

Guess Who's Coming to the WNA Meeting!



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The next full membership meeting of the Woodmere Neighborhood Association is Thursday, February 13th, and Charles Jinright, our District 9 City Councilman, will be there to meet you, so, make sure you are there to meet him – 6:30 PM at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts.

For some folks, Councilman Jinright is first known as the CEO of The Jinright Group, an insurance firm that he purchased and reconstructed in 2015 from his dad, its founder. The company specializes in consulting businesses on employee benefits and individual life insurance programs.

Born in Montgomery and educated at Troy University, Jinright grew up with the city and knows it from top to bottom, East to West. He has witnessed, and in many cases assisted with, additions like ASF, MMFA, Eastchase, the Biscuits, Hyundai Manufacturing, and Whitewater Park. He has served our community through the Chamber, Business Council, the Rotary, the YMCA, Metro Planning, and as President of the City Council along with a brief stint as Acting Mayor. There are many good reasons he was honored last year by our City Council for his 28 years of exemplary service.

And he is ours... Jinright knows our neighborhood and how it fits in the scheme of the city. He has been instrumental in securing security cameras at our entry points, in getting our police officers better wages and up-to-date crime fighting equipment. He has worked with the WNA Board to get streets paved, the park upgraded, and speed humps secured. He sees what we see, however, in crime spikes, societal disarray, and Montgomery's shortage of trained law enforcement officers. In District 9, he connects with 21 different neighborhood groups like WNA to make sure he knows our concerns and victories.

So, come to meet "Charlie" on the 13th – and bring your concerns, your questions, your suggestions. He listens... but only if we are there to speak up.

As usual, we will hold a door prize drawing at this meeting!

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Woodmere Neighborhood Association Meeting

Thursday, February 13, 2025 6:30 p.m.

Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium

**Guest Speaker: Honorable Charles Jinright
District 9 Councilman**

Are You IN? Membership Has Perks!

The WNA Membership Drive is still underway, so ask yourself: Am I In? Have I joined or renewed for 2025? If not, get on it! WNA Membership is one of the keys to higher property values, cleaner streets, and safer surroundings. Who doesn't want those? But only YOU can sign yourself up.

ASF Ticket Winners Selected

To encourage early memberships, WNA offered a letter writing contest for three lucky neighbors to win a pair of tickets to the show of their choice at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival and the letters are in. The winners of the drawing have been notified and will be announced at the next full membership meeting on February 13th. Their heartfelt entries should remind us all of Woodmere's special qualities and why joining forces as members of a neighborhood association makes a meaningful difference in our lives here. Perhaps the following excerpts will convince you to keep your own membership up to date!

Why They Live in Woodmere:

"We wanted a garden home conveniently located and close to parks..."

"Wanted a house with a garage, convenient to shopping and with the easiest commute to Maxwell... we talked to neighbors about what they liked and didn't like about Woodmere, and they all enthusiastically liked Woodmere."

"It was a nice clean neighborhood and close to everything. We loved the parks and the Shakespeare Festival..."

"We were amazed at how much house and yard we could afford here in comparison to Cloverdale, Dalraida, Green Acres and the other areas we'd been shopping..."

"Close to our jobs as well to hospitals, grocery stores, and restaurants... a nearby YMCA for our children, nice city park with a playground and ducks swimming around on the park's pond... city library was close... the Shakespeare Theater in the area is great...visiting the art museum is fun too and there is a nice little restaurant in the museum. Good stuff."

Why They Join WNA:

"quarterly meetings and newsletter kept us informed about not only what was going on in Woodmere but also in Montgomery...when there was talk about closing the Woodmere entrance to Blount Cultural Park we rallied as a neighborhood to stop that from happening...clean-up days, neighborhood garage sales, picnics-in-the-park – activities to bring neighbors together..."

"We believe in the powers of community, communication, cooperation and comradery... WNA focuses on what's in the best interests of all residents and makes every effort to communicate, both listening and sharing plans and goals. WNA is a good example of "It takes a village."

“So, I could meet people and know what was going on in the neighborhood.”

“WNA fills me in on City Council issues, planning commission updates, crime statistics and anything else that might affect me or my property values. Because I attend meetings, I know my Councilman and law enforcement reps by sight and would be comfortable calling upon them... I know people have my back...”

“The WNA ensures coordination with the mayor, City Council, and Police Department to help the residents of Woodmere with crime issues, fire protection, street maintenance, traffic issues, park concerns...helps keep the value of your home as well as the neighborhood...”

What They Suggest:

“A one-page quarterly news bulletin...the information in bullets, not wordy...distributed to everyone...”

“no homeless people at the intersections on the bypass...speed humps to stop the racing and speeding...streets repaved...people who would take pride in our community and not litter the streets...no street parking that blocks driveways.”

“A way (maybe the website) to list free give-away items...that another Woodmere resident could use... and like our little free library, a small free food pantry...”

“I want us to reconnect, to be the kind of neighborhood Mr. Rogers taught us to be. I want to know who lives around me, whose dog has escaped, whose kid can be trusted to cut my grass. I want to recognize neighbors...know intruders when I see them. I want to lend a hand when needed and know there are others who will be there for me.”

“We should be more than a system of streets; we should be a network of people... maybe a WNA networking day...block parties...a system of exchanges to identify needs and talents through the online newsletter or website.”

Your Turn: It is easy to join. A cost of only \$35 per year – less than \$3.00 per month. That is a bargain to help protect the value of your asset, a home in Woodmere. Go to <https://woodmereneighborhood.org>.

This eNewsletter is emailed to current 2025 WNA members and to past WNA members who still live in Woodmere. If you have not enrolled for 2025, it's **Your Turn:**

- You can mail a \$35 check to **WNA, PO Box 231473, Montgomery, AL 36123** to re-enroll, or
- You can go to the WNA website mentioned above and copy the Membership Form to complete and submit by mail along with your \$35 check, or
- You can re-enroll online which requires a \$35 credit card payment with no paperwork. You can also purchase a new **2025 WNA Handbook** online for \$5.

Financial Report

	October	November	December	2024	Budget
Beginning Balance	4,765.97	4,700.97	5,193.33		
Income					
Membership Dues (Includes Online Dues)	35.00	452.36	482.36	2,865.88	1,907.49
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	125.00	0.00
Cameras & Speed Humps	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
Handbooks	0.00	40.00	4.55	119.55	0.00
Total Income	35.00	492.36	25,486.91	28,110.43	1,907.49
Expenses					
Newsletter/Mailouts	0.00	0.00	344.13	2,406.02	2,200.00
Flock Safety Cameras	0.00	0.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	0.00
Flags	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Meeting Rooms	0.00	0.00	0.00	570.00	570.00
Printing Handbooks	0.00	0.00	0.00	533.50	0.00
Website	100.00	0.00	0.00	600.51	140.00
Signs & Repairs	0.00	0.00	0.00	82.50	0.00
Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.80	0.00
PO Box Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00	232.00	226.00
Admin Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	416.34
Total Expenses	100.00	0.00	13,344.13	17,566.33	3,552.34
Ending Balance	4,700.97	5,193.33	17,336.11		

Members	2024	92	92	92	92	
	2025	5	18	31		

Total memberships for 2024 were 92. Twelve (12) of these were new WNA members.

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