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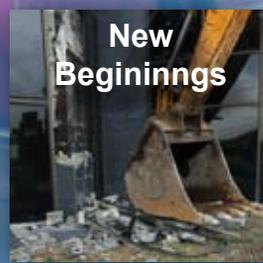
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4th of July PARADE & Celebration



New Beginnings



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Mayor's Message



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Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,

July is a busy month for the City of Windcrest. We have the American Legion 4th of July Parade and Celebration, as well as the city working on the budget for FY 2014-2015. The pool is open and being enjoyed by many. Most schools are now on break, and thus many are able to spend more time with their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Windcrest has so many beautiful amenities to share with loved ones. Please take advantage of them all. There has been tremendous support from our city's best asset, our residents, with regards to citizens volunteering for the different committees and commissions. We are continuing to witness 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.**

3rd Annual 4th of July Parade and Celebration: While the Parade has been going on for approximately 20 years, three years ago this administration changed the time to later in the morning and started to have a Celebration after the Parade. It has grown from less than 200 in attendance to over 2000. This year the Parade should be bigger and better. There will be give aways thrown into the crowd, and 1000 hot dogs to be passed out – all free. Please go to page 7 in this Newsletter for more information. I hope to see you there having fun.

New Marketing, Social Media and Events Director: This administration created this position approximately three years ago. We were blessed to have Katye Brought for a little more than two years. She was offered a fantastic position at the Witte Museum. The city realized we needed to find a great one to take her place. We all feel we got a great one in Krysten Vela. She started the week of June 10th. She was immediately thrown in the fire with helping with the 4th of July Parade and Celebration. She is excited to begin her new job here at the city, and I am confident we will continue to build on what this administration created - new emphasis on Community Events, Newsletter, Marketing the city and Social/Internet media exposure for the city and WEDC.

New Fire Department Administrator: Long time Windcrest employee Heather Weidenbach is now with the Fire Department as the Fire Department Administrator. She will retain her responsibilities for Permits and Inspections. Heather is tackling both in this newly created position. A big thank you to Heather for helping to create this new position. She is enthusiastic and will be very successful. Also, thank you Heather for going the extra mile in the absence of the Marketing Director the past 3 months. Heather worked tirelessly with the Firefighter Picnic, Newsletter and the planning for the 4th of July Events. She always has a positive attitude.

Fire Department Chief Update: The Council interviewed the finalists for the Chief of the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department as decided by the search committee. I anticipate a new Fire Chief will be named by the beginning to mid – July.

Women's Club Presents the 2014 Windcrest Light-Up: I was informed that this year's theme is = **Santa is Back in Town.** It is time to start thinking how to decorate our residences with this theme in mind. I am excited!!

Windcrest Property Tax Rate: Many citizens have asked the question – Are we going to see a reduction in the property tax rate again? Yes, this administration promised that we would run the city more efficiently and would encourage Economic Development. For the third year in a row, we will see a reduction in the City's property tax rate. **I will propose a 21% reduction in the City of Windcrest Property Tax Rate for this coming year.**

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Additionally, I will encourage the Council to vote to continue for next year the **\$5 residential permit fee and the 25% reduction of the garage bill**. This is a testament to all the hard work by everyone on Team Windcrest. We are on our way to having a city with zero city property taxes in the near future.

Budget for FY 2014-2015: We have two Meetings in June and will plan to have meetings in July and August to discuss the budget for the next Fiscal Year which begins October 1, 2014 and ends September 30, 2015. We will continue to make improvements in every area of the city and in every department. We will be conservative with all revenue projections and take into account worst case scenarios with expense items so that we have a budget that at the end of the Fiscal Year has a positive balance. We have done this every year under this administration and will continue to conduct city business in this manner.

RACKSPACE: Did you know Rackspace continues to expand their international headquarters located here in Windcrest? They have opened up a gym, and at the time I am writing this article they are very close to opening up even more work space as they are adding employees monthly. I regularly meet with the Chairman of the Board, Founder and Interim CEO Graham Weston. It is humbling that he always takes time to meet and discuss what we can do to keep our relationship growing and what they can do to help. He shared with me that they are planning to break ground on a park, which will be located outside of the main entrance, by the first of the year. He shared with me some preliminary designs. I look forward to having the final designs posted on the web as soon as they are received. Like everything Rackspace does, it is first class all the way. Additionally, there are plans for some interesting marketing opportunities for the residential area. Stay tuned – more to come! Thanks to all the Rackers. There are roughly 70 that call Windcrest home and that number is growing.

Develop General Master Plan Committee (Update): Several meetings have been held and this process is moving along. Several workshops were planned and were well attended. If you were unable to attend, contact someone on the committee. Please make sure your voice is heard.

Takas Park, Civic Center, Takas Park Pond: Takas Park Pond is virtually completed. Take a stroll around this pond and see how this has been made into something all citizens can enjoy and be proud of. Takas Park has seen improvements as well. Thank you to Friends of the Park for always going the extra mile. More on what FOTP did is in this Newsletter. Additionally, new ground cover has been placed in the playground area which will make this amenity safer and cleaner. Thank you to the Parks and Rec Commission. Lastly, this administration continues to make improvements to the Civic Center. This time it will be with the indoor/outdoor space. These improvements will commence

shortly. It will be one more reason that this venue is the best deal in the area and a great amenity for our citizens.

Old Frost Bank Building/Economic Development: We held a ceremony signifying the commencement of the demolition of this fixture of Windcrest. As has been reported, this building is being demolished and re-platted into 3 lots. In one lot, a new IN-N-Out Burger Restaurant will be built. There will be another restaurant and hotel located on this property. We had many media outlets attend this event. This was positive marketing for our city. There is much more ahead. I anticipate the announcement of at least 6 more businesses into Windcrest within the next 150 days which will bring in over \$1 million in sales tax revenue to our city, and provide amenities to our citizens. Lets keep moving forward!!!

Street Repairs: We are currently in the construction phase of approximately \$1 million of street repair and rebuilds. This will take several months. Pardon the dust and the inconvenience. As promised, this administration is committed to systematically repairing and/or rebuilding all the streets in the Windcrest residential area over the next 3 – 4 years. More information can be found on the Windcrest website.

Winnbrook Estates Park: By the time you have received this Newsletter, the city should have already broken ground on this park. This is Phase One. It will be done in 3 phases. Money to continue to improve this park is allocated in next year's budget.

Condolences: Unfortunately, we lose people in our community every month. This month we lost Dr. Norman Lindell. He was a long time resident of the community. He and his wife Barbara have been involved in so many areas of the city, there are too many to mention. He will be missed, but Barbara says she will stay in the city and stay active. She is always ready to volunteer. Our condolences go out to the Lindell family, and to the others who lost loved ones this month.

Volunteering and Participating: We need more people on the Newsletter Committee, Windcrest Citizens' Patrol and Animal Task Force. Please call Heather Weidenbach 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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Your Mayor and humble servant,

Alan E. Baxter

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FROM YOUR
Mayor Pro-Tem, Pam Dodson



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Windcrest Traffic

As I am sure all of us are aware, Walmart has opened on the other side of Walzem. A study done by our police department has indicated a 30% increase in traffic in our community and specifically at some intersections or streets of our community. We are interested in getting resident input about the amount of traffic in your area and what suggestions you might have. Please contact Pamela Dodson (590-8436) or Gerd Jacobi (366-0160) with any concerns or suggestions you might have for your area. These two councilpersons are the leads in gathering information to determine what course the city might take in order to address some real safety concerns. It is important that we address these concerns as quickly as possible so we need your help. **A Town Hall Meeting regarding this public safety/traffic diversion issue will be held Thursday, July 31 at City Hall Council Chambers.**

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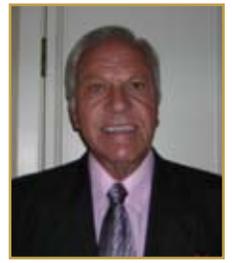
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4th of July in Windcrest

This will be our 3rd Annual 4th of July parade and celebration. People will be coming from all over just to join in our City's celebration. Be proud of where you live.

Join in on the excitement of the extravaganza and merriment of the 4th of July. Make it an amnesty day even if you don't see the same progress and future occurring in our city.

Come out and celebrate the 4th of July with us... there will be free entertainment, free hot dog, ice cream, and apple pie while supplies last, classic cars and visit with people that are not from here about our great city and its future.

This event has become just about as popular as our Christmas light up. Have a Happy 4th of July!

Councilmember
John Gretz

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

At our June 2, 2014, city council meeting, Ted Hanes from Friends of the Park (FOTP) gave a superb update on their goals for our parks and green spaces. FOTP goals for 2014 and beyond will truly enhance the beauty of Windcrest. He showed council meeting attendees a gorgeous wooden park directory that was to be installed on Tuesday, June 3, 2014, on the sentinel off Jim Seal Drive down at Takas Park. A group of FOTP members and other neighbors attended. I was asked to give a few words. I simply said I was extremely proud of FOTP initiatives (along with their sponsor support) and it is what makes Windcrest... **WINDCREST!** Key point is citizen involvement! If you read our monthly newsletter, you will see citizen involvement in virtually every facet of what makes Windcrest proud each and every day! Please join in.

By the way, I'd be remiss if I didn't mention our Public Works Director, Tom Garcia, and his team's support of FOTP projects. If Ted and his crew need a hand or the use of some equipment... they are there! It's a "TEAM WINDCREST" thing as far as I'm concerned. I'm proud to be a citizen and most importantly, I'm proud of our citizen volunteers that work hard to keep our great city moving "onward and upward" each and every day! Keep up the outstanding work!!!

Councilmember Jim Shelton

alamojim@sbcglobal.net



Looking forward to Independence Day, yes indeed. We should have another great parade, followed by hot dogs, apple pie and ice cream.

I must admit that I no longer enjoy fireworks. I do however love to see all of the flags flying and the other patriotic displays. We are definitely fortunate to live in this country, and this state, and this city. Yes, there are unsolved situations, but if we work together for the right reasons, we can, and will accomplish great things.

As I write this I am looking at how much greener the grass is this year than it was last year. Hopefully the rain will continue throughout the summer, but with that comes more frequent grass cutting. Let's make every effort to keep our property and our city looking good. Let PRIDE show through.

HAVE A SAFE INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY!!

Councilmember James McFall

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Dear Residents,

Our City of Windcrest continues to be managed in a professional and first class manner. We continue to make improvements in all areas of our city. Transparency and accountability continue to be our number 1 priority. This Administration has fought too long and too hard and we will not settle for anything less. We are proud to say that citizen participation is at its highest. We welcome you with open arms. Your efforts and positive contributions are deeply inspiring and appreciated. As we all know, only by working together can we continue to make progress and improve our city. Let's continue to make Windcrest the true City of Lights where we live in harmony and base our decisions on what is in the best interest of our city.

Thank-you and have a great and safe summer!

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Out With the Old, In With the New

It's no secret the popular California-based chain In-N-Out Burger is coming to Windcrest. Last month, the City of Windcrest and the Windcrest Economic Development Corporation officially began the plans for the new business coming to town during a demolition ceremony on Thursday, June 12. It was a great turnout and great publicity for our city. Residents, employees, council members, board members and the media gathered at the former Frost Bank building located just off of Walzem Road and the IH 35 access road. If you were in attendance, you could feel the excitement and buzz surrounding this milestone. Mayor Baxter welcomed the crowd and spoke about the significant impact In-N-Out Burger will have on our city and the developments in the works. Michael Schoenbrun with Cencor Realty Services also spoke about the company's excitement for the new establishment and the plans for the future.

When the demolition finally began, the DJ played music and the crowd watched on as the building debris came down. But that's not the only new addition that's coming to this area. In-N-Out Burger will have another restaurant and a hotel as neighbors sometime soon, so be on the lookout for new developments when you visit the brand new In-N-Out Burger this October!

A special thanks to everyone who helped put this event together. Great job and great teamwork!



Municipal Court Report

By Kelly Rodriguez, Municipal Court Clerk,
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Warrant Round Up

This month we will be having another warrant round up. During this time the staff works extra hard to make sure this program continues to be a success. Additional officers besides the two assigned will participate. The dispatchers work harder as well as the court clerks and Judge. Thank you to all the staff for all the extra work.

Tips for the Road

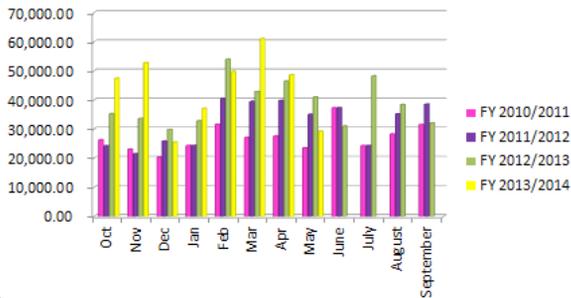
In a hurry to get home you enter the freeway entrance ramp way too fast. Your left front tire starts to skid onto the shoulder. You do not have anti-lock brakes, what do you do? Take your foot off both the gas and brake immediately. Keep your wheels turning in the direction you want to go. The sideways skid will help to slow the vehicle. Wait for the front wheels to grip, then steer gently back onto the roadway.

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.

TOTAL CITY REVENUE FROM COURT

(4 year comparison)



City Secretary News,

Kelly Rodriguez

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During the month of May 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

RCCM 05.19.14

Ordinance No. 2014-711(O), an ordinance approving and adopting an amendment to the budget of the City of Windcrest to reflect increased revenues of \$144,670.00, and approving and adopting to the City of Windcrest budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2013 and ending on September 30, 2014 for the expenditure of \$142,483.04 for various departments; and establishing a savings clause and an effective date. (Ref 05.05.14 http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1235 00:40:18 / 05.19.14 http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1241 00:37:36)

RESOLUTIONS

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Resolution No. 2014-495(R), a resolution granting certain city officials signatory authority for financial transactions. http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1235 00:47:35

Resolution No. 2014-496(R), a resolution authorizing the public auction of Windcrest surplus city property. http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1235 00:49:00

Resolution No. 2014-497(R), a resolution approving an extension of the planning services agreement between the City of Windcrest and Rebecca Quintanilla Cedillo, DBA strategic initiatives, and authorizing the City Manager to execute said extension. http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1235 00:54:12



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4th of July

**PARADE -
PLAN AHEAD**

Time flies by and July 4th will soon be here! It's time to mark your calendar for Windcrest's Annual 4th of July Parade & Celebration. The event, sponsored by the City of Windcrest and the Windcrest American Legion Post 612, is a family-fun event to honor this historic day. We want to encourage residents to participate in or watch the parade as it travels around the Golf Club course beginning and ending at City Hall. The celebration will begin at 9 a.m. at City Hall with food, fun and festivities! A short ceremony will begin at 10 a.m., followed by the parade which will start at 10:30 a.m. Participating groups will line up on Faircrest Drive between City Hall and Windcrest Elementary School. As always, we encourage participation from the civic organizations, churches, military units, City Departments, antique auto groups, boy scouts, girl scouts and musical groups. Groups who would like to participate in this year's parade should notify City Hall or Buddie Cooper, 656-3426, so they can be placed in the event program. After the parade, enjoy 1,000 free hot dogs, apple pies and ice cream (while supplies last)!

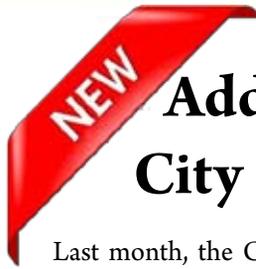
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**Addition to the
City of Windcrest**

Last month, the City of Windcrest and the Windcrest Economic Development Corporation welcomed Krysten Vela to the team. Krysten is the Public Relations and Marketing Analyst and will organize and execute events for the city, oversee the city's social media channels and work with the Newsletter committee. A San Antonio native, she graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a bachelor's in public relations and a bachelor's in corporate communication. Krysten previously worked in Austin as the publicist for The University of Texas Frank Erwin Center where she was responsible for all public relations aspects for all shows. She assisted with marketing, advertising and social media campaigns, served as editor for the company's blog and assisted with game day operations and group and premium sales. If you would like to contact Krysten, please give her a call at (210) 655-0022 ext. 2160 or email her at Krysten.Vela@windcrest-tx.gov. Welcome, Krysten!

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POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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

The advancements in today's technology are astounding and are happening on a daily basis. If you own a smart phone, you are carrying around more computing power than the computer that was used for the Apollo Moon Landing! As with anything good... criminals work hard to use it for bad! The vast majority of Americans now conduct all of their financial business online. From depositing checks and transferring money to paying bills...there is nothing slow about the information super highway. In addition, social media has engulfed most lives... life is happening online and if you're involved, every single item of your personal information is out there and available to any criminal that is searching. Every second, 14 people fall victim to cybercrime...that's over 1 million victims per day in the world!



So what can you do? Be very restrictive with your personal information when using social media. Be careful about posting photographs. Photographs can be traced with coordinates being obtained regarding where that photograph was taken. Don't respond to email messages directly concerning a financial account. If you are concerned about an email you receive, go directly to your financial website and check your account. Do not respond to any links on the email. When you receive a phone call, do not provide any information to anyone. If you are asked to provide personal information for confirmation, don't do it unless you initiated the phone call in the first place.

You can avoid being a victim of cybercrime or a scam. Be Smart... Don't be fooled! If you have questions or concerns, please call your Windcrest Police Department at (210)655-2666.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Erick Vargas

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Summer is in full swing and we know that you and your families will be spending time outdoors swimming, playing and barbequing. We all know how hot the summers are in South Texas... remember to stay hydrated, seek shade if you are going to be outdoors for long periods and wear light colored clothing. If you and your family are going to be around water...remember to NEVER leave a child unattended near water, wear life jackets especially if you are planning on riding in a boat or on a jet ski. If playing at the park, check the play equipment before playing on the equipment... surfaces that are too hot can cause burns. Have a safe and Happy 4th of July!!!

Code Enforcement, Jose Rosales

ALLEYS, ALLEYS, ALLEYS! This is an area that needs some attention. For those alleys needing attention... please roll up your sleeves and give this matter the attention it needs. According to Section 24.202, the owner and the resident of property adjacent to an alley are jointly responsible for maintaining the necessary clearances of alleys and keeping alleys in a passable sightly and sanitary condition. Please remember the ordinance regarding grass, weeds and vegetation. Notices have been issued to those who have not been maintaining their yards. After the first violation notice for up to one year from receiving it, you may be subject to receiving a court summons for a subsequent violation notice. Well maintained properties are an important part of a healthy lifestyle. Please make sure you are keeping up with the swimming pools, and report any violations you see.

Let's talk about leaves and grass trimmings. It is not a violation to blow them out onto the street to collect them. It is a violation if you leave them on any public street, roadway, walkway, easement, alley or drainage ditch. While outside maintaining your property, please remember to hydrate and take frequent breaks. It is highly recommended to check the references on all contractors you use for repairs. Thanks for keeping Windcrest beautiful!

If you need any assistance or want to report a violation of the Windcrest City Code, please contact your Code Enforcement Officer via email or the Windcrest Police Department Dispatcher at 210-655-2666.

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By the time you receive this newsletter we should have begun the demolition of the old Frost Bank building and construction will start soon on our In-N-Out Burger. We hope to have another restaurant and hotel announced soon as well. We have Buffalo Wild Wings coming to the Marie Calendars location and more businesses looking at Windcrest everyday. While some may see some empty spaces we work very hard to make sure we attract the type of businesses that will enhance our community and not hinder it. 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 Wratishaw – 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.

From the Desk of Tom Garcia Director of Public Works

tgarcia@windcrest-tx.gov

The Windcrest Pool has never looked better. Cool, blue water is the perfect thing to battle the hot summer heat. Please make your plans to visit the Windcrest swimming pool.

Want to send out a BIG thank you to Pam Dodson and Animal Control for finding a home for Roscoe (male) and Daisy (female). These 2 dogs were found at the PW yard one day and adopted as our own. Because of rules and regulations that the city maintains about pets, we were not able to keep our 2 beloved dogs.

Due to the good hearted efforts of our Animal Control officers they were able to help find a caring home for Roscoe and Daisy. Because of Roscoe and Daisy's obvious love bonded relationship, they will be adopted together.

Many thanks to Animal Control for helping Roscoe and Daisy get to a happy home!!!!

We at P.W. ask that the citizens of Windcrest donate when possible to TxWeACT to help other animals find good caring homes. For more info about TxWeACT please call Pam Dodson at 210-590-8436.

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Fire Hydrant Testing

The Fire Department will be testing fire hydrants through the month of July. During the Departments routine testing of the hydrants, the Fire Department will notify the Water District of any hydrants needing maintenance. Windcrest's fire hydrants are known as dry barrel hydrants. The valve to open and close the hydrant is located generally 3' below ground. A greater part of a hydrant's life goes unused. Due to the low usage, the portion of the hydrant that is dry, rusts extensively because it is constructed out of cast iron. When a hydrant is opened the high velocity flow breaks the rust free causing the water discharge to appear discolored, often time's dark red or brown. This has been misinterpreted by some as poor water quality (sludge), or a safety issue. It is not a safety issue, sludge, nor is drinking water affected by dry barrel hydrants. As a side note, all fire trucks are equipped with filters to protect the internal pumps. The important question we should ask ourselves is, "when my house is on fire, will there be water to extinguish it?" And the answer is, "Yes!", whether it is rust colored or not, it will put the fire out.

Task Force

Here is a little information about the Trap-Neuter-Return program here in Windcrest. The more we know about where the community cats eat and spend their time, the more successful the program will be. Community cats choose to reside in locations for two reasons: there is a food source (intended or not) and shelter. When cats are removed from a location, new cats move in, and others continue to breed.

Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) improves community cat's lives and their behavior. In addition, TNR is effective, economical, humane and helps to stabilize the community cat population. Community cats live healthy lives in their outdoor homes because of their neutering and vaccinations. Community cats are a big part of reducing the populations of mice and rats. Please join us to help these community cats. Be a caregiver and be part of the solution! TxWeACT meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Windcrest Golf Club.

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From the Animal Care and Control

Hello Windcrest residents. I would like to introduce myself to those of you that I have not had the pleasure of meeting yet. My name is Gina Bayer and I am the new part time animal control officer. I started with the City of Windcrest on March 3rd. My love and passion for animals goes back to my childhood. I remember bringing home stray animals and begging my mom to keep them even when we couldn't. I've worked as a kennel tech and have been a volunteer with different rescues over the years. Along with Officer Andres Fuentes I would like to help educate current and future pet owners. Our main job here at Animal Control is enforcing the Texas Rabies Act. We also focus on getting the stray dogs reunited with their owners, abandoned dogs adopted into great homes, and of course I can't forget to mention the wonderful volunteers from the Texas WEACTION who run the TNR program for the feral cats. I will also be writing a small education article each month. I'm looking forward to meeting all of in the near future.

Remember on the hot summer days to keep a fresh bowl of cool water for your pets. Hydration is imperative for animals!

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July is here and for Friends of the Park this marks the beginning of our month-long partnership with interns from Roosevelt's Design and Technology Academy (DATA), funded in large part with a grant from Rackspace Hosting and in cooperation with the City of Windcrest. Rackspace lends us space to fabricate sentinels and towers and for web-site work as well. Their support is generous, enthusiastic, and integral to what we are able to accomplish.

Have you noticed the Flower Towers that were a focal point of last summer's project? They are located at Windy Hollow Park near Jim Seal Drive, near Autumn Sunset Park near Windrock/Eaglecrest, and near Brook Falls Park at Windrock/Brook Falls. They are beautiful this summer! More towers will be built and installed this summer. A stunning wooden map of Windy Hollow/Takas Park was installed last month on the park sentinel near the bridge on Jim Seal Drive, the work of resident woodworker Jim Flinn; by summer's end, similar maps should be in place in each park. A recent visitor to the park observed that the map looks like it could be in a national park. Please look for it. Interns and members of Friends of the Park will be installing beds around the new trees that were planted in April. Much, much more is on the drawing board!

If getting dirt under your fingernails appeals to you, or if you simply want to lend support to the beautification of our city's parks and green spaces with a membership in FOTP, you are encouraged to join us! If you would like to know more about Friends of the Park: contact@windcrestfotp.org.

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Women's Club News

Kathy Littlefield

The Windcrest Women's Club met on May 28th at Earl Abel's Restaurant for our end of year meeting and installation of Officers.

Officers for the year 2014-2015 are: President- Lea S. Fagan, 1st Vice Pres. - Lois Wooten, 2nd Vice Pres. - Tinnie Riggs, Recording Sec. - Gini Newton, Corresponding Sec. - Pat Kendrick, and Treasurer - Carol Essenpreiss. We look forward to a great year with programs and activities for our Windcrest Ladies.

Our August 27th meeting will feature our Mayor, Alan E. Baxter and other civic leaders and civic organizations. We will meet at the Windcrest Civic Center at 10:00 a.m. and hope that new and established members of Windcrest will join us.

If you are interested in joining the Windcrest Women's Club, please complete the form provided and return to **Windcrest Women's Club, 549 Crestway Dr., Windcrest, TX 78239 (Checks payable to Windcrest Women's Club.)**



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Many of us are fighting an upsurge in creepy crawlies that damage our plants. "Pill bugs", ants and other exoskeleton critters are really bad this year. If you don't like to use chemicals, especially if you share your yard with little ones and pets, try using "D.E." (diatomaceous earth). It's available in the garden section of most stores and very easy to sprinkle around your flower beds. Just follow directions on the package and you'll see quick results.

Want to learn more about taking tender loving care of your garden; join us at the Windcrest Garden Club. We meet on the first Monday of the month and membership is open to **both men and women of our area** who love gardening. So take a minute and become a new member or renew your Windcrest Garden Club membership. You don't want to miss out on another season of informative speakers, interesting field trips, fun workshops, and sharing ideas with other avid gardeners. **Garden Club membership is open to all ladies and men from Windcrest and surrounding communities.** Most meetings are held in Windcrest Civic Center, 9310 Jim Seal Drive, Windcrest, TX. **Our next regular meeting is 8 September, at 10a.m. in the Civic Center.**

Before you harvest those herbs and flowers complete the membership form below with a check for **\$10.00** (payable to WGC) and mail it to Windcrest Garden Club, 413 Zephyr Dr, Windcrest TX 78239. Happy Gardening!

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City Offices closed on July 4th for Independence Day



City Meetings in Windcrest City Hall Council Chambers

Municipal Court	July 1, 8, 15	4:00 p.m.	Parks & Recreation	July 9	6:00 p.m.
MPRC	July 2, 16, 30	6:00 p.m.	WEDC	July 10	6:00 p.m.
Planning & Zoning	July 3	6:00 p.m.	Water District Meeting	July 17	7:00 p.m.
SCCM	July 7	6:00 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting	July 21	5:15 p.m.

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