

THE PARK CRIER

Winding Brook Park Association



Annual Winding Brook July 4th Parade

9:00 Decorating begins

10:00 Parade

15685 Winding Brook Drive

Hosted by the Dripps

Decorate your bikes, Big Wheels, strollers, cars and join the fire truck and fun celebrating the birth of our nation!

Refreshments after the parade!

The entrances are completed and it is now time to **CELEBRATE** and say *thank you* to all who have joined this effort to rebuild and beautify this new and exciting feature of our neighborhood.

You are invited to attend

a *ribbon cutting* and *thank you* celebration!

Wednesday, August 1

7:00-8:00pm

Winding Brook Drive Entrance

(It is hoped that the entrance will be able to be closed to traffic)

Enjoy refreshing refreshments

and an opportunity to meet and greet your neighbors.

ALL residents are invited to attend !

Your Help Is Needed!

To date we have collected \$16,135 for our entrance project coming close to our goal of \$17,500. Won't you please help us close the gap?

Winding Brook in Bloom Sunday, July 22

Best Front Yard, Best Mail Box, Best Container Garden, Best Use of Foliage, Best Use of Flowers, Most Improved (you moved here since last July and have pictures of the before and the dramatic improvements you have made that you submitted to wbpahome@gmail.com for consideration.) Are you going to take home one of the prizes? Winners will be notified at the conclusion of the judging and prizes will be awarded. Good luck!

Winding Brook Park Entrance Beautification Project

Please **circle** your choice of sponsorship:

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President's Corner

Dear Neighbors,

I am very pleased to announce that our Neighborhood Entrance Sign and Beautification Project is COMPLETE! I hope you are as pleased and proud of the updates as I am. Special THANKS to all of you that contributed financially to this important project. We could not have accomplished this goal without your support! I would also like to thank my fellow Board members for their help in seeing this project through, especially Josh Higginbotham for his design and project management skills.

We are excited to officially celebrate the new signs with a "Ribbon Cutting" celebration at the Winding Brook Park entrance on August 1st at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be available and hopefully the entrance will be closed temporarily for safety sake, so bring your family and come help us celebrate this great accomplishment and visit with your neighbors. Although the beautification project is complete, we are still approximately \$1,600 from our fundraising goal. So if you haven't already donated, it's not too late to do so, and you can make a contribution at the Ribbon Cutting. I hope to see you there!

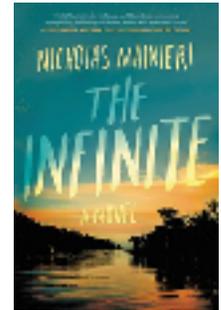
Michael Miller

Notable Neighbor

We have an author amongst us! **Nicholas Mainieri**, Hearthstone Drive, moved to Winding Brook late last summer to accept a job at Notre Dame, his alma mater. He and his wife and son moved here from New Orleans where they had been living. Nick initially relocated there after undergrad to pursue his MFA at the University of New Orleans and later taught writing and literature at Nicholls State University. His debut novel, *The Infinite*, was published by Harper Collins in 2016.

The Infinite is a suspenseful, tender, and completely absorbing debut set in a perilous post-Katrina New Orleans and cartel-plagued Mexico.

"*The Infinite* is that rare, beautiful first novel, so contemporary and yet as timeless as first love itself. And Nick Mainieri does what great novelists do with their first great works. He creates unforgettable characters in young lovers Jonah and Luz who, both together and alone, navigate the rushing river of the borderlands that mark our two Americas. *The Infinite* is a heart song, and Nicholas Mainieri is one of our next great storytellers."—Joseph Boyden, author of *The Orenda* and *Three Day Road*



Well deserved praise! Nick was a guest at this writer's Book Club recently and what a delightful evening and special opportunity to have the author present to answer questions and hear his insight into his process. All present enjoyed the book and found it explored 'the borders that divide us and the truths that unite us.' It is available on Amazon.

Winding Brook Directory

Later this summer, the 2018 Winding Brook Directory will be published. If you are **new to the neighborhood** and would like to be included, please email the following information to :

wbpahome@gmail.com

- Name
- Address
- Phone number(s)
- Email address(es)

Please know that this information is only used for the Directory and as a means to communicate with you.

Also, if there are any additions or corrections to your existing listing, please send that as well.

We look forward to hearing from you before July 15. Please know that this is the final call for your information.

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Board of Director's Meeting

Wednesday, September
19

Location:
St. Joseph Regional
Medical Center

Water Issues?

Water issues continue to plague some of our residents as the extraordinary amounts of rain continue to besiege us. A meeting is planned for September that will focus on what you are experiencing and what options may be available. Please watch for details in the next Crier.



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!

Thanks and Appreciation

It often takes a small village and in this case it is so true. Over a year ago, several WBPA Board members formed a committee to resolve the entrance crisis we were facing. Storm damage destroyed one of the signs and an outcome of those committee meetings came our finished entrances—something all Winding Brook residents can be most proud. In addition to the Board members who never faltered in their drive to see this project to completion, we had the good fortune of resident **Josh Higginbotham** coming forward to become the project manager and making sense of this enormous task. Along with Josh, we thank residents **Mike Sellers** for donating light fixtures, and **Brian Coffman**, for providing the installation. Kudos to all Let's celebrate!

AROUND THE PARK

Welcome!

Claude Ndayahundwa and **Chiara Irakoze** along with their two children are the new residents at 15667 Embers Drive. They moved to Winding Brook from apartments on Main Street. Claude is a CSR at Bayer Healthcare and Chiara is an accountant with Compass-USA.

New to 54709 Merrifield Drive is **John Dearth** who relocated to this area from Las Vegas after accepting a position with Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics as a Senior Human Resources Business Consultant for the Mishawaka and Elkhart manufacturing sites. John is an avid sports fan with football, soccer, and hockey getting most of his focus. College football season is always *interesting* around his home as one son is an Ohio State Buckeye and the other is a Michigan Wolverine. John is a Michigan State Spartan as was his late wife. He loves the Winding Brook neighborhood but he does admit he misses the daily Vegas sunshine.

Better late than never! A very delayed welcome to **Julian and Callie Oneese** who moved to 15879 Branch Water last year. They along with their two children enjoy biking, hiking, spending time with family and Brutus, their Golden Doodle. *"We have already experienced the support and kindness from the neighbors so far and describe our community*

as a place of magic. Thank you all so much!"

New residents at 15645 Winding Brook are **Matt** and **Leah Poorman**, their three children, and Matt's mother, **Anita Poorman**. Matt is the Pastor at Vineyard Church Grape Road Campus, Leah is a nanny for twins, and Anita is a Clinical Research Coordinator at the South Bend Clinic.

Condolences

One of the original Winding Brook residents, **Rose Mary Hausenbauer**, recently passed away. She moved to Winding Brook in 1961 when she and her husband purchased their home on Embers Drive which is believed to be one of the first two home built here. After her husband passed away in 1972, she continued to raise her five children there. One of her sons, Jim, still lives in Winding Brook on Timber Trail. Rose Mary was a civil engineer going to school for her degree at a time when women were a rarity in that field. She worked for Whirlpool for many years.

Condolences are extended to Jim Batalis and his family on the loss of their wife and mother, **Kim Batalis**, who suddenly passed away. Kim created many lasting memories for her family by her devotion to them and the good times spent around the pool.

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June Crier

Entrance Beautification Project Donors

Annual Winding Brook Garage Sale

Another successful sale was enjoyed by those neighbors who took advantage of this opportunity to purge their homes of their unwanted items which became someone else's treasures. Thanks to **Michael Miller** for once again organizing this event. Apologies for the confusion about the charity that was picking up our items. Information that there was a change was not available until after the June Crier was printed and distributed. We thank Salvation Army for handling that aspect of the day for us. Mark your calendars for next year—the Saturday after Father's Day.

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



From top clockwise:

The Fuller Family, Don and Bonnie McGowan, Lauren Yowell, Dean and Lisa Witters, Davis and Leann Price, Jane Mason and Family, Nathan Vogel.

What's Happening in Michiana

1. July 4 *Storm the Stadium*
Notre Dame Stadium
2. Through July 7 *St. Joseph County 4-H Fair*
3. July 7 *Lucas Oil Pro Motocross Championship at Redbud*
4. July 7-8 *White Water Rafting East Race Waterway*
5. July 9 *First Friday Classic Downtown* See classic cars and bicycles parade and park
6. July 6 *Meet Me on the Island* Island Park Century Center
7. Don't forget about *Potato Creek and Bendix Woods!*

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FROM THE EDITOR

My apologies to **Melissa Miller** who I renamed *Michelle* in the last Crier. It must have been my autocorrect!

Laurel Eslinger
Crier Editor

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