



Ronald Bridges
President
Heidi Pl.

1st Vice President
Open

John Cannady
2nd Vice President
Dunwoody Ct.

Secretary
Open

Gary Matthews
Treasurer
Pampas Dr.

Come Hear What the YMCA Has To Offer!



Wesley Triplett is a Kansas City native whose life's work has been dedicated to youth development and community building for more than twenty years. From the beginning of his career, Wesley has carried a clear passion for investing in people and places, believing that lasting change comes through intentional relationships and collective effort.

Throughout his journey, Wesley has established himself as an innovator and connector. He has a gift for seeing opportunity where others might see barriers, and he continually looks for ways to bring people, organizations, and ideas together to strengthen the fabric of community life. Whether it's developing youth programs, forging new partnerships, or launching initiatives that address community needs, Wesley leads with vision and commitment, always focused on building sustainable growth that benefits generations to come.

At the heart of Wesley's work is his belief that leadership is not about individual achievement, but about collaboration. He credits his success to the dedicated teammates, colleagues, and partners who share in his mission. For him, progress is always a "we" story, not a "me" story.

Beyond his professional life, Wesley's greatest pride and joy is his family. He is the proud father of Zion (25) and Zaria (19), and he shares his life with his wife, Tawanda, whom he lovingly calls his "number one volunteer." Together, they model what it looks like to live in service of others while nurturing a strong family foundation.

If there is one principle that defines Wesley's life and work, it is Mahatma Gandhi's timeless charge: "Be the change you want to see." Wesley carries this phrase with him as both a personal mantra and a professional guidepost. It is the lens through which he makes decisions, builds relationships and approaches every new opportunity.

In every role he takes on, Wesley Triplett remains committed to being that change—and to creating spaces where others can do the same.

Woodmere Neighborhood Association
PO Box 231473
Montgomery, Alabama 36123

www.woodmeremontgomery.org

info@woodmeremontgomery.org

On Facebook at
facebook.com/woodmeremontgomery/

Woodmere Neighborhood Association Meeting

Thursday, May 14, 2026 6:30 p.m.

Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium

Guest Speaker: Wesley Triplett, YMCA

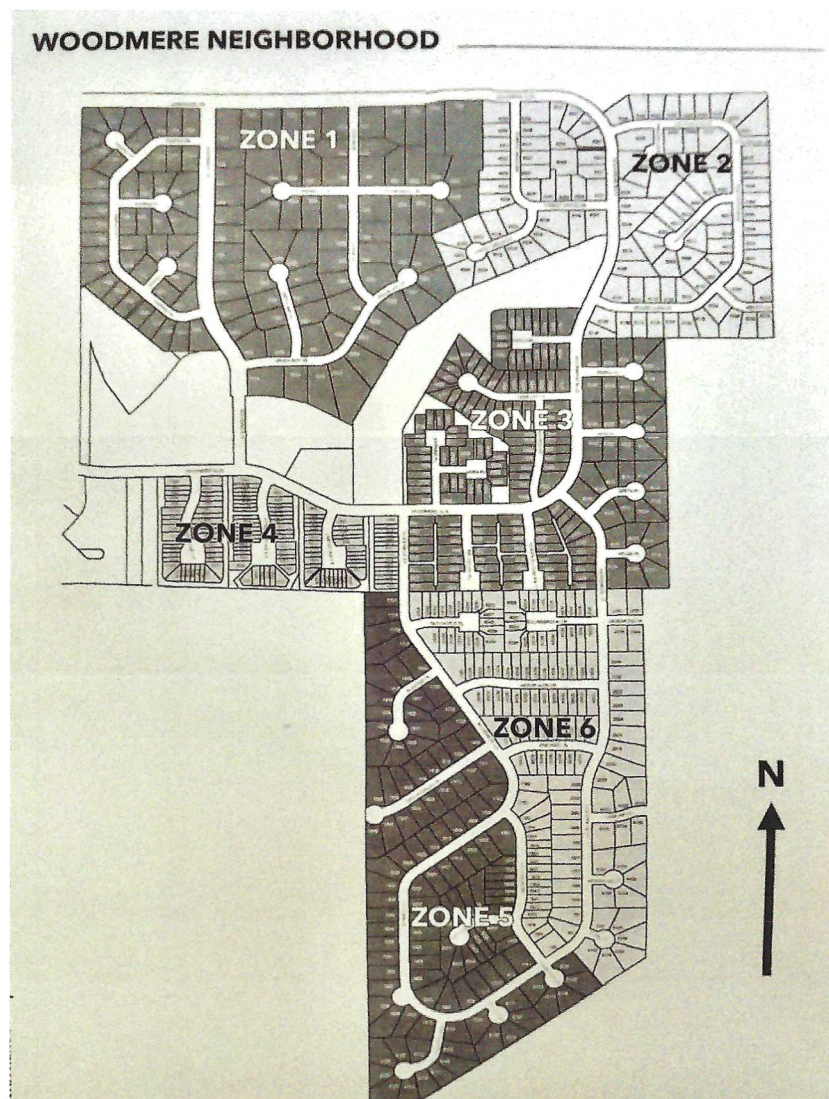
URGENT NEED FOR ZONE COORDINATORS!

As you may know, the WNA has divided the Woodmere neighborhood into 6 zones. The plan for this was to have a coordinator or representative from each area that was familiar with the needs and interests of the area to facilitate communications between their neighbors and the WNA Board and vice versa.

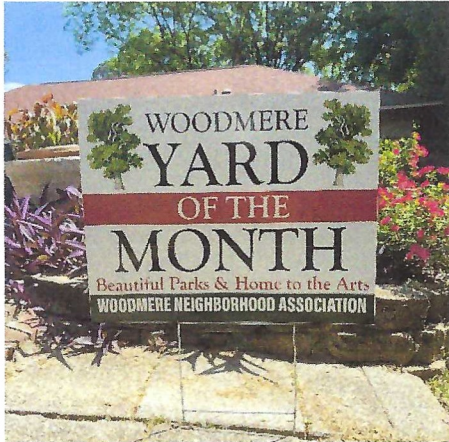
Recently, however, no one from the different zones has stepped up to represent their area. The only Zone Coordinator at this time is Ron Bridges from Zone 3, who also serves as WNA President.

To help with this problem, Kay Cannady has volunteered to be the Zone Coordinator Chairperson to assist any WNA member who might be interested in being a Zone Coordinator representative.

Do not let the "Coordinator" title scare you! We just need a WNA member from each zone that is familiar with their area of Woodmere and its neighbors.



Yard of the Month Nominations



Anyone can now submit a Yard of the Month nomination. Yards of the Month are awarded in each of the six zones from May through August. Please send your nominations to Kay Cannady at kactuskay@yahoo.com.

Kay, our Zone Coordinator Chairperson, will select a yard for each zone from those nominated. If there is no nomination from a zone, Kay has agreed to select one from that zone.

Remember, every Yard of the Month winner from May through August will be entered into a drawing for two \$50 gift cards to be awarded at the August 13th General Meeting. To receive one of the two prizes, however, the winners must be present at the meeting to receive the prize!

Spring into Native Plants

Want to beautify your yard with minimal effort? Consider native plants. They're more likely to encourage pollinators, attract butterflies and hummingbirds, and survive our drought conditions.



Woodmere is built on clay-rich, high alkaline prairie soil and many of our yards also have extreme light conditions – mostly shade or mostly sun. Native plants have learned to adapt, although many do it by sending out deep rhizomes to anchor their survival so be mindful of the “invaders” among them.

If your turf is in one of the shady areas, consider the Alabama Native Azaleas (pictured here), American Beautyberry or Wild Hydrangea.



If it's easy groundcover you need, look into Creeping Phlox which adapts well and spreads quickly.

If you have more sun than your tomatoes need, investigate Blue Mistflower for that groundcover or Oakleaf Hydrangeas (pictured here) for shrubs. Just be sure all these natives get well-drained soil. Their roots and your foundation will thank you.

For those soggy areas, consider Red Lobelia (Cardinal flowers) and Swamp Milkweed.

No garden space but you miss the smell of fresh earth? Volunteer to join ASF's Master Gardener, Karen Weber, in the Shakespeare Garden on Wednesday mornings. Just bring your own gloves!

Financial Report

	January	February	March	2026	Budget
Beginning Balance	6,297.81	5,925.17	5,980.17		
Income					
Membership Dues (Includes Online Dues)	277.36	105.00	35.00	417.36	3,286.72
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cameras & Speed Humps	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Handbooks	0.00	0.00	5.00	5.00	0.00
Total Income	277.36	105.00	40.00	422.36	3,286.72
Expenses					
Mailouts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
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	650.00	0.00	0.00	650.00	650.00
Printing Handbooks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Website	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	153.00
Signs & Repairs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	82.50
Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PO Box Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	244.00
Admin Expenses	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	200.00
Total Expenses	650.00	50.00	0.00	700.00	2,829.50
Ending Balance	5,925.17	5,980.17	6,020.17		

2026 Members	28	31	32		
---------------------	-----------	-----------	-----------	--	--

Notes to the Financial Report:

- 1 Membership dues were raised to \$35 starting in 2025.
- 2 Total memberships in 2025 were 98.

The WOODMERE eNEWSLETTER is an official publication of the Woodmere Neighborhood Association, PO Box 231473, Montgomery, Alabama 36123.

Website:
www.woodmeremontgomery.org.

The WOODMERE eNEWSLETTER is published four times a year. Any views and statements expressed herein are those of the authors and not necessarily those of every officer or member of the Woodmere Neighborhood Association. Opinions do not necessarily reflect the policies of the Woodmere Neighborhood Association.

Recognition of WNA Service by Jimmy Gunn and Sam Whatley

For those who missed the February WNA General Meeting, Jimmy and Sam were recognized with plaques commemorating their 20+ years of service to get and keep the WNA up and running, sometimes through difficult times. Councilman Jinright presented the awards to them.

Whenever you have time to look at the Woodmere History section of the handbook or on the website or peruse past editions of WNA Newsletters, you will witness Jimmy's and Sam's dedication and commitment to the WNA and Woodmere for more years than most of us have lived here.

On behalf of WNA members, present and past,
Thank You!



WNA Clean Up Activities

"DO NOT LITTER" signs are popping up in our Woodmere neighborhood. Now let's just hope and pray they make a difference! Pictured here is Everette Johnson, Executive Director of the Alabama Crime Victims Compensation Commission, with WNA VP John Cannady standing by a sign on Carmichael Road.



If you know of a location where a banner might be helpful to discourage littering, please let us know. We have a few banners and yard signs if you are interested in joining the campaign!

Special thanks to WNA VP John and Kay Cannady for getting the signs placed throughout the neighborhood. John has also offered to help putting up a banner, when needed!

Initiative to Get More Involved with the City of Montgomery Neighborhood Services

Jon Dow, Director of Neighborhood Services for Montgomery, was invited to and attended the WNA Board meeting on April 14th. Mr. Dow talked at length about the Grant and Training Programs available to city neighborhood organizations. Here is a brief summary but more can be found on the Neighborhood Services website, <https://www.montgomeryal.gov/city-government/departments/neighborhood-services>.

Grant programs are available to improve the overall quality of life in neighborhoods. The types of projects that can receive grants are:

- Public Safety/Public Works Program or Initiatives
- Cultural, Education, Community Involvement, and Recreational Programs
- Neighborhood Plan or Study
- Technical Assistance and Marketing

Leadership and Training classes are offered on:

- Community Building Course
- Sustainable Neighborhood Course
- Nonprofit Academy Course

The WNA leadership is very interested in learning more about how the City of Montgomery Neighborhood Services can benefit Woodmere and the WNA. Additionally, it also provides an excellent opportunity to learn about other neighborhood associations and learn what they are doing that might help us.

Any WNA member who wants to learn and get involved in this initiative, please contact us!

Do Not Forget the Election Primary on May 19th