

WindStone Wonders

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WRA Annual Meeting
Monday, March 20, 2017 – 7 p.m.
WindStone Golf Grill

Ballots will be mailed to every WindStone property owner near the middle of February with detailed information about the election. It is very important to return your ballot ahead of time, even if you plan to attend the meeting. This enables the Board to know that the quorum requirement will be met.

SECURITY

Report any and all suspicious activity to the police first; the WindStone security guards are instructed to only call the police if they have a situation at the gatehouse or have witnessed the situation themselves. All other incidents should be reported directly by the residents making the report to ensure the most accurate and timely response.

NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Hamilton County – 423-622-0022

Catoosa County – 706-935-2323

FRONT ENTRANCE SPEED LIMIT

Please adhere to a **10 mph speed limit** **within the gatehouse/front entrance area.**

Drivers continue to drive too fast when entering the community.

We have had a few vehicles narrowly miss hitting the gate because of excessive speed.

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

- **YARD DEBRIS PICKUP** – First Wednesday of each month.
- **RECYCLE PICKUP** – First Wednesday of each month.
- **EASTER EGG HUNT** - Watch the next issue of WindStone Wonders for details about our East Egg Hunt. If you are available to volunteer for this event, please email or call the office.
- **STREET LIGHTS** - Please email or call the office if you notice a street light that is not working properly.



Welcome to WindStone

Charles and Kimberly Bacigalupi – 1534 Hawks Landing
William and Joyce Bell – 1979 Holden Farm Place
Jason and Sheree Layne – 128 Windsor Lane
Ron and Laural Smith – 9579 Silent Circle



Jack's Corner

Don't be fooled by all this warm spring-like weather we've been experiencing. Not only can February be quite gloomy and cold, but also our weather can do an about turn almost daily. Still, in preparation for the upcoming warm days of spring and the colorful blooms yet to arise, it's time to pull out all those yard and gardening tools and inspect them. They may just need cleaning and sharpening or possibly a tune-up, but check them out before you need to use them.

This month, prune or trim the following: dormant trees, crepe myrtles and deciduous shrubs. Cut back liriop (monkey grass) with either the lawn mower, set on the high position, or your grass trimmer, but do so before new growth appears. If ornamental grasses, such as miscanthus, pennisetum, Mexican - feather, switchgrass, muhly grass and pampas grass, are looking tattered, cut them back three to six inches above the ground. (You can wait until March if you prefer.) Trim roses mid-month; hybrid and knockout roses should be trimmed to eighteen inches above ground and, also, start your fertilization program. Climbing roses should be trimmed no more than one-third their size.

Fertilize fescue lawns mid-month with a crabgrass preventer to kill grassy weeds. Bermuda lawns should wait until the grass starts to green up, and then fertilize with a crabgrass preventer as well. Bermuda lawns should be aerated at least every other year, which allows the lawn to breathe, keeps it from compacting and reduces weeds and fungus, all which make the root system stronger. (Remember that fescue lawns should have been aerated in the fall.) Spot-control weeds in dormant warm-season lawns by pulling them or by applying a broadleaf weed control.

Apply dormant horticulture oil to fruit and nut trees to eliminate scale and other pests before spring growth appears. These oils also can control scale insects on crepe myrtles, hollies, eounymus and camellias. For best results, be sure to completely spray the entire plant including the underside of the leaves.

Bluebirds are already looking for a place to nest, so clean out your birdhouses soon. Continue to put out plenty of food and water as the birds will need lots of energy for the remaining cold days ahead. Check containers for your annuals and be sure to empty out the old remaining soil. It's never a good idea to reuse potting mix, as the soil could be infested with insects and fungus. Discard the soil and clean the containers with a solution of one part bleach to nine parts water and you are ready to plant with fresh soil and new plants. Check local nurseries to get ideas on plants and where to best plant them in your garden. Think of your sweetheart this month: rosebushes are always a favorite, along with azaleas, hydrangeas and tulips.

Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Gardening!

Jack Holloway, Master Gardener



Welcome back Jack! The WRA Board would like to thank Jack Holloway for helping to make WindStone a beautiful place to call home.