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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

August 2009

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# Woodmere News

## President's Commentary

### Changes Are A-Coming

By Jimmy Gunn

I know that everyone has seen and heard our mayor, Todd Strange, since his election last year. You will now be able to meet him in person and hear him share his goals and visions for the city of Montgomery. Come to our next Woodmere Neighborhood Association quarterly meeting, Thursday, August 13, 2009 at 6:30 pm at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. I would like for us to pack the house, show the mayor what a strong and well organized neighborhood association we have in Woodmere, and support him as our mayor.

I have had the privilege of hearing him speak in the past, and I can truly say that he is interested in what your concerns are and is looking for ideas and suggestions that will benefit the city and our neighborhood. His topic will be the formation of an Environmental Court in Montgomery that will promote rapid, yet fair, enforcement of environmental regulations. Councilman Charles Jinright will also be in attendance. Please put August 13th on your calendar. Come out and show your interest and support for Woodmere and Montgomery.

Thanks to those of you who went to City Hall



Jimmy Gunn, President, WNA

to help us oppose the rezoning of the green space on Woodmere Boulevard. Unless we stand together to oppose the rezoning of residential property to business property, we will lose much of what we love about Woodmere.

We still need some block captains. In order for our association to accomplish everything needed to make Woodmere a safe and enjoyable place to live, we need to fill these vacancies. If you are called upon to serve as a block captain, please accept.

Neighborhood Association Meeting  
Thursday, August 13th, 2009, 6:30 pm  
Come, Hear, and Meet Mayor Todd Strange  
Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium



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**We need your input!**

To submit an article, a letter to the editor or a suggestion, please email [info@woodmeremontgomery.com](mailto:info@woodmeremontgomery.com)

**Financial Report**

Melissa Martin—Treasurer

WNA FYE' 09	April	May	June	Year to Date	Budget 2009
Beginning Balance	\$2391.22	\$2168.67	\$2498.67	1746.62	
<b>INCOME</b>					
Membership	375.00	325.00	50.00	1950.00	3750.00
T-Shirt	0	0	0	0	0
Ads & Miscellaneous	0	5.00	0.00	35.00	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>375.00</b>	<b>330.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>1985.00</b>	<b>3750.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Newsletter	363.00	0	0	715.00	1400.00
Day in the Park	0	0	0	0	1200.00
Administrative	184.55	0	0	209.55	203.00
Meeting Room	50.00	0	0	100.00	200.
Website	0	0	0	0	71.40
Yard Sale	0	0	0	0	300.00
Crime Prevention	0	0	0	0	200.00
Spring & Fall Clean-ups	0	0	0	158.40	100.00
PO Box Rental	0	0	0	0	72.00
Total Expenses	597.55	0	0	1182.95	3750.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$2168.67</b>	<b>\$2498.67</b>	<b>\$2548.67</b>	<b>\$2548.67</b>	

**The WNA Board of Directors**

**Officers**

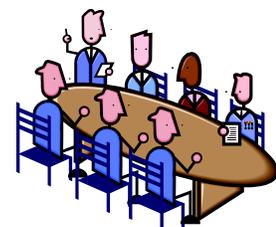
- President - Jimmy Gunn
- 1st Vice-Pres. - John Cannady
- 2nd Vice-Pres. - Jessie Donaldson
- Secretary - Mable Pryor
- Treasurer - Melissa Martin

**Zone Coordinators**

- Zone 1 - Shelby & Michaela Hutcheson
- Zone 2 - Linda Donaldson
- Zone 3- Gerry & Rose Shook
- Zone 4 - Pam Rhodes
- Zone 5 - Walt and Sherry Dzialo
- Zone 6 - Brenda Steele & Mable Pryor

**Committee Chairs**

- Parks—Jimmy Gunn
- Crime Prevention - Arlene Gomez
- Streets & Sidewalks - Pam Rhodes
- Media - Sam Whatley
- Block Captains - John Cannady
- Long Range Task Force - Jessie Donaldson/Jimmy Gunn
- Ordinance Enforcement - Entire Board



Mayor Todd Strange Comes to Woodmere

You are cordially invited to hear Todd Strange, Montgomery's recently elected mayor, at the Fine Arts Museum, Thursday, August 13 at 6:30 pm. Mayor Strange is no stranger to anyone who has lived in Montgomery. He was Chairman of the Montgomery County Commission from 2004 until this year. Perhaps best remembered by many as the Co-Owner and CEO of Blount Strange Automotive Group from 1990-2000, he has been phenomenally successful as an automotive, construction, and utilities businessman and an outstanding civic leader. Please welcome him to our neighborhood. Show him how much you care about our city and the Woodmere way of life.




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Mayor's Office ..... 241-2000  
 City Council..... 241-2097  
 Animal Control..... 241-2970  
 Police ..... 241-2651  
 Fire..... 241-2400

For all emergencies,  
 please call 911.

Come see Mayor Todd Strange at the museum August 13th and get the above pictured WNA refrigerator magnet free!

**United wants to join with  
 your community  
 to serve you.**



Don Armstrong  
 Vice President, Residential Sales  
 3045 Mobile Highway  
 Montgomery, AL 36108  
 Phone: (334) 558-0889  
 Cell: 657-4717  
 FAX: (334) 262-0244  
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[www.unitedheating.net](http://www.unitedheating.net)

**Please see Woodmere  
 website for offer to residents,  
 or call Don at 657-4717**



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## City Contacts

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241-2000

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241-2097

**Animal Control**  
241-2970

**Police**  
241-2651

**Fire**  
241-2400

**Recycling**  
241-2925

**Housing Code  
Enforcement**  
241-2068

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please call 911.**



## City Websites

For ordinances:  
[www.montgomeryal.gov](http://www.montgomeryal.gov)

For public tax records:  
[www.stategovrecords.com](http://www.stategovrecords.com)

## WOODMERE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2009 MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS AUDITORIUM

The meeting was called to order by President Jimmy Gunn. He introduced Mr. Eddie Hill, Montgomery Chief Property Maintenance Inspector. Mr. Hill spoke on why we have a Nuisance Abatement Ordinance (Ordinance No. 28-2002) and how it is enforced. Some of his observations were:

1. Nuisances may include:
  - Weeds over 12 inches high
  - Litter: plastic, paper, metal cans
  - Junk: vehicle parts, tires, appliances, building material
  - Trash: tree limbs, building material, other organic material
  - Autos that are inoperable: flat tires
  - Autos without license plates, out-of-date plates
  - Stagnant pools: swimming pools containing algae, oil, other pollutants
  - Unsafe structures: abandoned houses, fascia boards rotting off, roofs cracking
  - Vehicles parked on grass in front yard without a parking pad
2. Fees for violations of this ordinance:
  - \$50 per day for vehicles parked on grass in front yard
  - Towing fees plus \$60 for inoperable vehicles
  - \$150 for weed abatement
  - Owners of rental property are liable for fees incurred by their tenants

3. Mr. Hill urged us to report nuisances we see on our streets. How can you report such nuisances? **Call the City Housing Code Enforcement Department at 241-2068 or 241-2069.**

In the business meeting that followed the presentation, Jimmy Gunn explained that an Environmental Court may be formed to deal with ordinance violators that refuse to pay fines. Michaela Hutcheson reported on a burglary in Zone 1 that was foiled by an alert Block Captain. The next meeting will be August 13, 2009. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Sam Whatley for Secretary Mable Pryor

We need your participation to make the Woodmere Neighborhood Assn. a success. We especially need Block Captains who will be the eyes and ears of their streets. Please contact us at [info@woodmeremontgomery.com](mailto:info@woodmeremontgomery.com) to volunteer.



Looking for a pet? Visit the Montgomery Humane Shelter at 1150 John Overton Drive. Call (334) 409-0622 or check them out at [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com).

**A Note of Thanks**— We thank the East Montgomery Neighborhood Alliance for standing with us in opposing the rezoning of the green space at Ashton Apartments on Woodmere Boulevard.

*Cissy's Critters*  
  
*Need Someone to care for your  
 pets while you are away?  
 Reasonable Rates, Dependable Service  
 and LOTS of Tender Loving Care!!!!*

(334) 271-6593

Cell: (334) 301-4283

### **Proposed WNA By-Laws Changes for 2009**

The WNA is filing for 501 (c) (3) federal recognition as a tax exempt non-profit organization. To do so, we must make two changes to our By-Laws at our November meeting. These changes will be discussed at our August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **Article 1: Section 2**

##### **Current Language:**

The purpose of this Association shall be to promote the welfare of its members and to preserve Woodmere as an attractive residential area.

##### **New Language:**

The purpose of this Association shall be charitable by combating community deterioration and lessening neighborhood tensions within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### **Article 1: Section 3**

##### **Current Language:**

This association is not organized for the profit of its officers or members. Upon formal dissolution of the Association, any balance of monetary assets, obligations of all kinds, shall be disposed of according to the wishes of the majority of its members.

##### **New Language:**

This association is not organized for the profit of its officers or members. Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

**Montgomery Police Department  
Citizen Police Academy**

The Citizens Police Academy is an educational program to give the public a working knowledge of the Montgomery Police Department’s personnel and policies. The academy consists of a series of classes held on Tuesdays for 11 weeks from 6:00 pm—9:00 pm. The instruction is comprehensive, covering a different area of the Police Department each week.

The academy covers a wide variety of topics, such as Criminal Investigations, Patrol Operations, Communication, Crime Prevention, Courts and their functions. Instruction in these and other topics consists of lectures and demonstrations.

The objective is to build the confidence, trust, and respect between the Montgomery Police Department and the citizens of Montgomery.

Want to know more? Call MPD 241-2519.



**Yards of the Month – June, 2009**

Garden Home –  
Bill Widgeon – Queen Elizabeth Court

Residence –  
Curtis and Michelle Daniels – Dunwoody Court

Townhouse –  
Jacqueline Glen – Sandstone Court

Homes are not identified for privacy purposes.

**CHILDHOOD SUMMERS**

I can still remember  
Summers as a child,  
When the days were hot  
And the nights were mild.

Those sunny afternoons  
Spent looking at the sky,  
Just lying on my back  
Watching the clouds float by.

Then later in the evening  
It gave me such a thrill,  
When everything was quiet  
And I heard a whippoorwill.

Sitting on the porch  
Wishing on a star,  
Playing chase in the dark  
Catching fireflies in a jar.

Now often in my mind  
I wish for childhood days,  
Of living free and easy  
In the summer haze.

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Linda Donaldson is the Zone 2 Coordinator in Woodmere.  
She has had several poems published.



## WHY BACKUP YOUR COMPUTER DATA?

By John Cannady, 1st Vice President aka Katphishe

My youngest son just got married and I have all those pictures of that once in a lifetime event. My grandchild is now 3 years old and I have those photos and video of his first couple of days...what a treasure! I do all of my tax work on my computer and also my school lesson plans are located in very organized files on my computers. Do some of these stories sound familiar? This is a very familiar theme amongst all. We are in the electronic information age and we all store our data on our computers.

There are many ways to backup computer data...just do a Google search any search engine search for "computer data backup solutions," and you will discover many inexpensive ways you can protect your data.



or

I have my own ways that I protect my data and it has work for years.

My first suggestion is never let your virus protection expire. Don't ever let your data go unprotected even for one second. The Infection Patrol is waiting for your system to show itself and when it does, your system is compromised. You can lose many valuable files or you may lose all of your files and may never ever recover any of those files.

The second and my final suggestion is never save any data to your primary hard drive. Purchase an external hard drive (USB, FIREWIRE, SLAVED) and create an electronic file cabinet and save all your data to that external hard drive. What I've done is created yearly folders in the external hard drive and within those folders other folders with my files. It may sound difficult, but if you have created a paper file cabinet then you understand the logistics behind the electronic file cabinet. Once you create the folders within the yearly folders in your external hard drive, create "Shortcuts" to your desktop and save all data to those folders. An example of what I've done is created a folder called "Year 2009," in my external hard drive, and within that folder I have a folder called "SOFTBALL." Anything I create, buy, or anything that has to do with softball, I save to that folder's shortcut that sits on my computer's desktop...that data is now saved to my external hard drive.

The chances of losing your data on your primary hard drive (the drive where your operating system resides) are great! I have had an external hard drive fail once in 10 years!

Happy SAVING! I hope this helps you maintain your computer system in tip-top shape. Katphishe

### **Why all this fuss about rezoning?**

Your association members are trying to prevent a developer from rezoning apartment property to business use. Why? His plan is to produce, yet another, minimall on Woodmere Blvd. near the Blount Cultural Park entrance. This is a hazard waiting to mar the entrance to all of Woodmere. We have empty businesses all around SAMS. We do not need another magnet for litter and loitering. Be alert to E-news alerts you receive on this subject. Join your neighbors. Support the WNA. It supports you.



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# 2009 Membership Form

Woodmere Neighborhood Association  
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Please list all individuals in the household.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME

NAME

NAME

NAME

STREET

HOME PHONE

WORK PHONE 1

WORK PHONE 2

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**  
Mail address above

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