

THE PARK CRIER

WINDING BROOK PARK ASSOCIATION

Entrance Beautification Project



This picture speaks for itself! Our new sign has far exceeded expectations and our newly designed entrance has given Winding Brook an updated, upscale look which will surely entice many homebuyers to our neighborhood as well as make us all proud to live here. A huge thank you to all who were involved in this project that was led by **Josh Higginbotham**, long-time resident and Board Member who has these thoughts to share with you, *“It has been a rewarding experience to be part of a project that has such an important impact on our neighborhood. I take a lot of pride in being able to call Winding Brook Park my home and want to ensure the sign is something everyone in our neighborhood can be proud of. The original Winding Brook Park entrance signs have been an icon in our community for over 50 years and I want the new signs to honor that tradition for the next 50 years.”* Thank you, Josh, for your leadership and all your work to make this a reality. The Board also spent many hours in many meetings deciding what would be best for our special community and they have come to fruition. One entrance is completed with the other slated for next Spring if the money needed for its completion is raised. **Much appreciation and thanks to those of you who have supported this project by making your financial contribution. If you haven’t had the opportunity to do so yet, it is not too late to ‘own’ a piece of the sign!**

*****Gift to the Community Information on Next Page!*****

Winding Brook Park Entrance Beautification Campaign

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Gift to the Community

The time has come once again for this annual Winding Brook tradition of bright lights, holiday cheer, and yes, traffic! The hope is that those residents who choose to participate will create a magical gift for all to enjoy. Here are some of the particulars to help you prepare:

Embers is not on the tour this year

Charities will begin **collecting on December 9**

****Judging** will be the evening of **December 13**

Luminary pick-up will be at the Burdens-54619 Old Bedford

December 9 10-noon
December 17 11-1:00 **December 22 5-7pm**

Cost to residents: **Minimum donation of .75 per luminary**
-includes paper bag

Lighting— 6pm Christmas Eve.

If you won't be home, perhaps a neighbor could put them out for you.

Sand will be available **Dec. 3** at the far end of Winding Brook Dr.
Donated by **Kuert**

Candy canes for all who take the tour!

***AARC
Children's Dispensary
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Tri Kappa, South Bend Chapter**

****Best of the Best, Best Front Door, Best Theme, Martha Stewart Would be Proud, Clark Griswold Would be Proud, Most Original, Best Decoration by a Rookie Resident (moved in since last Christmas)**

Banners indicating the best in each category will be attached to the mailboxes at the conclusion of the judging and prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Presidents Corner

Dear Neighbors,
It's hard to Believe that another Christmas season is upon us, and very soon after a New Year. As we wrap up 2017, I feel very blessed to call Winding Brook home and honored to be your Board president. Our *Gift to the Community* holiday lights displays is about to kick off. I encourage everyone to join in the spirit and decorate your homes for the Holidays. We will have Board vacancies in the new year and we will be filling these vacancies soon. Please let me know if you have interest in serving. Wishing you all a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Michael Miller



Josh Higginbotham and Mike Babcock putting up directional signs

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Halloween Thanks!



A very big THANK YOU to the **Imamovic** family for once again providing for the Winding Brook children a colorful, tasty, and spooktacular Halloween extravaganza! As you can see from the pictures (thank you, Scott Kachmarik) on the back page, a lot of enjoyment was in store for all who attended!

Be Aware

For those of you who are runners, walkers, dog walkers, please wear reflective and light clothing so that we can see you!

Dues Payments:

Feeks, Gionfrido, Meuzelaar, North, and Stephens

Thank you!

Block Captain Needed

Katie Annis, Block Captain Chair, is in need of a Block Captain to cover a total of 17 homes---Robin Lane (8), Rustic Terrace (4) and Luminaire Court (5). This entails contacting new residents and welcoming them to the neighborhood. Please think about helping out in this way. You can contact Katie at 255-1295 to let her know you can do this.

Annual WBPA Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 31

6:30pm

**Location:
TBA**



For those of you who have already joined and are now members of NextDoor, you know its 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 and 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. You can easily access it by signing up on our website: windingbrookpark.com.

Let's Keep the Holidays Happy!

Christmas is coming and thoughts turn to Winding Brook Park's 'Gift to the Community'. As you know, the event brings many visitors to our neighborhood. Here are a few things to keep in mind that will help keep your holidays safe and happy:

- Check your yard light to make certain it is functioning and the bulbs are changed.
- If you must leave your car out, park closest to the yard light side of the driveway and lock your car doors at all times.
- Remember to remove all valuables from your car each night.
- Make a point to check the garage door each evening before retiring.
- Unplug or place timers on your inflatables. If not inflated, they are less likely to be punctured by vandals.
- Have a neighbor pick up packages at your door if you are gone for a while.

Do your part to prevent crime!

Bob Annis, Neighborhood Watch Chair

AROUND THE PARK

New Residents

Welcome to our new neighbors!

Now residing at 15695 Winding Brook Drive are **Zach** and **Jeanette Dripps**. They moved here from the Scottsdale area of South Bend. Originally from Wapakoneta, Ohio, the Dripps relocated to this area for Zach's job. He is with the Michigan Area Council on Government (MACOG) which is a regional planning organization representing north central Indiana. Jeanette home-schools their five children. Prior to that she worked as the music teacher at Marion High School and Mishawaka Catholic. Also residing with the Dripps, are Jeanette's sister, Brittany, her daughter, and their Border Collie, Dudley. A full house for sure! "We have already met some very nice people and are excited to live in the neighborhood."

Casey and **Stephanie Meuzelaar** now live at 15649 Embers Drive. Casey is from Edwardsburg, Michigan and Stephanie has grown up here all her life. Casey is a full time student and works as a receptionist at Del Pilar Medical and Urgent Care. Stephanie is the Clinical Manager there.

New residents at 15630 Hearthstone Drive are **Doug Greco** and his son. Doug has close ties to the neighborhood as extended family grew up here as did his high school girl friend. Doug works as a Project Manager for a local company with a national footprint, Shaffner Heaney. In his spare time, Doug loves to golf and fly fish. "I look forward to meeting families in the neighborhood and eventually becoming an active member of the community in whatever capacity it might need me."

Condolences

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to long time resident **Peg Andrews**, Winding Brook Drive, who left us on November 1. Peg's family was always her greatest priority and she will be missed by her four children and seven grandchildren. She was the ultimate Notre Dame fan and just 11 days before her death, she attended the ND-USC game where she witnessed a victory for the Irish. Her Irish heritage was important to her and she composed a multi-generational family history. Peg helped many members of the community through her counseling work at various counseling centers in this region. To remember Peg, donations may be made to the Beacon Children's Hospital, 615 N. Michigan St., South Bend, IN 46601.

Condolences are also extended to the family of **Sherril Mirkin**, Springmill, who passed away October 15. Sherril graduated Phi Kappa in English from IU Bloomington and received her Masters in Education at Saint Mary's. She taught elementary education at Maple Lane School in South Bend for many years and special education at Darden School. Sherril was an avid reader, bridge and mah jong player, and world traveler visiting six continents. Sherril and her husband Sam, who survives, were married 64 years. Also surviving her are two children, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Donations may be made to honor Sherril's memory to Temple Beth El, 305 W. Madison, South Bend, IN 46601.



Holiday Happenings

1. Dec.1-23 *A Christmas Story*
South Bend Civic Theater
2. Dec. 3 and Dec. 10
Christmas at Copshaholm
3. Dec. 8 Holiday Light
Parade-Downton So. Bend
4. Dec. 22 Polar Express PJ
Party—Century Center

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FROM THE EDITOR

Happy Holidays to everyone! May they be bright, happy, and hopeful.

Laurel Eslinger,
Crier Editor

Entrance Beautification Project

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