

THE PARK CRIER

WINDING BROOK PARK ASSOCIATION

5th Annual

Winding Brook in Bloom

It is not too late to spruce up your yard and get in the planting, pruning, weeding mode. And before you know it, your front yard will be in the running for a prize from one of our sponsors from a local garden center. Just to remind you, the prizes are for **Best Front Yard, Best Use of Flowers, Best Container, Best Mailbox, Best Use of Foliage,** and lastly, **Most Improved.**



The latter is for residents who have moved in since last July and have significantly improved the appearance of their front yard. Before and after pictures will need to be submitted by July 10 to be considered. July 16 is the event date when judges will be roaming the neighborhood looking for those yards that stand tall among the others. In addition to the top prizes in each category, honorable mention will be listed in the August Crier for the homes finishing in the top five spots. **Ready, set, plant!**



Slow Down!

Have you seen it?! The County has installed a speed limit sign at the Winding Brook Drive entrance thanks to Michael Miller's urging. It is definitely needed as there are times when you would think that our streets are race tracks—that is how fast some cars barrel through here. We have all seen them. From bike riders, to walkers, to kids playing ball, our streets are full of activity, especially on afternoons and weekends. To this end, everyone is urged to ***please slow down.*** The maximum speed limit on all streets is 25 mph—not 40, 45, or 50. Please keep in mind—signs don't slow cars down, people do, so please do your part and spread word to family and friends. Let's keep everyone safe including our furry friends.



Top Left: **Neal and Susanne Stanfield** Left: **Sooka Mackey**, all of Merrifield, working on their front yards on a beautiful Sunday afternoon.

President's Column

I know we're all busy, but I hope you will take a few moments to read below as it includes some information that you should be aware of.

- On behalf of the entire Winding Brook Park Association, I would like to extend a warm **"welcome" to all new neighbors** that have recently moved in.
- **Entrance sign update.** After researching the damage to the Winding Brook Drive entrance sign, the Board has decided its time to update both Winding Brook Drive and Merrifield entrances. The design process is well underway, and we are looking at options that will combine the past with the future. I am confident that the new signs will be something we can all be proud of. Since the insurance settlement was minute in comparison to the estimated replacement costs, we are considering some financial options to help cover the expense. Since there is a shortage of contractors in the region, work may not begin until late Summer, or early Fall.
- The Board has made great strides in improving our visibility and accessibility by way of the **new Web Site** (windingbrookpark.com/), which includes access to an electronic version of the Directory. No worries, we are in the process of finalizing a printed edition of the Directory as well, that we plan to release this Summer.
- **Thanks to all of you who have paid your dues!** If you haven't paid yours, please do so today.

There's more to report, so be sure to read the rest of the Crier to get filled in!

Michael Miller

New Board Member



The WBPA Board recently elected **Josh Higgenbotham** to serve as one of its Directors. Josh is married to Lauren Dunbar and with their two children lives on Winding Brook Drive. He is a long time resident — his parents are still in the neighborhood.

Josh is employed by Newmark Grub Cressy & Everett as an architect and project manager. Josh will be lending his expertise as a project manager for the *Winding Brook Entrance Beautification Project* bringing his skill set to this effort.

Thank you for serving your neighborhood, Josh.

WBPA Board

*Michael Miller, President
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Bill Bagatini, Treasurer*

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

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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

September 20, 2017

6:30pm

Location:

TBA

All residents are invited and encouraged to attend!

On-Line Directory

Please think about updating your information on-line by logging into the

Winding Brook website:

windingbrookpark.com

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.

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.

1. Click on the Forgot your Password? link.
2. Enter your email address.
3. Click the box next to "I am not a robot".
4. 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.
5. Enter the username (from the list provided) and click on the Submit button.
6. Enter and confirm your password in the files on the next page. The password must be a minimum of 8 characters including at least two digits, lower and upper case, and one symbol.
7. You can then log into the site using your username (not email address) and the password you just created on the next page.
8. Once 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) view your own directory listing or view and search the full directory.

Please know that once you find a listing, in order to view email addresses and telephone numbers, you must click on the name.

FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT DON'T HAVE EMAIL ACCESS, PLEASE CALL A BOARD MEMBER WITH THAT INFORMATION.

AROUND THE PARK

Welcome

Please meet **Ryan** and **Ashley Kreager** and their two sons who are the new residents at 15678 Winding Brook Drive. Ryan's mother and her siblings grew up in Winding Brook and they have family who already reside here. They previously lived near Notre Dame where they were for the last four years. Prior to that, Ryan was a grad student at ND for six years. Ryan is a software engineer and runs a small company he founded four years ago. Ashley is a full-time mother and home schools their son who is of school age.

Ross and Katie Cousins moved here from Michigan and now reside at 15585 Winding Brook Dr. Katie is a Montessori teacher and Ross is an aerial photographer.

Now residing at 15555 Hearthstone Drive are **Connor and Alexis Baker** who share their home with their three Alaskan Huskies. They are expecting their first child. Both work at Hoosier Crane, a family business.

Condolences

We extend our condolences to Mary Lou Henry on the loss of her husband, **Allan Henry**, who passed away at home on May 14 surrounded by his loving family. Allan enjoyed working at Albrights Bike Shop, then at Gates and Killilea Oldsmobile in many capacities for several years. Allan enjoyed collecting classic cars some of which you could see when you drove down Hearthstone.

Expressions of sympathy to the Henry family may be made to St. Peter's Church of Christ.

4th of July Parade

NEEDED! One home to host the annual 4th of July Parade held on July 4 at 10:00am. Can you help out to insure that this Winding Brook tradition continues? If so, please contact a Board member or send an email to wbpahome@gmail.com

PLEASE REMEMBER...

Any signs—garage sale, realtor, by owner, lost pet, etc. may only be displayed for three days or they will be removed. Thanks for keeping this in mind.



Happy Graduation and

Congratulations to All!

Rich and Sharon Burden, 54619 Old Bedford, are the proud parents of **Anna Burden** who graduated from Indiana University, Bloomington with a degree in Gender Studies. This Fall, she will pursue her Master's in Social Work at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Andrew Fair graduated from Penn High School where he played soccer for all four years. He will be attending Indiana University, Bloomington, majoring in Business Administration. Andrew has enjoyed living in the neighborhood, making great friends, and enjoying the trails among other neighborhood activities. He is the son of **Richard and Kathy Fair**, 15646 Springmill.

After graduating from Penn High School, **Max Savaavedra** is off to the University of Dayton to study business. He is the son of **Victor and Brenda Saavedra**, 54490 Old Bedford.

2017 is a busy year for the **Stager** family. **Christopher** graduated from Ball State with a degree in Kinesiology/Sports Management. And sister **Alyssa** will be attending Purdue in the Fall leaving Marian High School behind. They are the children of **Chris and Dorothy Stager**, 15615 Hearthstone Drive.

Your graduating student can be listed here next month. Send your information about your student to:
wbpahome@gmail.com



Have you joined the **Nextdoor** network for Winding Brook yet? Nextdoor is a social network based on address—so it's exclusive to our neighborhood (and surrounding neighborhoods depending on how you set your account preferences). It's becoming more popular and was even in the local news a few months ago. Here are the benefits of this free service:

- Nothing for the association to manage; neighbors join by entering their address and email.
- Both iOS and Android apps are available so you can receive neighborhood alerts directly to your mobile device.
- Lots of other neighborhood features are included such as an events calendar, recommendations, and a crime and safety message category. You can set up email and mobile alerts.
- Message threads are maintained, kind of like a forum.

Join today by visiting windingbrookpark.com and clicking on the Nextdoor icon on the home page.

Things happening around town

1. 6-5 Red Table Plaza Concert Series
2. 6-9 Fridays by the Fountain
3. 6-9-11 Greek Festival St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church
4. 6-17-18 Leeper Park Art Fair
5. 6-19 WNIT Kids Day in the Park
6. 6-25 Michigan Paddlefest, St. Patrick's Park

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FROM THE EDITOR

What would you like to see in the Crier? Open for suggestions!

Laurel Eslinger,

Crier Editor

Where your beautiful gardens begin!

Vite GREENHOUSES

NAME:	April	May	Jun-Oct
Mon-Fri	9-5	9-5	9-5
Saturday	9-5	9-5	9-5
Sunday	CLOSED		
Closures in effect			

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windingbrookpark.com