

Windridge Neighborhood News



Welcome To Your Quarterly Windridge Newsletter January, 2022

A new year is an exciting time. It's the start of new beginnings, fresh ideas, and moving forward. Sometimes it's just the anticipation of totally starting over. We think everyone will agree it's a relief to have 2021 in the rear-view mirror with hopes of a much better 2022.

Over the past several weeks the newsletter team has been gathering information to share with all of you. Our goal is to provide articles that will be interesting, informative, and fun. Members of the newsletter team include Stephanie Denson, Beth Dawson, Cheryl Coleman-Bell, Rosemary Spalding and Mary Ellen Stahl. If you are interested in joining the newsletter team, contact Mary Ellen at maryellenstahl@bellsouth.net.

We would like to begin the year with recognizing our outstanding Property Management and Maintenance team. The results of their hard work and unending efforts make our neighborhood what it is today, a beautiful and desirable area to reside. We are fortunate to have this group of talented individuals as part of the Windridge family.



Doug Beyers, Property Manager

Doug is responsible for addressing the operational and maintenance needs of the Windridge Co-Owners Association. He oversees unit exteriors, common ground, and major infrastructure. He oversees the work of staff, assigns their duties, solicits bids for major projects, oversees completed Association-hired vendor work, monitors expenditures, prepares the draft budget for annual review, helps ensure that owners abide by Association Rules and Regulations, and 371 other duties.

Doug has been with Windridge since July 2010 and came to this position after several years with his own home inspection firm. We are indeed fortunate to have him on board and on site.



RENEE' MICHAEL, OFFICE MANAGER

Renee' comes to Windridge with many years of experience in office management. She has been a part of the Windridge staff since February of 2018. She is responsible for running the front office. Her responsibilities include office communications, fielding owners' questions, responding to requests, preparing and processing all invoices and billing financials. She also manages and maintains the Windridge Co-Owners Association website. Renee' is usually the first person you are likely to see upon entering the Windridge office. If you watch Renee' for any 15-minute period, you will discover just how many details she must attend to on a daily basis. Multi-tasking is something that is second nature to her. She also finds time to dispense treats to four legged visitors and enjoys interacting with her furry Windridge friends.

EFRAIN ROMO, MAINTENANCE STAFF

Efrain has been a part of the Windridge staff since March 2010. He is an integral part of virtually every maintenance and repair project undertaken by the staff. After more than a decade at Windridge, his experience and knowledge are almost irreplaceable. His vast knowledge with the owner units and the overall Windridge property helps the maintenance staff continue to provide optimal service. Efrain is also owner and operator of his family lawn care business; his knowledge in landscaping is most beneficial to the beautification of Windridge.



SABDIEL ROMO, MAINTENANCE STAFF

On any given day, you will see Sabdiel out and about in the community. If there is an Association-responsible repair issue with your unit, it is likely that he will be involved at some point. Sabdiel is a full-time member of the Windridge Staff as of December 2021. Sabdiel comes with many maintenance talents and experience working for his family's landscaping company; he is an asset in keeping Windridge well maintained and beautiful. Sabdiel is the first to jump in and help; he will do whatever needs to be done and he will do it with a wonderful sense of ownership.

AARON KARR, MAINTENANCE STAFF

A native of Anderson, Aaron has been a full time Windridge employee since January 2020. At present, he is attending Ivy Tech while working full time for Windridge. Obviously, he is one busy individual, but he always puts 100% into his work and efforts here at Windridge. Aaron continues to learn and grow in the knowledge of what it takes to serve Windridge in the area of general unit and property maintenance, carpentry and oversight. Aaron takes pride in his work and is an asset to the Windridge staff. We are delighted to have him and look forward to his continued contributions to Windridge.





LOOK WHAT'S NEW IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

BOOKS IN THE WOODS. A big thank you goes out to a special group of volunteers who created our very own lending library, "Books in the Woods." This library benefits everyone who loves to read and share their books with



others. The talents of this group are evident by bringing their idea to fruition. We are very fortunate to have so many of our neighbors and friends (yes, Doug Beyers, that's you) who volunteered to design, construct, paint and place this beautiful book box that we see every day. Volunteers involved in this project were Rosanne Taylor, Ed Ripperger, Maribeth Ransel, Judy Gray Dinnin, Mick Keppler, Marilyn Kuhn, Karen Layton, Steve Taylor and artist Elaine Kleifgen.

BACK HOME AGAIN . . . IN WINDRIDGE

by Rosemary Glass Spalding

If you are familiar with the history of Windridge on our [website](#), you have read about The Ladywood School, which used to be at Laurel Hall. I attended Ladywood, graduating in 1968. Sister Helen Jean, my favorite teacher, was a scientist and cheerleader for all living things. Our beautiful campus on Fall Creek was her perfect classroom. When I took her biology class, the sisters were still wearing the full habit. I can vividly see Sister Helen Jean slogging down the creek in her waders – long full skirt hiked up and tucked in her belt so she looked like she was wearing pantaloons, veil tied back like a ponytail and sleeves rolled up above her elbows. Her excitement at finding all kinds of creatures in and around the water, under rocks and in the muck, was contagious. When we were about to dissect frogs one day, Sister Helen Jean's reverence for the amphibians being sacrificed in the interest of our education spoke to us of her respect for all life. Indeed, Sister Helen Jean helped me discern my calling to protect our environment, which led to my 35-year legal career practicing environmental law.



Fast forward to 2018. After living for three decades in the beautiful, wooded neighborhood of Irvington, where our backyard was a Certified Wildlife Habitat and we had a 30-year-old compost pile, we decided it was time to downsize. We wanted the condo lifestyle, but we didn't want a cookie-cutter condo in a development devoid of trees and dominated by manicured lawns. When we discovered Windridge, we were elated. As we drove in the gate and along Windridge Drive, I was transported back to Ladywood, where I had driven the same road for four years. That drive evoked a feeling of coming home after a long absence.

We are so grateful to be here among neighbors who share our appreciation of the natural environs, including the wildlife we enjoy seeing every day. It occurred to me that others also might share our desire to live sustainably, continuing to improve stewardship of the environment in our own community. If this resonates with you, please contact me at rgspalding50@gmail.com. I would love to share ideas that we can include in future newsletters, as well as ideas we might be able to implement here in Windridge – our home.

Windridge Community Activity Update

The pandemic put a cold freeze on social activities at Windridge and everywhere else. Neighbors who moved here since March 2020 have never experienced the warmth of a First Friday Social or the fun of a game gathering. Some of our groups have rebounded, but others are still pending safer socializing (and a few have disbanded for various reasons). Here's an update on current social activities at Windridge:

Cheap Eats: On the last Friday of each month a Windridge group goes out to lunch to enjoy social time together. Good food, good conversation, not much money – a great combination! For more information contact Judy Eckerson at judy8@att.net.

Mah Jongg Club: An enthusiastic group of Mah Jongg players meets each Tuesday at 1:00. Players of all levels (including beginners) are welcome. For more information contact Roseanne Taylor (317-974-9936), Marilyn Mart (317-542-1186) or Betsy Van Horn (414-791-4050).

Bridge Club: There is one women's bridge group that meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 12:30. Interested players may contact Elle Keppler at elckeppler@icloud.com.

Book Club: The Page Turner Book Club meets on the second Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. and is open to new members. Contact Susie McAllister (317-902-7147) or Kathleen Roman (317-586-1058) for more information.

Yoga: If you'd like to join Elle Hugar Laker for Zoom Chair Yoga on Wednesday mornings at 10:00, please email her at elle.louise@ymail.com. All are welcome! Elle has taught yoga for 20 years and her chair yoga classes focus on breathing along with gentle movements, with a guided relaxation at the end of class.

Dine Around: For more than 20 years Dine Around has brought together small groups for shared meals – a great way to get to know neighbors. We assign organized groups twice a year and each group has six months to complete four dinners. The host provides an entrée and others bring appetizers, salad and dessert; with each subsequent meeting, course responsibility and the host rotate. Couples and singles are welcome. We hope to restart Dine Around in the Spring. If you are interested in participating, please contact Elle Keppler (elckeppler@icloud.com) or Ginny Hacker (ginny.hacker@gmail.com).

First Friday Social: For years Windridge owners have met on the first Friday of most months for early evening social time. This well-attended activity provides owners the chance to visit neighbors' unique homes, share yummy appetizers, and get to know each other. When we can feel more confident gathering, we hope to restart this activity. However, we are seeking a new coordinator to keep track of the email list, coordinate monthly hosts (April-December), and send out reminders. If you're interested in being involved, please contact Stephanie Denson at sdwdenson@gmail.com.

Update from the 2021 Neighborhood Survey

We had a rousing response to the 2021 neighborhood survey from the Board of Directors, with 54% of owners responding (mostly online). Thank you! Clearly many of you are still interested in engaging in various social activities in the neighborhood, which are highlighted elsewhere in this newsletter. You also shared keen interest in a neighborhood newsletter, and your ideas will help guide our newsletter team; watch for condo care tips, neighborhood updates, Millersville area news and more in this quarterly newsletter. In addition, many of you offered ideas for neighborhood property and landscape enhancements; these were shared with the Landscape Committee and the Property Manager, as appropriate.

Your Board of Directors is always interested in your feedback and suggestions; please feel free to attend the monthly meeting or reach out to a Board member at your convenience. We encourage all owners to stay abreast of Windridge news by reading monthly Board meeting minutes, emails from the office, landscape and safety newsletters, and other occasional communications. More information is available on the Windridge [website](#). We appreciate your involvement in and care for our neighborhood.