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**SINCE 1957**

## **Summer 2015**

### **Message From New WHNA President**

Hello, my name is Michael Quinn, and I have recently been elected to serve as the Woodland Hills Neighborhood Association President. I would like to say thank you to past president Tom Fanning for his dedication and service. Our neighborhood is a better place because of him.

I moved to Woodland Hills in 2010 and love it. In my opinion, it's the best - great location, great landscape and great people.

The association schedules and organizes several events throughout the year. I encourage everyone to participate. I will be hosting the Woodland Hills picnic at my house this year and hope everyone will come by and introduce themselves.

I would also like to encourage everyone to get to know their section leaders. These leaders will bring any issues or concerns you may have about the neighborhood, and we will address them at our quarterly board meetings.

Finally, I ask that you like our Facebook page. This is a great source for communicating. We also have a website that is designed to be an information source for those who may be looking to make Woodland Hills their new home.

Thanks for your support and I look forward to serving.

### **Save the Date**

The Woodland Hills picnic will be Sunday, Oct. 18, at 5 p.m., at the home of Michael Quinn, **2705 Woodland Hills Drive.**

### **Visit us on our website at**

<http://woodlandhillstuscaloosa.org>

### **Visit us on Facebook at**

facebook.com/woodlandhillstuscaloosa.

### **Send email to**

[woodlandhillstuscaloosa@gmail.com](mailto:woodlandhillstuscaloosa@gmail.com).

### **Follow us on Twitter at #WdlandHlsTusc.**

Please feel free to use Facebook and Twitter to post events, lost and found, and other general neighborhood news.

We will be using our email for event reminders, time-sensitive announcements, and questions or comments.

If you are a resident of Woodland Hills and would like to join our email group, please send your email address to the above email.

### **Mail \$50 annual Neighborhood Association dues to:**

**Lorraine Smith**  
**3834 Somerset Place**  
**Tuscaloosa, AL 35405**

## 2015 Meeting Reports

### Woodland Hills Neighborhood Association Annual meeting, Jan. 14, and Board of Directors Meetings, Feb. 26 and May 19

The annual meeting of the WHNA was held Jan. 14 at the McAbee Center. After a period of meeting and greeting, President Tom Fanning called the meeting to order.

The main order of business was electing directors for the seven sections of Woodland Hills. Three previous directors, Jil Chambless of Section 2, Tony Neathery of Section 4 and Grover Smith of Section 6, asked to be replaced. Tom Fanning thanked them for their service to the neighborhood and the association.

Following are the elected directors for 2015-2016 with their areas of contribution to the association:

Section 1 - David Wiggins: grounds, lights, sprinkler systems

Section 2 - Rick Saylor: banners, signs

Section 3 - John Sikes: nominations, social media

Section 4 - Mindy Nancarrow: annual meeting, hospitality

Section 5 - Cassandra Odom: nominations chair

Section 6 - Yasmin Negggers: entrance signs upkeep

Section 7 - Carole Criswell: newsletter, new residents

Associate Director - Robey Butler: neighborhood clean-up

Color-coded maps of the neighborhood identifying the sections were distributed so that residents may know who their section leader is, and section leaders may know the addresses that comprise their sections. Vice president Carol Myers urged section leaders to get to know residents in their section, perhaps by knocking on their doors or leaving short notes.

The financial report from Treasurer Mary Alton Griffin shows that expenses exceeded income for the 2014 year by \$63.32. While manageable, this is obviously a situation that cannot continue indefinitely. Lorraine Smith, who manages the database and collects dues for the association, reports that by May 19, 136 residences (of the 300+) had paid dues. Tom Fanning urged section leaders to follow up and encourage those who

have not paid to make their \$50 contribution to the neighborhood. The major expense of the neighborhood is lawn service to care for the circles and general areas. Other expenses include lights for which the neighborhood is responsible (mainly at the four entrances), water for plants around signs and in circles, printing and mailing the newsletter, maintaining a website, welcoming new residents with a \$25 gift card to Home Depot, purchasing office supplies and renting a site for the annual meeting. As of May 19, WHNA had collected \$7,176.03 and expended \$3,137.44.

Speaker for the annual meeting was Councilman Eddie Pugh, who reported on two major activities affecting the neighborhood. First is the building of a Walmart grocery and home store at the southern intersection of Skyland Blvd. and Hargrove Road. Property at the northern intersection of these streets is likely to become vehicle showrooms. The second is road construction from Bowers Park to Skyland Blvd. areas, which will eliminate a traffic signal light and hopefully improve traffic flow and road conditions on and around Hargrove Road. Mr. Pugh is particularly pleased to have a grocery store coming to District 6.

Board of Directors meetings were held on Feb. 26 and May 19. The following are committee reports or issues and activities discussed or initiated:

*Social Media* - Ruth Collier reported that the Facebook page is doing well. It has 123 "likes." Neighbors who are potential sources of help in the area of website and social media are Robert Baxter, Lucy Patrick and Cassandra Odom.

*Neighborhood Clean-up* - Robey Butler reported that there was more than usual participation in this year's clean-up day, about 30 residents. So much trash was collected that he could not get it all in his truck to haul it away, as he usually does. Perhaps the colorful flyer encouraged more to join in. We hope for even more turn-out next spring.

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*Annual Fall Picnic* - Carolyn Wiggins is in charge this year, and the planned date should not conflict with a UA home football game. Michael Quinn volunteered his house, where there is a carport in case of rain.

*Tuscaloosa Neighbors Together (TNT)* - Tom Fanning, our representative to TNT, reported that 12 neighborhoods are now members of TNT. Neighborhoods tend to join when there appears to be a threat. None of the action currently involves Woodland Hills. Most recently the Woodridge neighborhood challenged the building of the Church of the Highlands and a Residence Inn, both of which are under construction now. The Planning and Zoning Board ignored the comprehensive plan developed after the tornado and approved, as did the City Council.

*Patton Lake and the Woodland Hills Foundation Effort* - The Foundation exists to try to protect and improve Patton Lake, and two meetings have occurred. The effort to restore the lake will proceed in three phases. The first, which is primarily cosmetic, has already occurred. It consisted of the removal of large limbs, etc. from the area opposite the spillway. This was carried out by volunteers with the city collaborating by picking up the debris for removal. Phase 2 involves developing a plan to improve the spillway. This phase has an estimated cost of \$15,000-20,000. Phase 3 is long range. It involves removing the accumulated silt and sediment from the lake. Phase 3 will be expensive, but Tom Fanning indicated there are residents who can contribute their knowledge and know-how to addressing the problems involved in cleaning the lake. Residents are urged to attend future meetings of the Foundation, as the upkeep of the lake affects the entirety of the neighborhood.

*Public Schools Evaluation/Plans for the Future* - Dianna Shaw, a WH resident, is a member of the steering committee, and she spoke to the Board about the plans thus far. The firm, DeJohn-Richter, conducted the study, which found that during the next ten years, public schools will have fewer students than in the past ten years. The study can be viewed on the website, [TuscaloosaCitySchools.com](http://TuscaloosaCitySchools.com). One probability is the closing of some elementary schools to ensure

that all elementary students have access to special staff services in such fields as music, art, athletics and special education. Might Arcadia, as one of the oldest buildings in the system, be one of these schools? The study will probably result in some boundary re-drawings, and many demographics will influence the outcome. Dr. Kendrick, City Schools Superintendent, is committed to having Pre-K classrooms in every elementary school and to emphasizing STEM programming (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math).

Future meetings of the Woodland Hills Neighborhood Association Board will be on Aug. 4, Nov. 3, and Feb. 2 (2016). Any resident is invited to attend these meetings. The next annual meeting will be held in January.

**WHNA Board Members**

President	Michael Quinn
Vice President	Carol Myers
Treasurers	Mary Alton Griffin/Lorraine Smith
Secretary	Joan Atkinson
Garden Club Pres.	Ruth Collier
TNT Rep.	Tom Fanning
Associate Director	Roby Butler
Section 1 Leader	David Wiggins
Section 2 Leader	Rick Saylor
Section 3 Leader	John Sikes
Section 4 Leader	Mindy Nancarrow
Section 5 Leader	Casandra Odom
Section 6 Leader	Yasmin Negggers
Section 7 Leader	Carole Criswell
At Large	Tom Fanning

**2015-16 Woodland Hills Garden Club Officers**

President	Ruth Collier
Vice President	Carolyn Wiggins
Secretary	Jeanette Bell
Treasurer	Susan Barnes
Historian	Carol Clanton

***Yard of the Month***

The Garden Club recognizes a Yard of the Month April through September. Homeowners who have proudly displayed the sign in 2015 are Sally and Lee Tucker at 3904 Somerset Place (April), Terry Palmer and Debbie Holliman at 2910 44th Ave. E. (May), and Terie and Kevin Burns at 2730 Lakeview Circle (June). To see pictures of these yards, and to get more information about the Garden Club, visit

<http://deliquescence.net/~lara/WHGC/>.

**Profit and Loss Standard  
January 1 through May 19, 2015**

Pool Dues Paid in Error		Lawn Care	1,200.00
Sign Fund Contributions	175.00	Power-Unmetered Light	515.44
Interest Income		Printing/Mailing Newsletter	237.90
Association Dues/Donations.	7,000.00	Office Supplies	30.41
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>7,176.03</b>	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>3,137.44</b>
Expense		<b>Net Income</b>	<b>4,038.59</b>
Water	459.25		
New Resident Expenses	150.00		
Annual Meeting Expense	544.44		

**Balance Sheet Standard**

As of May 19, 2015

ASSETS	14449.71
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	<u>14449.71</u>
Wells Fargo	
Total Checking/Savings	14449.71
Total Current Assets	<b>14449.71</b>
TOTAL ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	-7506.57
Retained Earnings Opening Bal. Equity Net Income	17917.69
Total Equity	<u>4038.59</u>
	14449.71
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQU...	
May 19, '15	<b>14,449.71</b>

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