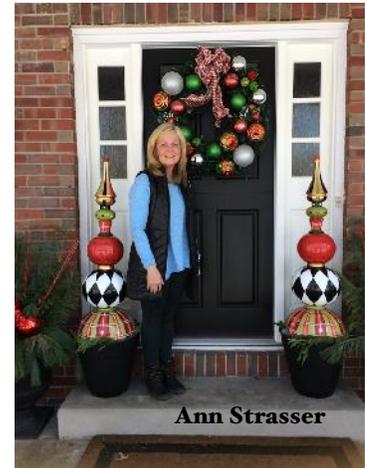


# THE PARK CRIER

## WINDING BROOK PARK ASSOCIATION

### Gift to the Community



Winding Brook shone brightly during the holiday season thanks to all of the residents who climbed those ladders, strung multiple strings of lights, ascended their roofs, blew up Santa and Rudolf, (and things we didn't even imagine came in blow-up form!) and made their homes look cheerful, bright, lovely (in some cases!) and most importantly, celebrated the season. Winding Brook was all aglow and those who toured the neighborhood left happy and in the spirit of the season. Thanks to everyone who helped in their way to make this year's GTTC a success. And kudos to the weather for cooperating most of the time! Some residents went above and beyond in their decorating designs and were rewarded for that. This year's winners are:—drum roll, please!!!

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Best Overall</b>                  | <b>Strassers</b> (pictured above) | 54705 Whispering Oak |
| <b>Best Theme</b>                    | <b>Smiths</b>                     | 15685 Hearthstone    |
| <b>Most Original</b>                 | <b>Brandenburg</b>                | 54721 Winding Brook  |
| <b>Best Front Door</b>               | <b>Babcock</b>                    | 54763 Merrifield     |
| <b>Martha Stewart Would Be Proud</b> | <b>Vellos</b>                     | 15649 Springmill     |
| <b>Clark Griswold Would Be Proud</b> | <b>Schiele</b>                    | 15655 Winding Brook  |
| <b>Best Rookie</b>                   | <b>Kreager</b>                    | 15678 Winding Brook  |

**Congratulations to all for making us smile, look in awe and amusement,  
and for keeping the Winding Brook tradition alive.**

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## Presidents Corner

Dear neighbors,

It is hard to believe another Christmas season is behind us and it is now 2018. As we begin a new year, I feel very blessed to call Winding Brook my home and honored to serve as your Board President.

We have made progress this year. The Easter Egg hunt, Garage Sale, 4th of July Parade, and Halloween party were all well attended, and the entrance sign project at Winding Brook Drive was recently completed. An updated Directory was printed and distributed, and our website was updated with a new look and is regularly being updated. Last, but not least, our *Gift to The Community* Christmas light displays were a success and much needed funds were raised for the charities. I want to thank everyone for joining in the spirit and decorating your homes for the holidays. This progress has all been made possible by our dedicated Board of volunteers and your financial support. I would like to personally thank them for their service, especially Mike Babcock and Brian Coffman who will be finishing their Board terms. Many thanks to everyone who so far has donated to our 'sign' campaign and with your help, look forward to seeing the completion of the Merrifield entrance sign this Spring. A very happy new year to everyone!

*Michael Miller*

Thank you to our GTTC sponsors who donate sand for the luminaries and make a donation to offset the cost of the candy canes and allows us to make a deposit without counting the nightly collection! We appreciate you!



**KUERT**

## Thank You for Your Service

After many years of service to our neighborhood, **Mike Babcock** and **Brian Coffman** are stepping down from the Board as their terms expire this month. Combined, these two men have spent countless hours of service to Winding Brook. We have all benefitted from them. Their list of accomplishments are lengthy and admirable. **Mike Babcock** has served on the Board nine years and during that time, he has spearheaded the annual **Gift to The Community** working tirelessly overseeing the multiple aspects of the event which included coordinating the charities and their volunteers, seeing that all the appropriate signage was in place, coordinating the staffing of the 'gingerbread house' with Board as well as charity involvement and troubleshooting as needed. Mike was always ready to fill in when needed to ensure that there were no gaps in coverage. This is an enormous task each year and Mike did it so well.

**Brian Coffman** began serving on the Board in 2014. His electrical expertise was called upon many times to assist with various problems during his tenure. When the 'gingerbread house' needed rebuilding, he was there to work on it with Steve Ellis. He hosted the 4th of July party and parade, assisted in the roll out of our first Winding Brook alert system. Brian was always willing to share his ideas and didn't hesitate to do the research when needed. He worked tirelessly for us all.

Both of these men helped to make Winding Brook better by their service to the WBPA Board. Thank you so much!

## WBPA Nominees

At the Annual WBPA meeting this month, two nominees will be presented for consideration. They are **Zach Dripps** and **George Cressy, III**. **George** is a life-long resident of Winding Brook. He is married to Mariah Cressy and is an attorney with LaDue Curran & Kuehn in downtown South Bend. His practice is centered around real-estate and M&A transactions. George says of his nomination, "I was born and raised in WB and value most in the world deep, fulfilling, meaningful, and fun relationships between families." He was never more than a few blocks from extended family "which meant endless fun and developing my closest non-family friendships still to this day. I'll bring this to the Board, always thinking of ways to foster these relationships."

**Zach Dripps** is relatively new to WB, is married with children and works for the Michiana Council on Government, a regional planning organization. "As a newer resident of WB, I am excited to bring a fresh perspective to the Board. The reputation of WB being 'family friendly' was one of the reasons we chose to purchase our home here. As a member of the Board, I want to do my part to make sure the charm and characteristics of the neighborhood remain but also include the ideas from new and old residents to keep our neighborhood attractive. I believe as neighbors, everyone should work together to build a stronger and more connected community. I hope as a Board member I can have a role in strengthening our community."

### WBPA Board

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

**Mike Babcock—Sharon Burden—**  
**Brian Coffman—Cory Hankins—**  
**Josh Higginbotham—Scott**  
**Kachmarik—Kathy Smith—**

**John Voor**

### Wednesday, January 31

6:30pm

**Location:**  
**St. Joseph Regional**  
**Medical Center**  
**Lower Level**  
**Education Center**  
**Conference Room A**

**All residents are**  
**encouraged to attend!**



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

# AROUND THE PARK

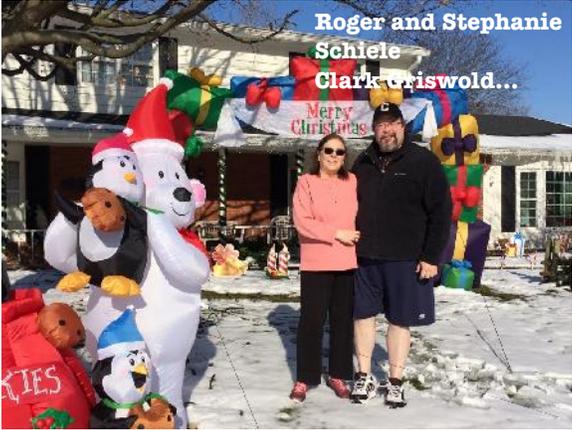
## Gift to the Community

There are so many people who make our annual effort a success and in alphabetical order, here they are:

- Mike Babcock, Chair
- Bill Bagatini
- Sharon Burden
- Brian Coffman
- Tammy Emery
- Laurel Eslinger
- Cory Hankins
- Josh Higginbotham
- Scott Kachmarik
- Jane Mason
- Michael Miller
- Kathy Smith

This small but mighty group bought and sold the luminaries, bought candy canes, coordinated the charities' volunteers, staffed the 'gingerbread house' as the Board Member on Call or staffed the collection booth on 'Board Night', moved the 'gingerbread house' from storage, got the lights up and running, put out the directional signs, oversaw the collections, troubleshot, and made our holiday tradition a resounding success. Collections totaled over \$26,000 and after expenses including security and police on Christmas Eve, will be divided among our eight charities!

A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!



### Winding Brook Park Entrance Beautification Campaign

Please **circle** your choice of sponsorship:

- Legacy \$5,000+
- Platinum \$1,000-4,990
- Gold \$500-999
- Silver \$250-499
- Bronze \$100-249
- Copper (under \$100)

• Please make checks payable to **WBPA** and mail to:  
**PO Box 6566 South Bend, IN 46660-6566**  
**Name** as you would like it to appear in Crier and website-  
 (indicate if you would like it to be anonymous)

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

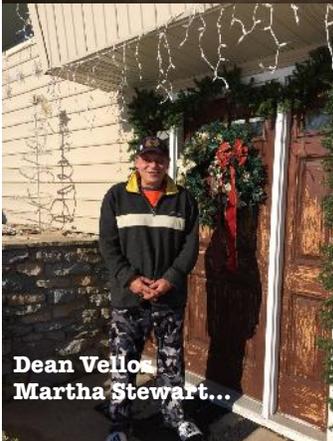
Phone \_\_\_\_\_



**Laura Brandenbur**  
Most Original



**Mike Babcock**  
Best Door



**Dean Vello**  
Martha Stewart...



**Ashley Kreager**  
Best Rookie!

### New Year's Resolutions

1. I resolve to pay my annual dues as soon as I receive the notice. Stamped self-addressed envelope—easy!
2. I resolve to slow down when driving our streets.
3. I resolve to wear reflective clothing when walking or running at night.
4. I resolve to get rid of those leaves one way or another.
5. I resolve to be kind and enjoy life!

**Winding Brook Website:**  
[windingbrookpark.com](http://windingbrookpark.com)

**WBPA**  
**PO Box 6566**  
**South Bend, IN 46660**

**WBPA email address:**  
[wbpahome@gmail.com](mailto:wbpahome@gmail.com)

### FROM THE EDITOR

The Crier will be on winter break. Look for the April/May edition. Please remember to view the Criers on the website—they look so wonderful in color and sometimes when there is not enough room in the Crier for pictures, they will be posted there.

A happy, healthy, peaceful 2018, everyone!

Laurel Eslinger

## Entrance Beautification Project

**Thank you to the following for their generous donations:**

**Platinum**  
**\$1,000-4,999**  
Herrman, T.

**Gold \$500-\$999**  
Annis  
In Memory of Kelly Czarnecki  
Kelly  
Oneese  
Strasser

**Silver**  
**\$250-499**  
Anonymous  
Bagatini  
Bradford  
Deane  
Dunbar

Eslinger  
Fair  
Firth  
Higginbotham  
Holt  
Kachmarik  
Mason  
Meier  
Miller, M.  
Reilly  
Sloan

**Bronze**  
**\$100-249**  
Anonymous-13  
Anzalc  
Baranowski  
Brennan  
Burden  
Coffman

Cordill  
Cressy, G.  
Cressy, J.  
Cressy R.  
Durcinka  
Elliott  
Ellis  
Fox, J.  
Fox, P.  
Fulnecky  
Goodin  
Hamman  
Imamovic  
Konopinski  
Kreager  
Kriegel  
Kuc  
Lacay  
McCorry  
McGowan

Medvigy  
Mirkin  
Morehead  
Nussbaum-  
Wenger  
Polaski  
Potts  
Quinn  
Salameh  
Savage  
Vello  
Voll  
Voor, J.  
Walsh  
Whitt  
Winding Brook  
9-Hole  
Williams  
Witters

**Copper**  
**(under \$100)**  
Anonymous-3  
Bonadies  
Bradley, B.  
Carter  
Cossman  
Cressy, G.III  
DeLee, P.  
Howell  
Muffoletto  
Olsen  
Onderdonk  
Rodefer  
Ruhe  
Schrager  
Schuster  
Spahic  
Sullivan

**Sign Campaign**  
**Total Raised**  
**to Date**  
**\$13,950**

A wonderful beginning!  
We still have money to raise to ensure the Merrifield entrance will become a reality Can you help?

### Dues Payments

**Meyer**  
**Whitcroft**