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## 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Windcrest Firefighter's Picnic

May 13-14, 2016  
Takas Park



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# Mayor's Message



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## Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,

May, the month we celebrate Mother's Day, has arrived. It is also the month that we have our Annual Volunteer Firefighters' Picnic and the Community Pool opens. It also is when many college students' semester ends and they begin to get ready for the summer break. The weather is getting warmer and warmer. The days are getting longer. 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.**

**46th Annual Windcrest Volunteer Firefighter Picnic:** Please mark your calendars for the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Firefighter Picnic to be held Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at Takas Park. This is a fun filled, family event, and yet another fundraiser for our award winning Volunteer Fire Department. Much more information can be found on page 6 of this Newsletter. The admission is free. We hope to see you out there.

**Community Pool Opening:** The Windcrest Community Pool opens May 28<sup>th</sup>. Hours of Operation are: Tuesday – Saturday, Noon to 8 PM. Sundays, the pool is open 1 PM – 8 PM. The pool is closed on Monday except for Memorial Day. Gate fee per day is \$3 per person, children three years of age and younger are free. Swimming Lessons are available by calling the Pool at 210-590-6848. The fee for lessons is: Residents are \$40 for one hour for two week sessions. For non-residents, the charge is \$50. Pool Memberships are: Windcrest Residents - Single is \$60 for the three month season. For a couple it is \$90, and a family of three is \$120 and \$10 for each additional member. For non-residents - Single is \$125, Couple \$145, family of three is \$170 and \$10 for each additional member. We will also have a Windcrest Swim team. Call Robert Hoffman for more information at 210-287-1798. Additionally, the pool is a great place to have a party or gathering. There is a fee. To schedule your party, call Pool Event Coordinator, Mayela Garcia at 210-843-2478. We also have a snack bar for your convenience. Please come out and enjoy this great amenity. The pool has recently undergone some renovations and is ready for some action.

**Fiesta Especial (Re-cap):** Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> we celebrated the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fiesta Especial celebration and parade. Hundreds of residents gathered to cheer on the parade participants. Fiesta Especial is an official Fiesta event held every year in our City and is put on by RMI, Reaching Maximum Independence. RMI assists children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the San Antonio area. Save the date for next year's event – Saturday, April 22, 2017. To view a news clip from the event go to

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**SA Polo Club:** Last month, the city hosted two Exhibition Polo matches. Admission was free. Some businesses also participated and assisted – Taco Cabana, Home Depot, Buffalo Wild Wings, to name a few. The multiple land owners graciously granted the Polo Association and the city permission to use the land east of Home Depot as the site for the matches. A big thank you goes out to the businesses and the land owners. All indications and feedback that has been received is positive. We also received very positive media coverage. The residents around this area enthusiastically supported this endeavor and the businesses are unanimous with their support. I cannot tell you how excited I am while writing this article to see how this all turns out. Wouldn't this property be a super place for a park? More to come! Stay tuned!

**Important Safety Information:** Next Newsletter, I am going to devote a large portion of my article to what citizens should do in case of an emergency medical situation at home. Also, what they should do to prepare, especially if they should live alone. We live in a great small city that prides itself on community involvement with the Police, Fire and Ambulance Service. I will be working with the Police and Fire Chiefs, as well as Acadian Ambulance service to construct a check list on preparation. It is so important and will save lives and reduce the effects of injuries and/or strokes. I wrote and had this published in a prior Newsletter. I did not follow up. This is critically important and I will be following through with this in the next Newsletter.

**Windcrest Little League Opening Ceremony (Re-cap):** The season is in full swing. The opening ceremony was well attended and inspiring. It brought back a lot of memories for me as I played Little League baseball on these same fields many years ago. Yours truly was honored to throw out the first pitch. The volunteers have done a tremendous job fixing the fields and doing renovations. The Council should be commended for assisting with much needed funds to improve the Windcrest Little League. These volunteers stretched every dollar. Please go out and support this league. It is a lot of fun and it is great for the children.

**Spring Brush Pick-Up (Re-cap):** Again, for the convenience of the residents, the city was divided into three sections. This service is at no additional cost to you as a resident. I hope that those that needed this service took advantage of it.

**YMCA Summer Camp:** The YMCA will be conducting a summer camp for children for eight weeks this summer. It will be held right here in Windcrest at the Takas Park Civic Center. Discounts will be extended to all Windcrest resident children and grandchildren. The response has been very positive. The spaces are filling up fast. Please call the Walzem YMCA at 210-656-5777 and ask for Andi Anderson.

**Newsletter Committee:** This Committee works so hard. They meet at least twice every month. They do so much more than just the Newsletter. They started and coordinate the Children's Valentine's Day Party. They started and conducted the first flag party which determined and created our first Windcrest flag. They also were instrumental in the first four Firefighter Galas, the Light-Up and the Fourth of July Parade, to name just a few of the events this team works. Additionally, they work to create this Newsletter every month. If you are interested in doing this, contact Kelly Hamilton at 210-314-9783. Please look on the back of the Newsletter, and if you know one of these residents, please take the time to thank them. They deserve it – BIG TIME.

**Volunteering and Participating:** We need more people on the Windcrest Citizens' Patrol and Animal Task Force. Please call Kelly Hamilton at 210-314-9783 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** pdodson@windcrest-tx.gov

I hope that a number of this city's residents have stepped up to help the Fire Association with the Fireman's Picnic (May 14th). The Association is trying to make it more reminiscent of years ago, when the food was made by the supporters of the Association (back then it was the wives of the volunteers). That takes man/woman power for the food to be as delicious as we remember. I also think they will need help with serving this food... a good way to meet new folks or get to see a neighbor you have not seen for a while.



If you value the fire/EMS services we have for our community, I think you should be at your phone right now, making that phone call (655-0022 and ask to speak to someone in the fire department) to see how you can help. Then the best thing to do after that....be there on May 14th and spend some of your hard earned money so that Windcrest can continue to have one of the best volunteer Fire Departments in the area.

Also on May 13th at 5:30pm there will be a softball game.... Boots vs Badges...you can imagine who makes up those teams. Come on out and support these teams. Two years ago (last year's game was rained out) was lots of fun to watch and you get acquainted with the guys and gals who come when you call for help! Come on out and cheer them on!

What a great time to celebrate that "small town feeling" since you live in a small town called Windcrest!

I repeat, we did not dip into these funds for the lights. I really do not know how these rumors get started, but it is NOT HELPFUL to the city of Windcrest.

A lot can be said for the lights, just ask the Police if it is a definite benefit for Public Safety.

Jim Shelton, Council Place 2

## Councilmember Matt Vandenberg

mvandenberg@windcrest-tx.gov



As of the deadline for submitting this article, the Council was in the midst of slightly adjusting the time of its regular meetings in hopes of striking a balance in the best interest of residents, city staff, and keeping important discussions from happening late in the evening. Thank you to the many residents who have provided input on this issue.

It is both unfortunate and inevitable that no time will work well for everyone, and I am sorry for those who are unable to attend our meetings for any number of reasons. However, on that same topic, and in response to my call for contributions to this column, Windcrest resident Maxine Martin offers the following useful suggestions:

Windcrest is unique in that it records and live streams city meetings through its website. You can be informed without even leaving home. We all have busy lives but technology can help us stay informed. Visit the E-Services section and the Streaming Content Viewer page to view past and future meetings and agendas. <http://www.windcrest-tx.gov/index.aspx?NID=403>

On the E-Services page you can sign up for e-mail alerts. The "My Windcrest" alert will notify you of meetings and their agendas. <http://www.ci.windcrest.tx.us/list.aspx>

Explore the city website and all the information available. I personally find the website and especially the sitemap very helpful. A link to the site map is in the footer of all pages. A casual glance down that site map page will help you appreciate just how much is involved in running our city. <http://www.ci.windcrest.tx.us/sitemap.aspx>

## Councilmember Jim Shelton

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I have gotten phone calls and I have been asked questions about the new lights at two of our ponds. The rumor is that we (City Council) paid for these lights from our RAINY DAY FUND. This is definitely not so.

From our City Charter: Section 6.12 Reserve Fund (our Rainy Day Fund)  
A reserve fund shall be established for use during emergencies and periods of economic downturn. A majority vote of the full City Council shall be required to authorize the expenditure of reserve funds if such expenditures will decrease the reserve funds to an amount that is less than three (3) months funding of the City's annual operating budget.

Our 2015-2016 budget has reserved \$2,187,479 for our Rainy Day Fund, which is more than four (4) months of our operating budget.

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# Councilmember

**Gerd E. Jacobi**

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I hope that everyone who had a garage sale had a good time and made some money by selling some of their excess items. My family and I did well but we still have some things left for next year.

As summer is fast approaching, we should get out of our houses and start taking care of our yard and perhaps, if needed, make some repairs on our houses, if you can afford to do so. But by all means, try to get out and enjoy your surroundings. Take a walk around one of our newly face-lifted ponds. I am talking about Autumn Sunset and Brook Falls ponds. Brooks Falls pond is the one with the Island in the middle that always has more ducks than Autumn Sunset pond where the white birds and sometimes the Vultures come. The renovated pond's sidewalks have been replaced and they are a little higher than the old broken sidewalks that we have had in this city for at least the last 26 years. I know because this is how long my family and I have lived here. The extra height of the sidewalks makes it easier to walk around the ponds when it rains. I know that I should perhaps know better than to walk around in the rain, but my dog needs to go. New benches have also been installed along with new trash receptacles and dog bag containers. Also all new lights have been added to both ponds which look just beautiful at night and make the area around the ponds more visible and safe. People from all over Windcrest have come by both ponds and enjoyed the beautiful changes that have been made for us in our city.

Don't forget the Firefighter's Picnic. Admission to the grounds is free. There will be games, rides, raffles, great food and much more. Come out and support our hard working Volunteer Fire Department.

As always, every month I want to appeal to you to tell us what we can do to improve our city. What would you like to see done?? Let us hear from you, what are your ideas??? I am talking about positive things that will make our city look and function even better. Remember - don't think small, look at the Big Picture. Thank you.

Anyone that wants to contact me can do so by e-mail at gjacobi@windcrest-tx.gov or call me at 210-657-9549. Thank you.

# Councilmember

**Kimberly Wright**

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Memorial Day, or Decoration Day as I have known it, is a very somber and reverent day for me. Many people have forgotten that the day isn't about the sales, the barbecues, or time away from work. It's a day to commemorate those who have sacrificed their lives to keep our country free as well as remembering family and friends who have passed from this world.

During my childhood, my family would spend most of the day traveling to cemeteries where our loved ones were buried. We decorated the graves with American flags and flowers or wreaths, while other families were doing the same thing. What a thrilling sight to experience! There were numerous miniature flags waving in the breeze with colorful flowers, and atop the cemetery's flag pole the gentle ripple-snap of the larger Old Glory could be heard. They were a tribute to our veterans and loved ones which demonstrated 'on this day we have remembered you.'

While I no longer live close enough to decorate the graves of my loved ones, my memories always come to mind when I see flowers and flags in our local cemeteries for Memorial Day. Enjoy your weekend, but please remember the reason we observe it.



## City Secretary News, Kelly Rodriguez

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During the month of March the Mayor and Council passed an Ordinance 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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2016-740(O), amending the budget of the City of Windcrest for the fiscal year 2015-2016..

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2016-741(O), approving a contract with BFI Waste Services of Texas, L.P., d/b/a Allied Waste Services of San Antonio/Republic Services of San Antonio for residential and commercial solid waste collection and disposal.



## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chief Joshua Brown, [jbrown@windcrest-tx.gov](mailto:jbrown@windcrest-tx.gov)

**46th Annual  
Windcrest Firefighter's Picnic  
May 13-14, 2016  
Takas Park**

On Friday, May 13, 2016 the Windcrest Fire and Police Departments will go bat-to-bat for the **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Heroes Softball Game** starting at 5:30pm at the Takas Park baseball fields. This year the winner will not only get bragging rights, but the winning department will receive a trophy to be displayed for the next year! We invite **YOU** to come out for what is to be an exciting game and join in supporting and cheering on **YOUR** "Heroes".



Don't forget we will also have the 2nd Annual **"Super Hero Pet" costume contest** Saturday, May 14th starting at 10 a.m. The best dressed "Super Hero Pet" will be awarded with prizes. Stop by the Fire Department for participation rules and a registration form. Pets must be on a leash at all times and must be current on vaccinations and spayed or neutered in order to participate in the contest.

On Saturday, May 14th, 2016 the real fun begins. It will be filled with inflatable jump houses and slides, entertainment, silent auction, raffle and a BBQ dinner. Meal tickets are \$8.00 per person. A live band will be playing variety of hits for everyone's enjoyment and dancing pleasure.

The Country Store is back... we will be accepting homemade baked goods on Saturday, May 14th at the Civic Center starting at 9am. If you are unable to deliver your items to the Civic Center on Saturday, you can bring your donations by the Fire Department on Friday, May 13th between 8am-1pm.

**We are need of extra volunteers from the public to help make this event a great success!** If you would like to volunteer or would like more information regarding the picnic, please contact Kirson Barnes, Windcrest Fire Association Member / Planner at (409) 988-6794 or email at [kbarnes@windcrest-tx.gov](mailto:kbarnes@windcrest-tx.gov)

We look forward to seeing you May 13th & 14th!



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Speaking of memories, we will be marking Memorial Day the last Monday in May. This day recollects deceased servicemen and women of all wars and holds a sacred place in the hearts of Windcrest, sometimes called a "Military City USA," where many current and retired service personnel and their families make their homes.

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# MOSQUITO AWARENESS

Many people are itching to enjoy the beautiful weather now that Winter is officially gone, but some folks may just find themselves itching. With Spring and Summer seasons come mosquitoes and all the harms that the insects carry.

This year the Zika Virus - primarily spread through mosquitoes - is bringing alarming awareness nationwide. There have been a growing number of Zika Virus cases found in the San Antonio region and more cases are anticipated. Approximately 80 percent of people infected with the virus do not become ill. For those who do develop symptoms, illness is generally mild and typically lasts a few days to a week, the state agency said. The most common symptoms of Zika virus disease are fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis (red eyes).

The World Health Organization (WHO) stated that the virus is “spreading explosively” in the Americas. Because it’s been linked to birth defects in babies, the Center for Diseases (CDC) has issued travel warnings for pregnant women in countries where the disease has been found. Women who are pregnant are strongly encouraged to repel mosquitoes and cover up with lightweight clothing. It has been advised to take precautionary steps to protect yourselves and help reduce mosquitoes population - especially in your own backyard. Local areas are launching educational campaigns to FIGHT THE BITE. .

Following are tips from Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) for protecting yourself from mosquitoes and controlling mosquitoes by limiting their breeding areas around your home:

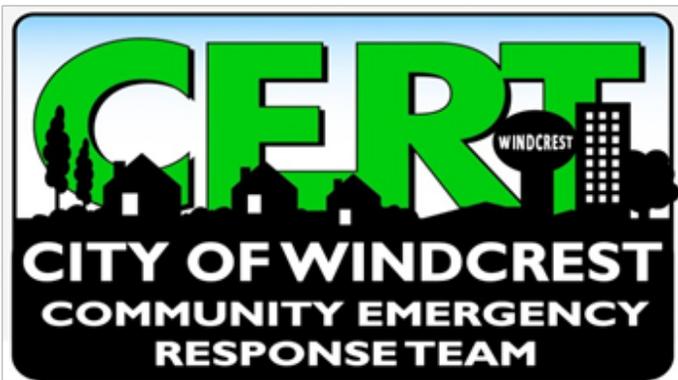
**Protect yourself from mosquitoes**

- Cover up with long-sleeved shirts and long pants
- Keep mosquitoes out with air conditioning or intact window screens
- Limit outdoor activities during peak mosquito times
- Wear insect repellants

**Mosquito Control locally**

- At least weekly empty or get rid of cans, buckets, old tires, pots, plant saucers and other containers that hold water
- Keep gutters clear of debris and standing water
- Remove standing water around structures and from flat roofs
- Change water in pet dishes daily
- Rinse and scrub vases and other indoor water containers weekly
- Change water in wading pools and bird baths several times a week
- Maintain backyard pools or hot tubs
- Cover trash containers
- Water lawns and gardens carefully so water does not stand for several days
- Screen rain barrels and openings to water tanks or cisterns
- Treat front and back door areas of homes with residual insecticides if mosquitoes are abundant nearby
- If mosquito problems persist, consider pesticide applications for vegetation around the home

For more information on mosquitoes and the Zika virus go to [www.texaszika.org](http://www.texaszika.org).



Be prepared for Spring Weather. Visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) and click on the Navigation tab on the left side of the page. You will find important information about Natural Disaster of every kind. You will also find a “Build an Emergency Kit” list of items that will support you for 72 hours. BE PREPARED! We can’t think it will never happen to us. Many folks from the Sandy and Katrina disasters for example, share their lessons on the internet. There are 2 ways to learn. By others mistakes or your own mistakes! Kathie Maloney, 210-887-5069 [teamwindcrest@gmail.com](mailto:teamwindcrest@gmail.com) Program Coordinator for the Windcrest Disaster Preparedness & Response Team

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put out all your junk and brush on time, it still needs to be removed by you the property owner.

Take the time to check all the access points to your swimming pools as well. Code Compliance & Enforcement will be checking swimming pools throughout the city. Having a dirty pool or an unsecured access point leading into a swimming pool may earn you a citation. Also, remember all household trash being put out requires a trash can with a sealed lid. In addition, residents are responsible for the maintenance of the alley area behind their fence. The city does not maintain this for you. Backyards are also inspected and are subject to the same standards as the front yard. When accessing your property from the alley, you must remove your vehicle(s) immediately after you are done loading or unloading. Relocate all your vehicles to the front. Do not leave them parked in the alley.

If you need any assistance or want to report a violation of the Windcrest City Code, please contact the Code Compliance & Enforcement Unit by calling the Windcrest Police Department Dispatcher at 210-655-2666 or you can send an email thru the link provided on the Code Enforcement site.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION Robert Colunga, EDC Director

We continue to see Windcrest GROWING! With the opening of BM Beauty Supply, the largest beauty supply within 200 miles opening soon and Pollo Tropical opening as well and with several other businesses looking to open and build in Windcrest. We are continuing to see the growth and development of our great city. Our revenue for the WEDC continues to grow over last year and our expenditures for the year are also down. Much of our success is due to our WEDC Board, City Council and great citizens of Windcrest who support our local businesses.

Looking to the horizon – if you or others know of a business you feel would do well in Windcrest please reach out to us and let us know. We encourage our citizens to be more involved in how our city continues to develop.

If you have questions or would like to contact the WEDC we can be reached at 201-967-9381 or email us at rcolunga@windcrest-tx.gov



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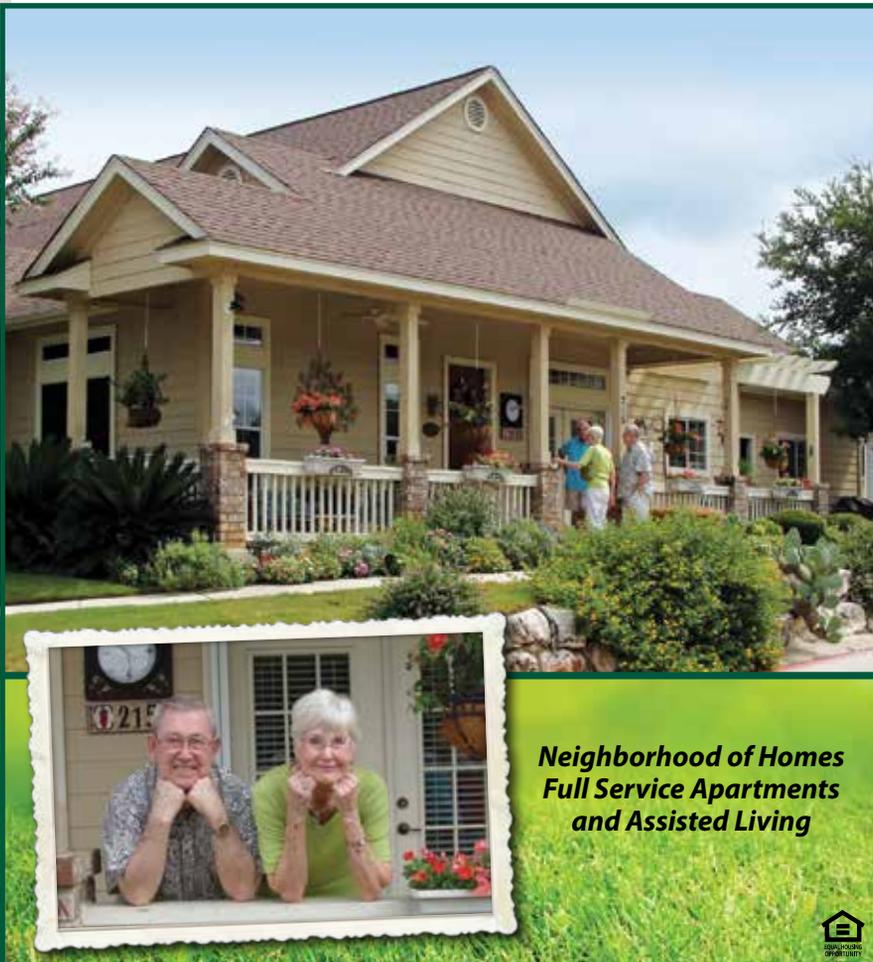
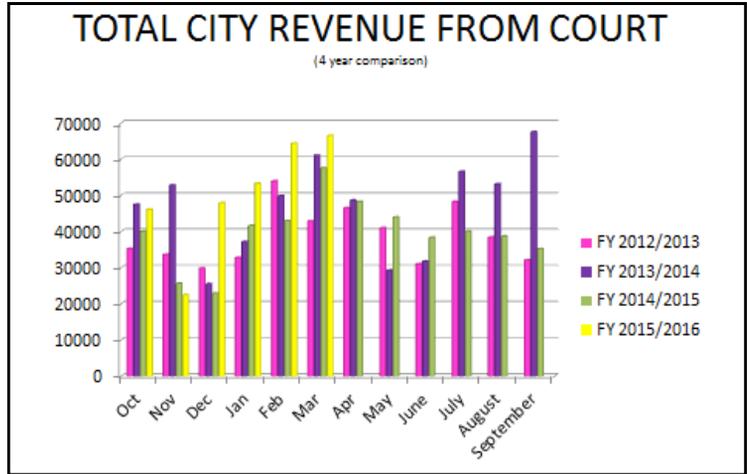
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## TOTAL CITY REVENUE FROM COURT

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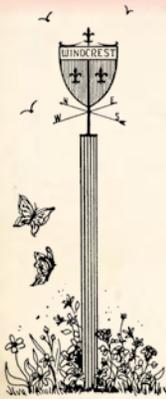


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# Women's Club News

Kathy Littlefield (210) 413-6018



New officers for the 2016-2017 Windcrest Women's Club are Lois Wooton, President; Jaquie Rothermel, 1st Vice President; Niki Walker, 2nd Vice President, Liz Dick, Recording Secretary; Gini Newton, Corresponding Secretary; and Doris Barsalou, Treasurer. New officers will be installed at the luncheon being held at Anne Marie's Celebration Room, 12475 Starcrest (Suite #118) San Antonio, on Wednesday, 25 May, 11:30a.m. to 2p.m. Cost is \$22.00 per person. This is a great time to congratulate our new officers, share summer vacation plans, meet new friends, or check-out what our Club is all about. RSVP to Diane Stake (946-7589) or Hazel Freeman (655-3919).

The luncheon on May 25th, will close the Windcrest Women's Club for the 2015-2016 social season, but work is already in progress for the coming year. Don't miss out! Renew your membership or join for the first time. Club membership is open to all Windcrest ladies. We meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month, August through May, usually at the Windcrest Civic Center from 10a.m. to 12p.m. Dues are \$20.00 per year. We promote CIVIC PRIDE through involvement in our community including hosting Windcrest Christmas Light-Up since 1960.

Complete and mail to: Windcrest Women's Club, 549 Crestway Dr, Windcrest TX 78239. Make checks payable to: Windcrest Women's Club

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Betty Riggs (r), was officially voted at the Windcrest Garden Club President for 2016-2017 on 4 April. Here she is congratulated by this year's President, Carolyn Freeman (l).

**Monday, 4 April**, The Garden Club enjoyed an amazing tour of historical homes & gardens in Castroville, TX hosted by the Castroville Garden Club. Just before departing, we elected new officers for the 2016-2017 Club year. New officers are Betty Riggs, President; Jamie Whitfield, Vice President; Barbara Barnett, Treasurer; and Linda Oliver, Secretary. They will be installed on **Monday, 2 May**, at our luncheon at the Las Paloma Blanca. This is the last meeting for the 2015-2016 season. Cost is \$20 per person. **RSVP: Chris Krauss (860-2823) or Marilyn Welch (654-1500).**

**It's never too late to join the Windcrest Garden Club.** Join us for the new Club year 12 September 2016 to May 2017. **Garden Club membership is open to all men and women** (you do not have to live in Windcrest). So take a minute, become a new member or renew your Windcrest Garden Club membership. Most meetings are held in Windcrest Civic Center, 9310 Jim Seal Drive, Windcrest, TX, on the first Monday each month.



Concha Garces, Ada Storm, Pat Kendrick & Rebecca McGinty (L-R) enjoy a tour of the early 1600 Steinbach home gifted by France to the City of Castroville in 1998.



The Bluebonnets have nothing on the Poppies in Castroville & the urge to have your picture taken in the fields of poppies in Castroville were too much to resist. Here Chris Krauss has her picture taken by Judy Barta.

Complete the form below and send a check for \$15.00 (payable to WGC) to **Windcrest Garden Club, 5930 Winding Ridge Dr., Windcrest TX 78239**. Happy Gardening!

*Watch the newsletter and Club emails for more details as we get closer to these events.*

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# April NEISD School News

## Roosevelt High School

### May Events

- 2 - 4 End Of Course Exams
- 3 Senior Awards Night at Blossom Athletic Center 7 pm
- 6 Parent Academy Graduation in TR Auditorium 10 am
- 7 Prom at Historic Sunset Station 8pm
- 25-31 Sr Exams
- 26 Barber and Books TR Cafeteria 5:30 pm
- 27 Exams all grades through June 2
- 30 Memorial Day Holiday No School
- 31 Ed White Bridge Crossing 5:30 pm

### June

- 5 TR Graduation at Joe Freeman Coliseum 2:30 pm



2016 Miss Windcrest Amazing Princess Gabrielle Tracey is a native of Windcrest. Two of her favorite things about Windcrest is the friendly neighbors and the Christmas lights! Gabrielle's platform is to raise awareness and support for The Cherice Cochrane Foundation! You can find her on Facebook "Gabrielle Rejane Lynn" for more information. She is proud to represent our wonderful City!



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## WINDCREST ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL UNIT

Officers A. Fuentes and M. Gonzales

Spring time is here and yes, we are having many visits from the local wildlife overnight! We have a wonderful variety of animals in Windcrest, including armadillos, snakes, opossums, grey fox, skunks, raccoons and occasional coyote and deer. Did you know, besides feasting on slugs, grubs, bugs and mice, these animals find a host of food in yards and around residential properties. If you feed wild birds and/or your pets, leaving water and food outside, wild animals will partake also. If you have fruit or nut producing trees or a vegetable garden, wildlife will consider it an open invitation. Remember to always keep pet food in sealed containers and remember to clean up after your pet. Another friendly reminder...always keep your pet on a leash when walking outside your fenced yard. It is the law. If you have any questions about Animal Care and Control, please contact us and we will help you find a solution! Windcrest Police Department Animal Care & Control, (210)655-2666.

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## WINDCREST ANIMAL CONTROL TASK FORCE

- Pam Dodson

TxWeACT



We are excited to announce our 2nd annual Superhero Dog Costume Contest to be held during the Fireman's Picnic on May 14th at 10:00 am.

To participate in the "Superhero" Dog Costume Contest, dogs must be registered by 9:30 am Saturday May 14, 2016. ALL sterilized and vaccinated dogs (please provide proof of both) attending must be on a leash at all times. Participant forms are available in the Fire Department office and at the check-in table that morning or from 642 Moorside Dr. There are three categories to select from for the contest. Each dog participating in the contest must be registered separately. There is no fee to participate, however a \$10.00 donation would be appreciated. Funds raised will benefit the TxWeACT, a Windcrest animal 501c3 non-profit.

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We really had a good time at our first "superhero" dog costume contest and hope you and your dog will participate or at least come down to the picnic to be part of the fun. We are a community with lots of dog lovers so let's together for a few laughs. It will benefit TxWeACT and the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Association will appreciate your attendance too.....a win, win for both organizations.





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One thing our city offers is Windcrest Little League ball games at Takas Park sports area. Speaking of the Windcrest Little League, they held a well-attended season opening at the end of March. Their schedule is in full swing, so please go out and support the teams as they play baseball. Little League teaches so much more than just the sport of a ball game. It teaches teamwork, leadership, courage, character and has been doing so and growing since its inception in 1939. So check their schedule and attend a ballgame right in your own town.

One thing that the Parks & Recreation Commission is taking on as a project is to help bring our little league fields up to a higher standard from which they currently exist. What they are today is what has been for many years without upgrading. In other words, this is an area of the city

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Watch for ongoing improvements throughout our city as we continue to improve the ambiance and quality of life in Windcrest!

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## City Meetings in Windcrest City Hall Council Chambers

RCCM/Public Hearings	May 2, 16	7:00 p.m.	Parks & Recreation	May 11	6:00 p.m.
Municipal Court	May 3, 10, 17	4:00 p.m.	WEDC	May 12	6:00 p.m.
Planning & Zoning/ Public Hearings	May 5	6:00 p.m.	Citizen Code Committee	May 18	6:00 p.m.
Board of Adjustment	May 9	6:00 p.m.	Water District	May 19	6:30 p.m.

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