

# THE PARK CRIER

## Winding Brook Park Association



### Easter Egg Hunt a Success!

On a cool, sunny April morning, many of our neighbors joined in the egg-stravaganza to hunt 1800 brightly colored candy-laden eggs and to search for the special golden eggs. Those who found the shiny gold ones in each age category were rewarded with a basket of goodies. The Easter Bunny was in attendance putting smiles on the faces of young and old as he shook hands and gave hugs to the happy children. Thanks to **Michael Miller** for spearheading this event with the assistance of his wife, **Melissa Miller**, **Ryan Howell** and daughters **Perri** and **Taylor**, **Libby Voor**, **Cory Hankins**, **Michelle Lacay**, and **Bill Bagatini**. This festive event is made possible by your annual dues.



## President's Corner

I hope this finds you doing well. If you're anything like me, you may have a growing list of spring cleaning and improvement projects for your home and yard that you are ready to get started on. Hopefully, Mother Nature will cooperate soon, and with a little time and attention, you will have your home and yard spruced up in no time.

Speaking of sprucing up, have you noticed while driving around town that some neighborhoods are in better shape than others? Maybe you have even noticed the property values in those neighborhoods, including our own, are consistently higher as well. While there may be a myriad of reasons for the differences which may include the age of the home and homeowners resources, one variable that may consistently help promote property upkeep, home values, and the neighborhood as a whole, are the neighborhood Covenants. In case you didn't already know, Winding Brook Park has Covenants that were created by sections and recorded as the neighborhood was developed many years ago. While the Covenants are in place and automatically renew periodically, the Winding Brook Park Association Board is in the process of reviewing them and may recommend an update in the near future. Stay tuned for more information.

We encourage everyone to review the covenants periodically, especially if you are considering significant updates, or modifications to your home or property. If you don't already have a copy of the covenants for your home, you can find them on our website <https://windingbrookpark.com/about/covenants>.

Wishing you a Happy Spring, and good luck with your projects!

See you around the neighborhood,

*Michael Miller*

## 2019 Annual Dues Due Now

In March, you received your dues notice asking for your support for all of the many things that make Winding Brook a special place to live. They include this newsletter that you are reading right now, insurance, entrance and cul-de-sac maintenance and beautification, monthly water charges, children's events such as the Easter Egg Hunt that many of our neighbors recently enjoyed, 4th of July parade and celebration, and the Halloween Party. The Gift to the Community is a major event that requires funds to get it up and running. The ads for the annual Garage Sale also cost money as does our storage facility that houses the 'gingerbread house' and GTTC directional signs and banners as well as event supplies to name a few. And the list goes on. You live here and enjoy the neighborhood and your property values keep going up so please support Winding Brook by paying your dues. ***A list of those who have paid will be included in the June edition of the Crier.***

## Farewell to a Board Member

**Cory Hankins**, WBPA Board member, has stepped down as he and his family have sold their home and are leaving Winding Brook. Since he joined the Board, Cory has expertly overseen the development and maintenance of our website, was instrumental in introducing Winding

Brook to Nextdoor, and was the lead in that effort. Cory also has overseen our Facebook page. We appreciate all he has done for Winding Brook and will miss his contributions many of which will live on. All the best to Cory, Christine, and their children in their future plans.

### WBPA BOARD

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**It is that time of year when residents are out and about. Please respect our speed limits and SLOW DOWN.**

### WBPA Meeting

**Wednesday,**  
**May 15**  
**6:00pm**

**St. Joseph Regional**  
**Medical Center**  
**Conference Room B**

**All residents welcome!**



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

## New to Winding Brook?

If you are a new resident, we would love to hear from you so we can formally welcome you to this wonderful neighborhood and add you to our annual Directory. Please send a quick email to [wbpahome@gmail.com](mailto:wbpahome@gmail.com) providing your email address, phone number (s) and anything else you would like to tell us. Thanks so much and welcome!

A colorful, hand-drawn style graphic for a garage sale. The words "GARAGE" and "SALE" are stacked vertically in large, blocky letters with a rainbow gradient and a drop shadow effect.



## AROUND THE PARK

### Our Graduates!

Soon our students will be saying farewell to their high schools and universities and it would be wonderful to recognize them here. So, parents, please kindly provide information as to which school they attended, future plans and if in college, degree they are receiving. Look for your student in the June Crier!

### Dogs on Leashes

It is barely spring weather-wise but we already have reports of dogs running loose causing chaos with other dogs and creating potentially unsafe situations. Please be aware of where your dog is and when walking it, keep those leashes on your pet.

**Have a wonderful summer!**

## Winding Brook in Bloom

This July, it will be time again for *Winding Brook in Bloom*, the front yard competition that throughout the years has inspired many neighbors to spruce up their yards, to add those colorful flowers to their landscapes, to plant a stunning pot, to add nature to their mailboxes. All it takes is a little work to make your yard weed free, tidy, and just plain lovely. Won't this be the year that you vie for the grand prize for best front yard? Best container, mailbox, use of flowers, use of foliage, are some of the awards. And if you are new within the last year, you may win for most improved! Please don't forget how this increases your property values. Look for more details in the next Crier.

## Annual Winding Brook Garage Sale

**Saturday, June 22  
8:00-2:00pm**

**Look for more details  
in the June Crier!**



# What's Happening in Michiana

May 10-12 Fiscoff National Chamber Music Competition Notre Dame

May 2-30 Tails on the Trails St. Patrick's Park Brown Barn

May 12 Mother's Day Canoe and Cookies Brown Barn, 10-2:30

May 21 Spring Fling for Little Ones Spicer Lake Nature Preserve 10:00

Through January, 2020 Keepers of the Fire: The Band of Potawatomi Center for History

Visit the South Bend Farmers Market



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## FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Neighbors,

Do you have information about new residents, births, deaths, weddings, special accolades or anything you would deem newsworthy. Please send them on to our website.

Thanks!

**Laurel Eslinger**