

WindStone Wonders

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The next Board meeting will be held on
Monday, February 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the
Whisper Creek Clubhouse.

WRA Annual Meeting
Monday, March 25, 2019 – 7 p.m.
WindStone Golf Grill

Ballots will be mailed to every WindStone property owner at the beginning of March with detailed information about the election. It is very important to return your ballot ahead of time, even if you plan to attend the meeting. This enables the Board to know that the quorum requirement will be met.

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE

If you're interested in running for a seat on the WRA Board, February 15th is the deadline for submitting your nominee profile form. Please contact the WRA business office at (office@windstonehoa.org) for details.



COMMUNITY REMINDERS



Attention all dog lovers... be a good neighbor when walking your four-legged friend and remember to take a bag with you and... "Leave No Trace Behind."

Planning a spring home improvement project? Any changes to the exterior of your home or yard must first be approved by the ARB. Please contact the WRA office at office@windstonehoa.org or 706-937-8846 to coordinate approvals.

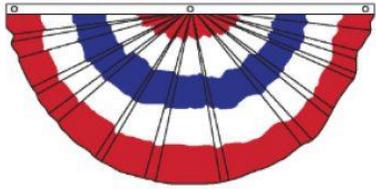


WRA Dues Payments: If you're utilizing auto draft, the payment amount will be automatically adjusted to reflect the dues increase, \$75.00/month. For all other payment methods, please ensure you've adjusted your monthly payment amount and are using the correct WindStone mailing address (**1724 Holden Farm Place, Ooltewah, TN 37363**). Thank you!



WRA Residential Directory: While work is continuing on the online WindStone Residential Directory, if you know someone who's interested in an advertising spot please refer them to the WRA business office - 706-937-8846 or office@windstonehoa.org.

YOUR CHANCE TO MEET THE CANDIDATES



All residents are invited to an informal “Meet and Greet the Nominees” evening on Monday, February 25th at 7:30 pm at the Whisper Creek Clubhouse. This is your opportunity to get to know the WindStone Residential Board of Director Nominees and be an informed voter.

WindStone Residential Association Board Eligibility and Responsibilities

In order to be eligible for a seat on the WindStone Residential Association Board, candidates must be a verified homeowner, in good standing with their HOA dues, and have a strong interest in dedicating their time and energy to serving the overall, best interests of the WindStone community.

The time commitment involved in serving on the WRA Board can be significant, ranging from an average of 2 hours per week to 12 hours per week, but varies depending on the specific Board position, the assigned committee, and a variety of other factors. Attendance at the monthly Board meetings (held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.) is mandatory as well as serving on a committee. Outside of the monthly meetings, Board members are also contacted on a regular basis regarding a variety of community issues/concerns. In addition to the monthly Board meetings, Board members are also expected to attend the annual meeting and work session meetings.

To date, five residents (listed alphabetically below) have expressed an interest in serving on the WRA Board. Currently, three Board seats will become available in March. Candidates who run for a Board seat are not running for a specific assignment or role - only for a seat on the Board. Any specific Board positions (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary) as well as committee assignments, are decided at the first Board meeting following the election. The only exception is the Architectural Review Board (ARB) Chairperson. The ARB is a separate Board that works alongside the WRA Board. The ARB Chairperson role is listed as a defined position on the ballot.

From the WindStone Nomination Committee

Neither the WRA, its Board of Directors, nor the Nominating Committee own or control in any manner the content found or discussed on Windstone Nextdoor or any other social media outlet. Any comments, questions or opinions expressed by individuals on WND or any other forms of social media are theirs, and theirs alone. We appreciate residents' interest in the upcoming Board of Director elections and other Windstone matters, and encourage respectful discussion among our neighbors. Should you have questions or concerns regarding the WRA, its election process, or its activities, we request and encourage you to address the Nominating Committee or the Board directly with these matters.



Please remember to keep an eye out for your mailed ballot in early March and return the completed ballot – make your voice and vote count!

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Jordan Allen (Lake Haven)

Personal Information/Background: Three-year resident, along with wife Ashley and four children. B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from UT Knoxville. Employed by small local engineering firm. Interests include travel, golf, tennis, running and football, remodeling the house, spending time with family.

Important Issues and Goals: To listen to voices of the entire community, help to balance our budget, mediate conversations between the HOA board and residents, and help get WindStone on a corrected path.

Why I Want to Serve on the Board - Quote from the Candidate: *“My engineering background will help with road issues and other needs for dealing with contractors. I am privy to an experienced list of contractors and people that offer services that can benefit our community.”*

Johnny Barnes (The Overlook)

Personal Information/Background: Nine-year resident, along with wife Dawn and two children. Master’s degree in nursing from UT Chattanooga. Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist for Greater Anesthesia Services. Interests include golfing, biking, genealogy and photography. Served as Education Coordinator for District IV of Tennessee of TANA; Vice President of fraternity; active at Brainerd Hills Baptist as usher and leader of men’s ministry events.

Important Issues and Goals: To help increase communication between the Board and residents to help the decision-making process be more unified. An important issue facing this board is the concern of future finances and how the money is spent. My goal is to open the communication lines between the members and the Board of Directors and get the best input and make my decisions on what the community wants.

Why I Want to Serve on the Board - Quote from the Candidate: *“My main goal and reason for running for the board is to help increase communication between the Board of Directors and its members. There are many opportunities in this area. Streaming Board meetings is just one of many ideas I have. I would also like to institute a meet & greet every Monday evening at the Grill with different Board members to discuss current events and topics.”*

Justin Cash (The Overlook)

Personal Information/Background: Five-year resident, along with wife Missy and three children. BBA from Oklahoma Baptist University. Employed as Chief Operating Officer, Hospitality (Tarkett, Dalton, GA). Interests include backpacking, fishing, boating, paddle boarding, landscaping.

Important Issues and Goals: Our neighborhood is aging and evolving and the transition we are going through will continue. Some of the key things I would like to work towards to help improve our neighborhood, home values, and resident pride are:

- Better connections between the residents and the HOA, by exploring alternative communication tools, forums for key topics, neighborhood surveys, etc.
- Benchmark other HOAs and understand what has worked and what has not worked to help Windstone avoid unnecessary setbacks as we plan for the future.
- Long term planning for the community (roads, ponds, playground, etc.)
- Create ways/tools for residents to better understand and find resources to help them maintain and improve their properties. The age of homes in our neighborhood and the era in which they were built place many of them in need of updates and repairs.
- Work to understand and drive improvement in our budgeting and budget management processes

- Find ways to include the residents in our budgeting and long-term planning process, including educating them on how the neighborhoods finances work.
- Find ways to communicate and educate residents on the key costs of managing our neighborhood.
- Ensure understanding around what many feel are historical missteps and work to acknowledge, move forward, and avoid repeating.
- Explore ways to leverage resident skills when needed (specifically legal advice, landscape maintenance, and civil engineering) where possible, to try and minimize costs.

Why I want to Serve on the Board – Quote from the Candidate: *“I want to gain a deeper understanding around the issues facing the neighborhood. There is a lot of tension around current topics and issues in our neighborhood, and I would like to work to improve the situation. It’s important to everyone who owns property in the neighborhood that we work together to plan for the future. The investments in our homes are the largest investments most residents have. My business experience puts me in a position to help deal with day to day operations, budgeting, planning, maintenance, and relationships between the HOA and residents.”*

Lisa Chandler (Lake Haven)

Personal Information/Background: Six-year resident, along with husband Bill and other family members. Recently retired RN, graduate of Dalton State College. Interests include reading, travel and cooking. Served on the Board of the Chattanooga Girls’ Choir, worked with Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, and has served in various roles in her church.

Important Issues and Goals: Safety, aesthetics of the community, compliance of the bylaws and community event planning.

Why I Want to Serve on the Board - Quote from the Candidate: *“I enjoy living in a diverse community that has both older residents and younger residents with families. I want to help this community maintain the beauty and reputation it has in our area.”*

Lynda Pace (Lake Haven)

Personal Information/Background: 27-year resident, along with husband, and retired. Past member and President of Chattanooga Optimist Club, past Architectural Review Board Chairperson, and past WRA Board President. Interests enjoying granddaughter.

Important Issues and Goals: Maintaining WindStone’s Covenant & Restrictions and the Architectural Review Board design standards.

Why I Want to Serve on the Board - Quote from the Candidate: I want to make the best decisions for the betterment of all of WindStone residents and continue to maintain the high standards set forth in the C&R’s and the ARB design standards.

WRA Meeting Highlights January 14, 2019

The January WRA Board of Directors meeting was held as scheduled at the Whisper Creek Clubhouse. Thanks to all of the residents who attended. Below please find highlights of the January meeting:

1. The annual election for the WRA Board of Directors is upcoming. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact Business Manager Granic at the Windstone office, or notify any current Director. You will be given a Nominee Profile form to complete, which will be included on the ballot. The Nominating Committee plans to host a “Meet and Greet” with the Nominees prior to the election. This event will be open to all Windstone residents, and will allow residents to meet and speak with the Nominees prior to the election.
2. Director Freeland and Director Culpepper submitted their resignations from the WRA Board of Directors, effective at the time of submission. Both Directors left with time remaining on their terms. Per the WRA By-Laws, Article V, Directors, Section 5, Vacancies on the Board of Directors, vacancies of this type are to be filled via appointment. Tonya Holland was appointed to fulfill the one-year term left vacant by Director Freeland’s resignation. Terry Tracy was appointed to fulfill the two-year term left vacant by Director Culpepper’s resignation. Mike Nist was appointed to fulfill the remainder of Director Hopcroft’s term, which was, by agreement, temporarily filled by Director Redfern until the March 2019 elections.
3. RV lot statements will be sent in February 2019. RV lot fees may be payed quarterly or annually. Large lots will cost \$75/quarter (\$300/year) and small lots will cost \$50/quarter (\$200/year).
4. Director Redfern presented an overview of the 2019 Budget. A question and answer period followed Director Redfern’s presentation.
5. The Lonesome Dove bid package was sent to six road construction contractors, with no response. The bid package will be sent to two more contractors.
6. Director Pace proposed changes to the WRA Covenants and Restrictions, Part Three, Article III, Covenants for Maintenance Assessments, Section 5, Reserve Fund. These changes would require road reserve funds to be deposited into insured accounts. She also proposed changes to the C&R’s that would prevent road reserve funding from being held, stopped, or diverted for other purposes without informing all Windstone property members at a Special Meeting and that the Board of Directors must receive the consent of the membership before holding, stopping, or diverting road reserve funds. The BoD will consider these proposals for inclusion on the March ballot.
7. The new online Resident Directory is coming! The directory will be password protected, can be downloaded as desired, and will be updated on a monthly basis. Residents without computer access may request printed copies of the directory from Ms. Granic.

Detailed information on all business conducted at this meeting can be found in the WRA Meeting Minutes for January 14, 2019. All Meeting Minutes, along with the monthly Newsletters, are posted on the website, www.windstonehoa.org.