

THE PARK CRIER

WINDING BROOK PARK ASSOCIATION

4th of July Parade A Success!

Thanks to the coordination and organization of Board member, **Tim Sullivan**, our annual parade was well attended and enjoyed. A Penn Township Fire Truck led the way down Whispering Oak, up Merrifield, and onto Carriage Lane before it ended back at the Sullivan's house on Briarton where cool treats were enjoyed. Many thanks, Tim!



Arts in Bloom

For circumstances beyond our control, we did not have Winding Brook in Bloom this year but that didn't stop neighbors from making their yards—from and back—lovely. The Art League's annual *Arts in Bloom* was featured in Winding Brook this year and some of our residents' yards were definitely winners. Here are the lovely gardens that were on the tour this year:

John and Ann Firth
15797 Branch Water Way



Mike Oliva
54739
Bonnet
Hill



**Joe and Carolyn
Bradley**
54724
Merrifield



**John and
Mary
Behrens**
15300
Fox Run
Trail



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Almost everyday, your Winding Brook neighbors are signing up to keep better informed. For those of you who have already joined, you know Nextdoor's value as a tool that is helping to connect our neighborhood. Nextdoor is a private online network based on address so it is exclusive to Winding Brook unless you choose to include surrounding neighborhoods. Your choice. **This is now the vehicle that is used to alert you when there is something urgent that you should know regarding safety issues, upcoming meetings, events, items for sale, lost pets, etc.**

Please consider signing up if you haven't already done so. It is well worth it and will help keep your family safe, informed, and up to date on our neighborhood. Just log into our website at windingbrookpark.com. Look for the link in the upper right corner.

AROUND THE PARK

Swapping Houses!

We are not new to the neighborhood, but thought I'd tell you about the cool story moving within Winding Brook. We are the **Fini** family formally of 15660 Hearthstone Drive and now of 15620 Embers. My wife put on the Nextdoor app months ago that we had outgrown our house and if anyone was selling to contact us first because of how quick the market is. That is when the **Barnums** at 15620 Embers, contacted us and said their home was too

big as they had raised their family for the last 35 years. They said this may sound crazy but they were interested in swapping houses. We looked at their house, we loved it, they looked at our house and loved it! Long story short, we swapped houses! All legally and officially of course! The move was in July for both houses and move outs and move ins were coordinated. We never wanted to move out of Winding Brook and think we have found our forever home!

Brad Fini

The following was written by our faithful and wonderful neighbor, *Steve Ellis*, who has delivered our newsletter for many years. He is a past President of the WBPA Association and a long time resident. During his absence, (see below) his wife **Patty and their son **Chris**, delivered the Crier. Thank you to them both!**

My Trail Tale by Steve Ellis

Many of my neighbors have seen me walking the neighborhood everyday for hours and here's why. I was preparing for my hike on the Appalachian Trail. I finally went on May 20 and started at Harper's Ferry, WV which is the agreed upon mid-point of the trail. I began my walk of 500 miles northward toward Massachusetts. There I hoped to meet my daughter on July 3rd and she would bring me home. The trail is 2,185 miles long and very mountainous. Each day I ascended mountains for hundreds and hundreds of feet and then went down for the same only to repeat it over and over all while carrying a 32# backpack. At the end of each day, I usually reached a shelter—a 3-sided 'cabin' where I could spend the night or pitch my tent nearby if a flat spot was available. I did this for 400 miles over one month until my ankles and feet no longer cooperated. I called my daughter to end it 100 miles short of my goal. I was ok with that. The possibility of a severe injury from a fall was real. Stopping then was the only safe option I had. Nonetheless, the hike was wonderful. I saw many snakes, deer, beaver, a newt called Red Eft, coyotes, raccoons and bears. The vistas from the mountains included the silhouette of NY City in the haze of a Sunday morning with the Hudson River rolling by. Sometimes "Trail Angels", locals who bring food and drink to the hikers at road crossings and parking lots, would bless my day. All of this was amazing but the best experiences were with my fellow hikers around a campfire or sometimes during a lunch break on a beautiful summit. Most of the hikers were either young in their 20s, or much older like me in retirement. Each of us was hiking our own hike in our own way. The trail is very difficult but it gives back in many ways. I'm sure my memories will outlast my sore joints!

Thank you to these residents who have met their annual dues obligation.

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| Annis | Emery | Mainieri | Rickerman |
| Babcock | Eslinger | Mark | Rivers |
| Bagatini | Fair | Martin | Rudhman |
| Barnum | Ferrell | Mason | Ruhe |
| Bass | Firth, J. S. | McGill | Rulli |
| Benavente | Fox | McKinnell | Saavedra |
| Benjamin | Freddoso | McMahon | Salameh |
| Berta | Fulkerson | McManus | Savage |
| Bertha | Fulnecky | Medvigy | Schiele |
| Bloom | Gionfriddo | Meier | Schrager |
| Blum | Glase | Mester | Shappell |
| Bolanger | Goodin | Meuzelaar | Simko |
| Bolster | Grover | Miller, M. | Slack |
| Bonadies | Hahn | Miller, W. | Slayter |
| Bradford | Haines | Mirkin | Sovinski |
| Bradley | Hamilton | Monagle | Spahic |
| Brummitt | Hamman | Montgomery | Spalding |
| Buhr | Hancock | Moody | Stager |
| Campeau | Harrington | Moore | Stob |
| Carpenter | Hausenbauer, T. | Morehead | Strasser |
| Carr | Havard | Morey | Stroka |
| Carter | Henthorn | Morris | Sullivan |
| Cavanaugh | Hepting | Muffoletto | Sun |
| Cerney | Higginbotham, Joe | Noonan | Swinehart |
| Clark | Holt | Nussbaum | Thornton |
| Copeland | Hosinski | Olsen | Thrall |
| Cordill | Howell | Onderdonk | Tipton |
| Cossman | Hughes | Orth | Trimberger |
| Cressy, G. Jr. | Husted | Pendergrass | Umbarger |
| Cressy, G, III | Jaksic | Peregrine | Vogel |
| Cressy, Jim | Kelly | Petersen | Voor, D. |
| Cressy, Ray | Kinney | Polaski | Voor, J. |
| Culp | Kirzeder | Porter | Weldy |
| Cybulski | Koziatek | Potts | Whitcroft |
| DeCloedt | Kreager | Price | Whitt |
| Dees | Krzyzewski | Probst | Williams |
| DeLee, J. | Kuc | Quinn | Witters |
| Dickey | Lacay | Rajdl | Woodward |
| Durcinka | Laird | Reber | Zelvy |
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Annual Dues

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Thank you!

