

WINDSTONE WONDERS

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AUGUST 2018 – Yard of the Month



Craig Price &
Troylea McCulley

615 Wisley Way

CONGRATULATIONS



Welcome to WindStone!

Andrew and Thalia Little

Jan Stewart

Ray and Laura Chanslor

Andrew Howard

Charles and Heather McCallie

111 Blue Jay Parkway

120 Woodpecker Place

9412 Secret Circle

19 Wisley Way

38 Sandpiper Trail

Ronnie and Carolyn Creek

Margie and Daniel Swagerty

Robert Palmer and Deborah Crisp

John and Diane Hendrick

Gayle O'Brien

9105 Tower Pines Cove

25 North Links Drive

9442 Lazy Circles Drive

9453 Lazy Circles Drive

1838 Holden Farm Place



Fall Yard Sale

The WindStone Fall Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, September 8th, from 8am to 12pm, at the New Heights Baptist Church.

A \$5 donation will be collected from each booth and given to the church to show our appreciation for their support.

Hope to see you there. Tell a friend!

WRA Meeting Highlights for August 13, 2018

The August WRA Board of Directors meeting was very busy. Thank you to all who attended, as well as those who are volunteering and working closely with the Board on things such as the Financial Planning Committee, the ARB Committee, the Security Committee and the Business Manager Search Committee. Below please find highlights of the August meeting:

1. Please send Financial Manager Julie Shull your e-mail address to be able to receive your monthly invoice and newsletter via e-mail. These addresses are also used to conveniently notify residents of important, urgent, and emergent neighborhood events, so having an accurate e-mail address is very important.
2. Don't forget to change the WRA mailing address for any check or automatic payments of WRA dues. This will speed up receipt of your payments.
3. Finalists are currently being interviewed for the Business Manager Position.
4. The Fall Yard Sale will be held on September 8, from 8am-12pm in the New Heights Baptist Church parking lot. Come early to set up, and don't forget your \$5 cash donation to be given to the church for the use of their facilities.
5. The Financial Planning Committee has been seated, and will hold its first meeting on August 20, 2018.
6. Temporary street parking is permitted in WindStone on a limited basis. Please see the C&Rs and ARBs for more clarification. Copies of these documents can be found at www.windstonehoa.org.
7. The WRA Board is considering switching from a paper resident directory to an easily updated electronic directory, which would be username and password protected and accessible to WindStone residents only. Residents wishing to have a plain paper copy of the directory could request one from the Business Manager.
8. Common area landscaping will now be taken care of by Dilbeck Landscaping. The difference in the appearance of our neighborhood is already noticeable.
9. If you are making exterior changes to your home, please complete those requests per the ARB guidelines and submit them to the ARB Committee for consideration. They would love to meet with you and discuss your exterior project. The guidelines and necessary paperwork can be found at www.windstonehoa.org. Interior changes to your home do **not** have to be approved by the ARB.
10. The Lonesome Dove Lane culvert repair project is currently up for bid.
11. Thank you to everyone who is helping to rake and maintain the playground area. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Detailed information on all business conducted at this meeting can be found in the WRA Meeting Minutes for August 13, 2018.

WELCOME NEW BUSINESS MANAGER

WindStone would like to welcome our new Business Manager, LeAnn Granic. LeAnn and her husband recently moved here from Colorado. She brings with her a wealth of experience and knowledge in HOA management and client relations.

LeAnn will be starting her new position September 4th, and we look forward to having her in the neighborhood.

Reminder – Please change your mailing address for the WindStone HOA

Some of our residents have not yet provided their bank with the new WindStone HOA mailing address. As a result, HOA payments are being mailed to the wrong address, which delays receipt of your payment.

- Please remember that the new WindStone HOA mailing address is 1724 Holden Farm Place, Ooltewah, TN 37363
- Thanks to those who have updated their records to reflect the new address.

REMINDERS

- YARD DEBRIS PICK UP – First Wednesday of each month.
- RECYCLE PICK UP – Third Wednesday of each month.
- ANIMALS – When walking your pets, **please pick up after them** and keep them out of your neighbors' yard.
- SPEED – Please help keep our community safe by adhering to the 25mph speed limit.
- PARKING – Overnight parking is not allowed on the streets of WindStone. Temporary day-time street parking is permitted on a limited basis.
- EXTERIOR CHANGES - If you are making exterior changes to your home, please complete those requests per the ARB guidelines and submit them to the ARB Committee for consideration. They would love to meet with you and discuss your exterior project. The guidelines and necessary paperwork can be found at www.windstonehoa.org. Interior changes to your home do **not** have to be approved by the ARB.

Home Maintenance for Your Hardwood Floors



Hardwood is one of the oldest flooring materials and is still considered one of the best. Hardwood floors are natural, beautiful, and durable, especially if you maintain them. With good maintenance, they will last longer, look better, and add value to your home.

Make daily dusting and sweeping, with a scratch-free cloth or broom, part of your daily maintenance routine. When you need to vacuum hardwood, be sure to use the soft brush attachment, never the rotating brush roll, or as it's known in older vacuums, the beater bar. Then, as needed, mop with the wood floor cleaning product recommended for your floor's type and finish.

Wood floors need a protective finish. Unfinished wood floors require finishing with a protective sealer immediately after installation. Factory-finished floors are sanded, sealed, and ready to use right out of the box. If you have solid hardwood, you may need to add a finishing coat every few years, or eventually sand and refinish decades down the road. If you have engineered hardwood, which is a veneer, sanding and refinishing may be an option one-time only, depending on the thickness of the veneer.

Tips for Cleaning Your Hardwood Floors

- Use only wood floor care products; never use vinyl or tile cleaning products.
- If you prefer a natural cleaner, like vinegar and water, do your research. Your floors must be well sealed, and the vinegar-to-water pH balance can't be too acidic, and you must wipe the floors dry immediately.
- Most experts advise that you don't use water to wet or steam mop wood floors.

Tips for Protecting Hardwood Floors

- Use felt or rubber protectors on the bottom of furniture legs and never drag furniture on wood flooring.
- Use area rugs in high traffic areas, in front of exterior doorways, as well as in front of the kitchen sink.
- Remove shoes at the door, especially high heels or cleats.
- Slow down fading by keeping direct sunlight off your floors. Use window coverings to redirect, diffuse, or block UV light. UV resistant finishes are also available.
- Keep dogs' nails trimmed, or restrict from hardwood areas.
- Wipe up spills immediately; standing liquid can damage wood floors.

Tips for Scratches and Squeaks

- For deep or surface scratches, touch-up using a stain stick for wood that matches your floor's finish.
- For squeaky floors, if possible, it's best to repair from underneath and may need to be done by a professional. There are products that include a combination of lubricant and powder, which you can try using on the surface between the planks, but effectiveness may be limited.