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# WindStone Wonders

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*Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family  
from the WRA Board of Directors!*



**Many thanks to Sandy Thompson and all the volunteers who made  
this year's Fall Festival a huge success!**



**NOTICES AND REMINDERS**

- **LIGHTING** – If you notice a street light out, please notify the office. For security and aesthetic purposes, we ask all residents to maintain a working light bulb on the mailbox post.
- **ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD** – Any changes to the exterior of your home or yard must first be approved by the ARB. Please call the WRA office at 706-937-8846 to coordinate approvals.
- **PARKING** – Parking on the streets in WindStone is not allowed. All vehicles must be routinely parked either in the garage or on the driveway.

**Welcome to WindStone**

Steve and Haley Munsey – 9238 Shay Cove  
 Jeremy and Amanda Maxfield – 1950 Windstone Drive  
 Jermiah and Safiyyah Skipworth – 71 Greenmeadow Ln  
 Gary and Kristen Myers – 218 Blue Jay Parkway



**Extreme Mailbox Winner**

Jeff and Lori Wachtel – 57 Blue Jay Parkway



**AFTER**

**BEFORE**

**Thank you to all contest participants!**

**“Scouting for Food”**

**Annual Holiday Food Drive**

**To benefit:** Chattanooga Area Food Bank

**When:** Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>,  
beginning at 10 a.m.

Leave bags by your mailbox. In case of rain, leave the bags on your front porch.

Scout Crew #2071, along with other area cub and scout crews, will collect food bags from WindStone residents.

Empty bags will be left at residents’ homes prior to collection date.



## Jack's Corner

Frost is on the pumpkin but the gardening season isn't over yet. It's an ideal time to plant or transplant trees, shrubs and fruit crops. For newly planted flowers, use 3-4" layer of mulch to hold moisture. Fertilize trees and shrubs before the ground freezes so that food is available to plants in early spring.

Cut chrysanthemum stems and other perennials to 4-5" from the soil once they have begun to die back, but leave ornamental grasses to provide winter interest until spring. Continue to transplant perennials throughout the fall and winter, as long as they remain dormant.

It's the ideal time to plant spring flowering bulbs. Consider planting some of the minor bulbs, such as winter aconite, glory of the snow, species tulips, narcissus and grape hyacinths. Mulch flower beds with 3-4" of good compost or fine mulch to keep soil temperature stable and to prevent winter plant injury from frost heaving as the compost or fine mulch decomposes,

It's not too late to fertilize your lawn. Use a turf fertilizer and follow label directions to encourage good root development and to help improve the color of the lawn. Keep heavy layers of leaves raked from the lawn in order for them to compost. Alternatively, just mow over a light layer of leaves, which turns them to a mulch, adding important nutrients back to the lawn.

As soon as the leaves fall from fruit trees, shade or flowering trees, raspberries and other deciduous plants, spray for the first time with a dormant spray to help control overwintering insects and diseases. Apply according to label instructions. Additionally, incorporate fertilizer into the annual and vegetable gardens for next growing season. Complete the removal of fallen leaves and debris to protect from overwintering of insects and disease organisms. Cut off the tops of asparagus plants and add a winter dressing of aged manure to the bed. Cover strawberries 2" deep with hay or straw to reduce weeds and increase winter protection. Secure raspberry canes to stakes to protect them from wind whipping.

Just in time for the holidays, you can force bulbs indoors like narcissus, hyacinths and amaryllis for color early in the new year. Start paperwhites in late November to ensure Christmas flowering.

Continue to nourish our feathered friends with black sunflower seeds as a general feed and suet feeders for energy for the cold winter ahead. Don't forget to keep their water supplied as well.

This will be my last article for 2016 as I take a break for the holidays; however, I'll return with a new article in February. In the meantime, Jimmie and I would like to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a blessed New Year.

Happy Gardening!

Jack Holloway, Master Gardener

