

Woodmere News

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

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President's Commentary

Eight Reasons to Volunteer

I realize that everyone leads a very busy life. Times are trying and stressful, to say the least. In order for the Woodmere Neighborhood Association to promote the welfare of its members and to preserve the neighborhood as an attractive residential area, we need volunteers like you. Let me tell you why you need to volunteer your time and effort to the WNA:

Jimmy Gunn



1. You can learn something about yourself.
2. You can have fun and make new friends.
3. Because you are passionate about a cause, pursue it to fruition.
4. It enables you to get off the couch and get back in shape.
5. You can learn some new skills that will surely help you in your work.
6. You can make someone else's day that will be rewarding to them and you.
7. You can feel good about yourself in that you are helping out your fellow man.
8. It's just time to do something that improves the neighborhood that you live in.

The WNA is currently in need of Zone Coordinators for Zones 4 and 6. We also need a Street and Sidewalk Chair-Person. In the next several weeks, we will be reaching out to you to volunteer to fill these positions, along with serving as Block Captains and on committees. Please say yes. Make a difference. Accept a new challenge. Just make friends, or both. Call me at 241-4196 or 277-7667 and tell me that you want to get involved. You will not regret it.



WOODMERE
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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324-4540

Neighborhood Association Meeting
Thursday, November 4, 2010
6:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker - Russell Stringer
Urban Forester for the city of Montgomery

If you have a question for Mr. Stringer, please email your question, even if you are planning on attending, to info@woodmeremontgomery.com by November 2. We want your questions asked and answered!

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241-2000

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241-2097

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241-2970

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241-2651

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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

| | July | August | September | Year to Date | Budget |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Beginning Balance | 3191.23 | 2889.55 | 2337.06 | 3392.42 | |
| Income | | | | | |
| Membership Dues | 25.00 | | 75.00 | 1950.00 | 3750.00 |
| Advertisements | 0.00 | | | 120.00 | 0.00 |
| T-Shirts | 0.00 | | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 0.00 | | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Income | 25.00 | | 75.00 | 2070.00 | 3750.00 |
| Expenses | | | | | |
| Newsletter | 0.00 | 374.00 | | 1100.00 | 1400.00 |
| Day in the Park | 300.00 | 178.49 | | 628.49 | 1200.00 |
| Administrative Expenses | 0.00 | | 70.00 | 178.44 | 203.00 |
| Meeting Room | 0.00 | | 50.00 | 150.00 | 200.00 |
| Website | 0.00 | | | 71.40 | 75.00 |
| Yard Sale | 26.68 | | | 101.18 | 300.00 |
| Crime Prevention | 0.00 | | | 410.00 | 200.00 |
| Spring & Fall Clean-Ups | 80.85 | | | 530.85 | 100.00 |
| Post Office Box Rental | 0.00 | | | 0.00 | 72.00 |
| Total Expenses | 326.68 | 552.49 | 120.00 | 3170.36 | 3750.00 |
| Ending Balance | 3258.02 | 2337.06 | 2292.06 | 2292.06 | |

Quarterly Meeting Minutes - August 12, 2010

The Woodmere Neighborhood Association met on Thursday, August 12 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 Ken Reynolds, Retail Development Coordinator for the city of Montgomery. Following the reports and presentations, there was a brief question and answer session from the audience.



The next quarterly meeting will be on Thursday, November 4, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. The meeting will be held in the voting area, so please use the side entrance. The guest speaker will be Russell Stringer, Urban Forester for the city of Montgomery. All are invited to attend.

Visit us online at www.woodmeremontgomery.com

Electronics Recycling

Spread the word!

November 12, 2010

8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Paterson Field Parking Lot
1201 Madison Avenue

Bring all your old electronic equipment to
be recycled in an environmentally
friendly manner!

For more information, call 241-2175

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
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A Note from the Editor....

We try to put information that is useful to our
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interesting, you might not find interesting. Send me an
email and let me know what type of articles you
would like to see in our newsletter. If you have an
article that you would like to submit, please send me
an email at this email address:

info@woodmeremontgomery.com.

The account is checked daily.

Got Litter?

According to Keep America
Beautiful's in depth research,
there are basically three reasons
citizens litter:

- They feel no sense of ownership,
even though areas such as
parks and beaches are public
property.
- They believe someone else—a
park maintenance or highway
worker—will pick up after them.
- Litter has already accumulated.

FORGOTTEN SOLDIERS

All alone they sit
Their heads bowed low,
The forgotten soldiers
Of long ago.

Their thoughts are
Never far away,
From those like them
Who everyday...

In a foreign land
Stood side by side,
To defend our freedom
With courage and pride.

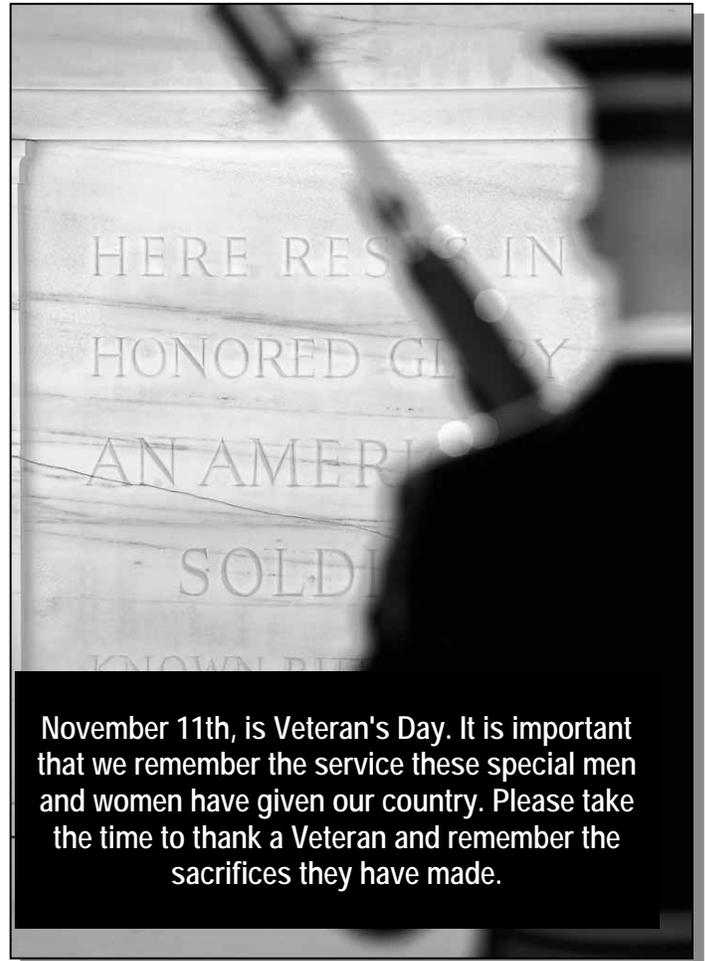
Once honored and held
In high esteem,
Now all alone
They sit and dream.

Of another time
In a different place,
A soothing voice
And a smiling face.

For all the heroes
Who to this day,
Defend our freedom
We need to pray.

And let us each
Take time to know,
The forgotten soldiers
Of long ago.

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November 11th, is Veteran's Day. It is important that we remember the service these special men and women have given our country. Please take the time to thank a Veteran and remember the sacrifices they have made.

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or call Don at 657-4717**

Dogs Running at Large

Jessie Donaldson

Are you having problems with dogs running loose in your neighborhood? According to the Montgomery City Code of Ordinances Section 4-13 as shown below, this is an unlawful practice. If you have problems with loose dogs in your neighborhood, call the 311 Call Center between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and report the loose dogs. You can also call the Animal Control Department at 241-2970. Note that while walking your dog, you are required to keep the animal on a leash not more than ten (10) feet in length. There is a separate city ordinance pertaining to animals and pets in the city parks that specifies a leash of not more than six (6) feet in length.

Sec. 4-13. Dogs running at large.

(a) *Running at large of dogs prohibited.* It shall be unlawful for the owner of or any person having custody or control of any dog to allow or permit a dog to run at large within the city.

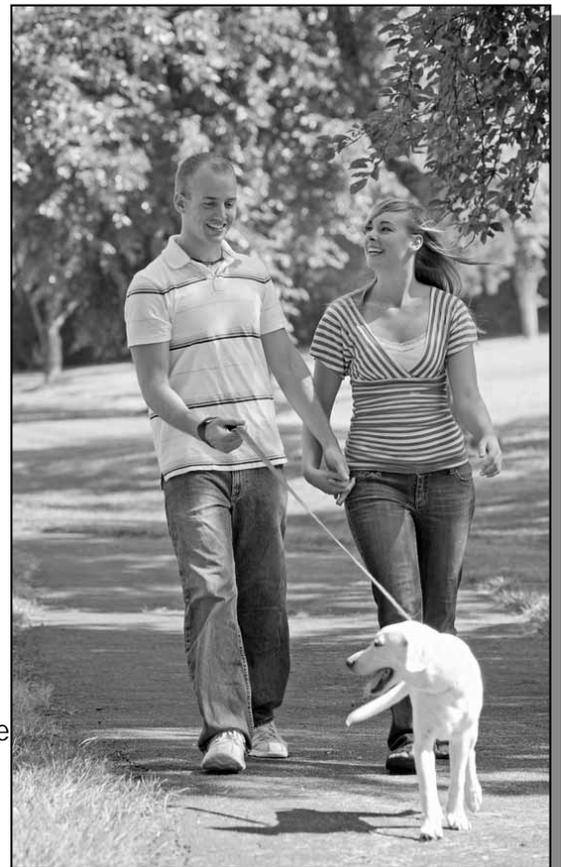
- (1) A dog is running at large if it is not under the control of the owner or a person acting for the owner and it is not:
 - a. Confined within a fence, wall or other enclosure in such a manner so as to effectively prevent the dog from traveling unto public property or the private property of another;
 - b. On a leash not more than ten feet in length, while walking, secured by a collar or harness with swivel connections in such a manner to effectively prevent the escape of the dog;
 - c. On a chain or tether not less than ten feet in length without access to others' property secured on private property and secured by a collar or harness with swivel connections in such a manner to effectively prevent the escape of the dog;
 - d. Enclosed in a vehicle; or
 - e. Confined by an electronic animal confinement system which is maintained in continuous working order, provided that the dog wears the appropriate electronic collar, has received appropriate training with the collar and signs indicating the use of said system are prominently posted at 20-foot intervals around the perimeter of the confinement area.
- (2) It shall be no defense in any prosecution for a violation of this section that such dog was at large without the knowledge, consent, or permission of the person charged with such violation.

(b) *Penalty for violation of prohibition against dogs running at large.*

- (1) *First violation.* A citation shall be issued by an animal control officer or police officer upon violation of section 5-13. First offense of violating this section shall be fined \$25.00. Any individual who witnesses a violation may make a sworn statement before a magistrate of the city and a complaint will be issued to the owner of the dog.
- (2) *Second violation.* Upon conviction, second violation of violating Section 5-13 shall be \$75.00.
- (3) *For all subsequent offences.* Upon conviction, violation of this section shall be \$125.00.

(c) *Enforcement of the prohibition against dogs running at large.* It shall be the duty of the animal control unit to capture and remove by impoundment any dogs found running at large within the city.

- (1) Any dog impounded pursuant to this section shall be turned over to the animal shelter where they will be housed for a period not less than five days. However, any dog that appears to be diseased, injured or wild can be humanely destroyed at any time during the five-day period with the joint approval of either the director or director of operations of the animal shelter and a licensed veterinarian.
- (2) Dogs claimed within the five days will be returned to the owner after the owner has provided proof of rabies inoculation and paid all required fees as set out in subsection (c)(3). Dogs that are not claimed within five days after impoundment will become the property of the animal shelter.
- (3) Owners claiming dogs from impoundment for violation of the prohibition against running at large shall be required to pay a fee of \$35.00 to the animal shelter for the pickup of the dog, one half of which will be returned by the animal shelter to the city general fund, and a fee of \$20.00 per day, per animal for each day the dog was housed at the animal shelter. The total amount of the daily housing fee is to be retained by the animal shelter.





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What is Suspicious Activity?

By calling to report suspicious persons or activity, you not only aid the police you make your community a safer place to live. Some people fail to call because they are not aware of activities that might be suspicious. Others may notice suspicious activity and hesitate to call for fear of being labeled a "nosy neighbor". Still others take it for granted that someone else has already called. Always report suspicious activity and all crimes because police don't know there's a problem unless they are told.

Some common examples of suspicious activities can include:

- A stranger loitering in your neighborhood or a vehicle cruising the streets repeatedly.
- Someone peering into cars or windows.
- A high volume of traffic going to and coming from a home on a daily basis.
- Someone loitering around schools, parks or secluded areas.
- Strange odors coming from a house, building or vehicle.
- Open or broken doors and windows at a closed business or unoccupied residence.
- Someone tampering with electrical, gas or sewer systems without an identifiable company vehicle or uniform.
- Persons arriving or leaving from homes or businesses at unusual hours.
- Multiple persons who appear to be working in unison and exhibiting suspicious behaviors.
- Signs of forced entry or tampering with security or safety systems.

What You Can Do to Prevent/Reduce Litter

- Set an example for others, especially family, co-workers, friends and children by using trash and/or recycling receptacles and not littering.
- Always have available a litter bag in your car.
- If you are a smoker, carry and use a portable or pocket ashtray. Cigarette butts and filters may take up to 12 years to biodegrade. Some researchers are saying they never degrade.
- If you see litter, pick it up.



Litter Facts courtesy of Keep American Beautiful.

Personal Safety Tips for Home

- Don't allow strangers into your home, even if they are hurt or say they need help. Keep the door locked and call the police for them.
- Don't advertise that you live alone.
- Don't be afraid to call law enforcement to investigate suspicious circumstances, unusual people, or strange noises. It's better to be safe than sorry.
- When you move into a new home or apartment, change the locks if you own it or ask the manager to change them if you rent.
- Don't leave notes on your door announcing when you will be home.
- Keep outdoor lights on at night.
- If you arrive home and your door is open or things appear to be out of place, don't go in. Leave and call 911.
- If you are accosted by a robber, follow his or her instructions.
- Don't argue or attempt to fight with your assailant.

Car Broken Down? Remove It From Your Property

Jessie Donaldson

Broken down cars and trucks can not be legally stored on residential property. Per the below Section 27-13 of the Montgomery City Code of Ordinances, if the vehicle does not have a current license plate or is not in good operating condition as required by law, the vehicle can not be stored or parked on private property to include front and back yards. Violators may be reported by calling the 311 call center or contact your Woodmere Neighborhood Association Block Captain or Zone Coordinator. A Code Enforcement Inspector from the city will investigate these reports and if a vehicle is deemed inoperable, the actions described below will be followed. The 311 call center's operation hours are 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Broken down cars and trucks are an eyesore and depreciate the property values in our neighborhood. They also pose health problems as they become home to insects and rodents. Report broken down vehicles in your neighborhood.

Sec. 27-13. Junked or abandoned vehicles on private property.

- (a) In this section the term "dismantled, junked or abandoned vehicles" shall be deemed to include parts thereof including bodies, engines, transmissions, rear ends, etc. The term "vehicle legally or physically incapable of being operated" shall include one which does not have attached a current license plate, according to law, or which lacks the equipment in good operating condition as required by law to enable it to be operated.
- (b) No person shall deposit, store, keep or permit to be deposited, stored or kept in the open, upon property, a dismantled, unserviceable, junked or abandoned vehicle, or one legally or physically incapable of being operated under its own power.
- (c) The owner of any vehicle described in this section shall remove the vehicle within five days after being ordered to do so in writing by the owner, lessee or occupant of the premises where such vehicle shall be found. If the owner of any such vehicle is not known or cannot readily be ascertained, notice to remove may be given by attaching such notice to such vehicle. The police department, upon request, shall assist in ascertaining the name and address of the owner of any such vehicle. If the owner of such vehicle is also the owner, lessee or occupant of the premises, notice to remove shall be given by the police department. An unregistered vehicle on premises not owned or occupied by the owner of such vehicle may be deemed to be abandoned.
- (d) Upon failure to remove such vehicle, within the time limited in this section, such owner, lessee or occupant of the premises or the police department shall forthwith remove or cause such vehicle to be removed from the premises to a location to be provided for such purpose by the city.
- (e) The owner of any vehicle so removed may regain possession of it from the city by making application therefor within 90 days after its receipt by the city, upon paying to the city all reasonable costs of removal and storage, which shall be repaid to the person who paid or incurred such charges, plus an additional charge of \$25.00 for storage charges of such vehicle while in the possession of the city. If no claim for the vehicle is made within 90 days after receipt of such application, the city may sell such vehicle for the best price obtainable, as junk or otherwise, and the proceeds thereof shall be available to pay the reasonable charges of delivering the vehicle to the city. Any balance over and above expenses shall be paid into the general fund of the city.
- (f) Neither the owner, lessee or occupant of the premises from which a vehicle shall be removed, his servant or agent, or the city, shall be liable for any loss or damage to such vehicle while being removed, or while in the possession of the city, or as a result of any subsequent sale or other disposition.

Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)

Gerry Shook

Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) is a program of volunteers, in partnership with the Montgomery Police Department, whose members perform a variety of duties to free up police officers for higher priority duties. Training and uniforms are provided.

Types of duties include: theft prevention, neighborhood watch, vacation home check, neighborhood patrol, and special events (Jubilee CityFest, AL State Fair, ZooBoo, and Holiday Light Festival). Some volunteers perform administrative duties at Headquarters working at the reception desk and assisting visitors with obtaining police or accident reports.



More VIPS volunteers are needed! Volunteers must be at least 50 years old and be willing to work at least 4 hours per week. Applications are available at Police Headquarters, by calling 240-4800, or by contacting Woodmere resident, Gerry Shook, at 277-7138. He has been a VIPS volunteer for several years.



WOODMERE
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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.

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