

THE PARK CRIER

WINDING BROOK PARK ASSOCIATION

President's Column

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Despite the short days, cold weather—and even a little snow! - activity in the neighborhood is at a fever pitch. Cooking, baking, shopping and putting up lights keeps us occupied these days. Won't you consider your participation in our collective Gift to the Community and insure our family, friends, and guests get a shiny and bright welcome to Winding Brook? No pressure...!

I encourage you to note all of the information jam-packed into this Crier. Your WBPA Board has been hard at work and we are excited to share with you. From all of your neighbors, happy holidays!

**See you at the January 20
Annual Meeting!**

Scott Kachmarik

Winding Brook Annual Directory

Our wonderful neighborhood resource, the Directory, needs your help to be what you hope it to be. If you were included last year and your information was not correct or you now have changes, please email wbpahome@gmail.com with the updates. If you are new to Winding Brook and have not been contacted by a Block Captain and have not filled out a new resident form, it is important that we receive your information. If you prefer, you can send it to WBPA, PO Box 6566, South Bend, IN 46660.

FYI: It has been reported that the layout of the 2016 Directory will be similar to the old style.

Annual Gift to the Community

Can you hear the sleigh bells jingling? Yes, it is that time of year when Winding Brook residents deck the outside of their halls with bright colors, sparkling lights, displays of whimsy as well as solemn sights of the season to the wonder and joy of those who drive through our streets at this time of year.

To help you prepare for your part in this year's **GTTC**, here are some particulars:

- **Hearthstone Drive** is **NOT** on the tour this year.
- **Collections** will begin on Saturday, December 5.
- **Judging** for the **Holiday Decorating Contest** is on December 16. Ribbons will be affixed to mailboxes and prizes will be awarded for the following:

**Best Overall
Best Theme**

**Martha Stewart Would Be Proud!
Clark Griswold Would Be Proud!**

**Best Front Door
Most Original**

- **Luminaries** will be available at Jane Mason's—54756 Winding Brook Drive — during the following times:

12-19 11am-1pm

12-20 1-3pm

12-23 5-7pm

Please consider making a donation to offset the costs of the candles and bags. Many of us probably have bags and candles from last year since the weather hindered us putting them out. If you are new to the neighborhood, luminaries line our streets in front of our houses Christmas Eve giving the community that warm Christmas spirit. Fill the bottom of the bags with sand, put the candles in, light and enjoy! And if you are going to be away, perhaps a neighbor would be helpful in putting them out for you.

- **Sand** can be obtained from **December 19** on at the far end of Winding Brook Drive
- **Residents' passes** are included with this Crier that can be used to show security so residents may enter at Winding Brook Drive going against the traffic flow with little hassle.
- **Police Officers** will direct traffic on Christmas Eve.
- **Candy canes** will once again be distributed!

Block Captains

Katie Annis, Springmill, has been hard at work coordinating the Block Captains and is pleased to announce the residents who currently hold this important position:

Braintree Way	John DeCloedt
Beaver Creek	Marcia Polaski
Bonnet Hill	John DeCloedt
Branch Water	Marcia Polaski
Briarton	Mary Beth Sullivan
Carriage Lane	Mary Beth Sullivan
Donnybrook	John DeCloedt
Embers	Sandra Hamman
Fox Run	April Babcock
Hearthstone	Gayle Cossman
Heritage	Gwen DeLee
Little Flower	Marcia Polaski
Luminaire	Tiffanie Sammons
Merrifield	Vicki Slayter
Old Bedford (15345-15456)	April Babcock
Old Bedford (54445-54725)	Carol Holt
Old Bedford (54232-54438)	Kris Monagle
Springmill	Katie Annis
Timber Trail	April Babcock
Whispering Oak	Patty Ellis
Winding Brook (15585-54677)	Gwen DeLee
Winding Brook (54689-54763)	Laura Brandenburg

Thank you!

WBPA Board Nominees

Now is the time to step up to a Board position. At the annual meeting, nominees for Board openings will be presented. Won't you consider helping out your neighborhood by volunteering your time and talents? Please contact Board President, Scott Kachmarik at wbpahome@gmail.com if you are interested.

ND Credit Union Assists GTTC

Notre Dame Federal Credit Union has come on board as a sponsor for the *Gift for the Community* providing needed resources and staffing for our banking and funds deposits as well as insuring the resurgence of the popular candy cane give away. A big thank you to them for their generosity towards our annual holiday effort.

**WBPA
Annual Board Meeting
Wednesday
January 20
7:00pm**

**Honkers Restaurant
All residents
are encouraged to attend!**

WBPA Board

Scott Kachmarik, President
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Bill Bagatini, Treasurer
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Winding Brook Alert System

Have you signed up? Since its inception, alerts have gone out indicating burglaries in the neighborhood as well as lost pets. It is an expedient means of communication and sure beats a telephone tree!

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

By email:
enter your email address at the following link:

https://www.rainedout.net/team_page.php?a=443c621564fe250c152

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.



Neighborhood Watch

Christmas is just around the corner and our thoughts will be turning to Winding Brook's *Gift to the Community* the annual event that brings many visitors to our neighborhood. If you must leave your car outside, please consider the following:

- Check the yard lights and make certain it is functioning and bulbs are changed as needed.
- Park closest to the yard light side of driveway
- Lock the car doors each time you exit during the day.
- Remember to remove all valuables.

MAKE A POINT TO CHECK ALL GARAGE DOORS BEFORE RETIRING!

It is wise to unplug or place timers on your inflatables. If not inflated, they are less likely to be pictured by vandals.

DO YOUR PART TO HELP PREVENT CRIME!

Bob Annis, Chair

If you see something that you just know shouldn't be, trust your intuition and CALL THE POLICE!

911! The police are the ones who can do something about the situation. Don't hesitate or it could be too late.



AROUND THE PARK

New Residents!

A BIG welcome to the following who have joined the Winding Brook family:

Ralph and Kara Onderdonk along with their 2 dogs and one cat are the residents at 54401 Old Bedford. They moved here from Granger. In addition to their pets, they have one married child who is away at college.

Travis and Hallie Dams are making 15415 Old Bedford their home. Their son and a black lab mix round out their immediate family. Travis is a family physician resident and Hallie is a senior training analyst.

15289 Timber Trail is the new home for **Frank and Halee Williams** and their two children. Frank is a water supply contractor and Halee is a pre-school teacher.

GTTC Charitable Giving

In case you are wondering where the money collected at the 'Gingerbread House' ends up each year, the following charities will be the recipients of the donations collected during the 2015 GTTC:

- **Alcohol and Addictions Resource Center (AARC)**—offers alcohol and other drug prevention, education, advocacy, assessment, and referral services for individuals and families.
- **Children's Dispensary** their program—'A Place to Be Me' provides social and recreational programs for young people with developmental, physical, emotional needs
- **Center for the Homeless**—serves more than 55,00 women, men, and children with shelter and programs that can break the link to homelessness
- **Hannah's House**—maternity home providing a safe environment and programming for pregnant young women
- **In*Source**—providing Indiana families and service providers with information and training necessary to assure effective educational programs and services for children and young adults with disabilities
- **Puppies Behind Bars**—Trinity School's students' charity for this year—trains prison inmates to raise service dogs for wounded war veterans and explosive detection canines for law enforcement
- **Tri Kappa, South Bend Chapter**—provides financial support for five small local charities each year
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All money collected goes directly to the charities.

Family Favorites

These are only served in the Eslinger family during the holidays. When you read the ingredients you will know why!

Hot Beef Dip

1 8 oz. cream cheese, room temperature
2 T milk
1 2 1/2 oz. jar dried beef cut finely
2 T or a little more finely chopped red and green peppers
2 T finely chopped onion
1/2 tsp white pepper
1/2 cup sour cream
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
Beat cream cheese and add milk.
Add other ingredients except nuts and mix by hand.
Put into glass pie plate or other serving dish. Sprinkle nuts on top and bake at 350 for 15 minutes. Serve hot with sturdy potato chips.

Shrimp Butter

1 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
1 stick butter, softened
4 T Hellman's mayonnaise
6 oz. cooked shrimp chopped
2 T fresh lemon juice

1/2 small onion grated
white pepper
Combine all ingredients except shrimp at low speed in mixer. Add shrimp, chill. Bring to close to room temperature before serving with sturdy chips.

Events of Interest

There is a lot happening in Michiana in the month of **December** that may interest you:

December 4: First Friday
5-9pm - Downtown South Bend
Dec. 5 Holiday Celebration for Kids - The History Museum

Dec. 5 Mishawaka Winterfest - 5-8pm
Merrifield Park

Dec. 5 Reindeer Parade
10am-1pm - Begins at corner of Wayne and Main and ends at former Football Hall of Fame

Dec. 11 Christmas at Copshaholm - 5pm

Dec. 12 Christmas at Notre Dame: Glee Club and Symphony Orchestra
Dec 12-13

The Nutcracker - 2:00pm - Morris Center for Performing Arts
Until Dec. 18 *Learn to skate with the Irish Figure Skating Club.*

Dec. 19 Home for the Holidays - 8:00pm - South Bend Symphony - Morris Center for Performing Arts

Halloween Party

Thanks to the **Peregrines** for hosting the annual Children's Halloween Party. In spite of the nasty weather, it was a success!

Why it is beginning to look a lot like winter...

1. snow shovels and snow blowers are placed in a strategic spot in your garages
2. gloves and boots are part of your choices for the day
3. fireplaces are lit
4. pots of chili warming on your stoves
5. hot chocolate is your drink of choice or maybe egg nog, a hot toddy, or hot buttered rum or...!

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FROM THE EDITOR

A very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a peaceful 2016 to you and yours.

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