



# Wingate Home Owners Association

November 2019

<http://www.wingatehome.org/>

## Holiday Lighting Contest on December 19

The long tradition of Wingaters lighting up their homes and properties is such a happy way to brighten the dark and damp days of December. We appreciate how much work and creativity goes into these displays!

At 7 PM on December 19, the board will drive the entire neighborhood and pick our favorites to share on the Wingate Facebook page.



## Fall Homeowners Meeting and Potluck was on 10/16

The food was tasty and the conversation animated at the fall homeowners meeting last month in the Serene Lake Elementary School gym. We discussed neighborhood impacts such as Paine Field commercial aircraft traffic and the Frognal Estates development in work off of Picnic Point Road. We also had a general conversation about street parking in the neighborhood – more about that on the next page.

Finally, we were so pleased to honor Michael Suhara from Division 4 with a Wingate Good Neighbor Award. I lost count of how many neighbors emailed or spoke up during the meeting of the ways that Mike has helped them out of jam, lent tools and expertise, and kept his part of the neighborhood looking sharp over the years. Thanks again Mike – you are a paragon of neighborliness!





## Street Parking Dos and Don'ts

Street parking probably wasn't much of an issue when Wingate was developed in the late 1970's. Families typically had fewer cars and also less stuff to fit in their garages. But these days, there are more cars in the neighborhood and one thing that has not changed is our narrow and curvy roads.

Because of an increase in street parking, we have been getting some questions and complaints from neighbors. Here's a summary of what we know:

- Vehicles left by the roadside that have expired tabs or that are otherwise obviously undriveable can be considered abandoned by the County and need to be moved off the roadway.
- Parking is prohibited on marked walkways. The walkways are a much used part of Wingate and our kids depend on them for safe travel to and from school.
- Vehicles can otherwise be parked along the road provided that they don't block the road and especially don't block access for emergency vehicles.

For locations where parking is allowed along the road, keep in mind that its not a good look. Please consider your neighbors and our beautiful neighborhood when parking off your property, particularly if a vehicle is going to sit unused.

Also, if you have a problem with your neighbor's parking situation – or any other type of situation, please talk to them about it directly or validate your concern with a board member. It's the Wingate way.

## Did You Know That Wingate Has a Garden Club?

This fun group of Wingate residents with generally green thumbs has been meeting for 25 years, usually on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Members take turns hosting the meetings and presenting the topics, which have covered many aspects of gardening over the years. We have learned about ferns and fuchsias, planted patio pots for spring and fall, toured rose gardens and water gardens, attended seminars, picked berries and made jelly, and created crafts to be enjoyed in the garden.

The annual planning meeting for 2020 will be on January 22 at Cheryl Eriksen's house at 4504 136<sup>th</sup> Place SW. We will set the schedule of meetings, hosts, and topics for the next 12 months.

If you are interested in joining Garden Club, please RSVP Cheryl at [parents@eriksens.org](mailto:parents@eriksens.org) and plan to attend the January Meeting. Bring your calendar and ideas!



## Frognal Estates Update

Construction work continues on the new development of Frognal Estates off of Picnic Point Road. There had been a feisty legal action against the developer which has not been successful to date.

## Wingate Neighborhood Resources

**New to the Neighborhood?** [Welcome Letter](#)

**Web Site** <http://www.wingatehome.org/>

**Facebook Group** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wingatehoa>

For discussion, buy-sell-trade-give away, & view or post pictures

**Garden Club** Meets monthly for garden tours, education, service and projects.  
[See page 2 for information about annual planning meeting in January.](#)

**General Change Form** [Change Form](#)

For removal of trees greater than 10" diameter, fence or out-building construction and exterior renovation projects.

[7 change forms were received and approved by the board to date in 2019.](#)

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# Calendar of Annual Neighborhood Events

March

**Spring Homeowners meeting** addresses the business of Wingate including board elections and approval of the budget by members of the homeowners association.

If you have a topic for review at the meeting, contact any board member.

June

**Wingate Garage Sale** is scheduled for one Saturday in May or June each year and is a popular event in the area.

*Organized by Steve Altabef and Nick Blattner.*

July

**July 4 Parade and Picnic.** Everyone is invited to walk, bike or drive in the parade or to cheer it on. This year, we enjoyed an ice cream social after the parade.

*2019 organizers Cyndi Giles & Lisa Harrison*



Photo credit to Debbie Fagala

October

## Fall Homeowners Meeting

This is an annual social event for all Wingate neighbors and includes a potluck dinner at the Serene Lake Elementary School gym.



Photo credit to Frank Koegler

December

**Holiday Lighting Contest** is a friendly competition to fill our neighborhood with light. The only prize is bragging rights and photos posted on the web. [2018 winners](#)