

THE PARK CRIER

WINDING BROOK PARK ASSOCIATION



Like the weather, the Merrifield entrance is looking rather grim as it awaits its new look which should be happening soon. Watch for the transformation which will make Winding Brook shine brightly!

If you haven't already done so, won't you please consider a contribution to this worthwhile project?

New to Winding Brook???

In the past several months, several homes have sold in Winding Brook bringing new families to our midst. If you are a new resident, we would love to hear from you. Please make yourself known by sending a quick email to wbpahome@gmail.com letting us know who you are. Email addresses and phone numbers and anything else you would like to tell us, would be most appreciated. This newsletter is only one way we communicate with our neighbors and we don't want you to miss out. Email blasts and NextDoor are also important means of contact. We would like to include you in the annual directory as well. So—please make yourself known if you haven't already done so. We would love to meet you!

Annual Dues Due Now!

Thank you to the residents who have paid their annual dues. If you haven't already done so, please send them in, \$110, which helps us all live in a community that is well maintained, desirable, and one that works hard to tend to our needs. We can only be a success with YOUR help. **If you would like your name to be included in the June Crier listing of dues paid, please send them in by May 21.**

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Thanks to **Tammy Emery**, Chair, and her hard work and diligence, many children enjoyed the annual Winding Brook Easter Egg Hunt this year. Along with Mr. Bunny, helpers were **Kate Sullivan**, **Anne Bolster**, **Bill Bagatini** and his granddaughters, the **Lacay** family, **Kathy Smith**, **Michael Miller**, and **Sharon Burden**. 2,000 eggs were stuffed and hidden and found and prizes were awarded to those who discovered the most. All of this to the delight of our children and grandchildren who look forward to this special event each year. A **BIG** thank you to everyone who helped keep this tradition alive!



Presidents Corner

Due to Michael Miller's father's illness and subsequent passing, I am listing here some of the issues that Michael has addressed in the last month or so via Nextdoor posts or email blasts—all continue to be relevant and worthy of our attention.

Neighbors have expressed frustration over the **condition of our neighborhood streets**. It is the County that is responsible for our streets and not the Winding Brook Park Association. Michael contacted the County and they assured him that they would be out to assess and repair as necessary. I think we have seen some evidence that some of the repairs have been done. Thank you, Michael, for getting on top of this!

Leaf pickup continues to be a challenge for all of us and hopefully you were able to schedule your leaf pick up since your leaves would only be removed by request.

Please be considerate and **watch your speed**. It is easy to get distracted these days so please do your best to stay focused when traveling down our streets. When you pay attention, it is surprising to see how many of us are guilty of flying through the neighborhood. Please do your part and watch your speed.

Michael will be back next month. Look for his column then.

WBPA Board

Michael Miller, President
Tammy Emery, Vice President
Laurel Eslinger, Secretary
Bill Bagatini, Treasurer

Sharon Burden—George Cressy III—Cory Hankins—Josh Higginbotham—Scott Kachmarik—Kathy Smith—John Voor—Zach Dripps

New Board Members



George Cressy, III was recently elected to serve a three-year term on the Winding Brook Park Association Board of Directors. George, an attorney, has lived here all of his life with a short absence studying and graduating from the University of Dayton. "I didn't think one of my first official acts as a Board member would be carrying away the Merrifield entrance sign! But Josh Higginbotham and I removed it to make way for the new stone sign and brickwork. Bill Bagatini is quickly bringing me up to speed on Treasurer duties (when Bill steps down in January, George will assume those responsibilities.) I am thoroughly enjoying working with all of the officers and members of the Board."



Joining George is **Zach Dripps** who resides at 15685 Winding Brook. "I was excited about moving my family to this neighborhood and am honored to be on the Board. I look forward to helping this year with the exciting activities and getting to know my neighbors." Zach works for the Michigan Council on Government, a regional planning organization.

Winding Brook in Bloom

It is almost time to get ready for the **Sixth Annual Winding Brook in Bloom** which will be in July! After a very hard winter and a rainy, and yes, snowy spring, our front yards are looking like they may need some extra care this year to get them in shape. With a little weeding, trimming, edging, planting and mulching, they will be competition ready and your front yard may be the next recipient of **Best Front Yard**. For those of you who are new, this is an annual friendly competition that recognizes those yards that stand out in our neighborhood and in a very good way! Awards are also given for **Best Use of Flowers, Best Mailbox, Best Container Gardening, Best Use of Foliage** and **Most Improved**. The latter category is for those of you who moved here after last July and have documentation of the dramatic improvements you have made to your front yard. Gift cards from local garden centers will be awarded as well as banners indicating which homes reign supreme in these categories. So—ready, set, plant!

Graduations

Do you have a student in your family who is graduating from high school or college who you would like to recognize? Please send by May 23 their information including school, future plans and anything else you would like to say about them to wbpahome@gmail.com. They will be recognized in the next Crier.

Board of Director's Meeting

Wednesday, May 16
6:30pm

Location:
15635 Hearthstone Drive



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. If you had previously joined our now defunct neighborhood alert system, please know that it has been replaced with Nextdoor which 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!

Thank You!

A big thank you to **Bill Bagatini** and his granddaughters who took on the task this year to get the dues notices out to everyone. And, our appreciation and thanks is boundless for **Mary Lou Cressy** who tackled the dues notices-both the initial mailing each year and subsequent 'reminder' mailings—as needed. Mary Lou did this for many years and has now decided to 'retire' from this task. Thank you all for serving Winding Brook in this important way!

AROUND THE PARK

Welcome!

Brent and Katie McKnight are the new residents at 15668 Embers Drive. They moved to Winding Brook from South Bend. Brent is in sales at Forest River and Katie is a recruiter with Harmony Health. When they have a moment, they enjoy attending sporting events.

New residents at 15685 Embers are **Bill and Sherri Ribera** who have four children-two will be living here- as well as Buggy, a Boston Terrier/French Bulldog mix who is reported to be quite entertaining! They recently moved here from Danville, CA. Bill just started working in Development at Notre Dame and Sherri is the Director for Special Events and Projects with Trov.

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy is extended to residents **John and Gwen DeLee and Phillip and Monique DeLee** who recently lost their son and brother, **Paul De Lee**. Paul leaves behind two children and several siblings who grieve his passing. Paul grew up here and graduated from St. Joseph High School where he excelled in cross country and wrestling and later attended Southwest Michigan College on a wrestling scholarship. He was very successful in retail management and led his industry bringing every store he managed to the top in sales. He was laid to rest beside his maternal grandparents, Eugene and Mildred Hill who were long time Winding Brook residents.

Condolences to **Michael Miller** and his family on the loss of his father, **Michael 'Mike' Miller, Sr.** (Mr. Miller was the son of Clem Miller who was one of the founding fathers of Winding Brook.) Several of Mike's siblings are your neighbors and our condolences are also extended to them: **Beverly Bradley, Wayne Miller, Virginia Gionfriddo, Pat Trimberger**. Mike was employed as an estimator and project manager for many years. After retirement, he began working for his sons, starting a new career with SMART Systems. He loved ND, golf, and spending time with his wonderful family.

Congratulations and Thanks...

to **Wayne Miller** who retired this winter from a long career with the Mishawaka Post Office. Wayne, we thank you and wish you joy and relaxation and please know how much we miss you. It is just not the same without you.

Winding Brook Park Entrance Beautification Project

Please **circle** your choice of sponsorship:

- **Legacy \$5,000+**
- **Platinum \$1,000-4,990**
- **Gold \$500-999**
- **Silver \$250-499**
- **Bronze \$100-249**
- **Copper (under \$100)**

• Please make checks payable to **WBPA** and mail to:

PO Box 6566 South Bend, IN 46660-6566

Name as you would like it to appear in Crier and website- (indicate if you would like it to be anonymous)

Address _____
 Email _____
 Phone _____

GARAGE SALE



Mark your calendars!

Saturday, June 23
8am-2pm

Look for more details in the June Crier.

Please note date: The Saturday AFTER Father's Day to help those who may be planning celebratory events. The garage sale will be held on this weekend going forward.



Entrance Beautification Project

Thank you to the following for their generous donations:

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What's Happening in Michiana

1. April 21 Annual Old Fashioned Plow Day Buchanan, MI
2. April 24 Meet the Candidates St. Joseph County Library 6:00pm
3. April 28 Wakarusa Maple Sugar Festival
4. May 3 Blooming Wildflowers Stroll Bendix Woods County Park
5. May 19 Oliver Mansion Specialty Tour: White Glove Tour 4:00pm

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FROM THE EDITOR

Happy Spring or is it Extended Winter?!

Please look for the Crier to be delivered to you monthly throughout the summer/ As always, if you have something newsworthy, please share!

Laurel Eslinger Crier Editor

Sign Campaign
Total Raised
to Date

\$15,150

We haven't reached our goal and the Merrifield entrance is underway, Can you help, please?