the public right-of-way.

To view this ordinance in its entirety, go to www.montgomeryal.gov or email info@woodmeremontgomery.com.

Street Spam

In reference to last quarter's Woodmere News on page 5, it shall be unlawful for any person to post or paste or otherwise to attach any signboard, bill, advertisement or other paper upon a pole erected by any telegraph, telephone, electric light or power company, or to fire alarm poles or to any tree growing on any street in the city, or to any fixed object on city-owned property. This is per Section 24-3 of the City of Montgomery's Code of Ordinances. The street light poles in Woodmere are the property of Alabama Power Company and it is unlawful to attach anything to these poles. Keep our neighborhood looking neat and clean. Remove any signs or notices that you see attached to street light poles, power poles and trees, including yard sale signs and "homes for sale signs".

Jessie Donaldson



Crime Prevention Tips to Consider Before Going on Vacation

Preventing crime during family travel starts with making sure your home is protected while you are away. The key is to make it look like you never left.

- Keep shades and blinds in their normal positions
- Stop mail and newspapers, or ask a neighbor to pick them up every day
- Put timers on several household lights so they turn on and off at appropriate times
- Arrange to have your grass mowed while you are gone
- Make sure that all of your door and window locks are in working order and use them.
- Activate your home alarm

You might even leave a radio on or put it on a timer. Ask a neighbor to park in your driveway overnight - anything to suggest that someone is home.



Neighborhood Yard Sale

It's that time of the year again! Time for spring cleaning and getting rid of those old things lying around. Woodmere's Neighborhood Yard Sale is set to start at 7:00 AM on Saturday, June 11th. Last year's event was VERY successful; many residents from other neighborhoods commented how well organized the sale was. We hope for more participation this year as this was the only complaint. Shelby Hutcheson will be distributing maps again of homes that will have sales. We will also hang a balloon at your residence to attract (passersby). If you don't think you have enough items to sell, ask your neighbors to participate with you. The more sales we have, the more residents we attract. Clean out your closet, Sell your items, make some money, meet new people, and especially have fun! Please email Shelby Hutcheson at supershelby69@hotmail.com if you plan to participate.

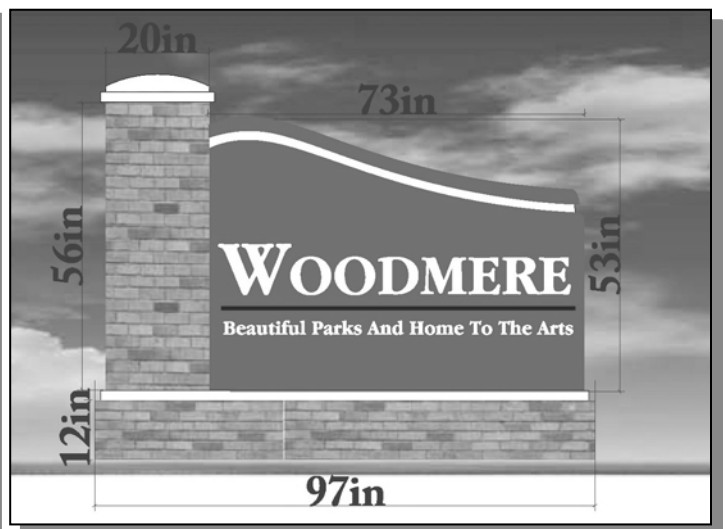


New Entrance Sign

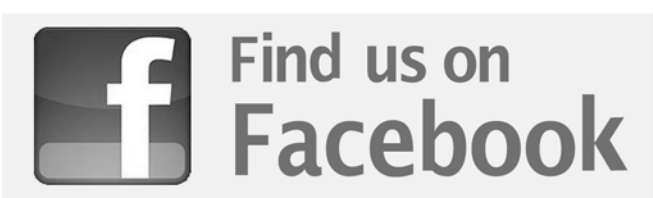
We are getting a new entrance sign in at the Carmichael Road entrance into Woodmere. Work should begin at the end of April and be complete by mid May. The cost of the sign was \$4800. Councilman Charles Jinright gave Woodmere Neighborhood Association \$2400 of his discretionary funds to help with the cost of the sign. The remainder of the monies came from a \$1500 grant from BONDS, \$400 from the Woodmere Neighborhood Association treasury, and \$600 from an anonymous donation. We have set up a fund for those who would like to make a donation for a new sign at the Woodmere Boulevard entrance. We currently have \$400 in donations for that sign. If you would like to contribute to the WNA Sign Fund, please mail a check to the WNA PO Box or contact info@woodmeremontgomery.com. If you mail a check, please denote on the check that it should go to the WNA Entrance Sign Fund.



Location of new Woodmere Neighborhood Association sign on Carmichael Road



Mock-up of new sign to be placed at Carmichael Road Entrance.



Just search for Woodmere Neighborhood Association!

Flimp Festival - May 7

Lara M. Lewis, Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts

Enjoy one of Montgomery's favorite family traditions on Saturday, May 7 at the 22nd Annual Flimp Festival held at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. This year, with new and exciting exhibits, Flimp Festival will showcase the artwork of famed local artist, Amos Kennedy. Although there will be new activities, many of the old favorites will still be present: artists, art making, chalk art, entertainment, food, and many other family activities. Those activities will include:

- **Art Making** - Visit the art studios and make unique works of art such as Mad Hatter creations decorated with pom-poms and feathers, Mother's Day cards, and Flimp fairy houses with clay.
- **Artists in Action** - Artists making art. See art created by professional artists such as sock-making, basket weaving, pottery; craft-making, and recycled jewelry, then try your hand at making something special related to each artist's work.
- **Boat Racing** - Join us on the MMFA pond for a Model Boat Regatta! Race your remote control model boat at this one-time family-friendly event and compete for prizes. Advance registration is required by April 29th. Call 334.240.4333 for more information.
- **Flimp Treasure Hunt** - Join the exciting "Discover the Treasure" hunt held in the Rotunda. This event invites children and adults to find the correct answers to clues about the artwork in the Museum galleries. Win fabulous prizes donated by area merchants.
- **Flimp Chalk** - Put your pastels to the pavement and create chalk masterpieces in the Museum parking lot—this year featuring 3-D chalk! Student artists and adults are invited to transform the street into a chalk gallery. First, second, and third place ribbons and prizes will be awarded for each of the following four categories: elementary school (1st-5th), middle school (6th-8th), high school (9th-12th), and adult. The Museum provides chalk, parking lot space, and event organization. Artists provide inspiring compositions. To participate, call the Education Department at 334.240.4365 for an application.
- **Flimp Music** - Flimp 2011 will feature Dave Holland, an artist with a world-beat sound who will offer the opportunity to participate. This unique musician will present several musical sets throughout the day, including interactive music circles, drums from around the world and an educational multi-cultural performance with a folk art flair. Visitors can enjoy the theatrical presentation while participating in one of the interactive performances or as lively background music while partaking in the art-making projects.
- **Jazz Jams** - Chris Kozak, Assistant Professor and Director of Jazz Studies at the University of Alabama School of Music, will play a house set and allow for audience participation. Anyone playing an instrument or who is interested in singing can play along.
- **Lunch during FLIMP** - For patrons interested in lunch during FLIMP, Café M will present offerings from a tent in the Museum's front circle picnic style from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Museum Store Treasures** - Be sure to check out our plethora of Museum Store treasures available for purchase in the Museum's Store during the festival.



The fun begins at 10 a.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 12, and FREE to Museum members and Active Duty Military with valid ID. Special group rates are available. Proceeds benefit the Museum's acquisition, exhibition, and education programs. Flimp Festival 2011 is generously sponsored by the City of Montgomery, Buffalo Rock Company/PEPSI, Cumulus Broadcasting, Montgomery Living, Montgomery Parents, KOOL 95.7 Classic Hits, and WSFA-TV. For more information, call the Museum at 334.240.4333 or visit the MMFA web site at www.mmfa.org



WOODMERE
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2011 Membership Form

Woodmere Neighborhood Association
PO Box 231473
Montgomery, Alabama 36123

Date: _____

NAME _____

NAME _____

NAME _____

NAME _____

STREET _____

PHONE _____

CELL _____

WORK _____

EMAIL 1 _____

EMAIL 2 _____

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 your interest below:

- Parks Committee
- Streets and Sidewalks Committee
- Crime Prevention Committee
- Newsletter
- Newsletter Distribution
- Block Captain
- Other skills/interests _____

Please note: We send out a monthly newsletter, the *Woodmere eNews*. If you provide your email address(es), you will receive this newsletter. We also send out notices about lost and found pets. If you have any questions or concerns, please send us an email.

Please send your check payable to: **Woodmere Neighborhood Association**

For WNA Use Only

Check No. _____

Amount: _____

Date: _____