

THE PARK CRIER

WINDING BROOK PARK ASSOCIATION



Annual Easter Egg Hunt

It was another wonderful 'Hunt' thanks to the efforts of this year's chair, **Tammy Emery**, with assists from other WB Board members **Cory Hankins**, **Michael Miller**, **Sharon Burden**, and neighbors **Joe Lacay** and **Everett Lacay**. Mr. Easter Bunny was on hand to delight the children who thoroughly enjoyed his company!



Annual Dues Due!

Your annual dues payment is now due. Those whose dues have been received by May 21 will be listed in the June Crier.

5th Annual Winding Brook in Bloom

Get ready, set, weed, edge, plant, mulch, go! and you will be on your way to perhaps a first place finish in this year's **Winding Brook in Bloom** which will be held in July! If you are new to Winding Brook, WBIB is a friendly neighborhood competition that will ultimately determine which front yard is the **fairest of them all**. Awards are given out for that distinction as well as **Best Use of Flowers**, **Best Container**, **Best Mailbox**, **Best Use of Foliage**. Moved in since last July? Then you may be eligible to submit your yard as **Most Improved**. We just need before and after pictures showcasing the dramatic changes and improvements you have made. Please keep in mind we are looking for front yards that the residents themselves have created not a landscape design company. So think about playing in the dirt and making your home, as well as our neighborhood, a beautiful place to live. You may even encourage your neighbors to do the same!

President's Column

Greetings, Neighbors! I am honored to serve as the new Winding Brook Park Association President and will do my best during my term. I think we are blessed to have had such a great group of neighbors who have been willing to volunteer their time, not only this past year, but throughout our history.

Without volunteers, our Board would not be able to function. That said, on behalf of all WB residents, I would like to sincerely thank all former and current Board members for serving especially **Scott Kashmarik**, immediate past president, and **Jane Mason** who has just wrapped up her six-year term coordinating the luminary sale and our annual garage sale as well as serving as Secretary the last few years. I would also like to thank **Mike Babcock, Bill Bagatini, Sharon Burden, Brian Coffman, Tammy Emery, Laurel Eslinger, Cory Hankins, Kathy Smith, and John Voor** who are also serving with me this year. THANK YOU ALL for your service!

As a reminder, Board meetings are open to all residents. Please consider taking a turn on the Board. No previous Board experience is necessary other than a positive attitude and willingness to help with a few projects throughout the year. The meeting schedule and locations are posted on our website and in the Crier.

In closing, please do not hesitate to call on me or any member of the our Board if we can be of assistance.
Michael Miller

New Board Member

John Voor, a long-time resident, (since he was 5!) has been elected to the Winding Brook Park Board. John grew up on Merrifield Drive where he lived until 1987 and after college and then marriage, bought his current home in 1996 at 54727 Little Flower Trail. John and his wife, Donna have two children, one at Marion and one at Montessori. He is an investment advisor at Vantage Point Financial in Edison Lakes. "Mike Miller offered me the chance to give back to the place that has given me everything I value most. The Park is family and a lot of friends. Winding Brook is home. I look forward to serving in any way I can."

Learn about NextDoor in next month's Crier!

WBPA Board

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

**Mike Babcock—Sharon
Burden—Brian Coffman—
Cory Hankins—Scott
Kashmarik—Kathy Smith**

John Voor

Winding Brook Alert System

Have you signed up? Since its inception, alerts have gone out indicating burglaries in the neighborhood as well as lost pets. It is an expedient means of communication and sure beats a telephone tree!

By text message:

text WBRESIDENT to 84483 to receive future text alerts.

By email:

enter your email address at the following link:

https://www.rainedout.net/team_page.php?a=a4a3c621564fe250c152

After you enter your email address, agree to terms of service and then you are finished. Ignore the section that asks for a Private Key.

You will receive alerts by email after you are signed up.

If you feel something is worthy of sending out via the alert system, please contact any Board member who will determine if that is the appropriate way to get your message out to the residents.

WBPA

**Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 17
6:30pm**

**St. Joseph Regional
Medical Center
Dining Room
Lower Level
All residents**

**are encouraged to
attend!**

Directory Update

A new Directory has been a while in the making and for many good reasons. One is that there has been much discussion on what format it should take—print edition or an online version accessed by only Winding Brook residents. The latter is what has been decided. However, it is only fair that you are given an opportunity to get acquainted with that version so for one more year, a print edition will be forthcoming. **For you to do your part in making this as up to date as possible, please, if you have any changes, additions, or corrections, email them ASAP to wbpahome@gmail.com.**

Also, to prepare for the future, you may update your information on line by logging into the Winding Brook website and editing your directory information. This is a multi-step process but if you follow the instructions, you will be there before you know it.

1. Create your own password to log onto the site. Visit the homeowners log-in page which can be found at the very bottom of the Home page of our website.
2. Click on the Forgot your Password? link.
3. Enter your email address.
4. Click the box next to "I am not a robot".
5. An email will be sent to you. Click on the link in the email and a page with the verification code already filled in will be displayed. If you cannot click on the link, you can either copy/paste the link into your browser, or copy/paste the verification code in the page that displays.
6. Enter the username (from the list provided) and click on the Submit button.
7. Enter and confirm your password in the files on the next page. The password must be a minimum of 8 characters included at least two digits, lower and upper case, and one symbol.
8. You can then log into the site using your username (not email address) and the password you just created on the next page.
9. One you are logged in, you will see a menu on the right where you can change your password or email (the username cannot be changed by you)

AROUND THE PARK

Welcome

A warm welcome to **Kyle and Ashleigh Moore** who moved into 15394 Whispering Oaks with their two daughters. The girls will be getting a new baby brother in May. Kyle works at Liberty Mutual and Ashleigh is a beautician at Bangs Salon. They enjoyed their first Christmas here with all the activity and decorations.

Graduations

Is your son or daughter graduating from high school or college this year? If so, and you would like to see him or her highlighted in a future Crier, please submit information via our website? (wbpahome@gmail.com) regarding school graduating from, future plans, parents' names and anything else you would like to share. Deadline is May 21 to be included in the June Crier.

Entrance Signs

A committee has been formed to address the entrance signs. Stay tuned!

listing or view and search the full Directory.

If you have read to this point! please know that it will be worth it! And, this is a much safer version for our Directory as hard copies can easily be used by those we prefer do not have access to our personal information. A password protected version is a safer more up to date alternative.

FORTHOSE OF YOU THAT DON'T HAVE EMAIL ACCESS, please call a Board member with that information or have a neighbor help with this. Questions? Please contact a Board member or email wbpahome@gmail.com. Thank you for your attention!

Annual Garage Sale

June is fast approaching and that month always includes the Annual Winding Brook Garage Sale. This year it will be Saturday, June 24 from 8-2pm. Please watch for more information which will be announced in the June Crier and on our website which you can access at windingbrookpark.com.

Facebook Page

Did you know that Winding Brook has a Facebook page? It also has an Alumnus page as well. Just another way to help you stay connected to our neighborhood! For your convenience, there is a link on our website to this page.

Cul de Sacs

Last year, two cul-de-sacs were selected to have a one time clean-up. This year that number will increase to three! Board members will contact those residents who live in those areas to talk about what role they can play in the future upkeep. Stay tuned for the selections!



Safety and Security

You already know that **our neighborhood is rather dark at night** due to a lack of street lights. With safety and security in mind, please keep your driveway light posts lit, and consider keeping your porch lights on as well. These simple steps may help shed enough light to keep burglars and vandals away not just from your homes but your neighbors as well.

With the longer daylight hours and nicer weather on its way, please be aware of the **increased number of kids playing, runners, walkers, and bicyclists** using the streets. Please be safe and **SLOW DOWN!**



Things that help you know it is Spring

1. The birds are chirping!
- 2.. More neighbors are out and about .
3. Yard clean-up has begun.
4. You are planning your summer vacation!
5. Thoughts are turning to Winding Brook in Bloom!

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FROM THE EDITOR

Happy Spring, everyone!
Look for Criers each month throughout the summer.

Laurel Eslinger,

Crier Editor

YOUR AD COULD BE HERE!

The Crier reaches 322 homes in Winding Brook. Do you have a business that could use additional customers? Here is your opportunity! Only \$15 for a business card size ad.

Website is Live!

Be sure to check out our new website:

windingbrookpark.com