

MARCH 2018

WINDSOR PARK WIRE

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Images Above: A. Japanese Honeysuckle, B. Chinese Wisteria, C. Winged Burning Bush — These are plants beautiful and thus their appeal. Unfortunately due to their growth habits they can be disastrous to our native plants. Love the look of these plants? Here are some alternatives: D. Dogwood Shrub, E. American Wisteria, F. Chokeberry (Edible)

March on Invasives

With planting season right around the corner it's essential that when we're choosing plants for our gardens, we make informed decisions. Many of the plants offered at Garden centers can be aggressive and invasive when they escape our small city gardens, crowding out our native plants that are crucial to wildlife. Here's a list of 3 common non-natives and a native substitute:

1. Invasive: Japanese Honeysuckle

Japanese Honeysuckle can be beautiful, but grows quickly and spreads like crazy quickly shading the forest floor in spring. Japanese Honeysuckle also poisons the soil around it's drip line killing or greatly weakening other plants. And don't let the name fool you —that famous Honeysuckle scent is non-existent with this 1800's import. This is one of the most common invasives that we see in Windsor Park.

Alternative: Dogwood (Shrub)

The Dogwood is a great alternative to the Japanese Honeysuckle and it tolerates wet shady places. It provides seasonal interest all year long: In the Winter it's stems are bright green or red depending on the variety. In the Spring the Dogwood is loaded with compact clusters of white flowers that the bees love and later berries that attract songbirds to your yard. It leaves provide great texture in the garden for Summer. And in the fall the leaves turn a showy display for yellow and orange.

2. Invasive: Winged Burning Bush

Originally intended as an ornamental because of it's fire-colored fall foliage, this plant's invasive qualities became very apparent, very quickly. Producing hundreds of berries per plant, it travels after being eaten by birds and other wildlife. Once outside of our gardens it takes over the forest landscape forming DENSE thickets that native plants cannot penetrate. To make matters worse this plant is still being sold in garden centers.

Alternative: Chokeberry (Shrub)

In terms of an alternative you can't really go wrong with a Chokeberry. It's a near mirror of the Winged Burning Bush in terms of visual interest to your

garden. During the autumn it changes to a fiery display of red and orange. In the spring it's covered with white and pink flowers and then as an added benefit it produces edible berries. The berry contain high levels of anti-oxidants and vitamins A, C, E and K.

3. Invasive: Chinese Wisteria

Let's just start off and say: Chinese Wisteria is gorgeous. It's long clusters of purple of flowers sway effortlessly in the breeze, twining vine wrap charmingly around trellises and up the sides of homes and the scent? To die for. But don't let the fairytale appearance fool you, all parts of the plant are actually poisonous, oozing a toxin called wisterin. To make matters worse it's incredibly destructive, the Wisteria vine relies on it's support and as the vine ages and get heavier it often ends up crushing it's support with it's weight, that could mean your trellis, other trees, ... and even your house. It grows by seed and rooted bits that you've cut off the plant in an attempt to control it. Most infestations will occur near the plant itself.

Alternative: American Wisteria

While the Chinese and Japanese version of Wisteria are considered invasive in Windsor Park's gardens. American Wisteria is a native, non-invasive choice. But prepare yourself: The blooms aren't as showy, they're more compact (think pinecone) and Wisteria's famed scent isn't as strong on this side of the Pacific. American Wisteria establishes itself easier needing less water and care and can handle shade a bit better in your garden. And while still plenty aggressive in your garden it's much easier to control.

But sometimes there is always that one plant that we just can't resist growing, be smart and responsible when growing an invasive. For example if it grows by sending out runners, maybe grow it in a pot. Or if it's an ardent seeder, make sure you collect the blooms after it's finished flowering. Do your research on plants before bring them home. and ultimately have fun.

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF INDIANA INVASIVES VISIT:
www.in.gov/dnr/naturepreserve/6346.htm

FOR AN UNDERSTANDING OF NATIVE PLANTS VISIT:
<http://www.inpaws.org/>



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Construction on Brookside

The trees planted last year along the Pogues Run Trail, by IPL and Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, were removed last week in anticipation of a large drainage and repaving project. KIBI is holding the trees at their headquarters, trying to save them and hope to replant them along the trail this summer.

This spring, DPW and Citizens Energy are working on a project intended to address the ongoing drainage and flooding issues along Brookside from 10th Street to Newman. This project will disrupt residents and businesses at the west end of the neighborhood and has raised some questions and concerns. Mark Zwoyer, PE, Administrator- Engineering Design, Department of Public Works has been answering questions about the project. We are sharing a summary of Mr. Zwoyer's answers here:

Timeline. Four to five months. The project has an anticipated completion date of July 31, 2018 and the City has liquidated damages as a part of the contract, which should help keep the project on track.

Scope of Work. Citizen's Energy Group is adding 700 lineal feet of trench drain and several new storm water inlets along the east side of Brookside. The road will be ground and repaved to slope towards the new drains.

Benefits and Limitations of the Project. The new drains should capture most of the water that currently runs down Brookside and into the CCIC bays and also the water that runs down Arsenal from Brookside. This project will not eliminate water infiltrating the CCIC bays that sit lower than the street nor will it resolve the ponding water at the south east corner of Arsenal and Brookside.

Street Closures and Access. Businesses and residents will have restricted access. 11th Street, 12th Street and Arsenal will be closed to Brookside. Brookside will be closed to through traffic but the contractor will maintain local access and all drives and docks will remain accessible. 11th Street between Brookside and Arsenal will be contraflow traffic for local access, only. Parking and access for neighbors north of Arsenal along Brookside will be coordinated by the Contractor during construction. There will be clear signed detour routes. Trail access will be impacted periodically. Sidewalks will be similarly impacted.



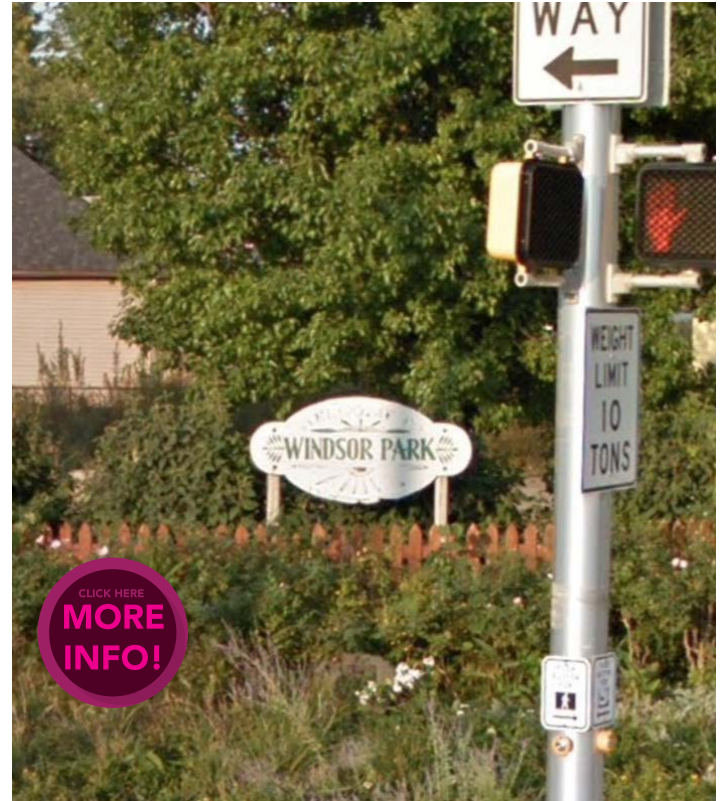
Fletcher Park and Large Tree Protection. Disruption is not anticipated beyond the curb line and they do not anticipate cutting into the trail. As such, DPW does not anticipate the need for protective or restorative work. If that changes, DPW will direct the Contractor to take appropriate action. (WPNA has requested park and tree protection if that happens). DPW will share our desire to meet with the contractor on site prior to work commencing.

FEATURE



LANDUSE
MEETING
WEDNESDAY
MARCH 14TH,
6:30PM
@RUCKUS

Images Above: Join the conversation about conservation! Please come to our March 14th Landuse Committee Meeting.



Images Above: Google image of the Gateway Sign we're planning on reworking. New sign, new plantings. Join the Sub-Committee now!

Conservation District

Over the course of the past few months a sub-committee was formed within our Landuse Committee to explore the possibility of becoming a Conservation District. We're still in the research and exploratory phase. We trying to learn about the positive and the negative impacts that this could have for the neighborhood. We've included some information below that we believe is informative and will help start the conversation. At our Landuse Committee Meeting this coming Wednesday the 14th, we'll be having a active conversation about becoming a Conservation District. Good, bad, we want to hear from you! Without input from our neighbors we're unable to make informed decisions for all. Along with our Conservation conversation we'll also be hearing from Heath Landscaping, a Stuphin/Battista Windsor Theater update and an update from the CCIC.

Gateway Signs

WANNA JOIN A REALLY COOL GROUP? This Spring and Summer the Windsor Park neighbors will be re-landscaping our 10th and Brookside Gateway and redoing the neighborhood signs at both entrances. (10th and Brookside, Windsor and Commerce). In order for the project to move a little faster we've opted to organize a committee to design and install the signs. Design proposals will be voted on during our 3-21 Bi-Monthly Meeting.

TO JOIN THE BEAUTIFICATION SUB-COMMITTEE JUST EMAIL:
wearewindsorpark@gmail.com



THE COTTAGE HOME CONSERVATION PLAN.

This plan is credited with helping Cottage Home become what it is today. The WP plan could look like this or not.



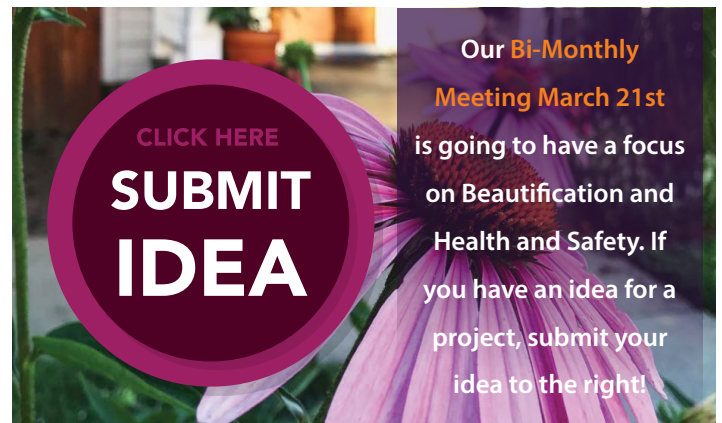
CONSERVATION VS. HISTORIC

At this point in time we're only exploring become a Conservation district which has less restrictions than a historic district.



IN DEPTH STUDY OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS.

Using a conservation district as a tool to preserve a neighborhood's distinctive characteristics.



Our Bi-Monthly Meeting March 21st is going to have a focus on Beautification and Health and Safety. If you have an idea for a project, submit your idea to the right!

EVENTS

- Wednesdays** **KARAOKE NIGHT @ TICK TOCK LOUNGE**
9pm–11pm
- Thursdays** **TRIVIA NIGHT @ CENTERPOINT BREWERY**
7pm–10pm
- Saturdays** **INDY WINTER FARMERS MARKET**
9am–12:30pm at the CCIC
- First Fridays** **ARTIST STUDIOS @ CCIC**
6pm–9pm
- Be Sure To** **Check our online calendar to stay up to date:**
www.windsorparkindy.com/connect/events
- 3-14-2018** **LANDUSE COMMITTEE MEETING**
Wed. March 14th, 2018 (Location Ruckus), 6:30pm–7:30pm
- 3-21-2018** **BI-MONTHLY MEMBER MEETING**
Wed. March 21st, 2018 (Boner Center), 6:30pm–7:30pm
Email wearewindsorpark@gmail.com to add to the agenda.
ALL ARE WELCOME!
- 3-26-2018** **NORTHMASS JOB FAIR**
March 26th Job Fair at Martin University
For more info: www.northmassindy.com/
- 3-27-2018** **PATHWAYS OVER POGUE'S FUNDRAISER**
Tuesday, March 27 6 PM · Tick Tock Lounge
PoPindy.org

SPADES PARK LIBRARY UPDATES



Job Center is now open! Job seekers can get assistance – or just uninterrupted time – on resumes, job searching, interviewing brush-ups, and to check out our job board on **Mondays from 10-1, Tuesdays from 4-7, and Fridays from 2-5**. We are looking for a volunteer to assist with the Tuesday evening time slot. If interested or have questions, please contact Deb at 317-275-4525 or (best) dehret@indypl.org.



Your Chime: Beginning Meditation Class for Kids
Thursday, March 22, 2018 5:00 pm
Children ages 4 - 8 are invited to join creator and author Olivia Roney for a reading and mindfulness class. She'll read from the book, "Your Chime," before the book becomes available to the public. Children also will learn a simple meditation practice that can be used to calm down and focus during this 20-minute program. There is a limit of 25 participants per class. Age Level: Preschool (3-5), School Age (6-11)



Life Is Dance Preschool Workshop
Thursday, April 5, 2018 10:30 am
Preschoolers ages 3 - 6 are invited to an interactive presentation that is ideal for exposing them to the art of dance. Those attending will learn how they can create dance all the time in every situation. This program is presented by Phoenix Rising Dance Company and made possible by Friends of the Library through gifts to The Indianapolis Public Library Foundation. Age Level: Preschool (3-5). Registration Required



Dinosaur Art: Preschool Art Workshop
Thursday, April 26, 2018 10:30 am
Preschoolers are invited to make a prehistoric creation during this program led by the Art Lab. Those attending will listen to a story and create their own masterpiece! This program is made possible by Friends of the Library through gifts to The Indianapolis Public Library Foundation. Age Level: Preschool (3-5). Registration Required.



Seed Library: The Seed Library is open and free to the public! It is available during regular branch hours from late March through October. Patrons may check out up to 5 packets per visit, to a total of 15 packets per season, and plant them in their home garden. Come check it out!

WINDSOR PARK SPRING CLEAN-UP

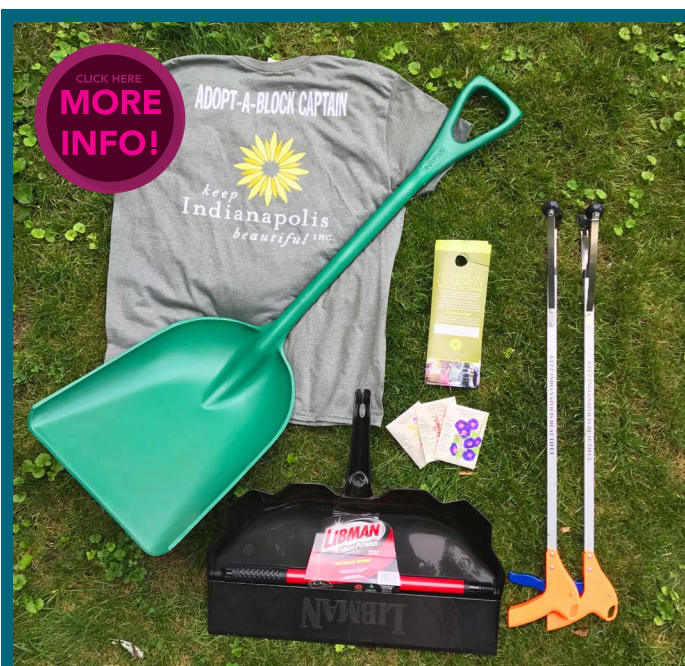


VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

SAT. APRIL 21, 2018, 10AM

Save the date! We're gonna get our neighborhood squeaky clean! Gloves, trash bag and a dumpster will be provided by KIB and the City of Indianapolis.

LOVE YOUR BLOCK



ADOPT-A-BLOCK

KEEP INDIANAPOLIS BEAUTIFUL: ADOPT-A-BLOCK SIGNUP:
<http://www.kibi.org/programs/beautification/adopt-a-block/>

2018 MEMBERS

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NEIGHBOR MEMBERS

Make sure to take a look at the following list to see when you need to renew your membership.

MARCH

Todd Autio, Expires: 3/15/18
Kip Carter, Expires: 3/15/18
Brandon Reed, Expires: 3/15/18
Brett Reed, Expires: 3/15/18
Katie Tobin, Expires: 3/15/18
Mary O'Connor, Expires: 3/15/18
Jonathan Robinson, Expires: 3/15/18
Centerpoint Brewery, Expires: 3/15/18
Jared Carter, Expires: 3/15/18
Diane Carter, Expires: 3/15/18
Kathy Siner, Expires: 3/15/18
Kathleen McKinley, Expires: 3/28/18

APRIL

Maya Namyslowski, Expires: 4/10/18

MAY

Mark Latta, Expires: 5/16/18
Josh Driver, Expires: 5/18/18

Jeff Chapman, Expires: 5/18/18

JUNE

Diana Glauser, Expires: 6/22/18

JULY

Chris Hartley, Expires: 7/13/18
Holton Witchger, Expires: 7/21/18
Isaac Wilson, Expires: 7/24/18

AUGUST

Steve Prachyl, Expires: 8/2/18
John Goodman, Expires: 8/6/18
Pat Dollard, Expires: 8/26/18
Jarryd Foreman, Expires: 8/27/18

SEPTEMBER

Martha Latta, Expires: 9/1/18
Scott Brody, Expires: 9/2/18
Burns Gutzwiller, Expires: 9/6/18

OCTOBER

Ashley Fallos, Expires: 10/4/18
Tammy Reddington, Expires: 10/5/18
Brian Foreman, Expires: 10/11/18
Katie Alford, Expires: 10/13/18
Justin Becht, Expires: 10/18/18
Abbey Brands, Expires: 10/18/18
Yvonne Knebel, Expires: 10/21/18
Jared Johnson, Expires: 10/21/18

NOVEMBER

Maria Kim, Expires: 11/10/19
Kate Collins, Expires: 11/15/18
Deb Ehret, Expires: 11/15/18
Jonathan Tobin, Expires: 11/15/18

Derek Dalton, Expires: 11/15/18
Larry Lawrence, Expires: 11/15/18
Jackie Lawrence, Expires: 11/15/18

DECEMBER

Tia Agnew, Expires: 12/14/18
Chris Frick, Expires: 12/14/18
Annie Hollibaugh, Expires: 12/19/18

JANUARY

Micah Hill, Expires: 1/16/19
Tatum Hill, Expires: 1/16/19
Todd Klaassen, Expires: 1/16/19
Brian Donahue, Expires: 1/16/19
Kate Collins, Expires: 1/16/19
Jay Bedwell, Expires: 1/16/19
Corey Sleet, Expires: 1/16/19
Jen Eamon, Expires: 1/16/19
Mark Schroeder, Expires: 1/16/19
Don Howell, Expires: 1/10/19
Kristin Schlisinger, Expires: 1/18/19
Annie Hostetter, Expires: 1/15/19
Tabitha Ratcliffe, Expires: 1/15/19
Adriane Baucom, Expires: 1/15/19
Steven Brokaw, Expires: 1/15/19
Matt Lamping, Expires: 1/30/19
Marla Kim, Expires: 1/30/19
Malia Vanaman, Expires: 1/30/19
Alaina Cutler, Expires: 1/30/19

FEBRUARY

Brandi Taziyah, Expires: 2/1/19
Stephanie Hayes, Expires: 2/15/19



BECOME A MEMBER! \$10 ANNUALLY CURRENT MEMBER? DON'T FORGET TO RENEW!

Members vote on our annual budget, dispensation of funds, mergers, changes to the by-laws and they elect our Board of Directors. All neighbors who live, work, or own property in Windsor Park and who are over the age of 18 are eligible to join!

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