

# Wynnedale News



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## Wynnedale Election Results

Thank you to all of the residents who ran for the Town of Wynnedale Clerk-Treasurer and Town Council. Congratulations to the following who will take their new positions beginning in January.

### Wynnedale Town Council

- Andrew Hawickhorst
- Ann Hildner
- Sue Rice
- Mary Beth Schneider
- Joshua Smith

### Wynnedale Clerk-Treasurer

- Jarnell Burks Craig

# Annual Wynnedale Ladies Tea

The Annual Wynnedale Ladies Tea will be held at the home of Robyn Harder at 2115 Wilshire Road. The date

will be December 8, 2019, and the time from 2 pm to 4 pm. Invitations will be delivered with details of the event.

## The Light Fixtures of Old Wynnedale

by Sue Rice-Wynnedale Historian

Some of old Wynnedale’s most significant and rare pieces of infrastructure are its ten original street lights. As noted in early Wynnedale advertising, the lighting system through Wynnedale was almost complete in August 1926. That would make our ten original fixtures 93 years old. They are “one of a kind”.

When fixtures are damaged they must be repaired or they will be lost. We have one damaged fixture now. It was knocked down by a large excavator while water pipes were being installed in 2004. We also have one post that can be repaired for use with this fixture.

All of the fixtures and poles were taken down in 1992 and refurbished by Craig Rice. Dents caused by tree branches and hail were removed. All wiring was checked and



upgraded to be in good working order. The posts were cleaned and painted and set back on the concrete bases which were newly poured. This past year, Craig painted all the poles except two which are on the schedule for next spring.

There is one fixture which is privately owned. It is a smaller version of the original fixture. It is located at 2155 Wilshire Road. In the 1930’s-1970’s Mr. Tom Ayton kept the lights repaired and working and the small fixture was one of his making. Tom said that all ten old fixtures were gas lights at one time.

If you are lucky enough to have one of these beautiful fixtures in your yard, please keep it free of tree branches to avoid damage and for better disbursement of light.

## Washington Township School Volunteers Needed

by Charlotte Talley

Throughout Washington Township Schools we are proud to partner with volunteers, mentors, community members, and other key stakeholders as we work to develop our students as productive citizens in society that will master not only reading, writing, and arithmetic but will achieve excellence beyond the four walls of the classroom. The students are developing while personally experiencing what it is like to have the presence of an important person in their life. For some students this may be the only one. For others these individuals have become a part of a bigger network, an extension to our school families, that is working to support their individual and collective successes.

In Washington Townships Schools we proudly partner with our local parent groups while welcoming local univer-

sities, not for profits, churches, and individuals to join us in our exciting endeavor to support the teaching and learning of our students. Academically, socially, and emotionally, each aspect is touched upon in one way or another.



If you are reading this acknowledgement we hope that it will not stop there. But rather you will take one more step and reach out so that you may discover how you can be a part of OUR VILLAGE. If you, a family member, or friend is interested please reach out to Suzanne Zybert at [szybert@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:szybert@msdwt.k12.in.us) or by calling 317-259-5213 (x46201). This next step will without a doubt be the most important and rewarding step you will take. We look forward to hearing from you soon and seeing you on our TEAM...in OUR VILLAGE.

# NEIGHBORS

## Wynnedale News Tidbits

submitted by Linda Ranger

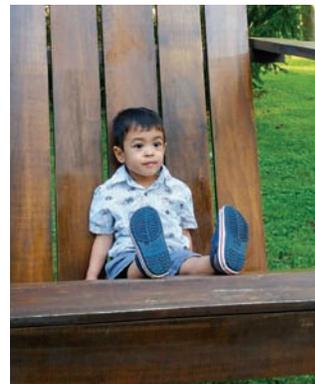
Wynnedale's **Mike McBride**, 4310 Knollton Road, was recently named the Director of Facilities for the Indiana State Fairgrounds. The Fairgrounds has been at its current location since 1892. Its campus contains over 50 buildings and hosts over 300 events per year besides the annual State Fair. He most recently served as the Project Engineer on the US Army Corps of Engineers Levee and Floodwall Projects near 56th and Illinois Street. Those projects will protect 3500 homes from flooding. As an Indiana farm boy, this role with the Fairgrounds is the fulfillment of a dream Mike has had for nearly 40 years!

Our neighbor **Cristina Talucci** on Paula Lane South Drive had her car stolen from her driveway on November 7, 2019. Several neighbors with cameras mounted on their homes have the thieves recorded and the police said they may be able to identify them through facial recognition. Items were

also stolen from several neighbor's cars. Cristina is installing extra cameras and more lights at her home. A few days later the car was found in the Highland-Kessler neighborhood just parked on the street. It was in good condition but may need some repair.

The Labor Day picnic was one of our best attended events ever.

**Eddie Goodknight** was grilling and wonderful homemade offerings were on the tables. Thanks to Paul Vitali and David Vass for the loan of the BIG CHAIR for our photo op's. We were so glad to see many of our new neighbors and hope they enjoyed the event.



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## In Loving Memory...



**Mrs. Jacqueline D. Berry**, long time resident of Wynnedale, died on Friday, September 13, 2019. Her funeral was held Saturday, September 21, 2019.

Her educational journey began in the Indianapolis Public School System. She graduated with a Bachelors Degree from Indiana University (Bloomington) and received her Master's Degree from Butler University.

During her educational career, she held numerous roles in the classroom as well as an administrator. She especially treasured her role as Principal of Elder W. Diggs, IPS #43. Her commitment to IPS lasted 45 years until her retirement. After retirement, she worked with the GED program and filled in for any teacher or principal who was on leave.

Jackie, as she was known by her family and friends, was a pianist and loved music. She was a very dedicated, supportive and reliable person.

She leaves to treasure her memory, her daughters Marva L. Berry, Karen Henry Smith, son-in-Law, Joseph L. Smith, two grandchildren, one sister, four brothers, and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews.

Jackie will be greatly missed by her Wynnedale neighbors.

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**Erik Lindseth** passed away November 1, 2019.

Erik Lindseth '83 was co-owner of the National Library

Binder Co. of Indiana Inc., the oldest bookmaking/bindery in Indianapolis. National Library Binder prints custom books and restores individual volumes for family heirlooms and historical collections.

In addition to his rare-book expertise, Erik was a Senior Lecturer in History and Adjunct Faculty in the School of Library and Information Science at IUPUI in Indianapolis. His academic interests included Scottish history, Reformation/Early modern European history, and rare books and special collections. After graduating from Wabash College, Eric earned a PhD at Edinburgh University (Scotland) and an M.L.S. at IUPUI.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers to please make a donation to your favorite charity in Erik's memory. If you don't have a favorite, he loved his dog Max to pieces; he loved working for IUPUI and teaching history; and, he was a huge coin collector and loved the study of numismatics.



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**Sue Petsche** lived in Wynnedale for two years from April 2017 to April 2019. She moved to Indianapolis from South Bend to live with her son Kevin Petsche of 2001 Wilshire Road after an illness and surgery. She was pleased to be included in our Wynnedale Directory. She moved back to South Bend earlier this year where she had raised her family and at age 83 she passed away on October 12, 2019. She was a lovely lady.

## Yelp Fermented Funk Test 2.0

by Robin Reagan

Yelp, a business directory service and crown-sourced review forum, hosted their second Fermented Funk Test at the Fitness Farm on Sunday, November 3rd. Free and open to the public, it was a chance to taste fermented beverages and bites from local business owners.

Having heard a lot about kombucha, but being a little cautious about purchasing something so odd sounding, I appreciated the no-risk opportunity to sample a variety of flavors. Tasting locally-made



varieties of sauerkraut and beer was an unexpected bonus. I look forward to eating the Metta Gardens' raw caraway sauerkraut with some grilled sausages, mustard and beer on a cold winter night.

The Fitness Farm also hosted garden tours, yoga and information on their community supported agriculture (CSA) program. It was a brisk, but sunny afternoon perfect for an outdoor event. Let's hope this can become an annual event.

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## Looking for a Home

by Robin Reagan

Looking for a home for a beautiful white, 5 month old kitten. She was lost or dumped near my daughters house and I have had her three weeks. No chip scanned and we have created posts on many lost animal web sites as well as notifying the Humane Society.

Before I take her there for adoption, I am going to try and find her a good home. We would like to keep her but already have four dogs. Too much.

Call if you would like to meet her, Sue Rice 317-919-9775.



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## Do You Have a College Student Graduating Soon?

by Linda Ranger

Governor Eric J. Holcomb has announced that applications will be accepted through February 28, 2020 for the 2020-2021 Governor's Fellowship.

The Governor's Fellowship is highly selective and provides a unique experience in Indiana state government by placing fellows in various state agencies on a rotating basis throughout the year.

"Our Governor's Fellows are such a valuable piece to our team," Gov. Holcomb said. "The wide range of assistance they provide over the course of their fellowship is key to serving Hoosiers in a timely and thorough manner."

The program is open to college graduates who receive their bachelor's degrees in either the fall 2019 or spring 2020.

Fellows are paid, full-time employees who participate in the day-to-day activities of state government.

Many Governor's Fellow participants have gone on to successful careers in both the public and private sectors — with some serving at the highest levels of local, state and federal government.

The application and submission guidelines can be found online at [www.in.gov/gov/fellowship.htm](http://www.in.gov/gov/fellowship.htm). To be eligible for consideration, the application and all supporting materials must be postmarked or submitted via email by February 28, 2020.

If you have questions about the fellowship, contact Jim Suess at the Governor's Office at [jsuess@gov.in.gov](mailto:jsuess@gov.in.gov).

# Help Prevent Illegal Dumping

by Robin Reagan

Have you noticed that illegal dumping has increased recently? By my last count there were at least 4 piles of yard debris and most recently a tossed tire along 42nd Street. Illegal dumping along Cold Spring Road has also been a problem in the past.

Please help prevent our neighborhood from becoming a trash dump. First, report illegal dumping at the Mayor Action Center 317-327-4622 or at <https://www.indy.gov/activity/report-illegal-dumping-and-junk>. Note where the garbage is located, and the violator's vehicle and license plate number, if you can. I once saw a person dumping debris on 42nd Street, but by the time I backed up to photograph his license plate, he was already making his getaway. The city will send an environmental officer to investigate. Fines can be up to \$2,500.

The Dept. of Public Works cleans up illegal dumping on public property. On private property, illegal dumping is either cleaned up by the property owner or a city-contracted vendor. Once the illegal dumping is reported, the property owner will receive an affidavit and notification letter from the city. The owner has 10 days from the date of the letter to remove the trash or sign an affidavit stating the trash was illegally dumped. If an affidavit is signed and the property meets certain requirements a city-contracted vendor will provide cleanup at no cost.

The broken windows theory of crime states that visible signs of crime and anti-social behavior create an environment that encourages further crime. We've seen this theory in action with one pile of debris leading to multiple piles, which is why it's important to get these illegal dumps removed.

Second, when you're out walking along 42nd Street, Cold Spring Road and in our neighborhood, bring a bag to pick up litter. While litter is different than dumping, keeping our streets litter-free signals that neighbors care and are watching.

Lastly, set an example! Demonstrate one of the many legal options the city offers for trash disposal. Did you know that you can place tires, without metal rims, in your trash can for regular trash pickup? You can also place two heavy trash items out for collection on heavy trash pickup day. Heavy trash items include household furniture, appliances without Freon, tires mounted on their rims/wheels, and yard waste. Bundled limbs 3 feet in diameter and 3 feet long count as one heavy trash item.

Dumping affects the White River and Crooked Creek's water quality, diminishes our home values and encourages other illegal activity. Let's all join together to keep our neighborhood clean and thriving.



Leaf collection by the city will begin November 11 and continue through December 6. You are allowed 40 bags per week.

# Love Cheese? Go to Tulip Tree Creamery!

by Robin Reagan

If you like cheese, then you must check out Tulip Tree Creamery on the northwest side for small batch, hand-crafted cheeses and cultured butters. They are hosting Thanksgiving and Christmas open houses so you can sample all their cheeses.

They have an array of soft cheeses like Trillium, a triple cream Brie-like cheese, to semi-soft such as Haymaids, an alpine-like cheese. Trillium just won a silver award at a world cheese competition in Italy! Their Hops cheese, each batch made with a different local beer, is a snacking cheese that sounds

like a unique gift for the beer-lovers in your life.



The open houses will also include food pairing and serving suggestions along with locally made jams and spreads to try with their cheeses. Both open houses are on Friday, from 10:00am-2:00pm, before the holidays: Nov. 22nd for Thanksgiving and Dec. 20th for Christmas. Tulip Tree is

located in an industrial park just north of 62nd Street on 6330 Corporate Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46278.

Fun, tasty and free!

# WYNNEDALE HISTORY

## One of Wynnedale's Historic Mid-Century Modern Homes

by Sue Rice-Wynnedale Historian

“Mid-century modern” is a difficult term to define. It broadly describes architecture, furniture, and graphic design from the middle of the 20th century (roughly 1933 to 1965, though some would argue the period is specifically limited to 1947 to 1957). The architecture featured flat roofs, angular details and asymmetrical profiles. Expansive walls of glass, clean lines and wide open floor plans were also hallmarks of this style. The house being written about in this article was built in 1956.

“Indianapolis Teacher Wins \$35,00 Home” was the headline of an article in the Indianapolis Star on September 23, 1955. Mrs. Gladys E. Freundt won a \$30,000 house and a \$5,000 lot of her choice in a contest sponsored by The Hotpoint Company, a manufacturer of electrical appliances. She wrote an essay to compete for one of four houses and other prizes which were given away. Gladys wrote one of the four best essays of 25 words or less and won the midwestern house. She chose the lot located at 2002 Wilshire Road (now the home of David and Lou Gordon). She also purchased the next lot at 2020 Wilshire Road (the home of Tom Maxam). Gladys was a business administration teacher at George Washington High School.

Though not part of the story, her brother Louis B. Ewbank served as an Indiana Supreme Court judge from 1920-1926.

Gladys entered other contests and in 1958 she won a beautiful watch from the Hamilton Watch Company.

Gladys never lived in the house on Wilshire Road and when construction was completed she sold it to Frank Powell. Frank walked into the house with only a suitcase. The house was fully furnished with furniture, pots and pans, towels, sheets, glasses, dishes, silverware and all appliances.

Frank was a barker at circuses and worked the State Fair circuit. He kept and trained young elephants in the big barn at St. Maur's on Michigan Road (now the property of Christel Dehaan) He later was the road manager for Count Basie, Duke Ellington, The Dorsey Brothers, Gene Krupa and Cab Calloway. Frank served in World War II and after returning home he entered the business of fund raising. He helped raise over 50 million dollars for children's charities. In 1981 Frank was appointed president of the Greater Indianapolis Republican Finance Committee.

He lived in Wynnedale 42 years with his wife Pat who he married later in life. Frank died in 1998

and Pat moved from Wynnedale in 1999. She lived in Indianapolis until she died in 2014.

David and Lou Gordon moved into this mid-century modern home on April 5, 2019 when the big blue North American moving van rolled up to unload their possessions from their previous home in Anaheim, California. Lou is a fine artist working in oils and a lover of mid-century modern design. We welcome them to Wynnedale.



Thomas A. Wynne, vice-president and treasurer of the Indianapolis Light and Heat Company, was arrested by motorcycleman Pressley, charged with violating the motor speed law. The officer says Wynne was driving in Indiana avenue at the rate of thirty miles an hour. The case was continued in police court.

Thomas A. Wynne, our founder, must have driven his car a little too fast as this newspaper article from May 7, 1912 reports.