

WindStone Wonders

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MAY YARD OF THE MONTH

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Special Notice Regarding RF Sensors

The WindStone HOA Board has been in discussions since early 2015 regarding gate access controls at the rear entrance/exit gates. Many ideas have been discussed; however, ultimately the Board has decided that the security of our neighborhood outweighs the convenience of having RF sensors (long-range wireless gate devices).

As of **June 1, 2016**, the RF sensors will no longer be active. All residents must have a proxicard/gate card to access the rear gates. Each resident will be required to swipe his or her proxicard/gate card upon each entry/exit. If a vehicle chooses to tailgate and not use the gate card when entering/exiting, the driver will assume all responsibility for damage to the gates and damage to any other property or vehicles.

The HOA appreciates cooperation from everyone to ensure a smooth transition. If you need to order proxicard/gate cards (\$5 each), please contact the WindStone office at 706-937-8846 or via email at wraoffice@yahoo.com.

Security

- Nighly roving patrol is in place and patrols all residential areas, as well as the playground and lakes.
- Use outside lighting at night. Make sure your mailbox light is working.
- Do not leave valuables in cars parked outside and lock all car doors.
- Keep garage door closed.
- When you are on vacation: stop mail and newspaper delivery and notify the local police.

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

- **PARKING** – Parking on the streets in WindStone is not allowed. All vehicles must be routinely parked either in the garage or on the driveway.
- **PETS** – All household pets should be confined to the pet owners’ property.
- **HOME IMPROVEMENTS** – All exterior modifications and improvements to your home or property must first be approved by the Architectural Review Committee prior to work commencing. The ARB modification application can be found online at www.windstonehoa.org or by calling the WindStone office at 706-937-8846.

Welcome to WindStone

Tim and Marlene Haralson – 9942 Cattails Meadow
 Leslie Shaw – 102 Wisley Way*
 *Moved from within WindStone



SCHOOL IS OUT

Our children will be riding their bikes and playing around WindStone streets. We urge *all* residents to drive with caution and please observe posted speed limit.

Lake Use

- We are glad to see so many families and accompanied guests using Lake Wisley for recreation. Fishing in the lakes is for residents and their guests only. The resident must be present.
- While in the lake area, please park vehicles across the way in the Cattails entrance in the lined parking spaces rather than on Windstone Drive. It’s just a short walk over and would keep the street clear as well as protect sprinkler heads in the grass.
- When fishing at Lake Haven, access the lake by the dam area along Windstone Drive and be considerate of areas adjacent to private property.
- Please limit activities to those that keep you out of the water. Swimming and boating are not allowed and are not safe in the lakes.

Jack's Corner

June is the month when your garden really gets established and takes off. Here are a few tips to make the most of your June garden.

Perennials, Annuals, & Bulbs: It's critical to water newly-planted plants. Also, as temperatures increase and plants mature, keep a close eye on watering containerized plants. If any of the foliage on your annuals or newly planted perennials looks pale or yellow and you have watered adequately, consider giving them a boost with a fertilizer labeled for flowers.

Caladiums are heavy feeders so make sure you fertilize them regularly. Japanese beetles can be a problem this month. Look for them on hibiscus and roses and also vegetables; spray plants with an insecticide such as liquid Sevin.

Many perennials will keep flowering if cut back after their first bloom period, including garden phlox, heliopsis, veronica, and echinacea. Deadheading is a must this month to keep plants looking good and blooming all season, including geraniums, certain petunias, marigolds, salvia, and roses.

Don't forget to stake tall-growing perennials, such as golden rod, boltonia, rudbeckia, tansy, helianthus, gladiolus, and Joe Pye weed to prevent them from falling over while in bloom. They may not look like they need it now, but a hard rain or high wind will bend them over when in bloom. Bearded Iris should be divided soon after flowering. By dividing now, the plants have time to get established, increasing the chance of flowers next year.

Continue to direct- seed sunflowers in your garden. Stagger their planting by every week or two through July and you will have flowers until frost. Speaking of cooler weather, all-flowering plants, such as asters, mums, goldenrod, sedum, and Joe Pye weed, can be cut back to make them shorter and stockier when they bloom. Cut their current growth 3/4 of the way back this month to have them looking great and in bloom this fall.

Shrubs & Trees: Keep newly planted trees and shrubs well-watered during periods of drought. Azaleas, ieris, mountain laurel and other ericaceous (acid loving) species need to be fertilized one more time before August 15 using an acid-based soluble fertilizer containing iron.

Spray monthly against sap-feeding lace bugs. Target the underside of leaves with an appropriate insecticide, insecticidal soap or a summer oil. Be sure to follow label directions. Watch for fall web-worms with their webbing at the ends of branches. Prune out the webs that can be reached. Various insecticides are available if chemical control is desired.

Fruits & Veggies: Traditional strawberries go semi-dormant after harvest, and this is an ideal time to fertilize them with a complete fertilizer. Continue to spray a multi-purpose fruit tree spray consisting of an insecticide and fungicide to prevent any insect and disease problems. Spray until 10 days before harvest.

Remove all root suckers at the base of all fruit trees, particularly apple and pear, and all thick water sprouts shooting up straight on the branches.

Prevent tomato blossom-end rot by providing deep and regular watering with drip irrigation or soaker hoses in addition to mulching for water conservation. Fertilizing with calcium nitrate rather than agricultural grade 10-10-10 fertilizer also helps. Varieties resistant to blossom-end rot include Celebrity, Goliath, and Mountain Pride. Harvest cucumbers, green beans and summer squash when they are ready. If you stop picking, production will halt.

Happy Gardening!

Jack Holloway, Master Gardener
