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Light-Up Award Party

Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 7-9PM

Takas Park Civic Center ♦ FREE

Come cheer on the Light-Up winners in this family friendly event!

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Mayor's Message



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Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,

Happy New Year! 2014 has arrived. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas/Happy Holiday Season and New Year. It is time that we get to spend shopping, decorating, and most importantly, spending quality family time together. The celebrating is not over yet! The Light-Up Awards Party is this month. This year's Light-Up Award Party will be bigger and better than ever. We are the City of Lights and once again we proved it! Quite a few communities are trying to copy us, but there is one original - Windcrest. Like they say - often imitated, never duplicated. Also, we are all witnessing the growth of TEAM WINDCREST - both city pride and citizen participation are 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.**

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 hired the judges (all lived outside the city limits to ensure non-biased voting) and coordinated the voting. It is a HUGE task and one that the Windcrest Women's Club takes great pride in. It is critical for the integrity of the competition. They deserve a big hug and thank you. For all those that won. Congratulations! Also, a big thank you goes out to all that decorated their houses and businesses. It keeps the tradition going, and the City of Lights mentioned as a premier community.

Thursday, January 9 Light-Up Awards Party/Ceremony at Takas Park: This year, the ceremony will be bigger and better. All the winners receive a plaque, award money and picture. The grand prize winner will have a duplicate plaque hung at City Hall. Additionally, a plaque is made with all the winners named and it is hung on the City Hall wall as well - The Light-Up Hall of Fame - that this administration started. ALL CITIZENS ARE INVITED TO THIS CELEBRATION. Come applaud the winners and enjoy the fellowship which brings this city together as one. It starts at 7 PM and will last until approximately 9 PM. Complimentary food and beverage.

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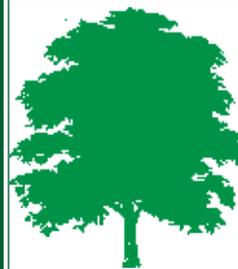
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ages will be served. It is a great time. I hope to see everyone at the Takas Park Civic Center.

Holiday Maps: This year the Firefighter's received more sponsorship money than we've seen. At the time I am writing my article, the WVFD is on pace to receive more donations for the map than ever before. It is their biggest fundraiser. This year the WVFD has also extended the opportunity for other charitable organizations to distribute the maps so that these other Windcrest charities receive some much needed support. That is a very gracious gesture on their part. The WVFD is second to none!

Light-Up Celebration: It was bigger and better than last year. We received quite a bit of media coverage. All positives for our city. Thanks to everyone that participated and helped. Special thanks goes out to Public Works and the Police Department. Also it should be noted that virtually every administrative staffer volunteered their time. The 5K Run was well received and the race coordinators donated \$1000 to the WVFD. A big hug goes out to Amanda and the entire WVFD. The Windcrest Citizens' Patrol went beyond the call of duty, as did the Newsletter Committee helping. A HUGE thank you goes out to Katy Brought. I do not know how she coordinated it all (with a lot of help), but it was great. It was a proud moment for all of us. Also, thank you to all the sponsors.

Council Meetings in January and February: Due to National Holidays falling on the 3rd Monday of these months, the Council Meetings will be on the first Monday of these months – January 6th and February 3rd. The start time will be 6 PM.

Economic Development: Economic Growth continues to hit new highs in Windcrest. The Sales Tax revenue generated in Windcrest for 2013, per capita, is the highest in Bexar County based on the latest figures from the State Comptrollers office. We continue to work with developers and new businesses to further grow our business community and retain and grow the businesses we have in our great city. Our Future is bright and getting brighter every day. Keep supporting our local businesses, they appreciate and need your support.

Rackspace Headquarters: Rackspace is continuing to make improvements, not only on their interior, but the exterior as well. Construction is expected to be completed with the easement areas around Racker Road in the beginning of the year, as well as the construction of the new Rackspace Monument Sign. When you have a chance, please drive by and see the changes that are taking place.

Frost Bank – Grand Opening, Thursday, December 5th: This event was well attended and was done first class. Thanks to Frost Bank for all of their support. Remember, announcements will be coming soon on the plans for the site of the old Frost Bank building.

Takas Park Pond: At the time I am writing this article, the liner has been installed successfully and aggregate is currently being placed on top of the liner. This week the contractors are landscaping the pond itself (placing boulders and landscaping the island). It can soon be filled with water. Exterior landscaping of the park will take place throughout January. Completion of the entire project is set to be complete by the end of January at the latest, but likely sooner.

Firefighter Gala and Picnic: The dates have been set. The Gala will be Saturday, March 15th from 6 PM – 11 PM at Takas Park Civic Center. It will sell out, so please contact Amanda at the Fire Department to reserve your seat(s). The 44th Annual Firefighters' Picnic will be Friday, May 16th from 4 PM to 11 PM and Saturday, May 17th from 9 AM – 11 PM. Both days are at Takas Park. Much more information will be in next month's Newsletter.

Windcrest Elementary School: Pre-construction has commenced. Most of the permits have been issued. The city received approximately \$68,000 in revenue from the permits for this construction. Soon Windcrest Elementary will be transformed and have an up to date and a better environment for the students. This is very exciting.

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.

Happy New Year to all.

Your Mayor and humble servant,

Alan E. Baxter



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FROM YOUR

Mayor Pro-Tem, Pam Dodson



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Wow...here we go with another new year! Time really seems to go by faster and faster these days.

So many good things are happening in our City. I hope the excitement felt during our Christmas Light Up continues through these next monthslet's keep the positive momentum moving forward. Good people can and should do good things, so look forward to improvements being made and tell other people about this great place to live. Not only is it a great place to see Christmas lights but a great place to raise a family or just to wind down after a long and busy career. That is one of the good things about Windcrest....we seem to support both types of families.

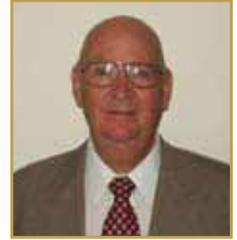
Now is the time a lot of people look to being more involved in their community...I encourage you to do so. As you consider, look at the back page of your Newsletter and select an organization you think you would enjoy...then go to a meeting. The really good thing about involvement here in the city is that you will get to meet one of your neighbors.

I also encourage you to attend any of your council meetings or a meeting of one our committees or boards. It is much more likely that the decisions that are made are to your liking if you provide your input. You should be the oil that addresses the squeaky wheel. If we have a problem or an issue, it is your suggestions that help find a solution. So come....be part of the process! I think I can say that the meetings are usually better than anything you can find on television!!

Councilmember

Jim Shelton

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As we begin 2014 I am looking forward to many great things, some of the things that I am looking forward to--

MORE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT--the kind we can be proud of.

MORE SALES TAX & MORE HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX (HOT)--More taxes--more services

MORE POLICE PROTECTION--as we grow and develop we need to keep pace with the increased needs.

LOWER REAL ESTATE TAXES--2% last year, 5% this year--more to come next year.

MORE STREETS RE PAIRED & RECONSTRUCTED--thanks to the continuation of the 1/4 cent tax passed in the November election.

IMPROVED CODE ORDINANCES & COMPLIANCE--our newly selected committee members have a very important role in keeping and improving Windcrest's image.

A NEW MASTER PLAN--long overdue.

CONTRACTS WITH KEY DEPARTMENT HEADS--to ensure stability.

COMPLETION OF THE SIGHT & SOUND PROJECT--for Civic Center to enhance and improve usage.

CONTINUED IMPROVEMENTS OF OUR RECREATION AREAS--Parks & Recreation are doing a superb job.

A BIG THANK YOU TO--Katie Brought, Public Works, the Fire Department, and all who worked so hard, and did an excellent job for Light Up, making Windcrest shine, and of course Windcrest Citizens, you made it happen.

Thanks to all City Employees for your hard work all year--I'm proud that we were able to give everyone a pay raise and the holiday stipend this year.

THANKS TO THE NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE--for their outstanding work in 2013--I'm looking forward to continued greatness in 2014!

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We are getting ready to continue to improve our city's streets, bring in more business, have young people with children purchase homes in our city and just keep moving forward to a bright and prosperous life here in Windcrest. It is a new year that will bring challenges as always but as the majority of our citizens have shown by their vote they trust our administration to overcome these obstacles and move forward and not go back to the way it was.

Become part of our team. Be a productive neighbor. Try to put your personal feelings aside and be part of the overall big picture. What can you, as a Windcrest resident, suggest that will save us money and still make our lives better? Nothing negative!

Many of you have had great jobs in your lifetime could some of your great experience and professional knowledge help our current administration. Try to attend some of our City council meetings and propose some positive changes. Volunteer your expert knowledge and come join a committee.

Yes, most of us have busy lives and so sometimes we leave important decisions up to others. Then we realize that, perhaps, we should have taken a part in that decision because it did not turn out the way we thought it would. Take a minute and e-mail your ideas to the Mayor, City Council, or your City Manager.

We can't change the past but we can improve on our future.

Councilmember

James McFall

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Happy New Year, Windcrest Residents! With a new year upon us, we, as citizens of this great city need to unite and work together to improve the lives of our Windcrest Residents. Although we have made great strides to improve our city, there will always be room for improvement.

As a retired educator, I agree firmly with the old saying: it takes a village to raise a child. I sincerely believe that one of the best ways to achieve this objective is for each of us to get involved with the schools in our community. Whether it be a school volunteer, mentor, or a loyal fan cheering on Windcrest Elementary, Ed White Middle School, or Roosevelt High School's great athletic teams. Simply reading to a child or assisting with their homework can have a tremendous impact on the future successes of that child. Let us all work together to improve the educational opportunities and standards that are afforded to children in our community. Again, let's make Windcrest the best place to live and raise children in the San Antonio area.

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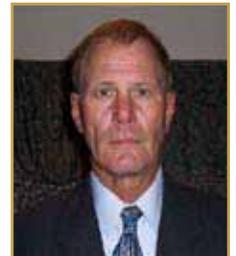
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Councilmember

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Dear Friends,

I'm writing this Jan 2014 newsletter article on 2 Dec 2013. Hope you all had a great holiday season with family and friends! Our election is now behind us and we can move on with our plans to move Windcrest forward!

Mayor Alan Baxter and I are proud to have been re-elected so we can serve you all for another couple years. In my humble opinion, Windcrest is looking very good and it appears to be getting stronger each and every day. With that, my concern is with the voters that see it from a different perspective. Please share me your thoughts on why you voted against us and how we can work together to make Windcrest one truly united city!

Please e-mail me at jgretz@windcrest-tx.gov or at my home e-mail at jgretz@satx.rr.com to share your thoughts. You can also call me at 646-7956. I truly believe the time is right to get all of Windcrest on the same page as we delve into the future.

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City Secretary News, Kelly Rodriguez

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During the month of November 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

RCCM 11.18.13

Resolution No. 2013-469(R), a resolution updating the names of authorized representatives of the City of Windcrest to approve banking transactions at Frost Bank. (http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1145_01:10:08)

Resolution No. 2013-470(R), a resolution approving a contract with Mike Pietsch, P.E. Consulting Services, Inc. to prepare an ISO pre-survey packet and to assist the ISO field representative and authorizing the City Manager to execute said contract. (http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1145_01:36:04)

As a reminder, on 12.02.13 SCCM the City Council voted to cancel the January 20th and February 17th Regular City Council Meeting. (http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1145_00:20:20)



Light-Up Award Party

Join us on Thursday, January 9th down at the Civic Center from 7-9pm for the Light Up Award Party!

The entire Windcrest community worked hard to make Light Up the best ever and we want to say Thank You in style!

There will be a DJ, FREE Hors D'oeuvres and a special presentation of awards for the Light Up Winners!

This event is FREE for all Windcrest residents! See you there!

Municipal Court Report

By Kelly Rodriguez, Municipal Court Clerk,
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Municipal Court Growing

This past year there were 6,362 cases processed in the Windcrest Municipal Court. That means that the Judge made final dispositions on these violations. Defendants were either found guilty, not guilty, granted defensive driving, deferred disposition or their cases were dismissed by the Judge or due to compliance on the part of the defendant.

Tips for the Road

While waiting at a stop light the vehicle's engine in front of you dies and will not start again. It is rush-hour and the guy behind you is close to your bumper. When stopped at intersections controlled by traffic control devices you should leave enough room to exit on the left or right side without having to back up. Usually this means about three-quarters of your vehicle's length.

TOTAL CITY REVENUE

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FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Erick Vargas

As we begin the year of 2014, we would like to extend a HUGE thank you to those who made the year 2013 such a success for the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department, from the 2013 Gala, to the Firefighter's Picnic, to our success with our recent Winter Wonderland at the 2013 Christmas Light Up!



We cannot function without the support of our citizens, and we can't thank you enough for all you do for us.

To start 2014 off with a bang, we want to announce some important dates for the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department:

3rd Annual Firefighter's Gala: Saturday, March 15, 2014 from 6 pm to 11 pm.

44th Annual Firefighter's Picnic: May 16th from 4 pm to 11 pm and May 17th from 9 am to 11 pm.

More information will be announced as it becomes available.

As you know, our Fire Department is a completely volunteer workforce. We are very fortunate that the men and women of this department take time from their busy lives, other full time jobs, and families to keep our beloved City safe each and every day. From our founding in 1970, this department has grown in leaps and bounds in manpower, leadership, training and equipment. It is because of your support in so many forms that our department can continue to keep our citizens safe. Donations are always needed and welcome, whether it's in person in the station, or by our Paypal account via our Association Website: www.windcrestfire.org.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chief of Police - A. O. "Al" Ballew

I cannot stress enough, how important it is to report suspicious activity to your Windcrest Police Department! Recently, a Windcrest Citizen, observed a vehicle in the neighborhood that just did not look right. She reported the license plate number to us and as a result of an on-going investigation; the suspicious vehicle was identified as being involved in several burglaries throughout San Antonio, Bexar County and other surrounding cities. The suspect was arrested and charged with multiple counts of Burglary.

The City of Windcrest experiences high amount traffic daily from sources all around us. As a result, the criminal element is visiting our City as well. Be nosy, day and night... we are here to protect you and insure that you live in a fear free environment. You know your neighborhood better than anyone, if you see anything that does not appear to be right...call us. Reporting all suspicious activity is foremost in the fight to prevent criminal activity!

It can be difficult for residents to call police based on their feelings, instincts or intuition. The inability to clearly describe what is suspicious is the reason many people will not call the police. It is rare for a resident to see an entire crime committed from start to finish. Instead, look for clues that would be consistent with criminal activity, such as, body language or mannerisms combined with the environment which can communicate suspicious or criminal activity. Please don't hesitate in reporting suspicious activity simply because you feel you cannot articulate or describe an actual crime to the police.

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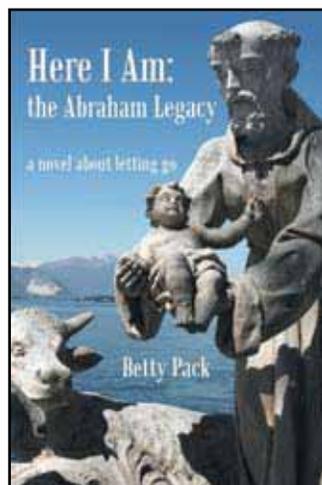
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Code Enforcement, Jose Rosales

I have noticed great improvements involving the health and safety of the city. Even though there are a few stubborn locations, I am hoping you, the neighbor will encourage that one particular neighbor to participate with improvements regarding quality of life and maintenance or upgrade for improving property value. The holidays will be behind us soon and as we look forward to the next big event, the Spring Clean! Prepare a plan, check it twice and list your property improvement projects accordingly. After all, we all want to make sure we get what we paid for out of our properties. Encourage your neighbors with a little help, after all, you too will benefit. Trailers, boats and RV's seemed to be the highlight of the past three months. The ordinances in Chapter 20 clearly specify what is allowed and not allowed, please review or call for clarification as needed. Not every situation is written in black and white; please contact Code Enforcement with any questions. Lastly, the dreaded leaves will continue to fall. Although, there is no ordinance requiring you to remove your leaves from your property, blowing leaves or grass trimmings onto other yards and streets is 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 an email thru the link provided on the Code Enforcement page located on the Police Department section of the City website.

BEXAR COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #10

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Our website is www.bexarcountywcid10.com.

Bexar County WCID #10 is unable to escape the onslaught of rate increases. Due to SAWS having a 3.8% increase in waste water rates the Water District has had to increase at the same rate. The waste water rate increase is known as a pass through, meaning the District is increasing sewer rates 3.8% to cover the increase from SAWS.

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From the Desk of Tom Garcia Director of Public Works

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The Public Works department has enjoyed the year soon to end. Planting trees, maintaining our green areas, fixing alleys and streets as well as picking up a lot of trash in our city has made for a busy year. Some residences say the city has never looked better. These results are directly credited to the hard working, loyal, and professional crew at Public Works. As their leader, I am extremely proud to direct, and work alongside these gentlemen. I ask the residents of Windcrest whenever the opportunity presents itself, to please stop and thank these guys who keep your city looking great. The job is tuff at times and a quick thank you goes a long way with these fantastic workers. Sending Thanks beforehand for your kind thoughts.

And as always please continue to call us at P.W. for needs that may arise. For a quicker response please contact Tom Garcia, P.W. Director at 210-896-0098. Many thanks and Merry Christmas.



Windcrest Lions Club

Windcresttx.lionwap.org



We had a great time in November delivering dictionaries to every third grade student in our local elementary schools. Lion Don Nellermeoe chairs this committee for our Lions Club.

Pictured here, Lion Don explains the value of a dictionary to some of the third graders at Montgomery Elementary during the annual Lions Club Dictionary Distribution Day.



A team of Lions stands by waiting to personally give each child a dictionary.

LEO Club news: Our Roosevelt High School LEO Club attended the District Convention and displayed their award winning Power Point Presentation.

Next we announce the winners of the Peace Poster competition. And don't forget the Pancake and Sausage Breakfast at Takas Park on January 25th from 8:00 – 10:00 am.

Want to learn more about becoming a member of the Lions Club? We'd love to introduce you to all the things we do for our community. We meet on the second & fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Windcrest Community Center at Takas Park. Call Membership Chair Lion Bob 210-455-3662 and he will treat you to dinner at our next meeting!

Windcrest Animal Control Task Force



A reminder again that we are having immunization and registration clinics on Saturday, January the 18th, 2014 from 9 am – 11 am and again on Saturday, February the 15th, 2014 from 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm in the City Hall parking lot. 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) 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 a new pet with the City can be done at any time of the year. When it is time to **re-register** 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. Pictures may be taken to be included with the registration description or just bring one of yours along. This helps our animal control officer know who he is looking for if your pet was to get away from home. So come, make your furry friend a legal resident of Windcrest!



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On behalf of the WEDC we hope that everyone had a very prosperous holiday and New Year. We want to thank everyone for their support this last year. 2013 was a great year for Windcrest as we saw many new businesses come into Windcrest and the citizens of this great city continue to support and help our economy grow. Here is a list of the businesses that opened in Windcrest in 2013, Shipley Donuts, AIO Wireless, Sweet Karma Cupcake, Metro PCS, Dunkin Donuts/ Baskin Robbins, New Frost Bank Branch, Mattress Firm, La Cocina De Mi Tierra, Lobster 2 Go and with New Businesses coming soon our future continues to look bright. Thank you again to our businesses for joining our community and our citizens for their patronage. Look for Burkes outlet to be opening soon and other businesses to be announced on our website www.developwindcrest.org.

Again thank you to our WEDC board for serving our city. Mr. Tim Maloney – Board President, Colonel Roy Wratishlaw – Vice President, Ms. Lisa Pepi – Treasurer, Ms. Rebekah Gergen – Secretary, Colonel Irv Gerrow – Board Member, Colonel Sue Alexander – Board Member & Mr. Leonard Neeper – Board Member, thank you for your time and dedication.

We welcome our citizens input and if you know of a company or business interested in relocating please feel free to contact us at 210-967-9381 or email rcolunga@windcrest-tx.gov.

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Honoring Garden Club & Newsletter Committee

The Windcrest Garden Club made their yearly coat purchases for children in need enrolled at Windcrest Elementary just in time to beat the cold weather in late November. The garden club started providing needed coats, for elementary school children in 1973. This year the Windcrest Garden Club purchased 66 coats, school supplies and backpacks and will participate along with the city in the schools Angel Tree and Christmas wrapping paper, helping families in need.

Community Organizations such as the WGC work in partnership with the City of Windcrest, Windcrest Elementary and participate in other community events. This proud display of community involvement through volunteers and non-profit organizations for a common good is exactly what makes Windcrest a wonderful place to live, shop and work.

The Windcrest Garden Club is a non-profit civic organization, guided by its mission to promote interest in civic beautification. The club began the Yard of the Month Awards program in 1973. We have donated trees, plants, shrubs, and rose bushes, and benches throughout the city. We are able to support these endeavors through membership, a yearly community plant sales in April, auctions, raffles, door prized and making crafts to sale.

Come join us at our monthly meetings, get involved, and make lasting friendships. We go on field trips twice a year, like Fredericksburg Seed Farm, Wimberley Olive Orchards. April 9th we are going to Sandy Oaks Olive Orchard in Elmendorf, TX; if you are interested in joining contact Lois Wooton at 210-657-4557.

Ever wonder how the Windcrest Newsletter comes to be? The Newsletter Committee organizes the newsletter you are currently reading. All articles are due to newsletter@windcrest-tx.gov and they collect them, edit them and send them to our publisher. They decide on the cover and ensure that the necessary information gets into the publication.

The Newsletter Committee is also instrumental in helping the marketing and events department plan City funded events! The newsletter committee is vital to the Annual Light Up, Firefighter's Gala, the YMCA Valentine's Dance, and much, much more. They volunteer many hours and have a good time doing it! The Newsletter Committee is currently looking for more volunteers; contact Katye Brought at kbrought@windcrest-tx.gov if interested. They meet at City Hall Wednesday nights at 6PM.

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Women's Club News

Lois Wooten

WOW, we had another wonderful Christmas Light-Up and our community looked wonderful. Thank you to all the Club members and Windcrest City administration for all their publicity and planning work and the residents who illuminated their homes! Also a special thank you goes out to our city's outstanding maintenance workers who worked so hard to decorate our public areas and put up our gigantic tree, and to our police and firemen for keeping us safe. Our hats off to you all! Pictured at the Windcrest Women's Club Christmas Social on 5 December are (back row L to R) Diane Stake, Lu Nix, Shirley Noll, Lorie Bocquin, Lois Wooten, Carol Essenpreis, Gini Newton, Vi Biancardi (front row L to R) Garlene Bach, Betty Riggs, Lea Fagin, Sue Montegue, and Majie Takas.



The year 2014 will not be dull either. On 15 January, a week earlier than our normal meeting date, the Women's Club will car pool to the McNay Museum of Art to see their special exhibit of Movie Costumes – Old and New. We will meet at the Civic Center parking lot at 9 a.m. Following the tour we'll have lunch at Tomatillos. Exhibit cost is \$10 (lunch is "Dutch Treat") Call Vi Biancardi, 656-5117, or Garlene Bach, 653-5858, for reservations. Hostesses are Vivian Cochran, Doris Barsalou, Dorothy Ferrell, and Lu Nix. Don't miss this one!

February 7th is our Spring Social, 6 – 10p.m. at the Civic Center. This fun evening event is hosted by Patty Robles, Pat Kendrick, Majie Takas, and Lois Wooten. Make plans now to attend and call for reservations. More details coming out soon!

Our regular meeting date, 26 February, is our annual Membership Tea. This wonderful event is hosted by Valeria Brandt, Tinie Riggs, Kathey Freeman, and Pam Dodson. It's a great time to remember our roots and tip our hats (real or metaphorically) to the traditions that make women's organizations so special and vital to our community. The Tea will be at the Civic Center from 2 – 4 p.m. See you there!

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Wishing a Happy & Prosperous New Year 2014 to everyone!

We had a great time at our Holiday Potluck Luncheon on December 3rd. We enjoyed a bounty of goodies & welcomed guests.

In keeping with our community spirit, the Garden Club once again donated gifts for the Windcrest Elementary School Angel Tree Program. Individual members also took home additional "Angels", giving Christmas cheer to even more children. We collected donations of gift-wrapping paper & supplies for them as well.

Let's begin the New Year right! Please join us Monday, January 6th @ 10 am for coffee & refreshments at Windcrest Civic Center.

It's our annual "Circle of Gardeners". A panel of our Master Gardeners will share their expertise in a lively open forum.

Bring your questions, plant problems, etc & join the discussion.

Horticulture chair/Master Gardener Sondra Bump will also conduct one of her famous plant auctions.

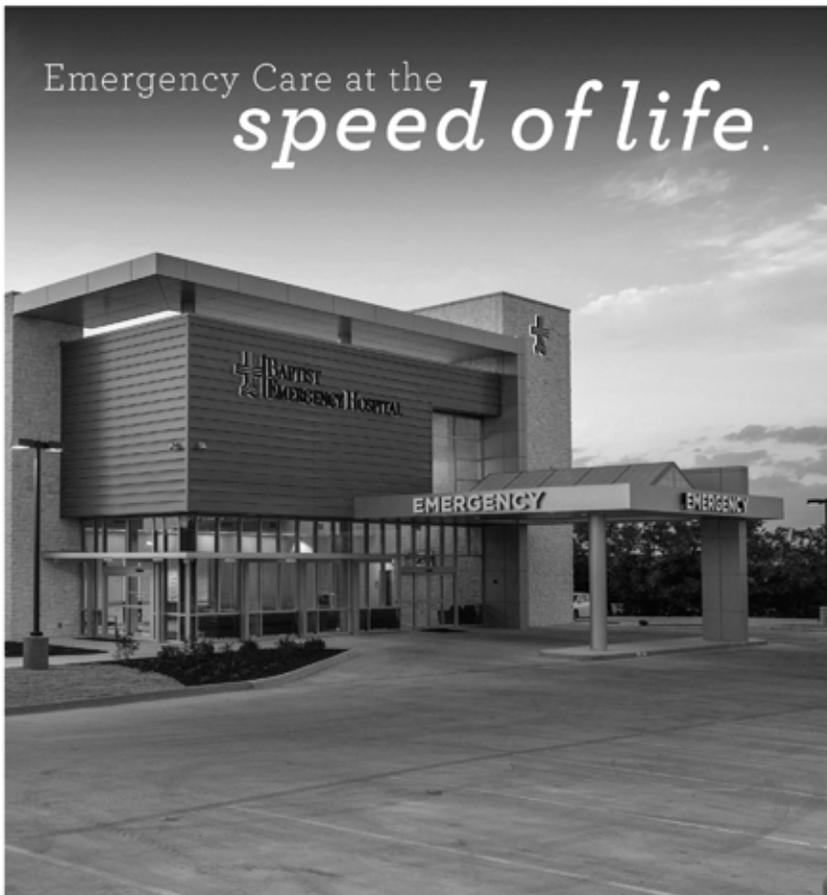
Upcoming events:

Executive Board Meeting ~ Monday, January 27, 10 am
Hostess ~ Diane Stake @ 617 Winfield, 946-7589

Monday February 3rd ~ 10 am @ Windcrest Civic Center
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Executive Board Meeting ~ Monday, February 24th, 10 am

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There's still a chill in the air, but now is the time to start thinking about our Spring baseball and softball season. Windcrest Little League is open to all boys and girls, ages 4-14. We will register in January, assign teams and start practice in February, and start playing official games in March.

Registration will be held at Takas Park Civic Center on Saturdays, January 11th & 18th, from 9a-3p. For additional information please contact any board member or go to our website at windcrestbaseball.org.

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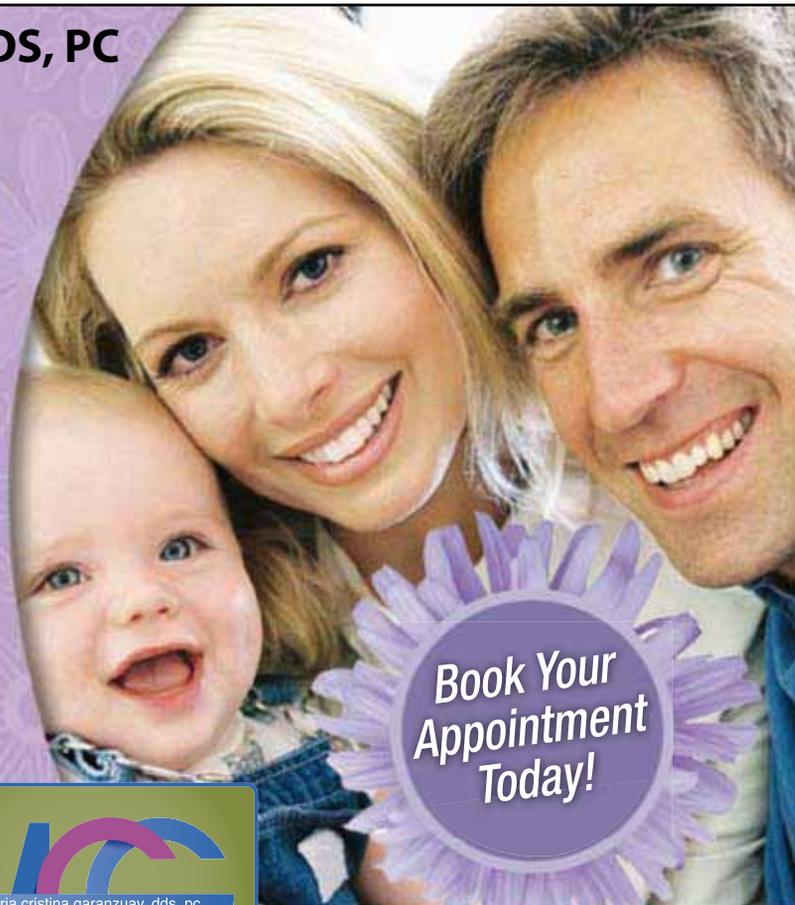
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City Meetings in Windcrest City Hall Council Chambers

Planning & Zoning	January 2	6:00 p.m.	WEDC	January 9 & 23	6:00 p.m.
Special City Council Meeting	January 6	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court	January 7, 14, 21	4:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation	January 8	6:00 p.m.	Water District Meeting	January 16	7:00 p.m.

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