

PARK CRIER

WINDING BROOK PARK ASSOCIATION

Our Gift to the Community

As you know, it is that time of year for holiday cheer along with our annual **Gift to the Community**. This year has a retro feel to it as we are bringing back the holiday decorations' contest with some tweaks to it. The hope is that this year everyone makes this the jolliest, merriest, and brightest Winding Brook holiday ever. **PLEASE NOTE: EMBERS IS NOT ON THE TOUR THIS YEAR.** That doesn't mean that folks won't drive through your street anyway so feel free to light it up and make it merry! And we know there will be traffic as there is every year particularly Christmas Eve. A piece of paper is included with this Crier that you can show the security workers at the entrances which will allow you to enter against the traffic. As you can see from the picture, our 'gingerbread' house has a new look and will be warmer for the volunteers who are collecting for their charities. This is all due to the hard work by **Brian Coffman** and **Steve Ellis** with an assist with the sign by **Mike Babcock**. Thank you all!



Making Winding Brook Bright

Please see below the schedule for luminary pickup. What you need to know is that this year they are **FREE to all residents**. All you need to do is show up at the distribution house and you will receive what you have purchased in the past! Your annual dues at work! Sand will be available at the very end of Winding Brook Drive. And

you might want to think about putting out luminaries for your neighbor who won't be here this holiday season. Speaking of making WB bright, efforts are already in place to vie for the prizes in our Holiday Decorating Contest. One resident said he is going for the *Clark Griswold Award!* What are you going to do?

Holiday Decorating Contest

Judging: December 11

Categories:

- Best Overall WOW!
- Best Theme
- Best Front Door
- Clark Griswold Would Be Proud!
- Most Original

2014 Charities

AARC
Center for the Homeless
Children's Dispensary
Hannah's House
IN-Source
Ronald McDonald House
 (collected by Trinity School)
The Storehouse
Tri Kappa

Luminary Pick-Up

54756 Winding Brook

Sunday, December 14

2-4pm

Saturday, December 20

12-2pm

Tuesday December 23

4-6pm.

Sand pick-up:

Very End of Winding Brook

President's Column

This will be my last collection back to the column. I will be stepping down for personal reasons from the Board after the Annual Association meeting in January. I have truly enjoyed my tenure on the Board. During these past few years we have accomplished many things and some are listed here:

-Rebuilt the Winding Brook entrance brick walls

-Re-roofed both entrances and painted the signs

-Replaced about a third of the street signs and repainted all of them

-Pushed the County to fix the bridge over Juday Creek at Merrifield Drive

-Instituted a Winding Brook night during the annual Christmas charities collection effort when Board members staff the collection buckets and contribute the night's

collection back to the charities.

-Rewrote the Association By-Laws

Initiated a community-wide discussion about annexation and what it means to us

-Conducted an RFP for landscaping

-We found an editor who upgraded and substantially improved the Park Crier to be a model Newsletter

-Started the "Winding Brook in Bloom" beautification effort

-Enhanced and improved our Association dues payment system

-Started a Neighborhood Watch effort.

-Pushed the County to address neglected street paving projects

I'm certain there are more things we've done that I've forgotten but

it has been a productive time. All of these accomplishments are the efforts of the Board members that are here today or have served in the past. It is difficult to find people willing to give their time to tasks and projects that ultimately benefit us all. We will always have too few. I encourage anyone who has thought about it to step up to Board participation. There are many things yet to be accomplished and your help and participation is vital to any success.

Finally, I am grateful to have had the opportunity to have served such a wonderful community. I will always be in debt to the Board members I've worked with over the years and those who offered good counsel from their previous Board experiences. I thank you all for the guidance and support you have provided.

Steve Ellis

WBPA Annual Board Meeting,

January 21

7:00pm

Honkers Restaurant
Day Road

All residents are encouraged to attend.

Missing Stop Sign

Yes, you read that correctly. The stop sign at the corner of Winding Brook Drive and Springmill is missing. Now who would do something like that? If we can assume that the culprits live in WB, please discuss with your household members the danger and costliness of this prank.

Merrifield Bridge Over the Creek

It is finally finished and is more than envisioned. We thank the County for their efforts in this long-awaited project.

Candy Canes

There was no room to include this information on the front page but it is worth mentioning. Candy canes will once again be distributed at the collection booth which will make kids very happy!

Halloween Party

A BIG thank you to **Chris** and **Christine Peregrine** for hosting a spooktacular Halloween party! The decoration, the games, the spooky room helped to divert attention away from the absolutely awful weather. Heaters kept everyone comfortable and in a festive mood as they celebrated the holiday. It was evident a lot of hard work went into making this party special

