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WindStone Wonders

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AUGUST
YARD OF THE MONTH
Richard and Lillie Nash
152 Circlestone Drive



Welcome to WindStone

Robert Buice and Sonja Fordham – 9423 Lazy Circles Drive

Bud and Kathleen Gross – 9752 Cattails View

Douglas and Kristin Ross – 9236 Shay Cove

Alice Toney – 191 Wisley Way

Joseph and Margaret White – 9934 Cattails Meadow

Brandon Wilson and Laura Click – 167 Wisley Way



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.



Extreme

MAILBOX MAKEOVER CONTEST

What does your mailbox say about you? Does it need a face lift? Does it reflect a positive image of your home? September is WindStone Mailbox Makeover Month. The WindStone Residential Association is hosting a “Mailbox Makeover” contest during September. Make your plans now to spiff up your mailbox and enter the contest. You, your letter carrier, and your neighbors will be pleased—whether you win the contest or not!

Here’s what to do:

- Take a photo of the existing box that needs a makeover.
- Make the changes you desire and take a photo of the new, spiffy mailbox.
- Submit both photos, along with your name, address, and phone number to: wraoffice@yahoo.com.
- Entries will be accepted through September 30.

The WindStone Residential Association will judge the entries. There is a cash prize and the winner will be determined on October 8. The winning photo(s) will appear in the November newsletter. Mailboxes should be installed per the WindStone Covenants and Restrictions.

LAKE WISLEY BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

The HOA is currently undergoing a beautification project surrounding Lake Wisley. The improvements will continue over the next several months.

The Board hopes the improvements are enjoyed by all and will aid in enduring property values of all homeowners.



Jack's Corner

September is probably the best time to plant almost anything in our area. Before neighbors spend all that time in the yard, please protect yourself from mosquitoes. Mosquitoes are really good at finding and biting us – they've had about 30 million years practice. Mosquitoes can sense carbon dioxide (our breath) up to 100 feet away and they love moving sweaty targets like gardeners.

Killing mosquitoes in the swimming larval stages of their development is much easier than killing flying adults. A mosquito that cannot hatch is a mosquito that cannot bite! Adult mosquitoes like thick vegetation so keep shrubs trimmed and the grass mowed. Empty and replace the water in birdbaths every three or four days. Old tires, wheelbarrows, rain barrels or tin cans can all collect water and turn into mosquito larvae habitat. It's crucial to spray or dump flowerpot saucers every couple of days. Remove water that collects on swimming pool covers and keep the swimming pool pump circulating properly when the cover is off. Mosquito dunks contain a bacterium called *Bacillus Thuringiensis Israelensis* (BTI) that kills mosquitoes. These can be used to protect ponds and water features in the yard and may be purchased from most garden centers. Another method is to clear debris out of eaves' troughs and drains. Place a fan on your deck or porch when outside; mosquitoes don't like the breeze!

Repellents, such as DEET or Permanone (containing permethrin), can be applied to clothing for protection. (Try to avoid application directly to the skin.) Many mosquitoes are most active at dusk and dawn. Fogging is done throughout the Hamilton County area until the end of summer when mosquitoes are no longer a problem. More personal protection is to use insect repellent and to wear long sleeves and pants when gardening. Do not wear perfume. Wear light colored clothes, as dark colors attract the pests. (Editor's note: A daily 1200 mg Vitamin B1 is a home remedy that almost guarantees mosquitos will avoid every user like the plague. Try it for yourself.)

Plan spring bulb gardens and purchase bulbs. A variety of bulbs can have different heights and bloom times so create your gardens accordingly. Most of the planting should wait until October, but supplies will be at their peak in garden centers most anytime these days. Divide, transplant and label perennials. As these plants die back in the fall, it is a great time to divide older ones. Complete divisions by mid-October to allow the roots time to establish themselves before winter. Be sure to keep newly divided plants watered. Plant late season annuals like pansies, snapdragons, *Dianthus chinensis*, ornamental kale and cabbage for fall through spring color.

Get your Bermuda grass or zoysia lawns ready for winter by increasing the cutting height this month to help buffer these grasses from cold damage. Applying a fertilizer with potassium can also increase the hardiness of your warm season grasses to winter cold. Look for fertilizers formulated with a pre-emergence herbicide to prevent seeds of annual bluegrass and other winter weeds from germinating and competing with your grasses for light, nutrients and water.

Fall is also the time to introduce new improved varieties or a tall fescue blend. Prepare seeding by mid-October, although you can fertilize as late as mid-November.

Continue to harvest herbs, especially tender herbs like basil. Make pesto and freeze it, or put the basil in sealed plastic bags in the freezer. Also keep on harvesting tomatoes, peppers, etc. Harvest onions and garlic as soon as the tops fall over and begin to dry out. For ongoing goodness, plant cool season crops, including leaf lettuce, spinach, cabbage, broccoli, Swiss chard, parsley, and radishes.

Happy Gardening!

Jack Holloway, Master Gardener
