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# Mayor's Message



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**Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,**

December is here and that means Christmas and the Holiday Season. We are known as the City of Lights, thus it is time to decorate the homes! **“Santa is Back in Town”** is the theme this year. The Light-Up celebration will be bigger than ever. We hope as many people participate as possible. 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 is growing. We encourage you to remain active and involved, and we promise that we will continue to modify, change and refine how we do business. As we all know: **If we stay the same, we cannot improve.**

**Light-Up:** This year we are hopeful it will be the best ever. New for this year is a limited edition 2014 Windcrest Light Up ornament. You can purchase these at City Hall. More details are on page 15. Our city is known throughout as the “City of Lights” and we show our pride and this event showcases our city. It is the biggest economic generator for our charitable organizations. We hope as many people that can participate and decorate their house will do so. Especially since Cleto Rodriguez will be a guest judge for this year! We also hope to see you at the Light-Up Ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 13 at City Hall.

**Decorate the House:** If you need assistance to decorate your home, please contact Heather Weidenbach with the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department. The Firefighters will assist with putting up your decorations and taking them down. They do ask for a charitable donation. My family has used this service and they do an incredible job.

**Light-Up Maps/Fill the Boot:** Light-Up maps should be available Friday afternoon, Dec. 12 at City Hall. The WVFD will be passing out maps and asking for donations in exchange for the maps throughout the Holiday Season. They also include other organizations to share in the fun. Contact Heather Weidenbach at the Fire Department for more details.

**Light-Up Ceremony:** This year it is Saturday, Dec. 13 at City Hall. The longer term residents have seen this event grow from a hundred or so people to an event that draws thousands. This year, it will be bigger and better. Please bring your friends and family to this wonderful event. People of all ages will have fun. More information is in this Newsletter on page 15.

**Light-Up Awards Party (Save the Date):** Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015 will be the Awards party for all those that won a Light-Up Award. It will be held at the Takas Park Civic Center. All the citizens are invited to cheer on and applaud the winners. Free food and beverages will be available to those that attend. Save this date and we hope to see you there. More information will be in the January Newsletter.

**Election Results: Approximately 50 percent of Windcrest registered voters turned out for this prior election. Wow – that certainly beats the local and national average. For the City Council, there were three seats being contested. The incumbents were all re-elected. They are: Gerd Jacobi, Jim Shelton**

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and Pamela Dodson. Personally, I was very pleased that they were re-elected. It validates the hard work they are doing. The Bexar County Water Control & Improvement District #10, which is the entity that supplies and controls the water for the Windcrest residential area, saw three new faces elected for the three seats being contested for their Board. Sue Alexander, Eugenia Snead and John Fagin were elected for those three positions. Congratulations to these fine people, and a thank you to all those that run.

**Garage Sale Weekend Re-cap:** This bi-yearly event was a success. The weather somewhat cooperated. Thanks to all those that registered and participated. There will be another City Wide Garage Sale in the Spring stay tuned..

**Economic Development:** The new Whataburger Training Center located at Windsor Park Centre is now open and we will announce soon when we are having the official Grand Opening. The Buffalo Wild Wings where the Marie Callender's Restaurant used to reside is getting very close to opening. It will have 73 televisions to check out any and everything sports related. In-N-Out Burger is working hard to ramp up their construction and get opened. We hope to have an opening date soon. Windcrest Cosmetic Dentistry is finishing up their almost \$1.5 million reinvestment into their business in Windcrest after 37 years here, and are now open at their new location on Rough Rider. Please continue to support our Windcrest businesses. Because of your loyalty and dedication, we are attracting more businesses and growing our sales tax base. Remember our slogan "Live-Work-Shop WINDCREST." We expect 2015 to be a banner year for the city businesses.

**Northeast Herald:** As many of our seasoned residents know, the residents in Windcrest used to receive the NE Herald. It appears they had stopped delivering. I received many complaints and questions as to who someone should contact to start receiving this weekly paper again. I was told that if you would like to receive the Herald, please email Greg Fyvie. His email address is [gfyvie@express-news.net](mailto:gfyvie@express-news.net).

**Street Repairs Phase Three:** This Phase will begin in Spring. We did not want to interrupt Light-Up, so we suspended work until after the Holiday Season. Rest assured, this administration is committed to continuing to improve our infrastructure and amenities. As you know, we are systematically improving all the streets in Windcrest over the next several years.

**Windcrest - Platinum Transparency Award:** This award is IMPRESSIVE. We were the only city in Northeast Bexar County to receive this award. When this administration was elected, we promised that we would greatly improve in many areas. One of these areas was transparency. We are proud to announce that we received the 2014 PLATINUM Leadership Circle Award for being transparent. We are a leader in this area. We are setting the standard. Our City manager, Finance Director and the Finance Staff deserve a big round of applause.

**Women's Club Presents the 2014 Windcrest Light-Up & Save the Dates:** We want to keep reminding everyone that this year's theme is = **Santa is Back in Town**. It is time to start thinking about decorating ideas. I have received quite a few comments on the theme and people are excited. I believe this year's Light-Up will be the grandest ever. Friday, Dec. 5 is the deadline to enter, Tuesday, Dec. 9 is when judging occurs, Saturday, Dec. 13 is the Light-Up Ceremony and Thursday, Jan. 8 is the Award Ceremony. Let's make this Light-Up the best ever! More information is in this Newsletter.

**Warrant Tip Line:** We continue to try to improve. A citizen came up with the idea of a tip line to assist in apprehending people with outstanding warrants. I ran this by the court staff and they loved it. It is great to hear from our best asset – the citizens. We listened and now we have added this as another tool in our tool box to locate and apprehend person(s) with outstanding warrants. The rewards for information leading to the arrest of a person with an outstanding warrant will be from \$50 – 100. The number is (210) 653-5299. Also, call City Secretary Kelly Rodriguez at (210) 655-0022 for more details. Volunteering and Participating: We need more people on the Newsletter Committee, Windcrest Citizens' Patrol and Animal Task Force. Please call Krysten Vela 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.

Your Mayor and humble servant,

*Alan E. Baxter*

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## FROM YOUR

Mayor Pro-Tem, Pam Dodson



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*I hope you have a very  
Merry Christmas!!*



## Councilmember

Gerd E. Jacobi

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### CHRISTMAS IN WINDCREST

Let me just go back to last month for a moment and thank all of our residents for coming out in such large numbers to vote for the candidate of your choice.

Yes it is that time of the year again where we should put all of our differences aside and enjoy Christmas. This is a time for families to be together and love one another. For many military families and others working away from home this may not be possible but even then, still communicate with your loved ones. Let this time be a happy and enjoyable moment in your life. Remember we all have only one life to live so make the most of it.

There are so many activities going on during this month such as the Light Up Ceremony on Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. We'll also have a Winter Wonderland for the children on Dec. 21 at the Fire Station and the City hall parking lot. This is an opportunity for the kids to meet Santa in person and enjoy hot chocolate, cookies and coffee. Everyone is invited. Please come and participate and bring you whole family.

From my family to your family we wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS!

## Councilmember

John Gretz

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Dear Friends,



I'm so glad another election is behind us and we can keep Windcrest moving forward in a direction I personally think is right on target! Congratulations to City Council members: Pam Dodson, Gerd Jacobi, and Jim Shelton and Water Board members: Sue Alexander, John Fagin and Eugenia Snead. You will all serve Windcrest proudly.

With that said, I was truly saddened by some of the stuff I read in the mail, saw on websites, heard while walking the streets, etc. during this election. Yes, that's politics so get used to it I guess! Local, county, state, federal... it doesn't matter... "negative" politics is here to stay! Sad as far as I'm concerned. I kept a short passage I came across a long time ago that I'd like to share.

"It topples governments, wrecks marriages, ruins careers, busts reputations, causes heartaches, nightmares, indigestion, spawns suspicion, generates grief, dispatches innocent people to cry in their pillows. It's called gossip. Office gossip, shop gossip, party gossip, any gossip... it makes headlines and headaches. Before you repeat a story, ask yourself... is it true, is it fair, is it necessary? If not, shut up!"

I wish you all a great holiday season. John

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# Councilmember James McFall

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The election was held and the citizens of Windcrest have spoken. A special thanks to our Windcrest voters and to the many countless volunteers and contributors who participated in this election. Congratulations to our three re-elected Council Members—Pam Dodson, Gerd Jacobi and Jim Shelton. Congratulations to our newly-elected Water Board Members--Sue Alexander, John Fagin and Eugenia Snead.

Many great things continue to happen in our City of Windcrest. As a city, we have never been in greater shape. We are the only city in Northeast Bexar County to receive the Platinum Transparency Award. A very special thanks to our City Manager, Rafael Castillo, and his staff who have made this possible. Mr. Castillo continues to be a great asset to our city.

Under this Administration, we will continue to work toward making Windcrest the most transparent and accountable city with a goal of NO PROPERTY TAXES. .

To all of our Windcrest Citizens, best wishes for a HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!!!

Be safe and enjoy your family and friends.





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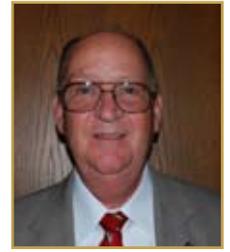


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# Councilmember Jim Shelton

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Yes, it is the season of giving and receiving. I am thankful for the voters of Windcrest for giving me the opportunity to continue to serve on the city council.

I definitely look forward to serving the two full years of this term. I am still being asked if I plan to resign . . . the answer is, as it has always been **NO**. Maybe, hopefully, we can return to spreading the TRUTH.

May your Holidays be filled with joy and happiness with family and friends!

## BEXAR COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #10

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 emergency (210) 422-4159  
 Our website is [www.bexarcountycid10.com](http://www.bexarcountycid10.com).

The Water District welcomes the new members to the Board of Directors: Sue Alexander, John Fagin and Eugenia Snead. Please congratulate them as opportunity provides.

The District thanks the citizens of Windcrest for another great year. Due to conservation efforts by the majority of customers, the Water District will be compliant to strict EAA (Edwards Aquifer Authority) drought standards. 2014 marks the fourth year of a persistent drought, thus, a direct consequence is more stringent regulations to preserve the available water supply. Thank you for conserving.

As 2015 is looming, there are anticipated rate increases. Bexar County WCID #10 pays SAWS to treat the entirety of Windcrest's wastewater. It is estimated that SAWS will increase their wastewater services by 6.4%, which directly affects the cost of wastewater service the District provides to Windcrest.

Currently, the increase in operation costs may also cause an increase in water rates. The District will be diligent to keep rates as low as possible to provide excellent service to Windcrest. Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

## City Secretary News, Kelly Rodriguez

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

### RESOLUTIONS SCCM 10.06.14

**Resolution No. 2014-517(R)**, a resolution authorizing the city manager to provide health insurance to the municipal finance officer in exchange for 9 additional hours of work per month in fiscal year 2014/2015. (Ref 10.06.14 SCCM [http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=8&clip\\_id=1327](http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1327))

**Resolution No. 2014-518(R)**, a resolution approving an interlocal cooperation agreement with the Alamo Area Metro Swat Team and authorizing the City Manager to execute said contract. (Ref 10.06.14 SCCM [http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=8&clip\\_id=1327](http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1327))

**Resolution No. 2014-519(R)**, a resolution authorizing the re-appointment of members to the City of Windcrest Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. (Ref 10.06.14 [http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=8&clip\\_id=1327](http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1327)) RCCM 10.20.14

**Resolution No. 2014-520(R)**, a resolution approving the purchase of sun shades from Shade Pro Permanent Shade Structure for the Takas Park baseball fields and authorizing the city manager to negotiate and execute a contract for such purchase. (Ref: 10.20.14 [http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=8&clip\\_id=1336](http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1336))

City Offices will be closed Dec. 24, 25 & 31.

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chief Erick Vargas

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Let's fill the boot **WINDCREST!!!** The annual Fill the Boot campaign will kick off Dec. 13 - 24. Members of the fire department will begin collecting donations in front of the fire station starting at approximately at 6 p.m each night. Donations collected during this campaign will benefit the Windcrest Fire Department and the Windcrest Angel program, which provides selected local families with food, clothing, toys and books.

**56th Annual Light Up Ceremony** will take place Saturday, Dec. 13 at 6 p.m at City Hall. We will be assisting Santa Claus as he returns back to town with a ride in a fire truck to City Hall. Santa Claus will be available for pictures in the transformed "Santa's Workshop" located in the Fire Bay. Santa's Windcrest Elves will be taking pictures of you and your family in "Santa's Workshop."

**Light Up maps** - The fire department will have maps of the winners available during the Fill the Boot campaign, donation is requested.



**Santa Parade...** The Fire Department Santa Parade will take place on Sunday, Dec. 21. Santa will be available for photos starting at 1 p.m. The parade of fire trucks and Santa will start approximately at 1:30 p.m. The parade route will be posted at City Hall.

Winter is coming, please call the Fire Department at (210)599-6007 and let us check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors before you turn on your furnace for the year.

*We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!*



Heather Weidenbach

Asst. City Secretary/FD Admin Asst.

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## From the Desk of Tom Garcia Director of Public Works

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We here at Public Works have much to be thankful for. We are grateful for our health, friends, family and our jobs. Sending this brief message out to our Windcrest Community wishing all a great holiday season. We invite everyone to enjoy the great Christmas trees, lights and the cleanliness of our beautiful city.

It's been a great 2014 and looking forward to an even better 2015. Happy New Year Everybody!!!!



Windcrest Elementary School is sponsoring Windcrest families for Angel Tree Donations this year now through Dec. 8. Angel trees have been placed at RBFCU (Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union), the Windcrest Golf Course and Windcrest Elementary School.

*Please help our community if you can!*

## Economic Development Corporation

Construction on the In-N-Out Burger has begun and we hope to open in a few months. The city experienced another month of increased sales tax revenue and the momentum continues to rise for the city. The Whataburger Training Center is now open and an official grand opening will be scheduled soon so stay tuned. Windcrest Cosmetic Dentistry is also now open at their new Rough Rider location and an official grand opening will be scheduled soon as well. The hope is that Buffalo Wild Wings will also be open so look at our website for the announcement. For those of you who are big fans of sports they will have over 70 televisions, so there will be no shortage of shows for sports junkies. We hope to announce another new business in the first part of December and we continue to see lots of interest on the land around Eisenhower and along the I-35 access road. We are expecting an official update from the developer to the Council in December. This upcoming year is going to be a great year for Windcrest so pay attention.

We are looking forward to more great news so check out [www.windcrest-tx.com](http://www.windcrest-tx.com) for more information.

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](mailto:rcolunga@windcrest-tx.gov).

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## Code Enforcement Unit

Christmas is here and as you know our city is nationally famous for our Christmas lights. With this in mind, let's check our properties one more time and make sure trailers, inoperable vehicles and general rubbish is removed from plain view or disposed. Hundreds, if not thousands of vehicles, will be traveling through our streets, so if at all possible keep as many vehicles off the street during Christmas light viewing hours. Please plan ahead for trips to work, stores, or just to get in and out of the city. Keep your properties secured during this month's heightened activity and if you have any low hanging branches or bushes over the street and sidewalks, take a few minutes to trim them up and away from these areas.

Please cut your grass if needed, cutting the grass prevents rodent infestation. Please mend any fences that may entice intruders, allow your dogs to escape and go missing. Lastly, the dreaded leaves will fall. There is no ordinance requiring you to remove your leaves off your property, however, blowing leaves or grass trimmings onto other people's yards and the street is called littering. Grass trimmings and leaves blown onto the street must be collected.

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

## Municipal Court Report

By Kelly Rodriguez, Municipal Court Clerk,  
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### Municipal Court Week

The Municipal Court so far this year has received 249 citations for "Crossing at Point Other Than Crosswalk" also known as Jaywalking. The Texas Transportation Sec. 552.005. CROSSING AT POINT OTHER THAN CROSSWALK reads as follows " (a) A pedestrian shall yield the right-of-way to a vehicle on the highway if crossing a roadway at a place: (1) other than in a marked crosswalk or in an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection; or (2) where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided. (b) Between adjacent intersections at which traffic control signals are in operation, a pedestrian may cross only in a marked crosswalk. (c) A pedestrian may cross a roadway intersection diagonally only if and in the manner authorized by a traffic control device." Please keep this in mind when walking through the city. It's for your own safety.

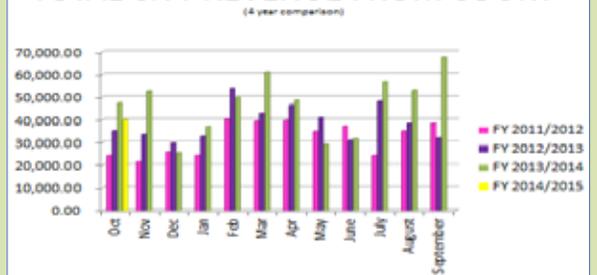
### Tips for the Road

Have you ever heard of black ice? Black ice is a thin, transparent layer of ice. The usually black asphalt roadway can be seen through it. It often looks wet and is most common at night, early in the morning and in shady areas. It's hard to detect because it just looks like a wet road rather than an icy one. With winter months ahead this can be dangerous.

### TOTAL CITY REVENUE

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

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Don't forget **Dec. 1** is our **Holiday Pot Luck: 11 a.m. at the Civic Center.** Put on your Christmas spirit and bring a friend along with your favorite holiday dish to share. It is a great way to kick off the holiday and Light Up season. (Tip: Save those Poinsettias this year and add them to your garden for year round enjoyment!) **Hostesses are Annette Hoffman, Marie Bourne, Elaine Morrissey and Helma Ann Martinez.**

We will kick off 2015 with a great program called "Circle of Gardeners" on **Monday, Jan. 5 at 10 a.m. at the Windcrest Civic Center.** Master Gardeners from other area clubs will join our own lovely Windcrest Master Gardeners to share great gardening tips and answer questions. We will also have our very own plant sale to help support our civic projects throughout the year. So bring lots of questions and plants to sell. (If you need starter or repotting pots, contact Lois Wooten at 657-4557). **Our January hostesses are Lois Wooten, Kathy Littlefield, Jaquie Rothermel, Alice Crite, Lea Fagin and Joann Hall.**

**The Garden Club is open to ALL AREA MEN AND WOMEN interested in gardening. Membership is only \$10 a year and available anytime during the year.** Come and see what all the excitement is about!



At our 3 November meeting Susan Whipple, of Country Lane Nursery in Boerne, gave a wonderfully informative presentation on succulents for our area. She is shown here between Garden Club Vice President, Betty Riggs, and President, Carolyn Freeman.

## Women's Club News

Kathy Littlefield (210) 413-6018

December is a busy month for our members and all citizens of Windcrest planning Christmas parties, Christmas Light-up and Judging. It's time to get into the attic and bring down those decorations. Hope the cool weather stays for a few days to make for an easier venture into that dimly lit vault.

The Windcrest Women's Club will meet on Dec. 4 (Thursday) from 6 p.m.- 10 p.m. for our "Christmas Celebration Social" at the Civic Center. Cost is \$25 for catered dinner, music and lots of fun!! What a delightful time to get into the holiday spirit. Reservations to Vivian Cochran at 213-7439 or Sharon Fink at 598-9899. Deadline for reservations or cancellations is Friday, Nov. 28.

Deadline for entering the Light-up Contest is Friday, Dec. 5 at 4:30p.m. Judging will start at approximately 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 9, so please leave your lights on until 11 p.m.

We will meet on Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. to enjoy the official Light-Up Ceremony at City Hall. Come enjoy music, cookies and chocolate following the ceremony.

Take time to drive around and enjoy the efforts of your neighbors in our beautiful "City of Lights." Celebrate "Santa is Back in Town."



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# Windcrest Animal Control Task Force

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It is that time again! We will be collecting for the "Fill the Boot" during the Christmas Light up Season. The volunteer firemen will do the collecting until Christmas Eve and then the ladies from TxWeACT will step in to raise funds for our cause starting on Christmas Day. Be sure to come by and get a map of the winners and say hello.

Also don't forget the immunization clinics the third Saturdays in January and February. You will also be able to register your pets at that time.

**Have a great  
Christmas Season!!**



## WINDCREST ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL UNIT

We want the holidays to be a happy time for you and your pet, not a time for emergency visits to your veterinarian. Holiday foods we enjoy eating can be a problem for your pet. Here are some tips to keep your pets healthy.

- Rich, fatty foods, like gravy or grease, cause problems such as upset stomachs.
- Alcohol can cause serious consequences in pets.
- Chocolate, coffee, and tea contain dangerous components, which cause nervous system or urinary system damage and heart muscle stimulation.
- Uncooked meat, fish and poultry can contain disease-causing bacteria, such as E.coli, and other parasites. These uncooked foods should not be given to your pet.
- Bones from fish, meat, or poultry can cause problems if swallowed. Small bones can splinter causing lacerations (tearing) throughout the intestinal tract.
- Uncooked yeast dough can expand and produce gas in the digestive system, causing pain and possible rupture of the stomach or intestines.
- Grapes and raisins contain a toxin, which can damage the kidneys.
- The artificial sweetener, xylitol, that's present in some gums, breath mints, candy and other human food, can be very toxic to dogs.
- Macadamia nuts contain a toxin, which can affect the digestive and nervous systems and muscles of dogs.
- Meat-soaked strings from roasts are also enticing. Ingestion can cause a surgical emergency called a 'linear string foreign body' in the intestines.
- For safety, put away food immediately and pet-proof your garbage.
- Feed your pet(s) before a party so they will not be so apt to beg or steal food.



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Religious	Entryway / Window	Mailbox
Joyful	Block / Cul-de-sac	Elegant Creations

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

Application must be submitted to City Hall, NO LATER THAN 4:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5, 2014, to be eligible for contest judging.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Judging will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2014. Please keep lights on until 11 p.m.

Entrants who place 1st, 2nd, 3rd or Honorable Mention in any category will be honored at the Award Ceremony on

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As 2014 reaches a close, we reflect on the year. It has been filled with much accomplishment but also much sadness. To begin with accomplishment, we recently completed the installation of three new Flower Towers, a new Civic Organization Sentinel on Crestway west of Mid-crown; installation of park legend signs at Autumn Sunset and Brooks Falls, designed and handmade by Windcrest's own Jim Flinn; steel park name signs welded atop the three park legend structures. We have planted and maintained many trees in the parks and green spaces this year and we have newly mulched dozens more. The sadness occurred last July with the unexpected death of Ted Hanes, our founder,

visionary, leader and friend. He inspired all of us. FOTP is different without Ted, but our goals are the same – simply making the parks and green spaces of Windcrest, Texas more beautiful.

Friends of the Park could not achieve its goals without cooperative efforts of others. Close of year seems an appropriate time to give thanks especially the Windcrest Public Works Department, Councilman John Gretz, Rackspace Hosting – for its generous grant and its extraordinary volunteers, and the DATA interns from Roosevelt High School.

Friends of the Park was formed in March 2011, so we are still a very young organization. **We ask you to consider joining Friends of the Park.** January is the beginning of our membership year, though one can join at any time for as little as \$25. Please call the secretary for an application or for more information: 653-1238. FOTP would always love more 'Friends'! Happy and safe holidays!



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We take the month of December off – except for delivering greenery and enjoying our joyful holiday dinner on Dec. 9. Join us next year please: The Windcrest Lions Club meets on 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center at Takas Park. Please stop by any meeting to learn more about the Windcrest Lions Club.

Mark your calendar now for our **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** on Saturday, Jan. 31! We partner with the Optimist Club to serve hot, delicious pancakes and sausage to Windcrest! More information next month.

We wish you a very merry Christmas and a roaring good New Year!

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 **City Offices closed - December 24, 25 and 31**

## City Meetings in Windcrest City Hall Council Chambers



SCCM	December 1	6:00 p.m.	WEDC	December 11	6:00 p.m.
Municipal Court	December 2, 9, 16	4:00 p.m.	Water District Meeting	December 11	7:00 p.m.
Planning & Zoning	December 4	6:00 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting	December 15	5:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation	December 10	6:00 p.m.	Citizen Code Committee	December 17	6:00 p.m.

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