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December 14th

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Mayor's Message



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Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,

December is upon us. I hope everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving. The Holiday Season is here. It is time that we get to spend shopping, decorating, and most importantly, spending quality family time together. This year's Light-Up Ceremony will be bigger and better than ever – at least that's the plan. Please enjoy this lovely time of year and enjoy the Light-Up along with the out of town visitors. We are the City of Lights and it is our time to shine! Also, we are all witnessing the growth of TEAM WINDCREST - both city pride and citizen participation is growing. We encourage you to remain active and involved, and we promise that we will continue to modify, change and refine how we do business. As we all know: **If we stay the same, we cannot improve.**

Election: So many people voted. Thank you to everyone that voted. It shows that residents care and want their voices heard. The results are in and I hope we can all work together, no matter who you voted for, and work as a team to continue to improve and make Windcrest the best city in Texas. I am humbled and honored to be your mayor for another term.

Monday, December 2, Council Meeting: This meeting will be the only meeting the Council has planned for December. The Council will still be able to call a meeting within a 72 hour period should there be a need to do so. The city government is going to take one meeting off this month to enjoy the Holiday Season. Also at this meeting, myself and John Gretz, will be sworn in for our new two year term.

Develop General Master Plan Committee: This committee will be formed with approximately 15 – 18 citizens. Please, if possible, view the November 18th Council Meeting. This is a critically important committee, and will be tasked with formulating the city's general master plan to be recommended to the City Council for approval. The committee plan is for two meetings a month for approximately 6 – 8 month period. It will be challenging yet fun. If interested, please contact two Council Persons or myself and one other Council Person. We plan on forming this committee in January, but need citizen volunteers.

Code Compliance Citizen Committee: This committee is one I am forming to review all the ordinances involving code compliance issues. There have been several citizens who have asked for this area to be addressed. I would like a citizens committee to be involved in these very important decisions. If you have ever called to complain or want to see more stringent or loose restrictions, now is the time to volunteer. I anticipate that we will meet twice a month for 3 months to go over the code and prepare recommendations for the Council to vote on. If interested, please email me. This committee will start to meet once we have 10 citizens committed to this task. This administration hopes to begin meeting in late January.

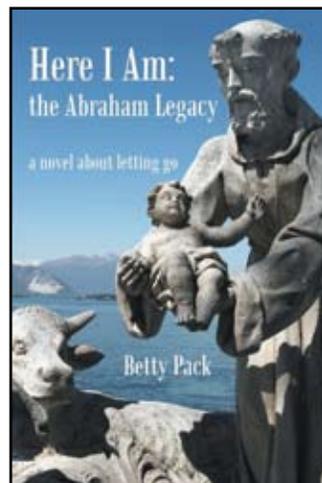
Light-Up: The theme chosen by the Windcrest Women's Club this year is: "Nature's Gifts of the Season." The Women's Club takes great care with handling the Light-Up. It is the city's signature event. We want to continue the success of last year. An entry form can be found in the Newsletter, City Hall and were mailed to every resident.

Friday, December 6, Entries to enter Light-Up Deadline: Everyone is encouraged to "Light-Up", however, if you wish to enter the competition for a chance to win an award and be recognized, the deadline to file your entry form is December 6th, close of business day at City Hall.

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Tuesday, December 10, JUDGING for Light-Up: This is handled by the Windcrest Women's Club. They use judges that are NOT Windcrest residents. In order to have a chance at winning an award, you must have turned in an entry form AND have your lights on this night from 6 – 10 PM.

Saturday, December 14, Light-Up Ceremony at City Hall: This year, the ceremony will be bigger and better. Come early. It starts at 7 PM with Santa lighting the tree. Santa is available again this year for photos. There is something for the whole family and for people of all ages. All free. We hope to see you there! More information is in this Newsletter and in mail pieces that will or have been sent to all the residents. NOTE – this year there will be shuttles for people that wish to park at Takas Park and VIP Senior Citizen parking at the Windcrest Golf Course. We anticipate a huge crowd, so come early and plan accordingly. Contact Katy Brought at City Hall for more information.

Thursday, January 9 Light-Up Awards Party/Ceremony at Takas Park: This will take place at Takas Park Center from 7 – 9 PM. If you attended last year, we are confident you had a great time. It is to recognize the winners of all the categories for Light-Up. Complimentary food and beverages will be served. All Windcrest residents are invited to attend this free event and applaud the winners. More information will be in January's Newsletter.

Economic Development: During the last several months, we have seen great growth in our beautiful city. The opening of "Lobsters 2 Go" which offers lobsters and other shell fish at 4927 Walzem Road next to Church's Chicken, AIO Wireless at 5829 Walzem Road for your cell phone needs, as well as Metro PCS at 5231 Walzem Road. We also welcome another new restaurant at 4973 Walzem Road next to Subway – La Cocina de Mi Tierra Mexican Restaurant. Burke's Outlet has commenced building out their space at the renovated Windsor Park Center next to Ross Dress for Less, and is planning on opening in February of 2014; you can visit their website at www.burkesoutlet.com. There are more businesses coming, so stay tuned!

Rackspace Headquarters: With Rackspace, we are going to see new wrought iron fencing, new landscaping, and new signage, a redesign of the old Windsor Park Mall sign, improved security facilities, jogging trails, and additional 100,000 square feet of office space which is for the addition of approximately 700 new Rackers. This new office space will bring in more jobs and revenue for our great city and not only assist our local businesses and continue to grow our economy, but will assist us in continuing to attract new businesses to Windcrest. Our future looks bright and it is only getting brighter. Go Windcrest – Live, Shop, Work – Windcrest!! Looking forward to the future Windcrest because there is more to come!!

Frost Bank – Grand Opening, Thursday, December 5th: With over \$5 million re-invested in Windcrest, Frost Bank has built a new branch in our city

located where the motor bank was and will have its Grand Opening on December 5th at 4:30 PM. The public is invited – please come out. You will be amazed at what they have done with this building. Additionally, Frost has made a generous donation to the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department by sponsoring the Light-Up maps! They will also be donating to other local charities. There is still more exciting news - Windcrest is also going to see new development with the demolition of the old Frost Bank building, and the development of three new businesses. Planned are two new restaurants and one new hotel on this land. This should generate over \$1 million per year in revenue for our city when complete!

Streets: The vote for the continuance of the 1/4 percent sales tax for streets passed by a wide margin. This administration is very appreciative that this passed so overwhelmingly with the citizens. This 1/4 percent will provide approximately \$450,000 this year and will continue to grow along with our sales tax. It is specifically earmarked for the streets. The passage of this tax will also enable the administration to continue to reach the goal of no city property taxes, as the streets will eventually be maintained using this income strain and not via property tax revenue. Note: This administration is not going to start any more big projects until after the Christmas Holidays as we do not want to interrupt Light-Up. You will see quite a few major improvement projects start after the first of the year. A HUGE thank you goes out to the Street Committee. Check out our website www.ci.windcrest.tx.us for more details.

Takas Park Pond: This project is still under way. Please pardon the dust. We want it done right. More information on this project is located later in this Newsletter.

Volunteering and Participating: We need more people on the Newsletter Committee, Windcrest Citizens' Patrol and Animal Task Force. Please call Katy Brought at City Hall if you wish to volunteer. Remember that there are still places of service within the City. If you want to participate or volunteer in any area of the City, you won't be turned away. Give me a call or email me to get involved.

Please email me if you wish me to add something to my article. When you visit City Hall, please stop in and say hello.

Remember that I welcome and answer every phone call and email.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year to all.

Your Mayor and humble servant,

Alan E. Baxter



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Mayor Pro-Tem, Pam Dodson



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BLESSED NEW YEAR!!



Councilmember

Gerd E. Jacobi

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MERRY CHRISTMAS WINDCREST



This is such a wonderful time of the year to have family around you, nice neighbors and a wonderful city to live in. Give thanks for what you have, and if possible, share with others.

Look forward to keeping our city in the current and future century. Enjoy the fact that younger people and their children are interested in moving to Windcrest. Let's make sure that we are able to offer them a clean, and safe environment. A place with recreational facilities and play areas for their children. Our city is moving forward, so come and join in and participate. Think of ideas that can be beneficial to our citizens. Don't go back to the past, go forward.

Sometimes small suggestions are important. For instance the outdoor mailbox by City Hall. It was to the point where, for me, it was very difficult to reach through my car window and get the mail into the box. I know some of you are now saying just park your car and walk over there. But I did not want to do this. So now, thanks to a citizen suggestion, to put a shute on the mail box I and others can stay in our cars and drop off the mail. A small thing but for me and many others perhaps, important.

As a last note I want to thank all Windcrest citizens for coming out to vote.

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After spending many hours at Takas Park during early voting and election day this year, I see something that I did not see that much of three and four years ago when I first really got involved with our local Windcrest politics. Our park is really used. Parents and Grand Parents regularly bring their kids to the park. What a facility for tennis, basketball, baseball etc., and the covered play area with all sorts of activities for the little ones. Are they all from Windcrest? Of course not, but many of us were not able to afford to buy in Windcrest when we first moved to the San Antonio area. Things change, we need to be good neighbors. I also constantly saw our public works department cutting, trimming and manicuring our park areas, our police were very visible as they made a periodic drive through; these folks are real assets to our city.

It's time to look forward. I sincerely hoped our city can heal after a very ___ campaign-you can fill in the blank. We have much to anticipate and many opportunities for Windcrest to continue to thrive.

WOW, IT'S TIME TO GET READY FOR LIGHT UP IN THE CITY OF LIGHTS!



Councilmember

John Gretz

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Dear friends,
Thanks for your support during last month's election. Windcrest is moving in the right direction as far as I'm concerned... and most of you all appear to agree. Let's rock this city! I'm sure there will never ever be a time when we have 100% agreement from each and every Windcrest citizen on each and every facet of the city's direction... and that's OK by me. However, I truly believe that now is the time to join hands, forget the past, and move forward as one team to do what is best for our great city! I think we can do it... in fact, I know we can!!! Please, let us all give our very best effort and it will come to be!

In my humble opinion, we shouldn't even need elections in Windcrest. If we could all work together as a solidified Windcrest team in the future, it should be just a simple passing of the baton at term time! What a concept! Hell, elections cost money and only encourages animosity amongst neighbors...really stupid. Let's make Windcrest the envy of all other cities period!



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Councilmember James McFall

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Elections have passed and the citizens of Windcrest have spoken. First of all, I would like to thank and acknowledge all volunteers during elections for their teamwork, leadership, hard work, and confidence in our city's Mayor, Alan Baxter and councilman, John Gretz.

As a city, it is now time to unite and continue to work toward what is best for the city of Windcrest. Our city has continued to improve its financial condition. As a team, we will continue our goal to reduce property taxes, reduce garbage rates, and improve our parks and our city's streets. I would like to commend Tom Garcia and his staff for their hard work in beautifying our city. Again, I have never seen Takas Park look this good. Thanks for a job well done.

Our City Administration looks forward to working with you, the citizens of Windcrest, in making decisions, and developing plans that will positively impact our community. We will continue to run the city as a business and reach our goal of NO PROPERTY TAXES for the citizens of Windcrest. We will keep our swimming pool open and also our post office, and continue our main goal to serve our residents and enhance their quality of life. Windcrest, the place we can live and raise our families and a true City of Lights.

Takas Park Pond Update from Rafael Castillo, City Manager

Dear Neighbor,

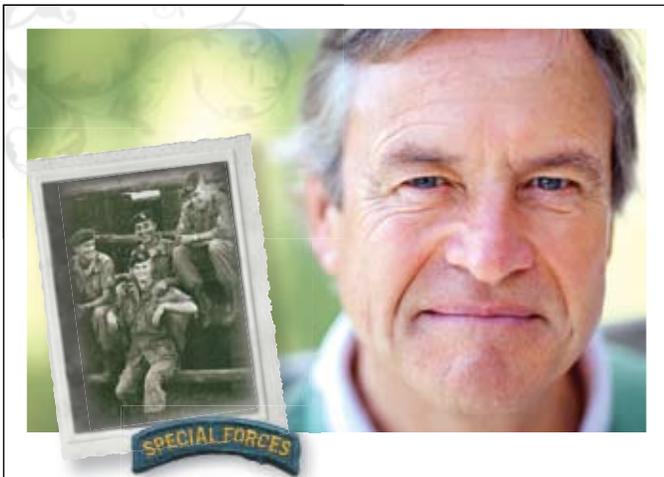
As a nearby resident of Windy Hollow Pond at Takas Park, the City leadership wants you to have an update on the Windy Hollow Pond Improvements project. The project, underway since July 9, 2013, was originally scheduled to take 90 calendar days, with a planned completion in early October. When the project began drought conditions and projections of continued dry conditions were the order of the day, making the original project schedule achievable. However, since September 1st, we have been blessed with above average rainfall in the area, significantly easing drought conditions.

While this rainfall has been a blessing to our land, it has brought significant challenges to the improvement of Windy Hollow Pond, particularly on the schedule. The driving goal behind the project has been to improve the pond's amenities with quality benches, safety lighting, and safe sidewalks, and improve the pond's ecosystem with sustainable plantings and a natural pollution and trash filter.

To ensure that the investment in the pond is lasting, we are installing a liner in the bottom of the pond to support healthy water levels over the long term. To install the liner, the pond bottom must be firm enough to allow heavy equipment drive on it without the equipment sinking in. Any sinking while installing the liner will damage the liner. Due to the significant rain and a few broken water lines in the area, it has been difficult to dry out the pond bottom sufficiently; hence, the liner installation has been delayed. We have been working on a solution over the past few weeks with the City's geotechnical engineers, landscape architect and the contractor to mitigate the soft soil issues to allow the installation to occur as soon as possible.

Once the liner is installed, the remaining landscaping and sidewalk improvements can be completed and should only take a few weeks. To date, all of the improvements that can be completed have been while we wait for the liner installation. While we are pressing the contractor to complete the job as quickly as possible, we are committed to a high quality installation and will not allow any corners to be cut just to save time. We are determined to "do it right the first time" with this project, even though it has meant some delays.

We apologize sincerely for the inconveniences that this project and it's delays have caused you. We are working to re-open as much of the pond as possible at each step of the project as the weather allows. Thank you sincerely for your patience and understanding as we invest in the City's quality of life for future generations.



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City Secretary News, Kelly Rodriguez

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During the month of October the Mayor and Council passed some Ordinances and Resolutions that you may be interested in. Please note that the links after the statements are links to the meetings on the City of Windcrest website. To view the whole discussion at the Council Meeting simply type it in to the search bar on your internet browser.

RESOLUTIONS

SCCM 10.07.13

Resolution No. 2013-463(R), a resolution authorizing the purchase of a Ford F-250 truck from Sam Pack's Five Star Ford for a price of \$22,030.28 and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract for such purchase. (http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=112900:10:14)

Resolution No. 2013-465(R), a resolution authorizing the purchase of a Grasshopper from Dewinne Equipment Company for a price \$10,576.39 and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract for such purchase. (http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=112900:13:38)

Resolution No. 2013-466(R), a resolution authorizing the purchase of a storage server, virtualization server and ancillary equipment from Digitactics for a price of \$36,429.98 and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract for such a purchase. (http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=112900:17:05)

Resolution No. 2013-467(R), a resolution authorizing the purchase of a Tahoe police cruiser from Caldwell Country Chevrolet for a price of \$38,226.00 and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract for such purchase. (http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=112900:22:56)

SCCM 10.21.13

Resolution 2013-464(R), a resolution awarding a contract to San Antonio Sound and Light for the project entitled City of Windcrest Civic Center Multimedia Systems Engineering RFP-12-13-007. (http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=113600:11:39)

Municipal Court Report

By Kelly Rodriguez, Municipal Court Clerk,
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Municipal Court Growing

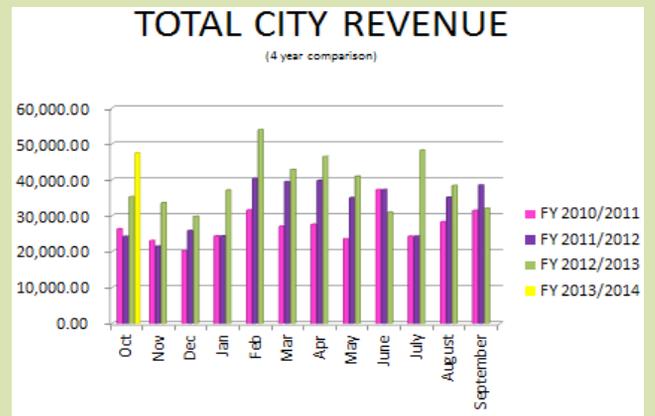
This past year the court has seen an increase in the number of citations filed with the court. In 2010/2011 there were 5,775 citations filed. This year (2012/2013) there were 8,870 that were filed. This is due to increased officers in the police department as well as growth within the City economically.

Tips for the Road

You are traveling 35 mph on an unfamiliar two-lane highway. As you come over a knoll you find yourself in a large puddle of water spanning both lanes. You make it through safely, but now need to dry the brakes. Once you are through the water, apply the brakes lightly. Do this again every 200 ft until the brakes are back to normal.

TOTAL CITY REVENUE

Here is a 4 year comparison chart of the money collected from fines and fees. For more information please contact Kelly Rodriguez, Assistant Court Administrator at (210)655-0022 ext 2150 or krodriguez@windcrest-tx.gov.




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While out Shopping!

One thing is certain... criminals normally choose the easiest targets, so stay alert!



Lock your vehicle & take your keys. Never leave anything inside of your vehicle. Park in well-lit areas. Scan the parking lot before you exit your vehicle and when you return, have your keys ready. Don't carry cash; use your debit card instead. Don't leave any property in your vehicle. Never go out to your vehicle and leave packages and then return to the store. Be aware of strangers approaching you for anything. Criminals love the holidays and they can't wait to take what you have!

While at Home!

Never leave curtains open; don't leave garage doors open or vehicles unlocked in the driveway. Always keep your doors locked. Keep gifts put away...do not leave them wrapped under the tree until you are ready to celebrate with your family. Do not allow strangers into your home. Be very cautious when allowing anyone into your home...even businesses you hire for a job, such as carpet cleaning, chimney sweeping or furnace repair. Use reputable firms that are bonded and those that do background checks on their employees.

Make sure you keep your mail and papers picked up. If you are going out of town, have a friend or neighbor watch over your home. Contact the Windcrest Police Department to complete a request for house checks.



While Out and About!

Keep your vehicle doors locked and your windows up. Do not respond to pedestrians approaching your vehicle at intersections or stop signs. Criminals are everywhere and will use any means necessary to take advantage of you. Drive defensively and avoid all confrontations with aggressive drivers. Keep yourself and your family safe this holiday season!

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FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Erick Vargas



As a result of the resignation of former Fire Chief Dan Reese, the City of Windcrest has appointed Captain Erick Vargas as the acting Volunteer Fire Chief effective end of business day October 31, 2013.

Captain Vargas, a six year veteran of the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department, and a current employee of the City of Windcrest, has over 12 years of firefighter experience. Captain Vargas comes at the recommendation of former Windcrest Volunteer Fire Chief Dan Reese. The City of Wind-

crest has every confidence in the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department and it is business as usual.

The countdown is on...the Light-up ceremony is right around the corner! We hope that many of you have already or are planning to light-up by December 14th. Come see the Snowy Winter Wonderland at City Hall! Santa will be in the Windcrest Fire Bay, so bring him your Christmas list and have your picture taken with great Ol' Saint Nick.

We are offering assistance with Light-Up decorating till the 13th of December. If you haven't scheduled a time, please call so we can put you on the schedule for put up and take down. If interested please call Katye Brought for more information: 210 655-0022.

The Annual Fill-the-Boot Campaign is a vital fundraiser for the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department and we are asking our city residents to support our city Fire Department by lighting up and keeping an eye out for your resident firefighters holding our fund-raising boots through the Midcrown area starting December 15th!



Code Enforcement, Jose Rosales

The City continues to look great and we would like to thank you for all your efforts. The holidays are upon us and as you know our City is famous for its Christmas lights. With this in mind, let's check our properties one more time and make sure trailers, inoperable vehicles and general rubbish is removed from plain view or disposed of. Hundreds, if not thousands of vehicles will be traveling through our streets and neighborhoods, so please keep as many vehicles off the street as possible during the Windcrest Christmas Light-Up viewing hours. Keep your properties secured during the heightened activity and if you have any low hanging branches over the street and sidewalks, take a few minutes to trim them up and away from these areas.

Please cut your grass if needed, cutting the grass prevents rodent infestation. Please mend any fences that may entice intruders, allow your dogs to escape, go missing and/or be provoked to attack any of the visitor's coming into our city. Lastly, the leaves will fall and although, there is no ordinance requiring you to remove your leaves from your property, blowing leaves or grass trimmings onto other residential yards and streets is called littering.

If you need any assistance or want to report a violation of the Windcrest City Code, please contact your Code Enforcement Officer via the Windcrest Police Department Dispatcher at 210-655-2666 or send me an email thru the link provided within the Code Enforcement page on the City website.

SAVE THE DATES!

Light Up Applications due
Friday, December 6th
City Hall Front Office
By 4:30PM

Light Up Ceremony
Saturday, December 14th
City Hall 7-9PM

Light Up Judging
Tuesday, December 10th
Keep lights on until 11PM

Light Up Award Ceremony
Thursday, January 9th
Takas Park Civic Center
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As a reminder the Water District is conducting Sewer Averaging from November 19, 2013 to February 23, 2014. The resident's sewer bill is based off of the averaging period. If you wish to save on the monthly sewer bill for 2014, forgo using irrigation systems during the averaging. As noted in the last Bexar County WCID #10 newsletter there will be no adjustments given to those who choose to irrigate during the Averaging Period. Residents and homeowners can benefit from doing an assessment of their water system to repair leaking pipes or faulty implements such as leaking toilets, faucets and spigots. By doing so water consumption can be reduced during the averaging period, which in turn will translate into a less costly water and sewer bill.

Due to the rising operational costs and the increase by SAWS Bexar County WCID #10 will be raising water and sewer rates in January of 2014. Despite the rate increase Bexar County WCID #10 still has the lowest rates in the Greater San Antonio region. Feel free to stop by the District and talk with me about the rate changes. The District wishes you a Merry Christmas.

Windcrest Animal Control Task Force



We are really excited to announce the participation of our group with "fill the boot" during our City's Light Up. We will be working between Christmas day and New Year's collecting donations for the Light Up maps so please come on by and help our cause. Check the City's facebook and twitter for more details!

We are having an immunization and registration clinic on January the 18th and February the 15th, 2014. (Times to be announced.) This will allow residents to get their pets' vaccinations up to date and then register or **re-register** their pets with the city. (A yearly requirement) It will be held at City Hall. No appointment necessary...you just show up, meet your neighbors and be patient.

Here are the fees for registration:

Dog or cat sterilized (no microchip)	\$5
Dog or cat not sterilized (no microchip)	\$10
Sterilized with a microchip	FREE

Registration of your new pet with the City can be done at any time of the year. When it is time to reregister your pets (which should be done each year) then we are asking you to do that in January and February. It is important that you register your pet even if it is not an outdoor animal. So come make your furry friend a legal resident of Windcrest! Come on of those Saturdays and get their shots and register them with the City.

Friends of the Park



This will be our last report for 2013 and I would like to give you an update on the plantings of the towers and the signs and Arbor Day on November 1, 2013.

Towers: AUTUMN SUNSET: Coral Honeysuckle - a coral climbing flowering vine-and Pine Muhly- a blue-green grass; BROOK FALLS: Cotton Leaf Passion Flower - a white-to-lavender and yellow climbing vine and Gulf Muhly - a pinkish-purple grass; TAKAS/WINDY HOLLOW: Texas Wisteria - a purple climbing flowering plant and Lindheimeri's Muhly- a wheat colored grass.

The Civic Sign on Midcrown has been installed and planted with six Lindheimeri's Muhly. The second Civic Sign will be installed in the near future at a new location on Crestway.

November 1, Arbor Day, the FOTP and the City planted the first of 100 trees. We Planted a Rusty Blackhaw, which provides a white flower, dark red leaves in the fall and food for the birds. This begins the planting of this year's trees, 25 trees scattered in the three parks and at other City locations.

Exciting plans are in the works! You can become a member of FOTP by going to our web page at www.windcrestfotp.org. Join us in making our commitment to the Native Botanical Garden of Windcrest, Texas, come true.

Thank you members for all the work you did this year to make it the success it was and wishing everyone a Happy Holiday Season and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Ted Hanes, President



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**Saturday, December 14th, 7PM:
Light Up Ceremony
Pictures at 7PM
with Santa Claus**

-  Christmas movies on a big screen
-  Snow
-  Hot Chocolate, Coffee & Cookies
-  Winter Wonderland
-  Gift Wrapping Contest Awards
-  Goodies, and much more!



Gift Wrapping Contest

We need large (really big) empty boxes holiday wrapped for the Winter Wonderland.



Gift certificates will be awarded to:



1st: 4 Guest Passes to the SA Botanical Gardens

2nd: prize \$25.00 to Marie Callender's

3rd: prize (2) \$10.00 Guest Passes to Chester's Hamburgers

All gift wrapped boxes are to be delivered to the Fire Station no later than Friday, December 6 by 5 p.m. Winners will be announced on Saturday, December 14 at the Windcrest Light-up at 6 PM. You must be present to win.

Good Luck!



Do you or a neighbor need help putting up and taking down your Christmas decorations? The Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department, the Windcrest Little League, and other organizations are here to help! They will help you not only put up your lights, but to take them down as well! This is a free service, although tips are welcome!

The City has many exciting plans to make this the best Light Up Windcrest has ever, but we need your help. YOU are what make Light Up so amazing! So get planning and decorating and let's make this a Light Up to remember!

Contact Katye Brought at 655-0022, or at kbrought@windcrest-tx.gov to get signed up!

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Application for "Light Up" 2013 Contest

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

Judging Categories (Select carefully / Select only ONE category)

Creative Lighting	Church / School / Business	Handcrafted
Religious	Entryway / Window	Mailbox
Joyful	Block / Cul-de-sac	Elegant Creations

One of the winners will be awarded "Best of Theme"

Application must be submitted to City Hall, NO LATER THAN 4:30 pm., Friday, December 6th, 2013, to be eligible for contest judging.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Judging will take place on Tuesday, December 10th, 2013. Please keep lights on until 11pm.

Entrants who are honored by Placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in any category will be honored at the **Award Ceremony** on Thursday, January 9th, 2014 at 7pm at the Takas Park Civic Center!

There will be food, drinks and a DJ! FREE to ALL Windcrest residents!



**Commission
Jan Leaders,
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Happy Holidays, Windcrest residents!

As many residents may have noticed, our in-progress Windy Hollow Pond project has been delayed due to the much needed rain. In fact, by the first of November the count of rain-day delays had been 65. We are hoping that with no more rain days the project will be completed for our holiday light-up.

Activities for Friends of the Park, in conjunction with our Parks & Recreation Commission, have been busy. They have planted all the grasses and plants around the flower towers in the parks and Mother Nature has helped to keep them watered. They look great now and once they begin flowering and growing they are going to be a great focal point in our parks. On Arbor Day, 1 November, the first of the 25 replacement trees was planted along the drainage area adjacent to City Hall. Fall is the best planting time here so the planting will continue.

The residents of Windbrook Estate finalized their action to turn a plot of land over to the city for a park in their area. Plans are already in place to procure swings and playscapes for the area.

Happy Holidays to all and a very prosperous New Year for our city.

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Women's Club News

Pamela Dodson



On 25 November, the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC) received volunteer help from Windcrest residents to prepare 2700 portfolios for attendees of the week-long conference held at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. Pictured are (L to R) Lea & John Fagin, Lois Wooton, Pat Kendrick, Dr Adele Dendy, and Betty Riggs, all from Windcrest. They joined Maria Martinez, center, who is a Texas Utilities Electrical Engineer and event coordinator representative of the National Minority Supplier Development Council, The NMSDC's goal is to ensure minority supplier development in a world of global business diversity. The conference ran from Saturday, 26 November to Friday, 1 November.

Tis the Season and the Windcrest Women's Club is hard at work to make this year's Holiday season the best ever. Our theme this year is "Nature's Gifts Of The Season". So put on your creative caps, get those lights down from the attic and have fun!

Windcrest ladies, here's our calendar for December. **Christmas Social, Thursday, 5 December from 6-10pm at the Civic Center.** Good food, fun, music, and friends: can't get much better than that! **Member's & guests RSVP to Vi, 656-5117, or Garlene, 653-5858.** Then there's the **Judges Dinner on Wed 10 Dec at 6pm in the Civic Center** followed by the **Light-up on Sat, 14 Dec.** Look for additional details in this newsletter.

The Windcrest Women's Club was busy during October. We had our field trip to Fredericksburg, TX with a visit to the Nimitz Museum which had a personal touch for one of our members. Pictured are Lea Fagin, Jaquie Rothermel, Lois Wooton & Pat Kendrick viewing a plaque honoring Jaquie's father, Irving Newton, for his military service during WWII. He had an amazing career as a pilot in the Pacific and made a significant impact on our country's success during the war. We also did some shopping, had a great lunch and general relaxing fun day! The weather was perfect and the company even better.

At our November 20th meeting, Nancy Ray & Edward Jones presented "The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly" of annuities, Social Security, & Life Insurance: an entertaining & informative presentation of a complicated, but important, subject. Hostesses Carol Essenpreis, Gini Newton, Vi Bianncardi & Phyl DeCuennick.

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Windcrest Garden Club

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Well, the holidays are upon us! We hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving spent with family & friends! We are all looking forward to a Joyous Christmas in the City of Lights!

Please make plans to attend our Holiday Potluck Luncheon on Monday December 2nd, 11 am at the Windcrest Civic Center. There's always PLENTY of good food & good fun! So bring your favorite holiday dish to share & bring your favorite friends!

The counselors at Windcrest Elementary finally gave us a list requesting 62 coats for their students. We were saddened to know there is such a need but were pleased to have enough funds in our Special Projects budget to accommodate them all!

We'll still arrange to buy some gifts for the children on their "Angel Tree". This year we encourage members to pick up an "Angel" of their own & there will be some available at the meeting.

We enjoyed November's Guest Speaker, Horticulturist Neil Sayers. His presentation "Beautiful Plants, Delightful Tales" entertained us with historical & humorous stories featuring a truly gorgeous slide show backdrop.

Upcoming events:
No Executive Board Meeting in December

Monday, January 6th ~ 10 am @ Windcrest Civic Center
"Circle of Gardeners" highlights our panel of master gardeners. Bring your questions, plant problems, etc & join the discussion.

Executive Board Meeting ~ Monday, January 27, 10 am
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★ **City Offices closed December 24th & 25th for Christmas and January 1 for New Year.**



City Meetings in Windcrest City Hall Council Chambers

Special City Council Meeting	December 2	6:00 p.m.	WEDC	December 12	6:00 p.m.
Planning & Zoning	December 5	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court	December 3, 10, 17	4:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation	December 11	6:00 p.m.	Water District Meeting	December 12	7:00 p.m.

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