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Mayor's Message



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Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,

August is a busy month for the City of Windcrest. The City Staff and Council will be working on the City's Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budget and meeting with groups and citizens to see how we can accommodate wants and needs. For those with family members in education, we are getting ready for the new school year to begin. Before summer ends, try to go to one of the city's parks and the community pool. Try to relax before the Fall Season begins. We are all looking forward to continued improvement and development. There has been tremendous support from our city's best asset, our residents, with regards to citizens volunteering for the different committees and commissions. We are continuing to witness the growth of **TEAM WINDCREST** - both city pride and citizen participation are growing. We encourage you to remain active and involved, and we promise that we will continue to modify, change and refine how we do business. As we all know: **If we stay the same, we cannot improve.**

RE-CAP 6th Annual July 4th Parade and Celebration: While the Parade has been going on for over 20 years, six years ago this administration changed the time to later in the morning and started to have a Celebration after the Parade. We rolled up our sleeves and worked with the American Legion to make this a special event. This year the Parade was bigger and better than ever. We had more participants, giveaways and spectators than ever before. It is becoming another tradition that separates and markets our city to others in the area. We estimated over 3500 watched the Parade and participated in the Celebration. Approximately 550 T-shirts, 800 hot dogs, 500 apple pies, 2000 Taco Cabana tacos and other goodies were given away. A big thank you to our Events Coordinator Kelly Hamilton for working so hard. This was her third 4th of July with the City, and she built on the success of the past years. A huge thank you also goes out to all the departments. Public Works was amazing! Within one hour after the Celebration ended, the entire area was completely cleaned up. Kudos goes out to PW Director Tom Garcia and his crew. Another huge thank you goes to our sponsors (American Legion, Windcrest Golf Club, HEB, Taco Cabana, McDonalds, Home Depot, Colonial Life insurance, Dunkin Donuts, Whataburger and our citizens for supporting this Parade. Without them, we could not keep expanding and improving this event. The biggest thank you goes out to the Newsletter Committee. They worked tirelessly to make this event bigger and better. We could not do these events without the help of this volunteer committee. It is inspiring to be around these folks who care and give so much for our community and the surrounding areas. THANKS!! Finally, I want to thank all the Windcrest resident Purple Heart recipients and their families. Windcrest is a Purple Heart City and these residents were chosen to be this year's Grand Marshalls. What a pleasure and honor it was to have them serve as Grand Marshalls! Special Note - Col Copper - you have done so much for this Parade and celebration. We hope you continue to be active in the community and involved. Windcrest Police Department Honor Guard - it was their first city wide event and they did fantastic. The Firefighters looked great and the Public Works crew were participants in the parade as well.

Town Hall Re-cap: Sen Menendez held a Town Hall Meeting at our Civic Center. It was one of five he conducted. He stated ours was the fifth and final one for this period, and that it was the best turn out! What an honor. Our State Rep. Barbara Hawkins Gervin attended the Town Hall as well. I am fortunate to have known these two officials for decades. They are great to work with and they have an open door policy. County Commissioner Tommy Calvert and US Congressman Henry Cuellar had staff in attendance. It is good to know that the elected officials and/or their staff that represent us at all these different levels were in attendance. I have worked with all of these fine individuals. It should also be noted that another friend, Live Oak Mayor Mary Dennis was present. Additionally, SA Council Person Cruz,

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who is newly elected and whose district borders Windcrest was in attendance. He is newly elected and I look forward to working with him soon. Be confident that this administration has a seat at all the tables. Thanks to all that attended.

Community Pool: Before this administration there were complaints about the Community Pool and calls for its closure because of low revenue and participation. This administration would not hear of such a thing. For the past six plus years, we have refined how we operate this facility. The Council also has directed funds to invest in and improve this fine amenity for our city. Please note that the pool is under the supervision of Public Works Director Tom Garcia with the assistance of Facilities Manager Mac McNichols. The revenues have risen dramatically over the last 6 years under their guidance, and customer service continues to improve. Jonathan Hay returned this year to be the pool manager. Johnathan and his staff have done another outstanding job. Johnathan has been with the City of Windcrest for approximately 10 years. We also have an active swim program, swim instruction team, and swim team. Thank you for all that you all do to make Windcrest beautiful. Again, a very special thanks goes out to Johnathan and his entire staff.

Windcrest Little League (WLL): I believe this organization is critical to the continued success of our city and the quality of life of families, and especially the children. The volunteers, who spend so much of the time working to improve the Windcrest Little League, have done a herculean job over the last five years. As you might deduce, I am passionate with regards to the Windcrest Little League. I participated in WLL from 1973 to 1984. I still am as involved as my schedule permits. In Little League, lifelong friendships are formed and life lessons are learned. The WLL had gone into a slump. For a period of time they were not given the attention that I felt was deserved. This administration has made it a priority along with other amenities for our families. From where the WLL was seven years ago, to where it is now – what an improvement! There is still much to do and investments to be made for our youth. Additionally, our families need to be served with other fields as well. Reach out to the Council and staff. I am promoting, and have been promoting, making substantial investments into our parks and Little League facilities, as well as other amenities. Let me hear from you.

Windcrest Property Tax Rate: Many citizens have asked the question – Are we going to see a reduction in the property tax rate again? I hope so, as I am going to ask for one. This administration promised that we would run the city more efficiently and would encourage Economic Development. For the sixth year in a row, I hope that we will see a reduction in the City's Residential Property Tax Rate. It appears that escalating health insurance costs coupled with some investments needed this coming year with regard to long overdue and neglected amenities/assets will necessitate the property tax rate being reduced by a lesser amount than I would have liked, but I still feel the

Council should vote for a reduction. I will propose this to them during the budget process. Please note that maintaining amenities/assets is less costly than repairing them when they have been overlooked. This administration formulated a seven year plan when we took office approximately 6 years ago. We are systematically catching up on items that in the past were neglected. Additionally, in the budget before the Council to vote on in late August/early September, I will ask that the **\$5 residential permit fee** and the **25% reduction of the garbage bill** be included. This is a testament to all the hard work by everyone on Team Windcrest. And again, we are making all the improvements in cash and are not incurring any debt. This administration has taken the City's finances approximately six years ago from one that had bloated debt at an alarming rate when we took office to virtually zero debt at the present time. No city in Bexar County has come close to matching our fiscal record. Again, we have done all of this while still investing in our community, adding assets with regards to Public Safety – Police, Fire and First Responders, and maintaining, adding and improving our streets, parks and common areas.

Budget Meetings for FY 2017/2018: We plan to have three Special City Council Meetings (SCCM) in August to review and discuss the budget. The dates and times will be announced on the City Facebook page and website on August 8th. You can also call City Hall at 210-655-0022 after Aug 7th and the staff will be able to relay this information. We will be planning these dates and times at the August 7th Council Meeting. Please note that all meetings will be held at City Hall in the Council Chambers. They will also be broadcast live via the internet, and recorded and archived to view and/or review at your pleasure. Note, the budget for the next Fiscal Year begins October 1, 2017 and ends September 30, 2018. We will continue to make improvements in every area of the city and in every department. We will be conservative with all revenue projections and take into account worst case scenarios with expense items so that we have a budget that at the end of the Fiscal Year has a positive balance. We have done this every year under this administration and will continue to conduct city business in this manner. We look forward to hearing any input or concerns that you have with regard to this budget. **Please participate.**

Upcoming Windcrest Elections (Reminder): Upcoming Windcrest Elections: This November, the Mayor position, as well as two Council Positions are to be voted on in the upcoming election. They are Council Place 4 and Council Place 5. If you have a desire to run, please come by City Hall to pick up an informational packet with the needed forms should you decide to run. They should be available starting July 18th. The first day to file to run is July 24th and the deadline to file is August 25th.

Volunteering and Participating: We need more people on the Newsletter Committee, Windcrest Citizens' Patrol and Animal Task Force. Please email Kelly Hamilton khamilton@windcrest-tx.gov if you wish to volunteer. Remember that there are still places of service within the City. If you want to participate or volunteer in any area of the City, you won't be turned away. Give me a call or email me to get involved.

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

Remember that I welcome and answer every phone call and email. My cell phone number is 210-846-5507.

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Alan E. Baxter

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Mayor-Pro-Tem

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THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY

The GOOD—We had the best and biggest 4th of July Parade ever. There were over 4,000 people on hand this year. A special thanks to the Windcrest Purple Heart Recipients who were the Grand Marshalls for our parade. Military City listen up—El Pollo Tropical here in Windcrest offers a 20% discount to all active duty and retired military patrons for your dining pleasure.



The BAD—OK, it's Budget time. We never have as much money as we would like. We all have projects and special items that we want. Even if we had the money to redo every street or alley, it would be impossible to accomplish it in a year. We will continue to do everything possible to keep our city progressing, and keep Windcrest proud.

THE UGLY—On July 3rd, I had the occasion to go through the Fire Dorms. I was appalled. The condition of these two homes was deplorable. There were safety and sanitation problems through out. There were obvious indications of misuse and destruction to city property. This will cost many, many thousands of dollars to bring these buildings to reasonable (not great) living conditions. These situations have never been brought to the council for a solution. How this could happen is beyond me, but it is a shame. This is years of neglect and abuse, but be assured, we will get it fixed.

Jim Shelton
Mayor Pro Tem

Councilmember Matt Vandenberg

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Thanks to all who were involved in the preparation for, clean-up after, or who attended the Fourth of July parade and festivities. This event is only possible because of months of planning and countless volunteers, and it is always so wonderful to celebrate our nation's independence as a community—and also to welcome those from surrounding areas into our city.

We all know, though, that just like our great Fourth of July parade, our nation's independence and democratic traditions don't just happen—the efforts and sacrifice of many are required. I am proud to be part of a family and a community in which so many have served in the military. But other forms of sacrifice are needed as well—some involve extensive contributions of time, but others are smaller, more routine sacrifices. For example, the payment of taxes enables institutions to continue forward. Service on a community board, commission, or involvement in a local school or non-profit organization helps countless individuals in need and shapes the character of a community. And, for those so inclined, the opportunity also exists to serve as an elected official.

As Mayor Baxter mentioned in his July article, if anyone is interested in running as a candidate for the positions of mayor or Place 4 or Place 5 on the City Council, now is the time to complete paperwork before the August 21, 2017 deadline. However, regardless of how you choose to serve and sacrifice, I appreciate your efforts to improve our community.

Councilmember Rick Cockerham

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Windcrest Fire Department is stronger than ever!!!

The Windcrest Fire Department is providing more protection and coverage with more volunteers and updated equipment, thanks to our new Fire Chief. We are fortunate to have Fire Chief Weidemann, who has more fire related qualifications, training, experience and education, than any fire chief in the history of Windcrest. Chief Weidemann is implementing positive changes in the fire department that will bring the department up to a higher state standard.

Windcrest is a beautiful city to live in, raise a family or enjoy retirement years. We are not perfect, but are continuously striving to improve our city. The city is on a positive course with home values increasing, new businesses to be announced, (on the 135, Eisenhower property), and the next phase of the street repairs to begin.

The Takas Park renovations are completed, with a budget surplus. The new budget will include more quality of life improvements , and keep our city debt free.

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Let me just go back to last month on the 4th of July Celebration. It was just wonderful. We had a much larger crowd than last year. Everyone had a great time. Our City Manager spend all day at the BBQ pit cooking for all who attended. Great job Mr. Rafael Castillo, Jr.

The Newsletter volunteers worked overtime to assist wherever they could. Their hard work is always appreciated.

Our Citizen's Patrol, especially Wes Manning and Henry Berman, worked hard to make sure that the lineup of parade attendants followed the parade route instructions. Thank you to these two gentlemen for their service! Thanks to the Pushrods car club for driving the Purple Heart Grand Marshalls in the parade.

Our Fire Department, with new Chief Jonathan Weidemann, was properly staffed with all vehicles clean and on the parade route. The volunteers present showed total support for their new chief and his programs to provide the best fire service and protection to all of our residents in our wonderful city.

Our Police Department, under Chief Al Ballew, where everywhere making sure that no laws were broken and that all citizens where protected. Some of our Policemen were wearing, what I would call "Field Gear", military type of clothing and equipment just in case someone would break the law and attempt to harm one of our 4th of July attendants. Also, let us not forget the great performance of our Honor Guard.

Throughout the day music was provide by our own Director of Maintenance, Mr. Tom Garcia and the Sweet Adelines, female chorus. Member of his organization were making sure that everyone had enough food and refreshments throughout the hot day.

Our devoted Mayor, Alan Baxter was there to speak to the attendants about our city and the 4th of July event. He then, as always, mixed with the crowd to answer questions about our great city's future.

All Council Members were there to support the event and our Mayor. Everyone helped were they could.

Enjoy the Month of August and try to stay out of the heat.

As always if you have any positive ideas on how to help our city to move forward please contact our Mayor, one of your City Council members or our City Manager. Thank you.

Councilmember

James McFall

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August marks the beginning of a new school year. All of our children regardless of wealth, race, zip code or disability must have the same opportunity to succeed and become productive citizens.

The best educational and social outcomes are achieved when schools and communities work together. Thus, our Administration shares a common

interest to ensure that each and every student in our Theodore Roosevelt Community strives for and achieves excellence academically and socially.

I encourage Windcrest residents to please volunteer your time and mentor a child within our Theodore Roosevelt Community. In addition to Windcrest Elementary, students from Ed White Middle Schools and Krueger Middle Schools, as well as, Camelot Elementary, Clear Springs Elementary, East Terrell Hills Elementary, Wilshire Elementary, Royal Ridge Elementary, Walzem Elementary, and Montgomery Elementary are expected to eventually graduate from Theodore Roosevelt High School. With your support, we can ensure that our students are able to maximize their potential and achieve their dreams.

Thank you for your continued support.

James McFall

City Secretary News, Kelly Rodriguez

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During the month of June the Mayor and Council passed some Resolutions and an Ordinance that you may be interested in. Please note that the links after the statements are links to the meetings on the City of Windcrest website. To view the whole discussion of the City Council simply type it in to the search bar on your internet browser.

Resolutions

06.05.17 RCCM

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2017-625(R), engagement of Treco Enterprises, Inc. to construct and install ballistic panels and bullet proof doors at the Windcrest City Hall.

2017-626(R), expressing the appreciation of the City Council of the City of Windcrest for the many years of honorable service provided to the City by John Hrcir as Municipal Court Prosecutor and appointing Darrell Dullnig as the new City of Windcrest Municipal Court Prosecutor.

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2017-754(O), amending the budget of the City of Windcrest for the fiscal year 2016-2017 to increase expense line items.

The last day to file for a place on the ballot for the November 8th election is August 21st.

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



Summer is slowly coming to an end and that means school will soon be starting! Slow down and remember to share the roads with school buses, pedestrians and bicyclists. Tell your children about stranger danger, pedestrian and bicycle safety, walking safely to school and their awareness of their surroundings. Practice a safety plan with them and educate them about the importance of their safety.

Teen drivers will be on the roadways as well. Laws can never take the place of parental supervision and responsibility! Teen drivers normally crash because of inexperience, distracted driving and/or speed. Nearly 57% of crashes are caused by Distracted Driving! These crashes spike as teens head back to school. Strong household rules regarding distracted driving, teen passengers, use of seat belts and cell phone use can certainly fill any gaps where state laws cannot. It is your sole responsibility as a parent or guardian to ensure that your child is ready to drive. Parents or guardians can be held responsible and liable for their teen driver's actions in a crash. Driving is a privilege... not a right! Parents or guardians make the decision when their teen is ready to drive and not every teen is ready to drive at the age of 16! Remember... one of the most important safety features for your teen driver is You! So, before you hand the keys to your teen driver, be very firm, set the rules and be ready to aggressively enforce non-compliance... you will greatly increase their safety and possibly save their life.



WINDCREST LIONS CLUB

We are proud to announce Windcrest resident, Nello Rosania, received our prestigious LION OF THE YEAR Award for his outstanding contribution of time and service to Lionism and our community. Congratulations Lion Nello. You exemplify our Lion motto – We Serve.



We are firming up a busy schedule of community service and fundraising for our new fiscal year. There are many opportunities to help in our local community and throughout Texas. One of the projects we most enjoy is supporting the Texas Lions Camp.



A Windcrest grandmother approached us about sponsoring her hearing impaired granddaughter for a week at the camp. We were delighted to make that happen and the young lady recently returned from a joyful week of fun. Texas Lions Camp is a summer camp dedicated to serving children (ages 7-16) from the state of Texas with physical disabilities. The camp is a modern facility located on over 500 acres in the beautiful Texas Hill Country. Texas Lions Camp offers campers a chance to try new activities and create long lasting friendships while developing greater self-esteem, independence, and most of all, they get to have FUN!

If you have a child or grandchild who might benefit from attending camp, please look at the website www.lionscamp.com or on Facebook at Texas Lions Camp. Interested in learning more about the Texas Lions Camp or the Windcrest Lions? Call Marlene (210) 455-3662.

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The hottest part of the summer is coming and thanks to all our residents who have done their part by keeping their property clean which contributes to the health of the City. In the coming weeks, please remember; take time to hydrate, wear protective clothing and take breaks under the shade. If you didn't know, please be aware the City is not responsible for cutting all the shrubbery, grass, weeds and tree branch growth in the alley behind or beyond your fence. All trash that comes out or is scattered by animals from your trash cans also needs to be cleaned. All bushes growing onto the sidewalks and streets or low hanging tree branches past the curb onto the streets is the resident/property owner's responsibility to maintain. The City only maintains the roadways. If in violation, you may receive a notice to maintain all the weeds, grass, bushes and tree branches obstructing the alley or street. There are penalties for non-compliance. Backyards are checked as well! Please inspect your part of the alley and maintain as needed. If you need to get some major home repairs done, check to see if your contractor needs a permit from City.

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.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Happy August! Like always, it's been a busy month here in Windcrest! The Drury Inn has recently undergone some renovations. Although the exterior facelift isn't quite complete, the inside is absolutely beautiful! Every single room was completely updated. Some of the improvements include new furniture, new beds, new doors, and a new room key system. The front lobby, including the dining area, was also flipped. The entire layout from the floors, to the furniture, and even the decorations were redone. It now has a very modern, yet comfortable, feel to it and it looks amazing! Check out some of the photos below.



Another project that is currently progressing is the Eisenhower Point - 110 acre development project. Commenting on the growth, Clay Page from R.C. Page Construction said, "Progress is going well. Buildings 3 & 4 will near completion in the next week. U.S. Auto will be occupying Building 3 of roughly 90,000 sf. We are extremely pleased with the weather taking a little break so we could finish the landscaping." We are anxious for this development to finish!

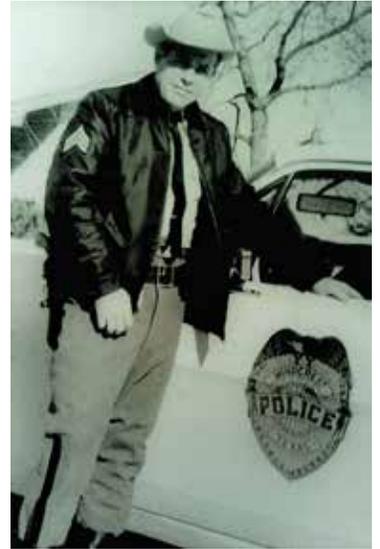
The EDC board meetings have been pretty eventful lately, too! Unfortunately, during our late June meeting, EDC President Tim Maloney announced his resignation. We are extremely sad to see him go but we are incredibly thankful to have had him on board for six long years. He's made some huge contributions to our City and we could not have been as successful without him. Windcrest EDC board member Colonel Sue Alexander commented, "Tim has been the guiding rudder of the WEDC ship. With his leadership WEDC has finished many large projects including the Rackspace Road, and under Tim's watchful eye, that project was completed under budget. The money borrowed to complete this project will be paid off ahead of time. Tim has been a leader and friend of the Windcrest Community. He and his leadership will be missed." Adding to that, board member Leonard Neeper commented, "I always looked forward to our EDC meetings because under Tim's leadership, our meetings were always short and to the point," and Lisa Pepi said, "As both a Windcrest citizen and fellow board member I want to express my appreciation to Tim for the time and effort he contributed towards improving our City. Tim stepped into a thankless job during a difficult time in our City and as a fellow board member, I am grateful for the support and leadership Tim provided during our shared tenure on the WEDC Board of Directors." Colonel Irv Gerrow, another EDC board member, also had some nice words to say about Tim. "Under the leadership of Tim Maloney, the Windcrest EDC has achieved much for our City and our citizens can be proud of these accomplishments. In 2011 the WEDC took out a loan for \$1.6 million to build Racker Road which the City was obligated to build as a result of the then City Manager, Ronnie Cain's financial fiasco. Thanks to Tim the EDC was able to pay off this 15 year loan in six years, saving the City thousands of dollars in interest. To coin a phrase, "We are now debt free!" And that is a great place for our City to be. Now, after six years of guiding the Windcrest EDC, Tim is resigning. On behalf of the City of Windcrest, I would like to express our collective gratitude for all his hard work." We will definitely miss you, Tim!

On a brighter note, and tying into Colonel Gerrow's comment, we discussed and approved becoming 100% debt free during our July meeting! We have been paying down on a loan since 2011 and are so excited to have paid it off. Paying it off this year not only saved us money, it also put us three years ahead of schedule. What an accomplishment!

Life Tribute

William Edd Roberts Jr.
November 16, 1923 - July 9, 2017

Bill, as he was known to most of us, was a long-time Windcrest resident. He enjoyed sharing many lifetime stories. One he enjoyed sharing was about being the first Chief of Police for Windcrest. He said that he actually had to buy his own gun and bullets. Bill was a Major USAF, Retired. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1943 after his freshman year at the Citadel. He served as an aerial gunner on B-17s. On July 9, 1944 (his 45th combat mission) his plane was shot down over Germany. Bill was taken POW for 11 months, and he survived the Stalag Luft IV Long March in 1945. Bill received many awards and decorations including the Purple Heart. Following WWII he obtained a degree in Pharmacy for his second career. His volunteer work is monumental. He gave time and effort to so many organizations dealing with Veteran Groups, Law Enforcement, Church, and Fraternal. Bill was still an active member of the Windcrest WCCPD. He will surely be missed!



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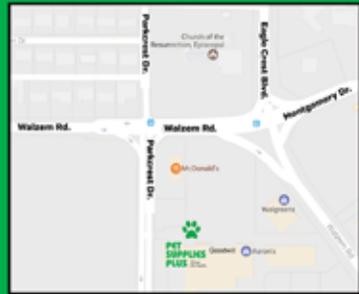
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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Jan Leaders Chairperson, Parks & Recreation Commission

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The summer is drawing to a close, the kids are looking forward to school, well maybe not the kids as much as the parents, but now it is time to think about some fall indoor activities for the adults while those children are in school. I can help with that! I have three bowling leagues that are always looking for new bowlers.

First there is a mixed league, a three person team consisting of one man and two women or two men and one woman. This is a senior league so you must be at least 50 years young and wish to bowl on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00PM at Astro Super Bowl. The second league is comprised of just ladies. This is a four person team and this league bowls on Thursday mornings at Brunswick Thousand Oaks. The third league is a senior traveling league. It bowls year around but only on the third Saturday of each month. We travel to surrounding cities like New Braunfels and San Marcos but most weeks are right here in San Antonio at various bowling centers. This is a four person team which must have at least one member of the opposite sex on each team.

If anyone is interested in any of these leagues, you can come as a single and be placed on a team or if you have a whole or partial team and want to bowl, please contact me as these leagues will be forming at the end of August to begin bowling after Labor Day.

I hope y'all have contacted me with any ideas for consideration as the Parks & Recreation Commission begin to plan for our expenditures for the upcoming Fiscal Year. If not, please provide me with your suggestions so we can continue to move our city forward for the good of all.

Jan Leaders, Chairperson

From the Desk of **TOM GARCIA**

Director of Public Works
tgarcia@windcrest-tx.gov

Summer is about to end. Hope all have had a chance to take a special trip or enjoy some quality family time.

Please continue to be extra careful with the heat when outside. This summer has brought record high heat and humidity which is a deadly mixture. Please hydrate throughout your day and seek shaded areas when possible. I want to thank the nice people who bring cold bottled water out to the PW crew from time to time. Many thanks.

I would like to send my appreciation out to the Windcrest Garden Club who have truly stepped up their game with regards to our community. With many participating members, the Garden Club has taken action to beautify our city. City Hall and the Civic Center are a couple of areas where they have already made a great impact on the beautification of the property. I personally have gotten many compliments about the flower pots in front of city hall. My response is consistent, the Windcrest Garden Club made it happen.

Great Job !

WINDCREST ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL UNIT



Officers A. Fuentes and M. Gonzales

The Animal Care and Control Unit is updating records for Registered Caregivers under the City's TNR ordinance, to insure the accuracy of our database, we ask that all registered caregivers please contact an Animal Control officer by email at afuentes@windcrest-tx.gov or mgonzales@windcrest-tx.gov or via Windcrest Police Department Communications at 210.655.2666 anytime during the month of August, 2017. (Chapter 6, Article III, Division 3 Community Cat Trap Neuter Program, Sect 6-124 - Registered Caregivers)

If you do not contact us, we will assume you no longer wish to continue as a caregiver. If you are unable to care for any community cats at this time, you may re-register when you are able to participate at a later date. If you are not a Registered Caregiver and wish to participate, we always welcome additional help caring for lost/abandoned pets.

If you are feeding or caring for any neighborhood cat(s) and have not registered as a Caregiver with the City of Windcrest, please do so or the animal will be considered your pet and is subject to annual registration with the City of Windcrest, verification of current rabies inoculation, spayed or neutered and identified with an identification tag or microchipped, (the same as all other indoor/outdoor domestic cats in Windcrest.)



The CERT Team would like to share the following website: <http://www.weather.gov/safety/> that includes a lot of good information about all kinds of weather conditions, but this month, we are looking at lightening. Click on the "Safety" link then "Lightening" to not only read Safety Tips and Resources, but the Myth vs. Facts about lightening. Did you know:

Myth: Lightning never strikes the same place twice. **Fact:** Lightning often strikes the same place repeatedly, especially if it's a tall, pointy, isolated object. The Empire State Building is hit an average of 23 times a year.

Myth: If it's not raining or there aren't clouds overhead, you're safe from lightning. **Fact:** Lightning often strikes more than three miles from the center of the thunderstorm, far outside the rain or thunderstorm cloud. "Bolts from the blue" can strike 10-15 miles from the thunderstorm.

Myth: Rubber tires on a car protect you from lightning by insulating you from the ground. **Fact:** Most cars are safe from lightning, but it is the metal roof and metal sides that protect you, NOT the rubber tires. Remember, convertibles, motorcycles, bicycles, open-shelled outdoor recreational vehicles and cars with fiberglass shells offer no protection from lightning. When lightning strikes a vehicle, it goes through the metal frame into the ground. Don't lean on doors during a thunderstorm.

Myth: A lightning victim is electrified. If you touch them, you'll be electrocuted. **Fact:** The human body does not store electricity. It is perfectly safe to touch a lightning victim to give them first aid. This is the most chilling of lightning Myths. Imagine if someone died because people were afraid to give CPR!

Myth: If outside in a thunderstorm, you should seek shelter under a tree to stay dry. **Fact:** Being underneath a tree is the second leading cause of lightning casualties. Better to get wet than fried!

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De-Skunking Your Dog

Skunks are everywhere—in the country and in the city. If your dog gets sprayed, there are ways you can rid him of the scent without using your entire ketchup (or tomato juice) supply to do it.



Over-the-counter products such as Nature's Miracle Skunk Odor Remover, which is available at most specialty pet retailers, are a quick fix, but if you don't have that on hand, try the following:

Step 1: Keep Fido outside

While you prepare the de-skunking solution, keep your dog outside after he's sprayed so he doesn't carry the smell into your house. Check his eyes; if they're irritated or red, immediately flush them with cool water.

Step 2: Mix the Ingredients

Mix together:

- 1 quart of 3-percent hydrogen peroxide (available at your local pharmacy)
- 1/4 cup baking soda
- 1 teaspoon liquid dishwashing soap

Wearing rubber gloves, wash your dog with this solution immediately after he's been sprayed. DO NOT get the solution in the dog's eyes. (If you don't have peroxide, baking soda, and liquid soap on hand, use vinegar diluted with water.)

Caution: Do NOT save this mixture or make it ahead of time, as the mixture could explode if left in a bottle.

Step 3: Clean and rinse

Rub the mixture through his fur, but don't leave it on him too long (peroxide can bleach his fur). Rinse him thoroughly.

Step 4: Shampoo

Next, wash your dog with pet shampoo and rinse thoroughly. By now, he should be de-skunked and smelling sweet. Thoroughly towel-dry your dog, and be sure to place him in a warm, sunny room for the next couple of hours so that he doesn't get chilled. He should also have a large dry towel on which to lie down. If your dog has long fur, you may need to use a hair dryer to dry his fur.

Owner cleanup

If your dog rubbed some of the stink onto you, you can rid your clothes of the smell by using regular laundry detergent mixed with a half-cup of baking soda.

Just be sure you are not encouraging skunks to your area by leaving out food or water. Don't have areas in your yard that provide a shelter... like under shed or deck. Make sure if you have fruit trees that you pick up the fruit that has dropped. Then those skunks will just continue to move on out of the area.

MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT

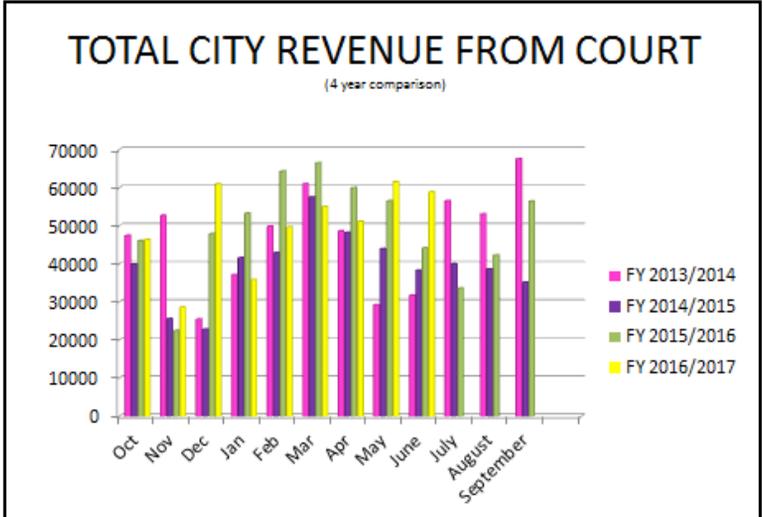
By Kelly Rodriguez, Municipal Court Clerk,
 krodriquez@windcrest-tx.gov
 (210) 655-0022 ext 2250

Teen Curfew

Did you know that the City of Windcrest has a Teen Curfew? Sec. 24-90 of the Windcrest Code of Ordinances states that (a) It shall be unlawful for any minor to purposefully remain, walk, run, stand, drive, or ride about in or upon any public place in the city between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. (b) It shall be unlawful for any minor to purposefully remain, walk, run, stand, drive or ride about in or upon any public place in the city between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday while school is in session. (c) It shall be unlawful for the parent having legal custody of a minor to knowingly allow or permit the minor to be in violation of the curfew imposed in subsections (a) and (b) of this section. Something to keep in mind with the start of school later this month.

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

Join us on, Wednesday, 23 August at 10a.m. for our kick-off of the 2017-2018 season! Come enjoy the program planned by our new 1st Vice President Joan Pedrotti. Along with speakers and special events like Light-Up, a Fashion Show, Annual Founder's and Appreciation Tea, and field trips, we will continue our emphasis on service through events coordinated by our Community Service Group. If that's not enough, we also have two other Special Interest Groups: Gourmet II (exploring the many wonderful restaurants in our area) and Arts and Crafts (making and exploring a variety of crafts in various creative mediums). Also, our hostess will ensure you don't leave hungry.



It is not too late to join or renew your membership to the Windcrest Women's Club. Just fill out the form below and send to: Windcrest Women's Club, 549 Crestway, Windcrest TX 78239 along with a check for \$20 or bring it to our Wednesday, 23 August meeting. Remember, memberships are accepted anytime of the year so it's never too late too early or late to join! Watch the Windcrest Newsletter for upcoming events.

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

Full Name: _____ Spouse Name: _____

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Windcrest GARDEN CLUB

— LOIS WOOTON —

The new 2017-2018 Garden Club season schedule is out. **Our first meeting on, Monday, 11 September at 11a.m. in the Civic Center** will lead off with a Potluck luncheon, Silent Auction and our annual collecting School Supplies for the Windcrest Elementary School (all donations are welcome).



The **October 2nd field trip to Shades of Green Nursery** will leave from the Civic Center. We'll leave from the Civic Center at 10a.m. to arrive at the Nursery at 10:30a.m., and lunch at a local restaurant. Shades of Green opened in 1981 and specializes in organic gardening. This is a "must visit" if you want to learn more about this important aspect of gardening.



You don't want to miss out on the fun and opportunities to make a difference in our community. Just complete the form below and send it to Windcrest Garden Club, 413 Zephyr Dr, Windcrest TX 78239, along with your check for \$15.00 or bring it with you to our next meeting on Monday, 11 September at the Civic Center.

Watch the Windcrest Newsletter for more updates.

WINDCREST GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Home phone: _____

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413 Zephyr Dr.
Windcrest, TX 78239

Windcrest Yard Awards June

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- Area II** Home: Harry & Pat Forbes, 433 Crestwind
Garden Home: Virginia Tyler, 321 Fenwick
- Area III** Mr & Mrs Gene Baker, 514 Sunhaven
- Area IV** Mr & Mrs Richard Mason, 52 Waxwing Circle
- Area V** Home: Bill Zulaica, 5927 Northgap
Garden Home: Ann Benson, 584 Northgap
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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.

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

YMCA Summer Blow Out – Friday, August 25th, 5:00p.m.-9:00p.m. at Takas Park. All children are welcome to come and enjoy the inflatable water slides and receive a free backpack while supplies last.

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



PUBLIC RELATIONS, EVENTS & MARKETING Kelly Hamilton

JULY 4th Parade & Celebration News

The Celebration, which was started by the current administration, started at 10:00 AM at City Hall and lasted until approximately 1:30 PM. The Parade was sponsored by the American Legion, which has been held for decades (thanks American Legion and especially Col. Cooper) Over 3000 fajita tacos and 800 hot dogs were given away as well as other food and drinks. The last several years this event has grown to over 2000 people and this year we estimated close to double that amount came out to celebrate with us! To celebrate Windcrest being designated as a Purple Heart city, the Grand Marshalls for this year's parade were the Purple Heart recipients and their spouses and/or their surviving spouses that reside in Windcrest. Thank you to all the community sponsors who made this event possible – HEB, Taco Cabana, Whataburger, McDonalds, Dunkin Donuts, Colonial Life Insurance. The July 4th photos are in a link on the City Facebook page. Be sure to check them out!

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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Saturday, August 19 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM W/NBB members will be accepting donations at the Windcrest Golf Club. Monetary donations should be secured in an envelope and left for W/NBB at the Windcrest Main Office or delivered to the 8/19 collection site. Donated items will be divided and disbursed to the eleven campuses in the TR Cluster. Thanks in advance for your on-going generosity and support.

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2017-2018 First Bell Rings Aug 28; Join PTA/PTSA and W/NBB



We are rapidly approaching the first day of school, August 28, 2017. Whether you have children in school or not, your support is needed by the PTAs our area. These volunteer groups spend countless hours providing programs that benefit children, classrooms and schools. Their main sources for funding activities are memberships and donations.

PTA/PTSA activities include appreciation events for students and teachers, Refections in the Arts, Open House, holiday meals for families, Angel tree gifts, refreshments for school and/or club sponsored events, participation on campus committees and a wealth of other activities to assure the lines of communication between families, schools and the community are open.

PTA/PTSA Members include parents, teachers, students and anyone in the community that supports education and cares about children. Each member of a local PTA/PTSA Is also a member of the Texas PTA and National PTA. Also, there are special discounts and other membership benefits for all who join.

Additionally, the Windcrest/Northeast Bridge Builders work closely with school administrators and PTAs/PTSAs as they provide necessary support at campuses in the TR Cluster. All W/NBB members are encouraged to join at least one cluster campus PTA/PTSA. Also, all W/NBB members should be registered NEISD Volunteers so when help is needed by PTAs/PTSAs throughout the cluster, members can readily assist. Ultimately, PTA/PTSA and W/NBB makes certain our area schools have critically needed community support as they strive for success.

In the 2017-2018 school year, join a PTA/PTSA with W/NBB as we serve to support education and children and make ours a better COM"YOU"NITY!!



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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 for 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.
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OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION

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Meetings in Windcrest City Hall Council Chambers

Municipal Court	Aug 1, 8, 15	4:00 p.m.
RCCM	Aug 7	6:00 p.m.
WEDC	Aug 10	6:00 p.m.

Water District	Aug 17	6:00 p.m.
RCCM	Aug 21	5:15 p.m.

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