

WINDSTONE WONDERS

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September Yard of the Month

Richard & Lillie Nash

152 Circlestone Drive
Ringgold, GA

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

Surjit & Danyne Bahrj
9702 Cloverleaf Place

Henry (Ted) & Elizabeth Tedeschi
1827 Holden Farm Place

Marlene Varney
9922 Cattails Meadow Lane

Brandon & April Alford
497 Blue Jay Parkway

Michael Gray
225 Blue Jay Parkway

Hey!
WELCOME
We're *very* **GLAD**
you're here!

www.windstonehoa.org

Have you visited our website recently?

If not, check it out. Changes are being made to make it more relevant and robust.

Check here for Vehicle Bar Code Request Forms, WindStone C&R's, Architectural Review Board Requests, HOA Fee Auto-draft, our calendar of events, photos and more...



Fall Festival

SAVE THE DATE
Sunday, October 22nd
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.



Fall Festival

Please join us at our Fall Festival - Football Tailgating party.
 You are encouraged to wear your favorite football team's colors to this event.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Volunteers will be needed to help with set-up and/or clean-up, games and inflatable supervision, and general assistance. (This would be a great opportunity for high schoolers to earn some volunteer hours.)

If you would like to volunteer, or have any questions, please contact Debbie Gwaltney at debbiegwaltney@yahoo.com (preferred) or 423-991-1407.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

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.

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

October 2017

Fall is a wonderful time for planting just about anything you desire. From trees to shrubs, perennials, spring blooming bulbs and of course fall annuals. Whether in the garden or in pots nothing says "Fall" better than Snapdragons, Chrysanthemums, Violas and Pansies. For foliage color try Ornamental Mustard, Kale or Cabbage. Don't forget the Pumpkins for fall and Halloween.

It's also a great time to plant spring flowering bulbs such as Daffodils, Hyacinths and Tulips. Be sure to use a fertilizer such as bone meal or bulb food. Whatever you decide to plant be sure to water to help establish a healthy root system.

If your perennials, such as Hosta, Daylilies, Daisies and Cone flowers, are looking a little overgrown consider dividing them and sharing with your family and neighbors. This will give your plants that needed breathing room for next year's blooms. Try adding vines and ground covers to your garden such as Clematis, Mondo Grass, Variegated Liriope and English Ivy. Adding trees to your landscape will provide shade that can reduce summer energy costs and increase your home's value.

This is a great time to amend the soil in your garden. Improve the soil by adding organic material such as Natures Helper or a rich top soil. Use a tiller or a good garden rake to blend in the new material with your existing soil.

If you have some of those special plants, such as tropical flowers like Hibiscus and Mandevilla that you would like to keep from year to year, now is the time to bring them inside. Before you bring the plants inside, whether it be in a sunroom or the garage, check for insects. You may want to use an insecticidal soap or a Systemic insecticide prior to the big move. We have Geraniums, Hibiscus, Mandevilla, Begonias and several Ferns that we have kept for many years.

If you need to reseed your Fescue lawn, now is a great time to do so. Seeding in the fall allows the grass to establish a root system over the winter and become very healthy before the stressful heat of summer returns.

To control winter weeds such as Poa Annua (Annual Bluegrass), Henbit, Chickweed and others apply a pre-emergent to your Bermuda or Zoysia lawns. Do not apply to Fescue lawns if you plan to seed in the fall. Doing so will prevent both the weed seed and grass seed from germinating.

Whether you are planting something new, or maintaining older plants and trees, be sure to keep them well watered. Normally October is a dry month, so keep your plants watered, especially before the first frost. Dry soil in cold weather can cause serious damage that you won't discover until next spring.

When frost threatens immediately pick the remaining tomatoes still on the vine. Some will be green giving you the choice of enjoying fried green tomatoes, or you can store and ripen them indoors. Wash and dry the fruit completely. Set the tomatoes in a box not touching each other. Store in a dark room at about 60 degrees. Add an apple or banana to the box. These fruit release ethylene gas, which will speed up the tomato ripening process.

Keep your bird feeders full this month as we transition from summer to fall. Many birds start to migrate and you might be surprised at who comes to visit. Keep your Humming Bird feeders full, as they may attract migrating Hummers as well.

Happy Halloween and Happy Gardening,

Jack Holloway, Master Gardener



FALL TO-DO LIST

Step on crunchy leaves

- Clean downspouts and gutters
- Dust ceiling fans and ceiling light fixtures
- Wash the windows

Eat something pumpkin flavored

- Turn off exterior faucets
- Remove leaves around your outside HVAC unit

Bring out your warm clothes

- Store outdoor furniture and cushions
- Inspect chimney and roof for cracks and damage
- Cut back perennial plants and mulch around base

Make a batch of leaf-shaped cookies

- Remove hoses from spigots and drain water
- Test snow blower and service if necessary
- Stow the lawn mower

Bake a dessert using apples

- Schedule a furnace tune-up
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Check windows and doors for weather-tightness

Spot a ghost for Halloween

- Clean out dryer vent
- Drain sediment from hot water heater
- Rotate/flip mattresses

Fill the house with fall-scented candles

- Wash bedskirts/covers/pads
- Wash curtains/blinds
- Begin to organize tax-related documents

Go for a walk in the fall colors

- Clean oven
- Wash shower curtains/liners

Carve a pumpkin

- Dust and scrub porch
- Clean out refrigerator

Drink apple cider

- Clean out entryway closet
- Tidy up and organize pantry and cabinets



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