

WindStone Wonders

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**Join your neighbors on Sunday, October 9, from 4-6 p.m.,
at the Golf Course Pavilion for food, activities and music.**

Welcome to WindStone

Matthew and Michael Blackwell – 253 Blue Jay Parkway
Chris and Kerri Capehart – 1480 Whisper Way
Audrey Chamlee – 402 Blue Jay Parkway*
Zach and Brenna Germann – 536 Blue Jay Parkway
Shaunette Hyman – 114 Meadowstone Circle
Nathaniel and Linda Long – 100 Meadowstone Circle
Monty and Tonya McAllister – 70 Sandpiper Trail
James and Glenda Morris – 1304 Brookgreen Lane
Paul and Jan Ruud – 1846 Windstone Drive

*Moved from within WindStone.



Trick-or-Treat

- As a community, we will celebrate Halloween on Monday, October 31.
- Please let the guard know in advance if you are having guests on Halloween. **The guards will turn away anyone not on a list.**
- All guest lists should be turned in no later than Friday, October 28. Do not leave guest lists in the drop box; hand them to the guard.
- Extra security is scheduled for the evening of October 31.

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

- **WRA BUDGET** – Budgeting for 2017 is underway. Please submit your suggestions to the WRA office by October 31, 2016. Email: wrafinancial@yahoo.com or mail to: WRA, P.O. Box 812, Ooltewah, TN 37363.
- **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.
- **SPEED LIMIT** – The speed limit on all WindStone streets is 25 mph. Please slow down and watch for children and walkers.
- **ANIMALS** – When walking your pets, please pick up after them and keep them out of your neighbors' yards.
- **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.
- **LAWN CARE ETIQUETTE** – Please do not leave grass clippings or leaves in the streets. Keeping our streets clean will help maintain the value of your property and our community.
- **SECURITY** – Please remember to remove all valuables and lock all car doors when parking vehicles outside overnight.
- **GARBAGE COLLECTION** – Please cap hypodermic syringes and place in plastic container prior to placing in garbage can.

SAFETY SUGGESTIONS

We have many individuals and groups that walk or run throughout our streets. These individuals are asked to be aware of their surroundings while exercising. Walkers and runners are asked to keep in mind the following list of safety tips:

- Make yourself visible to those behind the wheel. Be seen and be safe.
- Wear bright clothing and reflective materials, especially in the dark.
- Carry a small flashlight in the dark.
- Remain in the walking lane, where available.
- When walking/running, especially in a group, be aware of vehicles and stay clear of the road to allow vehicles to safely pass.



Jack's Corner

Fall, a great time to plant just about anything in your lawn and garden, is officially here. Bringing much-needed cooler weather and, hopefully, beneficial rain, autumn is the time to plant bulbs, shrubs, and trees. Planting in fall brings spring flowers and foliage and you don't have to sweat the heat; however, make sure to plant at least four weeks before the first frost and spread plenty of mulch for winter protection. You still have time to order bulbs, but be swift about it and get them in the ground by early December.

Continue deadheading perennials and annuals to keep them lush and beautiful while they're still blooming. Also, remove tattered leaves and other spent foliage. Before the first frost, dig up caladiums and shake off soil. Allow them to dry completely and store in a warm, dry place for the winter.

Newly-installed deciduous plants require almost no watering during the winter months, but don't forget that a thorough initial watering is paramount. Monitor evergreens, such as junipers, hollies and arborvitae for watering needs if rain is sparse. Even in winter, a plant with leaves on it will transpire. Winter wind desiccation can hurt an evergreen tree that lacks sufficient moisture.

Bring container plants indoors if you are growing a container plant outside of its hardiness zone; you may be able to save it throughout winter. For plants requiring full sun, place them near a sunny east or south facing a window.

Keep flower beds tidy by pulling out all weeds and removing unwanted waste, including spent foliage and fallen leaves in and around the plants. Carefully loosen the soil around them and mix in some organic matter/plant food to provide nutrients through winter. It's extremely important that gardeners not use a time release or other strong fertilizer as we don't want to promote new growth - just to ensure the plants have nutrients to continue healthy growth. After mixing organic matter into the soil, liberally spread at least two inches of mulch to help protect plants from the cold and provide additional nutrients.

For Halloween, wash pumpkins, gourds and winter squash in a mild bleach solution before displaying or storing to help prevent rot. And speaking of this month, October is the preferred time to plant ornamental kale, Swiss chard, and pansies. These plants are lovely additions to the fall and winter landscape. Plus, they are edible! Look for the winterbor and Russian kales as they are more reliable in cold weather than the kales known commonly as "flowering cabbage."

Happy Gardening!

Jack Holloway, Master Gardener

