

THE PARK CRIER

Winding Brook Park Association



Gift to the Community

Here is all you need to know to make this the best year ever!

*Hearthstone Drive is not on the tour this year;
however, cars will still drive by to see your displays.*

**Charities will collect on
December 6, 7, and 8 and then again December 13 through Christmas Night.**

Decoration Judging will be the evening of **December 13**.
Banners will be attached to mailboxes indicating winners.

Luminary pick-up will be at the **Burden's** home
at 54619 Old Bedford on the following dates:

December 14

10am-noon

December 15

1-3pm

December 22

FINAL PICK-UP

10am-2pm

**If you are not available to pick up your luminaries during these times, you may call
Sharon at 574-298-8210 to make special arrangements
PRIOR TO SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**

Cost to residents: Minimum donation of .75 per luminary

Sand will be available by December 20 at the far end of Heathstone Drive in the cul de sac
thanks to a donation by **Kuert**.

Police Officers will direct traffic Christmas Eve.

Gift to the Community Charities, 2019

As always, money collected each year at the “Gingerbread” House is allocated to the charitable organizations whose volunteers staff the House each night and hand out those coveted candy canes!

The following charities will be the recipients of the donations collected this holiday season:

- **Alcohol and Addictions Resource Center (AARC)**—offers alcohol and other drug prevention, education, advocacy, assessment, and referral for individuals and families.
- **Camp Millhouse**—inspires self-discovery in individuals who have special needs through a safe, traditional camp experience. It fosters independence, empowerment, and compassion.
- **Children’s Dispensary**—the program, *A Place to be Me*, provides social and recreational programs for young people with developmental, physical, emotional needs. It enhances learning and enriches the lives of individuals with special needs.
- **Family Justice Center of St. Joseph County**—The Family Justice Center of St. Joseph County serves as a one-stop help center for victims of domestic/family violence, sexual assault, and stalking that helps victims and their families quickly and confidentially seek information, and easily access resources to help them escape the cycle of violence and move towards healing.
- **Hannah’s House**—maternity home providing a safe environment and programming for young pregnant women.
- **In*Source**—provides Indiana families and service providers with information and training necessary to assure effective programs and services for children and young adults with disabilities.
- **Montessori Classroom at the Center for the Homeless**—a unique early childhood program serving children at the Center by integrating Montessori philosophy, methodology, and materials with the special needs and gifts of homeless children ages 3 to 6.
- **Tri Kappa, South Bend Chapter**—provides financial support for five small local charities each year.

Prizes for Decorations

This year’s categories are:

Best Overall
Best Front Door
Best Theme
Most Original
Best Faith-based
Martha Stewart Would Be Proud
Clark Griswold Would Be Proud
Best Artisan (handmade)
Rookie of the Year (have lived here less than a year)
and three Judges’ Picks

Which one will you win?!!!



WBPA Annual Meeting

January 29, 2020

6:00pm

**St. Joseph Regional
Medical Center**

**Conference Room B
Lower Level**

All residents are welcome!

WBPA BOARD

Michael Miller, President
Zach Dripps, Vice President
Laurel Eslinger, Secretary
George Cressy, III, Treasurer
Sharon Burden—Maria Carter
Mariah Cressy
Josh Higginbotham
Ryan Howell—Brian Powell—
Kathy Smith
Tim Sullivan—Kyle Umbarger



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!

AROUND THE PARK

Heartfelt Condolences

On November 14, long-time resident, (since 1965) **Pete Fox** passed away. Surviving him are his wife of 61 years, Joyce, son Jim (Kristen), who lives in Winding Brook, four other sons, a daughter and six grandchildren. His athleticism earned him a scholarship to Loyola University in Chicago as he ran cross country and track in high school. Pete was a skier, marathon runner, and a CPA who had his career in banking. In addition, he was a musician who joined many bands over time and eventually formed his own, The Silver Foxes. Donations may be made in Pete's memory to LOGAN, PO Box 1049, South Bend, IN46624

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Thank you to the following for meeting their annual obligation:

**Baranowski
Gilliland
Johnston, S.
Konopinski
Miramontes
Poorman**

Notable Neighbors

Carol Holt and her husband, Jim, have lived in Winding Brook for 47 years moving here from Michigan. She and her husband grew up loving Notre Dame since her father attended the University in the early 30's. Her five daughters were raised on Winding Brook Drive and she later moved to Old Bedford for more room for her 16 grandchildren when they visit. Carol retired from Memorial Hospital after 30 years serving as a critical care nurse. Her hobbies consist of gardening, golf, and exercise and she volunteers two days a week—one day at Sister Maura Brannick Clinic for the indigent and the other for the Christ Child Society. For the past six years, Carol has served Winding Brook as a diligent and consistent Block Captain and enjoys welcoming new neighbors.

Bob Annis is also a long-time resident having lived here since 1979. He and his wife Katie have enjoyed living in Winding Brook with the stellar location and all the people he has met since he moved here. Bob has served the Winding Brook community in different ways throughout the years as a long-term board member serving as Treasurer for two years and Secretary for eight. In more recent years, Bob spearheaded the Neighborhood Watch effort and was instrumental in securing safety materials for the new neighbor packets. He feels that if you want to get involved in something worthwhile, there are many opportunities in Winding Brook to do so. During Bob's work life, he was the Vice President of Administration at the South Bend Medical Foundation where he retired after 44 years. Because of his position there, he was approached by United Way to look at food issues in the community and hence was instrumental in starting the Food Bank of Northern Indiana. He said that was the highlight of his life. Bob also is very active with Rotary and served as secretary for 16 years. He enjoys gardening which has been a pleasure for him and something that he looks forward to each year.

We are fortunate to have Bob and Carol in our neighborhood and thank them for their service.

President's Corner

As we enter the most wonderful time of the year, I just want to wish all of you a happy Holiday season! It's been a pleasure to serve you.

Michael Miller



Fleet Feet Mishawaka will hold its third annual Running of the Lights through Winding Brook on December 17. In case you don't know, Fleet Feet is a specialized store for running shoes, apparel and gear that is located in the Outpost Sports Plaza on Grape Road. In past runs through Winding Brook, runners wore reflective gear and even some battery operated Christmas lights! The runners contributed to a pool and Fleet Feet matched that amount and donated to our Gift to the Community which was greatly appreciated. If you are interested in participating in this unique run, please sign up on their website where you will get all of the particulars. Michael Miller has participated in the past and would like to see more neighbors join in.

St. Joseph County Saves the Day!

A BIG thank you to the County for giving a gift to OUR community by an extra leaf pick-up this year so that our streets would be clear of leaves when all of our *Gift to the Community* traffic begins! Everyone would agree that we are thankful that they recognized our need.



Traffic During GTTC

As you maneuver your way in and out of our neighborhood during GTTC, you may want to keep in mind that you as a resident have the right to enter onto Winding Brook Drive against the traffic in order to proceed to your home. Just make security aware that you live here. If you encounter any problems, please let someone on the Board know ASAP.

Grotto Network Filming Gift to the Community

In case you don't know what Grotto Network is all about—it is a digital platform with an international reach housed within Notre Dame that shares stories about people living life boldly. They have a section of their website dedicated to 'Make An Impact' stories and when they heard about our *Gift to the Community*, they were interested in featuring our neighborhood in one of their mini-documentaries. It will be released December 21. If you are interested in seeing it, you will need to follow their Facebook page where it will be shared.

November Lights

For our November Lights effort, our elf, **Tim Sullivan**, answered the call for one resident who needed some assistance getting ready for the holidays. He even did some leaf blowing for another. Thank you, Tim, for your generosity. You are a neighborhood gem!

Things to Keep in Mind this Holiday Season

Remember that many people will be driving through Winding Brook.

Remember to check that your garage door is down.

Remember to lock your car doors if your car or guest's car is in the driveway.

Remember to remove valuables from your car.

Remember to check that your pole light is working.

Remember to enjoy the holiday season!

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FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Neighbors,

Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, and Happy Kwanza!
And may your new year be bright, peaceful, and hopeful!

Laurel Eslinger



