

# THE PARK CRIER

## WINDING BROOK PARK ASSOCIATION

### Winding Brook in Bloom

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, July 22!** The sixth annual *Winding Brook in Bloom* will be held that day and you could be one of the deserving winners. The judges will be looking for creativity, color, texture, and variety. Please know that hanging baskets don't count nor do those homes that have been professionally done—they will look for the home gardener. Do you have the **Best Front Yard, Best Mail Box, Best Container Garden, Best Use of Foliage, Best Use of Flowers** or are you the **Most Improved** (you moved here since last July and have pictures of the dramatic improvements you have made). You may win a gift card from a local garden center so start planting, weeding, trimming and beautifying your front yard. It could pay off not only by

### Annual Dues

Thank you to those residents who have met their annual obligation. The revenue that is collected is used for many essential things that keep Winding Brook a desirable place to live. In fact, people are waiting for homes to become available and then buying them in a matter of days in some cases. And our property values have increased 20%! Why is this? Perhaps it is the **new**

**entrances** that most definitely have enhanced our appeal as well as our appearance. Or it could be the many **offerings we provide for the Winding Brook children** or is it the **Gift to the Community?** Another possibility is the general **appearance of our neighborhood** as well as the ability to communicate through this **Crier** or the annual **Directory**. Then there are the

'unseen' - the storage unit, insurance, monthly water bills, to name just a few more. None of this would be possible without your dues payments. Please, if you haven't already done so, send in your check for \$110 today to WBPA, PO Box 6566, South Bend, IN 46660-6566. Very simple and the payoff is enormous.

### Maintaining Our Homes

Property values are important to all owners and in order to preserve the value of our homes, it is of the utmost importance that we properly maintain them. That includes weekly mowing, Fall and Spring leaf clean-up, trimming overgrown bushes and trees, taking down any hazardous trees, repairing fences, and keeping our pools safe and clean. Please know that the vast majority of home owners maintain their homes appropriately.

For those who don't, and there are some that fall in that category, you are encouraged to address any home maintenance issues promptly. The WBPA Board is there for you if you should need assistance in selecting professionals who can help you achieve your goals. Let's keep our neighborhood desirable and those property values high.

## President's Corner

Happy Summer, Neighbors!

One of the things we love about living in Winding Brook are the traditions that exist. From the well-kept yards and homes, to the annual events the Board helps to coordinate like the **Easter Egg Hunt, June Garage Sale, 4th of July Parade, Halloween Party,** and the **Crier** all make Winding Brook a great place to live, and are a positive reflection of your dues at work! Real Estate values are up 20% in our area, and recently some homes have sold in just a few days.

On a separate note, Mother Nature continues to pose a challenge. From the snow melt and rains that started back in February, flooding has impacted more than a few homes in the neighborhood. Information from FEMA is included in this Crier, and the Board is taking a closer look at this challenge and has been in contact with the City of Mishawaka. Importantly, if you have a basement and perimeter sump pump, it's important that it is plumbed correctly and NOT connected to the City Sewer. Please contact a plumber if you are not sure, or if you need assistance.

Although Summer is just getting started, it's not too early to start thinking about the Gift to the Community and your Christmas/Holiday decoration plans.

Wishing you all a happy and safe Summer! See you around the neighborhood.

Michael Miller  
WPBA President

## Cul-de Sacs

Each year, two cul-de-sacs are chosen by the WPBA Board for extra attention and this summer season they are Rustic Terrace and Whispering Oak. However, please know that it is the owners' responsibility to see that their cul-de-sacs are maintained. If you feel yours is in need of work, perhaps you can reach out to your neighbors for financial support and/or some manpower to make it happen. Some of the recipients in the past included Fox Run, Luminaire Court and Donneybrook Court.

## Entrance Signs

There has been a lot said since last Fall about our entrances and the beautification project that has enhanced our subdivision immensely. As of this writing, lighting and landscaping are to be completed at the Merrifield entrance and then the project will come to a long-awaited close. And the good news is that it may come in a bit under budget! Many thanks to those of you who have supported this project with your donations and your praise about the design and the almost finished results. In the next Crier, we will wrap this up and thank those who made it all possible.

### Board of Director's Meeting

**Wednesday, September 19**

**Location:  
St. Joseph Regional  
Medical Center**

**All residents welcome!**

## For Those Who Have Water Issues

**Michael Miller**, Board President, was recently visited by a representative from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) who heard of our flooding issues and wanted to make an introduction. If you experienced damages from the flood February - March you may qualify for assistance from FEMA. Even if you didn't have extensive damage you may qualify for a very low interest loan (less than 2%) that would allow you to improve your property (e.g. fix sump pumps and plumbing, seal basement, remodel your basement). FEMA has set up an office at the Leighton Center in downtown South Bend. For those of you with basements, this may be the answer to your prayers! You can contact 800-621-3362 for more information.

When you apply, have this information ready:

- Social Security number
- Address of damaged home
- Description of the damage
- Insurance coverage
- Routing number and bank account for direct deposit of funds

Good Luck!

## WPBA 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**



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](http://windingbrookpark.com). Look for the link in the upper right corner. It is faint so look hard!

## 2018 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](mailto: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 1. Thank you!

## AROUND THE PARK

### Welcome!

New residents at 54715 Beaver Creek Trail are **Dan** and **Amy Fulkerson**, their five children, and their guinea pigs, Sandy and Charlotte. The Fulkersons moved here from Zionsville, IN for Dan's new job. He is a neurological surgeon at Memorial Hospital and Beacon's Children's Hospital and Amy is a former teacher and now a stay-at-home mom. They love watching sports, especially basketball and ND football, and also board games and watching movies together.

### New Residents

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](mailto: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.

**Lucas Konopinski**, son of Rob and Andrea Konopinski, 54735 Beaver Creek, is a graduate of Penn High School and will be attending Wheaton College in the fall where he will be majoring in business and playing baseball. Lucas has lived in Winding Brook since he was four and has loved growing up here!

Michael and Michelle Miller, 15590 Briarton, are the proud parents of **Lily Miller** who graduated from Penn and will be joining the Navy as part of their Medical Technical Corpsman program. Lily leaves for the Navy in June. The Millers' son, Matthew, is also serving our country as a United States Marine.

Graduating from Marian High School is **Charlotte Voor**, daughter of John and Donna Voor, 54727 Little Flower. Charlotte will be attending Purdue in the fall where she will go on to study engineering.

**Caroline Buhr**, daughter of Jeff and Patty Buhr, 15311 Fox Run, graduated from the University of San Diego where she was a 4 year scholarship athlete in Women's Basketball. She graduated with a degree in Finance and will be working with USBank in Denver.



# Entrance Beautification Project Donors

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## What Is This???

You may have driven by the corner of Winding Brook Drive and Springmill and seen this and wondered what it is. The Dees have purchased a **Free Little Library** for all of us to use this summer during peak reading season. Take a book, leave a book. Simple and a wonderful community addition.

Thank you to the Dees!



## Annual Winding Brook July 4th Parade

**10:00**

**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 following the parade.**

## Hit the Beach!

We are so fortunate to be just a short distance away from one of the many beaches in our region—New Buffalo, Silver Beach, South Haven, Indiana Dunes, Tower Hill, to name a few. So pack up and enjoy!



**Winding Brook Website:**  
**windingbrookpark.com**

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**South Bend, IN 46660**

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### FROM THE EDITOR

Just wanted to remind you that if you have a business or service you would like to advertise in the Crier, it is a reasonable cost and reaches 322 homes: \$15 per business card size ad. You may email your ad to [wbpahome@gmail.com](mailto:wbpahome@gmail.com).

**Laurel Eslinger** Crier Editor



This company is owned by Winding Brook resident **Scott Kinrade.**