

Wynnedale News



Linda and Jack Clarke, 4202 Cold Spring Road, hosted a whole family of bunnies in their yard to celebrate Easter.

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From Rose Balsara of 4270 Knollton Road.

I just want to sadly share that we are going to be moving very soon and have put the house on the market. Karl has accepted a position in Oklahoma City. We have absolutely loved being part of this neighborhood and community. Everyone has been so wonderful and kind these last four years. We couldn't imagine a better place to spend the pandemic/life in general in.....Wynnedale is a little slice of heaven and whoever is lucky enough to own our home next is in for a treat. Great neighbors who genuinely care and look out for one another are invaluable. We can only hope that the next neighborhood we live in has even a fraction of Wynnedale's graciousness and goodwill. We would like to take this opportunity to give everyone our sincerest and humblest thanks for making this home/neighborhood feel like, well, HOME. Thank you from the very bottom of our hearts. I can say with certainty that we will look back upon our time here with many fond and happy memories. We wish everyone the very best and hope one day our paths will cross again....because in life, you just never know where the path will lead.

All our love and best wishes, Rose, Karl, Cyrus and Zarina Balsara

Welcome our New Neighbors

by Charlotte Talley

Meet **Gavin Rose and Millie Linderson**. They are the new owners of a house on Paula Lane. They moved to Wynnedale in January, 2019. Both have lived in Indianapolis for a long time. Gavin is originally from San Francisco.

They have five dogs, two mutts-Charlie and Hayley, a pit bull, Breaky, and two labs, Hank and Ruthie.

Gavin works for a local non profit and Millie is a registered nurse at Eskenazi Health.

Gavin is an avid runner and enjoys playing tennis and soccer on local recreation teams. Millie serves as Vice President for a local Labrador rescue organization. They are enjoying the beautiful neighborhood and hope to meet more neighbors.

Don Livers was a wonderful, thoughtful and helpful neighbor. Many of us who lived on Hidden Orchard Lane wondered who would move in when Don left. Well, we don't have to wonder any more.

Meet **Didler Chinchilla, Kimberly Cifuentes** and their daughter **Guadalupe Chinchilla**. Guadalupe is eight years old. The family are proud owners of two cats. Luna (a fat grey and yellow kitty) and Rocky (grey with white fringes).

Prior to moving to Wynnedale, this family lived on the west side of the city near 465 and 38th.

Didier is an Electromechanical Engineer (Solar Energy Expert). Kimberly is an Environmental Engineer with a cleaning service company.

The family loves to bike and enjoy most sports.

They love our peaceful neighborhood and the fact they're in the city but it feels like living in the countryside.

The Chinchilla family are new American citizens. They are looking forward to meeting others in Wynnedale and participating in various neighborhood activities. They're also available to help with any kind of neighborhood environmental needs.

Didier and his wife are building a company that are providing electrical and cleaning services. They welcome any neighbors contacting them for further information.



We Say Goodbye



Mark Weir, 4265 Knollton Road, passed away Sunday, April 3rd surrounded by his family.

Mark was a man with many interests and passions. He loved traveling with his wife, Marilyn McCombs, frequenting national parks, historic sites, and most importantly baseball games. Mark was a romantic baseball lover, and he and Marilyn visited all 30 major league baseball parks over the years. He taught his son Wesley how to play the game and coached his baseball teams up until high school. Mark was a nature enthusiast, enjoying walks with Marilyn at Eagle Creek Park and Newfields in Indianapolis and sunset beach walks near their home in Fort Myers, FL. He had an appreciation for the arts as a member of the Indianapolis Museum of Art and Eiteljorg Museum, and enjoyed attending Indianapolis Repertory Theatre and

Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra performances among others, over the years. Dinner at The Jazz Kitchen with friends and family was always a highlight.

During Mark's career in Finance and Non Profit in Indianapolis, he was an active volunteer in his community. He served on the boards of Training Inc. and College Mentors for Kids while actively participating in their programs. As a member of Rotary Club of Indianapolis, he worked with the Rotary Foundation Scholarship program, which sponsored several students in graduate programs overseas. He was a proud designee as a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International.

Mark was a 1964 graduate of Indiana University High School in Bloomington, Indiana. He received a BS in Business from Indiana University and was especially proud of the MS in Adult Education he earned from Indiana University as an adult student. He served as an Intelligence Analyst with the U.S. Army in Fort Holabird, MD.

NEIGHBORS

Wynnedale News Tidbits

submitted by Linda Ranger



Janet Gibson has adopted a new dog. He is friendly, loving and sleeps in the bed with her every night. His name is Chico. You can meet him as they walk around the esplanade.



Rowan Gilhooly is enjoying the rainy day results of a warm spring day in Wynnedale.

We just want to post that **Eli Hartstock** completed the Safe Sitter course earlier this year and is available for babysitting. Eli is finishing up seventh grade at Orchard School at the end of this month.



It is finished! 150" wing span, 40 pounds, a year and a half in the making. **Tom Maxam** has completed his project. It is a 46% scale model of a popular home built aircraft for one person.

The kit he built is from Schlundt Modebau in Germany. The engine is a Moki 7 cylinder radial of 250 cc displacement from the Czech republic. The plane is radio controlled. Tom flies it at a club flying field with a 700 foot runway on a farm south of Sheridan. The club has 28 members and Tom is the president.



Mike McBride and his family were honored to serve as the Auction Team for the Pike Township Education Foundation's "Treasures for Education" fundraiser in March. They raised over \$30,000 for Education programs!

Please join **Frank Messina and Robin Reagan** in celebrating **Juliana Messina's** graduation with honors from Scripps College! Despite spending part of her sophomore year and her entire junior year attending college remotely, Juliana maintained a full course load and achieved the Dean's List every semester. In addition, she will be inducted into the history honor society, Phi Alpha Theta. After completing a major in history and a minor in biology, Juliana is seeking a law-related job for the coming year during which time she

plans to study for and take the law school admissions exam. Her goal is to begin law school in 2023. To all our Wynnedale lawyers and others with legal training, any advice, coaching or introductions to possible jobs are welcome.

After nearly 30 years **Matt Middaugh** has retired as President of Bright Ideas in Broad Ripple effective 12/31/21. We wish him and his wife Cathy a happy retirement.

Sarah Middaugh graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Industrial Engineering and a Spanish for the Professions minor. She begins her career at Republic Airlines this summer and we wish her well!

Zane Middaugh will be spending a Purdue summer session in Madrid, Spain. His studies there will enable him to add a minor in Spanish to his Electrical Engineering/Computer Engineering degree expected in 2024. Safe travels!

Bruce & Linda Ranger drove to Colorado to visit a friend the last week of April and they were concerned how brown everything was due to lack of rainfall. Very scary times in much of the West with the high winds and desert like conditions from the threat of wildfires. Water levels were very low in the rivers. It was a pleasure getting back home to their lush green landscape.

Millie and Gavin Rose are now the proud parents of **Calliope Rose**. She was born December 16, 2021. Calliope weighed 8 lbs 13 oz and was 19 and 3/4 inches long. She is enjoying her first Spring in Wynnedale and loves to look at the trees while on her stroller walks. Callie has three fur siblings that she loves dearly.



A reminder to slow down! Please Wynnedaleans drive slow on the streets in Wynnedale. Our streets are great for walking, biking and running. Especially now that we have more and more young children learning to ride bikes and running around, it would be great if we can all be a little extra careful.

Celebrating Katie

by Sandy Hutson

Katie Johnston, my 37-year old daughter went, as I prefer to think, somewhere over the rainbow on March 7. Some of the best times we had in Wynnedale were walking around in the spring while I pointed out the few names of trees, bushes, and flowers I knew. I especially enjoyed sharing the names of wildflowers in Sleepy Hollow with Katie, and I planted forget me not seeds there on Mother's Day.

Two days after Katie's Celebration of Life on May 12th, I planted more forget me not seeds and wildflower bulbs called Seedles up in the hill by the three graves, which intrigued her.

Seedles are rainbow bright balls of compost and wildflower seeds that add fun and vibrant colors to your neighborhood while benefiting local pollinators. - planttherainbow.com. There are plenty of seeds and Seedles left over if anyone would like some. Just let me know at slh061948@aol.com.

Traffic on Cold Spring Update

by Anne Hildner

I spoke with Jill Palmer, a traffic engineer with Indianapolis Department of Public Works about our speeding and property damage issues on Cold Spring Road.

Here is a summary of our discussion:

She agreed with me that speed bumps would be a hazard for speeding cars. Rumble strips are possible, but in her experience neighbors complain about the noise. I am following up on that to see if that is still a possibility.

I asked her about installing a stop sign at Wilshire. Stop signs can only be installed at the intersection of collector streets, so that would have to be at 44th Street. However, as per the Feds, stop signs are not supposed to be used as traffic calming devices.

She said in Marion County there has been a 30% increase in speeding related incidents over the past several years. Numerous other neighborhoods are contacting her with complaints similar to ours. Because of record breaking murders, enforcement is focused on that as opposed to monitoring speeding.

She had her crew check our signage to see if it is adequate and apparently there is a new "curve" sign near Wilshire. We can put signs of any kind on our own properties.

There is a bill in the state legislature regarding the installation of technology (cameras and speed data collectors). These would be installed in school zones. Apparently IMPD is opposed to this tech bill.

The Bulldog Jog

by Sue Rice

The Bulldog Jog was on Saturday, April 23, 2022 between 8:30 to 9:30 am. The Indy Runners and Walkers of Butler University organized and participated in their annual 15K and 5K run/walk, and the one mile dog walk. The 15K runners participants traveled through Wynnedale as many residents watched and cheered them on. This is the first time the route has run through Wynnedale. One of the organizers and member of the Indy Runners, Rose Scovel said "It was a great day for us to see so many along the runner's course."



Butler alumni, Andrew and Emily Hawickhorst along with their boys Webb and Hugh, cheered on the runners.



Home Pool Safety

by Robin Reagan

Wynnedale has a number of home pools which create beautiful environments offering years of fun and activity for families. However, they can also be a significant threat to children. According to the American Red Cross, most drowning incidents involving children between the ages of 1 and 4 years take place in home swimming pools. Many of these incidents happen very suddenly, about 5 minutes or less after the child goes missing, and while the parents are at home.

Robin Reagan, a certified aquatics instructor, and pool homeowner is willing to lead a short, 30 minute course on home pool safety this summer for Wynnedale adults with a pool time afterwards for participants and their families. If you are interested in learning the steps necessary to keep family and guests safe at a home pool (or apartment complex), what equipment should be on hand, and how to perform a water rescue safely, please email Robin at robin-reagan3@gmail.com.

Encyclopedic Museum

by Sue Rice

The Indianapolis Museum of Art is an encyclopedic art museum located at Newfields, a 152-acre campus just across the river from Wynnedale. Free admission to all guests for the entire day is offered on the first Thursday of each month. Call for tickets 317-923-1331 and they email them to you immediately. It is a busy day with school classes attending but it never feels crowded.

The gift shop is beautiful and the outdoor gardens are delightful. **Janet Gibson and Sue Rice** visited on the first Thursday in April.



From Wikipedia the meaning of Encyclopedic museum: Encyclopedic museums are large, mostly national, institutions that offer visitors an abundance of information on a variety of subjects that tell both local and global stories. The aim of encyclopedic museums is to provide examples of each classification available for a field of knowledge. “When 3% of the world’s population, or nearly 200 million people, living outside the country of their birth, encyclopedic museums play an especially important role in the building of civil society. They encourage curiosity about the world.”

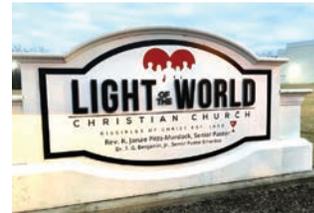
Call Ahead when Traveling

by Robin Reagan

As everyone begins to travel again, Robin Reagan offers advice based on a recent trip to Washington, DC: your phone is now your best friend!

COVID precautions and opening times are changing so frequently that on-line resources don’t always reflect the most current information. In some cases, capacity restrictions completely precluded a visit. For example, the popular National African-American Museum’s tickets are completely gone for July and less than a week’s worth of days are available to reserve in May and June. The National Zoo has less than a week’s availability for tickets in June. Meanwhile, other museums like the National Gallery and National Museum of Natural History don’t require any passes.

Robin found that it was safest to call and confirm times and requirements to avoid delays or having to change plans on short notice. If you’re travelling this summer, indoor attractions may require much further advance planning to ensure you can visit. Happy trails!



New Senior Pastor at Light of the World

by Charlotte Talley

On March 6, 2022, Light of the World Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) recently installed their sixth Senior Pastor and first female Senior Pastor in the church’s 154 year history. Light of the World Christian Church is located at 4646 Michigan Road.

Pastor R. Janae Pitts Murdock is a native of Detroit, Michigan. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication Studies, Carnegie Mellon University, a Master of Science degree in Public Policy & Management, Unit Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree, and University of Memphis with a Master of Business Administration.



Pastor Janae served in the U.S. Department of the Army as a U.S. Presidential Management Intern and later as a Logistics Management Specialist.

Pastor Janae has also served as Lead Pastor at Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Memphis, Tennessee. She is a candidate for the Doctor of Philosophy in African American Preaching and Sacred Rhetoric at Christian Theological Seminary

Pastor Janae is married to Dr. Jeffery Allen Murdock and they have two sons.

Light of the World congregation is looking forward to church growth and expanding community relationships under the leadership of their new minister, Pastor Janae Pitts Murdock.

WYNNEDALE HISTORY

Notable Wynnedale Neighbors

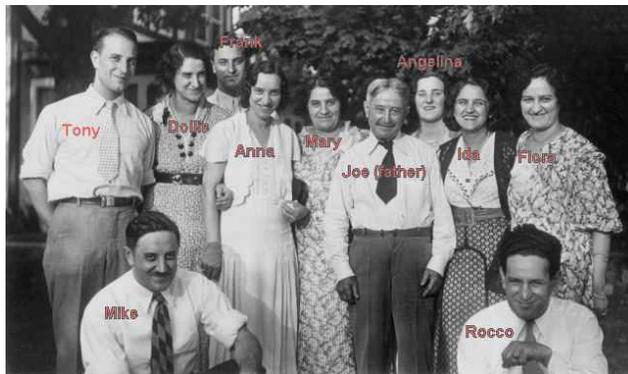
by Sue Rice-Wynnedale Historian



Frank and Vickie Lobraico built their home at 4230 Roland Road in 1940 (now the home of Munro and Farideh Peacock.) They lived in Wynnedale for 47 years.

Frank's father Joseph Lobraico came to America from Laurenzana, Italy as a child of 13 as an indentured immigrant. He operated a fruit and confectionary business downtown on Illinois Street. Joseph and his wife Mary were the parents of 10 children.

In 1925 Frank graduated from the Butler University College of Pharmacy. Frank had eight registered pharmacists in his family. He bought his first pharmacy from his brother Mike who was also a pharmacist. The business was located at 12th and West Street near Crispus Attucks High School. In 1934 he bought the Clifton Pharmacy located at 34th Street and Clifton Street. Frank owned the business for 37 years and retired in 1971.



At one time he was president of The Indianapolis Association of Retail Druggist, Indiana Pharmaceutical Association and the National Association of Retail Druggist.

In 1951 Frank and three friends left Indianapolis on a fishing trip to Spooner, Wisconsin. They were flagged down in Northern Wisconsin by a husband whose wife was ready

to give birth while driving to the hospital. Frank jumped out of his car and told the couple not to worry because he was traveling with three doctors and one was an obstetrician. Dr. Albert Donato delivered the baby with help from his friends. With no complications, the new family went on their way to the hospital. The couple named their son Albert.

Frank's brother Mike was the owner of Lobraico's Drug Store in Broad Ripple at 902 Westfield Boulevard. Mike bought his store in 1925 and he and his family operated it until it closed in 1990.

Vickie and Frank and their two girls were active at the Highland Country Club. Frank was on the board of directors and in 1967 he was membership chairman. Vickie played golf and helped organize many social functions at the club. Vickie was also a member of St. Vincent's Hospital Guild.

Frank and Vickie traveled for two months in 1958 visiting England, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, and Portugal. One of the highlights of the trip was an audience with Pope Pius XII in Castel Gandolfo, his summer home.

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The Frank A. Lobraico Scholarship Fund was established by Butler University in memory of Frank. The scholarship, based on merit, is awarded to a third-year student in the College of Pharmacy.

Thomas A. Wynne

Pergola

Terry and Julie Magid are having restoration work done on the pergola in front of their home. This structure was built by Thomas A. Wynne about 1920. This is a picture of him under the pergola between 1920 and 1924. He passed away early 1924.

