



# NEWSLETTER

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## October Meeting: Bob the Bat Man

GOING BATS ([goingbats.org](http://goingbats.org)) is a rehabilitation residence for injured or displaced bats. Bats found by the public, whether injured or simply in the wrong place, are treated and cared for until they may be safely released. Now in our ninth year of operation, we have received 880 bats with an additional 102 born in captivity. To date over 710 bats have been returned to the wild. We aid homeowners by rescuing any errant bats and provide suggestions on how to exclude or encourage bats. Additionally, about 50 presentations about bats are made annually to schools, garden and nature clubs and other groups in NE Indiana. There is no charge for any of our activities.

GOING BATS is located in rural Allen County, Indiana, north of Ft Wayne. The facilities consist of a bat room, once the dining room of our 19th century brick farmhouse, and a flight pen in a bank barn which also houses a nursery colony of wild bats. Ann Walton, a retired special education teacher, and Bob Walton, a retired electrical engineer, are the main rehabilitators. In addition to a very caring veterinarian, a number of other volunteers pitch in to allow some vacation time. Karen Silvers, a new rehabber has been trained to provide additional support. **Meeting October 29th at 7pm at Simpson United**

## Halloween

Halloween is coming up, what are you going to be dressed up as? Whatever it is, show up to the October Neighborhood meeting in costume for a short Costume Parade! Adults feel free to join in too! We will have treats for the kids! Some reminders about Halloween this year:

Halloween is **Thursday, October 31st**

Trick-or-Treat hours will be from **5:30p-7:30p** (this is a change from 6:00p-8:00p in the past)

Only houses with porch lights turned on are to be visited by trick-or-treaters

Teal Pumpkins means that the house has non-food items available

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## Neighborhood Budget

Everyone loves talking about money, right? Well join us as we review the proposed Williams Woodland Park budget for 2020 at the October Neighborhood Association! This is just a review of the proposed budget. The actual budget will be adopted at the November meeting.

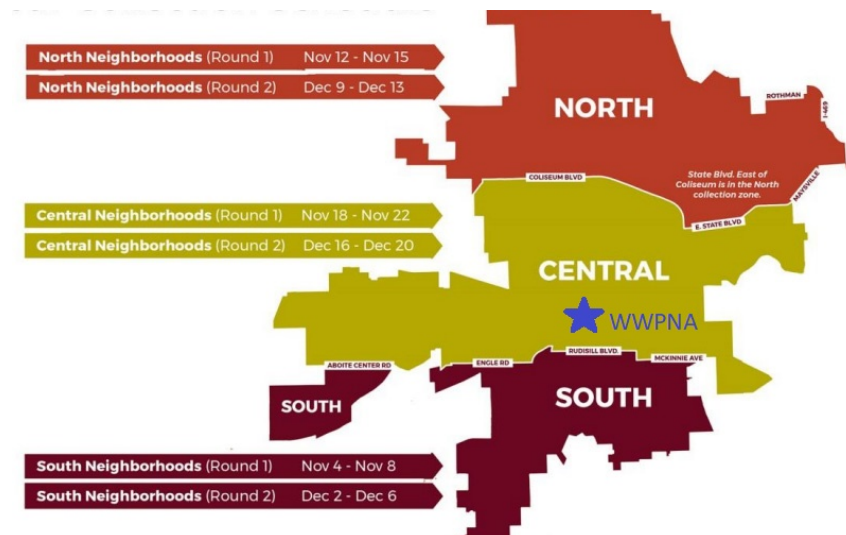
## Wunderkammer Fall Cleanup

Do you like cleaning? Gardening? Painting? Helping out neighbors? Perfect! Wunderkammer Company (3402 Fairfield, next door to Bravas) is holding a year end volunteer day **October 26th, 8am-1pm**, where you can help them clean up their grounds, or just take advantage of the dumpster that they will have. For the past several years Wunderkammer has donated the use of their chairs to our neighborhood picnic. Let's show them our appreciation by showing up to lend a hand during this cleanup!

## Leaf Pickup

It's almost leaf pickup time again! Williams Woodland Park is in the Central area, so our pickups will be the weeks of **Nov 18th** and **Dec 16th**. This is a little later than normal.

Please, ensure that the leaves are in at the curb, but not in the street (that is, the Park Strip) at the beginning of the week. You can also have brown yard bags picked up by calling 311. You can get daily updates of leaf pickup, including a schedule of what neighborhood is next by visiting [www.cityoffortwayne.org/leaves](http://www.cityoffortwayne.org/leaves). You can also call **260-427-2603** for updates.



## PAPA Retreat

Did you know that Williams Woodland Park is a member of an organization called the Packard Area Planning Alliance (or simply: PAPA)? PAPA is an umbrella organization created by the City of Fort Wayne to represent many '07 and surrounding neighborhoods. Through the help of PAPA, WWPNA is able to more readily get access to many city resources and collaborate with other area neighborhoods on issues of local concern. This November 9th, all of the PAPA neighborhoods will be gathering to talk about future projects and goals. Each neighborhood is allowed to bring 4 people to the event. WWPNA would like to bring 1-2 non-neighborhood Officers to the event. Do you have big ideas for this area of town and would not only like to be part of the discussion, but also part of the implementation? If so, please contact any of the neighborhood Officers using the information found on the back of this newsletter, come to the October Association Meeting, or look for a future post on the neighborhood Facebook page.

## Remembering Patricia Knaebe

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bill Hadlock due to the death of his wife, Patricia Knaebe. Patricia died Saturday, October 12, 2019.

Patricia and Bill have been long time residents of the Williams/Woodland Neighborhood, having moved here in 1999, and purchased their home in the 2400 block of Webster the following year. They were married in their home on Leap year February 29, 2000.

Patricia was often seen walking their dogs Cooper and Fred, and in the past their dog Moose whom she immortalized in the book she wrote about him, 'Moose on the Loose'. (It is a favorite and frequent request of our grandchildren).

We will miss the fresh apples and cider that she distributed each fall to her close neighbors (her father owned an orchard in Michigan and milled delicious fresh and hard cider), her watchful eye of our street from her upstairs office as she worked from home, and her hospitable parties, including many entertaining and sometimes hilarious, late night conversations on their front porch. We tried to save the world, but the world wouldn't listen and that's probably a good thing.

She was a unique person, and a great neighbor, and her presence in our neighborhood will be sorely missed.

**Our condolences** to Cleve Graham for the passing of his aunt, Grace Hamilton Montgomery.

**Our condolences** to Bruce Conklin for the passing of his father, Norm Conklin.



# Holiday Home Tour

Save the date, the annual Holiday Home Tour is **December 7th and 8th!** The tour will be 5-9pm that Saturday, and 1-4pm that Sunday. This will be WWPN's 31st Tour! Be on the look out for a volunteer signup. Volunteers are asked to work a 2-hour shift, typically helping to keep watch over a home on the tour. For volunteering, you will receive 1 free ticket to the Tour! This is the neighborhoods primary fundraiser, anything you can do to help goes a long way to ensuring that we can keep planning all of the fun stuff (F4F, Picnic, Ice Cream Social, 4th of July Party, etc...) that we do every year!

Marlene Fenstermacher, HHT Chairwoman

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# Christmas on Broadway

Fort Wayne's holiday season gets into full swing next month when the 15th Annual "Christmas On Broadway" takes place on **Friday, November 22, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.** in front of the Shine & Hardin Building in Broadway Plaza. Join the rest of our community in the heart of the 07 for the traditional tree lighting, brilliant fireworks, holiday beverages, a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, a ride on the Polar Express, and a chance to visit a live reindeer!

Something you'd like to see in the newsletter? Looking for a restaurant or business recommendation? Questions about your membership? Contact your officers, listed below.

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