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Mayor's Message



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ALL EMERGENCIES

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Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,

July is a busy month for the City of Windcrest. We have the American Legion 4th of July Parade and Celebration on Saturday, July 4th, as well as the city working on the budget for FY 2015-2016. The pool is open and being enjoyed by many. Most schools are now on break, and thus many are able to spend more time with their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Windcrest has so many beautiful amenities to share with loved ones. Please take advantage of them all. There has been tremendous support from our city's best asset, our residents, with regards to citizens volunteering for the different committees and commissions. We are continuing to witness the growth of TEAM WINDCREST - both city pride and citizen participation are growing. We encourage you to remain active and involved, and we promise that we will continue to modify, change and refine how we do business. As we all know: **If we stay the same, we cannot improve.**

4th Annual 4th of July Parade and Celebration: While the Parade has been going on for several decades, four years ago this administration changed the time to a later morning hour and started to have a Celebration immediately after the Parade. It has grown from less than 200 in attendance to over 2500. It has grown every year. This year the Parade should be bigger and better. There will be give aways thrown into the crowd and 1000 hot dogs to be passed out – all free while supplies last. There will be complimentary water and other goodies while supplies last as well. Special thanks go to Windcrest resident Col. Irv Gerrow for donating the buns, HEB for donating the hot dogs and other food products, Whataburger for other goodies and Taco Cabana for supplying the trailer and help to prepare the hot dogs. Other sponsors are: RBFCU, Colonial Life Insurance, In N Out Burgers, Dunkin Donuts and many others. Thanks to them all. I know I have forgotten some, so please excuse me. I will have a full list in next month's Newsletter. The Parade starts at 10:30 a.m. so plan to get there early. The Parade goes around the Windcrest Golf Course followed immediately by the Celebration at City Hall. We will have music, tents, food giveaways, as well as products and activities. There are some goodies that will be free (while supplies last) and others will be for sale. Please go to page 9 in this Newsletter for more information. I hope to see you there having fun.

SAVE THE DATES: Women's Club presents the 2015 Windcrest Light-Up: The following are important dates to circle in the calendar: December 4 – deadline to enter the Light-Up Contest. December 8 – Judging the Entries and announcing the winners. December 12 Light-Up Ceremony at City Hall.

Windcrest Property Tax Rate: Many citizens have asked the question – Are we going to see a reduction in the property tax rate again? Yes – I hope so - this administration promised that we would run the city more efficiently and would encourage Economic Development. For the fourth year in a row, we should see a reduction in the City's residential property tax rate. **I will propose a 5% reduction in the City of Windcrest Property Tax Rate for this coming year.** Additionally, I will encourage the Council to vote to continue for next year the **\$5 residential permit fee** and a **50% reduction of the garbage bill.** This is a testament to all the hard work by everyone on Team Windcrest.

Budget for FY 2015-2016: We have two Council Meetings scheduled in July dedicated to the formulating of the FY 2015/2016 Budget. The budget year/fiscal year is October 2015 - September 2016. 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.

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Windcrest Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Budget Workshops/Meetings: The process of formulating this budget has begun. This administration would love to hear citizen comments regarding issues where the city spends the tax dollars. We plan to hold several meetings in the month of July and August to review budget suggestions from the staff. The meetings for the month of July are Tuesday, July 14th at 10 AM and Wednesday, July 15th at 6 PM. We also would love for citizens to attend these meetings to discuss their concerns and hear from our most prized asset and the people we serve – the citizens. We plan these meetings at various times and days of the week to try to accommodate the schedules of the citizens. One great aspect of living in a small city is participating in how your tax dollars are spent. Please participate if you so desire. Also, always feel free to email me or any of the Council people with any thoughts and/or ideas that you may have. We want to be responsive to your needs.

Theft of Mail: It has come to the attention of this administration and our Police Department that we are experiencing the theft of mail from private citizens' mailboxes. From what has been reported, there several instances of mail being stolen where the homeowner has put outgoing mail in their mailbox the night before pick-up, and put the flag up on the mailbox. Many cities are experiencing this same issue as these thieves look for the flags and steal the mail hoping to get checks and bill statements that we place in our box to be picked up by the mailman. Identity theft is a huge problem in these times. It is a shame this is happening. Please try to put this outgoing mail in your mailbox the day of pick up. Also, please note that we have a mailbox located in the City Hall parking lot. Know that the Windcrest Police Department is actively trying to catch these law breakers. Please report any crimes to the Windcrest Police.

Charter Commission: After several years, the city is required to review the Charter. The Charter is kind of like the city's constitution. The Committee is comprised of: Kimberly Wright (Chair), Henry Berman (Co-chair), Rick Cockerham, Rainbeau Presti, Majie Takas, David Diaz and Fernando Richards, Jr. Over the next several months, they will review and could possibly suggest changes. They may keep the Charter as is. Should they request changes, these changes will be placed on the ballot in November for a vote of all the citizens. All meetings will be held in Council Chambers and aired live on the internet. They will also be recorded and available to view at your leisure on the web. If you need any information regarding this Commission, please call the City Secretary Kelly Rodriguez at 210-655-0022 and she will be happy to assist you. Also, feel free to contact one of these residents and voice your opinion(s). I know they would love to hear from you.

Takas Park and Takas Park Pond: I have heard from quite a few residents about the walking trails in this area. There are a lot of great ideas being presented regarding how we can improve these trails. Also, improving the drainage is also a concern. We will be looking at all options. Please email me at abaxter@windcrest-tx.gov or call me at 210-846-5507 with your ideas. I would love to hear from you. This would be a project of the Parks and Rec Committee. They

are working hard to make the city even more beautiful, and are committed to improving the quality of life. Thank you for all their hard work.

Community Pool: It is open for business. Hours of Operation: Tuesday - Saturday Noon – 8:00 PM, Sunday 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM, and it is closed on Mondays. Admission is \$3.00 per person. We also offer group and season passes. For more information drop by the pool or call Pool Manager Jonathan Hayes at 210-454-6883. We encourage you to drop by and enjoy. The swim team will be starting soon, so for the children interested – please sign up. It makes for a fun summer!

Feel Good Notes: These are two examples of the benefits of living in a small city like Windcrest. I hope the following citizens do not mind me relaying their story. Mr. Huff went out of town during the time of the huge rain storms last month. He was worried about the flooding being reported. He called Windcrest dispatch and his anxiety was alleviated as he was able to ask how Windcrest was being affected by the heavy rains, and that his property and the well-being of the city as a whole was fine. Another case is that of Mrs. Imbody. As I have reported on several occasions, I have known Mrs. Imbody for over 40 years! I am only 51, so yes, I still call her Mrs. Imbody, and I am still intimidated by her. Anyways, she went on a trip and informed the Windcrest Police that she would be out of town from one day and returning on another day. The Police went by and checked on her house on a regular basis. One of her neighbors told her, "Did you know the Police were around your house quite a bit when you were gone." She replied, "Yes. I informed the Police that I would be out of town, and when you do that, they check on your house for you." I tell this example as I encourage you to inform the Police when you are going out of town. They will check on your property. Should you worry, you can always call dispatch and get answers to your questions. Our dispatch department at 210-655-2666 is working 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They do a great job and are all super friendly and accommodating. Please take advantage of living in this city that is committed to customer service and serving the needs of its citizens.

Volunteering and Participating: We need more people on the Windcrest Citizens' Patrol and Animal Task Force. Please call Heather Weidenbach at City Hall if you wish to volunteer. Remember that there are still places of service within the City. If you want to participate or volunteer in any area of the City, you won't be turned away. Give me a call or email me to get involved.

Please email me if you wish me to add something to my article. When you visit City Hall, please stop in and say hello.

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 thought this might help those of us who are uncomfortable with what is available to drive the mosquitoes away from us.....I hope this helps. - Pam



How to Make Catnip Mosquito Repellent

By Phyllis Benson eHow Contributor

Catnip is a mint-type plant used for herbal medicine and to attract cats. According to recent studies at Iowa State University, catnip may discourage mosquitoes. The university has patented nepetalactone, the primary ingredient in catnip oil, and hopes to develop products to thwart mosquitoes. Though other studies indicate catnip may not be as effective as commercial chemicals, home gardeners and herbalists are using simple catnip mosquito repellents. If you are crazy about cats and not crazy about mosquitoes, check out these catnip mosquito chasers.

Things You'll Need:

Catnip

Instructions

1. Take sensible precautions in using any mosquito repellent. Many experienced outdoor people suggest putting insect repellent on clothing. The repellent lasts longer and is not washed away by sweat. Test the repellent on a small area of clothing to be sure it does not stain. If you do use it on skin, test a small area such as inside an elbow to see if your skin has an allergic reaction. Always apply sparingly, especially on young children.
2. Grow catnip plants in your garden or indoor planter. Take off a leafy stalk, crush the leaves and rub them on skin or clothing. Wear catnip leaves crushed in a handkerchief or bandanna around your neck. If you are not sensitive to catnip, try rubbing a fresh catnip leaf on pulse spots such as behind ears, inside elbows and wrists, behind knees and at ankles.
3. Chop a handful of fresh catnip leaves and stems in a food processor. Put the chopped catnip in a pot. Pour 2 cups warm water over the catnip and let it steep like tea. Strain the leaves out and refrigerate the liquid. Pour it into a spray bottle. Spray on clothing just before going outdoors.
4. Use catnip oil to make a spray. Mix about a half-teaspoon of essential oil of catnip with 1 cup isopropyl alcohol and 1 cup water. Shake well and spray lightly on clothing, arms and legs. Do not use on children, pets or people sensitive to catnip.

Read more :

http://www.ehow.com/how_2312448_make-catnip-mosquito-repellent.html

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Councilmember

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Dear Neighbors,

This July 29th, it will be one year since my good friend, Ted Hanes, passed away doing what he loved best...taking care of Windcrest's parks and natural areas. Ted was the founder of Friends of the Park (FOTP), a Windcrest nonprofit whose mission was to enhance our green space and parks to beautify our great city. If you notice the beautiful flower towers, the signage, and the many planted trees around the city, you can thank Ted! It was his vision period! FOTP is still moving forward with that vision with the help of Scott Gorton, Don Myles, Gary Fisher, Arlene Hart, and FOTP members. In my humble opinion, it's a big deal! Our Mayor, Alan Baxter, our Parks and Recreation team, our Public Works Department, and the entire city staff has taken up Ted's mission as our mission! FOTP can use your help and, at times, some good old manual labor! Please get involved with our great city fellow neighbors! Read our monthly Newsletter for a myriad of ways to get where the action is! GO WINDCREST!



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Councilmember

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A HAPPY 4TH OF JULY TO EVERYONE

We have come a long way from almost bankruptcy, the theft of Rackspace money, to one of the most progressive cities in Texas. Yes there are some small issues, I say small but others make these issues bigger. Any organization, business or city has to look at the big picture. We will never have a 100 % agreement on anything. Also one reason is perhaps our every year election schedule. Every year people get agitated and start throwing verbal accusations around at all candidates. I believe our current TEAM, Mayor and Council, are moving forward in the right direction. We cannot and should not go back to the 1960's or 1970's.

Our city is a lively city, we are not a sleepy small town. Problems? Yes we have them but we are all ways working to correct them. Only TEAM work can make it happen. An old Army saying: Lead, follow or get out of the way.

Now about the 4th of July celebration which is on the 1st Saturday of the month of July. The opening ceremony will be by the American Legion. Followed by our famous parade for our residents and neighbors. There will be hot dogs, ice cream , music and fun. Don't miss the old classic cars that will participate in the parade.

I want to thank our Police department, Fire department, City Public Works, Citizen's Patrol Division as well as all of our employees and the many, many volunteer's without them our event cannot take place. It shows how well we can all work together.

Councilmember

James McFall

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Dear Residents,

As a city, we continue to move forward and make progress. We continue to run city business in a more and more efficient manner. Because of our city's efforts, we will continue to reduce our property tax rate. Under this Administration, the goal for our city continues to be NO PROPERTY TAXES! We will also continue our efforts to maintain a good quality of life for all of you.

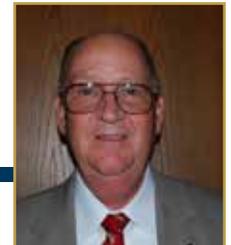
Many thanks to our EDC members who work tirelessly to bring in more and more businesses and revenue to keep our city operating at a higher level. During our recent trip to Las Vegas Nevada, I was able to see firsthand the commitment and hard work put forth by our EDC members. As many of you have said, " Windcrest is booming and once again a city we can be proud of."

Please stay involved and let us know how we can continue to improve our city and the quality of life for all of you. Thank you for all your support! Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Councilmember

Jim Shelton

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During the June 1st Windcrest City Council Meeting there was a lot of conversation and criticism voiced that the city council had underfunded Animal Control in our current FY 2014-2015 Budget. First let me say that the current budget was adopted, voted on and approved **ALL** council members.

A little history may be appropriate. In FY 2009-2010 we spent \$48,449 for animal control.....FY 2012-2013 our animal control spending was \$77,616. This year's Animal Control budget was \$102,692. This includes two line items, 517-230 (VET/IMPOUNDING/SHELTER) \$18,500 and 517-231 (IMPOUNDING/SHELTER) \$12,300. Due to **OVERSPENDING** we needed to make a budget adjustment for Impounding and shelter of an additional \$14,500. This brings the two lines that incorporate VET-IMPOUNDING-SHELTER to a current budget of \$45,300 for this year. Our total Animal Control Budget now stands at \$117,192--more than a 50% increase in just two years.

This is not a SHOULD or SHOULD'N'T, WILL or WON'T comment I just believe everyone should know the facts, not just hear the criticism.

Jim Shelton

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POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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

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Technological & Accidental Hazards...
Are you prepared? Do you have a
plan? Are you ready? Being prepared is
something that every single American
needs to be doing. It is very easy to
become too comfortable, always repeating the same statement,
"Well, it's never going to happen here"! Think again! The beautiful
City of Windcrest is nestled on one of the busiest corridors in
Texas, Interstate 35 North right next to the 7th largest city in the
United States. It is not a matter of if... it's a matter of when!



Every day you do nothing is another day of rolling the dice! Think
outside the box... have a Plan A, a Plan B, a Plan C and even a Plan
D, E, and F! Don't be one of those people that will be staring blindly
after a disaster repeating over and over that they should have done
more; they should have had a plan. Don't develop a false sense of
security or not being prepared for the right types of situations
and even a lack of preparedness education and not looking at the
bigger picture. Get involved with your neighbors and other family
members. Put together a "Bug-Out Bag or Emergency Bag" and
keep it ready for that moment when you have to go...when seconds
count! Think about food, water, first aid, clothing, shelter and even
weapons. At the end of the day, wouldn't you rather have it and not
need it versus need it and not have it!

I am your Chief of Police but also your Emergency Management
Director and I urge each of you to take responsibility for yourselves,
your families...Have a Plan! The Windcrest Police Department
along with the Windcrest C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency
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community event including location, date and time.

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During the month of May 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 of the City
Council simply type it in to the search bar on your internet browser.

RESOLUTIONS

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Resolution No. 2015-538(R), authorizing an agreement with the
Lone Star Paving company to perform the 2015 crack seal and
pothole repair project and authorizing the city manager to execute
the agreement.

Resolution No. 2015-539(R), approving the purchase of
portable XG-75 police radios and required radio accessories and
authorizing the city manager to negotiate and execute a contract
for such purchase.

Resolution No. 2015-540(R), authorizing the purchase of one
(1) 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV vehicle from Caldwell Country
Chevrolet for a price of \$40,388.00 and authorizing the city
manager to negotiate and execute a contract for such purchase

From the Desk of Tom Garcia,

Director of Public Works

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Thank Goodness for the Rain!

Recent rains have greened up all of Windcrest. Unfortunately with
wet weather come insect problems. Please be proactive when it
comes to defeating the mosquito population. Keeping your grass
cut and making sure that containers that can hold water are turned
over will help in the fight. Also, keep your grass and yard clear of
piles of debris will also help keep snakes from living in your yard.
So please, cut your grass regularly.

We want to welcome our newest employee, Mrs. Jeannie
Hernandez, to the Windcrest PW crew. She brings a wealth of
knowledge and experience to the PW family and we are looking
forward to working and learning from her every day. Welcome
Jeannie!



Do you think that disaster will never affect you and your family? If it should, are you prepared? Please visit the following link to find valuable information that has been written by Sandy Survivors. We have included a few sample comments below. We look forward to reaching out to our community on September 26, America's Preparedness, to offer information and training on how to "Be Prepared". For more information on free 20 hour Community Emergency Resonse Training, contact Kathie Maloney at 210-887-5069 or e-mail teamwindcrest@gmail.com. Visit Community Emergency Response Team Bexar County for upcoming events.

<http://prepared-housewives.com/living-through-sandy-tips-from-a-survivor/>

1. Cash is king (all the money in your savings means nothing)
2. You are never really prepared to go weeks without power, heat, water etc. Never!
3. Yes it can happen to you.
4. Just because your generator runs like a top, does not mean its producing electricity. Test generators monthly as gas ages and minimizes generators performance.
5. If you do not have water stored up you are in trouble. a. A couple of cases of bottled water is "NOT" water storage
6. Should have as much fuel as water: a. Propane b. Gas c. Kerosene d. Firewood e. Fire starter, (kindling, paper, etc)
7. Even the smallest little thing that you get from the store should be stocked up.. (spark plug for the generator, BBQ lighter, etc)
8. Stored water can taste nasty.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

- Robert Colunga

WINDCREST is GROWING AND GROWING! We are very excited after a very fruitful ICSC ReCon Event this year many companies are looking at Windcrest now and we have so much going on now. The Pear Tree Inn is in the process of being torn down and they are very close to having a new company come in and take that pad site. We are seeing remodeling going on at Security Services Federal Credit Union and the former Al's Formal Wear. We have completed the approval to begin construction of our first new building in the annexation area. We are seeing large growth in our Sales Tax Revenue for the City of Windcrest. After over 11 years of being vacant the former Chuck-E-Cheese has been leased to a charter school which will open in August. It appears that we will be making more new business announcements soon as well. Stay tuned and visit our website DevelopWindcrest.org and our social media pages on Facebook and Twitter and stay tuned, Windcrest is only going to get better and stronger.

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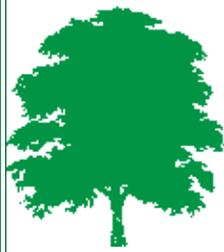
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By Kelly Rodriguez, Municipal Court Clerk,
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DRIVER RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAM

Did you know that the State of Texas has a Driver Responsibility Program? This program establishes a system requiring drivers to pay a surcharge fee based on your driving history. The surcharge is based on a combination of factors. A surcharge of \$100 is assessed when a driver accumulates 6 points in three years. During the three year period \$25 will be assessed for every point over six. The surcharge will be required every year the three-year history reflect six points. For more information, visit www.txdps.state.tx.us. If you should receive a citation for a moving violation, requesting permission from the court to take a State approved Defensive Driving Course or asking the Judge to grant you Deferred Disposition can keep them off your record therefore helping you avoid points on your driving record.

TIPS FOR THE ROAD

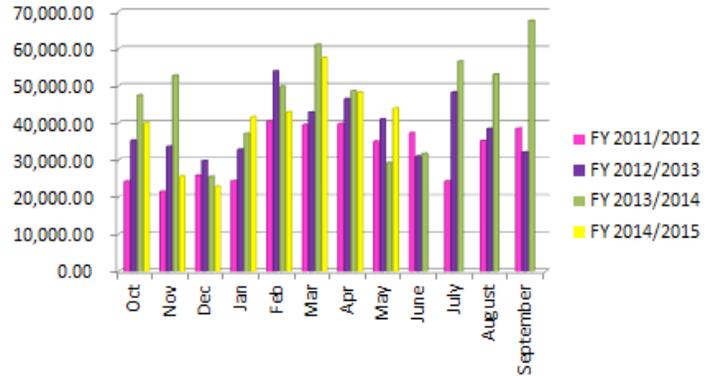
You are in the inside lane of a freeway. Suddenly your car hood swings up and crashes into the windshield. DON'T PANIC. Check your rearview mirror for tailgaters then slow down immediately. Look in the space between your hood and engine to see in front of you, or out the window. Turn your blinker on and head for the roadside well out of traffic.

TOTAL CITY REVENUE FROM COURT

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 krodriquez@windcrest-tx.gov.

TOTAL CITY REVENUE FROM COURT

(4 year comparison)



CODE ENFORCEMENT UNIT

We definitely started the summer with plenty of rain and noticed this past month some property owners have been keeping up with property maintenance; we appreciate all your efforts on maintaining your properties, keep up the good work. While outside maintaining your property, please remember to hydrate and take frequent breaks. A well maintained property is an important part of a healthy lifestyle. It is highly recommended to check the references on all contractors you use for repairs and make sure you review their permits before they start any project. Code Compliance & Enforcement has addressed some contractors without permits and had to stop their work until they get the correct permits. Also, please make sure you are keeping up with the maintenance of your swimming pools, and report any violations you see. Inspect your homes and replace or repair rotting wood, broken boards/panels, gutters, fences and correct rusted metals by painting/ treating exposed areas that need painting, protect your investment.

Reminder, residential garbage, waste and refuse placed outside for pickup shall be stored in a durable metal or hardened rubber container with a tightly sealed insect-proof and animal-proof lid. Trash bags left out can only be used for disposal of leaves, grass trimmings or other items, no food based products please. Thanks for helping to keep Windcrest beautiful!

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

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City of Windcrest JULY 4TH PARADE & CELEBRATION

It is that time of year again. Please join us on Saturday, July 4th for The City of Windcrest's Annual Parade and festivities. Starting at 9a.m. at City Hall, guests will be welcome to indulge in a variety of complimentary (while supplies last) July 4th goodies such a hot dogs, ice cream, cookies, cold treats and fun gifts for the kids. The Mayor will give opening remarks at approximately 10 a.m. and the parade will begin at approximately 10:30am in front of City Hall and should last approximately 45 minutes. Parade coordination is on-going but if this has somehow slipped your mind and you would like to participate, please call Kelly Hamilton at 210-314-9783 for parade placement. Sure to be a fun filled day for everyone present, we welcome all residents and business partners to come out and enjoy this special National holiday with us.

Participating groups will line up on Faircrest Drive between City Hall and Windcrest Elementary School. As always, we encourage participation from the civic organizations, churches, military units, City Departments, auto groups, boys and girls scouts and musical groups. Groups who would like to participate in this year's parade should notify Kelly Hamilton or Col. Henry Berman, 655-5650, as soon as possible.



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Windcrest GARDEN CLUB

Lois Wooton



Your Garden Club is as active as ever working in and around Windcrest. We were excited to be able to participate and support our Windcrest Firemen's Annual Picnic by providing two baskets of gardening goodies for the Silent Auction. Thank you everyone who placed a bid. We hope the winners enjoy their goodies!

Here's another summer tip: Ants! Ants! Ants! Their hills are everywhere! Give them an eviction notice by spreading regular (or even instant) grits or corn meal in and around their hills; once eaten, the grits expand inside them, and they soon go to that big anthill in the sky! **This REALLY works: even for FIRE ANTS.** It is safe for your pets too. Who wants little Fido licking ant poison off his paws!!

The Garden Club is open to ALL AREA MEN AND WOMEN interested in gardening. Membership is only \$10.00 a year and available anytime during the year. We meet September through May on the first Monday of the month at the Windcrest Civic Center. Our next regular meeting is 14 September: save the date! You can join for the 2015-2016 Club year or renew your membership with the form below. Early renewal helps the Executive board plan for the coming year. Deadline to be listed in the Yearbook is 15 July. Make check payable to Windcrest Garden Club & Mail to: Garden Club, 413 Zephyr Dr, Windcrest Tx 78239

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5219 METCALF

AREA 2

VERGIL HADDICAN
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GARDEN HOME
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HOWARD AND SHARIE
LURKER - 406 CANDLEGLO

AREA 4

AL ONCKEN
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YOLANDA INGLIS
GARDEN HOME
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AREA 7

MARIE JOHNSON
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WALZEM ROAD REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE INC

The Walzem Road Revitalization Committee is a group of volunteers that is working on revitalizing the Walzem Road and adjacent neighborhoods. It is a non-profit organization and serves San Antonio, Windcrest and County neighborhoods in area. We meet on the 2nd Saturday of every month and welcome any new volunteers.

In our last meeting we voted to provide 10 scholarships to low income students from Northeast School District for GED (Graduation Equivalence Diploma) tests. These scholarships will be given to students from our Walzem Road area.

Saturday, July 18, 2015 we will host our annual Community Neighborhood Meeting at the John Calvin Presbyterian Church on the corner of Walzem Rd and Midcrown from 9am to 11am. Our confirmed attendees are County Commissioner Tommy Calvert and staff, Representative from the Heidi Search Center, and City of Windcrest Representatives. We have invited and are hoping for attendance from all three police departments to update us on safety concerns in our neighborhoods. The representatives will try to answer any questions you might have. Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served and door prizes provided.

For more info: www.Walzem.org
Ruth Fritz, President
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THE WINDCREST OPTIMIST CLUB

The Windcrest Optimist Club was founded in 1964. We are happy to report that we recently celebrated our 50th Anniversary as a club! We are a community organization that is dedicated to Bringing Out The Best In Kids and serving our community. Optimists are people with vision - who recognize their civic responsibilities-who share common aspirations, interests, and desire a way of life in dynamic freedom - a person like you!

We meet monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at the Windcrest Civic Center at Takas Park. Breakfast begins at 6:30 AM with the program starting at 7:00 AM. One of the highlights of the meeting is our Student Of The Month Recognition Program. Each of the schools in the Roosevelt Cluster is asked to choose a student who they believe exemplifies the qualities and character traits of their respective schools. Students are selected for traits such as: being a hard worker, being helpful to others, demonstrating a positive attitude, and exhibiting leadership skills, to just name a few. These students join our meeting with their parents and school representative. Each student is presented to the club by their teacher or administrator who shares why the student was selected and then he or she receives a Student of the Month Plaque. Our club looks forward to each meeting, sharing a delicious breakfast, and hearing about the future leaders of our community.

Since February we have recognized the following outstanding student leaders: Gianluca Hernandez, Juan Mejia, Lea Hartman, Brian A. Hernandez, Bryson Carroll, Vicente Benavides, Allison Moreno, Erik Tollerson, DeVontre Francis, Jeffrey Slater, Carolina Navarro, Gabriel Gonzalez-Akessler, Jeralindine Zavala-Cisneros, Cailyn Pillar, Carmen Canales, Erika Hernandez, Jacob Rocha, Nathan Urias, Arysia Porter, Saul Martinez, Celeste Salazar, Zachary Hansen, Asia Riley, Daylen Cunningham, Joseph Scalza, Shanaia Masan, and Victoria Hillner.

We encourage you to join us at one of our breakfast meetings. It will be highlight of your day! We will start our Student of the Month Program again on October 13, 2015. Please feel free to contact President Mitch Weidenbach for further information at 210-653-3287 or visit our website at www.windcrestoptimist.org.

Another great tradition of the Windcrest Optimist Club is our May "Respect For Law" meeting where an individual or group of individuals is recognized with the John Paul Memorial Respect For Law Award. This award is given in honor of Lt. John Frisco a former Windcrest Officer who was killed in the line of duty in 1985. The Windcrest Optimist Club initiated this award in 1986 in his memory to annually honor significant contributions to law enforcement. One of Optimist International principal tenants is to "inspire respect for law". This year we were honored to recognize the outstanding law enforcement services provided by our Windcrest Police Department. Attending the ceremony for the Department were, Chief Al Ballew; Sergeant Mark Williams - Special Operations Division Commander; Corporal Hernandez - Special Operations Division; Vicki Krueger, Chief Assistant; Josephine Rodriguez -Communications Section Manager, and Doris Arnold, Records Section Manager. Unable to attend were Corporal Adam Lee - Patrol Operations Supervisor and Lt. Scott Purcell - Operations Division Commander. We are blessed to have such a dedicated group of people who work diligently to provide safety and security for the members of our community. This past year has been particularly challenging for law enforcement across the nation with criticism and attacks based on a few high profile incidents that were inappropriately sensationalized before the facts concerning them were even developed. We believe that these criticisms are not reflective of the vast majority of officers, including those in the Windcrest Police Department. Accordingly, we ask that you join us in expressing a well-deserved thank you to Chief Ballew and his staff for the safe and secure community we enjoy due to their committed and professional service.



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Windcrest Lions Club

For the first time in Windcrest Lions Club history two Roosevelt High School LEO Club members tied for the honor of LEO OF THE YEAR: Ashley Mata and Mariana Wong were each awarded LEO OF THE YEAR scholarships!



We wish Ms. Mata and Ms. Wong great success as they enter college. We have no doubt they will continue to be outstanding, civic minded, exceptional students and a credit to LEOs and LIONS. Congratulations!



The Windcrest Lions also honored two teachers from Roosevelt High School who generously serve as LEO Club advisors, Jennifer Contreras and Brenda Blanchard, and Windcrest Lions Club LEO advisor, Ann Friday. Without the support and guidance they provide, the LEO Club would not be able to accomplish its goal of service to our community. Our thanks to these dedicated educators and leaders.

We welcome new members! If you are interested in learning more about the Lions and what we do, please call 210-455-3662 for more information.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

I have recently been contacted by residents inquiring about bowling leagues. You can contact me for two different types of leagues for this coming fall season. First, there is a mixed-trio league that bowls at 1:00 PM on Wednesdays at Astro Super Bowl. Mixed teams consist of both men and women. It can be any combination of these but not a team of three men. It is a handicap league so everyone becomes equally competitive. This is a senior league meaning members must be at least 50 years of age. You don't have to be a high average bowler, just someone who wants to get out for an afternoon of fun and camaraderie. The second league is a ladies foursome that bowls at 9:30 AM on Thursday mornings at Brunswick Thousand Oaks. There is no age restriction for this league. So, if you want a morning of fun and friendship, come join us. Contact me if you would like to join both, or either of these leagues. The summer will be over before we know it and our fall leagues will begin the week after Labor Day.

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PET-FRIENDLY FOURTH OF JULY TIPS

As we prepare for barbeques and fireworks this Fourth of July, The American Kennel Club, a not-for-profit organization which maintains the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world, offers tips on how to keep your pets safe and calm during this Independence Day.

- It is safer to keep your pets at home during Fourth of July celebrations instead of bringing him to your neighbor's party. Keep your pets in the house, rather than in your yard. He will be a lot happier indoors, and not tempted to leap over a fence to find you.
- Dogs can be startled by the loud noise of fireworks. Once the festivities begin, keep your pet in a safe room where he can feel comfortable. If he is crate trained put him in his crate covered with a blanket to make him feel secure.

- Block outside sights and sounds by lowering the blinds and turning on the television. Play soothing music in the background to counteract the cacophony during the "rockets' red glare.
- If your pet seems overly anxious, spend some time with your pet, speaking soothingly to help them to relax.
- Avoid scraps from the grill. While tempting to our pets, any sudden change to your pets' diet can cause stomach upset. In addition, some certain foods like onions, avocado, grapes and raisins can be toxic .
- Human products can be dangerous to animals . Avoid spraying your pet with insect repellent and only use special sunscreen that is intended for animal use. Keep your pets away from matches and lighter fluid. They can be extremely irritating to the stomach, lungs and central nervous system, if ingested.
- Should your dog get scared, escape and run away, help find him with microchip identification.

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THE FIVE MAIN ALLERGIES IN DOGS

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Fleas: Like food allergies, a dog will develop red skin, become itchy, and may begin chewing in spots. Similar to mosquitoes, fleas suck the blood out of the dog. Give your dog a bath in cool water with a shampoo designed for fleas. If the dog has chewed his skin, antibiotics may be needed.

Bacteria: Bacterial allergies can be identified by red blotches, pus pockets, hair loss and skin formation that looks like ringworm. Typically, bacterial allergies are secondary to other problems the dog may have such as parasitism or hormonal disorders. It is important to get a blood test to see what the actual problem is.

Contact: Contact allergy symptoms are very similar to flea and bacterial allergies. It is caused by the dog coming into contact with



bedding, chemicals, plants, or household cleaning products. There are several different treatments including using a certain shampoo, a prescribed steroid, or natural treatments like omega-3.

Atopic: Atopic allergies start with itching, biting, hair loss and face rubbing. Other symptoms may be papules, which are small red bumps, or pustules, which are small pimple-like lesions. Atopic allergies are typically caused by fleas, but can also be caused by airborne and household chemical products.

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Summer is here and lucky enough the Texas heat has been manageable enough to get out and enjoy outdoor activities. We want to remind everyone the importance of being summer safe...if you or any members of your family plan to spend time outdoors, it's very important to stay hydrated, seek shade often, wear light colored clothing and most importantly, know the most common signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion which include: faintness, dizziness, nausea/vomiting, heavy sweating, clammy skin, weak/rapid pulse, pale or flushed face, muscle cramps, weakness, headache or fatigue. Heat Stroke is the most serious form of heat injury. The most common symptoms of heatstroke include: high body temperature, altered mental state or behavior, alteration in sweating, rapid breathing, racing heart rate, headache, and nausea and vomiting. If you or anyone experiences ANY of these symptoms, call 911 immediately.

If you are traveling with children and/or pets during the summer whether running a quick errand or family road trip ... remember to NEVER LEAVE A CHILD OR PET LOCKED IN A CAR even with the window open! Your vehicle can become exceptionally hot in as little as 10 minutes. Remember to always look before

you lock! If you notice a child and/or pet alone in a vehicle TAKE ACTION and call 911!!!

Some of you may be spending a lot of time around water this summer. Remember to NEVER leave a child near or in water unattended, make sure to wear life jackets, especially if you will boating, floating and swimming.

Don't forget outdoor play equipment will be extremely hot and may cause burns. Avoid playground equipment during the heat of the day and test the equipment to ensure it's not too hot for your loved one(s).

Be sure to use safe grilling practices during the summer months. Use propane and charcoal grills outdoor only, place the grill away from your home, deck, eaves and overhanging branches, clean your grill often, keep children and pets away from the grill and finally stay next to your grill at all times while cooking!

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Planning and Zoning	July 2	6:00 p.m.	Board of Adjustment	July 13	6:00 p.m.
SCCM Public Hearing	July 6	6:00 p.m.	SCCM Budget Workshop	July 14	10:00 a.m.
Municipal Court	July 7, 14, 21	4:00 p.m.	SCCM Budget Workshop	July 15	6:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation	July 8	6:00 p.m.	Water District	July 16	7:00 p.m.
Charter Review Commission	July 8	6:00 p.m.	RCCM	July 20	5:15 p.m.
WEDC	July 9	6:00 p.m.	Citizen Code Committee	July 22	6:00 p.m.

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