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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 Eric Emerton

Hello Neighbors,

**The holiday season came and went quickly this year!** Florida winter is upon us and with it brings a call for volunteerism and community member participation and involvement. We are lucky to have many new members bringing a vitality to our Community. I encourage each of us to plan now to attend the WindStone Annual Meeting. This meeting is set for February 28, 2023, and will be held again this year at the Faith Family Worship Center at 3020 SW Mapp Road, in Palm City, at 6 p.m.

The Annual Meeting is where our community members hear of the years successes and progress as well as hear from the committees of the projects taken on. Additionally, and of importance, we vote for five directors to serve on the WindStone Board of Directors for the next year. If you think you would enjoy serving on the board, I encourage you to respond to the solicitation for candidates that has been sent out from the Coastal Community Association Management Office. They will compile the list of candidates for the election at the Annual Meeting. Every home gets a vote.

After the voting is done and the new board is elected, the new board members will next choose who will be the officers. There are four officer positions — president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. The fifth position is a director-at-large who assists the other board members as needed. All five board members are voting members. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month (except for the Annual Meeting).

Serving on the board is great opportunity to participate in the community and to learn about the POA, especially those who are new to the community who want to understand the role of the POA in a gated community. Volunteer today!

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*"ALL OF US, AT SOME TIME OR OTHER, NEED HELP. WHETHER WE'RE GIVING OR RECEIVING HELP, EACH ONE OF US HAS SOMETHING VALUABLE TO BRING TO THIS WORLD. THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS THAT CONNECTS US AS NEIGHBORS--IN OUR OWN WAY, EACH ONE OF US IS A GIVER AND A RECEIVER" -MR. ROGERS*

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## Safety and Speed in WindStone

By Rosemary Metal

Our community was heartbroken last month when someone hit one of our Sandhill Cranes in the road. Not only was the crane killed, but the partner who was his or her mate for life was left alone and was clearly grieving. Although it was an accident it was most probably due to speeding. I have been approached by many as to what can be done. Because we are a private community, we are very limited by law in monitoring our residents. We prefer to take a community approach to the problem. Please take special care to follow our speed limits and drive even more slowly at night and early in the morning. We ask that you also mention this to your vendors doing work at your homes as well as friends that are visiting. Please remember to wear reflective clothing if walking at night or carry a flashlight so that vehicles can see you clearly.

By coming together to show that we care about what happened we can make WindStone a safer place for everyone, especially our young children and wildlife.

## 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.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Update from our Management Company

By Beth Goin

Coastal Community Management Association

Happy New Year to all WindStone Community Members! I hope that you had a joyous Holiday Season.

As we move into the New Year we tend to reflect on the past and what changes we can make to improve the future. You have an issue in your community once the sun sets. The roadways are DARK. As you know we lost a Sandhill Crane that was living in your community. The injury was a result of a car hitting the crane. This event caused me to reflect on other issues that are reported to the Management Company and would like you to consider:

- Any vehicle traveling through the community after dark needs to have lights, to include golf carts.
- If you are walking or biking after dark, you should be wearing reflective apparel, and/or carrying a flashlight, so that anyone in a vehicle sees you, and that perhaps others are present. Flashlights should be faced down as the vehicle approaches.
- Pedestrians should walk as close to the side of the road as comfortable.
- If walking your animal, please bring something to pick up after them.
- Fill out an ARC application for any modifications to the exterior and an exterior elevation of your property.
- Check on your neighbors.

See you at the annual meeting!

Beth Goin

WindStone Property Manager

## Beautification Committee Report

by Kathy Stauffer



Going into the Fall/Winter months for WindStone is a much busier beautification time than the summer!! It's all about prepping our community for the Holidays! My hands were full overseeing the pressure cleaning (so everything looked fresh); the planting of winter annual flowers at the entrance, the island on Rivers End Way and the road sign at the corner of Cassine and Rivers End Way; the mulching of the entrance, the frontage on Murphy Road and the island. And last but just as important, is the scheduling of our holiday lighting for WindStone (putting up and taking down). All completed successfully and now it's 2023!!!! **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

## ARC Report

by Mary Emerton

Happy New Year WindStone!!

Your Architectural Review Team shares heartfelt wishes with each of you for the new year! Since the last newsletter, we met 8 times, one was a 5th Tuesday Social hosted by the Tinley's! We reviewed each of the 8 applications submitted well within the timeline required in our documents. We hope to see all of you at the Annual Meeting on February 28th where we will do a deep dive on metrics and other items of interest recapping 2022.

We have a close team that shares a common love of the Community, and the peace and harmony that the aesthetic achieves through the architectural and landscape elements. Our annual Guideline review and subsequent update and approval contained nominal updates that ensure continuity and consistency for all property owners.

The application process with the new website has been flawless this quarter, but it does require that you create a user id to login successfully. If you have any questions or issues with it, you're always free to reach out, you have my email from the Sunday morning blasts. We continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month and the infrequent 5th Tuesday results in a social, in-person meeting. Each of our property owners can attend and we encourage participation and idea sharing at these online meetings. The overarching objective remains for all our community members to feel invited and welcome to the team meetings and to participate and engage in our community work.

This year we will continue to review any ideas for the Guidelines at the 1st Tuesday meeting and starting in February, the 2nd meeting monthly will review the resumption of our community album. We hope to catalog each home, including a photo and landscape elements for future reference and to serve as a resource for both the Property Management Company and future WindStone Leadership and ARC teams.

Thank you for your continued trust and support of our team. Each member of the community is our customer and serving all is the role that we have accepted. Please let us know what we may be able to do to assist you with your project ideas or the community.

Best,

Mary Emerton and the WindStone ARC Team



### Holiday Progressive Dinner

By Rosemary Metal

On December 3rd a group of homeowners held the first annual WindStone Progressive dinner. It was hosted by Frank and Diane Lento, Gary and Rosemary Metal, Nicholas Punch and Ryan Fornash in each of their three homes. A theme cocktail was featured at each home as well as a variety of food and fun. Everyone had a wonderful time, and the best part was getting to know each other better. We will be looking for hosts for next year so let me know if you are interested!

## WindStone Community Garage Sale

Due to low homeowner participation and traffic issues during the last garage sale the WindStone Board has decided to have the sale every other year. We will not have a sale in 2023 so be sure to save your items for next year. We will also address the traffic issues at that time.

## County Water Installation Update

By Beth Goin

Coastal Community Management Association

According to the County, they are still working to get final approval for their funding for the WindStone/Evergreen county water installation. The plan is that this will be done by February, and then they will go out to bid for the project. If you wish to view the County's status for this project, go to [www.martin.fl.us](http://www.martin.fl.us). Then scroll down to the Project Portal. Click on the County Project button. Then enter WindStone in the Search box. The information there is updated monthly, but it is general and brief.

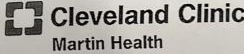
**Welcome to the Neighborhood!**

**James & Mary Ingram**


*Residents of WindStone know that our low-speed limit of 25 mph is for the safety of our children and our wildlife (especially the Sand Hill Cranes). However, do your contractors know that? Probably not. When you hire someone to work at your home, please remind them why the speed limit is important!!*

## Cleveland Clinic Fitness Center Membership

WindStone homeowners, Susan Griffin and Rosemary Metal, have identified a good opportunity for WindStone residents. The Cleveland Clinic Fitness Center in the southwest strip mall at High Meadow and Martin Downs is now offering preferential rates to all WindStone residents. If you are already a member, tell the facility staff and they will adjust your rate to these lower POA rates. The POA rates are shown below. Now it is less expensive to get fit after all those holiday treats. Happy Exercising!



**Cleveland Clinic**  
Martin Health



**MARTIN HEALTH SYSTEM**  
Health & Fitness Centers

### Preferred Memberships

Private Communities & Corporate Partnerships

	Monthly EFT	One Month	Two Month	Three Month	Four Month	Five Month	Six Month	Seven Month	Annual Fee
Individual Member	\$35	\$40	\$78	\$114	\$148	\$180	\$210	\$245	\$384
Individual + One Family Member	\$56	\$72	\$140	\$205	\$266	\$324	\$378	\$441	\$605
Additional Family Member	Add \$15	Add \$10	Add \$20	Add \$30	Add \$40	Add \$50	Add \$60	Add \$70	Add \$125

*Employer Identification (ID badge), current paycheck stub, or proof of residence required*

Annual & Short Term Memberships are paid in full at the time of enrollment.  
 Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) is the automatic withdrawal of membership dues from a bank account or a credit card.

**Cancellation Policy**

- \* Thirty (30) days written notice must be submitted to cancel an EFT membership.
- \* Three (3) consecutive months of withdrawals are required before cancelling the membership.

**Restart Policy**

- \* A \$35 restart fee will be charged for any EFT membership cancelled and restarted within a 12 month period.


**Family Members**

- \* A family member is defined as a spouse, parent, and/or unmarried dependent child who resides at the same address as the member.
- \* Proof of residence is required.

Membership rates are subject to price changes.  
 See our member rules and regulations for additional Health & Fitness Center policies

A membership at a Martin Health & Fitness Center provides members with use of any of our fitness centers.

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**Health & Fitness Locations**

<p><b>Palm City</b> 3066 SW Martin Downs Blvd. 772.781.2722</p>	<p><b>Hobe Sound</b> 11600 SE Federal Hwy. 772.223.4927</p>
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## Newsletter Survey

Your WindStone Newsletter team has now published **four** quarterly newsletters. We think it would be good to check in with our readers to find out if these newsletters have been useful to you as homeowners. We all get too many surveys these days, so we want to keep this simple. If you find these newsletters useful, please send an email to [lisadkraft@gmail.com](mailto:lisadkraft@gmail.com) and simply say **YES** with the Newsletter as the email subject. If they are not useful say **NO** in the same fashion. If you care to add any suggestions or comments, feel free to do so. Your help is much appreciated.