

WINDSTONE WONDERS

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October Yard of the Month

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CONGRATULATIONS



And while we're on the subject of Yard of the Month...WRA wants your help!

The Windstone Residential Association would like your help with selecting our yard of the month. With over 660 homes in our community it's difficult for the three-person Special Events Committee to peruse the entire community to find the monthly winner. So, if you have a neighbor who has worked hard to make their yard beautiful, please let us know.

Just send the address of the home you are nominating to the Windstone Business Office at
WRAOffice@Yahoo.com

Welcome to WindStone

Carl & Katherine Most
143 Woodpecker Place

Greg Hester
201 Wisley Way



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Have you visited our website recently?

If not, check it out.

You will find Vehicle Bar Code Request Forms, WindStone C&R's, the Architectural Review Board Process, HOA Fee Auto-draft, our calendar of events, photos and more...



Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the annual Fall Festival. An especially heartfelt thanks is extended to those who volunteered to help out. We couldn't have done it without you!

Debbie Gwaltney, WRA Special Events

Boy Scout Holiday Food Drive and Bethel Village Clothing Drive

Do you have out-of-season clothes? Are you planning to update your wardrobe? If so, please hold off on those donations of your gently used clothing.

In conjunction with our annual Boy Scout Holiday Food Drive, we will also be accepting gently-used men's, women's and children's clothing, as well as gently-used toys to be donated to the Bethel Village Thrift Store.

This event is scheduled for December 9th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Windstone Golf Club Pavilion. More details to follow.

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

- **TRASH REMINDERS:**
 - **PLEASE BAG ALL TRASH**
 - **PLEASE BREAK DOWN CARDBOARD BOXES SO THEY ARE FLAT**
 - **YARD DEBRIS PICKUP** - First Wednesday of each month.
 - **RECYCLE PICKUP** - Third Wednesday of each month.
- **STREET LIGHTS** - Please email or call the business office if you notice a street light that is not working properly.

Jack's Corner November 2017

It's still not too late to plant or transplant trees or shrubs until the ground freezes. Plant Lenten rose ("Helleborus Orientalis"), an evergreen perennial that blooms fall, winter or early spring and comes in many colors. You may also plant camellias, jewels of the winter garden. Try yuletide, apple blossom and setsugekka for beautiful blooms. Another great idea is to take root cuttings of deciduous shrubs, such as hydrangeas, viburnum, and weigela and, also, green shrubs such as hollies, junipers and yews.

Continue to plant pansies, violas, primrose, snapdragons, cabbage and kale, but be sure to fertilize them with pansy food. Cut back dead and dying foliage from perennial plants. You may also plant spring flowering bulbs such as tulips, narcissus (daffodils), muscari and grape hyacinths. Apply a time-release fertilizer.

Clean out leaves and debris from flower beds to protect from overwintering insects and diseases. If you've not done so already, cover flower beds with three to four inches of mulch to protect them from the bitter cold of winter. Cut chrysanthemum stems and other perennials to four to five inches from the soil once they have begun to die back, but leave ornamental grasses to provide winter interest until spring. You can continue to transplant perennials throughout the fall and winter, so long as they remain dormant.

Now is the ideal time to plant spring flowering bulbs. Consider planting some of the minor bulbs, such as winter aconite, glory of the snow, species tulips, narcissus and grape hyacinths.

As soon as the leaves fall from fruit trees, shade or flowering trees, raspberries and other deciduous plants, they can be sprayed for the first time with a dormant spray. Doing so helps control overwintering insects and diseases. Apply according to label instructions. Incorporate fertilizer in the annual and vegetable gardens for our next growing season.

It's not too late to fertilize your lawn. Use a turf fertilizer and follow label directions to encourage good root development and help improve the color of the lawn. Keep heavy layers of leaves raked from the lawn and composted. Alternatively, just mow over a light layer of leaves, turning them to a mulch to add important nutrients back to the lawn. Now is the best time to do a soil sample for both your lawn and garden to determine if you need to add lime or other nutrients to the soil.

About mid-November, start to force bloom bulbs indoors like amaryllis, paperwhites, narcissus and hyacinths to enjoy at Christmas. And speaking of the holiday season, check the local nurseries about mid-November for the arrival of poinsettias.

Continue to feed our feathered friends with black sunflower seeds as a general feed and suet feeders for energy for the cold winter ahead. Don't forget to keep their water supplied as well.

While not necessarily a gardening tip, this month is the time to break out those Christmas lights and start decorating the yard. What a great treat it is to ride through your own neighborhood and look at so many wonderful Christmas decorations.

This will be my last article for 2017 as I take a break for the holidays, but I'll return with a new article in February.

Jimmie and I would like to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a blessed New Year.

Happy Gardening!
Jack Holloway, Master Gardener



It is amazing what a fresh coat of paint can do to update the look of your home. Not only will new paint look better and increase the value of your home, it will also protect your home and save you from costly repairs down the road. Here are some things to consider before you set out to paint your home.

The Best Time to Paint Outdoors

This really depends on where you live, but you'll want to paint when temperatures are moderate and the weather isn't too hot or cold. In some areas, fall is a great time to paint, but in other areas it might be too cold at night. The best temperatures for painting outside are typically between 50 to 85 degrees Fahrenheit, but many new paints will cure in temperatures as low as 35 degrees F.

DIY or Hire a Pro

Even if you're used to tackling interior painting projects, painting the outside of your house is a big job. When you factor in your time, tools, and material, it might be worth the cost to hire a pro. Here are some things to help you decide:

- **Your house type and features** – A one-story ranch house is relatively easy to paint, while a two-story Victorian is a big challenge. Similarly, a house on a hill or slope will be a trickier task.
- **The condition of your exterior** – Is there blistering or peeling paint? Do you have siding problems like wood rot? If so, prep work can be up to half the job. Don't like prep work and just like to paint? Consider hiring a pro to do the prep for you.
- **Tools and materials** – Do you need special ladders or scaffolding? A pressure washer or paint sprayer? Price out the cost of renting or purchasing what you need – including paint – and then compare this to the cost of hiring a pro.

When in doubt, get a couple of bids from different painting pros.

What Will it Cost?

Determining what painting your home will cost involves many factors: home size, number of stories, exterior condition, and more. According to homeadvisor.com, the national average cost for hiring a pro to paint a single story house is about \$2,800. Angie's List reports a higher average of \$3,700.

If you're doing the job yourself, make sure you factor in the tools and equipment you'll need to purchase (or rent) as well as the cost of the paint. Good exterior paint can cost from about \$30 to \$70 per gallon. It's worth the money to buy good paint, as cheaper paints often mean you have to repaint sooner. If you're using a painting contractor, make sure you specify the paint you want to use when you get a bid.

Choosing the Right Color

And last, but by no means least, you need to choose the right color for your home. First, consider the style of your home and the character of your neighborhood. You don't want to stick out like a sore thumb, but you don't want to look just like every house on the street either.

As you're thinking of possible colors, don't forget to consider existing colors on or around your home, like the roof, stone, or brick, and landscaping. Also make sure you paint a swatch on the front of your home and look at the color at different times of day. Finally, many paint manufacturers have online tools and apps to help you visualize and explore different paint options for your home.