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# Windsor Park Wire

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News and Notes for Residents and Businesses

January 2011

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## Calendar:

**Thursday, Jan 20th**  
IMPD East District Task  
Force, 2:00PM, East  
District Office.

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WPNA Meeting, 6:00PM,  
Spades Park Library.  
6-6:30—Neighborhood  
updates  
6:30-7:15—Committee  
meeting breakout  
sessions—Come and share  
your ideas! Committee  
membership not required  
to participate.  
7:15-7:45—Guest  
speaker: Amy Shackelford,  
Indy Library Citizens  
Coalition. Update on  
progress on libraries.

**Thursday, Feb 17th:**  
WPNA Meeting, 6:00PM,  
Spades Park Library.  
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updates  
6:30-7:15—Committee  
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7:15-7:45—Guest speaker  
Annie Kern, IMPD East  
Dist. Crime Watch  
Coordinator.

## NEW, DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP FOR WINDSOR PARK NEIGHBORHOOD

At the Windsor Park Neighborhood Association annual meeting held November 18, a new set of officers were elected, along with chairmen for each of the committees called for in the bylaws. This is the first time in many years when all of the committees have a chairperson, so this will be a productive year.

The new President is Sarah Battista. Sarah and her husband Marvin Brinson are new to the neighborhood and are essentially rebuilding the house at 1250 N State St. She works for the State Health Dept as a health educator. Sarah comes to the WPNA with several years experience in other community service and volunteer organizations. She encourages everyone to get involved to whatever extent they are able—even one day of volunteering at a neighborhood clean-up or coming to one neighborhood event helps build our community and improve our neighborhood!

Cheryl (Cheri) Gustin was elected Vice-President. Cheri has owned property in the area for five years. Last year, Cheri did an excellent job as the association's secretary. She continues to serve the neighborhood with dedication and brings her years of experience and skills in marketing to several projects that will help brand our neighborhood and bring it much deserved attention in our city.

Our new secretary, Martha Latta lives at 1236 Windsor with her husband Mark, our Health and Safety Chairperson. They too, are relatively new to the neighborhood. Martha has her own business and teaches at Ivy Tech community college. She was instrumental in many of the efforts to fight the closure of several Indianapolis-Marion County Public Libraries this past summer. She brings great energy and new ideas to the WPNA for 2011.

Martin Morris is serving a third term as Treasurer. Martin and his wife, Kris, live at 2117 Nowland Avenue. His experience in the banking industry is a valuable resource to our association and we appreciate his continued service.



Planning session for 2011, pictured (left to right) are Cheri Gustin (VP), Sarah Battista (Pres) and Martha Latta (Sec).



### **Meetings:**

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at the Spades Park Library, second floor.

6-6:30—Updates

6:30-7:30—Committee meetings

7:30-8—Guest speaker

### **Officers:**

**Sarah Battista**

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Secretary

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**Martin Morris**

Treasurer

### **Committee Chairs:**

#### **Health & Safety**

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## **WINDSOR PARK ALERT SYSTEM**

Windsor Park is in Beat 21 of IMPD East District. Beat 21 extends from I65/I70, to Sherman Dr., and from 10th St to Brookside Pkwy, S Dr. At best, this 1 1/4 sq. mi. area is covered by two police officers. Obviously, this leaves plenty of opportunities for crime to occur in our area. Most burglaries and larcenies go unsolved because thieves flee and seldom leave clues behind. Our new Chairman of the Health and Safety Committee, Mark Latta, has come up with an ingenious plan to create a text message-based system to enhance the Crime Watch Program for the neighborhood. Neighbors who participate are encouraged to send alerts and keep watch when crimes occur.

Using this technology to supplement local crime watch efforts will allow immediate response to emergencies. Other NESCO leaders are interested in seeing how we get this to work so they can try it in their neighborhood.

To learn more about the system and become part of it, come to the meeting Jan 20 OR email Mark Latta at [mark@standardrecording.com](mailto:mark@standardrecording.com).

## **LOOKING AHEAD TO 2011**

Your new WPNA officers have several ideas for the upcoming year. Additional ideas, comments, and suggestions from Windsor Park residents are always welcome. Our goals are always based on making this neighborhood great!

- Windsor Park website
- Neighborhood Crime Watch efforts
- Addressing problem properties with local agencies
- Neighborhood cleanups & maintaining neighborhood gardens
- Updating WPNA Bylaws
- Neighborhood social events

## **DECEMBER'S HOLIDAY PARTY**

**Food, fellowship and prizes make for a fun time to end the year.**

The December WPNA meeting is always our holiday party, celebrating Chanukah, Christmas, Kwanza, the New Year and any other celebrations that occur in the month of December. Featuring delicious food, a white elephant gift exchange and a drawing for door prizes, a great time was had by all.

Jerry Craney, Indianapolis Repertory Theater, donated a voucher for two tickets to attend any IRT production. Windsor Park resident, Chris Frick, works at the downtown Palomino restaurant and donated a \$25 gift certificate for dinner and a coupon for two lunches.

Joe Werle, who owns properties on Newman, won the \$25 gift certificate, the lunch coupons went to Martha Latta and Cheri Gustin won the two tickets to the IRT performances. Cheri doesn't have to worry about attending the plays alone. She immediately had several offers from others at the party to go with her.