



## WINTER 2024

### President's Letter

As the end of 2024 approaches, I want to thank everyone in Wiltondale for their support and involvement this year. I especially want to thank our dedicated WIA Board of Directors for all their "behind the scenes" work that helps make our neighborhood great.

Preparing for 2025, we are **seeking volunteers to fill a few Board vacancies**. I hope you will consider joining us! Please contact me at [president@wiltondale.org](mailto:president@wiltondale.org) to learn more. New and returning directors will be installed at our **Annual Meeting** on Sunday, February 2, at 5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall at Ascension Lutheran Church.

Following are brief updates on some things that have been percolating over recent months:

In early November, along with leaders from the Knollwood and Donnybrook neighborhoods, I attended a meeting with Councilman Mike Ertel and county officials involved in the **Six Bridges Trail project** that proposed a paved, widened trail impacting our pool and park areas. Our three neighborhoods again expressed opposition, and after a brief discussion, officials agreed to shelve the planning and funding

of the project. Thanks to the many who voiced your concerns—this is the outcome we were looking for.

As you may have seen, the **Towson High renovation** is underway, including dismantling the tennis courts and placing large modular classroom structures on the courts. By the summer of 2025, we expect the removal of the existing trailers and construction to begin in earnest. For the latest information, go to [bcps.org](http://bcps.org) and search "Towson High School renovation." Residents of Hastings Road and the WIA Board have been lobbying the county to influence outcomes relating to light, noise, and landscaping on the Hastings side of the school. This process has been somewhat frustrating, and progress has been slow, but we persist. Special thanks to neighbors Anne Harriott and Fritz Behlen for spearheading these efforts.

In late October, BGE started the **"Towson Phase 5" project to replace residential gas lines**. This phase includes much of Knollwood along with parts of Stevenson Lane, Sussex, Wilton, and Yarmouth Roads in Wiltondale. They started digging in Knollwood a few weeks ago and will soon make their way into Wiltondale, though I can't say exactly when. All

directly impacted residents should have received communication from BGE by now. If you have questions, email me or contact BGE at 410-470-7700 or [operationpipeline@bge.com](mailto:operationpipeline@bge.com).

Finally, I'd like to thank all of you who have paid your **2024 neighborhood dues**. At \$75 annually, our dues are modest, but they mean so much to maintaining and enhancing many things that we treasure in Wiltondale. Community events like the Easter Egg Hunt, New Resident Happy Hour, Halloween Parade and more are supported by dues. Maintenance of community property like the Triangle and Greenwood Park (including the bridge across Herring Run, which will soon need replacing) all rely on dues. If dues have slipped your mind until now, it is not too late! We appreciate your support in getting us to 100% participation.

As always, please email me at [president@wiltondale.org](mailto:president@wiltondale.org) with questions or feedback. I hope to see many of you at the Annual Meeting on February 2. Until then, I wish everyone a joyous and peaceful Holiday Season.

Regards,  
Tim Lotz  
President, WIA

WIA Annual Meeting—Sunday, February 2, 2025

5:30 p.m. @ Ascension Lutheran Church, Great Hall

Check Facebook and join the WIA-Info email list for a link to RSVP.



The WIA bylaws are available on the community website at [wiltondale.org/bylaws](http://wiltondale.org/bylaws). Minutes from past board meetings are also available by request ([secretary@wiltondale.org](mailto:secretary@wiltondale.org)).

## 🏠 Directory Updates

If your information in the neighborhood directory requires updating, the preferred method is to use the online form on the website ([wiltondale.org/membership/#directory](http://wiltondale.org/membership/#directory)). Your information will appear exactly as provided, so enter it accurately.

You can also submit a directory update by sending your address, complete name(s), email, phone number, and children's names to the address below:

Wiltondale Improvement Association, Inc.  
P.O. Box 42446  
Towson, MD 21284-2446  
Attn: Directory Update

**Let us know if you've recently moved in or know of any newcomers!** Please email Secretary Phyllis Gray at [secretary@wiltondale.org](mailto:secretary@wiltondale.org) so we can give a warm Wiltondale welcome.

## ✉ Email Subscriptions

Please visit the Wiltondale website to subscribe/unsubscribe ([wiltondale.org/newsletters](http://wiltondale.org/newsletters)):

- **WIA-COP:** Information about community safety, security, crime prevention/alerts, etc.
- **WIA-Info:** General community information such as events, lost and found items/pets, zoning issues, solicitations for volunteers, etc.

## 📅 Upcoming Events

### HOLIDAY DECORATION CONTEST

- Most Whimsical (fun)
- Best Williamsburg Style (only natural greens and white lights)
- Best In Show (top overall)
- Honorable Mention

*The WIA will make a donation to the charity of each winner's choice.*

### WINTER HOLIDAY EVENT

**Sunday, 12/22 | 5 p.m. @ The Triangle**

Hot cocoa and cookies will be served while we wait for Santa to arrive! (Santa and Elsa will be making their grand neighborhood entrance at 4:30 p.m.)

*Santa will sit and visit with each child. Pictures and Christmas lists are encouraged!*

### ADULT BOWLING NIGHT AT STONELEIGH LANES

**Saturday, February 15, 2025 | Time TBD**

*For details and updates, check the Wiltondale Community Facebook page or join the WIA-Info email list.*



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# Wiltondale Race for Greenwood Park

In what is on the verge of becoming a tradition, this year's 5K and Fun Run again took place the morning of the Triangle Halloween party. We congratulate the more than 100 registered runners who braved the endless hills of Wiltondale and earned their place in the annals of history. The race is the primary source of funding for the maintenance, upkeep, and capital improvements of Greenwood Park, and we could not do it without the generous local businesses sponsoring the event (listed below). We'll see you next fall! Stay limber out there!



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## TOP FINISHERS

### 1-MILE FUN RUN

1. Violet Hartings—11:09.6
2. Liam Hattrup—11:26.9
3. Emma Maybach— 13:31.1

### 12 & UNDER

- (M) Hank Hartings—22:59.3  
(F) Genevieve Keier—25:01.7

### 13-15

- (M) Jay McAvoy—27:06.7  
(F) Lila Salter—29:15.0

### 16-19

- (M) **Liam Battaglia—19:16.5**  
**Top Overall Finisher**  
(F) No Participant

### 20-29

- (M) Max Birkner—21:52.1  
(F) No Participant

### 30-39

- (M) Blake Dickenson—29:09.5  
(F) **Megan Hartings—21:10.7**  
**Top Female Finisher**

### 40-49

- (M) Arthur Bragg—22:16.6  
(F) Carolyn Schwarz—26:50.2

### 50-59

- (M) Jerry Battaglia—23:12.8  
(F) No Participant

### 60+

- (M) Marc Hartstein—30:02.7  
(F) Ellen Birkner—30:04.5

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OCTOBER 27, 2024

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## Architectural Review

**Any alterations to home exteriors require approval by the WIA Architectural Committee.** Please complete the *Proposed Improvement Architectural Review Form* ([wiltondale.org/architectural-review-process](http://wiltondale.org/architectural-review-process)) and email it to [arch@wiltondale.org](mailto:arch@wiltondale.org) with any applicable drawings and color/material samples at least 30 days before the start date. For significant alterations, we recommend discussing your plans with immediate neighbors prior to submittal.

## Neighborhood Dues

In his President's Letter, Tim Lotz articulated the value of the modest \$75 annual WIA dues. They are how we fund our events and keep up the public spaces that make Wiltondale a wonderful place to live.

On January 1, invoices will be sent by email. To ensure we have your correct contact information or to see if your household is current with dues, please email [treasurer@wiltondale.org](mailto:treasurer@wiltondale.org). Thanks in advance!

If you would like to place a classified ad, share news, photography, artwork, or writing, or spotlight your favorite neighborhood critter, please email [newsletter@wiltondale.org](mailto:newsletter@wiltondale.org)!

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