



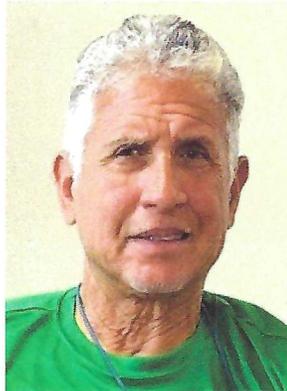
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Speaker: John Cannady, WNA VP

If you've ever been involved with Montgomery's Family Karate Center, you probably know WNA's August speaker, John Cannady, Jr, because he's been a sparring instructor there for many years. In fact, John has been involved in martial arts for over 50 years and garnered the national championship of the American Taekwondo Foundation four years in a row. That's pretty good credit for a volunteer with the Montgomery Police Department. On August 14th, John will share with us his experiences with the Volunteers In Police Service Program (VIPS) at our quarterly WNA meeting.

John was introduced to VIPS six years ago while attending the Citizens Academy. His security police training in the military made him a good fit for VIPS so he thought he might have something to offer. He did... and is currently serving as its Vice President.

John's background includes a stellar Air Force career and years of service to our magnet school system. His 22 years with the Air Force twice earned him NCO of the Year at Maxwell, supplemented by honors and assignments in Greece, Guam, Washington, and Virginia. Early in his career, his impressive work qualified him for the Stripes for Exceptional Performance (STEP) Program and earned him a Master Sergeant rank. Dedication to "be the best" underscored his duties as an Aerospace ground equipment mechanic in Athens, but John also held a burning desire to teach. The AF apparently recognized his potential and transferred him back to the States to do just that.

John first served in the states of Washington and Virginia as teacher for nuclear bomb trailer care, then in Illinois as teacher for pneumatics, hydraulics, gas, diesel & turbine engines, electronics, and military science. He went on to teach Military Education, including communication & leadership skills as the Commandant/Program Manager/Dean of Education at Anderson AFB in Guam. His last assignment at Maxwell opened the door to retirement and further education.

Although he was born in NYC and raised in the Bronx, Allentown PA, and Parkland TX, John, like so many other AF vets, settled right here in Montgomery after he retired from military service. That was our good luck because John has never retired from community service.

An addicted student in his own right, John is currently working on an Associate Degree in Air Conditioning and Refrigeration. He already holds Associate Degrees in both Instructor
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Woodmere Neighborhood Association Meeting

Thursday, August 14, 2025 6:30 p.m.

Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium

Guest Speaker: John Cannady
WNA VP & Volunteer in Police Service (VIPS)

(Speaker John Cannady, WNA VP, continued from page 1)

Technology and Aerospace Ground Equipment. He also has a BS in Human Resources from Faulkner University and an MS Degree from Troy in Adult Education.

He put those to work as a teacher and technology coordinator at McMillan International Academy, Baldwin Magnet, Brewtech Magnet, and Pike Road schools. He also helped develop Industrial Maintenance Technology programs at both Carver and Lee High Schools. In his spare time, he taught CPR, Babysitting & First Aid courses.

John has been married to Kay for 25 years and with eight grandchildren they stay focused on the importance of education and community. In addition to the Family Karate Center, John's volunteer service includes the Veteran's Administration, the Salvation Army, the Red Cross (Guam's Volunteer of the Year in 1991), Montgomery Humane Shelter, and the Montgomery Cancer Center. He has also served on Boards for the Montgomery Zoo, River Region Team Tennis, and our own WNA (5 yrs).

"Sometimes I get there and sometimes I don't," John admits, "but I don't stop trying... I enjoy being part of a team. The greatest thrill of my life has been to educate. Remunerate Onward is my motto – Pay It Forward."

A parent of one of John's taekwondo students described him as a caring compassionate leader...one of those special people who leaves a lasting impression and instills amazing qualities in his students."

Come to the WNA meeting at the MMFA at 6:30 PM on August 14th to see and hear John Cannady for yourself!

Contact with Property Owners of Woodmere Rentals

Over the years, the WNA has conducted mass mailings to all 794 addresses in Woodmere to solicit involvement, membership, and support. But we have found that those who rent are not as invested in our neighborhood as those who actually own the property. We came to realize that we needed to mail directly to the property owners of rental homes in Woodmere.

However, no one knew which homes were rentals or who owned them. That is until Bernice Blount of the WNA took the time and effort to research the county tax records to identify Woodmere property owners who do not live in Woodmere. Of the 794 residences, Bernice compiled a list of 218 (27.5%) Woodmere residences that are rented.

From this list, the WNA mailed letters to 174 rental property owners on July 18th to introduce them to the WNA and request their involvement and support. At the time of this article, six property owners have joined our neighborhood association. This new focus on property owners will save us time and money and hopefully, make the WNA more effective.

A big thanks to Bernice for her efforts in this and for achieving something the WNA had tried to accomplish for years!

WNA Board Nominations for 2026

If you recall the “Calling All Candidates” article in the last eNewsletter, you know that this upcoming August General Meeting is the time to nominate candidates to run for one of the WNA’s five elected officers.

At the end of this year, the following three WNA officers are resigning:

Jimmy Gunn, President

Sam Whatley, First Vice President

Margaret Berry, Secretary

Each of these officers has served the WNA for many years and will be sorely missed. Their resignations as WNA officers, however, does not mean that they will no longer be involved in the WNA. Hopefully, they will continue their WNA commitments as Board Committee members, Zone Coordinators and/or Block Captains.

To replace these WNA officers and complete the slate of candidates for the November election, the following nominations are being proposed at the August meeting:

President – Ron Bridges, Heidi Place

First Vice President – No candidate has been nominated

Second Vice President – John Cannady, Dunwoody Court

Secretary – No candidate has been nominated

Treasurer – Gary Matthews, Pampas Drive

There is still time to get involved in the WNA as an officer, Committee member, Zone coordinator or Block Captain, so please volunteer. Even a little bit of involvement helps to make the WNA better.

-----Help Us Help You!-----

Nominations are open for the WNA November elections. Nominees must commit to two-year terms, effective immediately after the election which will be held at the November General Meeting: November 13, 2025. Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm. Quarterly meetings are on the second Thursday of February, May, August and November at 6:30 pm. Committees set their own schedules, meeting as needed. Training will be provided by the outgoing position holder and our Board members all work together to fill in any gaps that arise.

Want to get involved? Put your skills to work for your neighbors! Just e-mail the WNA at info@woodmeremontgomery.org or contact one of our officers or zone coordinators to nominate yourself or another WNA member to serve. We’ll follow up with information and to answer any questions, then, with your/their permission, add the nominee to the ballot.

Officer and Board positions currently open:

President - calls & presides over all meetings (4 general meetings per year) and represents the Association in all affairs. Uses Roberts Rules of Order for guidance.

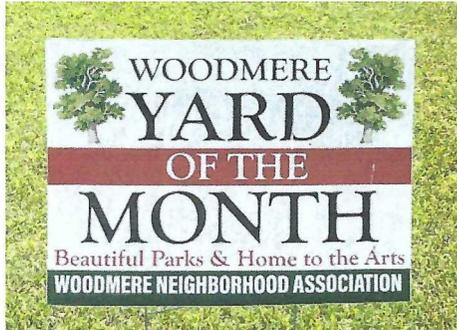
1st VP – stands in for President when requested or necessary and assists standing committees.

Secretary – records minutes of all meetings, files those records and notifies members of meetings at least a week ahead (email/newsletters) and handles any required correspondence.

Streets and Sidewalks Committee Chair – oversees the upkeep, maintenance and beautification of streets, sidewalks, and common use areas by recommending actions to the Board. With Board direction, acts as liaison between appropriate City departments and the Board.

Zone 6 Coordinator – acts as liaison between Block Captains and Board and files 3-1-1 reports to the city.

Woodmere Yard of the Month Winners



If you recall from the “Membership Has Rewards” article in our last eNewsletter, the WNA Board introduced a new perk this year to solicit WNA membership and to encourage residents to spruce up their yards. Every WNA Yard of the Month (YOTM) winner from April through August will be entered in a drawing for two \$50 gift cards to be awarded at the August 14th General Meeting. To receive one of the two prizes, however, the winners must be present at the meeting to receive their prize!

Those YOTM winners for 2025 who will take part in these drawings are:

<p>April 2025</p> <p>Zone 1 1366 Pampas Dr Zone 2 6106 Willow Glen Dr Zone 3 6101 Heidi Pl Zone 4 1621 Cobblestone Ct Zone 5 6109 Dunwoody Ct Zone 6 6108 Ashwood Ct (Zone 5)</p>	<p>May 2025</p> <p>Zone 1 1450 Greenway Pl Zone 2 6107 Margo Pl Zone 3 1609 Salisbury Pl Zone 4 1619 Sandstone Ct Zone 5 1829 Woodmere Loop Zone 6 1951 Woodrun Dr</p>	<p>June 2025</p> <p>Zone 1 1437 Tudor Dr Zone 2 6119 Willow Glen Dr Zone 3 2117 Woodmere Loop Zone 4 1603 Limestone Ct Zone 5 1873 Woodmere Loop Zone 6 - did not have sign</p>
<p>July 2025</p> <p>Zone 1 1542 Pampas Dr Zone 2 6212 Woodmere Blvd Zone 3 6007 Neil Dr Zone 4 1620 Woodmere Loop Zone 5 6101 Fern Ct Zone 6 1801 Woodmere Loop</p>	<p>August 2025</p> <p>Zone 1 1446 Pampas Dr Zone 2 6206 Willow Glen Dr Zone 3 1609 Queen Elizabeth Ct Zone 4 1637 Sandstone Ct Zone 5 6116 Ashwood Ct Zone 6 1837 Woodmere Loop</p>	

Remember: If you are one of the YOTM winners listed above, you must be present at the August 14th General Meeting to be eligible to receive one of the \$50 gift cards! So mark your calendar to attend the meeting at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts at 6:30 pm.

For those who did not get picked for Yard of the Month this year, cheer up! You are still eligible to win a \$25 gift card as a door prize, just for attending the meeting. So come out and support your neighborhood and the WNA!

All are welcome:

Board meeting – Tuesday, August 12th, 5:30 pm, 5950 Carmichael Pl.

General meeting – Thursday, August 14th, 6:30 pm, MMFA

Financial Report

	April	May	June	2025	Budget
Beginning Balance	17,556.73	17,684.09	17,106.11		
Income					
Membership Dues (Includes Online Dues)	127.36	278.68	233.68	1,656.24	3,038.24
Donations	0.00	35.00	0.00	35.00	0.00
Cameras & Speed Humps	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Handbooks	0.00	5.00	0.00	29.10	385.00
Total Income	127.36	318.68	233.68	1,720.34	3,423.24
Expenses					
Mailouts	0.00	846.66	0.00	846.66	2,000.00
Flock Safety Cameras	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Flags	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Meeting Rooms	0.00	0.00	0.00	770.00	720.00
Printing Handbooks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Website	0.00	0.00	153.05	153.05	141.00
Signs & Repairs	0.00	0.00	82.50	82.50	0.00
Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PO Box Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	232.00
Admin Expenses	0.00	50.00	0.00	100.00	330.24
Total Expenses	0.00	896.66	235.55	1,952.21	3,423.24
Ending Balance	17,684.09	17,106.11	17,104.24		

2025 Members	64	71	78		
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Notes to the Financial Report:

- 1 \$12,000 of the balance is reserved to pay for Flock safety cameras.
- 2 Membership dues were raised to \$35 starting in 2025.
- 3 Total memberships in 2024 were 92.

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