

Back to School 2014-2015



NEISD is working hard to complete the Windcrest Elementary construction.
Thank you for your patience during this ongoing process!

First day of school begins Monday, August 25.
For back to school tips, check out page 12.

*Thank you to our sponsors and volunteers for our
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Fourth of July 2014 Recap

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Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,

August is a busy month for the City of Windcrest. We will be finalizing the city's Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget and finishing up Phase 2 of the Street CIP project. For those with family members in education, we are getting ready for the new school year to begin. Before summer ends, try to go to one of the city's parks and the community pool. Try to relax before the Fall Season begins. We are all looking forward continued improvement and development. 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.**

RE-CAP 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. We rolled up our sleeves and worked with the American Legion to make this a special event. This year the Parade was bigger and better than ever. We had more participants, giveaways and spectators than ever before. It is becoming another tradition that separates and markets our city from the others in the area. We estimated over 3500 watched the Parade and participated in the Celebration. Over 450 t-shirts, 1000 hot dogs, 1000 apple pies and 1000 ice cream cups were given away. A big thank you to our new Events Coordinator Krysten Vela, and also Heather Weidenbach for working so hard. A huge thank you also goes out to all the departments. Public Works was amazing! Within one hour after the Celebration ended, the entire area was completely cleaned up. Kudos to PW Director Tom Garcia and his crew. The biggest thank you goes to our sponsors and our citizens for supporting this Parade. Please view on the front cover a list of our major sponsors. Without them, we could not keep expanding and improving this event. Finally, I want to thank Windcrest resident Ron Armes for getting the horses. Councilman Jim Shelton, EDC Director Robert Colunga and myself went cowboy style and rode horses in the Parade - a new added twist. Mr. Shelton was impressive on his horse. Mr. Colunga looked comfortable. I, on the other hand, well let's just say - next year, the mode of transportation will be different.

Community Pool: Before this administration there were complaints about the Community Pool and calls for its closure because of low revenue and participation. This administration would not hear of such a thing. For the past three plus years, we have refined how we operate this facility. It is under the supervision of the Public Works Director Tom Garcia with the assistance of Facilities Manager Mac McNichols. The revenues have risen dramatically over the last 3 years under their guidance, and customer service continues to improve. After the outstanding work of previous pool manager Antonio Garrido, who is attending Texas A&M and could not return as pool manager, there were big shoes to fill. Johnathan Hay accepted this opportunity. Johnathan has been with the City of Windcrest for 7 years. He has worked part-time in Public Works, Lifeguard, and currently serves as the Pool Supervisor. Also stepping up were two other fine, dedicated workers. Mayela Garcia has been with the City of Windcrest for 2 years. She has served as Lifeguard, and is currently Assistant Pool Supervisor and Christopher Franke has been with the City of Windcrest for 4 years. He has served as Lifeguard and is currently Assistant Pool Supervisor. We set new records with this amenity this year and give our citizens a chance to take a break from the sun and socialize. We also have an active swim program, swim instruction team, and swim team. Thank you for all that you all do to make Windcrest beautiful.

Fire Department Chief Update: The Council interviewed the finalists for the Chief of the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department as decided by the search committee. A couple of the finalists were from out of state. Thus, it has taken longer to

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coordinate schedules for in person interviews. The Council, who is ultimately tasked with hiring the Fire Chief, is being patient with this very important hire and doing their due diligence. We anticipate the decision being made within 30 days of your receipt of this Newsletter.

Women's Club Presents the 2014 Windcrest Light-Up: 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.

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. It appears that escalating health insurance costs coupled with some investments needed this coming year with regard to long overdue and neglected amenities/assets will necessitate the property tax rate being reduced by 18% instead of 21%. Please note that maintaining amenities/assets is less costly than repairing them when they have been overlooked. This administration formulated a seven year plan when we took office approximately 3.5 years ago. We are systematically catching up on items that in the past were neglected. Thus, we will invest the approximately 3% proposed reduction difference in added health care for our employees and in the city's fixed assets/amenities. Additionally, in the current proposed budget before the Council to vote on in late August, the **\$5 residential permit fee** and the **25% reduction of the garbage bill will be included**. This is a testament to all the hard work by everyone on Team Windcrest. To summarize - **Windcrest Property Taxes will be REDUCED by approximately 18%**, the Garbage Bill will be **reduced 25%** for the second year in a row, and the **\$5 residential permit fee rate** will be maintained for another year! We are on our way to having a city with zero city property taxes in the near future. No city in Bexar County has come close to matching our fiscal record. Again, we have done all of this while still investing in our community, adding assets with regards to Public Safety – Police, Fire and First Responders, and maintaining, adding and improving our streets, parks and common areas.

Budget for FY 2014-2015: We plan to have a Town Hall Meeting in August to review the budget for the next Fiscal Year which begins October 1, 2014 and ends September 30, 2015. This will be our third such meeting. We will send a mail piece reminding the citizens of the date and time. Additionally, one can review the proposed budget on the city's website or you can come by City Hall to view a copy. 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. We look forward to hearing any input or concerns that you have with regard to this budget. Please participate.

Develop General Master Plan Committee (Update): This process of developing a master plan is moving forward at a steady pace. The committee is now at the stage of working with the Planning and Zoning Commission to finalize the plan to present to Council. Thank you to all those citizen volunteers.

Street Repairs: We are currently in the final stages of the construction phase of approximately \$1 million of street repairs and rebuilds. This is Phase 2. 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: Phase One of the Park should be complete by the time you receive this Newsletter. This is another area/amenity for our citizens. Phase Two will begin in the Fall. We are all excited that Winnbrook Estates has a common area for the whole family to enjoy.

FAREWELL: This is not a good bye, but a farewell. We hope to see you again. This month, Windcrest resident JoAnne Anderson is moving to Naples, Florida to be with her son and be on the ocean. Ms. Anderson volunteered for so much. She was the head of the Newsletter Committee and was a Team Captain on Citizen's Patrol, to name a few of her volunteer efforts. She will be missed, not only for all she did for the community, but everyone that knows her will miss her smile. We wish you the best Ms. Anderson. Have fun in this new stage of your life. You deserve it! We were lucky to have you for the time we did.

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.

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Your Mayor and humble servant,

Alan E. Baxter

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Yes, let's talk about our streets again. We are right now in phase two. We will have phase three coming up soon and that should take care of our major street repairs.

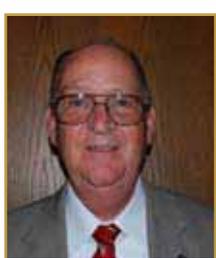
However, the minor repairs of our streets i.e. potholes, cracking, etc. will most likely have to be done on a regular basis. This is considered normal maintenance since time takes a toll on streets.

The current phase two should be completed in August of this year. One of the reasons that the repairs have taken longer is the problem with the CPS cables that provide power to our city and our homes. The cables are not deep enough in the ground and may be cut or damaged when the contractors get ready to dig into the asphalt in order to lay the proper foundation for the new asphalt. So this problem is currently being resolved by CPS of San Antonio. This should have been done the last time some of our streets were repaired under the prior administration.

Yes, it is a dusty, dirty mess for many of us that live along the areas in the repair sections, but please bear with us. It will end soon and we will have better and longer lasting superior streets than we have had before. All of this work is being done so that our city will again be the safe and well maintained community that we are proud to live in.

Councilmember
Jim Shelton

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WOW, here it is August, that means Back to School this month, and Fall is just around the corner--at least that is what the calendar says. Hard to believe I know, but here it is.

The 4th of July was so much fun this year. What a crowd--estimated at 3,500. Thanks to all who participated and a special thank you to all of the sponsors. Without all of these folks joining in, it just wouldn't have happened.

Back to city business. We are coming down the stretch to finalizing the 2014-2015 Windcrest City Budget. Another year of reduced property taxes. In the four years that I have been on the council we have under budgeted income and over budgeted expenditures--and that is a good thing. We have also increased the "rainy day fund." The future looks good for our city.

FROM YOUR
Mayor Pro-Tem, Pam Dodson

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I am pleased to announce that all of our city code will soon have been recodified by Municode. Recodification began with the updating of our existing code with all of our subsequent general and permanent legislation. Municode's legal research team has reviewed our city code for inconsistencies, duplications, proper grammar, conflicts in the code and included any new additional legislation. Then there was a review and comparison of our code with current state law. Our city staff will review the suggested changes and once approved, Municode will implement these suggestions and republish the code in print and online. So soon you will be able to visit city hall and ask to see our recodified code in print, or you will be able to look it up on the website.

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Dear Friends,

Short and sweet... Windcrest status is as rock solid as I've seen it since I moved here in 1995! Why? We have a superb city staff from Rafael Castillo on down, and each and every Windcrest employee gives 110% every day when they come to work. Every team member has been cross-trained to fill in for other positions if someone is ill or is out of pocket for some reason. That is efficiency! Our EDC is equally strong, more business stuff going on than I've ever seen... period! We have citizen volunteers in virtually every facet of Windcrest government and that is indeed special. Special thanks to all of our volunteers! Without your involvement, Windcrest would certainly not be in the great shape it is in! If you are not involved and would like to be, we have room for you! Just let us know.

Windcrest property values are going up based on the aforementioned. It is imperative that all residents ensure their properties are kept up to our proud city standard... BEAUTIFUL! I know it takes a lot of work, money and the sweat of hard labor! We've kept our permit fees at \$5 period! Heck, when I had some fence work done a few years back, my permit fee was \$140! I should have waited. With that, I recommend every resident to do their very best to make Windcrest proud and the "best little city in Texas." In our monthly newsletter, I find virtually every service I may need for help on projects I can't do on my own. Many of which are Windcrest businesses! Let's go Windcrest!

Councilmember

James McFall

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The Windcrest Annual 4th of July Parade and Celebration was a grand success!!! Thank you to all the surrounding businesses, Windcrest employees, and volunteers who made this possible. My hat goes off to you, the residents of Windcrest, who followed the parade and enjoyed the great food and fun. You made this celebration truly worthwhile.

I would like to say to you, the residents of Windcrest, that I am truly proud to be a member of this City Council. Thanks to this administration, our city is now being managed efficiently. We will soon see for the third year in a row a reduction in PROPERTY TAXES and a 25% reduction in garbage bill.

THIS ADMINISTRATION will continue to be transparent and conduct our city business in a professional and first-class manner. Stay involved and attend City Council meetings. With your assistance and constructive participation, the sky is the limit for our City of Windcrest.

Our condolences to Barbara Lindell for the loss of her husband, Dr. Norman Lindell. Barbara has been actively involved and always willing to serve our city of Windcrest. We truly appreciate her participation and contributions to our city.

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Bexar County WCID #10 is dedicated to keeping cost down to a minimum while providing top-notch service. We understand the value of water and the production of it; we also understand many residents are on fixed incomes. With these challenges in mind, the Water District will continue to be innovative in water production at lower cost.

"The Cost of Water"

Water is necessary to life itself. The human body will not survive past three days with no water. Without it, there would be no fire protection, no agriculture, no manufacturing and no power grid. Yet this most precious resource is too easily undervalued, particularly in the U.S., where 300 million Americans are accustomed to paying as little as a penny a gallon for clean, safe water from the tap.

The historic underpricing of water is largely due to a perception that water is "free" – a fundamental human need supplied by the earth itself. The vast infrastructure and personnel required to treat and deliver that water where it is needed, however, is far from free. In fact, the cleaning and delivery of water is three times more capital intensive to provide than any other utility, yet it is typically the least expensive of Americans' utility bills.

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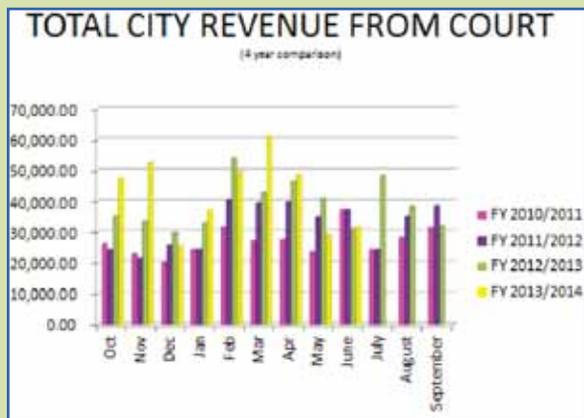
As of March 2015, vehicles registered in Texas will no longer need separate vehicle inspection and registration stickers. Last year state lawmakers eliminated the inspection sticker; however inspections are not going away. Now to receive a registration, a driver must submit their car for inspection no more than 90 days before they renew.

Tips for the Road

You are traveling 55 MPH in the middle lane of a multiple-lane freeway. It is raining and there is standing water on the road. Suddenly the steering wheel jerks and you sense you have lost all contact with the road surface. You are hydroplaning. Slow down gradually. DO NOT apply the brakes and DO NOT try to steer in any direction but straight ahead.

TOTAL CITY REVENUE

Here is a four 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.



City Secretary News,

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During the month of June 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 06.18.14

Ordinance No. 2014-712(O) an ordinance amending Chapter 21, water and flood control, of the Code of Ordinances by adopting subchapter 21.300, Environment and Stormwater requirements, to (1) create a stormwater utility, (2) address illicit discharge detection and elimination, and (3) address construction and post-construction stormwater runoff control, all pursuant to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency guidelines and subsequently adopted Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Standards. http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1259 // http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1263

RESOLUTIONS

SCCM 06.02.14

Resolution No. 2014-499(R), a resolution requesting the City of San Antonio to correct or adjust the mutual boundary between the cities of San Antonio and Windcrest adjacent to northbound IH35 access road between Walzem Road and a point slightly north of Crestwind Drive. http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1246

RCCM 06.16.14

Resolution No. 2014-500(R), a resolution approving an increase to the purchase of playground engineered wood fiber for the Takas Park playground from Heartland Park & Recreation, LLC and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract for such purpose. http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1259

SCCM 06.18.14

Resolution No. 2014-501(R), a resolution authorizing the engagement of Patillo, Brown & Hill L.L.P. to perform the annual city audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014. http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1263

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POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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

The Windcrest Police Department is committed to this community and further strengthening our community partnerships. It is through these partnerships that allow us to continue our efforts in reducing crime, maintaining a fear-free environment and maintaining our quick and direct response to calls for service and response to emergency situations and/or critical incidents.

As the Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Windcrest, it is my goal to strengthen our partnership with the Windcrest Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). This volunteer program educates



people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their community and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects within their community. CERT is about readiness, people helping people, rescuer safety and doing the greatest good for the greatest number. CERT is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens may be initially on their own and their actions can make a difference.

Windcrest CERT is working hard to recruit new members and strengthen the team! This is a great opportunity for excellent training, making a difference in this community and being a part of something bigger than yourself! If you are interested in becoming a member of Windcrest CERT, please contact the **Windcrest CERT Program Manager, Mrs. Kathie Maloney** at (210) 887-5069. If you have any questions about Emergency Preparedness, please contact me at (210) 655-2666.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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As you are aware the the old Frost Bank building located off the access road of IH 35 N was demolished to make way for the California based company In-N-Out Burger. Before the building was demolished the Fire Department had the opportunity to go inside the building for some valuable training which included self-rescue techniques and learning and perfecting multiple ways to breach building walls and doors.



This was a great training opportunity for your firefighters!

Summer is in full swing and we tend to plan activities that are outdoors. It's best to limit your outdoor activities to the morning hours and late evening hours. However, some of us have to be outside in the heat during the day, so please remember to **STAY HYDRATED!** Make sure you are drinking enough fluids throughout the day. It is best to stay away from energy drinks. Be sure to listen symptoms don't improve after 30 minutes seek medical attention as quickly as possible. Untreated heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke!

Save the date... Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 5-11, 2014. This year's theme is "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives! Test Yours Every Month!"



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From the Desk of Tom Garcia Director of Public Works

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Last month of summer is upon us. Hope everyone has had a great time during the school break.

Want to send out congratulations to Krysten Vela, our new events coordinator. She stepped right on in and did a tremendous job with the 4th of July Parade & Celebration. Coordinating all aspects of an event like this is very difficult. Mrs. Vela did her job with a lot of enthusiasm and class. Many thanks for a job well done.

Also want to congratulate Heather Weidenbach. She went beyond the call of duty to assist with the July 4th presentation. Her years of experience came in very handy.

There's one more person that really makes the July 4th Parade a fun event. "DALE THE CLOWN" is the only clown at our event and makes it very enjoyable for the kids and the young at heart. His fun smile and nice wit puts smiles on everyone he comes across. Thanks Dale the Clown for what you do!!!

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The City of Windcrest is looking great! Thanks to all of you who have been maintaining your properties, even during the hot days. If you are planning on doing any property maintenance, take time to hydrate, wear protective clothing and take breaks under the shade. Please do not start any lawnmowers, edgers and weed eaters earlier than 6 a.m. As we are blessed with rain, make sure you patrol your property and empty any container holding water. Mosquitos are not only a threat to your neighbors, but to you, your family and your pets as well. With temperatures reaching record highs, snakes, rodents and other critters will be looking for places to shelter from the heat. Please clean up the clutter on your property. Promote good mental health and maintain your hard earned investment.

Grass growing behind your fence in the alley is your responsibility to maintain? Please review Chapter 24 in the Windcrest City Ordinances for more information. This includes bushes and trees growing over your fence and into the alley. Please help your community by cutting the grass, trimming bushes and trees, back and up to proper heights. Don't forget your backyards, those are checked also!

If you need any assistance or want to report a violation of the Windcrest City Code, please contact your Code Compliance and Enforcement Unit via the Windcrest Police Department Dispatcher at (210) 655-2666 or send an email through the link provided within the Code Compliance and Enforcement tab located on the City Website.



Are You Ready? The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) works with communities across the nation to help homeowners, contractors, architects, local codes officials and engineers build smarter and safer homes. The Windcrest CERT Team invites you to learn how to prepare your family and property for natural disasters. If a volunteer from Windcrest knocked on your door to inform you that you have 10 minutes to evacuate your home and the city, are you ready to pick up your family and go? Do you have go bags ready for each family member with essentials needed for at least three days, such as drinking water, food, clothing and medications? Do you have enough gas in your vehicle for an evacuation that might take you a few hours of sitting in 5 mph traffic with no electricity at the gas pumps for anyone to refuel? We will be hosting Preparedness training on Aug. 23, 2014, at the City of Windcrest Civic Center located at Takas Park, 9310 Jim Seal Drive. RSVP required! Call or text **Kathie Maloney**, Windcrest CERT Program Manager at **(210) 887-5069** or by e-mail at: teamwindcrest@gmail.com

Economic Development Corporation

The WEDC would like to thank all the Windcrest businesses who participated in or donated to our annual 4th of July Parade & Celebration. Thank you for being a great corporate citizen! We continue to see the growth in our city from our sales tax revenue growth, to the demolition of the old Frost Bank building where our new In-N-Out Burger will be located, to the construction of a NEW Buffalo Wild Wings in the previous Marie Callender's building. We have had a great deal of interest in our city this summer and while not all businesses are a fit for our city, the interest in Windcrest continues to grow. We have completed the project with the latest recipient of our Storefront Improvement Program – Sand Dollar Pools. Please go by and see their new sign and renovations that the WEDC assisted with. This is just one of the many ways the WEDC is working with our local businesses to help them grow in our community. Please review our website www.developwindcrest.org and look out for more news in the coming weeks.

Also, thank you to our WEDC board for serving. 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 and Mr. Leonard Neepner – Board Member.

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.

Windcrest Little League Raffle a Success

By Rick Carlo



Many thanks to supporters that purchased raffle tickets for the BBQ grill given away at the 4th of July Parade & Celebration. The Windcrest girls All-Stars softball team will be using the proceeds to pay for expenses as they compete for State Champions in the 10-11 age bracket held in Eagle Pass, Texas. The winning ticket was purchased by C J Garcia. Pictured are Rick Myers, a friend of Garcia, and Krysten Vela, Windcrest Public Relations Director.



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General Summer Safety Concerns

Hot weather can make anyone feel uncomfortable, and your dog is no exception. Here are some safety concerns for responsible dog owners:

- Never leave your dog unattended in direct sunlight or in a closed vehicle. Heatstroke can occur and lead to brain damage or death. Signs of heatstroke are panting, drooling, rapid pulse and fever. Immediately immerse the dog in cool water and seek emergency veterinary assistance.
- Never leave your dog unattended in a hot, parked car. When it's only 80 degrees outside, the inside of a car can heat up to more than 120 degrees in just minutes. Leaving the windows partially rolled down will not help. Your dog is susceptible to heat stroke and possible death in these conditions.
- Always make sure your dog has access to fresh water. Prevent dehydration by providing your dog with unrestricted access to fresh and cool water both indoors and outside. Ice cubes and frozen chicken or beef broth encourage your dog to take in more fluids and help keep it cool. You can also feed your dog wet dog food during the summer to increase its fluid intake.

- All dogs should have proper identification at all times. The AKC suggests a collar with an ID tag, along with a tattoo or a microchip.
- Keep your dog on a leash when he/she is outdoors to prevent accidents and injuries.
- Try to avoid strenuous exercise with your dog on extremely hot days and refrain from physical activity when the sun's heat is most intense. **Be careful walking your dog.** When it's hot outside, it's a good idea to walk your dog either in the morning or in the evening, when temperatures are lower. You should refrain from walking your dog during the heat of the day. Not only is it possible for you and your dog to become hot and dehydrated, the hot concrete can burn your dog's sensitive paws. Press your hand onto surfaces for 30 seconds to test them before allowing your dog to walk on them. If it is painful for you, it will be painful for your dog.
- Ticks, fleas, mosquitoes, flies and other insects are at their peak during the summer months. Talk to your veterinarian about appropriate protection such as collars, sprays, shampoos, dips and other products.
- Standing water, such as puddles, can also be dangerous for dogs to drink due to the presence of antifreeze or other chemicals. Provide your dog with fresh water to drink.
- White, light-colored, and thinly coated dogs have an increased risk of sunburn. Sunburn causes pain, itching, peeling and other problems.

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WINDCREST ANIMAL CONTROL

Officer Gina Bayer



We are in the hottest months of summer and we are all being annoyed by those awful mosquitos. Most of us have knowledge of the diseases they can inflict on humans but they can also cause heartworms in dogs and cats as well. Heartworms are common throughout the United States. They are one of the most damaging parasites in dogs and are almost 100 percent preventable! Transmitted by mosquitoes and once mature, heartworms live in the heart and large blood vessels of the lungs. Once in the heart, the worms can affect blood flow throughout the body. Heartworm infection can affect different organs such as the heart, lungs, kidneys or liver and symptoms may vary. An active dog that may be infected might tire easily; have shortness of breath or excessive coughing. If left untreated, heartworm infection can be fatal. Blood tests are conducted to diagnose heartworm infection in dogs. Preventive treatment should start between 6 to 8 weeks of age in puppies and after older dogs have been tested to determine if your dog has already been infected. Annual blood tests should be completed to confirm your dog continues to test negative for heartworms. If your dog does test positive for heartworms, your veterinarian will advise you about treatment options.

Please remember; never leave pets in a vehicle on hot days. If the temperature outside is 85 degrees, within 30 minutes the temperature inside of your vehicle can reach 120 degrees. Heat kills!

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"Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago." —Warren Buffett

Friends of the Park have enjoyed a productive and extremely busy summer so far. Our activities throughout the summer are definitely a partnership among many valued entities: members, interns from Roosevelt's DATA (Design and Technology Academy), the very supportive Windcrest Public Works Department and its Director, Tom Garcia, and Rackspace – the corporation and individual employee volunteers. Pictured below are Rackspace volunteers on a workday cleaning up some of the walking trails in Windy Hollow Park and putting mulch beds around newly planted trees. A huge thanks go out to all!



The focal point of July, as it has been each summer, was the Summer Project with DATA interns. The first task was to re-inventory the trees in all parks and green spaces, as changes have occurred since the original inventory three summers ago. You can view an interesting interactive map of the inventory at windcrestfotp.org. This summer, the interns also worked on building and installing additional Flower Towers and worked with an arborist to assess areas in all parks where beautiful mass plantings of native, drought tolerant grasses and shrubs could be placed.

Please take a drive or walk to any of our three parks and look for the new Flower Towers, and also see how well last summer's towers are doing. Also look for the new small trees with their 'gator bags' for irrigation, and certainly check out Mr. Flinn's handcrafted map of Windy Hollow/Takas Park near the bridge off Jim Seal Drive.

We have fun and we are always looking for new friends. Won't you consider joining us? For more information, contact an officer at contact@fotp.org.

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Optimist Respect For Law Award

Presented to Jeanie Weidenbach



The Windcrest Optimist Club John Paul Frisco Memorial Respect For Law Award was recently presented to **Jeanie Weidenbach** for her long-term dedication to the safety of children and her unbending support of Crime Control and Prevention as a member of the

Board of Directors for the City of Windcrest Crime Control and Prevention District.

Jeanie was an educator for 37 years, 17 of which she served as Principal of Windcrest Elementary School. She supervised and was personally involved in programs designed and operated to ensure the safety and well-being of thousands of children “under her watch.” From escorting children safely to and from their vehicles and the school daily, initiating and supporting the DARE prevention programs and organizing Bicycle Safety Rodeos, Jeanie was always leading the way for the safety of her kids.

As a charter and nine year member of the Crime Control and Prevention District Board of Directors, Jeanie has been instrumental in establishing and supporting numerous programs to protect the citizens of Windcrest. These programs include upgrading and expanding police dispatch operations, establishing the canine patrol program, increasing the number of police officers, adding more police patrol vehicles and installing computers in all police vehicles. All these initiatives are in support of the Windcrest Police to control, prevent and reduce crime.

In recognition of her outstanding leadership, unwavering commitment and long-term service in childhood safety and crime prevention, Windcrest Optimists are highly honored and extremely proud to present the 2014 John Paul Frisco Respect For Law Award to one of our own, Jeanie Weidenbach, who has been a member of the Optimist Club for 18 years.

Women's Club News

Kathy Littlefield - 210-654-0534

The Windcrest Women's Club will host its first meeting of the year on **August 27 at 10 a.m.** We will have coffee at the Windcrest Civic Center, located on Jim Seal Drive.

Please come join us and meet our Mayor and other City leaders. We will learn about what is going on and the plans for our city.

Other civic organizations will speak about what they have to offer to you and our city. Come and meet their representatives and see why they are so important to our community.

Windcrest ladies are always invited to attend our meetings and we hope that you will join us on a monthly basis. Our dues are \$20 a year. We meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month starting in August. Except for November when we meet on the third Wednesday and December when we do not have a meeting. We have a fun Christmas party instead!

First Vice President, Betty Riggs, has a great calendar of events planned for the 2014-2015 year. Do come and share this time with us.

Look forward to seeing you on **August 27**.



Practice your back-to-school routine. As the saying goes, “practice makes perfect” and this situation is no exception. The first day of school can be hectic, so practicing your morning routine a few days in advance can help save you from a morning of mayhem. Set those alarm clocks, prepare a healthy breakfast and designate a time for everyone to be ready to go.

Buy school supplies early. You want your child to be ready to take on the first day of school like a champ, so make sure they have the necessary tools to do so. Obtain the school supplies list sooner than later and try not to wait until the last minute to purchase items so you can try to avoid the craziness of all that is back-to-school shopping. If you can, buy a few extra school supplies and donate to Windcrest Elementary. Please contact Carolyn Freeman at (210) 655-5816 for more information on how you can help.

Familiarize your child (and yourself) with the new teacher and environment. This will be especially helpful for those students who will be transitioning to a new school this year. Take a tour of the school, contact the teacher and visit the classroom if you can. If your school hosts an open house, take advantage of this resource. These are great opportunities to help ease the first-day-of-school jitters.

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The summer is really cooking up, but your Garden Club officers are hard at work planning the coming year's events. **The first meeting of the new season will be on, Monday, Sept. 8 at 10 a.m. at the Windcrest Civic Center.** We will hold our membership pot luck. Bring your favorite dish to share with fellow gardeners. It will be a great time to visit and share what's been going on in our garden over the summer. Also, we will again gather school supplies for the Windcrest Elementary School. Pencils, paper, scissors, rulers, crayons, and glue sticks are just some of the easy things that are always needed to help our local school.

You will also not want to miss out on our **field trip to the Japanese Tea Garden in San Antonio on October 6.** We will meet at the Civic Center at 9 a.m. to car pool to the Gardens where we will have a guided tour of the garden at 10 a.m. followed by lunch at Jingu House. After lunch there will be plenty of time to leisurely explore the gardens.

We meet on the first Monday of the month from September to May. Garden Club membership is open to all men and women from Windcrest and surrounding communities. 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. Most meetings are held at the Windcrest Civic Center, 9310 Jim Seal Drive, Windcrest, Texas.

Before you harvest anymore herbs or 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, Texas 78239. Happy Gardening!

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City Meetings in Windcrest City Hall Council Chambers

SCCM	August 4	6:00 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting	August 18	5:15 p.m.
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Planning & Zoning	August 7	6:00 p.m.			
WEDC	August 14	6:00 p.m.			

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