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**6th Annual 4th of July Parade and Celebration
Tuesday, July 4th · 10 am at City Hall
Details on pg.13**

Mayor's Message



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Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,

Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,

June is the month when summer officially begins. Most schools are now on break. June is also the month of Father's Day. Celebrate this day set aside for dads. I lost mine several years ago. He is missed, but never forgotten. Enjoy the weather and go enjoy the tennis and pickle ball courts (they should be completed by the time you receive this newsletter), walk the parks and go by the community pool. Windcrest has so many beautiful amenities. Please take advantage of them all. Also, please plan to be in Windcrest the morning of July 4th. We are planning to have another huge parade and celebration! Plan your patriotic outfit and get ready to have some fun! There has been tremendous support from our city's best asset, our residents, with regards to citizens volunteering for the different committees and commissions. We are continuing to witness the growth of **TEAM WINDCREST** - both city pride and citizen participation 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.**

July 4th Parade and Celebration: The Celebration, which was started by this administration, will start at 10:00 AM at City Hall and last until approximately 2:30 PM. The Parade sponsored by the American Legion, which has been held for decades (thanks American Legion and especially Col. Cooper) will start at 10:30 AM and go around the Windcrest Golf Course. Free food and drinks, as well as other goodies will be offered while supplies last. If you wish to volunteer or want to participate in the Parade, please contact Kelly Hamilton at khamilton@windcrest-tx.gov. The last several years this event has grown to over 2000 people so come early. To celebrate Windcrest being designated as a Purple Heart City, the Grand Marshalls for this year's parade will be the Purple Heart recipients and their spouses and/or their surviving spouses that reside in Windcrest. More information will be in the July Newsletter.

Mosquito Control: With the recent rains, the city is doing what we can to battle these nasty bugs. We do this not only for comfort and quality of life, but for health reasons as well. We service all the ponds in the city routinely with anti-mosquito killing materials and the ponds are stocked with fish that love to eat these bugs. The city also contracts and pays for mosquito fogging. You will receive a postcard in the near future notifying you of the dates when the fogging trucks will be driving down some of the alleys and through the streets of the city. Windcrest is very proactive with this issue.

Firefighter Picnic Re-cap: The 4th Annual Softball game between the Fire Department and the Police Department was another success. It was an entertaining and fun event. Both days were successful, and the Picnic was fun for the whole family. It also was a successful fundraiser for our Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department. The food was a huge success. The WVFD received help from Windcrest residents who cooked and prepared the plates. This volunteer work of food preparation was a huge success and tasty too! It should be noted that the bar-b-que plates sold better than expected!! A huge thank you goes out to all the Volunteers and the Volunteer Fire Department.

2017 Holiday Season Light-Up: This is arguably the most important event that is held by the city. The Windcrest Women's Club is 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

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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.

FACEBOOK – REMINDER: We are excited to stay ahead of the curve technologically, and as part of this effort, the City is encouraging all residents to utilize the City Facebook page. www.facebook.com/TheCityofWindcrest. We are posting regularly on the City's page so you can see multiple times a day what is going on at City Hall and in our neighborhoods. We are also posting City events, local business grand openings, and the EDC initiative to encourage residents to frequent local businesses that includes free giveaways. Exciting things are happening as we strive to provide the most up to date information for all of our residents. Please let us know if you have a relevant event that we should consider sharing on the Facebook page. You don't have to join Facebook to see all of this exciting information. Google search the above - what is in blue - and enjoy. Please contact City Secretary Kelly Rodriguez at 210-655-0022 or at krdriguez@windcrest-tx.gov with regard to any Facebook inquiries or suggestions.

Garage Sale Weekend Re-Cap: Over 80 houses participated with the Spring Garage Sale Weekend. WOW! The weather cooperated, and I witnessed quite a few cars. I hope everyone enjoyed it. Remember that there will be another Garage Sale Weekend in the Fall. The dates will be announced in the near future, along with the dates for the Fall Brush Pick-Up.

Brush Pick-Up Re-Cap: By the time you receive this Newsletter, the Brush Pick-Up would have already started. It is also continuing as you read this edition. We sent out a postcard to reinforce information about this service. I hope it all is going well. We will have another Brush Service in the Fall. The dates will be announced in the near future.

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 this administration promised that we would run the city more efficiently and would encourage Economic Development. For the sixth year in a row, I will ask and will work on the new Fiscal Year 2017/2018 City Budget that will call for a reduction in the property tax rate. **I will propose at least a 5% reduction in the City of Windcrest Property Tax Rate for this coming year.** Additionally, I will encourage the Council to vote to continue for next year the **\$5 residential permit fee** and a **25% reduction of the residential garbage bill.** With regard to the streets, I will ask for the renovating of all of Midcrown and renovating several other residential streets along with some alleys that are problematic. I have also called for a new study with regard to the streets and traffic to fine tune our 7 year CIP Plan adopted under this administration. We will also continue to upgrade the parks and green spaces. All of this will be done in cash. This is a testament to all the hard work by everyone on Team Windcrest.

Windcrest Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budget: The process of formulating this budget has begun. This administration would love to hear citizen comments regarding issues where the city spends the tax dollars. We plan to hold several meetings in the month of July and August to review budget suggestions from the staff. There is also a budget meeting scheduled for **6 PM on June 26th** at City Hall. We also would love for citizens to attend these meetings to discuss their concerns and hear from our most prized asset and the people we serve – the citizens. We will plan these meetings at various times and days of the week to try to accommodate the schedules of the citizens. One great aspect of living in a small city is participating in how your tax dollars are spent. Please participate if you so desire. In next month's Newsletter, we will publish when these July and August meetings will be held. Also, always feel free to email me or any of the Council Persons with any thoughts and/or ideas that you may have. We want to be responsive to your needs.

Street Repairs: The bidding process is complete and the bid will be awarded at the Council Meeting after this article has gone to print. We will witness work beginning very soon with regard to streets in the residential area. It will finish before the Holiday Season. The City's website will have more information. Please pardon our dust. We are following a plan that will see the City systematically investing in all the streets in Windcrest. Not all at once, but following a plan that makes sense. Know that the City, under this administration, invests approximately \$1 million every year in the streets and alleys – all in cash and incurring no debt.

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. It has been well received and is almost full. Please call the Walzem YMCA at 210-656-5777 and ask for Andi Anderson.

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

City Prosecutor: On a very sad note, we lost our long time City Prosecutor, John Hrcir, to pancreatic cancer. He had been with the city for almost 40 years. He was a special man. I will miss his sharp dress and sharp wit. He will be sorely missed. Our prayers go out to his entire family. More information is on page 7 of this Newsletter.

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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Your Mayor and humble servant,

Alan E. Baxter

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Windcrest prohibits short term rentals: After two readings and affirmative votes the City Council passed ORDINANCE NO. 2017-753 (O), an Ordinance amending Chapter 113 of the code of ordinances of the City of Windcrest, Texas by regulating Residential Short Term Rental Units in the City of Windcrest. Residential short-term rental unit means a residential dwelling or accessory building including a single-family unit, duplex, residential condominium unit or other residential real estate improvement, in which the public may obtain sleeping accommodations in exchange for compensation for a period of less than 90 consecutive days on a temporary or transient basis. Any use described in this definition shall be considered a commercial use of real property, and a violation of our residential code.



The City Council approved the construction of a new Restroom to replace the Port-A-Potty near the Tennis Courts at Takas Park. Thanks to our City Engineer, Leonard Young, who was able to locate a nearby water line, we will have a fully operational facility. The Rest Room will be ADA compliant with both Men's and Women's rooms. The material of the building will complement the exterior appearance of the Civic Center as closely as possible.

JUST A REMINDER-The City of Windcrest has had an ordinance for several years that prohibits having live chickens in our city—Nothing new.

Jim Shelton
Mayor Pro Tem

Councilmember

Matt Vandenberg

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It's hard to believe, but municipal budget season is just around the corner again. Last year the City Council allocated approximately \$7.25 million from the General Fund; it is expected that increased sales tax and other non-residential property tax revenues will result in even more to spend on our community in the year ahead.

Without a doubt, the vast majority of the city's budget is used to continue providing necessary services, to maintain infrastructure and to pay our fine employees. Also, per the City Charter, the City always maintains a very healthy reserve fund. Even so, each year a significant amount remains to dedicate to new ideas and priorities.

For example, this year the City has new pickleball courts and will be building a permanent bathroom structure at Takas Park. Improvements were made to the Little League fields and more than \$800,000 was invested in repairing streets. The City also acquired a new street sweeper and made improvements to equipment used by city employees. What we place in next year's budget, though, depends upon you.

Whether you attend a meeting, send an e-mail, or make a phone call, please make your ideas and preferences known. While it's true that we won't be able to accommodate every request or complete every project within any given year, a project or idea is certainly more likely to be funded if we understand that it's important to residents. Thanks in advance for your help.

Councilmember

Rick Cockerham

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On Memorial Day, we paused to honor those men and women who have fallen in battle and paid the ultimate price for our freedom. May we never forget!!

We will continue to work for the best health care and benefits for all veterans. I encourage you to volunteer at the Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital, where your help is always appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Windcrest Police officers and Volunteer Firefighters for putting their lives on the line for our safety.

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Summer is here. Let's get out, enjoy our surroundings and our three ponds in Windcrest. We have cleaned up quiet a bit. All the Ponds are looking good. A great big thanks to Jan Leaders and her volunteers.

School is out so take your children or grandchildren with you, if possible. Enjoy some time together. Talk to them about treating animals with respect and also about the future of our environment. Enjoy an Ice Cream together, go to a movie, ask them about their future plans and many more things that you can share.

Don't forget that our swimming pool is now open every day of the week except Monday. Yes, there may be a bit of noise around the pool area but it is fun so have a good time. We were all children at one time. If your children or grandchildren cannot swim, take lessons at the Windcrest pool; the instructors do an excellent job with the children. There is also a tennis court where your children or grandchildren can take lessons to learn how to play. There are so many things that can be done right here in our community so please join in and have a wonderful summer.

A last reminder, do be careful when you drive on our streets because there may be more children out now that school is out. Thanks

If anyone wishes to contact me. Please call 210-657-9549.

Councilmember

James McFall

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Our City's Administration prides itself on transparency and accountability. Recently, Windcrest received a Transparency Award from the State of Texas and State Comptroller's Office. This award is the result of the tremendous efforts put in by our Administration and Staff to ensure that the City is accountable to the Community. We are proud of the work that has been done and we look forward to continuing these efforts in the future.

Under the leadership of Mayor Alan Baxter, our City has gone from near bankruptcy in 2010 to a financial surplus in 2017. Additionally, we are proud to say that our City of Windcrest is DEBT FREE. As a result of our improved financial status year after year, we are able to deliver a higher quality of life for our Residents and lower our property tax rate by over 32%.

As always, I welcome any questions, criticisms, or concerns by anyone. My door and phone remain open.

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City Secretary News, Kelly Rodriguez

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During the month of April the Mayor and Council passed an Ordinance and a Resolution 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.

Ordinance

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2017-753(O) amending Chapter 113 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Windcrest, Texas by regulating residential short term rental units in the City of Windcrest.

Resolutions

04.03.17 RCCM

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2017-621(R), purchase and installation of the DXC access control system by Superior Alarms for a total price of \$22,372.83.

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- Rehearse your family safety plans with your kids.
- If your kids will be alone a significant amount of time, have them check in with you if they plan to leave the house, where they are going, who they are going with and when will they arrive back home. Adequate supervision is critical to keeping kids safe.
- Monitor Internet and social media activity. Be a nosy parent!
- Child predators are intent on harming kids...Stay away from strangers. Role play and teach them how to make noise, scream and run.
- Obey all traffic signals. Use crosswalks...never cross in the middle of the street.

- Don't use headphones while walking, riding bikes or crossing streets.
- Wear reflective clothing and always wear a helmet while riding bikes.
- Teach fire safety and go over your fire evacuation plan with your kids.
- Keep your kids away from fireworks...they are illegal in Windcrest!
- Public pools, backyard pools, the beach and lakes are all great places for swimming, but have different safety challenges...be familiar with them and never leave your kids unsupervised.
- Keep you kids busy and active...if they don't have something to do, they will find something to do! Most importantly...kids imitate their parents, so lead by example!
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Happy June! It has been a busy month for the Windcrest EDC. The EDC Coordinator, Ally, has been continuing Facebook business features on the City's Facebook page. She will have visited PetSmart, Mi Cocina Linda, and maybe even Arctic Ape by the time you receive this newsletter. Be sure to follow along with her on Facebook and please remember to reach out to her if you'd like your business to be added to the list! You can email her at akillian@windcrest-tx.gov.



The City's projects are starting to really come together! The Holiday Inn Express construction is on schedule and will hopefully be completed by September 2017. The development along Eisenhower is also on schedule and quickly progressing. By the time you read this article, we might have already announced the retail developments for Eisenhower Rd. and I35. If not, be sure to stay tuned for the exciting news! The photos below are just a glimpse of the projects' growth. Check out our webpage to see galleries from the very beginning stages! www.DevelopWindcrest.org

The EDC decided to change things up this year by throwing our first ever Fiesta event. To kick off the 2017 Fiesta season, we had a fiesta at Rackspace for all the local business owners/leaders. The main goals of the party were to show our appreciation for our local businesses, have local business leaders mingle and get to know each other, and, of course, to have fun! There was a live band, food & drinks, a photo booth with fun accessories, and even corn

hole. It was a great time and we already can't wait to do it again next year. We'd like to thank Rackspace for allowing us to have the party and also the guests who attended. It couldn't have been a success without you all!

Speaking of Rackspace, Mayor Alan Baxter discussed in the May City Council meeting that the City is diligently working on the MEIA agreement to extend the agreement with Rackspace and continue the great working partnership we have. Our relationship with Rackspace is extremely beneficial to the prosperity and economic growth of Windcrest and surrounding suburbs and we are fortunate to have them a part of our business community.

Have a wonderful June, Windcrest! Check back next month for more updates!



CITY PROSECUTOR JOHN HRNCIR MEMORIAL

John Hrnrcir, the prosecuting attorney for the Windcrest Municipal Court, passed away on Thursday, May 4, 2017. He is survived by his wife, 3 children (all of whom graduated from Roosevelt High School) and 12 grandchildren. John Hrnrcir was 74 years old. He was a graduate of St. Mary's University Law School with a J.D. and St. Mary's University with B.A. in Marketing. He spent 5 years in the Bexar County District Attorney's office and then went on to private practice and work as a Prosecutor and Judge in various cities.

John and his family were Windcrest residents in 1980 when he was appointed by Mayor Bob Whitmore and the City Council to be the Prosecutor for the Windcrest Municipal Court. He was the third City Prosecutor in the history of Windcrest.

John participated in the growth of the Municipal Court from one court per month, and the processing of 80 cases filed, to the current three courts per month and 795 cases filed. In addition, he helped in the transition to a Statutory Court of Record.

As the Prosecutor, he was fair to everyone who appeared before the court. He was a great lawyer and one of the nicest people you have ever met. John was approachable to his clerks, and for many, he was a mentor and helped further their careers. The entire staff of the Windcrest Municipal Court was saddened by his passing. Mayor Baxter stated, "It is very sad that Mr. Hrnrcir has passed away so suddenly. He did so much for Windcrest, and the residents should know that he helped me and others, as well, with navigating various issues that faced the City. He was such a classy man. He will be missed, but not forgotten. Thank you to his family for sharing him with us for all these years. Our prayers and thoughts go out to his family and friends." In addition to his position in Windcrest, he was the presiding Judge in six other municipalities. He will be greatly missed.



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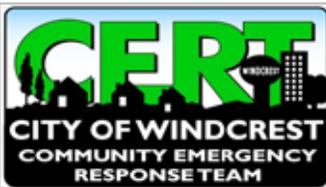
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Summer is here and the heat is coming with it, so please stay hydrated while working outdoors. This year, we are in the middle of the city-wide brush pickup. Remember, if you miss the pickup, it is your responsibility to dispose of your brush properly. Please remember to tell your children that playing in drainage ditches and tunnels is not only dangerous but also a violation of city ordinance. Also, the alleys are only allowed to be used for ingress and egress from your properties. Playing in alleys or walking through could be cause for contact by the police due to this ordinance. When working on your property, please don't forget the alley area behind your fence. According to the city ordinance, this area must be kept cut and clean by the resident and not by the city.

If you have a poorly maintained home due to health or financial distress, seek out assistance from your neighbors or call City Hall and ask for assistance in dire circumstances. Please check the references on all contractors you use for repairs, always ask the contractor for a permit on major jobs. Contractors are required to register with the city and provide liability insurance before being issued a permit for most projects.

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.



Our team would like to remind you of the importance of a "Go Bag", in the event someone knocks on your door to let you know of a local incident that requires an evacuation of your neighborhood, or a disaster that requires immediate evacuation. You will not have time to pack on your way out the door and more than likely the stores, restaurants, gas stations and ATM machines will not be accessible. Always keep cash on hand and don't let gas tank read below ¾ full. This would be a great summer project for the family. Visit ready.gov/kit for a list of items suggested for your bags, one per family member. For more information, contact: Kathie Maloney Windcrest CERT Team Program coordinator. 210-887-5069

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Now that summer is here we cordially invite you to have some fun at the Windcrest Pool. For those who just want to come in for the day, or for those that want to take advantage of the pool all summer long, we have affordable prices. With a well-qualified and friendly staff, your visit to the Windcrest pool is sure to be filled with lots of fun within a safe pool environment. For any pool questions, please give Johnathan Hay a call at 210 454-6883. Johnathan is one of our pool managers and will be happy to help you.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.
Tom Garcia
Public Works Director

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Jan Leaders Chairperson, Parks & Recreation Commission

E-mail: saljkl29@gmail.com Phone: 386-8764

Hello Summer!

The end is here, the end of construction of our tennis courts and pickle ball court that is. By the time this is being read, I'm sure many players will have taken to these new courts for a game or two. Below is a picture of our newly renovated courts, quite a facelift, huh? This area is now befitting of our beautiful community. Enjoy!

Residents will see more renovations taking place at Takas Park in more areas. First is the fencing for the Windcrest Little League ball fields that is being replaced. This is long overdue and has been a safety concern for our players. New fencing will be greatly appreciated



by all users and no longer a concern for parents and players. Secondly will be construction of a new restroom building for the park. Currently there is a Porta-Potty, which to me is eyesore in such a beautiful park. Our new restrooms will be a great addition. I'm certain everyone will see the improvement once it is completed.

The City budget planning sessions are nearly upon us for determining our "wishes" for the coming year's budget. Since our parks belong to all residents, please feel free to email me with any ideas you have to continue improving our life style here in Windcrest. I believe we have made great improvements to date and want to continue this path in the coming year. I thank you in advance for providing your Parks & Recreation Commission with ideas for consideration.

WINDCREST ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL UNIT



Officers A. Fuentes and M. Gonzales

Opossum and Skunk Solutions

Here are some tips to keep these wild animals away from your home! Close all doors including pet doors and unscreened windows before dusk. Keep pet food in airtight containers and cleaned up to prevent wild animals from entering the area. In general, urban wildlife will not attack your pets. They prefer to avoid confrontations. If the wild animal is unable to find an escape, it will then bite in self-defense but will do so as a last resort. Opossums and skunks are very beneficial to our environment. These animals consume unwanted pests around your home and garden such as snails, slugs, spiders, cockroaches, rats, mice and snakes. There is a myth that all skunks or opossums carry rabies and this is absolutely NOT TRUE. In 2016, Bexar County reported the following statistics regarding rabies: Skunks - 0, Opossums - 0, Bats - 22, Dogs and Cats - 1.



If you find a wild animal injured or possibly orphaned, please contact Animal Care and Control or a local wildlife rehabilitator. If you have questions or concerns, please call your Animal Care and Control Unit at 210.655.2666. We have solutions and we are here to help!

WINDCREST ANIMAL CONTROL TASK FORCE

- Pam Dodson

TxWeACT



Flea preventative treatments are a year-round must-have for cats AND dogs! Not only are fleas a nuisance to you and your pets, they can carry diseases that can debilitate your furry friends (and in some cases even cause death). A simple way to test if your pet has fleas is to brush over your pet with a paper towel, or part the hair and look at their skin. If you don't find any adult fleas, you'll likely see their feces (also called "flea dirt") which look like small dark specks. Fleas ingested by your pet while grooming may result in tapeworms (You may notice what looks like a piece of white rice moving on their bottom or in their stool. This is a sign of tapeworms, which can be treated with oral medication). Adult fleas only represent 5% of the flea population, so it's important to have a routine that addresses all the life stages (eggs, larvae, pupae). Monthly topical combo products (like Revolution or AdvantageMulti) can kill up to 98% of fleas in various life stages and also protect pets from ticks, heartworms (carried by mosquitoes), and some intestinal parasites (roundworms, hookworms) too! Indoor pets are also at risk! Some studies have shown that 1/3 of heartworm infections were in indoor-only pets! Keep your pets healthy and happy - talk to your vet for more info, or join the Windcrest Animal Task Force (TxWeACT) at our monthly meeting (last Tuesday of the month at John Calvin Presbyterian Church (8102 Midcrown) at 7pm.

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The Windcrest Citizen's Patrol is marking 41 years of service to the community as a division of the Windcrest Police Department. The WCP would like to thank all fo the residents of Windcrest who have participated in this program over the years. Your support and dedication have been paramount in making our "City of Lights" a better and safer municipality in which to live, rear our families, and thrive. For those who would like to volunteer a minimum of 2 hours a month, the program offers an opportunity to witness first hand the growth of the city, to learn the culture of the community and to make new friends as you meet the citizenry and business owners. The WCP has a short training program that facilitates volunteer entry and explains expectations of the organization. We would like to show our appreciation to Police Chief Al Ballew for his continued and ongoing efforts on our behalf.

MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT

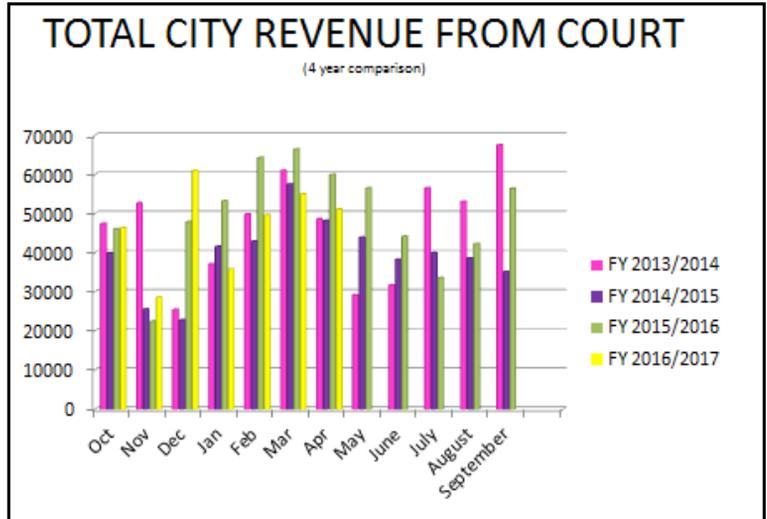
By Kelly Rodriguez, Municipal Court Clerk,
krodriguez@windcrest-tx.gov
(210) 655-0022 ext 2250

Fires in Parks and Open Areas

The first day of summer is June 21st. What a great time to have a barbecue and enjoy the great outdoors. It might even be tempting to go down to one of our fabulous city parks and have a cook out. However, did you know that the City of Windcrest has a law prohibiting the fires in our City Parks? City of Windcrest Code of Ordinances Sec. 26-57. Fires, reads as follows: No person shall start a fire, including any type of barbecue grill, in a city park area, except for scheduled events at the civic center or other city-approved functions. Please keep in mind this City Ordinance and enjoy our parks and enjoy your barbecues but not at the same time.

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 krodriguez@windcrest-tx.gov.



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Women's Club News

Tinie Riggs tinieriggs@yahoo.com

May kicked off with a great event, our first "OLD BAG LUNCHEON", and it was a roaring success! Over 60 ladies gathered for a tasty lunch and to bid on donated "old bags" loaded with goodies. Gary Roger of New Brunfels Auction Company really had his work cut out for him. With over \$1000 raised, the Windcrest Women's Club is excited about putting it to work in our community.



Old Bag Luncheon hostesses show off the beautiful fake flower purses made by Nikki Walker and used for centerpieces. Shown (L > R) Majie Takas, Linda Oliver, Nikki Walker, Betty Riggs, Pat Kendrick, Kathy Littlefield, Lea Fagin and Lois Wooton.

Our special interests include providing support for children and young people at Roosevelt and its feeder schools, the elderly and the Battered Women's Shelter. This is all in addition to hosting Windcrest's Christmas Light-Up and the other Windcrest community involvement activities. Our Club year runs from the 4th Wednesday in August to May.



Women's Club enjoyed a great lunch at Down on Grayson following our tour of the Witt Museum including a historical collection of Fiesta Gowns.



Gary Rogers of New Brunfels Auction Company, LLC, really got the crowd in the excited on to bid on the many "old bags" donated to help raise money for the Windcrest Women's Club Community Service projects. Never has spending money been so much fun!

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: _____

Dues are only \$20.00 for a year of fun and friendship with ladies who are proud to promote Windcrest City pride. All Windcrest ladies are invited to join!

Windcrest Yard Awards May

Area I House: Carol Abel
201 Melody Lane
Garden Home: Alberta & Arthur Jackson
9106 Windgarden Cir

Area II House: H.A. Hughes
430 Driftwood

Area III House: Hoa Holstein
421 Balfour

Area IV House: Lucy Onchen
709 Windrake

Area V House: Dorothy Forrest
5919 Windhaven

Area VI House: Bupha Fitzgerald
1207 Magellan

Area VII House: Gayle Jackson
6317 Meadow Grove
Garden Home: Peter & Trisha Rosie
5914 Brooks Fall



WINDCREST LIONS CLUB

Special thanks for the generosity of Taqueria Garibaldi on Walzem. They helped us provide a warm lunch for food challenged individuals and families in our community. We served breakfast tacos, hot lasagna, salad, bread, fruit and desserts. Thanks too to the Roosevelt High School LEO Club for assembling and donating 50 take home bags filled with snacks and essentials!



We participated in the Fiesta Especial Parade and were honored to drive Lion Jo Ann Hilliard's PINK golf cart in her loving memory (thanks Windcrest Golf Club!). We also worked with Mobility Worldwide to build personal energy transportation (PET) wheelchairs. If you saw us in the parade, you saw a Lion driving one of the units. It takes a lot of arm strength and determination yet there is a long waiting list for the units. People without use of their legs are eager for the mobility offered by PET units.

The units we make are usually shipped to rural areas in South America where traditional wheelchairs are not functional.

We're always looking for people interested in contributing time and energy to these and other Lion service projects. The Windcrest Lions meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Windcrest Community Center at Takas Park. Please stop by any meeting or call Lion Marlene at 210-455-3662 for more information about the Lions or LEO Clubs.

Facebook: Windcrest Lions Club Website: www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/windcresttx



The Windcrest Garden Club created lovely sustainable plantings for the Windcrest Elementary School courtyard. The Club is especially grateful for Windcrest Boy Scouts who helped move all that dirt. It was a big job!

Just because the Windcrest Garden Club held it's last "official" event until September, doesn't mean the work has stopped. You'll see our members out caring for the City's beautiful new large planters, working the Fireman's Picnic, and planning events for next season which starts with a potluck on Monday, 11 September. Here's a couple pictures to capture some of the fun and community service from the 2016-2017 season.

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 at the Civic Center. Watch the Newsletter for details.



Home of Bubpha Fitzgerald (1207 Magellan) was recognized for her Special Feature (flowers) by one of the Windcrest Garden Club Yard Award Judges for May 2017. Judges are out at the end of April, May & June looking for winners, so you still have time to join an elite group of Windcrest homes owners.

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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Annette Hoffman and Linda Oliver share a fun moment while working at the Windcrest Garden Club Plant Sale on 8 April on the grounds of the Windcrest Methodist Church. Funds raised go to the Club's community service projects like winter coats for children in need at Windcrest Elementary School.



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.

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 Triathlon – Saturday, June 10th. <http://redemptionrp.com/races/windcrest-freshman-triathlon>

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



We are celebrating the City's Annual July 4th celebration next month. Please come out and enjoy this fantastic celebration and parade beginning at 10am City Hall. The parade participants LOVED how many residents were on their front lawns last year cheering them on. Please do this again!

The Celebration, which was started by the current administration, will start at 10:00 AM at City Hall and last until approximately 2:30 PM. The Parade sponsored by the American Legion, which has been held for decades (thanks American Legion and especially Col. Cooper) will start at 10:30 AM and go around the Windcrest Golf Course. Free food and drinks, as well as other goodies will be offered while supplies last. If you wish to volunteer or want to participate in the Parade, please contact Kelly Hamilton at khamilton@windcrest-tx.gov. The last several years this event has grown to over 2000 people so come early. To celebrate Windcrest being designated as a Purple Heart city, the Grand Marshalls for this year's parade will be the Purple Heart recipients and their spouses and/or their surviving spouses that reside in Windcrest. More information will be in the July Newsletter.

A fun event to participate in or just support is the Annual Windcrest Triathlon – There is still time to sign up!

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.



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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
 51-75 guest \$200.00

Pool Hours of operation are

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

Early sign up for swim team and swim lessons will be held 4/29/17 and 5/06/17 from 10:00-4:00pm

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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

MOSQUITO FOGGING

We have scheduled for mosquito fogging using Perm-X UL 4-4 for the City of Windcrest on the following days:

All applications to be done starting at 9 pm. To completion

May 19, June 2, June 16, June 30, July 14, July 28, August 11, August 25, September 8, September 22

Scheduled dates are contingent upon weather

If you have any questions please contact: Tom Garcia at 210-896-0098, tgarcia@windcrest-tx.gov

NEISD

Attention All School Volunteers:

When it comes to volunteering, often times people say they want to just give back. No award or accolade is being sought--just a friendly, kind hand extended in service for another in a time of need. Numerous members of the Windcrest community serve as volunteers daily. Minutes spent providing service at TR Cluster schools greatly benefit the children in our community. However, too often, this time goes unreported to the Northeast Independent School District (NEISD) Volunteer Department which can negatively impact the accountability ratings of schools and/or the district.

Documented volunteer hours provide evidence of home-school-community relations. According to the National Education Agency, these relationships are crucial for school success. Moreover, community engagement on school campuses is a key determinant in school/district acquisition of grants. These two reasons alone expressly resound the valuable need for volunteers to report their service hours.

Therefore, every person who volunteered one or more minutes at a school and/or schools during the 2016-2017 year should report his/her time. This information can be submitted either through the online Virtual Volunteer Raptor System or a hard copy of logged hours can be turned in directly at the NEISD Volunteer office. Note: A volunteer's time was automatically reported to the district when an individual signed in for service through a school's main office.

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210-657-5704
Citizen's Patrol Team 3 Captain - Mike Magallanez
210-267-8390
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Meetings in Windcrest City Hall Council Chambers

RCCM	June 5	6:00 p.m.
Municipal Court	June 6,13,20	4:00 p.m.
WEDC	June 8	6:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation	June 14	6:00 p.m.
Water District	June 15	6:30 p.m.
RCCM	June 19	5:15 p.m.

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