

Wyndham Ridge
Good Neighbor Award



There are many, many people who work in many ways to make our neighborhood great. Some of these acts are seen but many are unseen. Today, we want to take the opportunity to begin something called the Wyndham Ridge Good Neighbor Award, where we can recognize those people who serve us so selflessly and say thank you.

This first year, we recognize someone who unfortunately is leaving our community. But it is only appropriate that we publicly thank him first for all the countless ways in which he has served us while being here. This person has been instrumental in our transition from being run by the Developer to being governed by us as homeowners- and made that transition almost seamless because of his leadership. He has served as our president for two years: Charles Parish.

Charles has jumped in and led and served us thanklessly. It's easy to see problems in a neighborhood but hard to be the one who is willing to roll up your sleeves and get your hands dirty. That's what Charles has done. He meets with Diversified, met to re-negotiate our contract, worked on a Reserve study to help us know that we have proper funds to keep our neighborhood vibrant & stable, when Scott was closed & we had speeding problems he worked to get us neighborhood speed signs to keep people safe. He also was attentive and responsive when homeowners were concerned about the pool and helped bring resolution there, he was involved in helping with erosion issues along Kk and creating gravel path from Steinbrooke to the trail. He spearheaded Clean- Up Columbia where he organized a group of us to clean up over 20 bags full of trash in & around our neighborhood. He also has handled lots of smaller homeowner issues where he has represented us to the board on smaller things like key issues, dumpster issues, neighbor disputes etc.

And you may not know this but Charles was also the brainchild behind our Halloween event. He came from a vibrant neighborhood in Kansas City where he brought with him a vision for how social events such as this could create community as well as potentially increase home values. We would also be remiss to speak of Charles without also mentioning his wife, Lisa. Amongst other things, last Arbor Day, she organized over 345 tree seedlings through the Missouri Department of Conservation to help over 50 of us to plant trees. She also led 25 of our WR families to adopt 6 foster children through the Giving Tree this Christmas. Through her mobilization, we were able to deliver 3 bicycles, a guitar, 2 pair of Nike shoes, clothing, gift cards and more. .