

# THE PARK CRIER

## WINDING BROOK PARK ASSOCIATION



**Saturday, April 3**

**10:00AM**

**Henry Frank Park**

**(next to Disney School)**

**Please arrive early as the hunt will start promptly at 10:00.**

We are planning a safe event with **everyone masked** and **socially distanced**.

**Because of the time we are living in, the live Easter bunny will not be attending this year but there will be a faux bunny for your photo ops.**

### Annual Dues

We are pleased to hold our annual dues at \$110 per residence again this year. As with last year, we are offering a special raffle for those who pay dues by Memorial Day, May 31. The incentive is an opportunity to win one of five \$50 gift cards to local restaurants! Last year, we had a wonderful response of residents paying dues with the Cash App by Square, Inc. You can send dues to \$windingbrook. To do so, point your smartphone camera at the picture to set up an account and pay your dues. There is no fee to you



or the WBPA. Please know that all residents are asked to pay for this year's dues as well as any that are in arrears. So many things we like about our neighborhood would not be possible without the money generated: front entrances, maintenance, events, newsletter, directory, and many other behind the scenes costs such as water, electricity, storage, insurance to name a few. So please won't you do your part in keeping our neighborhood what we have come to expect it to be?

## President's Corner

Happy Spring Neighbors!

It looks like the cold, snowy winter is finally behind us. Even though I personally love the cold and snow of winter...there was a lot of snow to clear from my driveway! I am looking forward to the spring weather and seeing the neighbors coming to life. With the warmer weather, kids are riding their bikes, families are going on long walks, and we begin working on our landscaping. Don't be afraid to say hello to your neighbors as you pass by (socially distant, of course!) It is small moments like this that make our neighborhood a wonderful place to live.

As a reminder, for those residents who signed up for the County's Leaf Pick Up Program, there will be one this Spring beginning on May 3. Stay alert for future notices. Take time now to begin gathering leaves that were missed in the Fall.

Stay safe and enjoy the weather!

*Zach Dripps*

### WBPA BOARD

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## Welcome to the Board!

Recently joining the Winding Brook Board of Directors is **Ryan Kreager** who with his wife, Ashley, and three children have lived at 15678 Winding Brook Drive since 2017. He is a software developer and entrepreneur and loves to tinker with new ideas as well as improve his home. So far their kitchen and floors have been redone, a mudroom has been added, and a built-in library. Very impressive!

Ryan joined the Board because he is focused on the



renewed effort with the covenant project and looks forward to sharing his skills in other areas such as a new directory.

He feels that living here has been amazing and is blessed with so many great neighbors who are friendly and kind and loves that there are kids who are the same ages as his children. He says that it is easy to forget how great we have it here; it's just baked into the culture.

Something of note is that his grandparents, Bob and Maryann Williams, built one of the first six houses in Winding Brook to be near their friends the Cressy. Their home was at 15685 Embers Drive and it is known to some in the neighborhood since it has a half-court basketball court in the basement! His grandfather played basketball for Notre Dame and wanted to pass on his love of the game to his children.

### AEP

We are all well aware of the power outages that have assailed us this past year. Though it is an ongoing problem stemming back many years, we all hope that a solution will be forthcoming and that the outages will be fewer with longer times in between. Recently, some outages were due to scheduled maintenance and while annoying, hopefully they have made a difference. It is not known when tree-trimming will occur but it is hoped that it is in the not too distant future. Please know that the Board is looking into these issues and it is something that perhaps will be reported on soon.



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](http://windingbrookpark.com). Look for the link in the upper right corner.

## Neighborhood Directory

Our neighborhood directory is a great way to better know our neighbors and for everyone to stay better connected. Unfortunately, over the past year our records have become severely out of date. We are asking all residents to please help us with this and update your information with us. Even if your contact information has not changed, it will be helpful to know that. You can either complete an online form at <https://forms.gle/WxLKLx95oX2y9zpJA> or scan the QR code to the right with your smartphone camera. Your dues payment slip will include a place for the update as well. For those residents who prefer other options, you may email us at [wbpahome@gmail.com](mailto:wbpahome@gmail.com), send a note to PO Box 6566, South Bend, IN 46660, or another option is to call Laurel Eslinger at 574-360-5716. See, there are so many ways to help with this effort! If you have information that your neighbor has moved, please share that with us as well. We look forward to receiving your information soon!

## AROUND THE PARK

### Welcome!

**Brian** and **Laney Rickerman** now reside at 15668 Embers Drive. They moved here along with their daughter, dog, and cat from Antigonish, Nova Scotia for Brian's job. He is the director at DSM Food Specialties. They are originally from Houston, Texas. Laney is a stay at home mom. Laney enjoys working out and Brian likes to hunt. They love the neighborhood so far and hope that once more people get vaccinated they can start seeing more people.

Now living at 54751 Winding Brook Drive are **Scott** and **Kaleigh Swinehart** along with their four children and their two dogs. They moved to Winding Brook from Osceola and grew up in the Michiana area. Kaleigh's father started Four Winds Heating and Air thirty years ago and they are now the new owners. Kaleigh was an elementary teacher but stopped because she wanted to be more active in the company. They are very

impressed with the neighborhood and love visiting with others and enjoy seeing people out and about. They love spending time outdoors, hosting gatherings, being active, and watching sports. Kaleigh enjoys gardening and Scott likes music and target shooting.

### Condolences

We sadly learned that **Ron Greske**, Winding Brook Drive, recently passed away while vacationing in Florida. He is survived by his wife Tiffany, his two sons—Brian and Steve, and his two stepsons Jay and Chase Eggeman as well as his grandson, Addison Greske. He spent most of his life in Illinois and was an avid Chicago Cubs and Chicago Bears fan and had a passions for coaching his sons' sport teams. Ron was a national account manager for Gel Spice Company/Olde Thompson. Our sincere condolences go out to Tiffany and her family.



## Mark Your Calendars!

<b>April 3</b>	<b>Easter Egg Hunt 10:00am</b>
<b>June 26</b>	<b>Garage Sale 8:00-2:00</b>
<b>July 4</b>	<b>4th of July Parade 10:00am</b>
<b>A Sunday in July</b>	<b>Winding Brook in Bloom</b>
<b>October 31</b>	<b>Children's Halloween Celebration</b>
<b>Early December through Christmas Day</b>	<b>Gift to the Community</b>

**Look for updates in future newsletters.**

### Are You New to the Neighborhood?

We would love to get to know you! If you have not been contacted by your Block Captain and filled out a new resident form, please let us know who you are and where you live. You can email [wbpahome@gmail.com](mailto:wbpahome@gmail.com) to tell us a little bit about your family. There have been some homes sold this winter and we may have missed you. Thanks for your help.



### Graduates???

Do you have a graduate in your family—from high school, college, grad school, military? We would love to know! Please email [wbpahome@gmail.com](mailto:wbpahome@gmail.com) with name of graduate, school, honors, sports, volunteer involvement, future plans, and anything else you would like to say. It will be included in a future Crier.

