

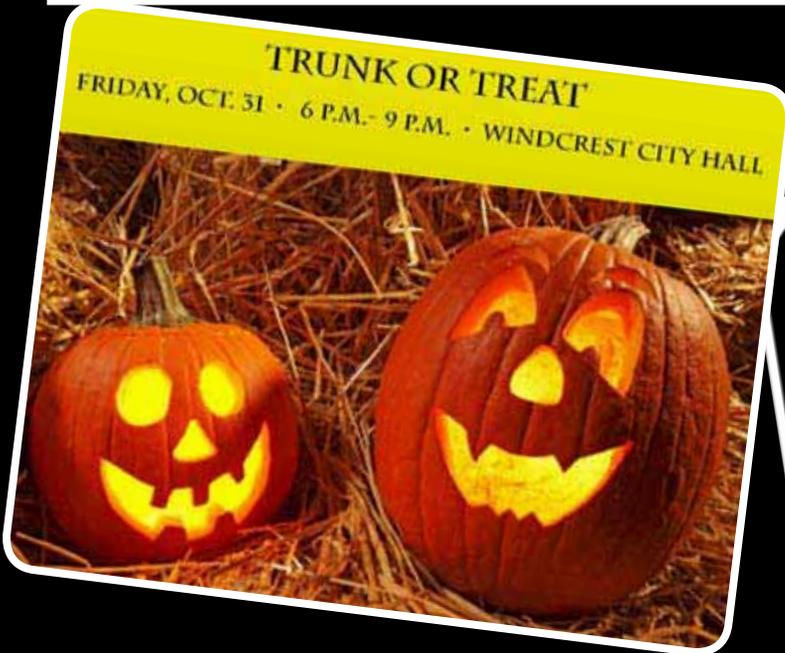


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### SAVE THE DATES:

- ☆ Fire Prevention Week: Oct. 5-11
- ☆ Rally for the Cure Golf Tournament: Saturday, Oct. 18
- ☆ Bald for Breast Cancer: Wednesday, Oct. 22
- ☆ Early Voting: Oct. 20-31
- ☆ Election Day: Tuesday, Nov. 4
- ☆ Deadline to Enter for Light Up: Friday, Dec. 5
- ☆ Light Up Judging: Tuesday, Dec. 9
- ☆ Light Up Celebration: Saturday, Dec. 13

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# Mayor's Message



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## Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,

October is here, so that means the new Fiscal Year has started. The budget is passed and in effect! National Night Out is this month. This is a great time to meet our police officers and staff, as well as your neighbors. At the end of this month is Halloween. The Fire Department is setting up a Haunted House at City Hall. Bring the family. It is a lot of fun. 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.**

**Fall Brush Pick-Up:** This service for the community is underway. We hope those that needed this service were able to take advantage of it. Remember, there will be another Brush Pick-Up in the spring. Those dates will be announced soon.

**Windcrest Swim Team:** This award-winning team was inadvertently left off last month's Newsletter. Please see the article on page 11 in this Newsletter. They are all champions. Thank you to Public Works for maintaining the pool, the pool staff for continuous progress with revenues and customer service. Finally, a huge thank you goes out to the adult volunteers who coach and take the participants to the competitions and practice, and to Rackspace and the city who sponsor the team.

**Race For the Cure:** The Windcrest Women's Golf Association is having a fundraiser - Rally for the Cure Golf Tournament in October. Proceeds go towards fighting Breast Cancer. The date is Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m., Putting/Chipping Contest is at 8 a.m. and Shotgun start at 9 a.m. The format is 2 person teams (6 hole scramble/6 hole alternate shot & 6 holes best ball). More information is located on page 5 in this Newsletter. Also call Windcrest Golf Course at (210) 655-1421 for more details.

**Budget Summary:** For the third year in a row, we will see a reduction in the City's property tax rate. The tax rate was reduced approximately 18%. 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. Additionally, in the final/approved budget, the **\$5 residential permit fee** and the **25% reduction of the garbage bill is included.** This is a testament to all the hard work by everyone on Team Windcrest. To summarize - **Windcrest Property Taxes were REDUCED by approximately 18%**, your Garbage Bill was 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. We are still investing in the streets and parks and green spaces. Well, over \$1 million dollars in cash is set aside for this Fiscal Year for more improvements. Also, did I mention that the city is now debt free! We are making all the improvements and investments in our com-

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munity with cash. We have over 5 months of operating income in our rainy day fund! 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. Several graphs appear later in this Newsletter. Also, please go on to the city website and view my State of the City Address. It has over 80 slides of data. If you have trouble viewing this speech or you wish to discuss anything – please call me on my cell at (210) 846-5507.

**Elections: Early Voting, Oct. 20 -31 & Election Day, Nov. 4 at Takas Park Civic Center:** There will be an election for three Windcrest City Council Positions and three Water Board Positions. It is in November at the same time and on the same ballot as the Statewide and County wide races. **Early Voting** is Oct. 20-24 from 8 a.m.- 6 p.m., Oct. 25 from 8 a.m.- 8 p.m., Oct. 26 from 12 noon- 6 p.m., and Oct. 27-31 from 8 a.m.- 8 p.m. **Election Day**, Nov. 4 - The poll is open from 7 a.m. -7 p.m. on Election Day/Nov. 4. All voting is at the Takas Park Civic Center.

**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. Dec. 5 is the deadline to enter, Dec. 9 is judging, Dec. 13 is Light-Up, and Jan. 8 is the Award Ceremony. Let’s make this Light-Up the best ever!

**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.

**Develop General Master Plan Committee (Update):** The process of developing a master plan is almost complete. Many meetings and several

public hearings and workshops were held. The Committee then met with the Planning and Zoning Commission for their input and approval. It is now time for the plan to go before the Council. We will have a Special City Council Meeting devoted solely for the review and discussion of this master plan. This plan, constructed by the Committee with citizen input, will give us a foundation on which to continue to build on our success. A postcard will go out to all the citizens to notify everyone with the date for this meeting so that anyone interested will have their opportunity to review in detail and discuss. Also, feel free to call **Council Person Pamela Dodson** who chaired this endeavor. She will be happy to meet with you. Thank you to all those citizen volunteers.

**Street Repairs:** By the time you read this article, the administration is hopeful that Phase Two has been completed. There will still be some tweaking and minor fixes to make sure all is well. This will be the last extensive street work to be undertaken during this year as we do not want to disrupt Light-Up. Phase Three will commence shortly after the beginning of next year. 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 or contact **Council Persons Gerd Jacobi and/or Jim Shelton** to discuss. They have been working tirelessly on this project.

**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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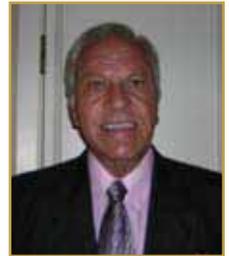


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**Col. Gerd E. Jacobi**

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Well here we are looking forward to hopefully cooler weather.

Three years ago I worked very hard to have our zip code revised in order to get more revenue to our city, which to date has brought in thousands of dollars each year. The reason I am mentioning this fact is to encourage other residents to think of something that could also bring in more money to our city or a great savings. Remember all ideas are great, so don't hold back. Email your ideas to our Mayor, City Council or City Manager. Please only positive ideas.

If we all work together, our city will be one of the most progressive and admired cities in Texas. Our city is unique in that we have many people that come here to retire. Why is that? For one thing: Safety and Security. Our Police and Fire Departments are second to none. We also have many younger people and their families that move here for the same reasons but also because our city is not just a retirement place. We are still alive and we have facilities that can be used by young and old. We are also a business-oriented city always looking for new businesses to come here to enhance our quality of life by enabling us residents to pay fewer taxes, see an increase in our property values and just enjoy a clean and safe environment.

We have dedicated and loyal employees that support our administration. I also know that many residents volunteer in different positions to help our city function. This is to a degree the heart of our city: dedicated and caring fellow residents.

Let us not fall back into passiveness but keep moving forward. The benefits of a united community are beneficial to us all. Thank you.

**FROM YOUR**  
Mayor Pro-Tem, Pam Dodson



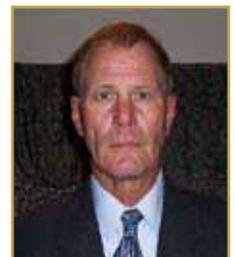
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**This is the beginning of the new fiscal year for the city. I am optimistic that you have made yourself aware of some of the items that are part of this new year's**

**budget. You will notice that we continue to improve our city by working on our streets, parks and green areas. I know that during the process it can be annoying with the dust and inconvenience, but try to remember the end result. Also, I am confident that you support our community by shopping at our local stores and restaurants. You are truly giving back to your community by spending your dollars here in Windcrest. I encourage you to spend some time looking at the back of this newsletter and see all the ways you can help this community by volunteering some of your time. You get to meet your neighbors and do something good for the community... all at the same time... hard to beat that!**

**Councilmember**  
**John Gretz**

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Dear Neighbors,

The November 2014 election is right around the corner! Please mark your calendars and make your voice heard. The local, state and federal ballot will be very lengthy this year and it will take some homework on your behalf! You can pick up a sample ballot at the Takas Park Civic Center on the first day of early voting or read it in the SA Express. Early voting is Oct. 20-Oct 31. Election Day is Nov. 4... all at the Takas Park Civic Center. More to come on voting times. Remember, every vote counts!

Thanks, John

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# Councilmember Jim Shelton

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For those that may have missed the Sept. 8 City Council Meeting, We had a most interesting and informative presentation. Jessica Alderson, Urban Biologist with Texas Parks and Wildlife presented a program about migratory bird rookeries. We have had many inquiries concerning the large number of birds at the Duck Pond on Windrock, and the odor and mess created by these migratory egrets. It is NOT legal to disturb these birds during their nesting time-from the time the first bird lays an egg until the nesting season is over. This is usually by the end of October. At that time it is legal to harass or scare the birds to deter them from an area where a rookery is not desired. Both noise and visual deterrents may be used by our city. Trimming of the trees and vegetation control will help prevent the return in following years. We will continue to monitor this situation and work for a solution.

GREAT NEWS--our sales tax receipts continue to grow. We continue to work toward good economic growth. Our September 2014 City Sales and Use Tax Comparison Summary shows an increase of 13.59% compared to the period for last year. Payments to date for 2014 are \$3,323,28, which is an increase of more than \$160,000. This is a 5.14% increase year to date.

With In-N-Out Burger coming soon plus the other scheduled developments, our sales taxes will continue to grow. Windcrest does indeed have a bright future.

**Windcrest Women's Golf Association - Rally for the Cure Golf Tournament**

**Date:** Saturday, Oct.18, 2014  
**Schedule:** Registration at 7:30 a.m.,  
 Putting/Chipping Contest at 8 a.m.  
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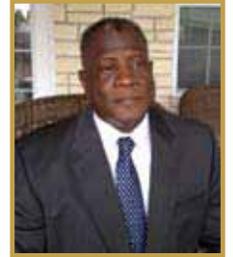
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# Councilmember James McFall

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When my family and I moved to Windcrest 20 plus years ago, we believed we had found a safe and perfect place to live. We believed we had found a true "City of Lights." As the years passed, we realized our city had a grim side. We were stunned to find that the political corruption was so rampant that it had found its way to our city's most vulnerable. Our city was in absolute chaos and out of control. The lack of accountability, transparency and missing funds was apparent not only at City Hall but also in other areas of the city. To be purely frank, if anyone spoke out, they were faced with harassment, retaliation and lawsuits.

I am happy to say that was years ago and the city of Windcrest has since made much progress. Our city has moved from neglect and corruption to progress and prosperity. It is a place where accountability, transparency, safety and goodwill are of utmost importance. A place we can now call a true "City of Lights."

Thank you for your encouragement and support. Without you, the citizens of Windcrest, the progress in our city would not be possible. Stay involved and let's continue to work together.

Please contact me with any problems or concerns. I can be reached at (210) 656-5892.

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Judging from the crisp air in the morning we know fall is here and winter is on the way. As cool temperatures continue to emerge our lawns slip into dormancy. At high temperatures turf will survive up to four weeks without water before the grass begins to die. Your lawn will be induced into much longer dormancy with cooler temperatures. This is good news! Our lawns do not need as much water, if any at all, in the fall and winter as they require in the summer.

The Water District is entering into the Sewer Averaging period which is from Nov. 19, 2014 to Feb. 23, 2015. Sewer Averaging is calculated from water usage. To receive an accurate rate on sewer usage the District advises all customers to turn off irrigations systems during the averaging period.

Please observe your watering schedule and consider turning off your irrigation as we come into November. Your grass will remain green, which in turn your wallet may also retain more green.

# Municipal Court Report

By Kelly Rodriguez, Municipal Court Clerk,  
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## Windcrest Municipal Court Tip Line

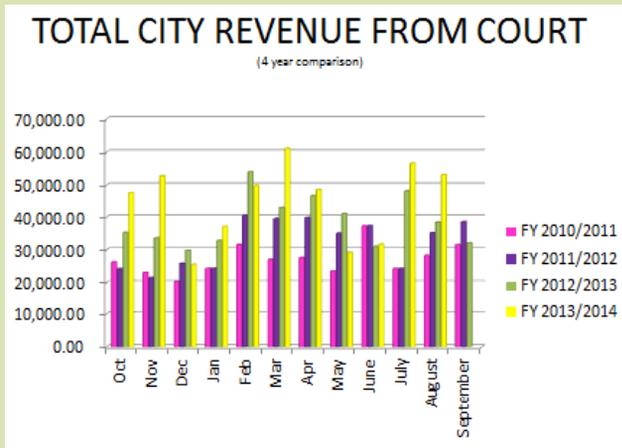
Windcrest Municipal Court now has a Tip Line. This is for people who have information on persons with Windcrest warrants. All callers will remain anonymous. Anyone with a tip that leads to the arrest of a person with an outstanding Windcrest warrant will be eligible for a cash reward. Please call (210) 563-5299 to leave a tip.

## Tips for the Road

Adequate tire tread depth is essential for safe control of your vehicle. A simple way to check for sufficient tire tread depth is to insert a penny into the tread groove with Lincoln's face showing, but with his head upside-down. If all of Lincoln's face is showing, the tire needs to be replaced.

## 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, Kelly Rodriguez

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During the month of August the Mayor and Council passed some 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 08.18.14

Ordinance No. 2014-714(O), an ordinance to order a general election on November 04, 2014 for the purpose of electing three council members to city council places one, two, and three for the City of Windcrest; making provisions for the conduct of such election and resolving other matters related to the conduct of such election. [http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=8&clip\\_id=1304](http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1304)

Ordinance No. 2014-715(O), an ordinance adopting and enacting a new code for the City of Windcrest, Texas; providing for the repeal of certain ordinances not included therein; providing a penalty for the violation thereof: providing for the manner of amending such code; and providing when such code and this ordinance shall become effective.

## RESOLUTIONS

### RCCM 08.18.14

Resolution No. 2014-506(R), a resolution approving the purchase of traffic signs by the police department using funds from the Windcrest Crime Control and Prevention District (WCCPD) from All Traffic Solutions and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract for such purchase. [http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=8&clip\\_id=1304](http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1304)

Resolution No. 2014-507(R), a resolution selecting providers for medical, dental, vision, HRA/HAS, life/AD&D and supplemental plans for employees of the city commencing October 1, 2014 for Fiscal Year 2014/2015. [http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=8&clip\\_id=1304](http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1304)

### RCCM 08.25.14

Resolution No. 2014-508(R), a resolution approving purchases of additional equipment for the fire department in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 to be paid from the fire department capital equipment repairs and replacements fund, and authorizing the City Manager to consummate said purchases. [http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=8&clip\\_id=1308](http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1308)

Resolution No. 2014-509(R), a resolution accepting a grant from Texas A&M Forest service under the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program in the amount of \$100,000.00 for a small brush truck. [http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=8&clip\\_id=1308](http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1308)

Early Voting will take place Oct. 20 – 31, 2014 at Takas Park Civic Center, 9310 Jim Seal Dr. Voting Day is Nov. 4, 2014

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## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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

Fall is upon us and that means that Halloween is right around the corner! On Friday, Oct. 31 from 6 – 9 p.m., please join us at City Hall for the 2nd Annual Windcrest Police Department Halloween Trunk or Treat Event. This is an incredible Family Friendly Safe Event with lots of candy, pumpkins and treats. We will also be showing Family Friendly Halloween movies on a big screen as well as great places to take those spooky Halloween Costume photos!



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## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Erick Vargas

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It's officially FALL!!! As the weather begins to change and the temperatures drop most of us are planning outdoor activities, pumpkin patch visits and trips to see the colors of the season. This fall, your Fire Department will be very busy with two very important events: Fire Prevention Week and Bald for Breast Cancer Awareness.

The Fire Department will be visiting our local churches and schools teaching our community the importance of fire safety. Fire safety should be observed every day, but one week out of the month of October the National Fire Protection Association focuses on a particular theme and this year they have selected to focus on smoke alarms: "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives Test Yours Every Month!" The National Fire Protection Association is your source for complete smoke alarm information. You can visit their website <http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/fire-prevention-week> to find out how fire prevention was started, tips regarding fire safety and activities for you and your family.



We are excited to announce that the WVFD and SLEW Wellness Center have teamed up again for the **2nd Annual Bald for Breast Cancer** event. Last year's event was a success in raising funds for SLEW Wellness Center and showing our support for those who have or are currently fighting breast cancer. We invite all you to join us for the very important cause.

What: **The Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department's 2nd Annual Bald for Breast Cancer** fundraising event.

When: **Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Where: **Windcrest Volunteer Fire Station**

Why: Benefiting SLEW Wellness Center, a non-profit organization supporting low-income, uninsured, and under insured women with cancer.

For your donation, come and join this fun-filled event, as **we shave the heads of our brave Windcrest Volunteer Fire Fighters**. Refreshments will be served.

Get ready for a spooky and scary evening in the "Haunted Bay"!!! The Fire Bay will be transformed on Friday, Oct. 31, 2014 into "Haunted Bay," which has recently become a new tradition in the Fire Department. In conjunction with the Windcrest Police Department's Trunk or Treat, the Fire Department will be handing out candy and will host a haunted fire bay for those who are brave enough to walk through! The "Haunted Bay" doors will open as soon as the sky turns dark... **BEWARE OF THE ZOMBIE FIREMEN!**

Heather Weidenbach

Asst. City Secretary/FD Admin Asst.

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

[tgarcia@windcrest-tx.gov](mailto:tgarcia@windcrest-tx.gov)

I would like to take this opportunity to explain a problem we are having at Brook Falls pond. The number of white birds or egrets that build their nests on the Brook Falls island have greatly increased over the last few years. Because of the increased amount of birds combined with the very dry weather we had over the summer months, this has created a very SMELLY issue.

The birds are protected under State and Federal law so *we cannot disturb them at all*. This information came directly from a Texas Parks and Wildlife Biologist who took time to come out and make an assessment of our pond.

The lack of rain to refresh the water, the amount of birds that live in the small area that constantly deposit bird excrement, and the many 100 plus degree temperature days we had this summer created a perfect storm of unpleasant smells. The smell is credited 100 percent to the bird poop, lack of rain and hot temperatures. The smell does not come from the water at all. What the people smell around the park is strictly coming off the island. After Oct. 1, Public Works will attempt to wash the island and trees as best as we can to alleviate the unpleasant smell. That's all we are able to do. Hope this has cleared the air a bit with this issue.

Many Thanks ...

## Economic Development Corporation

We are very happy to have Buffalo Wild Wings and a Whataburger Management Training Center here in Windcrest. By the time you read this newsletter construction will have been completed or near completion of both of these establishments. Construction is near completion as well for the new Windcrest Cosmetic and General Dentistry location on Rough Rider Drive. This small business is investing over \$1.4 million into their business after serving the citizens of Windcrest for 36 years. Please visit and support them. The In-N-Out Burger construction is moving forward as well and we will have some new business announcements coming soon. We are looking forward to more great news so check out our website [www.windcrest-tx.com](http://www.windcrest-tx.com) for more information.

To our WEDC Attorney who passed away, Mr. Harry B. Adams III, you will always be remembered. 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 Neepier – 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](mailto:rcolunga@windcrest-tx.gov).



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## Code Enforcement, Jose Rosales

Thanks to all the residents for maintaining their properties. Please continue to do so and take pride in your property. Some areas still need some work, including back yards and alleys as well as tree branches that hang over our streets, sidewalks and alleys. Fall is here and leaves will be falling soon. If you must blow or sweep your leaves onto the street to pick them up, make sure you do not leave them for the street sweeper; leaving them on the street is a violation under Section 12.901 - Littering. As we prepare for the holidays, make your property is safe for family and visitors. Clean up your back, side and fronts yards. Help a neighbor if necessary, it can only help make your property look better.

Political season is here; Chapter 4 - Sign ordinance states that you cannot place any sign within the 10 foot easement or right of way. You must get permission from the property owner before placing a sign on private property. All political signs must be removed within 48 hours after the main election.

Remember that even in cooler weather you can still dehydrate, so please drink plenty of fluids, wear protective clothing and take breaks.

If you need any assistance or want to report a violation of the Windcrest City Code, please contact the 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 site located on the City website.

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Shopping to any business within the City of Windcrest and along Walzem Road or to the Randolph Park & Ride, will be provided by appointment Monday -Friday subject to available seats on the bus.

Veterans, their spouses or widows that provide documentation of military service may qualify for the service. For individuals who are not Veterans, they may access transportation for a fee determined by the distance to their destination.

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The Windcrest Garden Club kicked off the 2014-2015 season on Sept. 8 with its annual potluck luncheon at the Civic Center. Our guest speakers were Dr. Karen Reed, PhD, School Counselor, and Melissa Gutierrez-Aleman, Family Specialist for the Windcrest Elementary School.



They shared useful information about how the Garden Club could help support Windcrest students. As a kick-off, the club members donated a large barrel of school supplies and held a plant sale to raise funds for our Christmas coat project. Hostesses were Annette Hoffman, Myrna Waters and Marilyn Seidel.



The Garden Club will visit the Japanese Tea Garden in San Antonio during our Monday, Oct. 6 meeting. We will have a "talking tour" (i.e., a guided tour) at 10 a.m. followed by lunch at the Jingu House at 11 a.m. After lunch we will

be able to explore the garden at our leisure. **PLAN ON MEETING AT THE CIVIC CENTER AT 9 A.M. TO CAR POOL TO THE GARDENS. COST IS \$25 per person,** which covers guided tour and lunch.

Save 10 a.m., Monday, Nov. 3, for our coffee at the Civic Center. Our guest speaker is Susan Whipple who will share her extensive

knowledge of succulents. With all the dry weather we've had, it will be great to learn more about these plants and how we can use them in our gardens. Susan will also bring some lovely examples for us to see and some of them will be available for us to purchase. This should be really fun and interesting! Hostesses are Marji Gentet, Majie Takas, Rebecca McGinty, Concha Garces, Pat Kendrick and Pat Couch.

The Garden Club is open to all area men and women interested in gardening. Membership is \$10 a year and available anytime during the year. Visitors are welcome.

## Women's Club News

Kathy Littlefield (210) 413-6018

Windcrest Women's Club will visit **Bandera, Texas on Oct. 22.** Ladies will depart from the Windcrest Civic Center parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and return is scheduled for 4 p.m. Cost of the bus is \$20 and lunch will be on your own in a variety of pleasant restaurants in Bandera. Something to suit any taste! We will visit the Cowboy Museum with time for shopping and lunch. Please contact Vivian Cochran – (210) 213-7439 or Sharon Fink – (210) 598-9899 to make your reservation. Yehaa!! Let's get a move on for a fun day! Cowboy hats optional!

For our Nov. 19 program we will feature "Therapy Animal Training in San Antonio" at the Windcrest Civic Center starting at 10 a.m. Mark your calendar and plan to join us for this interesting opportunity. Presenters will be **Therapy Animals of San Antonio and Train a Dog Save a Warrior.**

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TxWeACT

## Windcrest Animal Control Task Force



After our meeting in August, the members of TxWeACT went over the upcoming events for the upcoming year. In **October** we have three important dates: National Night Out with the Police Department (7<sup>th</sup> - Takas Park), National Feral Cat Day (16<sup>th</sup> - TBD) and Trunk or Treat with the Police Department (31<sup>st</sup> - City Hall). In **November** we will be participating in the City wide garage sales so if you have any goodies in the attic, garage or closet you would like to donate, just let us know (210-562-0299). This **December** we are hoping to participate in the Windcrest Fire Department "Fill the Boot" from the 25<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup> so please come on by and see us...the boots with the stuffed kittens will be there. In **January** (17<sup>th</sup>) and **February** (21<sup>st</sup>), the third Saturdays, we will be hosting the immunization clinics again. At the same time, we will also provide the opportunity for you to register your pets with the city.

So that is our calendar so far for this year. We are open to new ideas and suggestions so come to our meeting the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Golf Club!

## Shweiki



Congratulations to the Windcrest Swim Team for bringing home several accolades at this year's Alamo Area Summer Swim League Championship! Keep up the good work and go Team Windcrest!

### Swim Team Members:

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Letizia Cabrera	Chrissa Humerick	Jordan Rios
Keon Claish	Abigail Kilpatrick	Audrey Rocha
Naomi Colwell	Garrett Kilpatrick	Amorette Rodriguez
Grace Conger	John Lee	Axel Rodriguez
Sarah Conger	Kevin Malcolm	Erica Rodriguez
Gail Fernandes	Sean Malcolm	Karla Rodriguez
Kiara Flores	Jacob Miele	Fiona Schoenrad
Sophia Flores	Marina Minazzi	Avery Young
Austin Franke	Annette Perez	



Sincere thanks to those who sent donations to Friends of the Park in memory of Ted Hanes. Your kindness is very much appreciated by his family and by this organization! We miss him every day. The organization is fortunate to have another outstanding leader, Don Myles, elected by the board as its new President.

The slightly cooler temperatures of September and October are welcome! Our fall activity focuses primarily on two fronts: sustained watering and installation of mulch beds for the trees planted last spring throughout the three park/pond areas of Windcrest; and installation of the iron signs, sentinels and flower towers constructed by DATA interns under direction of Ted Hanes during last summer's project.

The trees planted in April are recognizable by their Gator Bags. Some citizens have adopted trees near their homes – and FOTP thanks you! Those trees are thriving, and it definitely lightens the load of the watering volunteers! In general, all trees are doing well. By next month, FOTP expects to have some of the distinctive new iron structures in place. This labor-intensive work, originally scheduled for July, was intentionally delayed for cooler weather. Stay tuned!

## YOU ARE INVITED – NOV. 11, 2014 VETERANS DAY DINNER

The Windcrest American Legion Post 612 invites all Windcrest area residents (military and non-military) to join in celebration of the Veterans Day holiday on Tuesday, Nov. 11. Post 612 will host a catered meal by Personal Pantry Catering starting at 4:30 p.m. with a social (BYOB) and a 5 p.m.- 6 p.m. dinner serving at the Windcrest Civic Center at Takas Park, 9310 Jim Seal Dr. Post members meet every year on Veterans Day to enjoy camaraderie and pay tribute to all veterans. There will be a short installation of post officers. The dinner costs \$17 and consists of two meats (chicken and pork loin), two sides, salad, rolls, drink and dessert. You'll enjoy a good dinner, good fellowship, some patriotic music, the installation ceremony, some entertainment and say thanks to veterans. Reservation and advanced payment are required to be able to plan and order the meals. RSVP is needed by Tuesday, Nov. 4. For reservations or more information, please call Buddie Cooper, 656-3426 or Jack Leonhardt, 654-8088. U.S. and Texas flags will also be available and on sale, \$22 and \$25 respectively, which is a fundraiser project for American Legion programs. The Post will also accept old flags which need disposal.



Also on the morning of Nov. 11, please join us for a short flag-raising ceremony at 8 a.m. at the Windcrest City Hall. Afterwards, Post members will place small U.S. Flags on the military members' graves at the Bueche Cemetery.

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If a Lions Club member does not contact you for orders, PLEASE call Lion Fran (210) 416-4154, Lion Ann (210) 653-1238, or Lion Jo Ann (210) 656-5505 to see our catalog and to place your order. Thank you in advance for your support. This is our major annual fundraiser which provides revenues for Lions projects such as sight research, eye glass screening, dictionaries for third graders, Lions Children Camp in Kerrville and Lions Low Vision Center. Thank you!

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Save \$1 per ticket by purchasing your tickets in advance from any Lions Club Member. Any questions, please call Lion David Kurtz at (210) 416-3958.

Artists, Crafters & Vendors of Unique Gifts: We're planning a CRAFT FAIR the night of the Chili Dinner. Please call Marlene (210) 455-3662 and find out how easy it will be for you to participate. This will be a great opportunity to show off your creations and for shoppers to get a jump start on Christmas shopping.

Thank you in advance for your support of this annual fundraising event which provides revenues for Lions projects including our KidSight program, which provides vision screening for children as young as 6 months old! Early detection of eye problems allows for early treatment when it is most effective!

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## Egret and Heron Rookeries

by Jessica Alderson  
Texas Parks and Wildlife  
Urban Biologist

Texas is a major route for migratory birds. During nesting season, egrets and herons gather in large colonies to nest. This nesting site is called a rookery. Rookeries consist of dozens to hundreds of nesting birds in a concentrated area and can include 3-5 species of egrets and herons. The cattle egret, little blue heron, snowy egret, great egret, and yellow crowned night herons are the most common species found in a rookery. Cattle egrets are typically the most abundant species.

Different species arrive, nest and leave at various times throughout the nesting season. Depending on the species, the nesting season occurs from early March to late October. On average, egrets and herons lay 2-4 eggs and return to the same rookery each year to nest.

The preferred habitat for nesting egrets and herons is made up of mature trees, with at least 75% closed canopy with overlapping branches. This allows the birds to easily walk from tree to tree protecting them from potential predators. Most rookeries are located near water where there is plenty of food available for them to eat.

Egrets and herons are protected by state and federal laws. Under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, it is illegal to kill or harass the birds in any way that would cause nest abandonment or the death of eggs or hatchlings. A rookery can be an excellent opportunity for wildlife enthusiasts to observe nesting activity, but it is important to avoid disturbing the birds.

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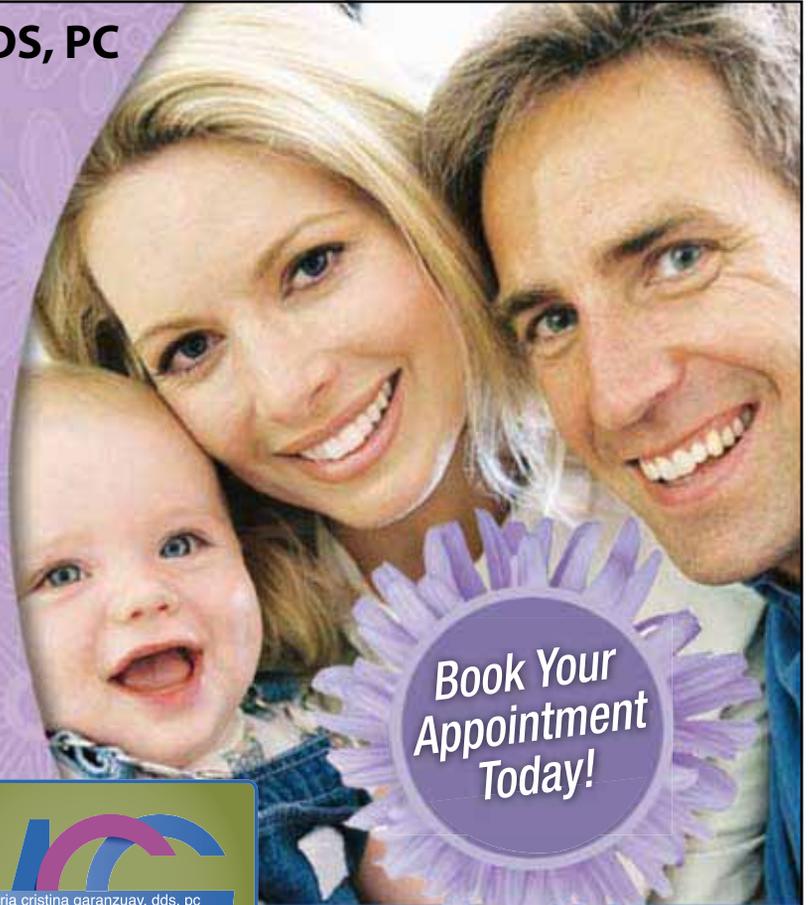
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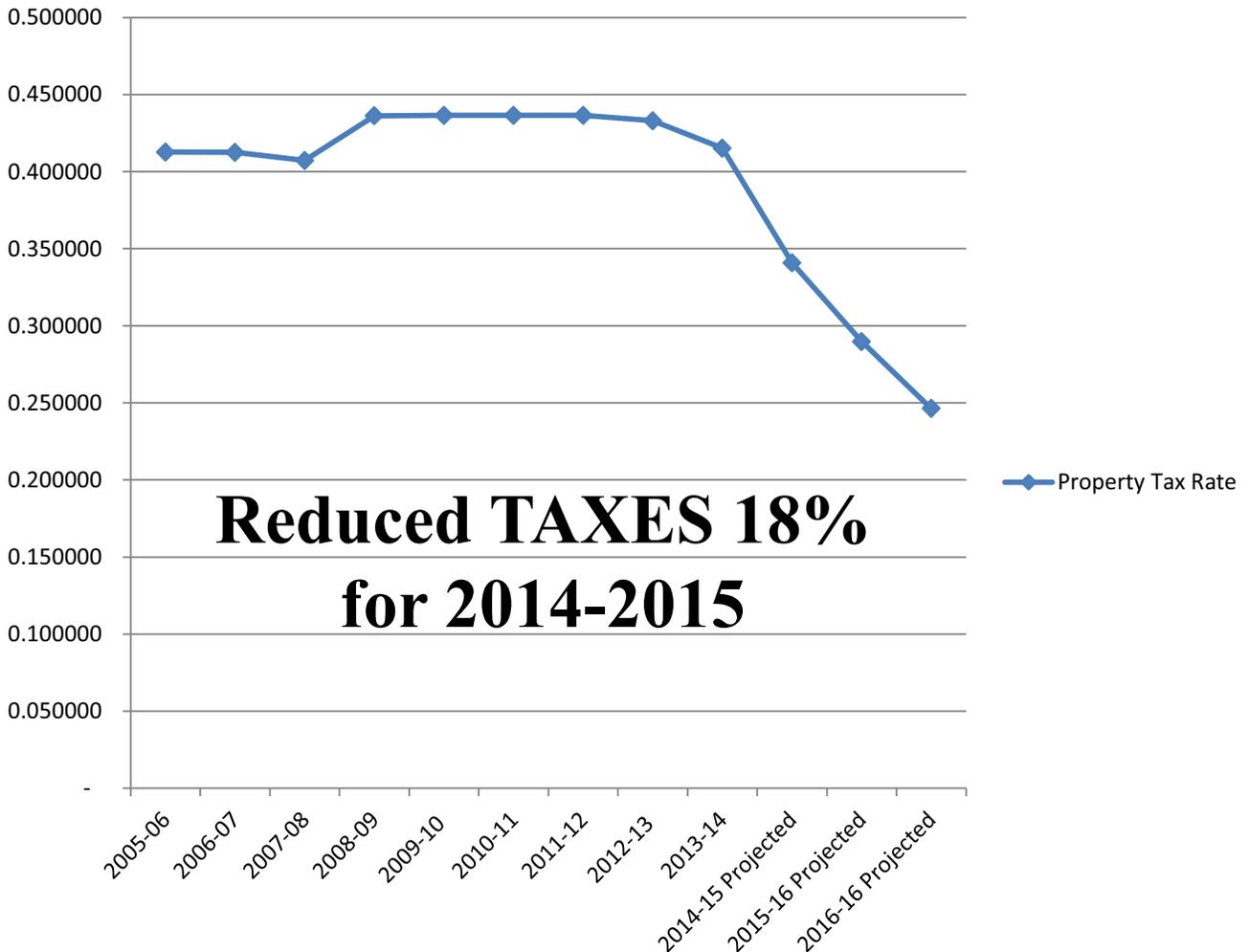
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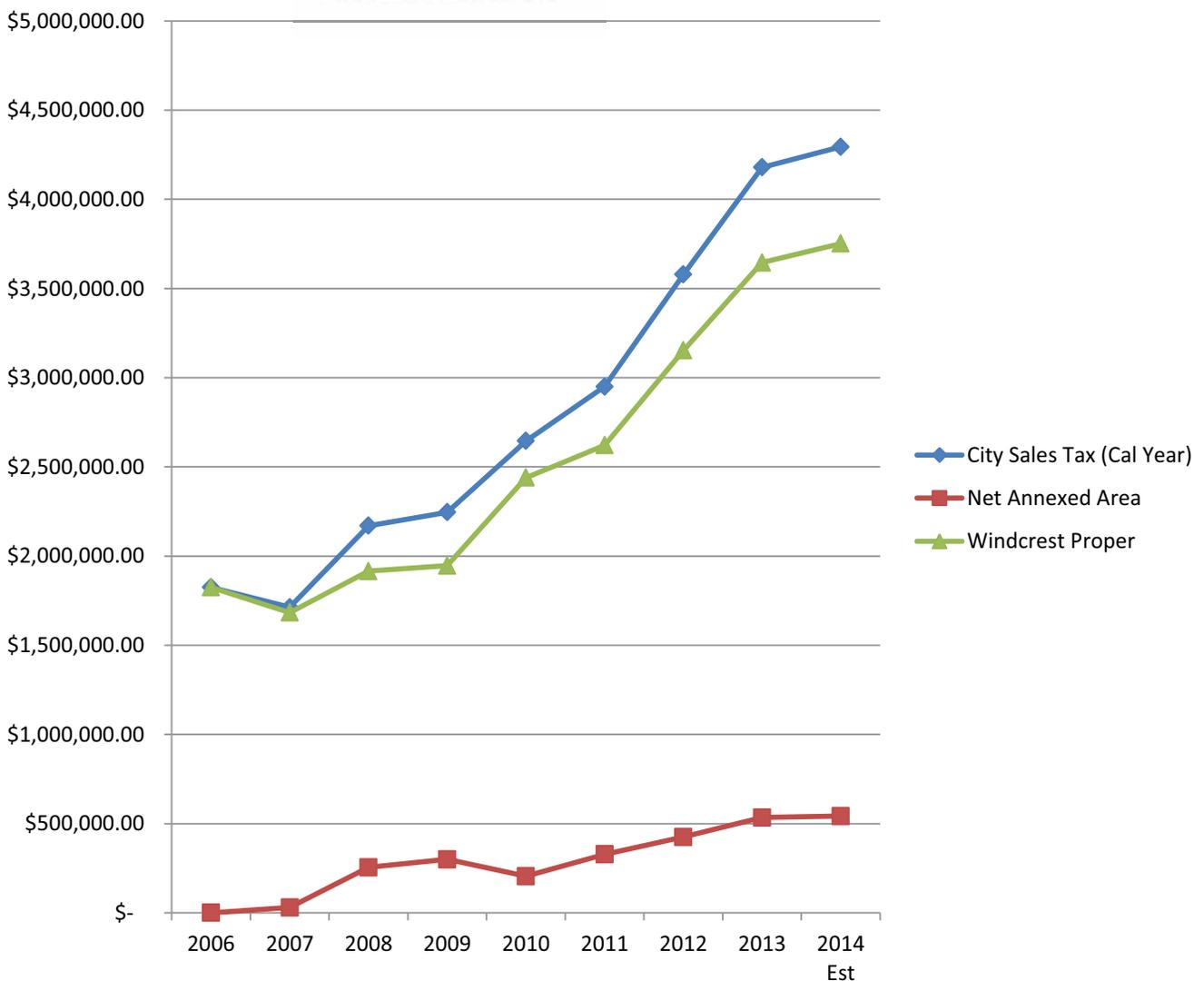
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2009	\$ 2,245,845.77	\$ 300,116.96	\$ 1,945,728.82	\$ 30,028.30
2010	\$ 2,645,189.44	\$ 205,019.61	\$ 2,440,169.84	\$ 494,441.02
2011	\$ 2,949,782.48	\$ 328,242.39	\$ 2,621,540.09	\$ 181,370.26
2012	\$ 3,578,681.32	\$ 425,486.14	\$ 3,153,195.19	\$ 531,655.10
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2014 Est	\$ 4,294,149	\$ 542,379	\$ 3,751,770	\$ 106,900

### *Revenue has increased more than 90% since 2009*





# WINDCREST POLICE DEPARTMENT

FY2012 through FY2015

Public Safety Improvements and Enhancements

**Windcrest Crime Control and Prevention District (WCCPD)  
FY2013 through FY2015 Funded Police Department Capital Improvements**

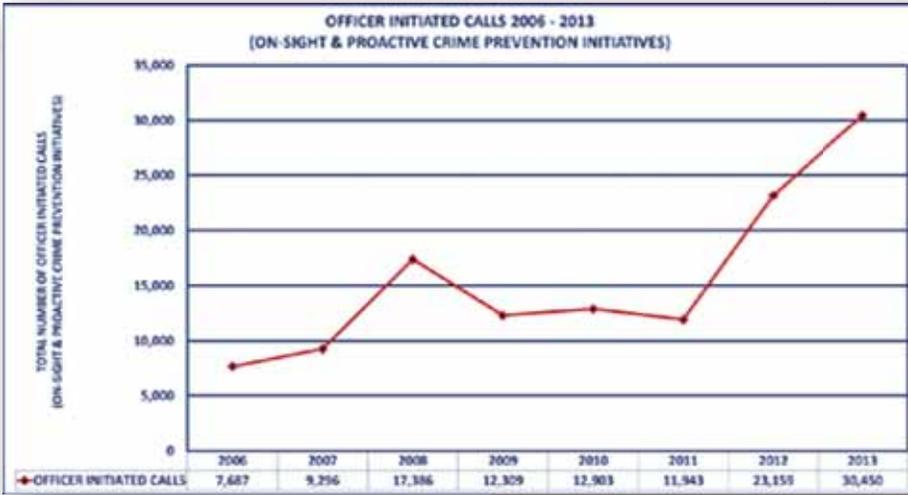
- 12 New Chevrolet Tahoe Police Patrol Vehicles & Equipment
- New Chevrolet Police Truck Code-Patrol Vehicle & Equipment
- New Chevrolet Tahoe Police Warrant Vehicle & Equipment
- New Laptop Computers for all Police Vehicles
- New Tasers for All Police Officers
- New Ballistic Vests for All Police Officers
- New Patrol Rifles & Shotguns
- Digital Upgraded Mobile Radios for All Police Vehicles
- Digital Upgraded Handheld Radios for All Police Officers
- New Lidar Radar Units
- New Police Bikes for Enhanced Bike Patrol Unit
- New Ballistic Shields for Critical Incidents
- New Traffic Calming Measures - Radar Speed Signs
- New Video Units for All Police Vehicles
- New Electronic Ticket Writers for All Police Vehicles
- SWAT-Negotiations Equipment & Staffing Enhancements
- Increased Officer Staffing- 8 Additional Police Officers
- K-9 Unit Enhancements—Second K-9
- Traffic Calming Enhancements— Speed/Message Trailer
- Digital Upgraded Consoles for Communications
- Animal Care & Control Enhancements
- Citizens’ Patrol Enhancements—Vehicles and Graphics
- New Youth Program—Law Enforcement Explorers

**Average Police Response Time – 1 Minute 47 Seconds**

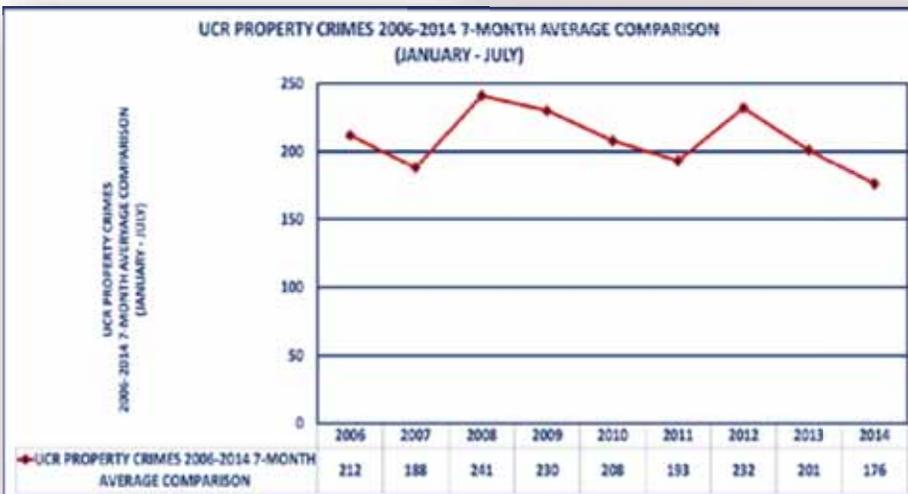
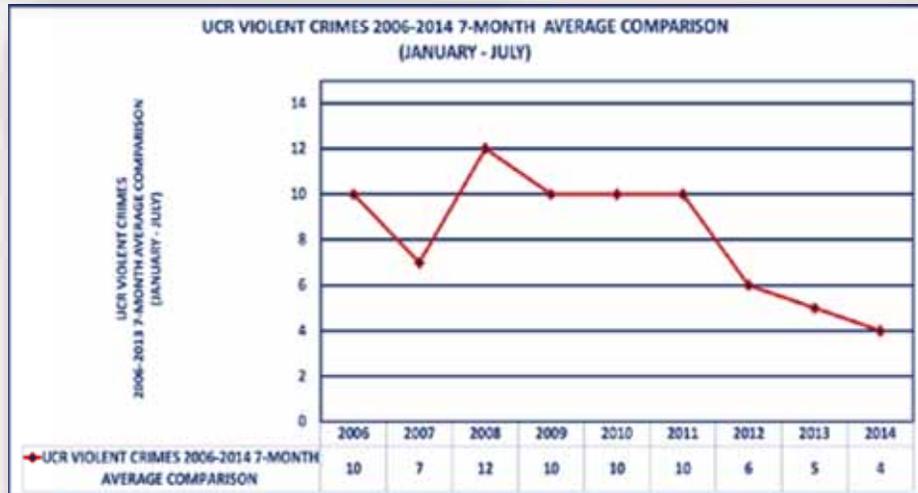
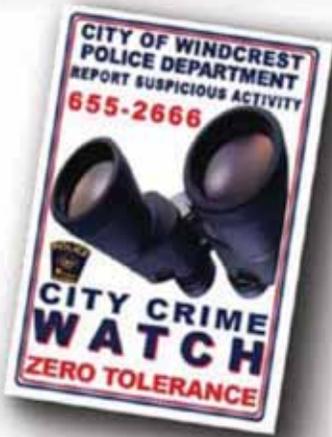
**Windcrest Police Officers per Capita – 4.7 per 1,000 population  
That’s more than double the National Standard of 2.3 to 1,000 population!**

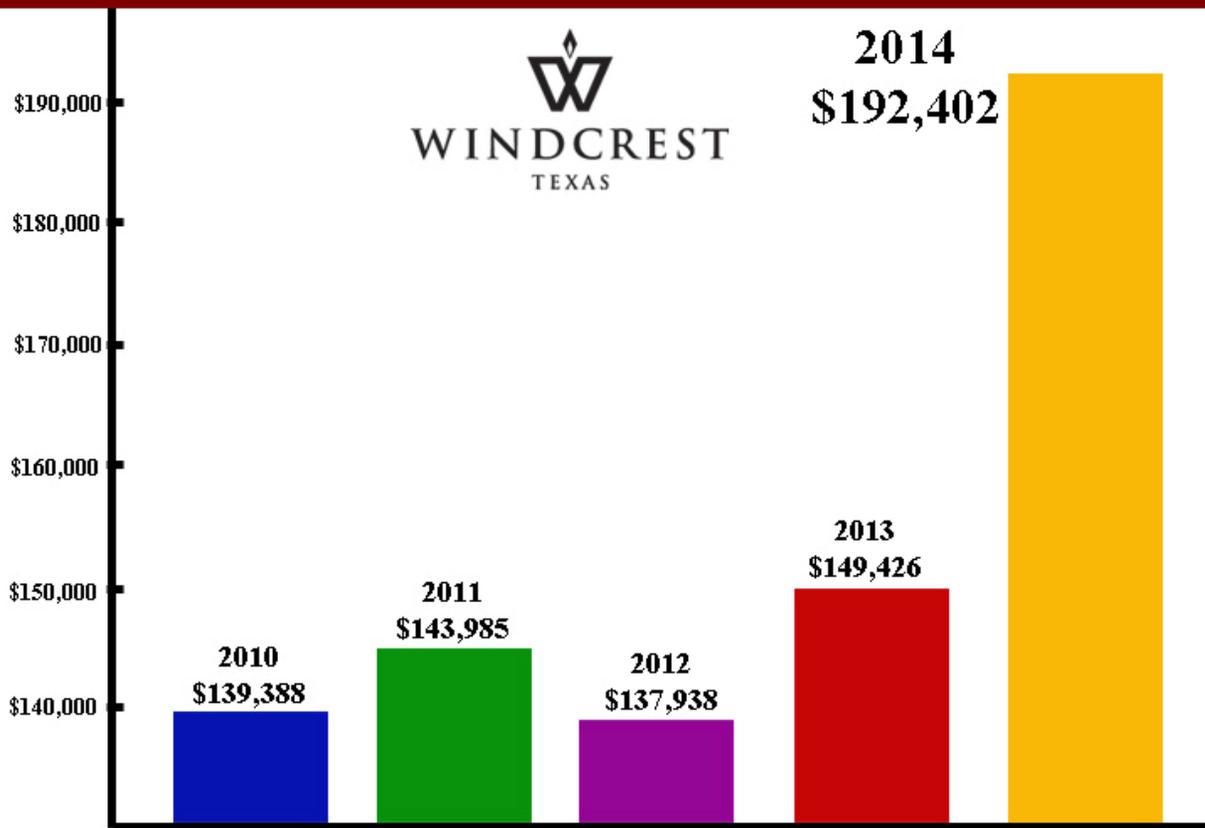
**INCREASED  
POLICE OFFICERS  
BY NEARLY  
45%  
SINCE 2010!**



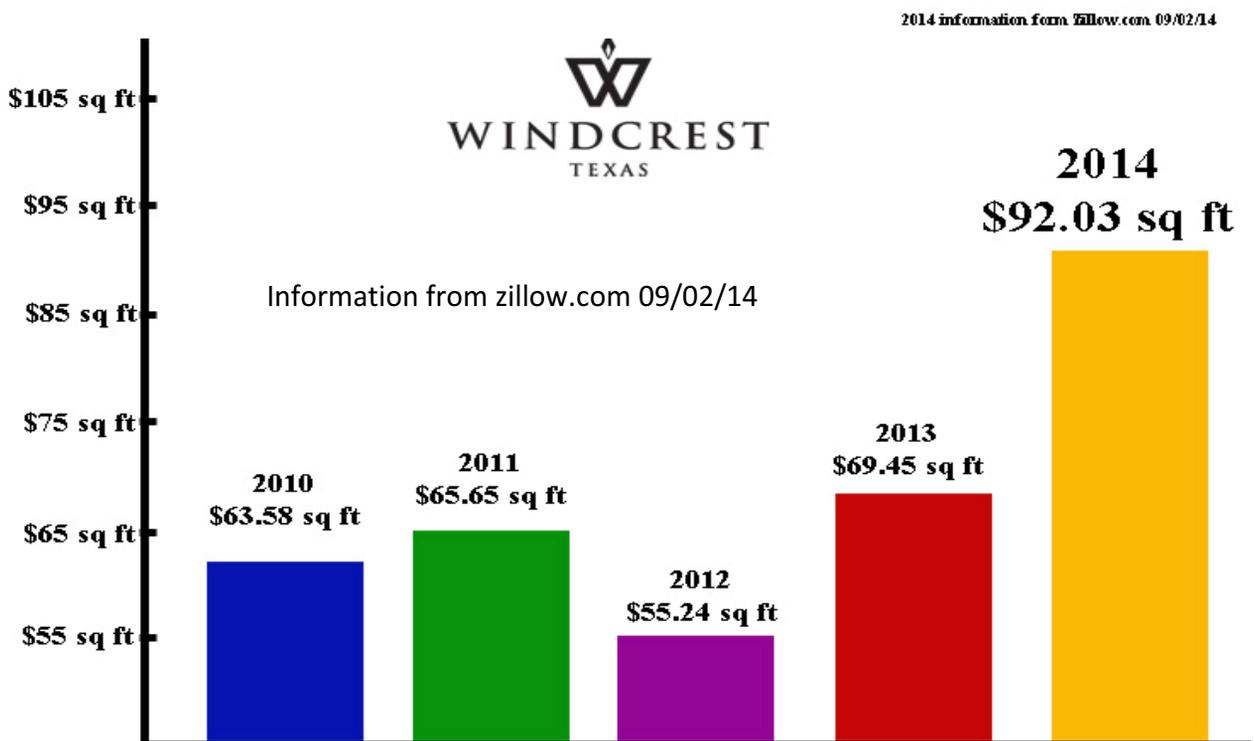


**PROACTIVE  
POLICING**



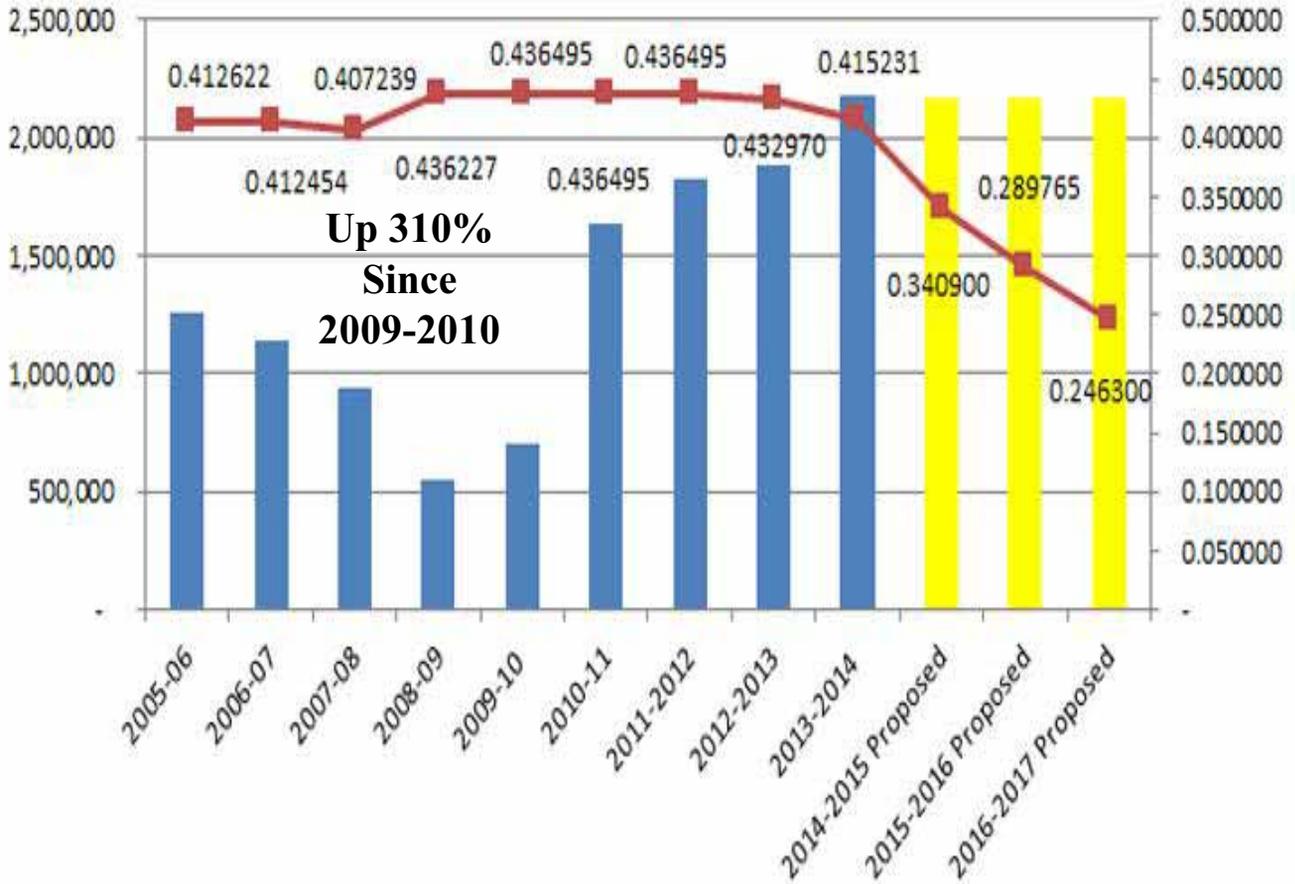


## WINDCREST AVERAGE HOME SALES PRICE

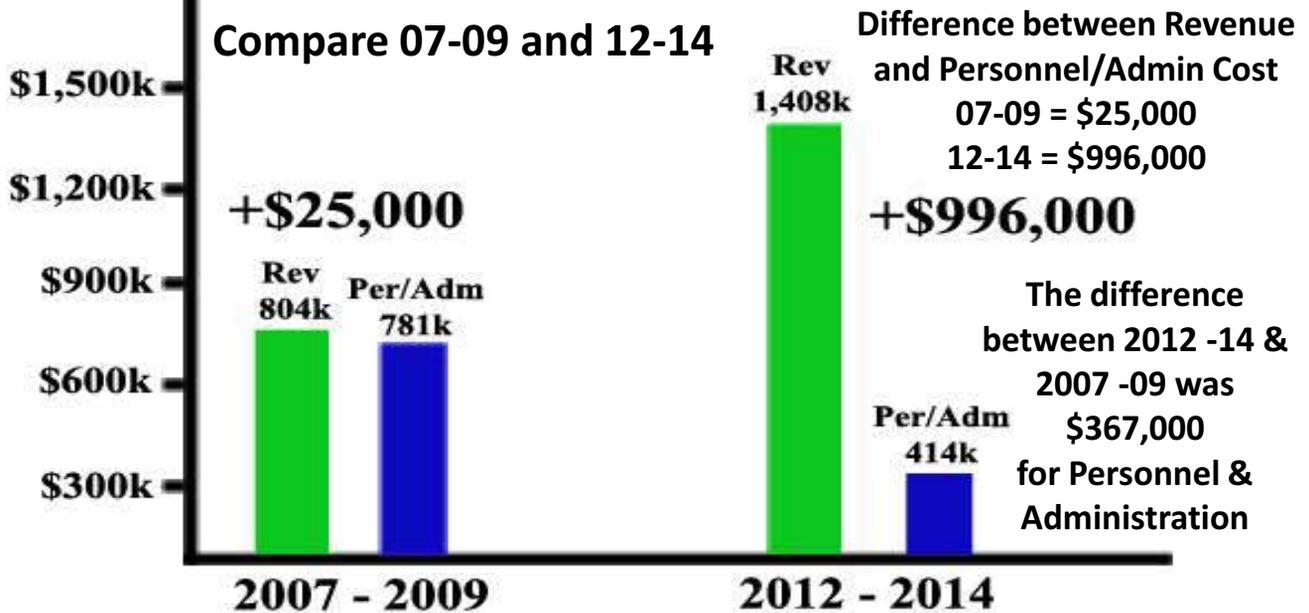


## WINDCREST AVERAGE HOME PER SQ FT

# Rainy Day Fund & Property Taxes



## Tax Revenue & Personnel /Admin Cost



**Windcrest Economic Development Corporation**

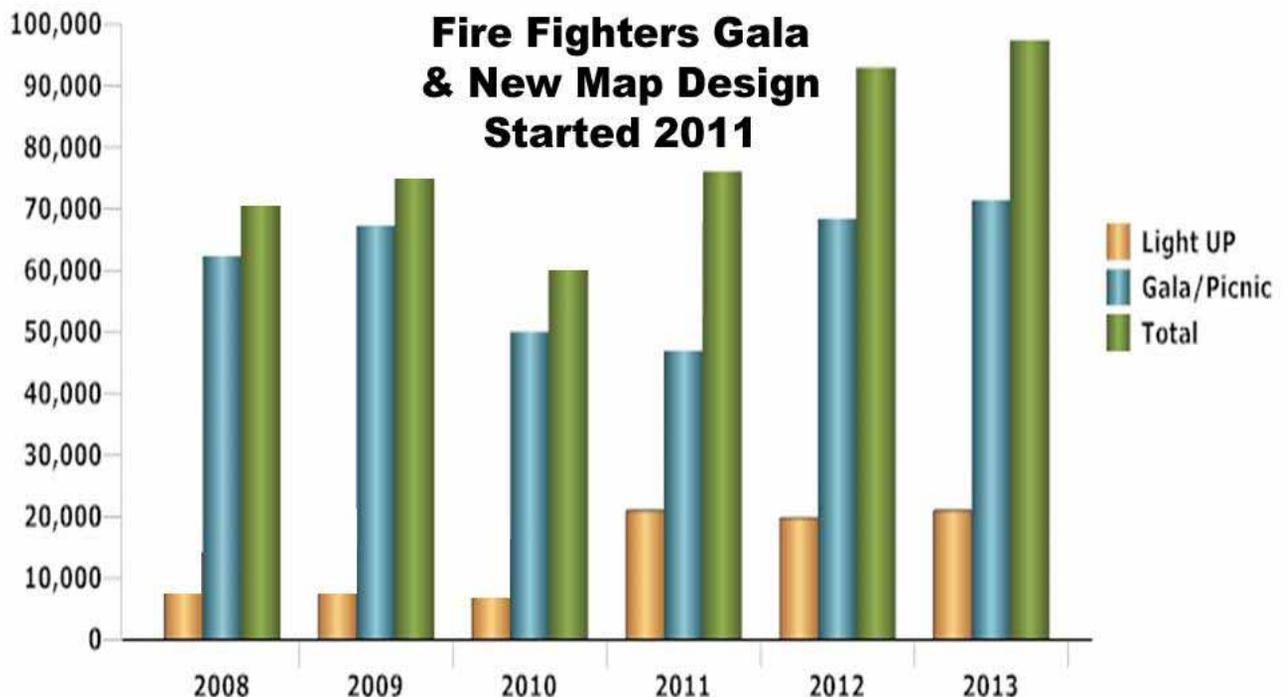
# Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department

In an effort to upgrade or repair equipment, the City of Windcrest allocated an additional \$300,000 for the purchase of the following items this year.

- \$170,000 for a new command unit with fire suppression capabilities
- \$5,380 for one Eclipse Thermal Imager Camera
- \$53,816 for 8 Scott SCBA X3 Airpacks
- \$2,225 for 1 QRAE 4 Gas Meter
- \$540 for 1 Piston Regulator (air bag regulator)
- \$52,500 for ladder repairs
- \$2,167.13 for 35 high-visibility traffic vests

*For a total of \$286,628.13 in additional city funds.*

## Fire Department Fundraising



# 2014 Projects & Improvements

**Takas Park Pond re-build**



**Takas Park Playground**



**Civic Center upgrades**



**Winnbrook Estates Park Playground**



***And an investment of more than  
\$1 million a year into our streets  
over the last two years!***



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## City Meetings in Windcrest City Hall Council Chambers



Planning & Zoning	October 2	6:00 p.m.	WEDC	October 9	6:00 p.m.
SCCM	October 6	6:00 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting	October 20	5:15 p.m.
Municipal Court	October 7, 14, 21	4:00 p.m.	Water District Meeting	October 16	7:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation	October 8	6:00 p.m.			

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