

# THE PARK CRIER

## WINDING BROOK PARK ASSOCIATION

### What Can Your Board Do For You?

It is a new year and with that often comes change! Have you thought in the past year what you would like to see happen in Winding Brook-land? How can the WBPA Board facilitate that? Please come to the Annual Board Meeting on January 20 to share your thoughts. Can't make it? No problem; just submit your ideas via email or give a Board member a call. We want to

### Other Winners Are...!!!

Was it the weather? Was it the incredible holiday decorations that shone brightly in our neighborhood? Was it the generous spirit of all who drove through Winding Brook in the weeks leading up to Christmas? Over **\$28,000** was collected that will be distributed to the charities that participated in the 2015 Gift to Community!

### 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](mailto: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.

### And the Winners Are....!!!



**The 2015 Overall Wow!** Award goes to the **Vellos** Family at 15649 Springhill! Ablaze with thousands of white lights that illuminate the night and the beautiful and serene scene that the display creates make this house a clear winner.

Other category winners were **Griswold**— **Andy Smiths** at 15685 Hearthstone, **Martha Stewart-Tony Hermanns** at 54743 Bonnet Hill, **Most Original- Cybulskis** 15432 Carriage Lane, **Front Door-Firths**, 15797 Branch Water Way, **Best Theme-Peregrines** at Robin Lane and **Rookie of the Year**-15620 Hearthstone. Thank you to all who spent much time and energy let alone electricity creating a winter wonderland for all to see! And the overall winners are the community who once again got to enjoy the brilliant displays!

**Thanks are in order** for many people who made this year's **Gift to the Community** a huge success. First of all, **Mike Babcock** who spearheads the effort as usual did an outstanding job of coordinating the charities and the Board members who staffed and acted in a support role for the collections. His tireless work these past years has insured that the tradition continues. To **Jane Mason** who coordinates and distributes the luminaries and has done so for these last couple of years. She is a saint who counts out those bags and candles and keeps track of who buys how many! To the **many residents** who made donations when picking up their luminaries. To **Notre Dame Credit Union** who helped make the deposit process easy and seamless and for their partial support in offsetting the costs of the thousands of candy canes given out. To the many **Board members** who act as **Board Member on Call** and staff the Board night. 2015 was a huge success thanks to all of the above and **YOU** who so beatifically decorated your homes!

## The Rest of the Best

### Overall

1. *Vellos 15649 Springmill*
2. *Strasser 54610 Whispering Oak*
3. *Czarnecki 54751 Winding Brook*

### Best Theme

1. *Peregrine 15624 Robin Lane*
2. *Binaries 15377 Carriage Lane*
3. *Olsen 54450 Old Bedford*
4. *Reber 54724 Old Bedford*
4. *Rudman 15496 Carriage Lane*
5. *Schuster 15630 Springmill*

### Most Original

1. *Cybulski 15432 Carriage Lane*
2. *Clark 54445 Old Bedford*
3. *Brandenburg 54721 Winding Brook*
4. *Witters 15400 Carriage Lane*
4. *Williamson 54589 Whispering Oak*
5. *Ballew/Grabowski 15628 Baintree*

### Best Front Door

1. *Firth 15797 Branch Water*
2. *Brunmitt 54513 Old Bedford*
3. *Bradley 54724 Merrifield*
4. *Durcinka 54423 Old Bedford*
5. *Konopinski 54735 Beaver Creek*
5. *Moreland 54470 Old Bedford*

### Clark Griswold Would Be Proud

1. *Smith(Andy) 15685 Hearthstone*
2. *Hernandez 54743 Merrifield*
3. *Powell 54747 Winding Brook*
4. *Gunther 15670 Hearthstone*
5. *Beutel 15640 Hearthstone*

### Martha Stewart Would Be Proud

1. *Hermann (Tony) 54743 Bonnet Hill*
2. *Mackey 54736 Merrifield*
3. *Dunbar 15879 Branchwater*
3. *Rodefer 54800 Rustic Terrace*
4. *Meyer 54644 Old Bedford*
5. *Sullivan 54387 Old Bedford*
5. *Craig 54578 Old Bedford*

### Rookie of the Year

1. *15620 Hearthstone*
2. *54705 Merrifield*
3. *54708 Merrifield*
4. *54405 Old Bedford*

## WBPA Board Nominee

**Sharon Burden**, 54619 Old Bedford, is a nominee to the Board to be considered at the Annual Meeting. Sharon has lived in Winding Brook for 19 years where she and her husband, Rich, have raised their four children. She currently is the Director of Alcohol and Addictions Resource Center where she has been employed since 1984.



**Jane Mason** handing out luminaries to the **Lacey** Family.

## WBPA Board

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

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

## 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=4a3c621564fe250c152](https://www.rainedout.net/team_page.php?a=4a3c621564fe250c152)

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.



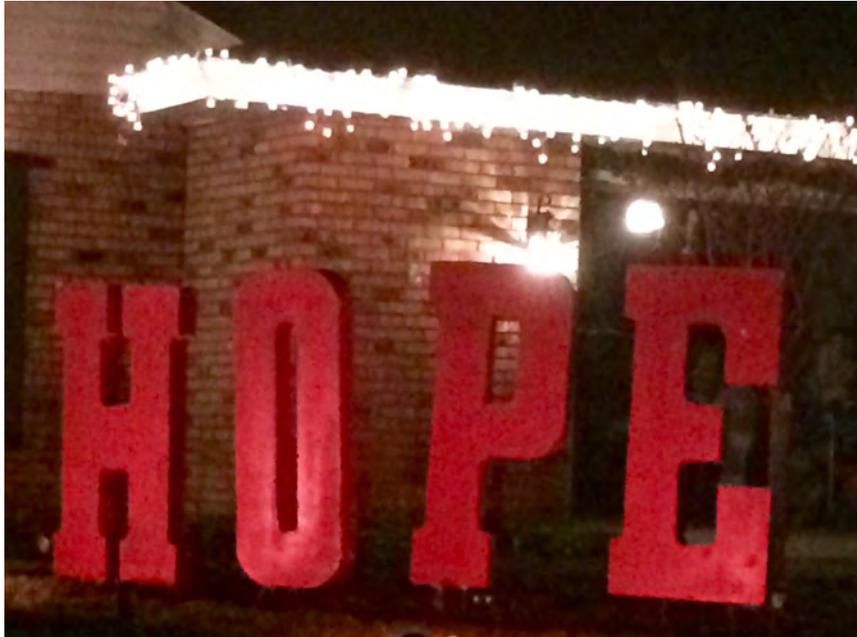
## AROUND THE PARK

Do you remember seeing stories on TV and in the paper about thieves watching for UPS, USPS, or FedEx deliveries to homes and then snatching up the packages? That criminal activity hit Winding Brook this holiday season. Let's continue to

watch out for our neighbors and if we see a delivery truck followed by someone who seems to come out of nowhere picking up that package and driving off, please call the police and let your neighbor know what you observed.



# What Our World Needs More Of in 2016



You know it is a new year when:

1. You write a check and you put down the wrong year
2. you make resolutions that you know you won't keep beyond next week if you get that far
3. you start to think about taxes
4. you feel hopeful for what the new year has in store for you
5. you see Valentine's Day related items in stores!

**Winding Brook Website:**  
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## FROM THE EDITOR

Sorry the pictures of all of the winners are not included in this issue. I thought I was getting some assistance with a camera better equipped to take those light displays than my iPhone, but that didn't materialize.

Happy 2016!

*Laurel Eslinger*



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