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the 3rd Annual *Valentine's Day Party*
FREE to all Windcrest Youth!
Sunday, February 9th, 3-5pm at the Walzem Family YMCA

Gala details on
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Mayor's Message



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Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,

February may be the month of the year with the least amount of days, but it does not lack for activities. This month the city will see the opening of the new Burke's Store at the Windsor Park Center, the unveiling of the plans for the old Frost Bank building site, the opening/celebration of Takas Park Pond, and the 3rd Annual Kids Valentine's Day Party, to name a few of the happenings this month in our community. 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.**

Council Meeting for February: Due to a National Holiday falling on the 3rd Monday of this month - February, the Council Meeting will be on the first Monday of this month - February 3rd. The start time will be 6 PM. Department Head reports will be at 5:15 PM.

Develop General Master Plan Committee: This committee has been formed. 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. They will work hand in hand with the Planning and Zoning Commission and EDC Director Robert Colunga. All meetings will be posted, recorded and will be OPEN to the public. In the next Newsletter, we will publish the names so that you can reach out to your neighbor with your thoughts/ideas. Thanks to all that volunteered.

Code Compliance Citizen Committee: This committee is now formed. Thanks for all the citizen volunteers that came forward. This Committee is tasked with reviewing all the ordinances involving code compliance issues. There have been several citizens who have asked for this area to be addressed. Thus, we now have a citizens' committee to be involved in these very important decisions. 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. All meetings will be posted, recorded and will be OPEN to the public. In the next Newsletter, we will publish the names so that you can reach out to your neighbor with your thoughts/ideas.

3rd Annual Firefighter's Gala: Saturday, March 15th from 6 PM - 11 PM at the Takas Park Civic Center. This has turned into one of the most anticipated events of the year! IT WILL SELL OUT. Seats are \$50 per person. This includes free Happy Hour, meal and dinner and dance afterwards. All, yes even the beverages, are included in the price of your ticket. It is the best deal in town. You can also receive tickets by joining the Gold Elite Plus Club and/or sponsoring the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department. Remember, the WVFD depends on these funds and your donation is tax deductible. Come valet your car, walk the Red Carpet and have your picture taken like a VIP. Then socialize at the Happy Hour, enjoy a great dinner and then dance the night away. The theme this year is Classic Hollywood in Black and Red. Call Amanda at the Fire Department to reserve and secure your seat(s).

Kid Valentine's Day Party at YMCA - Sunday, February 9th from 3 PM - 5 PM: This year will be the 3rd Annual Kids Valentine's Day Party. It is Sunday, February 9th. This free community event is for Windcrest children and grandchildren under 15 years of age. The children must be accompanied by an adult. It is held at the YMCA on Walzem Road. Entry is FREE for the event. Every child receives a gift. The Newsletter Committee throws this party, and it is sponsored by the City of Windcrest and the YMCA. The YMCA opens the entire facility for us, and that includes their indoor pool! The Newsletter

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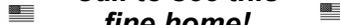








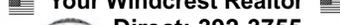




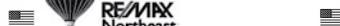


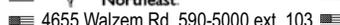


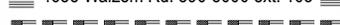














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ter Committee takes great pride in this event. It is a lot of fun. We hope to see you there.

Takas Park Pond: As I am writing this article, the contractors will be finishing up landscaping of the interior of the pond and prepping the exterior for work the following week. Sidewalk construction is scheduled to begin the week after, along with all other concrete work and furnishing installation. After completion of the pond's interior landscaping and exterior site work, exterior landscaping and irrigation are scheduled to be completed. Pending any inclement weather, we should see this pond returned back to its grandeur in about 4 weeks. Whereas I, and I am sure some residents, are a little frustrated by the length of time this project has taken, I am confident it will be done right and well worth the wait.

Takas Park Civic Center: Over the last several years, the city has invested over \$150,000 in upgrades and renovations to our Civic Center. This has been an ongoing project of our hard working Parks and Recreation Committee. The latest addition is a state of the art audio visual system. Our Civic Center is the best deal in town – especially for our residents. This administration did not raise the resident rate. All of this was done with cash and using the HOT Tax, which does not come from our property or sales tax revenues. Please come by City Hall or call 210-655-0022 and learn more about all the renovations from City Secretary Kelly Rodriguez.

Brush Pick-up and Spring Garage Sale Weekend: We are having both in the coming months. In the next Newsletter, we will be announcing the dates. We will also send out a postcard to all residents with all the information regarding both the Brush Pick-Up and the Garage Sale weekend.

Economic Development: Windcrest continues to move forward with our continued growth. February will see the opening of another major retail store, Burke's Outlet in the Windsor Park Centre. We hope Windcrest citizens continue to show their support for our local businesses as it plays a big part as to why businesses come here. The WEDC is in the process of upgrading the Windbucks program. Stay tuned. We also saw the old Windsor Park Mall sign taken down and the new Rackspace sign put in its place. Additionally, a joint City Council meeting was held with the WEDC and the developer of the old Frost Bank building. The developer informed us of their plans to tear down the building and split it into three new lots. They also announced one of the new tenants. It is a multibillion dollar company based out of California called **In & Out Burger**. With 45 minute waits in Austin, we are very excited about this restaurant coming to Windcrest. We have more announcements coming soon!

40 Under 40 Award: This is an award given out annually by the San Antonio Business Journal. They award excellence and recognize outstanding pro-

fessionals who are under the age of 40. It is limited to the 40 best. Hence the name - 40 Under 40. I am proud to announce that our own **Katy Brought** was selected as one of the 40 Under 40 Winners. With all due respect to the others receiving this great honor, no one deserves it more than Katy. She is doing a phenomenal job for the city. I am proud to say she is the youngest of the group! Congrats Katy!

Firefighter Picnic: Again, this year it will be a two day, fun filled event. The 44th Annual Firefighter Picnic will be Friday, May 16th from 6 PM – 11 PM and Saturday, May 17th from 9 AM – 11 PM. Admission is free and open to the public. Re-Cap, Thursday, January 9 Light-Up Awards Party/Ceremony at Takas Park: This was the second year the city expanded this celebration/ceremony. This was standing room only again. The winners all received a plaque and a check. It was a great time. Light-Up cannot be what it is, if not for the citizens who go the extra mile. Thanks to all of those that won, and those citizens that decorated their houses. We are the CITY OF LIGHTS!

Re-Cap, Holiday Maps: It was another great year regarding the revenue for the Holiday maps. The Windcrest Volunteer Firefighters received over \$22,000 in revenue from the maps/fill the boot. The Firefighters this year also included the Windcrest Little League and the Windcrest Animal Task Force to participate after December 25th. These organizations made over \$1,200 each. All said, over \$25,000 was collected, and this all goes to these respective organizations. Thanks to Frost Bank who sponsored the maps. Thus, these figures are all profit! Thanks to all, and special thanks to the Firefighters!

56th Annual Light-Up 2014 = SAVE THE DATES: Note, the Windcrest Women's Club will be announcing a theme in the coming months. The following are dates to save: Tuesday, December 9th will be Judging; Saturday, December 13th will be the Light-Up Celebration at City Hall; and Thursday, January 8th, 2015 will be the Light-Up Awards Ceremony at Takas Park.

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.

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FROM YOUR

Mayor Pro-Tem, Pam Dodson



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I just would like to thank the fire department for allowing the Animal Control Task Force to participate in the "Fill the Boot" fundraiser this last Christmas. It was an uplifting feeling to see all the folks who were excited to come to Windcrest to see our lights. It was a fun experience and helped to reinforce all the good reasons we want to live in this little community. The funds that were raised will definitely be put to good use for our animals.

Councilmember Gerd E. Jacobi

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Windcrest is always moving forward. I see people cleaning up their property and getting ready for spring. I see construction on streets throughout the city, as well as general repairs being done to keep our city beautiful. Takas Park is being completed, I know there was a delay, but now we are moving on.

We have volunteers for our Master plan committee and for our Code compliance committee. These dedicated volunteers will be instrumental in reviewing our current city codes and will make recommendations for new codes. It is so wonderful to have such great participation of our citizens to assist in the course of running our city.

Don't forget the 3rd Annual Valentine's Day Party for the Youth of Windcrest, it will be on Sunday, February the 9th, 3-5pm at the Walzem YMCA. You don't have to be a member and there is no charge.

Don't forget to do something nice for a loved one on Valentine's day.



Councilmember

Jim Shelton

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Now that the Christmas and New Year's Holidays are past it is time to get back in the full swing of the next phase of street repair and reconstruction. This phase is bringing some difficulty for those who live near or travel that area frequently. Please bear with us, the fix is worth the inconvenience.

Thanks to those citizens who have stepped forward and volunteered to serve on two most important committees.

(1) Code Compliance Committee--The enforcement of our Codes has been much scrutinized from time to time. All of our Ordinances will be reviewed, and appropriate changes may be made based on citizen input.

(2) Master Plan Committee--This requires a couple of meetings monthly for a few or possibly several months. This is a most important committee that will recommend a plan to the council for final approval.

With both of these committees, it is the citizen input that will formulate the direction that we as a city take for our future. Let your voices be heard.

On January 1st Windcrest lost a pillar of the community. Mr. James (Jim) B. Calhoun passed at the age of 86. Mr. Calhoun dearly loved Windcrest and worked tirelessly for many years for our city. He will be missed.

Save the Dates

3rd Annual Firefighter's Gala-Saturday, March 15 2014

Fiesta Especial-Saturday, April 5th 2014
-8:00am 5k Run & 9:00am Parade-Stop by City Hall for Routes

6th Annual Windcrest Freshman Triathlon-Saturday April 26th 2014
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44th Annual Firefighter's Picnic-Friday, May 16th 2014 from
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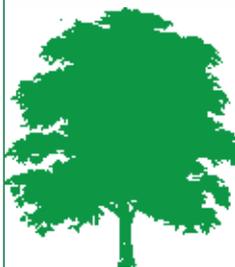
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2014 looks great for our city of Windcrest! Our city's budget is in great shape. As we move forward and continue to improve, we will make Windcrest the best city around us for now and for generations to come.

Let us unite and work together and never forget that we have recovered from a disaster in our city to our current prosperity. Our city's taxes are being wisely spent and reinvested in our community with upgrades, street repairs, and improvements to our parks and ponds. Our city's activities are geared to bringing in new businesses and new residents to our community. We gladly welcome them.

Please call City Hall to participate and volunteer your time in our city's planning and decision-making. Attend council meetings or a meeting of one of our committees or boards. Provide your input and be a part of the process.

Councilmember John Gretz

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Dear Neighbors,

During this past holiday season, I lost two very special friends who were longtime Windcrest residents. Vivian Calhoun passed away on Christmas day and her loving husband, Jim Calhoun, passed away on January 1st. They had recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Jim was a great friend, my mentor, a superb campaign manager, and an even better domino player! As a retired educator and outstanding basketball coach, he used his skills to hone my domino game, especially when I had a chance to be his partner. Yes, he never hesitated to tell me when I screwed up! Nor did he hesitate to tell his regular partner, James McFall, when he screwed up either! Jim was our buddy and he will be sorely missed.

Municipal Court Report

By Kelly Rodriguez, Municipal Court Clerk,
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Municipal Court Growing

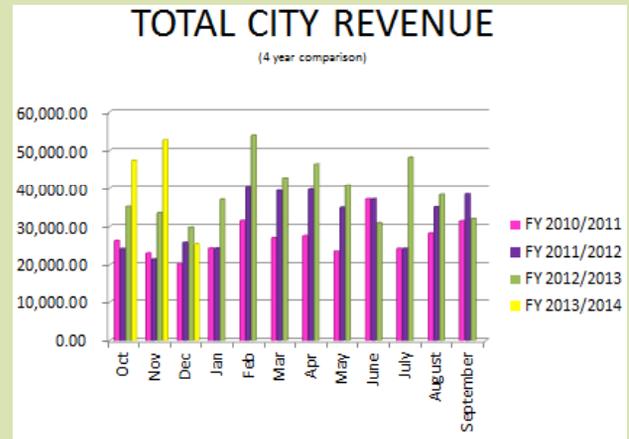
This year the City of Windcrest will be participating in the 2014 Great Texas Warrant Round Up for the first time. This program is an annual statewide effort to local law enforcement and the courts to enforce the orders of the court and to close out cases. Dates will be announced at a later time.

Tips for the Road

You are the first person to come upon a two car wreck at an uncontrolled intersection. It looks very bad. There are no other cars in sight. You have no cell phone. The first thing you should do is secure the scene of the crash by placing flares or reflective triangles in all directions. Your first priority, apart from calling 911, is to ensure no one else crashes into these vehicles.

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 krdriguez@windcrest-tx.gov.



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During the month of December 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.

ORDINANCES SCCM 12.02.13

Ordinance No. 2013-704(O), an ordinance canvassing the returns and declaring the results of an election to reauthorize a sales and use tax under the provisions of the Texas Tax Code to continue providing revenue to maintain and repair municipal streets; and other matters in connection therewith. (11.18.13 RCCM http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=114501:31:44 / 12.02.13 SCCM http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=114900:14:53)

Ordinance No. 2013-705(O), an ordinance canvassing the returns of the election held on the 5th day of November, 2013, to elect a Mayor and two Aldermen for places 4 and 5 for a two-year term, and declaring the results of said election. (11.18.13 RCCM http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=114501:33:55 / 12.02.13 SCCM http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=114900:16:02)

RESOLUTIONS SCCM 12.02.13

Resolution No. 2013-471(R), a resolution by the City Council of the City of Windcrest, Texas, continuing the establishment of the City's election to be eligible to participate in tax abatements and its intent to designate a reinvestment zone for Windsor Park Mall and to provide certain tax abatements in the City; adopting guidelines and criteria governing tax abatement agreements by the City; calling for a public hearing and other matters in connection therewith. (12.02.13 SCCM http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=114900:17:28)

As a reminder, on 12.02.13 SCCM the City Council voted to cancel the February 17th Regular City Council Meeting. (http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=114500:20:20)

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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Rackspace Presents 3rd Annual Firefighter's Gala "Classic Hollywood in Black and Red"

The 3rd Annual Firefighter's Gala
is being held Saturday, March 15th at the
Takas Park Civic Center.

*This year's theme is
"Classic Hollywood in Black and Red".*

Proceeds from this Gala will go to the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department. Your ticket includes ALL food (hot & cold hors d'oeuvres, salad, main dish, desert, drinks (wine, water and iced tea) the raffle, and dance. There is also a live and silent auction. This is the best deal in town and TAX DEDUCTIBLE. Valet parking is provided by the WVFED's Volunteer Firefighters. Seating is limited, so get your tickets now; it is first come, first served. You do not want to miss this historic event! You can get your tickets by being a Gold Elite Plus contributor (you get 2 Gala tickets, plus a sheet of raffle tickets for the Gala raffle), by being a corporate sponsor OR you can purchase individual tickets for \$50. Call the Fire Department at 210-599-6007 or come by and see Amanda Oscar at City Hall for more details.

Saturday, March 15rd from 6 -11 PM

Takas Park Civic Center

6:00 PM – 7:15 PM Cocktail Mixer with hors d'oeuvres

7:15 PM – 9:00 PM Dinner, Raffle, Live and Silent auction

9:00 PM – 11 PM Dance; DJ Tom "The Suit" will play today's hits and your requests during breaks.

Preferred Attire for this Classic Hollywood event includes your interpretation of what Classic Hollywood looked like, with a color theme of Black and Red. We look forward to seeing our attendees as Classic Hollywood stars!

This is to notify you that a retraction has been made on the dates of the 44th Annual Firefighter's Picnic. The correct dates are May 16 & May 17, 2014.



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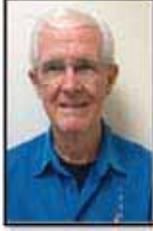
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POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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

As a result of ministry relocation, our Chaplain, Pastor Tamara Strehli, resigned in late November as the Windcrest Police Department Chaplain. She was an integral part of our Department and we miss her very much. We certainly wish her the very best and hope to have her return in the future. As a result of her resignation, a new Chaplain was needed. The Police Chaplain has a vital role within a police department. The Chaplain is able to provide officers and staff with both support and guidance. Attends roll calls, rides with officers and provides needed spiritual support during critical incidents and other events.



I am very proud to introduce our new Chaplain, Reverend Charles Stanley. Chaplain Stanley has been in full time Christian ministry since 1959. His first ministry began in the Yukon Territories at the Yukon Baptist Children's Home. He has served in many ministry capacities throughout the United States, spending time in Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania and most recently in Michigan. Chaplain Stanley has served as a Police Chaplain with over 25 years' experience as a police chaplain with three police departments, the most recent being the Niles Police Department in Niles, Michigan. He is a member of the International Conference of Police Chaplains and has obtained certification as a Police Chaplain. Chaplain Stanley and his wife, Jean are nearby residents to Windcrest. We are very excited to have Chaplain Stanley serve our Department and the City of Windcrest.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 612 To Sell U.S. Flags Conduct a Flags Disposal Ceremony

Effective immediately the Windcrest American Legion Post 612 will start the sale of 3' x 5' U.S. Flags for \$22.00 per flag. The price of \$22.00 is a savings over comparable flags. At this time, the Post is only selling the U.S. Flag and not stands or flag poles. The flags will be purchased from the American Legion Flag & Emblem Store. This is a quality, nylon flag that has a brilliant color, is lightweight, quick drying and flies with the slightest breeze. It is durable and resists stretching; embroidered stars; sewn stripes with double-stitched seams; outside edges have 4 rows of lock stitching to resist tearing; heavy canvas headings with full-sized brass grommets; and 100% made in the U.S.A. Call Buddie Cooper, 656-3426, or Jack Leonhardt, 654-8088 to obtain flags. Checks can be made out to Post 612. Please fly the flag on all holidays and every day if desired!!

Also many people are not aware of how to properly dispose of a weathered, ragged, worn-out flag. The Ceremony for Disposal of Unserviceable Flags is outlined in Resolution No. 440, passed by the 19th National Convention of The American Legion in New York on Sept. 20-23, 1937. The ceremony has been an integral part of American Legion ritual since that date. This ceremony is suggested as part of a Flag Day observance, which in 2014 will be on Saturday, June 14th. Thus, plans are underway for Post 612 to conduct this formal ceremony on that date and in every year on Flag Day; details will be publicized as that date approaches. Thus as any resident has an "unserviceable" flag, please call Buddie Cooper, 656-3426, or Jack Leonhardt, 654-8088 and they will pick up the flag. Hopefully you will then purchase a new flag from the Post for a quite reasonable price of \$22.00. And unserviceable flags can also be dropped off at the Windcrest City Hall and the Post will pick them up there.

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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 within the Code Enforcement webpage.

From the Desk of Tom Garcia Director of Public Works

tgarcia@windcrest-tx.gov

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY to everyone. Hope this special day is special for you and your loved ones.

After doing battle with the enormous amount of leaves we have in Windcrest, we are now preparing to grow grass and get our beautiful city green once more. We have laid down a lot of growth material for our grass areas and expect a great growth season this year.

The crew continues to stay on top of the fly away trash that blows in to our city from time to time. Keeping the city and surrounding areas free of trash is a BIG priority for P.W. We enjoy keeping our city CLEAN. Please keep us informed of problems that may arise in our city. Many thanks to all of you great citizens who continue to help with keeping things ship shape.



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Saturday, March 15, 2014

6-11pm

Takas Civic Center

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At 7pm make your way to your seats and enjoy the wonderful decorations and enjoy a wonderful meal, wine, dessert, champagne and coffee, all included with your ticket! The EMCEE Roman Garcia, San Antonio local comedian will entertain everyone through dinner, the award ceremony, and raffle, live and silent auctions! Make sure to bring a few extra dollars, a few firefighters may be up for auction!



Roman Garcia

DJ Tom "The Suit" will be playing today's hits and your requests during breaks, and there will be a complimentary martini bar will be available to the dancers. There will also be time to pick up your pictures from the red carpet for a donation.

This event will sell out, so make sure to reserve your tickets today! Contact Amanda Oscar in the Fire Department for ticket information and more information: aoscar@windcrest-tx.gov, (210) 655-0022 or (210) 599-6007. Make sure to check the Fire Department article for ticket prices and the levels of giving. Preferred attire for the event is Hollywood Formal, but cocktail dresses and evening gowns for the women and dark suits or a tux is acceptable for the gentleman. See you there! And remember, your donation/ticket is tax deductible and the proceeds go to our award winning Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department a 501c(4) charitable organization.

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As we are entering into Year 2014 the City of Windcrest is faced with challenges. One such challenge is the Aquifer level in Edwards Aquifer. On an average basis the Aquifer remains around 638 – 640 feet which in turn Bexar County WCID #10 remains in Stage III watering restrictions. During the winter months the restrictions are not difficult to maintain. However, as the warmer summer months approach the tendency is to irrigate outside the restrictions set forth in the Stage III watering schedule. Please contact the Water District for information on Watering Restrictions. Hopefully through the next winter months we will receive the rain we need to be out of this drought.

Keep in mind that rates have been raised in 2014. Sewer rates for the City of Windcrest have been increased by 3.8%, and Water rates have been raised 6%. The rate increase was necessary due to an increase in SAWS, and growing maintenance costs. Despite the increases Bexar County WCID #10 still maintain the lowest rates in the San Antonio area.

If you have any questions or comments please stop by our office.

Director of Windcrest Economic Development Corporation

Robert Colunga

rcolunga@windcrest-tx.gov

2014 is here and Windcrest is looking good. Congratulations to all the Windcrest Light-Up Winners. Your efforts show others why Windcrest is a great place to live. The WEDC is excited about the future prospects of our city. Interest in Windcrest continues to grow. Rackspace has been not only growing but improving the exterior of the campus and has remodeled the old Windsor Park Mall marquis sign. Take a drive and look around at the changes in stores and businesses in Windcrest. Visit Burkes Outlet, our newest business to open, and IHop has remodeled their interior. Stay tuned and visit our website and see other businesses and exciting news 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 Wratlslaw – 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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**3rd Annual Valentine's Day Party
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Sunday, February 9th, 2014
3-5PM**

The Newsletter Committee and the Walzem YMCA are delighted to host the 3rd Annual Valentine's Day Party for the youth of Windcrest! The YMCA, which is usually closed on Sundays, is opening up their doors exclusively for the children, grandchildren and parents of Windcrest residents and employees.

Adults, please accompany your children for an afternoon of swimming (please bring your own towel, life guards will be on duty), basketball, children's movies, moon bounce, ping pong, Wii games, freeze dance and YLAND - a two story tree house play land located in the children's areas at the Y. All of this for NO CHARGE! You do not have to be a member of the Y to attend.

Light refreshments will be served and every child will receive a party favor.

The Newsletter Committee and the Walzem YMCA are excited to see you for an afternoon of fun! For any questions or for more information please call the Y at (210) 656-5777. Happy Valentine's Day!



**Windcrest
Lions Club**

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Thanks to all who supported our Pancake Breakfast! We had a great time teaming with the Windcrest Optimists to serve up hot pancakes and sausage to Windcrest. Your support helps both clubs serve our community. We sincerely appreciate your generosity.

We also want to give special thanks to Dollar General on Crestway for teaming with the Windcrest Lions to provide toys for the Walzem YMCA Christmas event. Lions and Roosevelt High LEOs met at the YMCA for a wrapping party on December 21st to get everything ready. It was fun making Christmas brighter for so many! We're planning to do this again in 2014 and hope to double the items we can provide for families in our community.



We could use your help. We'd love to introduce you to all the things we do in 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!

Friends of the Park

Dear Residents:



The new year is upon us and we expect 2014 to bring many new improvements to our Parks and Greenspaces (P&G). We will be working with the City Staff, Parks and Recreation Committee and City Council with proposals for their review and approval. We intend to resurvey the trees in the P&G to further update this asset for long term use. We also intend to initiate plantings of trees and beds containing native plants and grasses from the funds authorized by the City last year. The demonstration garden is still a goal for Friends' of the Park (FOTP), and will be installed with native plants, as we believe this will be more important for our Residents information since water restrictions will dictate consideration. We will be working with the Design and Technology Academy (DATA) Interns as we have in the past two years to further our programs. Another self-directed program is being planned for the Interns 2014 Summer Project.

Three Flower Towers and three Park Sentinels have been installed. The Towers have been planted with native grasses and climbing vines. Mr. Flynn is working on the signs for the Sentinels. The October Wine and Cheese Social was a wonderful success with many attendees. Don't miss the next one.

We need you as a member! You make the difference! Please join! Go to our website, fill out a membership application and send in your check. www.windcrestfotp.org

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Women's Club News

Lois Wooten

December and January were fun filled busy months for the Windcrest Women's Club and February promises to be lots of fun with two important events!!!

First we have the Spring Social (aka, Wine & Cheese) on **7 February**, from **6 – 10 p.m.**... This is President Patty Robles' favorite event and she'll be back and raring to get started. Hostesses are Patty Robles, and Majie Takas. It's not too late to get in on the fun and join Patty & Majie to make this a super fun event. So, don't be bashful, give Majie or Patty a call and volunteer to help! It's a great night of fun and **reservations are required** so call Vi Biancardi (656-5117) or Garlene Bach (653-5858) **now** to save your seat!

Next we have our annual **Membership Tea on 26 February, 2 – 4 p.m.**... Our hostesses, Valeria Brandt, Tinie Riggs, Kathey Freeman, and Pam Dodson will ensure this is a wonderful tribute to our past and present. Come enjoy visiting with old friends and make a few new ones too. Make sure you have you calendars marked!

For our **26 March**, coffee, we return to the Civic Center at our regular time of 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The topic is "Estate Planning, Wills and Probates". If the speakers are anything like the great speakers we had in November, they'll make the subject informative and entertaining.



Shown above at the 2013 Tea is (L to R) Gini Newton, Rosalinda Messer, Garlene Bach (Past President 2002-2004, 1992-1993, & 1990-1991), and Pat Sutton.

(Lea has a way of finding talented speakers) We can always use an update on these important topics!! Don't miss it! It should be fun and informative!

April is a busy month too. We'll have our annual Appreciation Luncheon on 16 April. Then, at our regular coffee on 23 April, local Windcrest artist's poetry and literature will be featured. You'll not want to miss this coffee. Hostesses are Marji Gentet, Beth Jones, Anjie Phillips, and Hazel Freeman.

It is not too late to join the Windcrest Women's Club. Just come to a meeting or call Lu Nix (653-2371) to join. We love new members and visitors at or meetings!

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Windcrest Garden Club

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Be our guest at the Windcrest Garden Club meeting this month for coffee and snacks at the Windcrest Civic Center. On Monday, February 3rd, our guest speaker, Gayle Randolph, will present "Preparing for Overnight Guests". She will share a wealth of ideas for welcoming your guests using fruit and flowers from the garden. For example, personalize the room, maybe their picture by the bed, a bowl of favorite snacks, etc. We will meet at 10 am and we hope to see you there. As always, we'll have drawings for lovely door prizes. You get 5 chances for \$1 and the more you play the more you win!

Last month we enjoyed the "Circle of Gardeners". Our panel of Master Gardeners were in attendance ~ Jacquie Rothermel, Sondra Bump, Kathy Littlefield & Joanne Hall. We had a lively discussion, they answered lots of member questions and shared with us some details about being part of the Master Gardener Program. For info call the Texas Agri-life Extension 210-467-6575.

Upcoming events:

Executive Board Meeting ~ Monday, February 24th, 10 am
Hostess ~ Carolyn Freeman @ 630 Fenwick, 655-5816

Monday March 3rd ~ 10 am @ Windcrest Civic Center
Our own WGC Member, Mercedes Zamudio, will talk on a subject of her expertise: olive trees.

Executive Board Meeting ~ Monday, March 31st, 10 am
Hostess ~ Marji Gentet @ 305 Cloudmont, 967-4736

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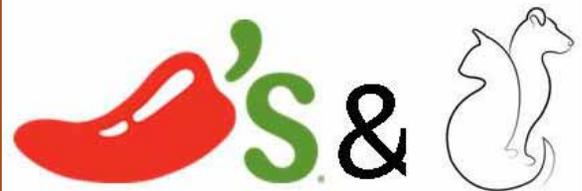
We want to thank everyone who came by to donate to the "boot" after Christmas Day. It looks like we were able to raise over \$1000 to help with our animal causes. It was a fun occasion for us also....gave us an opportunity to meet some really nice folks!!

We are having another immunization and registration clinic on February the 15th, 2014 from 12:30 to 2:30. 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.

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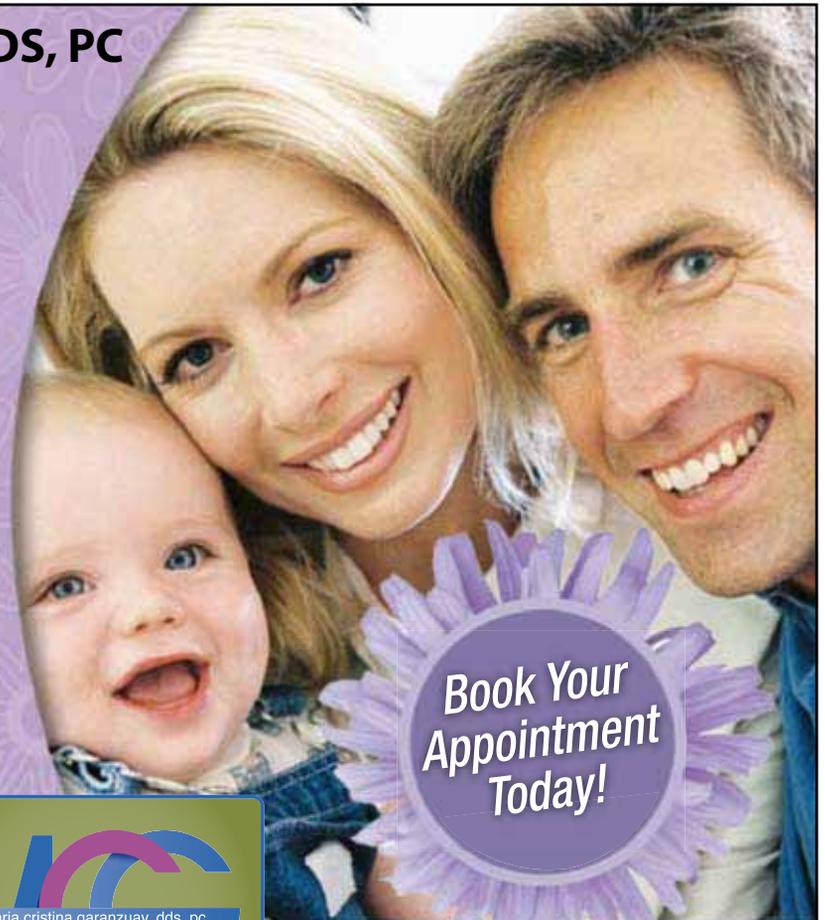
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City Meetings in Windcrest City Hall Council Chambers

Special City Council Meeting	February 3	5:15 p.m.	WEDC	February 13, 27	6:00 p.m.
Planning & Zoning	February 6	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court	February 4, 11, 18	4:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation	February 12	6:00 p.m.	Water District Meeting	February 20	7:00 p.m.

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