

THE PARK CRIER

WINDING BROOK PARK ASSOCIATION

President's Column

As promised, I am continuing to discuss the **different attributes of annexation**. I have mentioned that, as a result of annexation, we would **likely see an increase in property taxes**. We are continuing to investigate that. Also, **we would have to change to City house numbering**. The 5-digit house number today would change to conform to the City's numbering system though the street names would remain unchanged. For example, 59999 Winding Brook Drive would become something like 1234 Winding Brook Drive. Mishawaka uses a 3 and 4 digit house numbering system.

As Mishawaka grows there will be more and more development around us. **Annexation would give us a say in those development plans**. We would have representation on the town council. We would be able to raise our voice if we feel under served or if there is a particular need that is unattended. When we feel we are unheard because we are not their constituents we feel adrift, unseen by the powers that be. This also extends to the Mayor's office that is the administrative head for the City. **We would get better visibility on matters affecting our Community**.

Today there is no deep concern for what, in Mishawaka's eyes, our Park says it needs. Other issues that would come into play that are differently important to others include a **complete burning ban**. This is important to those who suffer breathing difficulties.

Lastly, under annexation the Winding Brook Park Association **would have a powerful role to play with assisting residents to get their particular issues resolved**. As it stands today, the Association's ability to get action from the County is marginal at best. Examples abound like the paving of WB Drive north of Juday Creek that took years of questions to get done.

When a constituency of 320+ homes wants a particular issue resolved by the town council and/or Mayor's office those 320+ homes represent hundreds and hundreds of votes and votes are the "coin of the realm" when it comes to getting things.

Steve Ellis

Winding Brook in Bloom



Commitment, gardening skills, and a lot of hard work paid off for several of our neighbors who were recognized for their outstanding front yards. Taking the top honor of **Best Front Yard** (see picture below) were **Greg and Sonja Mackey**, 54736

Merrifield, who

clearly have transformed their shaded yard into a peaceful, attractive outdoor space that all who pass by can enjoy. The Mackeys were presented with a gift certificate from **McKinley Terrace Garden Center** and a bronze garden plaque designating the 2014 honor. Assisting WB judges this year were three members of the **Garden Club of Michiana** who lent their expertise and experience to this event.

Congratulations, also, to the other winners:

Best Mailbox--Ann Strasser 54610 Whispering Oak

Best Container Gardening--Blair Hermann--54743 Bonnet Hill

Best Use of Flowers--Mike and Melissa Miller--15590 Briarton

Most Improved--Nick and Sonja Beutel--15640 Hearthstone





KATHY SMITH

WBPA BOARD MEMBER

Years on Board: Just joined!

Family: Husband, Andy, who is a former WBPA Board member; 1 married daughter who married a former WB resident!

Lived in WB: for 13 years on Hearthstone Drive

Occupation: Vice President, Lake City Bank

On the Board: to help WB continue to live up to the high standards set in its early years

Enjoys: spending time with family, working in the yard, shopping with her daughter, thinking about retirement with Andy in a few years.

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Winding Brook Alert System

Have you signed up?

By text message:
text WBRESIDENT to 84483 to receive future text alerts.

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enter your email address at the following link:

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After you enter your email address, agree to terms of service and then you are finished. Ignore the section that asks for a Private Key.

You will receive alerts by email after you are signed up.

If you feel something is worthy of sending out via the alert system, please contact any Board member who will determine if that is the appropriate way to get your message out to the residents. **If you are signed up, you received a text or email on May 24 regarding a missing cat.** Hope you will take advantage of this important communication system.

**The next WBPA Board Meeting

Wednesday, **September 17**
7:00pm

Honkers Restaurant

Ken Prince, City Planner City of Mishawaka

will be present to discuss the **facts** regarding possible **annexation** and answer general questions.

All residents are encouraged to attend!

Winding Brook in Bloom Recap

Best Front Yard

1. Mackey -- 54736 Merrifield
2. Koziatek -- 54701 Winding Brook
3. Grover -- 15645 Springmill
4. Tapper -- 54728 Little Flower
5. Verslype -- 15610 Hearthstone

Best Use of Flowers

1. Miller, M. -- 15590 Briarton
2. Buhr -- 15311 Fox Run
3. Grover -- 15645 Springmill
4. Verslype -- 15610 Hearthstone
5. Spahic -- 54741 Winding Brook

Best Container Gardening

1. Hermann -- 54743 Bonnet Hill
2. Verslype -- 15610 Hearthstone
3. Holt -- 15355 Old Bedford
4. Sellers -- 15456 Old Bedford
5. Firth -- 15797 Branch Water

Best Mailbox

1. Strasser -- 54610 Whispering Oak
2. Imamovic -- 54752 Winding Brook
3. Williamson -- 54589 Whispering Oak
4. Sellers -- 15456 Old Bedford
5. Culp -- 15676 Luminaire

AROUND THE PARK

Updated Dues List

The following residents have been added to the Paid column!

**Ahmed
Bradford
Brummitt
Carnick
Mathews
Muhlherr
Saavedra
Schroeder
Shead
Smith
Stephens
White
Whitmer**

Thank you for supporting your neighborhood! Your dues pay for this newsletter, Winding Brook in Bloom, children's events, entrance maintenance, insurance, security company, etc., etc.

Signs

Have you noticed that the signs around WB have been painted and repaired. The person who did all the work wishes to remain anonymous and that will be respected. However, to that person, a huge THANK YOU for all the hard work to make our neighborhood look tip top.

Welcome!

New to 15620 Hearthstone are **Lowell** and **Marilyn Gulley** and their daughter, **Rhonda Perry**. Lowell is a retired sheetmetal worker and Rhonda is Vice President of Sales for Mossberg Printing Company. During the winter, Lowell and Marilyn winter in Arizona where other children reside.



**From top:
Ann Strasser
Blair Hermann
View of Mackey's Front Yard
Mike and Melissa Miller**

**Right:
Sonja and Nick Beutel and the
before and after!**



Meeting

**Tuesday, August 11
7:00pm**

**Benjamin
Residence
15692 Luminaire Ct.**

Please come to this important meeting that will help Winding Brook establish a viable neighborhood watch structure. Come meet your neighbors and have the opportunity to share your concerns and ideas.

Steering Committee:

**Bob Annis, Chair
Katie Annis
Lori Benjamin
John DeLee
Laurel Eslinger**

Thank you to **Lori Benjamin** for hosting.

What Would You Do?

Did you know that many of our residents do not have basements due to the high water table throughout WB? When we have inclement weather and especially when there is a threat of a tornado, where do you go? It may be a good idea to think about that and develop a plan in case you don't already have one. Will your kids know what to do if you are not home?

Garden Club of Michiana

Three members of this garden club donated their time and expertise to be judges for Winding Brook in Bloom. They are **Val Bartels, Amy Freehafer, and Gayle Areheart**. Here is a little bit about the club they represented:

The Garden Club of Michiana is a federated garden club, part of the Northwest Central District of the Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. As members, they share an interest in gardening and a love of nature. They enjoy learning about all aspects of gardening, touring gardens and other garden related places. Local charities are financially supported by their efforts and they contribute to the state scholarship fund every year. Their annual plant sale is their biggest fundraiser where members contribute plants from their own gardens as do non-members. Some of the members are willing to dig up plants no longer wanted from yards. Contact Val Bartels at 574-271-3637 if you have plants to donate or 1 or 2-gallon plant containers. They will come dig and/or pick up your containers.

Merrifield Entrance

Have you noticed that the dead boxwoods and yuccas are no longer detracting from our Merrifield entrance? In their place are healthy false cypress which were planted by Scott Kashmarik. Thanks, Scott, for all your work digging up the old and planting the new.

One Wonderful Thing to do with the Abundance of Tomatoes Right Now

1. Quarter tomatoes and put a single layer in a baking pan. Drizzle with olive oil and season lightly with salt and pepper. Heat oven to 200 and let them roast for at least 5 hours, stirring occasionally. Add to pasta with perhaps some basil and enjoy the sweetness of the tomatoes that is intensified by this roasting method.

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FROM THE EDITOR


Kids are going back to school in a couple of weeks. Can it already be that time of year? As the school year progresses, please let me know of any scholastic or athletic achievements your student or neighbor has accomplished so that they may be recognized. Thanks!

Laurel Eslinger

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in early October

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