

WindStone Wonders

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JULY

YARD OF THE MONTH

Jack and Jimmie Holloway

9417 Lazy Circles Drive



Welcome to WindStone

Ronald and Sharon Beaver – 1522 Hawks Landing

Jim and Betsy Biernik – 9116 Windstone Drive

Micah and Tracy Fries – 620 Wisley Way

Clark and Denise Hodgkins – 491 Wisley Way

Mack and Tammy Phillips – 2163 Holden Farm Place

Larry Wyatt – 397 Blue Jay Parkway



**When walking your pets,
please pick up after them and
keep them out of your
neighbors' yards.**

FRONT ENTRANCE GATE DEVICE & WINDSTONE WINDSHIELD DECALS

- We would like to encourage all WindStone residents to use the WindStone windshield decals in their vehicles. This will help identify you as a resident when entering the community and using common recreation areas. If you need a windshield decal, please email or call the WindStone office.
- The bar code devices used to access the front entrance are non-transferrable. If you purchase a new vehicle, please email or call the WindStone office to provide updated vehicle information and order a new bar code. The bar codes are \$5 each.



**Community Yard Sale to be held at
New Heights Baptist Church**

Date: Saturday, September 10th

Time: 8 a.m. – 12noon

Cost: \$5 donation to the church

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 9th
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in volunteering for the Fall Festival, please call Martha Culpepper at 423-653-6114 or Sandy Thompson at 423-710-3091.



Jack's Corner

The southern drought has really hit hard in our area; just trying to keep the grass green is a workout on its own. Trees, shrubs, flowers and grass are all stressed out by now. To help keep your lawn and garden surviving in this heat wave, please try some of the following suggestions.

Keep your lawn and gardens adequately watered. It's best to water thoroughly and early, because if you water later in the day, it simply evaporates and doesn't penetrate down to the root system. Also, watering late in the evening promotes disease and fungus. You need to water one to one half inches of water per week to keep your lawn and garden vibrant but water annuals daily because of their shallow root structure. Plants growing in containers dry out quickly and require more water than those planted in the ground; in fact, the soil in a terra-cotta pot will reach 115 to 120 degrees on a 90 degree day. Even if you don't have an automatic sprinkler system, drag out the hose and put a portable sprinkler on it, which will at least save your lawn and plants.

While out in your lawn and gardens, be sure to wear an abundance of sunscreen and a hat. Always hydrate yourself often with water or Gatorade and know when to stop if you get too hot to prevent heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

Deadhead flowers for continuous blooms. Continue to remove faded blooms on annuals such as geraniums, marigolds, petunias, salvia, verbena and zinnias. Not doing so will cause the plants to stop blooming and produce seed which signals the end of the plant's life cycle. Now is the best time to rejuvenate your annuals. By this point in the summer, some annuals may have become spindly or leggy so prune or pinch them back by as much as half their current height. They will soon begin to leaf out, look thicker and start to bloom again.

Mulch your garden areas. Be sure all planting areas have at least two and no more than four inches of mulch, which helps to regulate the soil temperature, conserve water and prevent weed development.

Use a mulching blade on your mower to leave your lawn clippings because, as they deteriorate, the clippings help fertilize the lawn. As a matter of fact, try mowing in the evening to place less stress on your grass (and you). The grass is dryer and temperatures are cooler during this time.

Help our feathered friends with the heat. Keep bird baths clean and full.

If you have any questions, give me a call. I'll be glad to find an answer for any landscape issues you may encounter.

Happy Gardening!

Jack Holloway, Master Gardener
