

THE PARK CRIER

Winding Brook Park Association



Because it was such a success last year, the Winding Brook Park Association will once again be hosting a Halloween parade with a photo booth for those fun family memory shots, candy stations along the route, and apple cider tasting marking the end of the parade.

When: Saturday, October 30 11:00am

Where: THE CUL DE SAC AT THE END OF HEARTHSTONE DRIVE

COME DRESSED IN YOUR HALLOWEEN BEST

PARADE ROUTE: WEST ON HEARTHSTONE, ACROSS THE WINDING BROOK DRIVE BRIDGE, EAST DOWN THE BACK OF WINDING BROOK DRIVE and BACK TO THE CUL DE SAC

If you would like to donate candy for this event, please bring it to Maria Carter at 15595 Carriage Lane.

All things come to an end...

It has been my pleasure writing this newsletter for the last nine years and I now find it time to step aside. In my position as Crier Editor, I have met many wonderful neighbors whose paths I would not have otherwise crossed and that has truly been the highlight of my time in this position. I have enjoyed bringing you the neighborhood 'news' and promoting our events as well as pointing out ways we could improve our life in Winding Brook. Whoever follows me in this position will bring a fresh perspective and take you in new directions and I look forward to awaiting the Crier and reading it knowing that someone else is making it his or her labor of love. I would be most remiss if I didn't recognize and thank **Steve Ellis** who has tirelessly delivered this newsletter for many years. His efforts were greatly appreciated by me and I am sure the rest of the neighborhood. So with that, I thank you for allowing me to serve our neighborhood in this way and please know that I have appreciated the support you have bestowed upon me all of these years. I wish you only the best.

Laurel Eslinger

President's Corner

Neighbors,

I find it best just to be quick to the point on things like this, so here it goes. Recently I came to the unfortunate conclusion that I do not have the time and focus to properly serve this neighborhood as President. So I must inform you that I have had to resign my position as President of the Winding Brook Park Board Association. It has been a pleasure using my time and talent in serving this neighborhood. While I wish I had more time (and more talent) to continue to pour into the incredible efforts of the Board, there are other important priorities that require more of my attention. My love and enjoyment for our neighborhood and home will not be diminished and I hope I can continue to support the Board in their efforts going forward.

Fortunately we are blessed with a fantastic team of dedicated and passionate board members to continue to serve the neighborhood. Brian Powell has agreed to step up and serve as Board President. The board is still continuing the ongoing projects and events that we've grown to expect. You'll read about preparations for our Halloween festivities. Of course we cannot forget the preparations for the annual Gift to the Community work. The work on the new Covenants are continuing as well, and you'll hopefully soon see more on that.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone who volunteers their time to serve the neighborhood, to those who give of their treasure to see our community thrive, and most especially to those who live here and make this the best neighborhood in the region. I love living here and I love having you as my neighbors.

Zach Dripps

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Gift to the Community

GTTC is fast approaching whether we want it to or not! Our new residents are wondering what this is all about and here is a brief explanation. In case you are not aware, Winding Brook is known quite widely as the Christmas light capital of Michiana. Thanks to talented and persevering neighbors, we have held that distinction for many years. Residents deck their homes in a variety of ways, some of which are downright spectacular. A resident-based team of judges, on one night in December, make the determination who will win best overall, best front door, best theme, most original, best artisan offering, best faith-based. Yes, traffic picks up in the neighborhood as people come from afar to view our holiday spectacular. So get out those lights and decorations, plan what you are going to do this year, and see if you can top last year which was a winner in every way. And the good news—we do this for charities who collect donations at the end of the route. Luminaries are lit in front of our homes on Christmas Eve making it a truly magical night. Please look for the specifics in an upcoming Crier. Not too early to plan now!



Jump aboard the meal train and provide a meal for someone who has had a major life event such as a new baby, illness, death in the family. You can nominate someone to be the recipient or perhaps would like to nominate yourself. Mariah Cressy is organizing this effort and once she is notified, she will send out the official call for meals to the volunteers who has already signed up and organize the drop-off. Please call Mariah at 339-4941 to help in any way.

Annual Dues

Have you paid? If not, please submit your dues to the address below. Thank you!

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