

Young Place Neighborhood



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Meet the 2008-2009 Young Place Neighborhood Association Officers

Officers for the 2008-2009 fiscal year were elected at the June 19, 2008 Association meeting. We are pleased that the following individuals have agreed to serve the neighborhood:

President: Mary Eagar

Mary served as the Recording Secretary and Parliamentarian for the past three years and brings with her a vast knowledge of Association protocol. She has been a resident of Young Place since 1993.

Vice President: Terri Perry

Terri was instrumental in restarting the Neighborhood Watch Program and our Association Newsletter in 2007. She and her husband have been homeowner's in Young Place since 1997.

Recording Secretary: Harriett Owen

Harriett served the Association in the 1990s as Recording and Corresponding Secretary, and we are pleased to have her

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President's Message

As many of you are aware, our Neighborhood Association has been struggling for several years. Because of this, our entire neighborhood is at risk of becoming rundown, inviting more crime, lower property values, etc.

This is not going to happen. Your new officers and committee chairpersons are committed to keeping Young Place a safe and enjoyable place to live. Vice President Terri Perry has worked very hard to get block captains in place and transform the Neighborhood Watch Program back into something viable and worthwhile.

Many thanks to the new people who have volunteered to serve this Association.

We are also working to update the Association bylaws and reviewing the neighborhood covenants.

Another item of high priority is selecting a professional landscaping firm (one that we can afford) to get the front island and the islands in the three culs-de-sac looking their best.

Please bear with us as we make efforts to bring our Association together again, but don't expect everything to happen overnight. We want our efforts to be fruitful, yet we must comply with the current bylaws.

Your input is always welcome. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please feel free to call me at 221-2767.

— Mary Eagar

**"According to my watch the time is now
Past is dead and gone
Don't try to shake it just nod your head
Breathe In, Breathe Out, Move On."**

— Jimmy Buffett

Quick Reference Telephone Numbers

Police emergency	911	Recycling	241-2925
Police non-emergency	241-2651	Housing Code Violations	241-2068
Animal Control	241-2970	(vehicles parked in yards on grass, uncut grass, weeds, standing water, trash, etc.)	
Sidewalk Repair	241-2880	Councilman Charles Jinwright's office	272-1200
Residential Sanitation	241-2750		

Talkin' Trash

Helpful tips to keep Young Place clean and attractive!

It has been noted with much dismay by many residents that some of our neighbors are placing their grass clippings, yard debris and large trash items out in front of their residences long before these items are due to be collected by the Sanitation Department.

Please, observe the **Wednesday** trash pick-up date and keep your lawn debris bags and large trash items out of sight on your own property, in your

garage, or in your carport until it's time to place them on the curb Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning. If we all put our trash out too soon, Young Place will begin to look more like a dump than the wonderful neighborhood that it is!

A special plea to cul de sac residents: it is getting to be common practice in some areas to place personal yard debris in or on the center parking islands. Please, make every attempt to

place trash at your own curb.

The City of Montgomery Sanitation Code, Section 2b, states, "Locate trash behind curb, never in the street."

It is understood that some patio homes have very little front yard for this purpose, however, when one person puts trash on the island, everyone assumes that's the thing to do. Let's each do all we can to keep the entire neighborhood looking neat and orderly!

New Officers, continued

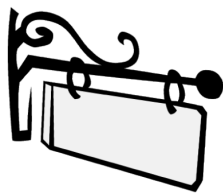
as an officer once again.

Corresponding Secretary: Betty Hopper

Betty has served the Association in various offices, has been a Block Captain for many years and started the first Neighborhood Watch Program. She and Joe moved to a patio home in 1982 and built their current home in 1987.

Treasurer: Fleming Spain

Flem has been a resident of Young Place since 1990. He has been an active volunteer around the neighborhood and has served as Treasurer for several years.

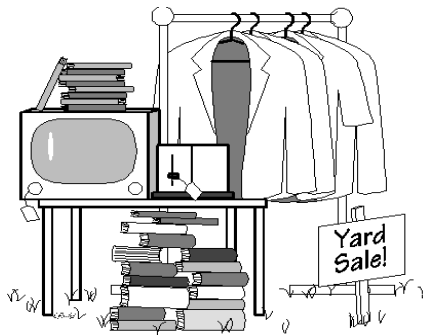


Have you seen the new street signs going up? Your Neighborhood Association is pleased to

have been instrumental in making this improvement happen!

Young Place Yard Sale

Neighborhood-wide event: October 4



If you'd like to clear clutter from your residence and host a yard or garage sale this autumn, your Association is here to help!

We're planning a neighborhood-wide sale on Saturday, Oc-

tober 4, and the Association will provide advertising in the *Montgomery Advertiser* and the *Bulletin Board* to promote the event. We'll also place signs for passersby to see as well.

Each household will be responsible for staging its own sale, setting hours, etc., but there's a tremendous benefit in our all doing this on the same day. Call Kathryn Jones at 277-2534 for more information and ideas.

From the Membership Chairman...

Our sincere thanks to the 85 families thus far in Young Place for supporting our neighborhood through their paid Association memberships.

These funds allow us to maintain the front entrance, the islands in the culs-de-sac, and the irrigation system, and to pay

the water bill and electric bill for our streetlight at the entrance, print this newsletter and other forms, and fund neighborhood fellowships. Through all of these activities and others, we are able to ensure that Young Place re-

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“What’s in it for me?”

Why should I join the Neighborhood Association?

In 1989, our first residents formed a neighborhood group known as the Young Place Neighborhood Association. Membership was (and remains) strictly voluntary, and the homeowners of Young Place first banded together when they were informed that once the developers had completed building they would no longer be responsible for the upkeep of the grounds in

any of the common areas.

Today we have 164 homes in the neighborhood, and we generally have had around 100 members annually.

Membership is open to homeowners and renters alike, which means you decide whether or not you want to join. Our bylaws dictate that there are no rules or restrictions placed on your home or property by the YPNA; our group simply exists to bring us together and help us take care of our own community.

The YPNA pays for the maintenance of the common areas, including the landscaping at the entrances and the islands in the three culs de sac. This effort has been seen as having become somewhat off track recently as the Association was perhaps not as active as it should have been, but your newly-elected officers and committee chairmen are wholly committed to rectifying the situation and are working hard to strike a balance between what has been done & what still needs to be done.

One short-term goal is to create an entrance that will be sustainable for years to come, that satisfies most all residents, and is visually appealing and appropriate, all while we as officers are good stewards of your dues.

We also have several programs and events that are developed, coordinated, and funded by the YPNA, such as the Neighborhood Watch, and a

Membership Committee which makes every effort to meet all new residents to introduce them to the neighborhood and the Association.

This very newsletter is published quarterly by the YPNA and distributed to all residents. In addition, we publish an annual Neighborhood Directory for all residents who join the Association and consent to have their information included.

If we don’t have an active Association to collect dues to pay for maintenance of the grounds, then the responsibility will be assumed by the City of Montgomery. This would mean no watering, no fertilizing, no maintenance of the beds, no flowers, etc.!

It’s not yet been discussed how the city would handle our entrance island, but we’ve already been told that the islands in the culs de sac would have no plantings and would likely be covered over with asphalt.

Please, think of this when deciding if the \$2.50 a month (\$30.00 annually) will be a good investment when you’re one day trying to sell your home. What will prospective buyers who pass through the entrances and down our streets think of our neighborhood?

Let’s work together to keep our property values up! Through community cohesiveness and a little pride in ownership we can all help make Young Place an attractive place to live for years to come.

Membership, continued

mains a great place to live!

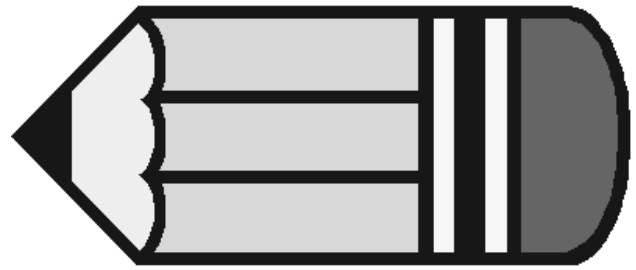
“Welcome” to the newest residents of Young Place! We welcome you and hope you will enjoy living here. If you haven’t already joined our Neighborhood Association, I encourage you to do so by calling me at 271-6411.

- Ricky & Chris Watkins, Young Farm Road
- David & Dana Jones, Fox Den Lane
- Lee Markowitz, Young Farm Road
- Matthew & Leigh Murphy, Young Farm Road
- Sean & Jimmy Puckett, Young Farm Road
- Hildridge Moseley, Young Farm Road
- Chip Langlois, Young Farm Road
- Loretta Camp, Young Farm Road
- Colin & Alexis Jones, Applecross Place
- Michael Henig, Applecross Place

— Mary Ann Weston

Please Note!
Quarterly Association meeting
Thursday, October 16, 6:00 p.m.
Vaughn Park Church of Christ

Agenda items must be presented to an Association Officer in writing a minimum of one week in advance of the scheduled meeting.



VIPs ready to serve

Volunteers in Police Service are local citizens, 55 years of age or older, who make their community and neighborhoods safer places. They work with the Montgomery Police Department to provide a extra set of eyes and ears for the MPD. VIPs have many opportunities such as light office work, patrolling neighborhoods in a VIPs car, performing vacation home checks, and many other possi-



bilities. VIPs are non-confrontational and alert the MPD to any problems in the community via radio. Volunteers are asked to serve 4 hours a week.

The VIPs will be happy to check your home while you are away on vacation, an extended absence, or in the hospital. Sim-

ply call the MPD's non-emergency number, 241-2651, and provide them with basic information regarding your absence. The VIPs will check your house each day for unlocked doors, broken windows, signs of vandalism, or attempted entry. By using this service, it enhances the security of our neighborhood by placing a police vehicle on our streets – helping both you and your neighbors!

Young Place Neighbors To Know

Association Officers

President	Mary Eagar	minkmoo@ charter.net	221-2767
Vice President	Terri Perry	tap213@ knology.net	356-5708
Recording Secretary	Harriett Owen	harriettowen@ knology.net	271-4947
Corresponding Secretary	Betty Hopper	jsamhop@ aol.com	271-0555
Treasurer	Flem Spain	dfspain@ knology.net	271-4507

Committee Chairpersons

Membership	Mary Ann Weston	magw@ bellsouth.net	271-6411
Membership Roster	Elaine Ward	epward@ bellsouth.net	271-2879
Activities	Kathryn Jones	kathrynjones1@ yahoo.com	277-2534
Neighborhood Watch	Rich & Terri Perry	tap213@ knology.net	220-4921
Coordinating, City of Mtgy.	Rich Perry	randtperry@ hotmail.com	220-4930

Block Captains

Applecross Place	Hilda Kay	395-5898
Chenoweth Lane (south)	Debbie Purtle	244-8773
Chenoweth Lane (north)	Craig Carlson	260-0652
Cherry Tree Terrace	Merigold Caldwell	260-8078
Fox Den Lane/ Northfield Drive	Betty Hopper	271-0555
Jacob's Court	Marge Anderson	271-9592
Middlefork Road	Mike Prickett	271-5153
Northfield Drive	Carrie Ingram	260-0772
Young Farm Court	Elisa Bone	277-0242
Young Farm Road 1 (1806-1822)	Ann O'Neal	279-7771
Young Farm Road 2 (1824-1854)	Mary Weston	271-6411
Young Farm Road 3 (1807-1855)	Lovie Carter	244-0910
Young Farm Road 4 (non-garden homes)	Cassandra Ganier	396-1054