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Etched in WindStone

Welcome to the newsletter for our neighborhood. The intent is to provide a vehicle to keep homeowners informed of quarterly events, address issues in the neighborhood and communicate information from the POA Board of Directors, ARC Committee and related Committees.



President's Message

by Erin Dardis

Hello, neighbors and Happy Autumn! How fantastic is it that we finally have some cooler temperatures? Wait, I spoke too soon; it's back to 85 again! Oh well, fingers crossed that it will cool down by the time this newsletter reaches your in-boxes!

Cooler temperatures may entice more of us to get out and about in the neighborhood, some of us on golf carts. For those of you with golf carts, please be aware that on October 1, 2023, a new state-wide golf cart law went into effect, aimed at limiting the number of teenaged (and even younger) drivers. The new law provides that a golf cart may not be operated on public roads by a person "under 18 years of age unless he or she possesses a valid learner's driver license or valid driver license" or by a person "who is 18 years of age or older unless he or she possesses a valid form of government-issued photographic identification." Drive safely and responsibly!

The WindStone Board is happy to report that we have revamped our security cameras at our front gates. We have five cameras in total, recording all vehicles entering and leaving the neighborhood. One camera on the entrance side captures the license plates of all vehicles. Another camera photographs all individuals using the call box to enter our community. Our video system is web-based, so our property manager and law enforcement, if need be, have immediate access to recorded footage. In addition, our property manager can now make programming changes to our call box remotely. If any homeowner needs to edit the phone number that our property manager has on file for the call box, please email customerservice@coastalstheone.

It is hard to believe that the holidays are fast approaching. I would like to thank Kathy Stauffer, who oversees our community's "beautification" projects, in advance for coordinating WindStone's holiday lights. Our front entrance always looks amazing this time of year! Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a joyous holiday season with family and friends!



"Be happy for this moment. This moment is your life." – Omar Khayyam



Beautification Committee Report

by Kathy Stauffer

This time of year seems to be the busiest for me. Gearing up for the holidays and welcoming cooler weather. Summer months seems to be more about trimming as things seem to grow overnight! It's important to me to make sure WindStone looks it's best for the holiday season!!

Getting ready to order WindStone's winter flowers for the season! Mulching our neighborhood and making sure landscape is trimmed for the holiday lighting company.

Enjoy the slightly cooler weather..... Happy Thanksgiving and the upcoming holidays!!!



ARC Report

by Mary Emerton

Oh My Gourd, It's Fall!

Everyone has a favorite season, for me it's fall. Fall is a southerner's reward for having survived summer!

Since the last article in July, the ARC team has met 6 times. Eight applications were submitted during this period and reviewed at an average of 5.6 days from submission. 100% were approved including the final elements of a new home build.

We continue to meet by video conference on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month; the infrequent 5th Tuesday generally results in a social, in-person meeting contingent on team availability.

Please note the invitation to join our team noted in a separate heading in this newsletter. We will be experiencing a painful team void in the months to come resulting in at least one vacancy.

We hope to finalize the guideline work on November 7 for submission to our community. The work has generally been housekeeping in nature. Please let us know what we may be able to do to assist you with your project ideas or the community and the Guidelines we all follow.



Finally, In November and December you may see one of more of us taking photos of your home, from the front elevation (not entering your property) as we endeavor to tackle the objective of a community record. It's been on the back burner and the last remaining goal the team has been hoping to finish for a couple of years.

Fall-elujah!

Mary Emerton and the ARC Team

ARC Team Openings

by Mary Emerton

The WindStone Architectural Review Committee (ARC) will have at least one open slot for a team member soon. It's been our process to invite self-nominations from the community. Each of the current members bring their own component of expertise to the team and we welcome all to send an email (memerton61@gmail.com) sharing what you hope to contribute by way of an informal resume/narrative.

It's important to understand the commitment of the position given its importance within the community. The team meets by video conference the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening each month at 6:30pm. These meetings typically last less than 30 minutes. Attendance is vital as team voting continuity is critical to fair and consistent application processing, also tie votes result in the application denial. If there is a 5th Tuesday, we have made a practice of getting together at rotating ARC member homes to share some food, camaraderie and if there are required applications to review to meet the timeline for approval, we have a meeting as well.

Often the work the ARC does has a confidential component. Our property owners share information, including expenses, property improvements, etc. that must remain within our group, i.e., floor plans of new homes, denied application reasons. We have found ways to maintain our transparency while preserving the private business of our applicant property owners.

Please evaluate the commitment and your ability to meet it when you consider this opportunity. If you'd like to discuss this opportunity further, you can reach out by email or call me to discuss (248.842.9256).

Apply
Now

We will review all self-nominations at a regular scheduled upcoming meeting as an agenda item, providing an opportunity to talk with each applicant during the meeting.

Thanks in advance!

Mary Emerton & the WindStone ARC Team

Garbage Pickup Days & Policy

This is a reprint as we have had many people who are not aware of the new policies. Please Note these additions to the repeated message:

1. **Please do not place your garbage or recycle bins on the curb more than one day before pickup.**
2. **Do not blow your leaves and lawn detritus into the street and leave it there.**

Garbage Pickup Days:

Monday: Recycling and Garbage

Wednesday: Yard Debris in cans or tied in bundles

Thursday: Garbage Only

Please Note: New Policies!

Bulk Trash and Green Waste piles that require the claw machine **must be** called in (772- 546-7700) to arrange pickup. It will then be picked up the **next Tuesday**. To be clear, if you call in on a Tuesday, it will not be picked up that day. It will be picked up the next Tuesday.

Another new policy from Waste Management is **they will NOT pick up bulk green waste in common areas or empty lots**. To be picked up, the waste must be in front of a home with an address.

Holiday Progressive Dinner

By Rosemary Metal

The Holidays are around the corner, and I would love to organize another progressive neighborhood dinner in December. Last year we had 3 homes volunteer for appetizers, a main course and desserts and had over 30 people attended. It was a wonderful evening of good food and new friendships. I hope we can put this together again, but I need your help. I am looking for 3 homes to volunteer to be hosts. Please let me know by November 15th if you would be interested or have any questions. Even if you are not interested in hosting but would like to help organize or assist a host you can be part of this effort. With your help we can have another wonderful event!

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Message from our Management Company

By Beth Goin

It is officially the Fall and Winter Florida Season!

By the time you receive this newsletter the time will have changed and we are now going to experience more hours in the dark. This means we really need to heighten our awareness when driving, walking, running, and biking on the community roadways for everyone's safety.

Vehicular traffic: stop at stop signs, stay focused while in the community, phones down, no looking for stuff in your vehicle, car lights on earlier and please **SLOW DOWN**.

Pedestrian traffic: since there are no sidewalks, you should always walk, run, bike, facing traffic, if crossing to get on Rivers End Way, or from Rivers End Way make sure you look in both directions, be visible, turn down headphones, look up, short leash on pets.

Vendors traffic: As owners, do your part by holding your vendors accountable for roadway safety in your community. Where do your vendors park their vehicles? Does that create line of sight issues for others, are you impacting someone else's property, the common area?

This is a beautiful community that all owners should be proud of.

Happy Holidays.



Beth Goin caught this little guy walking across Rivers End Way. This is why we have a 25 mph speed limit. This is a living, breathing animal and diversity is why our area is so special. I'm pretty sure his mom doesn't want him run over any more than you would want it. Lisa

Welcome to the Neighborhood!

John and Heather Molnar

Random Act of Kindness.

By *Mary Emerton*

Thank you, Ben!!

Not long ago, between rainstorms on a Sunday morning I was trying to post the sign at the main gate for the ARC meeting. The key was stuck and I could not get it out or to move at all to open the window. The skies opened up and it started pouring. I was stuck between leaving the key in the lock and going home to get Eric to come down and help me and just fixing it myself. A car pulled up and idled for a few minutes and then Mr. Abrishami got out in the pouring rain and joined me to help. After some work on the lock, including liberal amounts of WD40 he had in his SUV, the key worked, the door opened, the sign was posted, and friends were made of neighbors.

We are all busy. Life keeps happening. Objectives are overcome by real events. Procrastination is an artform practiced and perfected on a daily basis to just stay ahead of the curve. Once in a while we have an opportunity to make a difference for someone else in a seemingly small way that has the greatest of unknown impacts. I don't remember those that passed me that morning, but I will always remember the one that stopped.

Thanks Ben!



Take a Book – Leave a Book

By *Laura Berounsky*

If you're not familiar with [Little Free Library](#), it's a non-profit organization that aims to provide books for all people, regardless of their income, interests or age. We started one in our neighborhood and it is located at the end of Lake Rush Court.

The Little Free Library model is basically "take a book, return a book" where you can take whatever books you want out and then either return the same one when you're done or add a new book to the free library collection.



I've started setting aside books I've finished reading but don't necessarily need to keep in my personal collection or duplicate books we've received and every few weeks, we take them to the Little Free Library so other families in our community can enjoy them. There is always space for more in our library and hope you will come by and have a look and a read. Your donations are welcome as our little WindStone library seems to stay busy especially with kids.

Out and About on the Treasure Coast

Please send me your favorite place in the Treasure Coast! My email is lisadkraft@gmail.com. If you don't have the time to write a paragraph about it, I will google it and find needed info.

Lisa Kraft

Riverbend Park

By Rosemary Metal

We moved to WindStone 6 years ago and just last year I discovered a wonderful place in Jupiter called Riverbend Park. It is a lovely property just west of I-95 and has extensive trails for walking and biking. You can also rent kayaks and canoes and explore the lovely rivers and estuaries. Biking is my favorite thing to do there, and there are miles to explore. Bring a picnic and the family.



From their website,

[Destination Recreation 9: Riverbend Park & Loxahatchee River Battlefield Park](#)

Whether you're looking to enjoy a peaceful natural setting and spot some deer and wild turkey, get some exercise along ten miles of trails, kayak along the Loxahatchee River, or learn about historic battles and Pioneer life, Riverbend Park and Loxahatchee River Battlefield Park provide unique experiences! Have a great day!

Savannas Preserve State Park

By Laura Berounski

Have you checked out Savannas Preserve State Park? Savannas Preserve is in Port Saint Lucie about 30 minutes northeast of WindStone along the coast. The park's scenic landscapes represent what the first pioneers would have seen in the area. The Park protects a representative sample of a basin marsh that extended throughout South Florida prior to rapid suburban growth. Pavilions and picnic tables are available near the center and at trail heads throughout the park. Canoeing, kayaking and fishing in the wetlands are popular recreational activities. Wildlife enthusiasts and photographers enjoy the diversity of habitats this undisturbed area has to offer. Sightings of the endangered Florida Scrub Jay are frequent as the species has found an environment in the Savannas to thrive. This bird can only be found in a few similar habitats in Florida. The park also boasts over 17 miles of multi-use trails that provide ample opportunities for hiking, bicycling and horseback riding. Having worked briefly as a park ranger here I can attest to the beauty of the park and recommend joining Friends of Savannas who offer guided walks, canoe trips, native plant sales and a monthly drum circle in the park.

