

47th Annual Windcrest Firefighter's Picnic

May 19-20, 2017
Windcrest Takas Park, 9310 Jim Seal Dr.



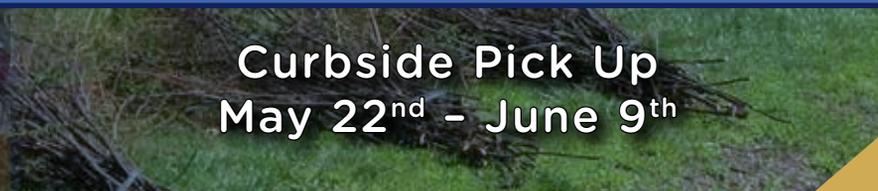
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Mayor's Message



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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. Additionally, many college students' semester ends this month, and they begin to get ready for the summer break. Windcrest will see some of these folks coming home for the summer. 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.**

47th Annual Windcrest Volunteer Firefighter Picnic: Please mark your calendars for the 47th Annual Firefighter Picnic to be held on Saturday, May 20th 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 27th. 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. 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.

FY 2015/2016 Audit: The audit report for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 (FY 15/16) has been presented to the City Staff and Council. It showed that at the end of the FY 15/16, that the city was in the positive over \$400,000. This is the total after revenue and expenses! We have approximately 40% or 4.8 months of funds to operate expenses in the restricted or as some folks call it the rainy day fund. This amount is well over government standards and exceeds the requirement of the City Charter. The audit also found zero material weaknesses in our accounting system. Additionally, the city was also recognized for a Transparency Award from the State of Texas and State Comptroller Glenn Hegar. It was a star awarded for our outstanding efforts in making our spending and revenue information available to our citizens. We should all be very proud of

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our staff. More information will be in the State of the City Newsletter 2016/2017 due in October. Thanks to all!

City Hall Improvements: For you all that visit City Hall, you will see some improvements being made with regard to security and technology in the very near future – so please pardon the dust. Approximately \$100,000 will be invested in adding bullet proof glass and new key pad activated doors to the office, as well as new front and side doors. These funds are from the Court Technology and Court Security Funds. None of these expenditures comes from the property tax or sales tax, but from court fees. Thanks to the entire Court staff for the great and efficient work they do. Our employees are excited about these improvements as it will greatly enhance their safety.

2017 Holiday Season Light-Up: This is arguably the most important event that is held by the city. The Windcrest Women's Club are heavily involved as well with choosing the theme and voting on the awards. To be more participatory, and in an effort to improve and get more folks involved, we are conducting a survey/vote in conjunction with the Women's Club to determine which theme you would like to have this year and what should be the start date. The start date will remain a Saturday as this administration started to ensure maximum participation; however which Saturday is the question we would like you to answer. Please see the ballot on page 15 of this Newsletter and take the time to fill out and turn into City Hall. THANKS.

State of the City Newsletter (SOC): This special edition newsletter is to keep our citizens informed in all that is happening in Windcrest with your government. It is an annual report of the past year with a historical synopsis and where we are headed. Normally, the SOC would come out in October right after the budget is approved and acted upon. The prior Council voted to change to delivering the SOC to after the first of the calendar year. I am pleased to announce that the current Council voted to return the delivery of this Newsletter to an October timeframe where, in my opinion, it is more relevant. This administration was the first to do such a Newsletter (free of any advertisements) and we are honored to craft it to be as transparent, informative and as collaborative as possible. If you have any suggestions as to how we can improve this Newsletter, do not hesitate to reach out to me. THANKS!

Economic Development: I cannot emphasize how great a job Team Windcrest is doing with regard to Economic Development, especially

the Windcrest Economic Development Corporation (WEDC). We have met with Rackspace senior leadership and the relationship could not be stronger between the city and the largest employer in our area. We are working on plans to develop the campus and to collaborate more with bringing in new businesses into our city. We could not ask for a better partner. Our sales tax revenue has risen dramatically and this has allowed us to remain debt free, lower our property taxes, and make millions of dollars of improvements in cash. To further the goals that are set, we are also planning to attend the International Convention of Shopping Centers (ICSC) in mid-May. We have attended this event for the last several years, and have found it to be a huge win for us. We have a full agenda and we are super excited this year. We are very close to finalizing some major new developments. We look forward to announcing soon.

Streets and Alleys and Street Sweeper: CIP Project #4 will be commencing soon. It has gone out to bid. The City plans to invest over \$800,000 in the streets alone this Fiscal Year. We are systematically repairing and improving all the streets in Windcrest. The anticipated breaking ground for this project will be in mid-June and will be finished before the Holiday Season. Additionally, by time you receive this Newsletter, I hope you have seen the new street sweeper that the city purchased. We pride ourselves on how clean and neat our city is kept. This new street sweeper will enhance this goal while being more efficient from both a cleaning standpoint and labor time expended.

Garage Sale Weekend: This is from May 4 – May 7th. Please register at City Hall if you are selling. There is no fee to register. It is always fun to go shopping and see the neighbors. We hope you get a chance to participate.

Spring Brush Pick-Up: 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 need this service take advantage of it. It starts after Garage Sale Weekend. It runs from May 22nd through June 9th . More information is on **page 14** of this Newsletter.

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 210-656-5779 and ask for Andi.

Volunteering and Participating: We need more people on the Newsletter Committee, 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.

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Mayor-Pro-Tem

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During the 3 April 2017 City Council Meeting, we were presented with the results of last year's (FY2015-2016) audit from Pattillo, Brown & Hill L. L. P. audit firm. The city's general fund year end fund balance was \$2,451,808. This was an increase of \$436,994 over the previous year. This unassigned fund balance represents 40% of the general fund expenditures for the year (4.8 months). Although our expenses increased 4%, our revenue increased 9% from the previous year. For the overall audit, **NO HIGHER RATING COULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN!**



Natalia Witmer, our Assistant Municipal Finance Officer Was notified by the Texas State Comptroller of Public Accounts, that the City of Windcrest has earned a **TRANSPARENCY STARS AWARD** in the area of Traditional Finances. "Congratulations on your success in demonstrating exemplary efforts toward financial transparency" were send from the Comptroller. **GREAT WORK TEAM!!**

After a couple of years of a working tour in Alaska with his spouse, Gerald Boone has returned and is back on duty with The Windcrest Police. Welcome back Officer Boone.

Jim Shelton
Mayor Pro Tem

Councilmember

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The transition from mild spring days to hotter weather brings many great opportunities for fun in Windcrest, but it also means that it's time to work together to reduce the local mosquito population. In addition to the annoyance mosquitoes cause those of us who seem to perpetually be their victims of choice, they can also spread disease to residents and their pets.

In an informal survey recently conducted by Windcrest resident Claudia Hill, it was clear that residents are eager for the city to focus on mosquito abatement and I appreciate her outreach on this issue. Residents should know that the city actively works to tackle the annual onslaught of mosquitoes by removing standing water, spraying regularly, and treating ponds. However, the city cannot tackle this public health issue by itself.

Residents can make a huge dent in the mosquito population simply by eliminating standing water on their property. It's almost unbelievable how many places standing water can be found in our yards, and even small amounts are perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes. More information about where to look for hidden water risks can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/zika/prevention/controlling-mosquitoes-at-home.html>

Additionally, residents can also consider enlisting Mother Nature's help in this fight either by adding plants that deter mosquitoes or by incorporating others that invite dragonflies which have a voracious appetite for mosquitoes. Lists identifying these types of plants can be found easily online, or you might also consider reaching out to a member of the Windcrest Garden Club or a local nursery.

Thanks for your help with this important effort to ensure that we all get to enjoy the outdoor entertainment offerings in our back yards and across the city without a constant buzzing in our ears.

Councilmember

Rick Cockerham

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SAD DAY IN WINDCREST..

Windcrest is a Purple Heart City with many Veterans residing in the city. Our Veterans are under attack. A citizen recently made public disparaging remarks before the city council criticizing the four military veterans that serve on the city council by expressing disdain and contempt regarding the benefits the veterans receive as a result of service-connected disabilities. We are a military city and this is an attack on all Veterans.

Veterans who go through "HELL" and back and have life long disabilities, (some are visible, some are not visible) have earned Federal and State benefits. These benefits are applicable for all Veterans, all wars, and all types of disabilities.

We are honored as a city to have four military Veterans serving on the city council, representing the Navy, Army, Marines and Air Force.

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Let me explain briefly why a new street sweeper was purchased. Our great city is supposed to take the money that is taken in from business taxes and other forms of revenue and put that money right back into our city for maintenance, upkeep and running our city.

Chris Gamboa, Public Works Supervisor, stated that our current outdated used sweeper has cost us at least \$25000.00 on repairs and that it has holes in it and will not even pick up acorns. City Engineer Leonard Young stated that the city must comply with strict storm water quality regulations. It is the cities responsibility to reduce pollutants from getting into the storm water. If this is not done the City Council could be fined. We need a reliable sweeper, because you have to report how many times you did sweep and how much debris you picked up, this needs to be reported to the State agency. We also want to keep our city clean and beautiful.

I also want to briefly address the fact that we are a Purple Heart City. Which means we have a high number of deserving VA veterans that live among us in our great city. I want to personally thank all of these veterans for their dedication and sacrifice to our United States of America. Some of these veterans were awarded a disability by our government, due to their degree of injury or illness. Their disability had prevented them from continuing to perform their duty and now receive a tax relief by law. So if you see a veteran in line at the Post Office or at a public event, or anywhere in the City of Windcrest, go up and thank them for their duty. They will always enjoy the respect that is given to them for their service. Please let me know if you have received my article, thanks

Councilmember

James McFall

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The First Annual Golf Classic on April 7th was a great success. This fundraising event was designed to help the cluster of schools feeding into Roosevelt High School. Thank you to everyone who participated and signed up as a team and enjoyed an afternoon of golf and friendly competition. Thank you also to NEISD officials including NEISD Superintendent Dr. Gottardi and Roosevelt High School Head Coach Matt Carrol, and the numerous sponsors and volunteers who supported the event. I would also like to thank Mayor Alan Baxter for his expertise in organizing this event. This event would not be nearly as successful without you.

It has been said, "it takes a village to raise a child". This proverb rang true at the Golf Classic in our City of Windcrest. If you would like to volunteer or participate in Windcrest Northeast Bridge Builders, please call me or email me.

Thank you for your continued support.
James McFall

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During the month of March the Mayor and Council passed some Ordinances 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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2017-618(R), purchase of shade structures for the Winnbrook Estates Park from Heartland Park & Recreation, LLC.

03.20.17 RCCM

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2017-617(R), purchase / lease / rental of a street sweeper and related equipment for the city.

2017-619(R), approving the engagement of Straight Line Management for the installation of Windcrest Little League baseball fencing.

The City Wide Garage Sale will be held May 4th – 7th.

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



The Windcrest Police Department is responsible for the direction of the Code Compliance and Enforcement Unit. It is my sincere desire to ensure fair treatment for both residents and businesses in our City. I want to emphasize the importance of compliance and also emphasize that we are very serious about compliance! City of Windcrest ordinances address violations that affect both Health and Safety. Our goal is to maintain the quality of our neighborhoods to ensure a comfortable, safe and clean living environment. Code Compliance and Enforcement routinely addresses a wide range of neighborhood issues, from grass and weeds, graffiti, abandoned vehicles parked in yards or driveways to illegal conversions of garages into living spaces and unsanitary buildup of trash and debris on private property. Our objective is to seek voluntary compliance. We do not want to issue citations... citations are a last resort! However, non-compliance can result in fines and other potential financial consequences.

Under the rubric of the "broken window theory", vacant properties, dilapidated buildings and those properties in violation of code ordinances, become attractions for crime. In simpler terms... the faster we cleanup a problem, the less chance another will develop! The effort to be fair to all Windcrest residential and business property owners can create gaps that some of our repeat violators routinely exploit, making the process last even longer, thus creating further frustrations to surrounding neighbors and other officials. The various courses of action, from written warnings and citations to liens and prosecution, can be used to persuade property owners to comply and even become positive influences with further neighborhood revitalization. It is not our responsibility to send you reminders to comply... it is the sole responsibility of the owner and/or resident to remain in compliance! One very important thing to remember, your property directly affects your neighborhood... either in a positive manner or a negative one. Code Compliance and Enforcement works hard to bring properties into compliance and ensure they remain that way. Please understand that compliance must and will be obtained and violations properly abated. Help me, help you, and make the City of Windcrest, a community that remains, Second to None!



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FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chief Joshua Brown, jbrown@windcrest-tx.gov

After months of long hours, meetings and planning...the time is here!!! **The 47th Annual Firefighters Picnic is Saturday May 20th** at Windcrest Takas Park, 9310 Jim Seal Dr.

Grab your family, neighbors, and friends and of course your baseball glove and join us at Windcrest Takas Park Little League field on Friday, May 15th for the **4th Annual Battle of the Badges Softball Game** between the Windcrest Fire and Police Departments starting at 5:30pm. These two departments will be "batting" for a year of bragging rights. You don't want to miss out on this game!



Do you have the cutest "Superhero" pet? We invite you and your four-legged friend(s) to our Pet Costume Contest!!! Registration forms will be at the Fire Department Office as well as at Takas Park. To participate in the "Superhero" Pet Costume Contest, "heroes" must be current on vaccinations and need to be registered by 6:45pm in order to participate in the 7:00pm contest. All "Heroes" must be on a leash at all times. **Contest entry donation is \$5.00.** Funds raised benefit TxWeAct/Windcrest Animal Control. The best "Superhero's" will be awarded with prizes.

Saturday, May 20, 2017 is a day full of activities for all! There will be games, inflatables, petting zoo, and so much more.

Our very own Mrs. Gil Turner is overseeing the very popular Country Store. We are seeking bake good donations from the Windcrest Community. If you have a favorite pie, brownie, cake, cookie recipe that you haven't made in while...here is a reason to get those mixers going! Bake sale items can be dropped off in the Fire Department office on Friday, May 19th from 8am-1pm and Saturday, May 20th starting at 9am at the Civic Center.



Don't forget the barbeque dinner...for those dining you will receive barbeque Brisket, sausage, potato salad, bean, coleslaw bread and ice tea for \$8.00. For Food-To-Go and Food Delivery orders, you will receive all the above except the ice tea. If you are in need of the volunteer firefighters delivering you barbeque plates to your door, please contact Joshua Brown at 210.599-6007 or wvfd145@gmail.com to schedule a food delivery; food delivery plates must be pre-paid by Wednesday, May 17, 2017.



We are in need of extra volunteers from the public to help make this event a great success! If you are interested in volunteering at the Firefighters Picnic, please contact Joseph Bigham at 210.599-6007 or wvfd145@gmail.com. Volunteers who sign up and check in for their shift on Saturday, May 20, 2017, will receive a volunteer t-shirt.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL ON
FRIDAY, MAY 19TH & 20TH**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Happy May, Windcrest! The Windcrest EDC has been busy updating photo galleries and webpages this month to show our citizens how much progress our City has made. We are so proud of Windcrest's growth! We had aerial photos taken, we've been keeping up with the construction of city projects, and we've been actively posting on Facebook with EDC Coordinator Ally's business features. The pictures below are just sneak peeks to the galleries we have posted online. Head over to www.DevelopWindcrest.org/gallery.php to view the City flyovers and construction updates, and check out www.Facebook.com/theCityofWindcrest to see more photos and Windcrest business visits from Ally. Be sure to stay tuned for more exciting updates from the EDC!



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From the Desk of
TOM GARCIA
Director of Public Works
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The City has a very nice program where they provide FREE of charge natural mulch for citizens use. The material comes from our trees located in public areas (like parks and green spaces) that have either fallen or have branches that have fallen. We then drag back the material to the park where we chip it and then mulch it. We normally have plenty of mulch on hand and find that the citizens enjoy the service. The area of the park we do this in is (NOT) a public dump site for tree material or any other natural materials. Please pass on the word that the City does not have a public dump site. Any and all natural materials from pruning bushes and trees should be gathered up and taken to a dump site.

Commercial tree trimmers should haul off all materials associated with the job. Would appreciate our citizens if they would make sure their neighbors knows about this.
Many Thanks.

Public Works Director
Tom Garcia



First of all, I am excited to see our new CERT signs alongside the many organizations that are supported by our community, at the entrances of the city. Thank You Chief Ballew for backing the Windcrest CERT Team. Our goal is to offer ongoing training, to become the most "Prepared City" in the state. We have a long way to go, and with the community's support, we will reach our goal.

You might wonder how the CERT Team plays into a disaster? Following the recent storm that destroyed many homes in the Alamo Heights area the week of Feb 19th, the Bexar County Cert team, to include Windcrest team members, were called upon to use their training to assist searches of the damaged homes and to make sure all residents were accounted for. Training is free and it does not require you to join a team, but gives you plenty of hands on training for team work or to assist your family and friends if needed.

I would like to thank all of the participants that attended this year's annual CERT Training. It was a power packed weekend and we now have more than 20 more citizens throughout Bexar County and Windcrest, that have been trained not only to prepare their families for an unexpected disaster, but to join an experienced team that is trained to be called on to support our local emergency crews. If you are interested in being notified of upcoming CERT Training, please contact: Kathie Maloney, Windcrest Disaster Preparedness Program Manager @ 210-887-5069 or e-mail teamwindcrest@gmail.com Please help spread the word! For more information on disaster prep, visit: www.ready.gov

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A reminder to everyone on the upcoming City Wide Brush Pickup Event scheduled for May 22nd through June 9th this year. Please **do not** put items out too early. Check the schedule for **YOUR** pickup times...prepare a plan. Please do not block sidewalks and roadways. Take advantage of this service to remove any materials you may want to dispose of. Don't forget to clean your backyard, trim your branches, and cut your vegetation as well as grass and weeds in the alley behind your fence. It is also important to keep your swimming pool clean and properly fenced in. Please make an effort to contact your neighbor about their dirty swimming pool and your concern for mosquitos.

If you miss brush pickup! You are responsible for the disposal of excess materials. **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. The only trash bags allowed for pickup are for the disposal of leaves, grass trimmings or other items. NO food based products please. Important Reminder: It is illegal to blow your leaves onto the street or neighboring yards and leave them there.**

If you should require 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 through the link provided on the Code Enforcement site.

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Questions? Feel free to contact Neighborhood News at (210) 558-3160 with any website-related questions.

WINDCREST ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL UNIT



Officers A. Fuentes and M. Gonzales

Spring is finally here and we will be seeing more wildlife with their offspring. Please remember not to feed them, keep trash cans closed at all times and don't leave any food outside, this will help keep unwanted animals off your property. Pet owners, please review City of Windcrest City Code Chapter 6 regarding Animal Control...an informed pet owner is a responsible pet owner. As a friendly reminder as well as required by City Ordinance, always keep your dogs on a leash. The Animal Care and Control Unit would like to thank our residents for helping foster some of our dogs while waiting to get adopted into a new home. If you are interested in assisting with the animal fostering program, please contact the Animal Care and Control Unit at 210.655.2666.



Information about upcoming events is always posted on the City Facebook page. We have a number of exciting events coming up, check the City website and Facebook page often. Please refer to this tool as it is updated multiple times a day and is full of exciting developments in Windcrest. You do not have to have a Facebook account to view the page. Please check us out at www.facebook.com/TheCityofWindcrest.com

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- Pam Dodson



We are excited to announce our 3rd annual Superhero Dog Costume Contest to be held during the Fireman's Picnic on May 20th at 2 pm.

To participate in the "Superhero" Dog Costume Contest, dogs must be registered by 1:30 pm Saturday May 20. ALL sterilized and vaccinated dogs (please provide proof of both) attending must be on a leash at all times. Participant forms will be available at the check-in table that morning. There are three categories to select from and then identify what type of costume your dog is wearing. 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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| <input type="checkbox"/> Funniest | <input type="checkbox"/> Funniest | <input type="checkbox"/> Funniest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Most Original | <input type="checkbox"/> Most Original | <input type="checkbox"/> Most Original |

We really had a good time at our first and second "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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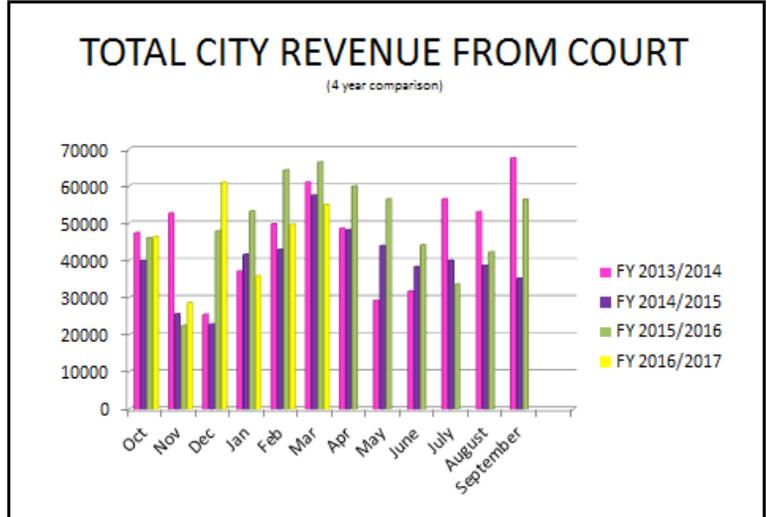
For volunteer opportunities with the Citizen's Patrol, please contact Chief Al Ballew at City Hall or Col. Henry Berman.

MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT

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

Scavenging of Recyclable Materials Prohibited

Curbside pick up is May 22nd – June 9th. Did you know that the City of Windcrest has a law prohibiting the scavenging of recyclable materials. COW Code of Ordinances Sec. 14-5. - Scavenging of recyclable materials prohibited reads “It shall be unlawful for any person, other than a current resident of property on which recyclable materials are placed or the city-authorized collector of recyclable materials, to remove, pick up or transfer recyclable materials left at curbside in any residential area. Materials left at curbside in either specifically marked recovery containers or any other type of container are to be picked up by the city-authorized collector of recyclable materials. Materials referred to, and to be left at curbside in specifically marked containers, shall include recyclable materials included in the city's recycling program. Each removal of a prohibited item from a residence in a residential area shall constitute a separate violation.



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.

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Women's Club News

Tinie Riggs tinieriggs@yahoo.com

On 5 April, we had an especially exciting Appreciation Luncheon hosted by the Women's Club Executive Board for all the wonderful ladies who were hostesses, worked on special committees or served to make this a highly successful year. The Korean Dance and Culture Association of Texas, lead by Windcrest resident, Hang-Cha Jones performed traditional Korean dances under the tutelage of Mrs. Jones and a very moving spiritual dance by Hang-Cha. Other special guests included Pastor Park of a local Korean language church and Samuel Jung from Korea Town News. The group has performed for many years at the Institute of Texan Culture.



The Korean Dance and Culture Association of Texas performed for the Windcrest Women's Club during their Appreciation Luncheon on 5 April at the Windcrest Civic Center. Shown center left is Hang-Cha Jones, founder, and to her left, dance instructor Mrs. Park. They are joined by some of their students from Austin who performed along with Mrs. Jones & Mrs. Park.

Join Windcrest Woman's Club's Community Service

Old Bag Luncheon

May 4th 11a.m. Cost \$10
Takas Civic Center

Call Kathy Littlefield 210-654-0534 to RSVP
Attendees please bring a gently used bag for donation. Don't forget to include that small surprise on the inside.

Windcrest Woman's Club is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization

Did you think the Windcrest Women's Club was a "meet, greet & eat" club? If so you may not realize all the community service we have been doing for many years. To help us expand our efforts, we are now officially a 501(c) non-profit organization. We are excited

to expand our efforts to support our special interests which include the children and young people in our feeder schools. We are particularly focusing on Roosevelt High School, especially students who need assistance to pay for college entrance exams and to participate in the graduation ceremonies they've worked so hard to earn. Under the leadership of our Community Service Group we are actively involved in other areas including the elderly and Battered Women's Shelter. This is all in addition to our hosting Christmas Light-Up and other Windcrest community involvements we are well known for. Our Club year runs from the 4th Wednesday in August to May. You can use the form below to join us for fun, friendship and service.

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: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

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The 2017-2018 officers installed on 1 May were Betty Riggs (President), Jamie Whitfield (Vice President), Barbara Barnett (Treasurer), and Linda Oliver (Secretary). Just because the Windcrest Garden Club held it's last event until September, doesn't mean the work has stopped.

You'll see our Garden Club members out watering and tending to City special landscaping sites as part of a joint project with the City of Windcrest's Public Works Department, headed by Tom Garcia. You'll know who they are by their great looking Windcrest Gardener's aprons. Watch as working together really shows **WINDCREST PRIDE!**

Also you'll see our members out in April, May and June looking at your yards too as part of the **Yard of the Month** program. Yards will be judged on appearance/neatness; grass/ground cover (i.e.,



The Windcrest Garden Club has joined forces with Windcrest Public Works, headed by Tom Garcia, to keep the landscaping planters fresh and watered at various locations through out the city. The volunteers received their official Windcrest Gardeners aprons at the 3 April meeting. Volunteers include (L > R) Ruby Rosales, Majie Takas, Ann Lemelle, Linda Oliver, Concha Garces, Annette Hoffman, Lea Fagin, Pam Dobson, Betty Riggs, Jamie Whitfield, and Kathy Littlefield.

mowed/trimmed), contrasting color/healthy shrubs/trees; and appropriate/harmonious landscaping. This year we've had good rain, but we also had a hard freeze. **So good luck everyone!**

It's time to renew your membership or sign-up for the 2017-2018 Club year. Complete the simple form below and enclose a check made out the **Windcrest Garden Club** for \$15.00 and mail it to **Windcrest Garden Club, 413 Zephyr Drive, Windcrest TX 78239.** It's that simple. Deadline to have your membership listed in the annual Yearbook is 1 July. **The Windcrest Garden Club is open to all area residents, men & women, and you do not have to live in Windcrest. Our next meeting will be on 11 September 2017**

To renew or join Windcrest Garden Club for the 2017-2018 membership, complete the membership form below & send it with a check for \$15.00 (payable to WGC) to **Windcrest Garden Club, 413 Zephyr Dr, Windcrest TX 78239.** Happy Gardening!

WINDCREST GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM (RENEWAL: _____ NO INFO CHANGE)

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Community Involvement



Neighbor 4 Neighbor (N4N)

A group of local neighbors has formed with the mission of assisting neighbors that are in need of help. On the third Saturday of the month we will gather to assist our neighbors in need. This help will be in the nature of minor repairs, yard work, or some other assistance that could be accomplished in one to four hours. The target group will be those in our community who are not able to complete some tasks around their home. We have no funding so these would be low cost projects and we may require the person helped to fund the project. If you are someone who would like to participate as a helper or you are a person in need please contact us. Contact Dan Reese 210-381-5775 or neigh.4.neigh@gmail.com

Women's Club – Join the Women's Club on the 4th Wednesday of each month, August through May. For more information contact Kathy Littlefield 210-413-6018

Garden Club – Garden Club meets the first Monday of each month. The new Club year runs from September 12, 2016 through May 2017. Contact Lois Wooten for more information 210-827-4357.

TxWeACT - meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. We enjoy good conversation and do take action about how we can be "part of the solution" for animal issues in our community. The meeting for April is the 25th.

Lions Club - You are invited to visit the Lions Club on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month - 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center at Takas Park. Contact Lion Francesca at 210-951-9463 for more information. Lions will be conducting our annual Holiday Greenery Sale during October. If you need a phone number for the community event please use 210-951-9463. –

Windcrest Garage Sale – no permit required but registration at City Hall is required. Thursday-Sunday, May 4-7, 2017. Non profits and City groups may use City Hall parking lot. Contact Kelly Hamilton for more information. khamilton@windcrest-tx.gov.

4th Annual Fire Department Softball Tournament and Picnic – Friday/Saturday, May 19-20, 2017 at Takas Park.

Citywide Curbside pick up – Monday, 5/22 – Friday, 6/9.

Please contact Kelly Hamilton khamilton@windcrest-tx.gov if you have an event to share with the Windcrest Community.

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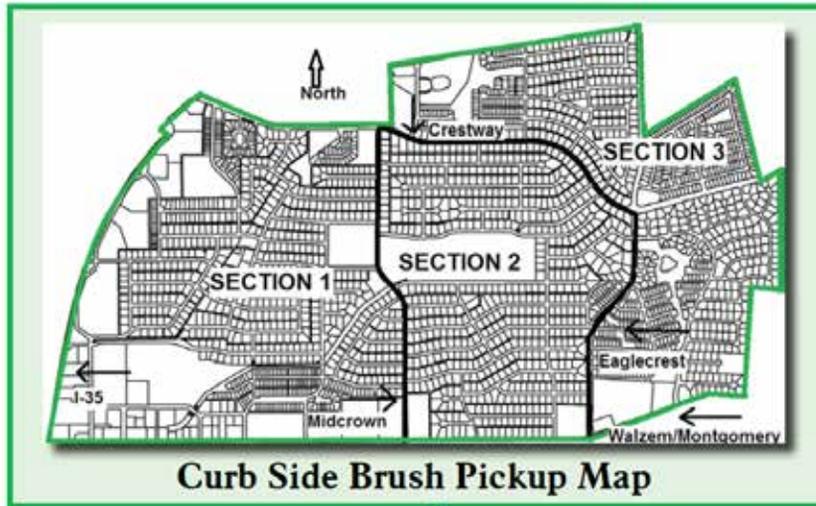
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WINDCREST SPRING BRUSH CURBSIDE PICKUP MAY 22ND-JUNE 9TH



On Monday, May 22nd the Spring Brush Pick up service will begin. The service will be available according to which section of the city your home is located in. A map of the sections will be available at City Hall, on the City website and a postcard will be mailed out to make sure you understand which section your house is in.

Section 1: Curb service will begin Monday, May 22nd and run through Friday, May 26th. Everyone in section 1 must have their collectables out on the curb by Sunday, May 21st and no earlier than Friday, May 19th. Republic Services will go through each section once. If you are late putting your collection items out, they will not return for additional service.

Section 2: Curb service will begin Monday, May 29

and run through Friday, June 2nd. Everyone in section 2 must have their collectables out on the curb by Sunday, May 28th and no earlier than Friday, April 26th. Republic Services will go through each section once. If you are late putting your collection items out, they will not return for additional service.

Section 3: Curb service will begin Monday, June 5th and run through Friday, June 9th. Everyone in section 3 must have their collectables out on the curb by Sunday, June 4th and no earlier than Friday, June 2nd. Republic Services will go through each section once. If you are late putting your collection items out, they will not return for additional service.

BRUSH/BULKY GUIDELINES:

- Brush must be placed within eight (8) feet of the curb.
- Do not place brush piles in front of parked cars, near fences, trees, mailboxes, beneath overhead wires, low-hanging tree limbs, or on top of gas/ water meters.
- Brush must be set out no later than 7:00 a.m. on the first day of your scheduled collection week.
- Do not place material at the curb after crews have passed by your house.
- Items placed on the curb after this time will NOT be picked up if your street has already been serviced.

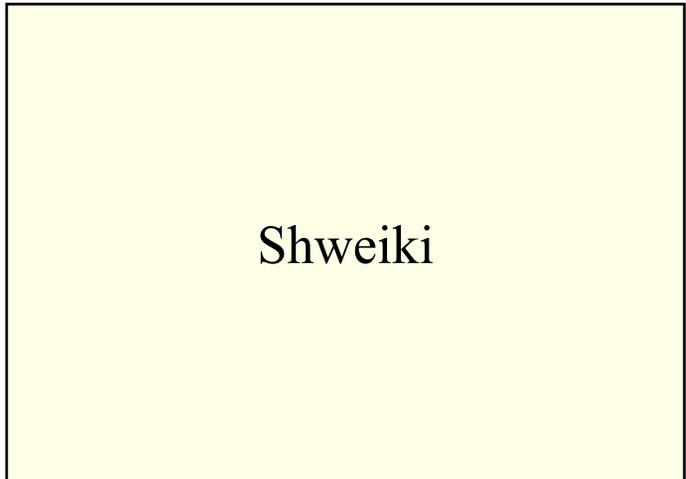
Accepted Materials:

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| • Shrubs | • BBQ grills (without compressed gas tanks) | • Mattresses |
| • Tree Branches | • Carpeting | • Toilets |
| • Woody Vines | • Fencing | • Water heaters |
| • Other herbaceous and woody plants | • Furniture | • Appliances |

Refrigerators, freezers, and a/c window units will be collected only if refrigerant has been removed and the appliance is tagged and certified, indicating removal of refrigerant.

Materials Not Accepted

- Household Trash
- Construction Debris
- Hazardous Materials (paints, household cleaners)
- Compressed Gas Tanks
- Tires
- Televisions
- Computers
- Medical Waste
- Appliances with refrigerant that has not been removed and certified.



LIGHT UP 2017

WE ARE SWITCHING IT UP THIS YEAR AND ARE ASKING FOR RESIDENT'S INPUT ON THE 2017 LIGHT UP THEME AND DATES.

Everyone is asked to submit their vote for one of the following themes and their preference on Light Up dates. You MUST submit this form from the newsletter or from the mailer card that will be sent out. The voting results will be announced the beginning of August.

NO photocopies will be accepted as an official voting ballot.

Please select ONE of the following themes:

- 1. Enjoy the Light of Windcrest this Holiday

- 2. Teddy Bears are Lighting up the Holidays in Windcrest

- 3. Ice Age comes to Windcrest

Please indicate your date preference:

- December 9-31

- OR
- December 16-31.

DUE BY JULY 4th

Mail in attention to Kelly Hamilton or drop off at City Hall admin window

SUMMER POOL INFORMATION

Looks like it's getting to be time of the year everyone's been waiting for! Summer is right around the corner which means that so is that summer heat. Why not come on down to the Windcrest pool and cool off with your favorite lifeguards!

Here are a few things you might be interested in. Pool general admission is three dollars per person (children 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult 16 years of age or older), or you can purchase a family membership which we offer to both resident and non-residents of Windcrest. We have a great swim team program for the kids ages five to eighteen. We also offer swim lessons for children ages three and up. However if that doesn't strike your fancy just reserve part of the facility for a pool party and enjoy the hot weather with friends and family for birthdays or any kind of get together.

General admission per person-\$3.00

Pool membership Resident/Swim Lessons:

Single -\$60.00
 Couple- \$90.00
 Family(3)- \$120
 Additional member for family \$10.00 each
 \$40.00 per child (for a two week session Tuesday-Friday)

Pool membership non-resident/Swim Lessons:

Single \$125.00
 Couple \$145.00
 Family(3)-170.00
 Additional member for family \$10.00 each
 \$50.00 per child (for a two week session Tuesday-Friday)

Swim Team:

First child \$86.00
 Each Additional child \$76.00

Pool parties (three hour time limit):

10-25 guest \$100.00
 26-50 guest \$150.00
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Pool Hours of operation are

Tuesday-Saturday 12:00-7:45pm
 Sunday 1:00-7:45pm
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 Pool phone 210-590-6848

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OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION

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*MEETING DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANYTIME



Meetings in Windcrest City Hall Council Chambers

RCCM	May 1	6:00 p.m.
Municipal Court	May 2, 9, 16	4:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation	May 10	6:00 p.m.

WEDC	May 11	6:00 p.m.
RCCM	May 15	5:15 p.m.
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