



## *4th of July Recap*



# Mayor's Message



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**Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,**

Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,

August is a busy month for the City of Windcrest. We will be working on the City's Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget and ramping up Phase 3 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 4th Annual July 4th Parade and Celebration: While the Parade has been going on for over 20 years, four 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 3600 watched the Parade and participated in the Celebration. Approximately 475 T-shirts, 1000 hot dogs, 1000 apple pies and other goodies were given away. A big thank you to our Events Coordinator Kelly Hamilton for working so hard. This was her first 4th of July with the City, and she built on the success of the past years. 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 goes out to PW Director Tom Garcia and his crew. The biggest thank you goes to our sponsors and our citizens for supporting this Parade. Without them, we could not keep expanding and improving this event. Additionally, the Windcrest Newsletter Committee worked tirelessly as well to make this event a success. Finally, I want to thank Windcrest resident Col. Buddy Cooper. He was chosen to be this year's Grand Marshall. He does so much for the community and is a huge reason why many traditions have been kept alive such as: Memorial Day and this 4th of July Parade. It was fitting that he was the Grand Marshall. I was honored to ride with him in the Parade. We had a blast throwing out candy and T-shirts to the crowd from the classic convertible we rode in. Note: It was much more fun for me than riding that horse last year. Col. Cooper might have had the most fun of anyone attending the Parade and Celebration. If you see Col. Copper or anyone with the American Legion, please tell them thank you for all they do for our city.

Charter Commission Re-Cap: We will have a Special Council Meeting and Public Hearing to go over the recommendations of the Charter Review Commission. We appreciate all their hard work over the last several months and many meetings reviewing the City Charter. You will be receiving a postcard informing you of the date and time of this meeting. It will be conducted at City hall in the Council Chambers. Please participate if you have time. Also, please email your Council with any thoughts or opinions. We would love to hear from you.

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 four 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 4 years under their guidance, and customer service continues to improve. Jonathan Hay returned this year to be the pool manager. Johnathan

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and his staff have done another outstanding job. On a side note, the prior pool manager, Antonio Garrido is doing well at Texas A&M and is interning in Austin. I am told he is just doing outstanding in school and already has offers when he graduates! Johnathan has been with the City of Windcrest for 8 years. 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. Again, a very special thanks goes out to Johnathan and his entire staff.

**Windcrest Property Tax Rate:** Many citizens have asked the question – Are we going to see a reduction in the property tax rate again? I hope so, as I am going to ask for one. This administration promised that we would run the city more efficiently and would encourage Economic Development. For the fourth year in a row, I hope that we will see a reduction in the City's Residential 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 a lesser amount than I would have liked, but I still feel the Council should vote for a reduction. I will propose this to them during the budget process. 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 4.5 years ago. We are systematically catching up on items that in the past were neglected. Additionally, in the budget before the Council to vote on in late August/early September, I will ask that the \$5 residential permit fee and the 25% reduction of the garbage bill be included. This is a testament to all the hard work by everyone on Team Windcrest. And again, we are making all the improvements in cash and are not incurring any debt. This administration has taken the City's finances approximately four years ago from one that had bloated debt at an alarming rate when we took office to virtually zero debt at the present time. 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 2015-2016:** We plan to have a Town Hall Meeting in September to review the budget for the next Fiscal Year which begins October 1, 2015 and ends September 30, 2016. This will be our fourth 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.

**New Property Purchased:** Last month, the City was able to purchase a plot of land on the corner of Windrock and Montgomery. This land was inside the fence line in Windcrest, and adjoined the Brook Fall Pond (Duck Pond) park and green space area. It was owned by Barbee Winn. It was zoned commercial, and this is one of the many reasons we purchased this land. I would hate to think how the area around this land and the houses would have been negatively impacted if a business would have purchased this land and used it for commercial purposes. Another reason we purchased the land was to add to our parks and green spaces. We purchased the land for under the value on the tax roles and in cash with two payments. The second payment and final payment will be made in October. Total price was \$130,000. By the time you receive this Newsletter, this property should be on its way to being cleaned up and looking like our other green space areas. Thank you to Mrs. Winn for selling at a discount.

**Autumn Sunset and Brook Falls Pond and Park Areas:** Originally, the efforts of renovating these areas were going to be divided into two phases - one per year. For economy of scale purposes, it was decided to do both areas at the same time. This new strategy will also make it easier ensure the renovations are consistent in appearance. Approximately \$250,000 in cash will be invested in these two areas to improve our ponds, park areas and green spaces. This is yet another undertaking of our Parks and Rec Commission. As noted, this administration is committed to bettering our assets and community to improve the quality of life.

**Winnbrook Estates Park:** Phase Two of the Park will commence this Fall. This is another area/amenity for our citizens. This is another park for all of Windcrest to enjoy, and is being developed with the combined efforts of the City, the Parks and Rec Commission and the Windbrook Estates HOA.

**Volunteering and Participating:** We need more people on the Windcrest Citizens' Patrol and Animal Task Force. Please call Kelly Hamilton 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. My cell phone number is 210-846-5507.

Your Mayor and humble servant,

*Alan E. Baxter*

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## FROM YOUR

Mayor Pro-Tem, Pam Dodson

pdodson@windcrest-tx.gov

Back in June Roy Flora (A&M AgriLife Extension Agent) came to council and gave a presentation on Backyard Hens. There have been a number of requests from folks who would like to have a few hens in a chicken coop in their back yard so they can have some fresh eggs. The council was hesitant to move forward on this idea even though we are surrounded by communities that allow their residents to have hens. (Yep, San Antonio, Austin, Alamo Heights, and Castle Hills allow residents to have hens... to name just a few of the cities.) We would be able to regulate the proper containment of these hens through our animal control department.



It was decided that we would reach out to the community to get your input.

I live at this address:

\_\_\_\_\_

(two per address)

I am FOR \_\_\_\_\_

AGAINST \_\_\_\_\_

allowing hens in Windcrest.

To see the presentation of the A&M AgriLife Extension Agent, you can view the meeting on June 15th, 2015. Please email your vote to pdodson@windcrest-tx.gov or drop your ballot at the locked box at city hall.

Any questions, just give me a call. I hope you are having a good summer!!!!

## Councilmember

Jim Shelton

alamojim@sbcglobal.net



With all that is going on in our city it is difficult to sit down and write an article without getting into politics. I will just say that I will be happy to talk to anyone that has concerns. There are things that may & may not be discussed at the time of this writing.

There are many many positive things that have happened this year... Buffalo Wild Wings, Artic Ape, InNOut Burgers to mention a few. Reduced taxes, lowered trash pick-up fees, and continued low cost home improvement permits here in Windcrest. Fire and police equipment have been upgraded. Park areas look great. We have great employees that are very dedicated.

Recently we purchased the land (zoned commercial) at Windrock and Montgomery just below the duck pond. This will allow our city to keep this area green!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF WINDCREST.

## Councilmember

John Gretz

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am proud to be a citizen of Windcrest...and extremely proud of everything our volunteers do for the best little city in Texas each and every day! Gosh, we should have an annual "Volunteer Appreciation Day" party at Takas Park every Fall! Give me your thoughts at jpgretz@windcrest-tx.gov and I will make it a top priority! Cheers, John

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# Councilmember Gerd E. Jacobi

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Windcrest has come a long way from being in the red, financially, to a much desired place to live. Contrary to what you may have heard on the rumor side, our property values have gone up and will continue to do so if everyone will maintain their property. Young people are still moving here with their families because their property investments are solid and the safety and security is still intact.

Our city is still moving forward and will not and can not go backwards. So let's work together to improve our environment.

Enjoy the rest of our summer and have a nice day.

# Councilmember James McFall

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Dear Residents,

This Administration---Mayor and Council continue to strive to be a first class city.

Transparency and accountability continue to be our number one priority. We can proudly say that our city's finances are in great shape! We have made great progress with the city's finances since the days of the near bankruptcy ordeal. We expect the best from every Department in our city and we will not settle for less. We will continue to move forward and confront any problems head on. Every decision that we make will be in the best interest of our city.

We have begun our Windcrest fiscal year 2015-2016 budget meetings. Please attend and let us know how you want your tax dollars to be spent.

Thank you for your continued support. Without you the progress in our city would not be possible.

Have a great and safe summer

# City Secretary News, Kelly Rodriguez

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During the month of June the Mayor and City Council passed Ordinances & 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.

### ORDINANCES

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Ordinance No. 2015-727(O), an ordinance amending Chapter 113 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Windcrest, Texas by designating a zoning district for pawn shops and prohibiting the establishment of bingo facilities, credit access businesses, payday loan businesses and auto title loan businesses in the city.

RCCM 06.15.15

[http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=8&clip\\_id=1496](http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1496)

Ordinance No. 2015-729(O), an ordinance approving and adopting an amendment to the City of Windcrest budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014 and ending on September 30 2015 adopting an amendment to the City of Windcrest budget; and establishing a savings clause and an effective date.

### RESOLUTIONS

SCCM 06.01.15

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Resolution No. 2015-541(R), a resolution approving a preliminary plat submitted by SLV IV- Eisenhower Pointe LP for tract 4 at Eisenhower and Fratt roads.

RCCM 06.15.15

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Resolution No. 2015-542(R), a resolution approving payment of the annual software maintenance fee renewal for police communications, police reporting and record keeping software from funds of the Windcrest Crime Control Prevention District (WCCPD).

Resolution No. 2015-543(R), a resolution reappointing certain current members to the City of Windcrest Crime Control and Prevention (WCCPD) district board of directors.

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

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**Clean It Out!**

Criminals will try to take anything! Never leave anything inside of your vehicle, even an empty bag can be enticing to a criminal. There may be nothing to steal in the bag, but you will suffer a hefty repair bill for damages! Take all valuables with you! Do not leave anything in plain view, including phone chargers, radar detectors, coins, CD's, or backpacks!



**Lock It Up!**

One thing is certain...criminals normally choose the easiest targets!

Lock your vehicle, take your keys and never leave a second set in your vehicle. Even the best vehicle security systems can be defeated.

Remember, criminals may be watching the parking lot you are using. If you place items in your trunk or behind your seat, they will see this and may target your vehicle. Always be aware of your surroundings. If you see suspicious activity...call us!

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**Report All Suspicious Activity!**

Windcrest is a beautiful and vibrant city. But with anything great, there are those criminals working to take it away. If you see a person that appears to be watching vehicles or appears suspicious to you, report it to the Windcrest Police. We want your stay in Windcrest to be the best and we will work very hard to insure that!

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## From the Desk of Tom Garcia

Director of Public Works

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Due to the plentiful rain we have been experiencing some other issues. First, is the condition of our alley ways. Of course when it rains it creates very soft conditions which becomes a problem when the extremely heavy garbage trucks come rolling through.

We are being as proactive as possible {weather permitting} when it comes to these issues. I have taken many calls and have noted each call on our work list. We hope to have the problems under control very soon. Many thanks for your patience.

Want to personally congratulate Col. Cooper for doing a fantastic job as the 4th of July Parade Grand Marshall.

The honor was well deserved.

As usual, please keep in touch the Public Works department for issues that may arise around your area.

Many thanks

Tom Garcia  
Windcrest P.W. Director

## CODE ENFORCEMENT UNIT

Despite all the rain we have been getting, thanks to all the residents who have been keeping up with their property maintenance. As you continue to maintain your properties remember to take time to hydrate, wear protective clothing and take breaks under the shade. Please don't forget that the alley area behind your fence is also part of your responsibility to maintain. You can find this in Chapter 28 of our Code of Ordinances. Please cut the weeds, grass and bushes back away from the main alley roadway. As we get 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 and your family as well. With the temperatures soon to be reaching possible record highs, snakes, rodents and other critters will be looking for places to take shelter from the heat so clear away any clutter on your property. Promote good mental health and maintain your hard earned investment.

Please help your community by informing your neighbor about potential maintenance issues that have been mentioned. If within your means or ability, lend a helping hand. Don't forget your backyards, these are checked as well!

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The Dollar Tree store should be open when you receive this newsletter. We also have a new High School coming in. Premier High School a Charter School will be moving into the former Chuck E Cheese location which has been vacant for over 11 years and intends to open in August. The development of the UPS Store is also coming along at what was the former Al's Formal Wear.

More great news is coming for Windcrest so stay tuned. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 210-967-9381 or email me at RColunga@windcrest-tx.gov Let's keep Windcrest moving forward. LIVE-WORK-SHOP WINDCREST

# MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT

By Kelly Rodriguez, Municipal Court Clerk,  
krodriguez@windcrest-tx.gov (210) 655-0022 ext 2250

## Neighborhood Electronic Vehicles and Motor Assisted Scooters

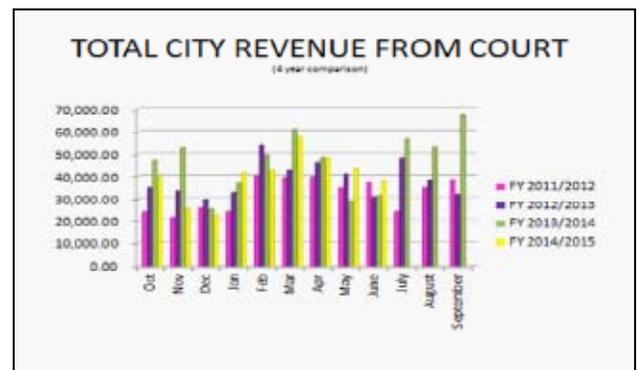
A neighborhood electronic vehicle is defined as any vehicle subject to Federal Motor Safety Standard 500 (20-25 mph top speed). A motor assisted scooter is defined as a self-propelled device with 1) at least two wheels in contact with the ground 2) a braking system capable of stopping device under normal operating conditions 3) a gas or electric motor not exceeding 40cc 4) a deck designed to allow a person to stand or sit while operating the device and 5) the ability to be propelled by human power alone. Both vehicles may only be operated on a street or highway for which the posted speed limit is 35 mph or less.

## Tips for the Road

You are in town on a five-lane roadway. The posted speed limit is 45 mph. It is mid-August. Today is the first rainy day in three weeks. If it hasn't rained in a while, the rain will cause the pavement to be slick. This is because heat causes the oil in the asphalt to rise to the surface. The roads will remain slick until the oil is washed off. You should reduce your speed by a third when driving in these conditions.

## TOTAL CITY REVENUE FROM COURT

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.



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## GARDEN CLUB

Lois Wooten

The Windcrest Garden Club's first meeting is on 14 September at 11a.m. in the Windcrest Civic Center. This is a pot-luck luncheon meeting, so bring a favorite dish to share.



The Windcrest Garden Club and Women's Club joined together for the 4th of July Parade. Participants included Ada Storm, Kathy Littlefield, Lea Fagin, Rebecca McGinty, Lois Wooten, Carolyn Freeman, Marilyn Walsh, Annette Hoffman, Marie Bourne, Elaine Morrissey, Shirley Noll, Betty Riggs.

To kick-off our special projects efforts we will hold a Silent Auction. Local businesses have joined our community support efforts by providing great items for the auction. These supporters include Joe's Crab Shack, Fire Bowl Cafe, Amy's Ice Cream, Milbergers Nursery, Schulz Nursery, Rainbow Gardens Nursery, California Pizza, Red Lobster, Papa Dante's, Canyon Cafe, La Madeleine, Paloma Blanca Mexican Cuisine, Olive Garden, Applebee's, Crumpets Restaurant & Bakery, and Dawn Rhodes Salon. Be there and look for the bidding sheets. You will not want to miss out on getting at least one of these items, so bring cash or your checkbook.



The Garden Club joined Ed White Middle School and Montgomery Elementary librarians on 26 June for a Pop-Up Library. Annette Hoffman helps children decorate shoe boxes for their free books for summer reading enjoyment.

On Friday, 26 June six Garden Club members joined librarians, Irene Kestler from Ed White Middle School and Sheri Watkins from Montgomery Elementary, for a Pop-Up Library at one of our local neighborhoods. Children 3 – 18 yrs were given new books to encourage them to keep reading throughout the summer. Chief Ballew and Officer Jaime from the Windcrest Police Dept. were also there to lend a hand

and talk to the kids. The next Pop-Up Library event will be 17 July. Contact Shirley Noll for details on location & time. Members present were Beckie Gergen, Annette Hoffman, Shirley Noll, Betty Riggs, Ruby Rosales and Lois Wooten.

**Our next regular meeting is 14 September: and it's not too late to join!** The Garden Club is open to ALL AREA MEN AND WOMEN interested in gardening. Membership is only \$10.00. We meet September through May on the first Monday of the month at the Windcrest Civic Center. You can join for the 2015-2016 Club year or renew your membership with the below form. Make check payable to Windcrest Garden Club & Mail to: Garden Club, 413 Zephyr Dr, Windcrest Tx 78239

May on the first Monday of the month at the Windcrest Civic Center. You can join for the 2015-2016 Club year or renew your membership with the below form. Make check payable to Windcrest Garden Club & Mail to: Garden Club, 413 Zephyr Dr, Windcrest Tx 78239

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### Garden Club Yard Awards go to the following Winners for this issue:

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# Women's Club News

**Kathy Littlefield (210) 413-6018**

Members and guests of The Windcrest Women's Club met on Wednesday, May 27th, 2015 at Earl Abel's Restaurant on Austin Highway. President Lea Fagin thanked this year's Board for their support and the members for their participation and attendance at all events making this a very successful year.

Officers for the 2015-2016 year were installed by Kathy Littlefield. President - Lois Wooten, 1st Vice President - Jaquie Rothermel, 2nd. Vice President - Tinie Riggs, Corresponding Sec. - Gini Neighbors, Recording Secretary - Liz Dick and Treasurer -Carol Essenpreiss.

We will all enjoy our summer and look forward to meeting again on August 26th, 2015. Do mark your calendar and come and join your friends and neighbors for interesting programs and special events.

Membership in The Windcrest Women's Club is open to all ladies residing in Windcrest. Our dues are only \$20.00 per year. We meet monthly starting in August. In December we sponsor the Christmas Light Up and this year we will again be selling bows for your mailbox.

Fill out the attached Membership form, include your check for \$20, and send in before the 10th of July to be included in the 2015-2016 Yearbook.

*The Windcrest Women's Club*

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## FRIENDS OF THE PARK



Windcrest Friends of the Park have completed our third Flower Tower planting this summer and still intend to put in two trees near the lakes. Lots of involvement from members and help on projects. Enjoyed a nice evening at our June 26 social

gathering at Taco Cabana and plan another this summer.

We are needing further help watering these locations; though the rain has been great, we are still in South Texas. These planting locations will still need watering at least once or twice a week while getting started developing good root systems. Anyone that is willing to help please contact us through our website at <http://windcrestfotp.org>

Please remember to help our park and greenbelt plantings when we do go short on rain by adopting a tree near your yard if you can. Thank you for your efforts to help us make Windcrest Parks great places to visit.

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## 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.

### Jan Leaders

Chairperson, Parks & Recreation Commission

E-mail: [saljdk129@gmail.com](mailto:saljdk129@gmail.com)

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## Shweiki

## ELIMINATE YOUR MOSQUITO PROBLEMS!



Necessity is the mother of invention... The following is a resident contribution from Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hines of Moorside Drive in Windcrest.

We have loved the weather this year and especially enjoyed the above-average rainfall we have had this spring. Everything is green and growing again! Unfortunately, the extra rainfall has many of us moving our late afternoon or early evening activities indoors because of the significant increase in mosquitos this year. We have noticed the spraying done by the city during late evenings and hopefully it is making an impact for many homes. They spray the streets but most of the mosquito problems happen in the back yard or alleyways.

That said, we had a special problem at our house on Moorside. Mosquitos were a huge problem and we could not go outside after 4pm without donating lots of blood to these little suckers. I took it upon myself to safely rid our house of these flying bugs and must say that I have made a significant dent in the mosquito population in and around our yard. We have almost broken the breeding cycle and can now go in the back yard in late afternoon or evening without getting bitten by mosquitos. I have done this without spraying harmful chemicals or doing anything that would be harmful to the environment.

The first thing I did was examine the entire yard and ensure that there was no standing water anywhere in the yard. This meant that I had to ensure all potted plants had drain holes, gutters were functioning without leaving standing water and checking all low-lying areas that could hold standing water for longer than 24 hours. This prevents mosquitos from laying eggs and having the new ones emerge. This step is a must to keep the new ones from getting the opportunity to become biting adult, female mosquitos.

The second step was to kill the live ones. I had several bug zappers that had the lights and attractants but these simply did not work as advertised. At best, they killed a few mosquitos each night. However, I did some research on the internet and found a simple way to capture and kill hundreds in one night... and the cost was a fraction of what a good zapper costs at Home Depot. I bought a simple, 20-inch box fan from Wal-mart for \$16.88 and then some small, mesh netting for \$1.00 per yard. This particular fan operates on a few cents worth of electricity per day. I cut a 24-inch square from the mesh netting and duct-taped it to the exhaust side of the fan. I then placed the fan on the grass in the back yard where most of the mosquitos seemed to come from. I checked the fan the next morning and there were hundreds of mosquitos that were trapped in the mesh netting. Most had dried out and were dead but some were still alive and trying their best to escape. I simply sprayed a couple of squirts of insecticide in the fan and that did the living ones in.



I was so happy with these results that I went and purchased two more fans and taped the mesh netting on these. That afternoon, I set them out on other spots around the back yard and they captured several hundred mosquitos that night. As a result of the first three nights, I estimate that I killed over five hundred mosquitos. Considering that

each female mosquito will produce 300 offspring during its lifetime, and each offspring will add another 300, the total number of mosquitos I have prevented is into the millions! I still have my fans running each night but the number of new mosquitos caught is probably ten per fan each night. I suspect that these new mosquitos are coming from neighbor's yards or from the alleyways.

## WINDCREST ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL UNIT

Officers A. Fuentes and G. Bayer

The Opossum may be one of the single most important wild animal. They are the only mammal that routinely dines on snakes, including poisonous snakes. They also eat beetles, ants, grasshoppers, grubs, earthworms, lizards, geckos, frogs and fresh carrion. They do not dig up the yard or eat your flowers, but they will eat the pests that will destroy your vegetation. The Opossum is a very healthy animal. Many people think it must be carrying a host of diseases, but the fact is, the Opossum is resistant to most diseases. They are considered a dead-end rabies host, in other words, you can't get rabies from an Opossum. Opossums are non-aggressive creatures despite a ferocious display of teeth and the hiss-growl. However, they will "play 'possum" which causes their bodies to become stiff and their breathing to slow down. Females typically have two litters with each litter numbering between 5 and 20 young. Newborn Opossums are the size of a honeybee and weigh only one-fifth of a gram. The young are totally blind, practically helpless and almost fetus-like in appearance. Despite this, they will crawl unaided into the mother's external pouch. Immediately after reaching this pouch, the young will firmly attach itself to a nipple. Here it will remain for the next two months, secure and able to feed at will. The life span on this interesting creature of the night is relatively short, sometimes spanning only two years from birth to natural death.

## WINDCREST ANIMAL CONTROL TASK FORCE

- Pam Dodson

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2. If you want your neighbors to know about your missing dog, you can go to City Hall and get a free permit allowing you to put out 6 stand alone signs for two weeks letting everyone know you are looking for your dog. You can get another two week extension if needed.
3. You can even put your dog's photo up at the entrance to the City Hall Post Office in the enclosed bulletin boards. The TxWeACT will be glad to post those photos on their Facebook page.
4. A dog can travel as far as seven miles while loose so call all the local cities around us to see if they have picked up your dog or at least seen it.
5. Look for your dog on Petfinder, Adopt-a-Pet, LostdogsSanAntonio, Animal Defense League, San Antonio Animal Care Services, and the Humane Society websites or even Craig's List.

TxWeACT is having a fund raiser with Macy's. We will be selling coupons for 25% off for any purchase made on August 29th. It only costs \$5.00 and the coupon is good on any shopping you do on that day. One of the things we have recently used our funds for: We just purchased a net gun (\$1,000.00) for our animal control officers so they are able to possibly catch that dog/cat that nobody can get their hands on.

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## COL. COOPER JULY 4TH 2015 WINDCREST PARADE GRAND MARSHALL



Once again, the July 4th parade and celebration was a grand success through the combined efforts of City employees, volunteers and participants who joined us for the event. Thank you to all who shared their time to make July 4th a success.

One very special resident and participant was Windcrest's own, Col. Buddy Cooper. Col. Cooper graciously agreed to serve as our Grand Marshall for the parade this year. Aside from his military service for our country, Col. Cooper is instrumental as a resident and local leader through the American Legion. His desire and dedication to serve is evident through his committed involvement and leadership in the American Legion. We appreciate Col. Cooper and thank him for his service to our community and our Country.

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