

# WINDSTONE WONDERS

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## July Yard of the Month

Debbie Malone  
2035 Holden Farm Place

CONGRATULATIONS



## Welcome to WindStone

William & Leslie Estes  
9454 Secret Circle

Carl and Rachel Smith  
506 Turtle Crossing

Arthur and Melinda Shaw  
9563 Serendipity Circle

Jose & Julie Castillo  
1612 Windstone Drive

Rocco and Lynn Cotellese  
18 Brookgreen Lane



## Front Gate Security is now 24X7

The Windstone Residential Association (WRA) is pleased to announce that effective August 1, 2017, the front gate will be closed and secured 24X7, and the gate house will be manned around the clock. This change will add an extra measure of security to our community.

As stated in the emails and postcards sent by the Board of Directors, all entry procedures that were in place prior to August 1 are now simply 24X7.

- Your permanent guest list is still on file at the gatehouse
- Infrequent visitors, deliveries, services, etc. will still need to visit with the guard and declare the resident they are coming to see
- As a resident, you will continue to enter via the resident lane and the gate will be opened by the barcode mounted on your car.

If you should need to revise your permanent guest list, or obtain new bar code stickers, please contact the Windstone Business Office at 706-937-8846 or at [WRAoffice@yahoo.com](mailto:WRAoffice@yahoo.com)

There will be no immediate dues increase as we are able to provide this extra measure of security within the current budget.

Windstone would like to welcome our new Business Manager Charlie Bacigalupi and thank outgoing Business Manager Jody Hermann for her years of service to Windstone.

In addition to his duties here at Windstone, Charlie is an active Realtor with Berkshire Hathaway Realty Center. This follows his retirement from AT&T (Bell South/Pacific Bell) last November after a 35+ year career.

Charlie, his wife Kimberly and son Jared are proud residents of The Woodlands neighborhood.



## Community Yard Sale

Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>: 8 a.m. – 12 noon

It will be held in the parking lot of New Heights Baptist Church. Arrive early to claim your spot and set up your items!

\$5.00 collected from each participant – to be donated to the church. Advertising provided by WRA.



## Jack's Corner

The heat and humidity of summer is definitely here. Be sure to water your container gardens daily - both annuals and perennials - early in the morning. Terra cotta pots can get really hot. In fact, on a ninety-degree day, the soil in the pot may reach as much as 115 degrees so water your plants to keep them vibrant and moist.

We've already seen quite a bit of heat and rain which brings a variety of opportunities for the lawn. When temperatures are above 70 degrees at night and we have high humidity or rain, be on the lookout for lawn fungus; one of the first signs will be brown spots. To control, apply a granular lawn fungicide when fungus is first detected or you may be re-seeding or re-sodding this fall. Crabgrass is another petty weed that may sprout in the lawn but is usually controlled in the spring and early summer with a pre-emergent. Unfortunately, heat and abundant rainfall may cause some to still thrive. Control broadleaf weeds and crabgrass by spraying with Ortho "Crabgrass Killer" twice about ten days apart. Also, you may use a "Spreader Sticker" to ensure the grass absorbs the weed killer.

Another weed evidenced this year is nut sedge. A perennial hard-to-kill weed even with some broadleaf herbicides, it appears as a light-colored grass with thin leaves. When it goes to seed, it includes a round-looking seed head. To control and even eliminate, purchase and utilize "Hi-Yield Nut Sedge Control" at Ace Hardware or your local nursery.

Try mowing in the evening when grass is dry to place less stress on you and your lawn. Remember to mulch grass clippings so they'll deteriorate and help fertilize the lawn.

Keep an eye out for grass-eating, plant-destroying critters. Fire ants, for example, ruin the look of your lawn, and their bites can be quite painful. If a mound does form, sprinkle Amdro fire ant granules around the mound; the worker ants carry it to the queen, which then destroys the entire colony. Another critter that can hurt your trees and evergreen shrubs are bag worms. To control these caterpillars and prevent them from defoliating your plants, remove each by hand or spray them with an appropriate insecticide.

Continue to remove faded blooms from annuals such as geraniums, marigolds, petunias, salvia, verbena and zinnias. Failing to do so will cause the flowers to stop blooming and produce seed, thus signaling the end of the bloom life cycle. When annuals become spindly or leggy, prune or pinch back by as much as one-half their current height. They will soon begin to leaf out, look thicker and activate bloom again.

Don't forget to mulch to help regulate the soil temperature, conserve water, and help prevent weed development. Be sure the planting areas have at least two inches, but no more than four inches, of mulch.

Be sure to keep your bird baths clean and full as our feathered friends will need water to cool off from the summer heat. If squirrels are hogging the feeders, try using a Cajun or hot seed mix. Squirrels will not bother the seed and this "fix" will not harm the birds.

Finally, always wear a hat and plenty of sunscreen and, certainly, stay hydrated while working in the yard.

Happy Gardening!

Jack Holloway, Master Gardener



**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.



**No Bread for Our Feathered Friends!**

Several residents have expressed concern about residents feeding the ducks and geese. Although feeding the WindStone fowl is frowned upon, many residents continue to do so, unaware they may be contributing to “angel wing” disease. Not only do carb-filled bread, crackers, and the like carry no nutritional value, they also can promote a deformity that causes the last joint in the bird’s wing to twist outward, triggered by improper bone growth – thus, the *angel wing*. By all means, love your feathered friends; just don’t feed them.

**WindStone Grill**  
**423-894-1234, option 2**

Now serving dinner until 9 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays,  
and until 6 p.m. Friday - Sunday.

*New menu items now available.*

**NOTICES AND REMINDERS**

- **YARD DEBRIS PICKUP** – First Wednesday of each month.
- **RECYCLE PICKUP** – Third Wednesday of each month.
- **STREET LIGHTS** - Please email or call the office if you notice a street light that is not working properly.