

# WindStone Wonders

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## June Yard of the Month

John and Janice Pioretta  
1861 Windstone Drive

## Welcome to WindStone

James and Sheila VandeLune  
1850 Holden Farm Place

Terry and Zita Hart  
9718 Cattails View  
(A new Windstone address for the Harts)



Happy  
4<sup>th</sup> of July



## Friendly Neighborhood Reminders (or...How To Be a Good Neighbor)

- All pets (including cats) should be confined to the pet owner's property. **Don't let dogs bark constantly.**
- Maintain your house and lawn so that your neighbors enjoy the view.
- The speed limit is 25 mph on all WindStone streets. Please keep our streets safe by slowing down.
- Keep the streets clear. Parking in the streets is prohibited except by guests visiting for short periods.
- Any changes or additions to the outside of your home or landscape must first be approved by the Architectural Review Board.

### Neighborhood Security

- Nightly roving patrol is in place and patrols all residential areas, as well as the playground and lakes.
- Use outside lighting at night. Make sure your mailbox light is working.
- Do not leave valuables in cars parked outside and lock all car doors.
- Keep garage door closed.
- When you are on vacation: stop mail and newspaper delivery and notify the local police.

### 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.

### OPERATING REAR GATES @ SWANSON ROAD

The following are the steps to operate the rear gates.

1. **APPROACH GATE/BARRIER ARM SLOWLY.**
2. Drive up far enough so the bar code on your vehicle can be read by the reader (on tall white post, on passenger side).
3. **Once the bar code is read, the gate door will open completely *before* the barrier arm will raise up. Driving closer to the barrier arm will not cause it to raise up.**
4. Once your vehicle passes under the barrier arm, it will lower until the next bar code is successfully read.
5. The barrier arm will lower/raise for each subsequent bar code scan.
6. When there are no additional bar codes to be scanned, the gate door will "time-out" and close.

If you change vehicles, please call the WindStone office at 706-937-8846 to order new bar codes.



**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.*

## Jack's Corner

Summer is officially here, and so are the mosquitoes. Mosquitoes are a serious problem as they present a variety of health issues. Here are a few suggestions on how to rid your lawn and garden of these pests. The easiest method is to call a professional to spray your property. There are a number of preventive measures you can take. Have all the debris cleaned out from your gutters which creates a nesting place. Empty out all containers that have standing water in them. Change the water in your bird baths every three days to prevent mosquito larvae from hatching out. There are several products you can purchase at Lowes and Home Depot to spray your lawn and garden. Be sure to use a mosquito spray for personal use that contains deet for best results.

Be sure to water wisely. To get a healthy garden, water your lawn and garden between 6 - 10 a.m. to avoid evaporation. You need only one inch of water per week to sustain your lawn and garden. You can do this by watering every other day until you reach the desired amount for the week. Remember to turn off your automatic sprinkler system when it rains to conserve water.

Always when you will be out in the sun at any time wear sunscreen, a wide brimmed hat and drink plenty of water. You may even schedule your activities in the morning or early evening to avoid the heat of the day.

To keep lawns from stressing out from the heat, raise the height of your mower a notch. This will also conserve moisture in the soil for the roots system. For Bermuda and zoysia grasses, mow 1 to 2 inches and for fescue 2.5 to 3 inches. Now is a great time to lay Bermuda or zoysia sod. Be sure to water it daily while the root system is getting established and also apply an iron supplement to fescue lawns to keep them green without forcing new growth. Fescue lawns grow dormant in the heat of summer.

Keep a watchful eye out for Japanese beetles, June bugs and lace bugs. These guys will have your plants for lunch and dinner. There are several sprays available to treat your lawn and plants so heck with Lowes, Home Depot or your local nursery.

With all the summer storms we encounter, be sure to stake all your tall annuals, perennials and tomato plants. This will ensure that they remain upright after the storms that are so common this time of year.

Cut back leggy annuals to encourage more blooms and healthier growth. If you do not cut them back, it will signal the end of their cycle and blooming will stop for the season. Energize plants by fertilizing your flower beds and be sure to water your plants after fertilizing. If you have plants in clay pots as most of us do, be aware that temperatures can rise dramatically during the heat of the day, drying out and killing your plants. If the daytime temperature reaches 90 degrees, it can be as hot as 120 degrees in the pots. This is especially true if they are in full sun. Water them daily to prevent them from drying and dying out prematurely.

July is a great time to prune any of your "bleeder" trees, like maples, dogwood, elm, birch and other trees that bleed sap when pruned in winter.

Be sure to mulch your garden. This will keep weeds to a minimum and increase water retention in the soil. Put it out heavy, but don't use more than 4 inches deep.

Clean out bird houses after the baby birds have left the nest. Clean hummingbird feeders every 5 to 7 days so they don't get sticky. (Hummers are a little particular.) Clean and refill bird baths regularly to give our friends a place to drink and bathe.

Please be careful using fireworks this holiday. Be mindful of rockets landing on your and your neighbor's roofs and yards. Hospitals report more injuries occur this time of year than any other time.

I would like to thank all Veterans for their service and those who continue to serve our great country. [Happy Birthday, America.](#)

Happy Gardening,

Jack Holloway, Master Gardener