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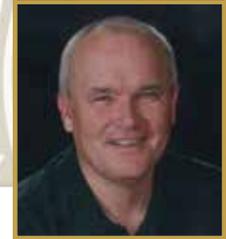
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# Mayor's Message

## Dan Reese



I'm very excited about the positive things happening in our great City, as we have several projects in the works to keep Windcrest moving forward. In February, a group of us met with our County Commissioner Tommy Calvert to discuss current and potential projects to help our area. Windcrest Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) President Jennifer Newman and WEDC Executive Director Mario Hernandez set up the meeting. It was very fruitful.

Also, in February, our own Congressman Henry Cuellar and his wife Imelda visited our newest business, Asia Market (*pictured below*). My wife Francie and I were delighted to meet them and talk about Windcrest. Congressman Cuellar worked with the Alamo Area Council on Governments to bring the first Senior Citizens Resource Fair to Northeast Bexar County to our Takas Park Civic Center.



The Master Economic Incentive Agreement (MEIA) with Rackspace is moving forward through the area governmental agencies. The project is being considered by Northeast Independent School district (NEISD), Bexar County, and the City of San Antonio. We are getting very positive reports and support for the agreement with the surrounding government agencies. This new MEIA guarantees a funding flow to our city and directs efforts to develop a plan to bring more commercial businesses to the Rackspace property. These efforts help keep our taxes low and property values increasing

Phase II of our street project is underway. The project went out for bid late January and the award of the project will occur late February or early March. This phase will include the second half of Midcrown and Eaglecrest. Thank you Windcrest for seeing the need for these repairs and voting for the Bond funding.

The voter-approved fire engine is almost finished with final inspection occurring in mid-February. It should be in service during March or early April. On February 10th, our Fire Department began the first "EMS Academy" in Windcrest. They took steps to be certified by the State of Texas to hold an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) class. This is a great addition to our city which will provide training for the departments in our area.

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*"The credibility of the message is intrinsically tied to the integrity of the messenger."*

— Chip Ingram

*("Mayor's Message" continued from page 2)*

If you have questions about what's happening in Windcrest, I would be happy to communicate by phone, text, or email. Don't forget that I offer "Coffee with the Mayor" every Saturday, 8:30 a.m. at Starbucks on Walzem (back conference room). Come by, have some coffee and chat with us. We discuss the agenda for the upcoming City Council meetings, as well as any issues or concerns you might have. You can drop in anytime and stay as long or little as you want. Cancellations are posted on my Facebook page. I look forward to seeing you.

Thank you, Windcrest, for having confidence in me to continue as your Mayor. I am honored to be in service to you.



## NATIONAL CENSUS DAY – APRIL 1

### 2020 Census at a Glance

The census is much more than just a head count. It provides a picture of our nation that helps determine where to build new schools, hospitals, and businesses; how federal funding is distributed; and how congressional seats are apportioned. It also helps us see how our communities have changed over time. That's why an accurate count is so important.

#### Easy & Convenient

In 2020, for the first time, the U.S. Census Bureau will accept responses online. You can still respond by phone or mail if preferred.

#### Confidential & Secure

Strict federal law protects your census responses. It is against the law for any Census Bureau employee to

disclose or publish any census information that identifies an individual or business. Census Bureau employees take a lifelong pledge of confidentiality to handle data responsibly and keep respondents' information private. The penalty for wrongful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both. No law enforcement agency (not the DHS, ICE, FBI, or CIA) can access or use your personal information at any time. Data collected can only be used for statistical purposes that help inform important decisions, including how much federal funding your community receives.

The Census Bureau will never ask for your Social Security number, bank or credit card account numbers, money or donations, or anything on behalf of a political party.

The Census Bureau has a robust cybersecurity program that incorporates industry best practices and federal security standards for encrypting data.

Refer to the City's Census 2020 webpage for additional information and a link to the Census survey. If you question contact the Office of the City Secretary at [citysecretary@windcrest-tx.gov](mailto:citysecretary@windcrest-tx.gov) (210) 655-0022.

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**THURSDAY, MARCH 5 – SUNDAY, MARCH 8**

Refer to the city's website for garage sale maps or on city of Windcrest Facebook page.

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**POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS**  
Chief Police Darrell Volz

We will be holding our first weekend Coffee with Cops this month. Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 21, 2020 from 10 a.m.-noon. We will be holding the event in the council chambers at City Hall. Our past Coffee with Cops events have not attracted many citizens so we are hoping the weekend will work better. It is a great time to visit with your Windcrest Police Officers to see what's happening in our world and let us know what is happening in yours. Dunkin' Donuts will be sponsoring this event. Thank you, Dunkin'!

Don't forget to like us on Facebook ... <https://www.facebook.com/WindcrestPD>. We post lots of good information on our FB Page. We post the weekly Calls for Service Blotter which gives you an idea of the type of calls the police department receives. We also post news alerts that we may receive from other agencies. We also occasionally post a little police humor.

We have not heard of any new scams that are going around but there are several things to remember all the time. **Your financial institution will never call you or send an email asking for an account number, an account password or any other personal information.** Utility companies will never threaten to cut off your services if you refuse to make a payment over the phone. Never pay for any work in advance. Most reputable companies will start the work without payment and should never ask for payment in full before the job is completed. If someone shows up to your house that you did not call and point out an issue with your property and offer to fix it, get a second opinion. **Most importantly, if something is too good to be true, it usually is.** If you feel uneasy about someone that approaches you either at home or elsewhere, contact the police and let them check things out.

As always, stay safe!

## PUBLIC WORKS

**Tom Garcia**

Windcrest Public Works Director

Sending thanks to all of those who continue to help keep the City looking fantastic.

Thanks for:

- Picking up trash during your walks
- Planting beautiful flowers and plants
- Calling in about potholes in our streets
- Keeping your yards mowed and trimmed
- Calling in about street lights that are not working

These are the kinds of things that help Public Works do a better job for you. Thank you, Windcrest!



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**Feral Cats**

Feral or “wild” cats are born from tame cats that are allowed to run loose or were abandoned by owners. Raised without human compassion, feral cats grow up to breed with other feral and free-roaming cats, causing the wild population to skyrocket exponentially. Feral cats are considered a public nuisance by some and a public health concern by others. When properly managed, they need not be either.

Feral cats typically live in colonies ranging in size from six to 20 cats. When individuals try to catch cats for extermination, this heightens the biological stress of the colony, triggering a survival mechanism that causes them to breed more often with more births each time.

Even in the unlikely event that a person could catch and remove all the feral cats in a neighborhood, the “vacuum effect” would result. Once a colony is removed, surrounding colonies enter the vacated territory and breed.

With Trap, Neuter, & Return (TNR), all the feral cats in a neighborhood are trapped, sterilized, and returned to the area where they were captured, all under the care of a colony manager.

TNR prevents the vacuum effect. Sterilized cats display none of the troubling behaviors of unsterilized cats. Feral cats also provide a service many neighborhoods unknowingly rely on. Cat urine scares away mice, so this service can be preserved by keeping feral cats alive.



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By Officer Leija



Spring brings new growth, beautiful flowers, and tall grass. Please keep up with your properties, do a little spring cleaning. Prepare any items you may want to dispose of and take advantage of the Spring Curbside Brush Pick-Up. Please do not put items out too early, inquire on your date pick up and prepare a plan. The City is divided by Section 1, 2, and 3, please call Windcrest City Hall to request information. Take advantage of this service to remove any materials you may have ready to dispose of. Don't forget to clean your alley by cutting the vegetation, grass and weeds behind your property fence. Remember to trim your tree branches that are obstructing the streets. Also, if you have not yet, please clean your swimming pools.

**SEC 24-54 DANGER TO HEALTH:**

Breeding of mosquitoes. Any collection of water in which mosquitoes are breeding within the limits of the City. Abandoned swimming pool. Maintaining on abandoned and unoccupied property a swimming pool that is not protected with a fence that is at least four feet high and that has a latched gate that cannot be opened by a child, or a cover over the entire swimming pool that cannot be removed by a child.



If you need any assistance or want to report a violation of the Windcrest City Code, please contact your Code Enforcement Officer via the Windcrest Police Department Dispatcher at 210-655-2666 or send me an email at [ileija@windcrest-tx.gov](mailto:ileija@windcrest-tx.gov) or through the link provided within Code Enforcement page.



**Daylight Savings**  
**March 8, 2020**  
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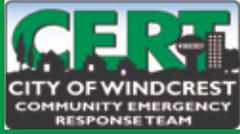
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## COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

**"BE INFORMED", "BE PREPARED", and "TAKE ACTION"**

By Kathy Maloney

This month we would like to remind you about the annual "FREE" Windcrest Community Emergency Response Training as well as to invite you to a second event, "FREE" Skywarn Training. To register for the CERT Training, visit [www.preparingtexas.org](http://www.preparingtexas.org), click on Schedule Tab, and choose in the filter: Provider-FEMA, Region-Alamo Area Council of Governments 18 as well as show 6-month view. You will be asked to create an account which will give you a FEMA ID number to register. For more information about CERT and to review online student manual, visit [www.fema.gov/cert](http://www.fema.gov/cert)

**Training Dates:** March 24, 26, & 31 and April 02 & 07 5:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m. each night. You must complete all training nights to receive your IS-317 Completion Certificate.

No previous experience in emergency service is required. Topics include disaster preparedness, fire suppression, disaster medical aid, light search & rescue to name a few. Individuals with training and skills in these areas may be particularly useful as CERT members. If at this time you are unable to join the CERT team following the training, your knowledge and hands on practice will give you what is needed to take care of your family and neighbors in the event of an emergency, freeing up the emergency teams to service homes that do not have the resources that you will learn about.

SKYWARN® severe weather training allows citizens, first responders, emergency management, amateur radio operators, and volunteer organizations the opportunity to learn about severe weather preparedness and safety. Besides learning about severe weather topics specific to South Central Texas, procedures for reporting severe weather to the local Austin/San Antonio National Weather Service Office are also covered.

After training is complete, you will be an official weather spotter for the National Weather Service. The National Weather Service will count on you to be our "eyes" out in the field, when trying to verify severe weather across South Central Texas. With 33 counties under the jurisdiction of the Austin/San Antonio National Weather Service, it becomes very important to verify and accurately determine where severe weather is occurring. Real time reports to our office can save lives and property. Post storm reports can help us find severe weather damage, tornado tracks, and verify severe weather warnings.

For more information: <https://www.weather.gov/ewx/skywarn>

Basic & Advanced SkyWarn "FREE" Training, open to the general public, April 9, 2020, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Location: Windcrest Civic Center, 9301 Jim Seal Drive, Windcrest 78239.

NWS encourages anyone with an interest in public service to join the SKYWARN® program. Volunteers include police and fire personnel, dispatchers, EMS workers, public utility workers and other concerned private citizens. Individuals affiliated with hospitals, schools, churches and nursing homes or who have a responsibility for protecting others are encouraged to become a spotter.



Let's all get moving with a little Royal Flair at the 9th Annual Fiesta Especial® 5K & Parade on **Saturday, April 18th** hosted by disABILITYsa in partnership with the City of Windcrest. 5K & 1 Mile Participants will be adorned with crowns as they roll, run, ride, pedal, walk, or stroll through the streets of Windcrest. Inclusive divisions for all ages and abilities. Come join the festivities with your Fiesta® spirit and pizzazz!



Register by visiting [FiestaEspecial.com/run-walk-registration](http://FiestaEspecial.com/run-walk-registration) for either the 5K or the 1 Mile Dash. Early bird registration and pricing is available through March 28th (5K-\$30 / 1M-\$20). Competitive 5K divisions are available in Running, Walking, Prosthetic Devise, Rider/Stroller, VI-Guided Runner, Power Chair, Wheelchair, Sports Chair/Race Chair, Hand-Cycle and Recumbent Bike/Trike for runners, rollers, hand-cyclists, guided runners, and all. Registration pricing increases by \$5 on March 29th. Don't feel like rolling out of bed? Consider supporting the mission of disABILITYsa as a Sleep-in Supporter! You'll look stylish and well rested sleeping in your new plush crown.

There are a number of ways to get involved and help this organization create a platform for inclusion during our community's biggest celebration of heritage, culture and diversity...Fiesta! Race Day registration will open at 7 a.m. with the starting gun at 8 a.m. The parade is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. Arrive a little early to grab a seat, made possible by Boy Scout Troop 157 and the City of Windcrest. The parade is free and open to the public. Volunteers are wanted and needed to make this day an exceptional experience for all.

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# Windcrest

# GARDEN CLUB

By: Alice Relkin

Our last meeting enlisted WGC members to get creative with Rock Art. Betty and Pat provided paint, rocks, and inspiration. It was a great time for fellowship. If you see our rock projects, take a picture of where it's spotted. We would like to see where our Rock Art landed.

Our next meeting is on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 10 a.m. inside the Windcrest Civic Center. Don Hakala will present "Beauty and Ease of Bonsai."

**Save the Date:** Monday April 6, 2020 WGC will have a field trip to Water Garden Gems. Sign up has already started.

**News you can use:** The Windcrest Garden Club is also active in the San Antonio Garden Club which meets on the first Wednesday monthly. March 5, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. the SAGC will have class on creating Hummingbird Hotspots. March 20-21, 2020 they will be hosting a Plant Sale on campus at 3310 N New Braunfels.

Membership is open! Insightful speakers, garden improvement

projects, and community service participation are a few benefits members can expect. If you are interested in joining this WGC, renew or make a new membership now! Just contact a Garden Club Member. We are a 501(3)c organization.



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# Windcrest Women's Club

By: Sherillyn Flick

The Windcrest Women's Club cordially invites you to join us for coffee on March 25th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Windcrest Civic Center. We will be making plans for our April 22nd field trip to the Pearl! Would you like to be a part of a dynamic, fun group of ladies and make some new friends this year? Consider joining the club! We are now accepting members from outside Windcrest with a sponsor! For more information contact Lu Nix at 210-653-2371.

We had a wonderful guest speaker at our last meeting. We were honored to have Judge Oscar Kazen, a Probate Court judge that hears different cases including mental health, wills, trusts, estates, and guardianship. He was a delightful speaker and educated us on the intricacies of Probate Court.

The Windcrest Women's Club is taking donations to assist disadvantaged male high school students for their graduation ceremonies. We need men's dress shirts (any size), ties, and belts so these young men can look their best on graduation day. If you have items to donate, please contact Lois Wooton at 210-657-4557 or email her at loiscooks@sbcglobal.net.

The director of Public Works, Tom Garcia, and Liz Dick (Special Events Director and 1st Vice President), joined us to present the sign erected at Christmas honoring Tinie Riggs for her 50 years of public service to the City of Windcrest. Tinie is also the former President of the Women's Club.



*Tom Garcia, Tinie Riggs, and Liz Dick*



*Gini Newton, Lois Wooton, and Majie Takas celebrate the wonderful raffle prizes they won at our last meeting.*

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## Windcrest Golf

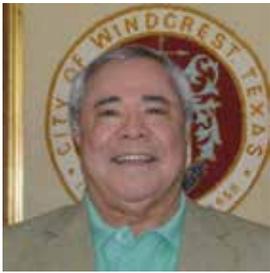
by Mary Wold

March Madness, March Mattress sales, March of the Toreadors, March to a different drummer. Stop all the marching and stroll over to Windcrest Golf Course for a game or two. We play 9-hole games on Thursdays at 9 a.m., and on Sunday March 29 at 1 p.m. We welcome all levels of lady golfers.

Questions and information please call Mary 210-608-9645. March 7 is a Day/Night tournament, great prizes, food, and loads of fun. Register at the pro-shop, 210-655-1421.



## WEDC Director Brings Decades of Economic Development Experience from San Antonio



Mario Hernandez has been an economic development professional for over 40 years, serving in leadership positions at the State and local levels. Windcrest is fortunate to have him serving as the Executive Director for the Windcrest Economic Development Corporation (WEDC). “The leadership of the City and the WEDC Board make it a privilege to work with the organization,” says Hernandez, “the involvement and commitment of the President and the entire Board, coupled with that of the Mayor and City Council has made the community successful and bodes well for the future.”

Prior to his service to the WEDC, Hernandez served as President and CEO of the San Antonio Economic Development Foundation (SAEDF), retiring from that position in 2016. During his over 26 years as CEO he oversaw the location of more than 400 economic development projects creating over 100,000 jobs and securing over \$8 billion in new investments. Major operations from companies such as Toyota, Microsoft, Chase, Caterpillar, Medtronic, Baker Hughes, and many other world class corporations. During Hernandez’s time with SAEDF he administered a budget of over \$3 million per year and a staff of 12 while conducting all planning, marketing, media relations, accounting, and administrative duties of the corporation.

During his career he also served as Director of Business Development for the State of Texas and was recognized by Governor Rick Perry for the Outstanding Economic Development Project in the State in 2003 for Toyota Motor Manufacturing TX. Hernandez also served as Chairman of the Texas Economic Development Corporation (TEDC), the member organization for professionals in the industry in Texas. At the National level he served for a number of years on the Board of Directors of the International Economic Development Council (IEDC), the Washington DC based member group with professionals worldwide.

Born and raised in Texas, Hernandez is married and has one daughter and three grandchildren.

## Local School News

By Gwen Wilson

### Annual W/NBB Drive-Thru Used Book Collection

The Windcrest/Northeast Bridge Builders will host their Annual Drive-Thru Used Book Collection Drive on Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The group will be collecting gently used books, CDs, and DVDs in the Windcrest City Hall parking lot. Items collected will be divided amongst the Roosevelt Cluster PTAs/PTSAs participating in this year’s NEISD Council of PTAs Used Book Sale at Blossom Athletic Center on March 20-22, 2020.

Windcrest residents are encouraged to attend this event and take advantage of the 50¢ and \$1.00 bargains that will be found. Based on the number of items each collects and the total overall sales less expenses, participating NEISD PTAs and PTSAs will earn funds for their organization’s programs and campus activities.



### MARCH SCHOOL CALENDAR

- 2-6 Read Across America Week
- 2 Windcrest ES Crazy Socks Day
- 3 Windcrest ES Twin Day
- 3 White Pre UIL Orchestra Concert
- 4 Dazzler Tryouts
- 4 Windcrest ES Crazy Mustache Day
- 5 TR Student Council Blood Drive .....9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 5 Windcrest ES Cat in the Hat Day
- 5 TR Pre UIL Band Concert ..... 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- 6 End of 3rd Nine Weeks
- 6 Windcrest ES T-shirt Book Day
- 9-13 SPRING BREAK
- 16 Begin 4th Nine Weeks
- 16 TR Athletic Booster Meeting .....6 p.m.
- 20 TR DATA Core Value Event
- 20 White Choir Spring Concert .....6 p.m.
- 23 TR Spirit Booster Club Meeting
- 25 TR Choir Pre-UIL Concert .....6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.
- 27 TR One Act Play .....7 p.m.
- 30 White Living Museum of History .....6 p.m.

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By Chief Dan Kramer

### Firefighter Live Fire Training

One of the best things in the fire and emergency services world is when we are able to take advantage of the available training opportunities around the area. Some of our greatest assets come from our mutual aid partners. Most recently, we conducted live fire training at Fort Sam Houston, utilizing their burn facilities. Access to a training facility such as theirs is paramount in ensuring the continued development of our firefighters. As volunteer firefighters, many of our newer members do not get the exposure to live fire until they arrive on the scene of an actual emergency. At this point, it is too late to learn how to control your nerves and how to mentally prepare yourself for going into a burning building. We have worked with Fort Sam to arrange use of the burn facility on a quarterly basis for the conduction of live fire activities. This will work to ensure our firefighters are fully prepared for whatever fire scenario they may face. Additionally, we are able to utilize the Fort Sam training facilities for other training. They have been an incredible asset to the area in helping to improve the regional readiness, and they have been a tremendous help on calls when we have called for their help. I wanted to take the opportunity this month to formally thank them for everything they have done and continue to do for the Windcrest Fire Department and the citizens of Windcrest!



## LIONS CLUB NEWS

By Linda-Kaye Bush

Thank you to all who attended our annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, we appreciate the community's support!

This is a big one! On March 14th your Windcrest Lions Club will be partnering with the Lions Sight Research Foundation to host a St. Patrick's Day Casino Night at the Civic Center at Takas Park. In addition to casino games for great prizes, there will be food, a wine and beer bar, a ring-toss game for prizes, 50/50 raffles, and a Heads 'n Tails game. Play some games, win some prizes! Wear green for the luck of the Irish. All proceeds will benefit The Lions Eye Health Program of the Lions Sight Research Foundation.

The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the event will last until 10:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30 pre-sale or \$35 at the door. To purchase advance tickets visit <https://www.facebook.com/pg/LionsSightResearchFoundation/events/> For more info call 210-326-3915 or email [lsrf.sam@gmail.com](mailto:lsrf.sam@gmail.com)

March 21st – Comanche Park Diabetes Run Walk, all are welcome to participate. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1364011303764989/>

March 28th is Lions Day at Milberger's Nursery. Our friends at Milberger's Nursery have graciously offered their facility to host our Mobile Eye Screening Unit. FREE Vision Screening to kids and adults will be conducted on site. You are also invited to drop off your USED EYE GLASSES. Milberger's is located at 3920 N. Loop 1604 E.

The Windcrest Lions Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Windcrest Civic Center, Takas Park. Please consider joining us!



## Windcrest Animal Control Task Force

By Pam Dodson



A big thank you to our community for the support of the City's immunization clinics in January and February. Your support makes the planning and all the work worthwhile.

And as you know, it is now the time of year where you will be seeing little ones appear.... baby birds, baby wildlife, puppies, and yes, kittens. Please do not remove kittens from an area just because you don't see mom. She is probably out there looking for food. Help her by placing some kitten food where you see the young. It is a good idea to wait until the kittens are eating the food before trapping... it makes trapping a lot easier. We can then trap them all, spay mom and try to socialize the kittens for adoption. If you find puppies, call Animal Control (210-655-2666) and they will make every effort to trap the whole family and take them into their care.



We are still looking for Trap, Neuter, & Return (TNR) caregivers for our feral and community cats. This solution is definitely helping with the reduction of unwanted cats in our community.

We meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Cross Roads Church at the corner of Midcrown and Walzem. In March we are excited to have a representative from Meals on Wheels. They will be explaining their "Animeals" program!! If you've got a heart for furry critters, come join us.

We also have a number of events that we participate in during each year. Our next event is the Fiesta Especial Parade right here in Windcrest on April 18th. We are glad to participate in this great event!

## Special Events

By Lindsey Walker

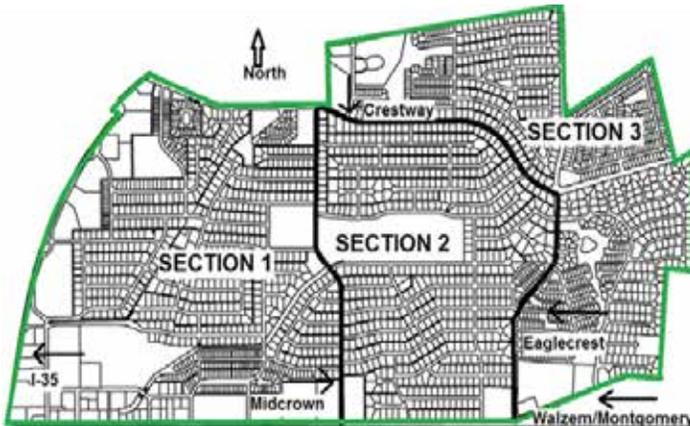


The City celebrated its 9th annual Children's Valentine's Day Party on Sunday, February 9th. The Civic Center was filled with laughter as about 100 (a record number!) kids played games with our Lions Club. We munched on some delicious Valentine's cupcakes while watching Abominable. All refreshments were provided by our sponsors, Renewal by Anderson. To match the movie, children put together monster-themed crafts. The biggest hit by far was our face painter, who will definitely be at future City events!

Speaking of our next event, mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 18** for our Fiesta Especial 5K & Parade!

# City of Windcrest

## Spring Curbside Brush & Bulk Pick-Up



**THE CITY OF WINDCREST CURBSIDE BRUSH AND BULK PICK UP WILL RUN MARCH 16 – APRIL 3.** This service is for WINDCREST RESIDENTS ONLY. Brush and bulk collection will be picked up in sections throughout the City. For your reference, please refer to the guidelines below to identify the section your collection will occur.

Our Spring bulk and brush collection will begin in SECTION 1.

**SECTION 1:** All homes located west of Midcrown are located in Section 1. Curbside service will begin on Monday, March 16 collecting through Friday, March 20. ALL brush and bulk items to be collected **MUST** be placed out on the curb **NO EARLIER** than Friday, March 13 and **NO LATER** than Sunday, March 15. Collection will only be picked up once in each section. Republic Service **WILL NOT** return for additional pick-ups or missed pick-ups due to collection not being placed out by Sunday, March 15.

**SECTION 2:** All homes located east of Midcrown, south of Crestway, and west of Eaglecrest are located in Section 2. Curbside service will begin on Monday, March 23 collecting through Friday, March 27. ALL brush and bulk items to be collected **MUST** be placed out on the curb **NO EARLIER** than Friday, March 20 and **NO LATER** than Sunday, March 22. Collection will only be picked up once in each section. Republic Service **WILL NOT** return for additional collection or missed collections due to items not being placed out by Sunday, March 22.

**SECTION 3:** All homes located north of Crestway and east of Eaglecrest are located in Section 3. Curbside service will begin on Monday, March 30 collecting through Friday, April 3. ALL brush and bulk items to be collected **MUST** be placed out on the curb **NO EARLIER** than Friday, March 27 and **NO LATER** than Sunday, March 29. Collection will only be picked up once in each section. Republic Service **WILL NOT** return for additional collection or missed collections due to items not being placed out by Sunday, March 29.

Please refer to the map above to confirm the section your collection will be picked up. Each section will be serviced **ONCE**. Make sure your collection is out on the curb by the prescribed date, otherwise you will miss out on the Spring collection service. **Do not place material at the curb after crews have passed by your house.**

**Need to know what are acceptable collection for this service?** Refer to the guidelines listed below. If you have questions on items not identified below, please call City Hall at 210-655-0022.

### Brush/Bulky Guidelines:

- Limit your brush pile to five (5) cubic yards.
  - To determine the cubic yards take the Length x Width x Height of the pile and divide by 27. (this will equal the cubic yards for example 5ft long by 5ft wide by 5ft high equals 125, which then divided by 27 equals 4.63 cubic yards.
- Brush must be placed within eight (8) feet of the curb.
- Do not place brush piles in front of parked cars, near fences, trees, mailboxes, beneath overhead wires, low-hanging tree limbs, or on top of gas/water meters.

**Accepted Materials:** Shrubs, Tree Branches\*, Woody Vines, Other herbaceous and woody plants, BBQ grills (without compressed gas tanks), Carpeting, Fencing, Furniture, Mattresses, Toilets, Water Heaters, and Appliances\*\*

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

**Materials Not Accepted:** Household Trash, Construction Debris, Glass (such as doors or Windows), Hazardous Materials (paints, household cleaners), Compressed Gas Tanks, Tires, Televisions, Computers, Waste Oil, Medical Waste, Appliances with refrigerant that has not been removed and certified.

**NOTE:** Hazardous Waste drop-off day will be scheduled in the Fall. NO hazardous waste collection will be scheduled for the Spring.

## \*ATTENTION!!! PREVENT THE SPREAD OF OAK WILT

If you hire anyone to trim your tree branches, the persons or company hired **MUST** haul off the trimmed branches. You may only set out branches you have cut yourself and with your own equipment. Thank you for your cooperation.

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# ArtVibes

By Francie Reese

The artWalk is behind us and was a HUGE success. Once again thank you to our City management, corporate & citizen sponsors and volunteers who made it possible. It's a New Year so artVibes is gearing up for future events and we need you!

Continuing our mission of fostering the arts in Windcrest, we are volunteers united by an interest in cultural and visual arts and a desire to cultivate creativity through community events. We are looking for fellow citizens interested in participating in or assisting with the following proposed experiences:

**Reader's Theater:** Perform a lively oral presentation of a play! Readers theater participants do not memorize lines; however, they use vocal expression to guide the audience through a story in the absence of sets or costumes. No prior experience or mobility needed, just a desire to have fun time interacting with the script while the audience enjoys the art. We are seeking readers and event volunteers. Date TBA.

**Author/Illustrator presentation and book signing:** artVibes aspires to host an event to celebrate our many published authors and illustrators that are Windcrest residents. We know some of you, but we don't know all of you. If you are or know of a resident that is a published author or illustrator please contact us with the name and title of your work.

If you are interested in participating in future events or joining the ArtVibes Committee please email [artVibesWindcrest@gmail.com](mailto:artVibesWindcrest@gmail.com), call 210.549.6162, or visit [artVibesWindcrest.com](http://artVibesWindcrest.com)

# Molly Pruitt Library

By Sheri Watkins, Molly Pruitt Librarian

The Molly Pruitt Library at Roosevelt High School is the result of a San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) partnership with North East Independent School District. Pruitt strives to become a space to unite and connect the community through information access and sharing. In addition to supporting the academic goals and objectives of NEISD, we provide activities that engage, enlighten, and enrich the neighborhood we so proudly serve. We invite you to join us at the events we are offering this month. To find out more about Pruitt or any other SAPL branch activities, access our calendar at [www.mysapl.org](http://www.mysapl.org).

**Mondays 4:30 p.m. – Family Yoga.** All ages are invited.

**Tuesdays 5:00 p.m. – Kids' Time**

**Tuesday, Mar 3, 5:15 p.m. – Tales with Tails for Kids**

The TR DATA Club and James Madison Guide Dog Puppy Trainers for the Blind brings to you "Tales with Tails" where club members read to the children with the special comfort of guide dogs in training and therapy dogs. Come join us for stories and craft time for the kiddos. Reading to a dog is also available by request.

**Wednesdays 4:30 p.m. – Teen Time**

Teens ages 13-18 are encouraged to come and hang out for an awesome activity weekly. Gaming, movies, anime, and crafting are included as possible activities.

**Wed, Mar 4, 12:30 p.m. – Special Needs Adult Program (SNAP)**

Adults with special needs spend time together creating crafts, reading, discussing books, singing, and more.

**Wed, Mar 25 – Garden to Table Community Cooking Demo**

Did you know Roosevelt has a community garden? We'd like to share some of the harvest with YOU. Find out how fresh produce can enhance mental and physical health.

**Thursdays 5:45 p.m. – Family Chess Night**

Dinner and Chess! Come and play chess with family and friends. Chess players will enjoy a delicious catered dinner provided by Rackspace.

**Fridays 11:00 a.m. – Baby Time**

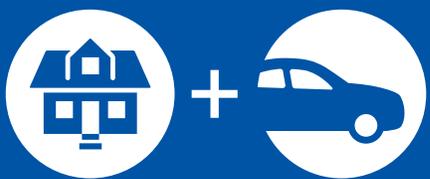
**Saturdays 10:30 a.m. – Toddler Time**

Toddlers actively participate in stories, music, and movement enhancing their social, emotional and language development. Recommended for children 18 to 36 months.

## Library Events:

<p><b>Craft Stick Creations</b>  <b>Monday, March 2</b>  <b>4:30 – 5:30 p.m.</b>                  Make Something Monday for Teens and Tweens</p>	<p><b>Spring Smash for Teens</b>  <b>Saturday, March 14</b>  <b>1:00 – 5:00 p.m.</b>                  Space is limited. Please register early at <a href="https://forms.gle/BK5eumqzgf2BLcge9">https://forms.gle/BK5eumqzgf2BLcge9</a></p>
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