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A monthly newsletter for the residents of the City of Windcrest published by Neighborhood News, Inc.

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Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,

December is upon us. I hope everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving and is ready for the Holiday Season. It is a time we get to spend shopping, decorating, and most importantly, spending quality family time together. This year's Light-Up Ceremony will be bigger and better than ever - at least that's the plan. As of now, the weather looks like it will cooperate. Please enjoy this lovely time of year and enjoy the Light-Up, along with the out of town visitors. We are the City of Lights, and it is our time to shine! This is the biggest event and marketing tool of our city. It is also the biggest fundraiser for many of our charitable organizations. Please participate in this great tradition and decorate your houses and businesses. As a city, we have a lot to be thankful for. 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.**

Elections Results: This past month an election was held for the Mayor and two City Council Positions. The results are in, and the votes have been counted, certified and validated. Results of the election are as follows: Dan Reese was elected as Mayor, Frank Archuleta for Council Place #4 and Joan Pedrotti for Council Place #5. It is my hope that these newly elected officials continue to uphold the best interest of the community and pursue the path of progress and prosperity for all who reside here. I thank all the candidates who ran and the volunteers that helped with the respective campaigns. I also want to thank all the citizens of Windcrest. I was the third longest serving Mayor, and in the city that I grew up in! I loved serving you all, and I feel we accomplished a great deal. I learned a lot along the way, met a lot of great folks and made new friends. Thanks again.

Windcrest Women's Club Presents the 2017 Windcrest Light-Up & Save the Dates: As you all know, this year's theme is "Enjoy the Lights of Windcrest." I believe this year's Light-Up will be the grandest ever. Good luck to everyone entering the Light-Up Contest! Some save the dates: **Tuesday, December 5th** - Judging, **Saturday, December 9th** City Light-Up Celebration at City Hall, and **Thursday, January 4th** - Award Ceremony at Takas Park. Let's make this Light-Up the best ever!

Tuesday, December 5th: This is the day that the Women's Club judges all those houses that have entered. They ask that you have your lights on at 6 PM and keep them on until 11 PM. It takes hours to judge and they need all this time to determine the winners. Thanks to the Women's Club for continuing this tradition.

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Saturday, December 9th: This is the Light-Up Party/Ceremony at City Hall, and the first official day of Light-Up. It is open to the public and free at City Hall. You do not want to miss this night of fun. This year the Light -Up Ceremony will be the biggest and best ever! It is from 6 – 9 PM at City Hall.

December 9 – 31st: This is when people from all over come to see our beautiful city. We are internationally recognized for our lights. Last year, the Firefighters passed out over 15,000 maps and asked for donations. The first day the maps will be available will be at the Light-Up Ceremony December 9th at City Hall. Come get a map and see where the winners are located. Tour the city and enjoy the Holiday Season.

Thursday, January 4th, 2018: This is the Awards Ceremony for the Light-Up winners. We started this party under my leadership. It is open to all Windcrest citizens to come and applaud the winners. The event is free and takes place at Takas Park Civic Center at 7pm. We will have entertainment and free food and drinks (non-alcoholic) while supplies last. More information about this celebration will be in the January Newsletter. Please mark your calendars for this special day.

Economic Development: There are many things happening. The Holiday Inn Express is now open for business. The hotel features a full self-service breakfast bar, outdoor pool and fitness facility. On November 15, myself, along with other City Officials and EDC

representatives, were privileged to take a tour of the new hotel at its Grand Opening. Some photos of the Opening Ceremony are in the EDC article in this issue of the Newsletter. The KFC/ Taco Bell located on Walzem Road has officially begun its renovations. Upon completion, the building will solely house Kentucky Fried Chicken. This is a major remodel so KFC will remain closed for the duration of the update. Keep an eye on the City Facebook page for photos of the construction progress around town. As included in the October EDC article, Walt Busby of Central Texas Realty, briefed the City Council and WEDC leadership on a planned senior living facility to be built on approximately 23 acres off of Windsor Hill. The project will include independent living as well as assisted living and a memory center. The partnership plans to invest \$85 to \$100 million. This is a project that I hold near and dear. I worked on it for three years. It will be transformative for our community. I will stay involved with this project. Stay tuned for more information. There is so much more coming to fruition. Stay tuned for updates in future Newsletters.

Volunteering and Participating: We need more people on the Newsletter Committee, Windcrest Citizens’ Patrol and Animal Task Force. Please call Kelly Hamilton at (210) 314-9783 if you wish to volunteer. Remember that there are still places of service within the City.

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Alan E. Baxter



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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL !!!

I encourage all to attend the Windcrest Light –Up festivities at City Hall. Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate and cookies, and welcome in the holiday season.

It will be a joyous time with music, a choir singing your favorite tunes, with activities for the children and Santa in his sleigh.

A fun time for children and adults, making this a spectacular light-up ceremony with your presence.

God Bless Windcrest

Councilmember
James McFall

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The Christmas Holiday Season is here. It is the time of year when we spend time decorating and lighting up our homes. More importantly, it is the time of year that we enjoy spending with our good friends and family.

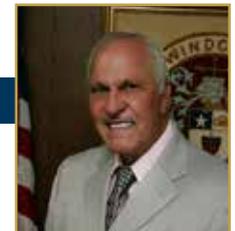
Windcrest is the City of Lights and this year's Light Up Ceremony will be as good or better than ever. Please decorate your homes and participate in this great Windcrest tradition.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

James McFall

Councilmember
Gerd E. Jacobi

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A Merry Christmas to everyone in Windcrest from my family to yours.

Mayor Pro-Tem
Jim Shelton Place #3-jshelton@windcrest-tx.gov
Voter suppression – I have heard that term used several times regarding the requirement for Photo ID's for voting. Our City experienced firsthand a real example of attempted voter suppression during the last City election on November 7, 2017. Certain citizens from our community sought to have the Bexar County Elections Administrator move our City election out of the Windcrest Takas Park Civic Center to a location not even in the City of Windcrest. Naturally, the City Administration opposed such a silly attempt at voter suppression and eventually convinced the Elections Administrator to leave Windcrest voting where it belongs in the City of Windcrest! Once the election was concluded, not one polling place had more voters than our Windcrest Takas Park Civic Center. In order to keep the election in Windcrest, the City was required to pay Bexar County sheriff deputies to be at the polling place throughout the election cycle. The final tally for this extra expense has not yet been determined. In the future, the City will need to reconsider the engagement of the Bexar County Elections Administrator to handle local elections to avoid similar voter suppression attempts.
Jim Shelton
 Mayor Pro Tem



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Congratulations to the winners in the November elections.

It is hard to believe we are at the end of another year. As the old adage states, "my, how time flies when you are having fun". The year 2017 was a good one for our city. We saw lots of growth with new businesses now calling Windcrest home. I believe as a City Council we put together a good working budget so more things can be accomplished toward the same end – to make our city a wonderful place in which to live, play and work. This is only done when you have dedicated people who put their wants and desires aside while diligently working for the greater good of all.

I want to thank everyone with whom I've worked with and for over the last six years as this my last writing for the Windcrest Newsletter. It has been a pleasure getting to know all those people who give so generously of their time. As I once again become "Jan Q. Public", walking my dog, Bentley, through the city, I will look back on many accomplishments by the Parks & Recreation Commission. Many ideas were brought to that Commission; some we were able to implement while others are still in the long range plans. Finished tasks are: safer sidewalks in our parks; lighting that allows our citizens a safe walking area in these dark winter hours, a pond that holds water at Windy Hollow/Takas Park, shade structures over the playscapes in Takas Park, a new playground in Wind Brook Estates, new fencing for a safer environment in which our Little League plays, new surfaces on the tennis courts and new pickleball courts, just to name a few. Hotel Occupancy Taxes (HOT monies) were used at the civic center for a redo of its interior; replacing wooden cabinets in the kitchen with stainless steel shelving and worktops, a new stove, refrigerator and ice machine. Many of our civic organizations and residents use this facility so I hope they enjoy these updated amenities.

Wishing all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

See y'all around town!

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City Secretary News, Kelly Rodriguez

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

Ordinances

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http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1945

2017-762(O) repealing Ordinance No. 2016-744(O) and adopting a replacement ordinance regulating the use of city property during early voting periods and on election day during official elections at Takas Park

City Offices will be closed December 25th – 26th in observance of the Christmas Holiday and January 1st in observance of the New Year.



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



The Holiday Season is upon us and as the City of Windcrest prepares for its Season of Light-Up, we will see increased traffic, increased business and an increase in criminal activity. There are many things you can do to prevent and lessen your chances of becoming a victim during this joyous holiday season.

As you prepare for the holidays with shopping, decorating and other festive events please follow these tips to insure you are doing everything possible to prevent a holiday tragedy. Traffic in Windcrest will soon be increasing and is expected to exceed previous years with our Light-Up celebration. Around the house... do not leave curtains open; do not leave garage doors open or vehicles unlocked in the driveway. Keep gifts put away...do not leave them wrapped under the tree until you are ready to celebrate with your family. Do not allow strangers into your home. Be very cautious when allowing anyone into your home... even businesses you hire for a job, such as carpet cleaning, chimney sweeping or furnace repair. Use reputable firms that are bonded and those that do background checks on their employees. Make sure you keep your mail and papers picked up... if you are going out of town, have a friend or neighbor watch over your home. Contact your Windcrest Police Department to complete a request for house checks.

While you are shopping...dress comfortably and avoid wearing expensive or excessive jewelry. Park in well-lit areas with increased pedestrian traffic. Scan the parking lot before you exit your vehicle and when your return to your vehicle. Always check your vehicle interior when you return after shopping. Don't carry cash; try to use your debit card instead. Shop in the daytime; avoid night shopping unless you are with a spouse or friend. Never leave property in your vehicle. If you are at the mall, never go out to your vehicle, leave packages and return to another store. Criminals love the holidays and they can't wait to take what you have. If you have a need to put something in the trunk after shopping, and you want to stay at the mall, do so, but move your vehicle to another area after items are placed in the trunk... remember, criminals are always watching! Stay alert and be very aware of strangers approaching you for anything. Ladies, try to avoid using purses...keep your identification, cash, debit card and/or credit cards in a small wallet that you can easily conceal. There are a lot of inexpensive great items on the market that allow you to conceal your items in a holder that hangs around your neck and inside your sweater, shirt or jacket. This will keep your hands free and avoid providing a focused target for thieves that will not hesitate in assaulting you to take your purse from you.

While you are out and about, keep your vehicle doors locked and your windows up. Do not respond to pedestrians approaching your vehicle at intersections or stop signs. Criminals are everywhere and will use any means necessary to take advantage of you. Drive defensively and avoid all confrontations with aggressive drivers. Keep yourself and your family safe... Be smart this Holiday Season! Report all suspicious activity to the Windcrest Police Department at (210)655-2666. We are always here serving and protecting the City of Lights!



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- Park in well-lit areas
- Don't carry cash, use your debit card instead
- Never go out to your vehicle and leave packages and then return to the store
- Beware of strangers approaching you for anything
- Have a Plan...Be Prepared!

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Happy December Windcrest! I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! As we gear up for our favorite time of the year, we are staying busy with lots of new projects here in Windcrest!

The Holiday Inn Express is now open for business! This beautiful hotel features a full self-service breakfast bar, outdoor pool and fitness facility! On November 15, Mayor Baxtor, along with other City Officials and EDC representatives, were privileged to take a tour of the new hotel at its Grand Opening! We are looking forward to watching The Holiday Inn Express thrive here in Windcrest and we can't wait to share some images from their Grand Opening with you!



The KFC/Taco Bell located on Walzem Road has officially begun its renovations. The building that use to house both fast food restaurants will now only service as a KFC. With such a big remodel, KFC is closed for the duration of the update. As renovations continue, we will be sure you keep you posted on all its updates and the grand opening date!



Another exciting project is considering a major investment in Windcrest. In October Walt Busby of Central Texas Realty, who is acting as developer for a Chicago area company, briefed the City Council and WEDC leadership on a planned senior living facility to be built on approximately 23 acres off of Windsor Hill. The project will include independent living as well as assisted living and a memory center. The partnership will invest \$85 to \$100 million and hopes to close on the land in April.

As we close out this year, development continues on the Eisenhower Point and we are looking forward to announcing some new projects coming to the corner of Eisenhower and Highway 35 at the start of the New Year!

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Happy holidays to everyone. As we immerse ourselves in holiday spirit, please take extra precautions on the roads during heavier than normal Light Up traffic. As members of the Windcrest Citizens Patrol, we will be paying special

attention during this festive time to residential and business areas for increased protection against any nefarious activities. If you see something, say something! In the interest of everyone's wellbeing and safety, we thank you! WCP lends its support to many events making our city special. WCP Volunteers assist with almost every City event and a huge thank you goes out to those WCP members who roll up their collective sleeves to help make these events a safe success. Col. Henry M. Berman CPT/Coordinator of the WCP



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From the Desk of
TOM GARCIA

Director of Public Works
tgarcia@windcrest-tx.gov

Public Works would like to wish all of the Windcrest Community a very Merry Christmas and a splendid New Year.

There were so many tragic things across the Country that happened over the last calendar year- Too many to mention in detail. We would like to ask everyone to not forget the good things in your life that have happened as well; Good things big or small as long as they were positive.

Please enjoy the beautiful lights and decorations around the city. This is the time of year Windcrest shines brightly. Blessings to you, your neighbors, friends and family. Have a wonderful holiday and please keep those less fortunate this year in your prayers.



Election Results

Mr. Dan Reese (Mayor), Mr. Frank Archuleta (CCM #4) and Mrs. Joan Pedrotti (CCM #5) were sworn in to office during the Monday, November 20, 2017 City Council Meeting. Please look for their newsletter articles in the January 2018 issue. Congratulations to the newest members of the City of Windcrest Administration and Council.



★ ★ ★ ★ CODE ★ ★ ★ ★ ENFORCEMENT UNIT

By: Officer Ocanas



Greetings: My name is Officer Ocanas and I was recently assigned as the new Code Compliance and Enforcement officer. I am not new to the department but I am excited to accept this opportunity to help you, our wonderful residents in any way I can. It's the season to give and the season to love and I hope everyone is in the Christmas Spirit! Our City is known as the City of Lights and visitors come from all over to enjoy our wonderful Christmas lights. I have been told by visitors that they feel safe and welcome in our City. Please take a few moments to check your properties for any rubbish in plain view and remove trailers and inoperable vehicles. Thousands of visitors will be traveling through our streets, so please keep as many vehicles off the street as possible during Christmas Light-Up. If you have any low hanging branches over the street and sidewalks, take time to trim them up.

Please cut and trim your grass as needed to keep the City looking good. Please mend any fences that may entice intruders to enter or pets to exit! Lastly, please pay attention to your alley and keep them clean and clear for trash collection and emergency vehicles to get through without any issues. If you should require any assistance or want to report a violation of the Windcrest City Code, please contact the Code Compliance & Enforcement Unit by calling the Windcrest Police Department Dispatcher at 210.655.2666, or you can send an email through the link provided on the Code Enforcement site.

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Water Board

As of our October meeting we do not have a contract on the Randolph Property. There has been interest in it according to REOC, the realtor. The Board voted to increase the Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA) Fee from .3006 per ccf to .3200 per ccf. This increase will cover what the EAA is charging the Water District. It will amount to about 1 cent increase per ccf's used. The average bill will increase by about 7 cents a month. The Board voted to continue paying our elected rate of 7.40% to the Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS) toward the District's employees' retirement. By continuing to pay the elected rate, our employees' retirement account will be 92.4% funded.

When a business moves into Windcrest, the business must purchase the estimated amount of water the business will use in a year and deed it to the Water District. This can be done in a couple of ways. The business can go out and find water for sale on the open market, purchase it and deed it to the District; or if the District has extra water, the business can purchase the water from the District and deed it back to the District. Wash Tub is opening a facility in Windcrest. It is estimated that the Wash Tub will use 7.5 acre feet of water a year. The Board discussed the possibility of the District selling water to the Wash Tub. The District has approximately 300-600+ acre feet of water that we normally do not use each month. If the District sells the water to the Wash Tub, it will generate about \$37,500-42,000 in revenue for the district. Since the Wash Tub will deed that water back to the District, the district will still have 1632 acre feet of water. The Board will take action on this at a later date.

The 2018 Budget was given to the Board at the September meeting. The Board reviewed the 2018 Budget and approved it at the October meeting. There are several unknowns that may make adjustments to the budget necessary. Two unknowns are a District rate increase and insurance premiums.

Our Policy and Procedure Manual is still under review and will be brought before the Board for approval at the November Board Meeting.

The District Engineer, Leonard Young, and the General Manager, David Wallace, went over the progress on two Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects that are currently under way. One project is to upgrade/replace the electrical system for the District's well # 3. Once that is completed, a new generator will be purchased to use at well #3 and can be used at any of the District's other wells. We currently have a second-hand diesel generator that is over 50 years old. It can be cranked up to supply water in an emergency. It is time or probably past time to replace that generator. The #3 well and the new generator will have the capacity to supply all of Windcrest with water in an emergency. The second project is the replacement of water lines in the Zephyr and Crosswind areas. The survey for that project was completed ahead of schedule.

On a very positive note, the District has been operating in the black since August and cost of the electrical work on well #3 and the generator appear to be coming in under our projections.

Because of the holidays the District's December meeting will be December 14th instead of the regular time which is the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Sue Alexander,
President, Bexar County WCID #10 Board of Directors
salexanderbcwid10@gmail.com

LIONS CLUB NEWS

Mark your Calendars for 2018!



1/23/2018 NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY – Chad Clanton of Specialized Risk will be our guest speaker. All Windcrest residents are invited to attend this informative conversation about neighborhood security and methods we can take to improve our safety. Mr. Clanton has an impressive resume of security operations and is passionate about neighborhood security. Lions Club guest speakers do not sell products or services during their presentation; however, printed material may be available for those interested. Our Lions Club does not endorse products or service.

2/13/2018 OPEN HOUSE – You'll be hearing a lot more about our Open House celebrating 100 years of Lions Clubs International. Please save the date – this will be a fun time to enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres with neighbors and Lions. Windcrest Civic Center 6:30 p.m.

2/24/2018 10th ANNUAL PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST – Windcrest Lions and Optimists will be flipping pancakes, cooking sausage and brewing coffee at our annual joint fundraiser breakfast. Join us for a hot, delicious breakfast on a cool winter morning! Windcrest Civic Center, Saturday 2/24, starting at 8:00 a.m.

Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets or made donations to our Chili and Cornbread Dinner and to those who purchased holiday greenery! We are grateful for your continued support!

Wishing you peace, health and joy in the New Year!

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MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT

By Kelly Rodriguez, Municipal Court Clerk,
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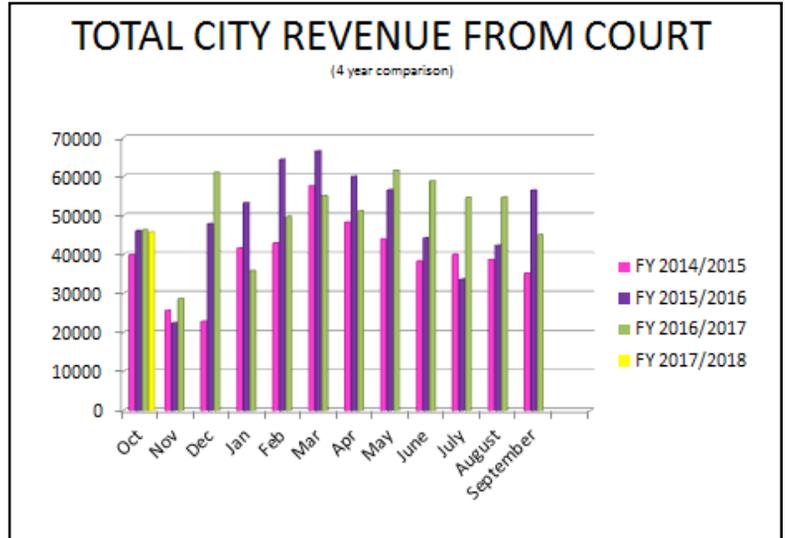


Riding in an Open Bed

Light Up starts on December 9th this year. Many like to drive around looking at all of your beautiful lights. Some like to hop in the bed of their parents or friends truck and drive around. Please remember that is an offense of Transportation Code Sec. 545.414. RIDING IN OPEN BEDS; OFFENSE. (a) A person commits an offense if the person operates an open-bed pickup truck or an open flatbed truck or draws an open flatbed trailer when a child younger than 18 years of age is occupying the bed of the truck or trailer.

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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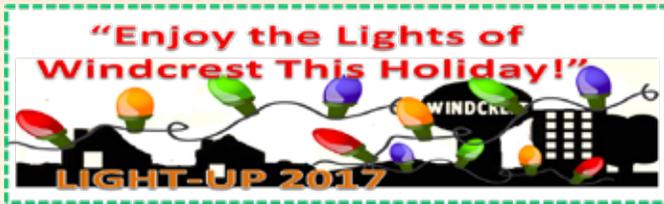
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Women's Club News

Lois Wooton



The Windcrest Women's Club is excited about this year's event and look forward to seeing homes decorated to the nines! The community chosen theme "Enjoy the Lights of Windcrest This Holiday" should make for a great display! A big thanks to our Volunteer Fire Department for putting out winner's yard signs late Tuesday, 5 December! Have fun, take lots of pictures and stay safe!



Jackie Sova and Elizabeth Cox, personal trainers from Core Fitness, demonstrate one of many safe stretches to help keep a healthy posture and stable core for any age group. An excellent program!

Women's Club is a 501c3 Non-Profit organization and your donations are tax exempt? We thank you for all your support throughout the years. We continue to be heavily invested in our community through programs led by the Community Service Group. If you would like more information about our programs, contact committee Chairman, Kathy Littlefield, at 654-0534 or come to any meeting.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A COFFEE
24 JAN ..at 10am - 1pm
PLACE: Civic Center
SPEAKER: Sandy Atherton,
"Home & Personal Safety"

Don't forget to join us on 24 January for our regular coffee meeting at 10a.m. in the Civic Center. Sandy Atherton will be there to share "Home & Personal Safety" tips and tricks. It pays to be up-to-date on this subject. Join us for food, fun & friends.

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, 15 November meeting.

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!**

A giant THANK YOU to the Cross Roads Presbyterian Church for the last minute use of their facilities for our 25 October meeting when the Civic Center was not available. We learned a lot and laughed a lot too!



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Windcrest
GARDEN CLUB
— LOIS WOOTON —

Did you know Lily Plants are not just for Easter? Well come find out on Monday, 8 January, 10a.m. Coffee at the Civic Center from Mary Zocchi just how great they can be all year long. This great presentation is just in time for spring planting, so you will not want to miss it! Our hostesses are Pat Kendrick, Dorothy Ferrell, Marjie Gentet, Margaret Thompson, Alice Relkin, and Veronica Dixon.



Have you ever heard of "Guerrilla Gardening"? This new movement is sweeping the world. Come to the Windcrest Garden Club coffee on Monday, 5 February at 10a.m. in the Civic Center to learn how to get on the "wild" side and the pros and cons of a movement



that is catching on around the world. We will also have another great opportunity to grab a few great plants.

There is never a dull moment in the Garden Club: projects, training, learning, laughter, trips and new adventures abound. Don't miss out on the fun! Just complete the form below and send it to the address on the form along with your check for \$15.00 or bring it with you to our next meeting. Watch the Windcrest Newsletter for more updates.

WINDCREST GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____

Spouse Name: _____

(I'm renewing my membership: NO INFO CHANGE___)

Mailing Address: _____

Home phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

Mail to: Windcrest Garden Club,
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Membership is open to men & women in Windcrest and surrounding communities. Happy Gardening!

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Join Santa and his helpers in your Pajama's for a pancake breakfast. There is a \$5.00 entry fee per person which includes breakfast, a craft and a photo with Santa.

You read that right.....Santa will be attending so be sure to bring the whole family for some holiday fun before you head out to your Christmas shopping.

WINDCREST ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL UNIT



Officers A. Fuentes and M. Gonzales

Happy Holidays to all our Residents!

Cold temperatures and weather will be here soon and when the temperature drops, remember that pets, just like humans, want to feel warm at all times. It is the responsibility of pet owners to make sure that pets do not suffer the effects of the cold weather. Some things that may affect your pet's ability to tolerate the cold include coat density, age, size, and health status. Wildlife will also be looking for a warm place to hide, please remember they mean no harm!



If you have an outdoor pet, keep them indoors during extreme temperatures. Some additional tips to protect your pet with colder weather:

- Limit your pet's exposure to the outdoors
- Dry off their fur and paws after coming indoors
- Consider using pet sweaters, jackets, and paw cover
- Use comfy, warm blankets in their shelters
- Make sure they have fresh water and food
- Extra calories may also help to reduce heat loss but always consult with your veterinarian before adding extra calories to your pet's diet.

As you know, with holidays coming there will also be fireworks, holiday parties with friends and family visiting. As a reminder, keep your pets safe and secure by keeping them in a separate room or a kennel. Please contact your Animal Care and Control Unit through the Windcrest Police Department Communications Center at 210.655.2666, should you need any assistance with an animal control matter.

WINDCREST ANIMAL CONTROL TASK FORCE

- Pam Dodson

TxWeACT



In October we had a very interesting presentation by Holli Tietjen, Assistant Director Emergency Management, Texas Animal Health Commission about how we can be prepared for an evacuation for our pets. Steve Melancon, a Windcrest resident who set up this presentation, also provided some insight about the importance of being prepared. Everyone who attended thought it was an excellent presentation and appreciated all the information. After the evacuations just recently here in Texas, we all recognized the importance of being prepared.

TxWeACT is pleased to announce

Our first annual holiday photo with your dog and Santa!!!



On Dec 17th from 5 pm to 7 pm at 8102 Midcrown (Cross Roads Church), you will have an opportunity to take your own photo of your dog spending time with Santa. So just bring your dog, your camera and some time to spend with Santa. No fee but

donations to support our animal nonprofit will be appreciated. There also may be an opportunity for a "blessing of your dog".

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59th Annual City of Windcrest Light Up Celebration

Join us on **Saturday, December 9th** from 6-9pm for the 59th Annual City of Windcrest Light Up Celebration. Santa will light the tree at 7pm so don't be late!

The Firebay will be decorated as Santa's Winter Wonderland for everyone to come in and take a photo and tell Santa directly what you would like for Christmas. Enjoy hot chocolate and cookies while the San Antonio Symphony Chorus serenades with Holiday carols. This year we have an extra special guest so be sure and come by to see who 'flew' in for the celebration. (Hint – his nose MIGHT be red!)

The Award Ceremony will be catered and held on **Thursday, January 4, 2018**, 7pm at Takas Park Civic Center. Please contact the Women's Club with any questions. You can also contact Kelly Hamilton khamilton@windcrest-tx.gov.

Let's make this the BEST Light Up Celebration yet.

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GARBAGE & RECYCLING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Just a friendly reminder that our office will be closed Christmas & New Year's Day. Therefore, all service days will slide back one day.

AREA	REGULAR PICK UP DATE	HOLIDAY PICK UP DATE
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Tuesday, December 26 th	Wednesday, December 27 th
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Friday, December 29 th	Saturday, December 30 th

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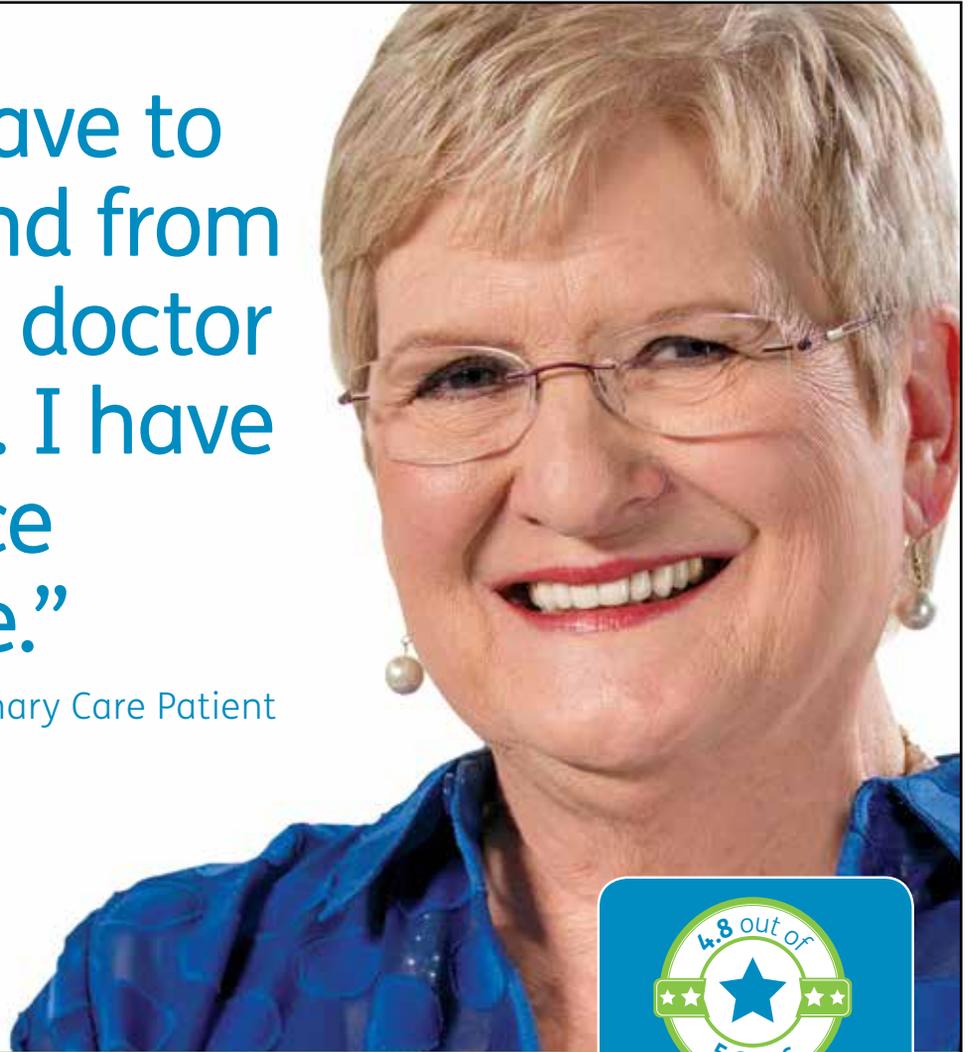
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Wednesday, January 3 th	Thursday, January 4 th
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Meetings in Windcrest City Hall Council Chambers

RCCM	Dec 4	6:00 p.m.	WEDC	Dec 14	5:00 p.m.
Municipal Court	Dec 5, 12, 19	4:00 p.m.	Water District	Dec 14	6:30 p.m.
Parks & Recreation	Dec 13	6:00 p.m.	RCCM	Dec 18	5:15 p.m.

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