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THE PARK CRIER

Winding Brook Park Association

HALLOWEEN PARADE



Instead of our annual Halloween Party, The Winding Brook Park Association will be hosting a **Halloween Costume Parade** on the morning of Halloween. It will begin in the Hearthstone Drive cut de sac on **October 31** at **11:00am**. Come dressed in your Halloween best and parade with your families west on Hearthstone, across the Winding Brook Drive Bridge, and east down the back of Winding Brook Drive. A **photo backdrop** for pictures will be set up in the cul de sac. Seven **grab 'n go candy stations** will be along the route, and **apple cider tasting** will mark the end of the parade.

If you are wondering how you can help with this fun time for our children, you may donate candy for the parade or volunteer at one of the seven candy stations.

Donations of unopened candy will be accepted at three Board members' homes: Cressy: 54751 Rustic Terrace; Powell: 54725 Merrifield; Carter: 15595 Carriage Lane. In order to have this candy bagged and set aside for a three-day quarantine period, all candy needs to be received by Monday, October 26. If you won't be opening your doors this year for trick or treaters, please consider donating your typical candy stash for the parade.

If you plan to participate with your family, it would be helpful to get a semi-accurate count or if you would like to volunteer at one of the candy stations, please fill out this Google form: <https://forms.gle/ExBWwqihWsMRvULFq>.

Please don't miss this exciting Halloween event! Boo!

President's Corner

Happy Autumn, Neighbors!. Fall is one of my favorite seasons, especially living in this neighborhood. I love taking a walk or drive and seeing all the leaves change colors. As we all know the leaves may be beautiful, but they can be problematic, too. As a reminder, if you were unable to sign up for the **County's Leaf Pick-up** program, you must find a way to **dispose of your leaves on your own**. St. Joseph County still **bans leaf burning** as a method of disposing leaves. This is especially harmful in a neighborhood such as ours with so many neighbors close by. The smoke from leaf burning is problematic for our residents with breathing issues. Please be kind and not burn your leaves this year.

Please check out the other articles in this Crier for **important updates on Halloween** and the **Protective Covenants project**. Lastly, we are looking for **new volunteers to join our Board** for next year. If you love our neighborhood and want to give back, this is your chance. Please send an email to us at wbpahome@gmail.com.

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Protective Covenants Project

Winding Brook Park is a unique neighborhood that draws residents to come back generation after generation. In order to maintain our neighborhood's quality and reputation, the Winding Brook Park Association (WBPA) believes it is necessary to update and unify our **Protective Covenants and Restrictions Declarations** which set standards for the quality and aesthetics of our properties and homes. These updated Protective Covenants will allow for all residents to better understand their expectations as neighbors and provide a structure to ensure issues can be addressed as they arise.

Background: It has been an issue that the WBPA Board has considered for many years. The original covenants were written and enforced for the development of the neighborhood. Additionally, each section, as it developed, had its own version of the covenants resulting in some variations. Since WB has been mostly built out, covenants have been struck in a legal limbo. As property owners, we are beholden to restrictions of the declarations; the legal authority to enforce the restrictions remain unclear.

Earlier in 2020, the Board believed it is the right course of action to create a new unified Protective Covenant and Restrictions Declaration, amended ByLaws, and a set of Rules and Regulations. At the September 2020 meeting, the Board voted to engage South Bank Legal to continue to work with the Board on updating the Covenants.

Purpose: The purpose of going through this process is not to create an undo burden on our residents or to say you have to paint your front door in a certain color. The Protective Covenants are there to help our neighborhood maintain our high reputation, strong property values, pleasing aesthetics, and resident safety.

Next Steps

Drafting Updated Covenants

1. WBPA will work with South Bank Legal to draft a new version of the Protective Covenants.

2. **WBPA will ask for interested residents to form an Advisory Committee to provide initial direct input and feedback on drafting the Protective Covenants. Please contact Zach Dripps at zachdripps@gmail.com.**

3. After consultation with the Advisory Committee and review from WBPA, we will share the final draft with the neighbors.

Approval and Recording

4. WBPA Board Members (and volunteers) will solicit written approval from residents by a door-to-door campaign and/or mail-in responses.

5. If at least 50% of the homeowners approve the draft covenants, then South Bank Legal will assist WBPA to process the new covenants with St. Joseph County. Whether or not the homeowner had personally approved the covenants, they will be recorded on their property.

6. Once the covenants are recorded, the WBPA will begin making the changes outlined in the revised protective covenants and by-laws to better serve the residents.



Almost everyday, your Winding Brook neighbors are signing up to keep better informed. For those of you who have already joined, you know Nextdoor's value as a tool that is helping to connect our neighborhood. Nextdoor is a private online network based on address so it is exclusive to Winding Brook unless you choose to include surrounding neighborhoods. Your choice. **This is now the vehicle that is used to alert you when there is something urgent that you should know regarding safety issues, upcoming meetings, events, items for sale, lost pets, etc.**

Please consider signing up if you haven't already done so. It is well worth it and will help keep your family safe, informed, and up to date on our neighborhood. Just log into our website at windingbrookpark.com. Look for the link in the upper right corner. It is faint so look hard!

Guess What Is Coming?!

In just a few short months, Winding Brook will be lit up and welcoming another **Gift to the Community**. It is not too early to start thinking about what you plan to do this holiday season to light up our neighborhood for our annual tradition. For those of you new to our community, each year for about two weeks in December, as the neighborhood is lit up with bright colors and whimsical decorations, volunteers from chosen charities collect donations at one of our entrances as cars from far and near, take a mapped out tour of Winding Brook. Christmas Eve is marked with the lighting of luminaries in front of houses. It is a beautiful sight! Look for more information about all of this in your next Crier!

AROUND THE PARK

Welcome!

New residents at 15690 Springmill are **Daniel** and **Megan Ferrell** who along with their two children and cat, Dexter, moved from West Pointe Estates. They made the move "because of the schools, the neighborhood and close proximity to work and everything!" Daniel is the Finance Manager at Gates Chevy World and Megan is an oncology nurse at Memorial Hospital.

Thanks to Block Captain **Mariah Cressy** for greeting these new residents and obtaining this information.

In-Neighborhood Moves

Loving their new home is the **Benavente** family who moved from Bonnet Hill to 15861 Branch Water Way. They *'are super happy to still be a part of this great neighborhood!'*

Moving into the Benavente's home at 54750 Bonnet Hill Trail is the **Dees** family who as they say, moved around the corner! They moved the same week that they welcomed their son into their family. *'It was a whirlwind but we are starting to get settled.'*



Jump aboard the *meal train* and provide a meal for someone in the neighborhood 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 you 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 she has already signed up and organize the drop-off. Recently a new baby's family was the recipient and the majority of the new volunteers participated. The volunteers are also given COVID-specific instructions to leave food on the front step and text the family when it has been delivered so all can stay socially distanced and still support the family. If you are interested in getting involved either by volunteering or to request a meal train for yourselves or a neighbor, please contact Mariah at 339-4941. She will be waiting for your call!

Annual Dues Paid

Thank you to the following residents who have met their annual obligation. This list is updated to October 1. **If you have not already done so, please send in your dues now!**

Ahmed	Deane	Kirzeder	Peregrine	Thayer
Annis	Dearth	Konopinski	Petersen	Thornton
Anzels	DeCloedt	Koziatek	Pingel	Thrall
Arroyo`^^`	Dees	Kreager	Polaski	Tipton
Babcock	DeLee, J.	Kriegel	Porter	Tomasi
Bagatini	DeLee, P.	Krzyzewski	Potts	Trimberger
Baker	DelPilar	Kuc	Powell	Umbarger
Barker	Dickey	Lacay	Price	Unwin
Barnum	Durcinka	Laird	Probst	Vellos
Bass	Elliott	Lawton	Putman, M.	Verbeeck
Beekman	Ellis	Lin	Putman, T.	Vogel
Behrens	Emery	Lindeire	Quinn	Voll
Bell	Erikson	Lowry	Rajdl	Voor, D.
Benavente	Eshanova	Mainieri	Rasmussen	Voor, J.
Benjamin	Eslinger	Mark	Reber	Walsh
Berta	Fair	Mason	Regan	Walter
Bertha	Feeks	McCorry	Reilly	White
Bixler	Fini	McDonald	Ribera	Whitcroft
Blasko	Firth	McElroy	Rivers	Whitmer
Bloom	Fisher	McGill	Rodefer	Whitt
Blum	Foley	McGowan	Rudhman	Wilkeson
Bolster	Fox	McKinnell	Ruhe	Williams, F.
Bonadies	Fox, J	McMahon	Rulli	Williams, R.
Bournay	Fulkerson	McManus	Saavedra	Witters
Bradford	Fuller	Medvigy	Saine	Woodward
Bradley	Fulnecky	Meier	Salemeh	Zelvy
Brennan	Garcia	Melkey	Sanborn	
Brill	Gard	Mester	Savage	
Brummitt	Garman	Meyer	Schiele	
Buhr	Gill	Miller, M.	Schmidt	
Burden	Gillott	Miller, R.	Schrager	
Carr	Gionfriddo	Miller, W.	Schroeder	
Campeau	Glase	Mirkin	Schuppig	
Carter	Goodin	Misner	Schuster	
Castaneda	Greske	Monagle	Sellers	
Catanzariti	Grover	Montgomery	Shappell	
Cavanaugh	Hahn	Moore, B.	Sharp	
Cerney	Hamilton	Moore, K.	Simko	
Cichowicz	Hamman	Morehead	Siqueira	
Clark	Hancock	Moreland	Slack	
Coffman	Harrington	Morey	Slayter	
Copeland	Hausenbauer, T.	Morris	Smith	
Cordill	Havard	Muffoletto	Sovinski	
Cossman	Henthorn	Ndayahundwa	Spahic	
Cousins, R.	Higginbotham, J.	Nelson	Spalding	
Counsellor	Higginbotham, J.	Nguyen	Stahl	
Cox	Hill	Noonan	Stein	
Craig	Holt	North	Stob	
Cressy, G. III	Hosinski	Nussbaum	Strasser	
Cressy, G. Jr.	Howell	Olsen	Stroka	
Cressy, J.	Hughes	Oneese	Sullivan, R.	
Cressy, R.	Imamovic	Orth	Sullivan T.	
Crosen	Jacobs	Obourne	Sun	
Culp	Jarvis	Onderdonk	Systma	
Czarnecki	Kelly	Park	Tapper	
Cutugno	Kinney	Pendergrass	Tawadros	
Cybulski	Kinrade	Penrose	Tepe	

**We hope to
include your
name here
next month!**