

# Wynnedale News



*The Moore kids enjoyed a snow day with neighbors at the hill in front of the Spohn house.*

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# Pandemic Ponderings

by Jack Clarke

On New Year's Day, I was busy preparing two traditional New Year's meals: New England boiled dinner (corned beef, cabbage and other root veggies) and Hoppin' John (black-eyed peas and rice.) When I prepare single pot dishes, I breakout my old reliable cast iron cookware. I use them for the soups and stews that the Clarkes eat often. In this day and age of gaudy neon-colored cookware, made from space age materials (you know the ones, hawked by over-the-top T.V. barkers, vigorously swirling fried eggs around) we Clarkes are old school—Cast Iron!



I have a sizable collection of cast iron skillets, griddles, and lidded pots (Dutch ovens) that I've accumulated over the years. I keep them fairly neatly stacked in the garage ready for whenever the stew monster strikes. I fondly remember as a kid, single pot meals my family made. Dad favored chili and bean soups, and Mom made stews and pot roasts. In my bachelor days, single-pot meals were a way to stretch groceries between paychecks and save money for more important priorities. I remember my buddies and I clearing the fridge and cabinets into a pot and letting it simmer. We called it "Enthusiasm Stew" because everything went into it. Thank God for hot sauce!

When I was working, my job took me all over the country and as I cruised, I came across yard sales and flea markets where I found some classic cookware. Linda's mother, Freda, got a kick out of my collection and that I would haul a pot along on vacation so I could make gumbo or jambalaya. She found me some classic iron in southern Indiana – at a great price, I might add.



Nearly all of my stash was forged at the Griswold Foundry in Erie, Pennsylvania. Iron cookware can be identified by trademarks cast into the metal. Once, when I had to much time on my hands, I researched Griswold

on the Google Machine. It was a history lesson reflecting on American industrial development. The Griswold family started a foundry in Erie, in 1865, that made household items... from door hinges to cookware. It lasted until 1957, when it was absorbed by the Wagner Company, Wagner Ware. I have some Wagner skillets also. As best as I can tell, my pots date back to the period between 1939 til 1957. Some may date back to 1930. That's a lot of

stew, Folks!

Whenever I break one out, I not only remember all the meals that I've made in it, but wonder about all the years before I first fired it up. A pot that dates back possibly to the 30's could have sat on a lot of stoves: wood, coal, gas, electric or open fires at campsites. Of course, then you begin to wonder what has been in that pot. Soups, stews, bogs, burgoos, maque choux gumbo: There are so many names for so many meals. Imagine what could have simmered in one of the depression Era pots Linda's mom found for me in rural Southern Indiana: Wild game, yardbirds, even roadkill. Remember what I said about hot sauce! How many stocks have simmered on back burners? Don't get me started!



Hopefully this spring and summer, the pandemic will subside and life can be closer to normal. Wynnedale can return to its delightful neighborhood gatherings. On Labor Day, the Clarkes bring red beans, rice and cornbread to the pitch-in. And for the Chili Cook-off... well...what do you think?

Simmer on, Neighbors,  
Simmer on!



## Doggie Time!

For as long as the chickens aren't in residence at the Fitness Farm, everyone is invited to join Robin and Frank, with or without dogs, from 5:30-6:15 on the first Monday of the month for a drink and conversation!  
In the event of snow or rain, the doggy play date moves to the next (second) Monday.

# NEIGHBORS

## Wynnedale News Tidbits

submitted by Linda Ranger

Thank you **Josh Darring** for getting the Wynnedale Streets cleaned up before most of us were awake after the February 15-16th snow storm.

Our neighbor **Mrs. Debra Dukehart** of 2140 Paula Lane South Drive passed away on December 2, 2020. She and her husband Mike have lived in Wynnedale for seven years. She worked at Marian College for many years. She will be missed by her husband, son and his family, neighbors and friends.



**Debi & Charlie Fehrman** want to share a Valentine photo of their youngest grandchild, Sloane, who is nine months old. She was definitely their best Valentine!

**Benjamin Madrid's** new movie was bought by Lionsgate and is now available to watch on Amazon and other streaming services. It's called *No Place*. This is Benjamin's second film and he will be directing a third production starting this summer.



Benjamin also owns a school called Lumiere Academy which offers classes to people interested in acting professionally. Visit [LumierePacifica.com](http://LumierePacifica.com) for more information. Online classes are available.

Sal joined the Indy Premiere Travel team.

**Mike McBride** recently had some trees and brush removed. He recommends Maple Tree Service 317-454-3975. They do good work at a good price.

Holidays this last year were all a little different. We even had to practice social distancing while passing out treats on Halloween



but it was still a fun time for the Wynnedale kiddos. Here is a photo from the **Rangers** giving out the treats at the end of their driveway. Their grandkids stopped by for a quick visit so they could show off their costumes and get a treat.



On November 28th **Annika Schmoll** celebrated her 9th birthday with a parade from 1pm to 3pm. Friends and neighbors drove by and celebrated with Annika. Happy Birthday!!

Wynnedale residents **Cristina Talucci** and **Nick Samaro** got engaged on December 18th on Cristina's birthday at Newfields during Winterlights. Congratulations!



**David Vass** a fellow Wynnedalian, needs the help of a geek. David's request: "I had planned to travel my shows this year but with the pandemic, that won't happen and as they are both somewhat improvisational, streaming is not an option as they require live audiences. I need to create a website for my new play "Fluff Off (tales of a puddy with a potty mouth)", some updating to my existing website for my first play, and a complete redo of [davidvass.com](http://davidvass.com). I seek a geek (great play name, btw) who is either a senior citizen or a college student who is savvy with websites and does not blush as my material is Lenny Bruce-like. The pay is \$30 cash an hour and details can be requested by emailing me at [dvdavidvassdv@gmail.com](mailto:dvdavidvassdv@gmail.com) or calling my mobile 305-951-1188. I Hope all of my neighbors are in good health. I am so very grateful to live in a neighborhood where we have our own newsletter and historian – count your blessings, everyone! Oh, the gig also offers shots of a good bourbon for a job well done!"

Please note that David has a new email address. [dvdavidvassdv@gmail.com](mailto:dvdavidvassdv@gmail.com)

"Here is **Little Fluffy** (rap name Lil' Fluf) in what she calls her spacesuit. It took a little while and lots of catnip to get her used to it but mission successful and now she likes it! There are several companies that make cat backpacks and you can check them out on Amazon which cost between \$40-\$90 per backpack. As our puddy is a rescue and has no front claws, we are not comfortable letting her outside, but when the weather isn't too cold she really seems to enjoy neighborhood walks and looking at squirrels and other Wynnedale critters. It also has a three foot long mesh 'tunnel' that zips off one side and we can open that and put her on the grass if our backs need a rest. She calls that her 'picnic tunnel'. Our first try to get her out was a cat stroller with a mesh, zip-up front and



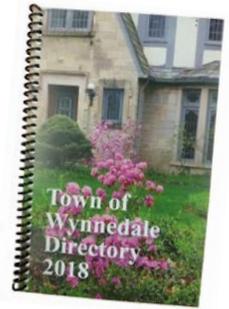
# NEIGHBORS

## Wynnedale News Tidbits Cont

she enjoyed being pushed around, but cars would slow down and say: “aw, is it a boy or a girl!” and when I said “it’s a cat” they’d give me the ‘fish-eye’ and speed away, which made me feel like the crazy cat man of Wynnedale combined with Rosemary’s Baby moments. Of course, traffic pays NO attention to the crazy man with a space helmet on his back with a cat in it! Ay, the things we do for our fur babies!”



Talking about Vass, SVP for both land programs and product development at Abercrombie & Kent Group of Destination Companies and winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award for Services to Cruising, 2021, Bond said: “This larger than life personality is standing down from his current position at the end of 2020. He has tirelessly served as a champion of cruise for almost four decades having spent ten years on ships in various roles, followed by a decade in senior executive positions for Sea Goddess, Seabourn, Cunard, Holland America, SeaDream Yacht Club and The World. For the last 17 years he has overseen and expanded globally the cruise land program and products for A&K Group.’



Extra copies of the 2018 Wynnedale directory are available. If you need one contact Sue Rice.

## New Wynnedale Neighbors

by Sandy Hudson

Emily and Matt Gilhooly met at a New Year’s Eve party in 2010. They were both dating others, but they reconnected a few years later. It’s still up for debate who was pursuing whom. Emily moved to Detroit for a few years of long distance dating but moved to downtown Indy in 2014.

Emily is from West Lafayette, IN. Matt is from Lake Zurich, IL (outside Chicago). They graduated from Purdue, where Emily studied Health and Human Family Sciences; Matt studied Building Construction Management.

They were married in Bristol, RI, in 2017 and lived in a little cottage in south Broad Ripple until they moved to 2130 Wynnedale in late October last year.

Their daughter Rowan is 3-and-a-half years old, “the epitome of a threenager!”

Their rescue mutt, Griffey, will be one in March. He was found with two broken legs and spent the first half of his life in casts so they’re now working on rehabbing his legs (and controlling his pent up energy).

Matt is Vice President of Operations at KCG Companies, a real estate development company. In his spare time he’s either out golfing or keeping himself busy with DIY projects around the house.



Emily has spent her career in non-profit, originally working for an outdoor arts and environment education organization in Detroit. She now works in marketing and graphic design for Hear Indiana, an organization that helps deaf and hard of hearing children learn to speak and hear. She was a swim instructor for 3-5-year olds for ten years and would be glad to help neighborhood pre-schoolers get acclimated to water this summer.

When looking for a larger home, the couple loved what became their Sears home, big lots, and the secret-oasis feel of Wynnedale. Emily said, “We are thrilled to be in a community where neighbors talk to one another and help each other. We’re looking forward to meeting more neighbors, spending time outside, checking out the fitness farm, and giving Rowan a real neighborhood kid experience with so many little friends nearby as she grows up.”

The daughter of parents who restored homes in the historic neighborhood where she grew up and started the neighborhood historic preservation committee, Emily is “especially excited to be a part of a place with such rich history!”

An outdoors family, the Gilhoolys anticipate growing their family in Wynnedale for years to come.

# We Want to Hear from all of Wynnedale

by Mary Beth Schneider  
President, Wynnedale Town Council

On the second Tuesday of every month, the Wynnedale Town Council meets to discuss ways to make this a better community. Lately, due to the pandemic, those meetings have taken place via Zoom, an online meeting site that allows us to discuss issues safely and allows all our neighbors to join us if they choose.

Few do.

Lately we have been discussing such things as adding a Little Library — possibly in the Bird Sanctuary, where people can borrow and drop off books for all ages at no

cost — and sealcoating our streets to help maintain them.

These are projects to benefit all of Wynnedale. And that's how we want you to think of our community. Not old or new, not north or south, but one town full of neighbors who appreciate each other and are working together to keep Wynnedale the lovely diverse community it is.

So please join us each month to share your views. Hopefully we will soon be able to meet in person again at the Fitness Farm, off of 44th Street. Until then, look for the Zoom invitation at [www.Wynnedale.org](http://www.Wynnedale.org).

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## Surface Water Drains

by Sue Rice

Where does the rain go? Wynnedale has many surface drains. Big ones and small ones. The largest drain measures 12 ½ feet by 3 feet and is located in the back yard of the home at 4344 Paula Lane E. Drive. The newly constructed huge new concrete culvert under 44th street carries an enormous amount of drainage water which flows for more than a mile from north of 44th St. into Wynnedale where it must go down this drain or houses will flood. The problem occurs when debris covers and blocks the drain. Some residents are capable and willing volunteers to keep



these drains clean and some are not able to do this job. Cleaning these drains is not the job or a requirement of the nearest homeowner.

A large drain at the corner of Paula Lane South Drive and Knollton is often blocked. To clean this drain debris must be raked off the opening and bagged for removal. Sticks and limbs must be picked up and removed. This usually

fills six or more bags with debris and limbs.

Two drains at 2291 Wynnedale Road are often covered with leaves and sticks and across the street at 2292 the drain must be watched for blockage. The drain at 4225 Roland Road is covered and blocked with most heavy rains. This results in Roland Road flooding for hours after the rain. This water will eventually cause deterioration of the road. The town council is working to resolve this problem. There are other small flat and beehive covered drains that should be kept clean throughout Wynnedale.



If you notice a drain near you that needs attention report this to any member of the Wynnedale Town Council. You can find our contact information in the directory.

Mary Beth Schneider, Joshua Smith, Andrew Hawickhorst, Sue Rice, Jarnell Craig, or Ann Hildner.



## Little Free Library

The Town Council discussed at the last meeting the idea of buying or building a "Little Free Library" to be installed in the bird sanctuary where everyone in Wynnedale could donate or borrow books. An example of one of the many styles and sizes available is pictured to the left.

Please contact any of the council members with your opinion or ideas. Mary Beth Schneider, Josh Smith, Jarnell B. Craig, Ann Hildner, Andy Hawickhorst, or Sue Rice. Contact information is in the directory.

# WYNNEDALE HISTORY

## The History of Wynnedale, IN

by Sue Rice-Wynnedale Historian

The Corporate lines of Wynnedale, Indiana stretch north to south from 44th Street to 42nd Street. The east boundary in the south section of Wynnedale is the middle of the White River. In the north section of Wynnedale the east boundary is the center of Knollton Road. The west boundary in the south section of Wynnedale is the west side of the lot at 2400 West 42nd Street. The west boundary in the north section of Wynnedale is the west side of the Fitness Farm lots at 2525 West 44th Street.

Thomas A. Wynne died on March 26, 1924. Later that same year the Wynne family platted a new subdivision and named it "Wynnedale". The plat was recorded November 5, 1924. Streets were built and new homes were constructed starting in 1926. There were already three older existing homes in the subdivision.

The subdivision called the Town of Wynnedale was 54.9 acres and was incorporated in 1939. Thomas A. Wynne owned almost all of the land that became the Wynnedale Subdivision. The final boundary of Wynnedale, Indiana was established in 1941 with the annexation of 51.7 additional acres. We are now 106.6 acres.

The Cold Spring Heights Subdivision was built in late 1969 thru the 1980's. This land was never owned by the Wynne family but is within the 1941 expansion of the corporate lines of Wynnedale, Indiana. The Wynnedale Subdivision and the Cold Spring Heights Subdivision make up the majority of the population of Wynnedale, Indiana.

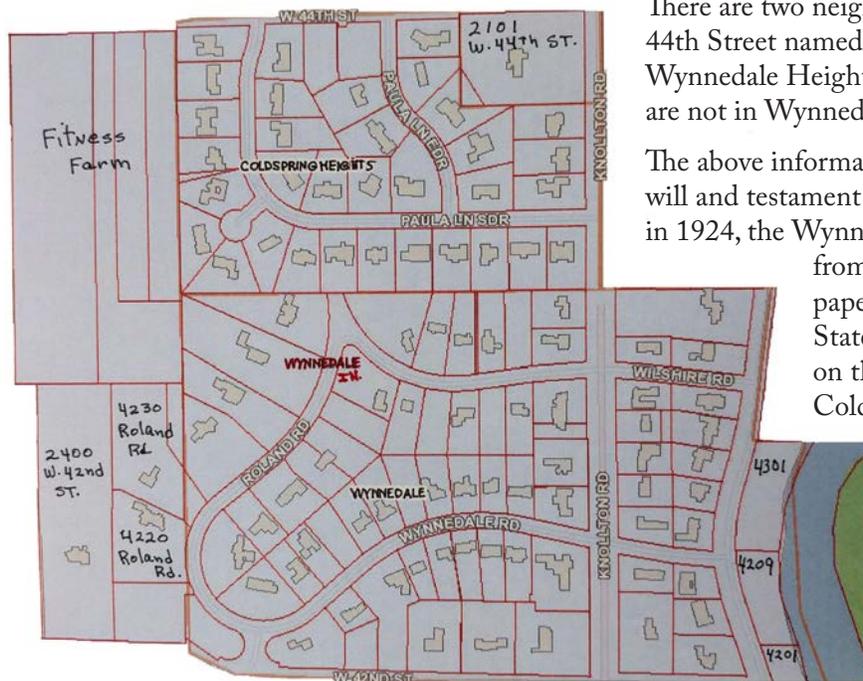
In 1970 several towns that existed outside the city of Indianapolis were incorporated into Unigov with the title of "included town" and some elected to retain some measure of autonomy. Wynnedale, IN. was one of these. We hold elections for Town Council and Clerk-Treasurer and perform various functions independent of the city of Indianapolis.

The Schiffler family (2101 West 44th Street) on the SW corner of West 44th Street and Knollton Road and the Fitness Farm lots are not in the Cold Spring Height Subdivision or the Wynnedale Subdivision but they are within the corporate boundaries of Wynnedale, Indiana. The home at 2400 West 42nd Street (Nancy Spohn home), 4230 Roland Road (Peacock home), and 4220 Roland Road (DeTrana home) were not in the original Wynnedale Subdivision but were included in Wynnedale, IN. with the 1941 expansion.

There are 35 lots with 33 homes in the Cold Spring Heights Subdivision. There are 79 numbered lots in the Wynnedale Subdivision plus Lots A (Jack Clarke), B (Chris Callahan), C (Terry Magid) and D (Sleepy Hollow and the Swift Cemetery). The other three lots mentioned above have no lot number. (Spohn, Peacock and DeTrana). Including these three in the number of homes there is total of 85 lots with some homeowners owning more than one lot. The total number of homes is 63 and adding Cold Spring Heights and 2101 W. 44th Street (Schiffler) the total number of homes in Wynnedale, IN is 97.

Three pieces of land from Cold Spring Road east to the White River are in Wynnedale, Indiana. One is owned by Richard Lindseth and two parcels are owned by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

When all of the pieces are assembled, we have Wynnedale, Indiana.



There are two neighborhoods north of 44th Street named Wynnedale Estates and Wynnedale Heights. These neighborhoods are not in Wynnedale, Indiana.

The above information came from the last will and testament of Thomas A. Wynne in 1924, the Wynnedale town description from the Incorporation papers of 1939, the Indiana State Archives information on the 1941 expansion, the Cold Spring Heights subdivision development, Map from <https://maps.indy.gov/MapIndy/> and from Marion County tax records.