

# THE PARK CRIER

## Winding Brook Park Association

### Halloween Party Huge Spooky Success!

Thanks to **Rob and Starr Kelly** and their children for their extra effort in hosting this year's children's Halloween Spooktacular. Kids fished for candy, dug for prizes, played Candy-Cornhole, and placed their bets on a sucker guessing game. Despite the poor weather, games, hot dogs, and refreshments were appreciated by all!



You likely saw the Halloween banners and yard signs posted at each entrance of the neighborhood that encouraged parking and walking for trick-or-treating. Though the wet weather brought far fewer visitors to our neighborhood this year, of those that came out, far more walked this year than in previous years, according to a few neighbors surveyed.



### November Lights

As you all know, our Gift to the Community is coming up and we are focused on making this the best year ever. Since many of our neighbors are long-time residents, they may have come to a point in their lives that putting up lights is not an option anymore or perhaps health issues for some residents are getting in the way. Many would love to continue to be a part of this tradition, but just can't this year. That's where **November Lights** comes in. Starting November 9 and the remainder of the Saturdays in November from 8-noon, **Tim Sullivan** along with his band of merry elves will help bring holiday cheer to your home. It is asked that you provide the lights and they will do the rest. Please email Tim at [tmsullivan@gmail.com](mailto:tmsullivan@gmail.com) or call him at 335-9450 and he will get you on his elf list!

Also **the call is out for volunteers to be 'elf for a day'** to help Tim in this very worthwhile project. Let's start a new Winding Brook holiday tradition!

# Are You Wishfully Recycling?

by Mariah Cressy

“One non-recyclable item in your container may seem like a minor detail, but it can contaminate an entire batch of recyclables and prevent them from finding a second life.” —Waste Management website.

Do you **scrub out the bottom of the plastic peanut butter jar before tossing it in your recycling bin? Do you know which plastic types your recycling company accepts and which they don't?** Better yet, do you look for the recycling symbol and number before tossing an item in your bin?

If you aren't being vigilant, **you've likely** than one occasion. “Contamination” is centers don't have the funds or man-non-recyclables or to wash out food they throw away the entire collection of

Whatever your reasons are for recycling prediction that by 2050, more plastic ton; or whether your conscience can't recyclable — as a neighborhood, we could tossing something in the recycling that we are only hoping fits the standards.



**contaminated your recycling bin** on more just what it sounds like — many recycling power to hand-sort the recyclables from the waste left in recyclable containers; so instead, recyclables. 🤔

— whether you care about mitigating the debris will exist in the ocean than fish, ton-for-take throwing away items you think are be better vigilant to avoid “wishful recycling,” or

## Tips for effective recycling:

**Know your recycling company's accepted recycling materials.** All major recycling companies that frequent our neighborhood have their guidelines listed on their websites. Print the list and pin it to your fridge or tape it above your recycling container.

**Completely wash out your recyclables.** Even if that peanut butter jar's recycling number is accepted, if it still contains food waste, it will contaminate the whole batch. Just take the two extra minutes it takes to wash it out before adding it to your bin.

**Dry off your clean recyclables so you don't ruin recyclable paper.** Newspapers, junk mail, and magazines are accepted by our neighborhood's recycling companies, but as soon as they get wet, they're considered trash. Make sure your attempts to clean other recyclables don't ruin your efforts to also recycle paper.

**Plastic grocery bags are not accepted** so don't add them to your bin. There is a plastic grocery bag receptacle at Meijer on Grape Rd. inside the west entrance.

**To-go containers with a plastic or wax coating cannot be recycled.** Have a to-go coffee mug? Bring it with you for your next coffee run, since **Starbucks cups and the like are not recyclable.**

**Old Christmas lights can be recycled, but not by our local companies.** It's more effort, but a company headquartered in Wisconsin recycles them year-round, and they will send you a 15% off coupon for their merchandise when you send in lights to recycle. Visit [HolidayLEDs.com](http://HolidayLEDs.com) for more information.

**As a neighborhood,** we need to work together to not contaminate the truck's collection of recyclables, because after hitting all 321 houses in WBP, the recycling we produce adds up! And the last thing we want is for it *all* to end up in the trash...and then the ocean.

## Dues Update

Thanks to the following for meeting their annual obligation:

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## Next WBPA Board Meeting

November 20  
6:00pm

St. Joseph Regional  
Medical Center  
Conference Room B  
Lower Level



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!

## Gift to the Community

Look for all the information in the December Crier you will need to make this year's holiday celebration a success!

## President's Corner

Dear Neighbors,  
I was recently telling a few of our out of town friends about some of the activities that take place in Winding Brook, especially those that coincide with the Holidays, and they were truly impressed with the community activities that have always made Winding Brook unique. The Easter Egg Hunt, the 4th of July Parade, Winding Brook in Bloom contest, the Halloween Spooktacular, and the annual *Gift to the Community* Christmas light displays and Christmas Eve Luminaries continue to make Winding Brook a very desirable neighborhood to live in. These events could not be possible without *your* active participation, and the support of our volunteer Board Members who help to plan and organize them. Although Thanksgiving is not for another month, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of our Board members for their ongoing dedication and service to our neighborhood. I would also like to thank all of you for your ongoing support and participation in these important traditions that have helped make Winding Brook so special.

We hear it often, and I think you would agree, that Winding Brook is a wonderful place to call home! See around the neighborhood,

*Michael Miller*

## AROUND THE PARK

### Welcome!

Returning to his childhood home 15615 Embers Drive is **Tom Hausenbauer** and his wife **Patty** who recently moved here from St. Peter, MN. Talk about a blast from the past! Tom grew up here in what was the second home built in Winding Brook. He said it is interesting to return to a culture where you grew up and that the neighborhood has special memories for him. Of course it has changed with new faces now. Tom is an engineer and

worked with elevators until his recent retirement. Patty is a homemaker and they have two daughters and grandsons. Tom has a particular interest in the equipment to mix lakes and reservoirs. Patty enjoys cooking and singing in the church choir. Fixing up the house keeps them busy and they have hopes and dreams of remodeling. Welcome to your second time around, Tom!

## Christmas Light Recycling

Do you have old lights that you want to get rid of? You have options! Christmas Light Source out of Texas recycles your lights year round. Check them out at [christmas-light-source.com](http://christmas-light-source.com). Think about contacting our local recycling service. You can also donate them to local organizations that will redistribute them to the community. How about using them to decorate your patio or deck? They may even add that special touch to your camping trip. The choice is yours!

# What's Happening in Michiana

**November 10** *Tail-Waggin' Hayride* 2-4pm Bendix Woods County Park Bring your dog for a hayride and stay for the campfire and hot cocoa and s'mores!

**November 10 and 11** *Blue Star Museum Program at Ruthmere Museum Elkhart* A Celebration of our service men and women.

**November 30** *Small Business Saturday* Throughout downtown Mishawaka and South Bend



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## FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Neighbors,  
Happy Thanksgiving! I for one am grateful to live in Winding Brook!

**Laurel Eslinger**