

THE PARK CRIER

WINDING BROOK PARK ASSOCIATION

Entrance Beautification Project

By now you are all aware of the exciting project that will not only enhance our community, it will also make Winding Brook look like the special place that it is. Our 'look' has been 'damaged' for quite a while now and what is planned for our entrances will also help move us into the 21st century. WBPA Board members led by **Josh Higginbotham's** expertise, have carefully researched options and feel that they have found what will carry us forward for many, many years to



come. As you know, your help is imperative to make this a reality. May we please count on your

donation to ensure that this project continues to move forward? In case you misplaced the letter you received in the mail, below is another form for easy completion. Thank you in advance for your support of this project and for your role in making it a reality!

The work is scheduled to begin this month.

Please see the *back page* for an update on the campaign and donors to date.



August Informational Meeting



Winding Brook Park Entrance Beautification Campaign
Yes, we would like to support this campaign!

Please **circle** your choice of sponsorship:

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Please make checks payable to **WBPA** and mail to:

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President's Column

Dear Neighbors,

Watching the aftermath of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria has been heart wrenching. To see so many neighborhoods, schools, businesses, and hospitals destroyed is mind blowing. The number of people that left their homes with little to nothing is also unfathomable.

I have been truly inspired by the stories of neighbors and strangers coming together, working arm and arm to escape the floods, and/or to begin the salvage and rebuilding process.

I think these events can serve as an important reminder to all of us to look after each other before an event ever happens in our neck of the woods. Do you have a project you need help with, or do you have a talent, time, or treasure that you can share? Perhaps we can honor those whose lives were devastated by growing Winding Brook Strong. This spirit of generosity and concern may have an equally important impact right here at home.

I hope we never have to endure a natural disaster on any scale, but knowing the spirit of Winding Brook Park, I feel assured that we would come together arm in arm to help each other too.

Happy Fall to everyone!

Michael Miller

(This was written prior to the Las Vegas tragedy.)

WBPA Board Openings

In January, WBPA Board vacancies will occur as members' terms expire leaving the door open to residents who would like to serve their neighborhood in this capacity. In addition to general vacancies, the Board is looking for someone who has a financial skill set who will could move into the Treasurer's position when it becomes vacant in 2019. The coming year would allow that person to shadow the current Treasurer to learn the responsibilities of that position. If you are interested, please email wbpahome@gmail.com or contact a Board member to start the process. This is a wonderful way to be involved in your neighborhood, meet new people, and join a dynamic team. Please think about it!

Dues Received!

Berta Hughes
Cressy, G. III
Kelly Bradley
Bradley Stager
Emery Dees
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Little Free Library



Jennifer and Jared Dees have moved forward with the project they have adopted. In case you missed the article last month explaining what this is about, here is the premise: to station little libraries (essentially large bird houses) around communities where people can swap and borrow books. A passerby can borrow books and/or trade them out one-to-one. Here is a link if you want to learn more:

<http://littlefreelibraries.org>.

The Dee family and friends held a

lemonade stand to raise the funds necessary for this wonderful community undertaking. As you can see from the pictures, it was a fun time for all! The little library will be placed on the northwest corner of their yard, 15690 Springmill, so that everyone will have easy access. Shipment has been delayed but the Dees report that it has finally arrived and will be installed soon. And a BIG thank you to the Dees for undertaking this neighborhood friendly project.

WBPA Board Meeting

Monday,
November 13, 2017

6:30pm

Location:

15635 Hearthstone Drive



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 will now be the vehicle that will 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. Something that recently happened supports how this is a valuable tool for crisis management and reuniting loved ones—sometimes the four-legged ones. For more about that, please read the article below to see a prime example of this app in action. 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.

AROUND THE PARK

New Residents

Nick and Kate Mainieri and their son and dog are the new residents at 15650 Hearthstone Drive. A job at Notre Dame brought them to this area all the way from New Orleans. Nick is an academic advisor for student athletes at the university and a writer and novelist. Kate is a pilates instructor. Welcome!

Stump Removal

Have you noticed that the unsightly stumps leftover from last year's tree removal project along Day Road are gone? It is definitely a huge improvement. Arvina Tree Service did the work. Your dues paid for this

improvement.

Cul de Sacs

This summer, extra attention was given to some of our cul de sacs: spraying weeds, removing and trimming some bushes in addition to the weekly grass mowing for those that have grass that is paid for monthly by the WBPA. Once again, this is your dues at work. Please know, however, that it is the responsibility of the property owners who live around the cul de sacs to provide maintenance to those spaces.



Jennifer Copeland, relatively new to Winding Brook, feels that NextDoor was a wonderful resource for her the day Dory disappeared. She says, *'I had never used the app prior to that day, but I was so grateful to have it. Dory somehow managed to escape from the fenced-in area in the backyard and had been wandering for a couple of hours. It was awful not knowing if she was ok. She suffers from seizures and she's tiny... only 5 pounds. This and really pulled together for us! I received an invite from a neighbor on my street suggesting and I was able to post every piece of information It was amazing! The moment I logged into the People had begun posting sightings of her which begin to tell you about how many messages and community and surrounding neighborhoods help in some way.*



Ultimately, I do believe the app played a very important role in helping to bring Dory home to us. The neighborhood president here in Winding Brook saw my post on the NextDoor app and had also received a phone call from a woman in the neighborhood who had rescued my dog from the middle of busy Day Road!!!! She had called him to see if he knew anything about a missing or lost dog. And because of that app, he did. He was able to place a call to me and reunite us with our family pet.

Now that I am using that app, I love it and it is a great way to get the word out about things like this but also to stay connected. It seems helpful whether it is about safety bulletins or neighborly advice. I would say it is a great resource for families.

It's Coming!



Can you hear those jingle bells jingling?! Too early, you say? This cool weather is a reality check that Fall is here and our thoughts will be slowly and perhaps unwillingly turning from warm weather activities to you know what—the holidays! If you are new to Winding Brook, you may or may not know that holiday decorating is a long held Winding Brook tradition and people from all over the region come to view our spectacular light displays both whimsical and traditional. So it is not too early to start thinking about what you will do this year to keep this tradition alive. We also have a holiday decorating contest with prizes awarded to those houses that best exemplify best lights, best front door, best theme, most original, and the houses that would make either Martha Stewart or Clark Griswold proud. There will be more information to come in the next Crier, so please stay tuned!

A head's up—**Embers is off this year!** That doesn't mean you can't decorate. That street just won't be on the tour.

Children's Halloween Party

Tuesday, October 31

4:00- 5:00pm

54752 Winding Brook Dr.

Hosted by the Imamovics

Come for fun, refreshments and games!



Winding Brook Book Club

Do you love to read? Would you like to have the opportunity to discuss books with other book lovers? As readers know, a book is always better when you can share it with someone else. **Mary Putman**, Hearthstone Drive, is starting a *Winding Brook Book Club*. Would you like to join? Please contact her at 404-309-6757 or email her at putman.maryc@gmail.com.

How do you know that it is Fall in Winding Brook?

1. Leaves,
2. leaves,
3. leaves,
4. and more leaves!

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FROM THE EDITOR

Do you have neighborhood news that you could pass on to me? Would really appreciate it!

Laurel Eslinger,
Crier Editor

Entrance Beautification Project

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