

# THE PARK CRIER

## Winding Brook Park Association

### 6th Annual Winding Brook in Bloom

This year's judging took place for this annual event on a gloomy, somewhat rainy day but what was bright and colorful and full of happiness was the home that took the grand prize this year for **Best Front Yard**—the **Spahic** home at 54741 Winding Brook Drive. This front yard captured all of the elements that the judges look for in the winning yard—use of flowers, featured mailbox, container gardening, use of foliage, whimsy, color, and creativity. Congratulations to the Spahic family and a big thank you to them for giving Winding Brook this oasis of beauty! Thanks are also in order for our sponsors: McKinley Garden Center, Not Just a Garden Center, and Varners.



# The Best of the Rest

## Best Front Yard

1. Spahic
2. Oliva
3. Mackey
3. Imamovic
4. Strasser
4. Koziatek
5. Spalding



## Best Use of Flowers

1. **Oliva, M.**
2. Spahic
3. Imamovic
4. Mackey
5. Koziatek



From top right clockwise:

**Mirzetta Imamovic**—  
Best Mailbox

**Kim Stob**—  
Most Improved



Best Containers—  
**Mike and Kay Sellers**

## Best Container

1. **Sellers**
2. Spahic
3. Firth
4. Penrose
5. Voor, J.
5. Pingel
5. Craig
5. Grover



Best Use of Foliage—  
**Putman**

Best Use of Flowers—  
**Mike Oliva**—

## Best Mail Box

1. **Imamovic**
2. Spahic
3. Mackey
4. Strasser
5. Whitcroft

## Best Use of Foliage

1. **Putman**
2. Bradley
3. Brennan
4. Voor, D.
5. Feeks
5. Koziatek



## WBPA Board

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## Board of Director's Meeting

Wednesday,  
September 19  
6:00pm

Location:  
St. Joseph Regional  
Medical Center



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. It is faint so look hard!

## Our Pets at Risk

Did you know that rodent prevention can put our beloved pets at risk? Dcon, for example, can be used to combat rodent infestation but the rodents carry it and drop it at other locations and dogs and cats can come upon it and become very ill. Recently, a resident's dog experienced this with severe consequences and it is still unknown if the dog will fully recover.

Please use extreme **caution** when resorting to the use of poisons for your pest control.

## Speaking of Dogs...

Dogs have been spotted in the neighborhood recently running from yard to yard marking their way as they go. Please keep your dog on a leash or chain and/or in a fenced in back yard. And if the dog is tied, make sure the chain is strong enough so the dog cannot break free and hurt other animals or passersby.

## AROUND THE PARK

### Welcome!

New residents at 54711 Merrifield are **Jack** and **Kim Stob** who moved here from the Wheaton, Illinois area. Accompanying them were their collies, Maggie May and Violet Rose, and Calvin the cat! They recently retired and wanted a bigger house and here they are! They have been spending their time outside making improvements as well as doing some remodeling inside. They report they like the neighborhood a lot!

**Andy** and **Brooke Fuller** moved to 15376 Carriage Lane from South Bend along with their four daughters. Andy is the Director of Strategic Content at Notre Dame and Brooke has an online business—Super Kid Capes. She started her woman run business in her basement and now it has several employees and its own location. The Fullers love outside activities and to create and design things. They love Winding Brook and are very happy here!

**Dylan Downing** and **Lauren Yowell** moved here from Las Vegas to 54466 Old Bedford with their two children and dog Bey. Dylan works for Bennington Boats as a boat technician and Lauren designs kids clothing and has her own online business [9TWENTYFIVEKIDS.com](http://9TWENTYFIVEKIDS.com). They like Winding Brook because it is quiet and enjoy the close proximity to everything.

Very new residents are **Ron** and **Courtney Pendergrass** who live at 54533 Old Bedford with their son. They moved here from South Bend. Ron works for UPS Freight in South Bend as a local semi-truck driver and Courtney is a Client Manager at Gibson Insurance in South Bend.

15645 Embers has new residents and they are **Andrew Radjl** and **Stephanie Strasser**. Stephanie is the daughter of Ann and Steve Strasser on Whispering Oak. Stephanie said that she loved growing up in Winding Brook and that when it was time to purchase a home, the choice was easy! Andrew is a global credit trade manager at Eaton Corporation and Stephanie is a teacher in the Penn-Harris-Madison School Corporation.

### Free Little Library

Residents are using the Free Little Library at the corner of Winding Brook and Springmill and the one on Carriage Lane—are you? Give a book—get a book!

### Numbers on Mail Boxes

Since Wayne Miller retired, we have had a number of mail carriers who are unfamiliar with the neighborhood. They have asked that we put numbers on boxes that don't already have them.

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**Thank you to all of our donors. It is not too late to own a part of the entrances!**

# President's Corner

It is hard to believe that kids will be heading back to school soon, and another summer will soon be in the books. With that in mind, I would like to comment on a few recent activities and upcoming events:

\*Thanks to WBPA Board member **Zach Dripps** and his family for hosting the 4th of July Parade. It was a great event and fun for all who attended.

\*Congratulations to all of the **Winding Brook in Bloom winners!** Thanks for inspiring all of us to spruce up our yards this summer.

\***Real estate values** are up almost 20% in our area and a number of residents have sold their homes within days of listing them. This is a reminder to all of us to take care of our property and homes. Your next door neighbors, especially those that may have their homes for sale, with THANK YOU. Need help with your property or lawn, consider using the NextDoor app to find help.

\***Thanks to all who have paid their 2018 dues.** We are close to meeting our budget so if you have not already paid, please consider doing so today. Your dues help us to take care of the common areas and entrances to the neighborhood, and underwrite the cost of the functions mentioned previously, and upcoming, and the Crier—our favorite newsletter, and more.

In closing, I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood.

Sincerely,  
Michael Miller

# What's Happening in Michiana

1. Walk the River Walk in Mishawaka
2. Catch a baseball game at Four Winds Field
3. Take a stroll to Japan in Shirojira Niwa garden in Mishawaka
4. Pick some blueberries at the Blueberry Ranch on Buckeye Road just down the road from Winding Brook
5. Say hi to the animals at Potawatami Zoo
6. See the lights at River Lights Plaza along the St. Joseph River in downtown South Bend

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## FROM THE EDITOR

Happy schools days to all of our students!

*Laurel Eslinger*



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