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Mayor's Message



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Dear Windcrest Friends and Neighbors,

Jacob Gonzalez has been selected to be the new Code Enforcement employee. He was promoted to the position following the retirement of Roger Pacheco and upon completion of the 36 hour Code Enforcement Course. It is always gratifying when we can promote someone from within the team. You will see Jacob out and about enforcing our codes and water usage violations. He is in uniform and has a lot of enthusiasm. We are lucky to have him on the team. Please see Jacob's article later in this Newsletter.

The Fire Department is contemplating having a Firemen's Gala this year. It would be the first time that this type of event will be attempted. It is tentatively scheduled for March 3rd at the Civic Center. So please pencil that date in your calendar. The Fire Department is also exploring the option of expanding the annual Picnic and extending its hours of operation. As is the tradition, the all day Saturday event will continue. What is being discussed is opening the Friday before from 5 – 11 PM. Much more discussion is needed and information will be passed along in the next Newsletter.

Speeding issues continue to be addressed as promised. We will have another warrant round up on September 27th and 28th. Additional officers are being directed into our residential areas. More than 160 citations have been written this past month than last month. (481 citations in July vs. 644 citations in August) Additionally, we have the cash to purchase two new police cars, at least one new hand held radar gun, and electronic ticket writers. Deterring speeders in our city is of the highest priority.

Some other highlights include an investment of at least \$75,000 to improve the Civic Center, over \$29,000 for pool improvements, \$90,000 for alley repairs and \$20,000 for medians. A Capital Improvement Fund will be created for the citizens. The plan is to have town hall meetings in the Council Chambers to receive your inputs and priorities for further improvements to our city. After the Council and staff have heard from the citizens, additional improvements will be made to the parks, common areas and infrastructure.

By the time you read this article, our citizens will have chosen a new city flag. We will furnish more details on availability as soon as we have them. I know we are looking forward to flying our "new" Windcrest flag with pride!

Please keep the emails and phone calls coming. I answer every one of them. Stay tuned for much more to come.

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From Your

CITY MANAGER, RAFAEL CASTILLO

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Hello fellow Citizens of Windcrest, once again I hope everyone is doing well. This “Hot” summer has been a challenge for everyone, and I “pray” for rain.

In the month of August 2011, as I mentioned before, we continued *our everlasting journey on improving our overall “Customer Service” and gratitude towards the community, and we (I) ask you for some feedback and input on how we can continue to improve.*

During the month of August 2011 Mayor Baxter and City Council with recommendations of staff had continuous meetings discussing the FY 2011-2012 budget financial numbers. The overall conclusion is the City of Windcrest is “financially sound”. FYI a few bullet points:

- The proposed Balanced Budget for the upcoming Fiscal Year is balanced.
 - With a growing “General Undesignated Fund” balance already exceeding over 4.2 months of operation.
 - With over \$500,000 dollars restricted for street repairs
 - With approximately \$100,000 from the motel tax “HOT tax” restricted for Civic Center and recreational facility repairs.
 - With approximately \$175,000 restricted funds from the WCCPD, solely for police public safety.
- The City was able to do this while keeping the proposed property tax rate at the current rate of \$0.436495
- This will be the 3rd year that we were able to stay at this tax rate.
- The City Plans to spend \$90,000 to repair alley ways from the Garbage fund
- This budget also will increase the hours of animal control services so that we can respond to calls after 5:00.

- The 2008 General Obligation bonds will be paid off in the 3 years. This is equal to approximately \$0.11 of the current property taxes.
- The City and the WCCPD is currently planning on purchasing with cash:
 - 2 new police cars
 - new in-car video equipment cars
- The City is planning on purchasing electronic ticket writers with the Court Technology Fund.
- The City is planning for continuous improvements to :
 - \$20,000 of median and entrances to the community
 - \$29,250 in city pool upgrades and repairs.

Once again, please remember that our doors are always open at City Hall; you are always welcomed to come over and visit us.

I wish everyone a wonderfully peaceful, pleasant and delightful month.

Respectfully Your City Manager,
Rafael Castillo Jr.

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FROM YOUR

Mayor Pro-Tem, Pam Dodson



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Last month I encouraged all who have a pet to have them spayed or neutered. I am pleased to announce that MASH (SpaySA) is coming to the Windcrest Civic Center on October 27th.

The MASH concept allows SPAYSA to pack all of their surgical equipment and set up a surgery suite in our civic center.

This approach allows them to bring more surgical services directly into our neighborhood. They can do 50 to 60 surgeries that day.

Now comes your part. And it is easy to do. Tell all your friends and neighbors who have dogs or cats to call (351-7729) or go online to www.Spaysa.org for an appointment on the 27th.

On October 27th here's how it goes.

Check-in is from 7-8am

Make sure to bring:

Your pet's Rabies Certificate – if your pet does not have a current Rabies vaccine, one will be given at a cost of \$10.

Go to www.Spaysa.org to print and fill out your pet's intake form

Your pet must be on a leash or in a carrier (cats must be in a crate or trap). Pick up time will be from 3-4pm.

Here are the costs:

Dogs – male \$75 female \$90

Cats – male \$30 female \$65

Feral cats - \$20

An additional fee will be charged for animals in heat, pregnant, Pyrotorchid and for dogs over 50lbs.

Additional vaccinations:

DHLPPC \$12

FVRCPC \$12

FeLvk \$12

FeLvk/FIV Combo test \$15

Post-op Pain medication \$10

Micro-chip \$15

We need to have good participation or they may have to cancel... please make that appointment.

Unfortunately, due to limited article space, not all submitted articles are guaranteed to be published in the Windcrest Newsletter. As a result, the remaining articles, current and previous newsletters can be accessed online at www.ci.windcrest.tx.us/. Please do not let this discourage you from submitting an article, we love to hear everyone's voice!

Councilmember

Rita Davis

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The November 5K Walk/Run is off and running...pun intended. We are calling it "Winding Thru Windcrest 5K Walk/Run – Fall Turkey Trot." In an effort to build community spirits, to promote healthy living thru exercise and to raise funds for the expenses of the Windcrest Animal Control and the YMCA Membership Scholarships, the City of Windcrest and the Walzem Road YMCA are co-sponsoring this event. A one-mile Fun Walk/Run will be included in this activity for Seniors, Children, Dog Walkers and Wheel-Chair Participants (with or without assistance). A costume contest for doggies will be part of the Fun Walk/Run.

If you're not sure what 5 kilometers (3.2 miles) looks like, it's about 3 times around the golf course. The event course is on the registration form and will center on streets between Midcrown/Parkcrest and Crestway/Sunhaven. The Fun Walk/Run course will be around the Golf Course one time. Our Windcrest Police will be on hand to make sure we are safe.

The event will begin and end at Windcrest City Hall where our sponsoring Walzem Road businesses will have a Business Fair to meet you one-on-one.

Early registration fee is \$20 per participant until October 15th; late registration is \$25. Children under 12 are free. You will be provided a "Winding thru Windcrest" T-shirt, drinks and snacks and a goody bag full of coupons and small gifts from our sponsors. You can register for this event on-line at www.ymcasatx.org or at the YMCA. Your signature on a Liability Waiver will be necessary. Payment can be made by cash, check or credit card in person at the YMCA front desk.

It's not too late to get in a little bit of conditioning for the race with our Couch to 5K Program. Come join us on Saturday mornings until October 29th at 8:30 at the Windcrest Golf Course.

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John Gretz

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First and foremost, I can truly say today that my family and I are very proud residents of Windcrest, Texas! A few years ago, I could not have said that because of the “corruption” that brought only negative comments in the press about our great little city. Most of you know what I’m talking about, although some of our newer residents may not. Nonetheless, Windcrest is moving in the right direction today and I see nothing but smooth sailing ahead. We have great rapport with Rackspace and we’re moving ahead with building “Racker Road”. We are resolving past legal issues side by side with Rackspace that will keep our partnership very strong well into the future.

By the way, Windcrest is not raising taxes in the 2011-2012 budget and we are actually in very sound financial shape. Compared with many other cities in the neighborhood that are raising taxes, they may want to take a look at how Windcrest is running its business! In essence, we are running our city as a fiscally responsible business period! How the heck can we do it? Here’s how: we have a Mayor, Alan Baxter, who knows the legal stuff and the business stuff, who virtually gives 150% into his “volunteer” mayor job each and every day. Alan grew up in Windcrest, his Mom lives here and he wants to bring Windcrest back to the city he once knew...”pristine”. He does not want to keep our city savings in a “lock box”. He want to revitalize what was once “the” place to live in northeast San Antonio...period!

However, the Mayor can’t be expected to do it all by himself! That is why we have a great city staff, superb employees and a bunch of citizen volunteers that assist in a myriad of venues that keep Windcrest up to snuff. Bottom line is this, if you want to be involved in the future of Windcrest, get involved! We’d love to have each and every one of our citizens involved in Windcrest “business” on a daily basis. After all, it’s a team thing! Cheers, John

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Not available online.

Councilmember

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Change of Zip Code for Windcrest

Why even bring up the subject of trying to have our City have its own Zip Code? There are several reasons and all appear to be beneficial to all of our current and perhaps also future citizens.

Having our own Zip Code will provide us with only our statistics on crime, median income and property values. I recently researched our Zip Code of 78239 and found some very disturbing statistics. Yes, these statistics unfortunately encompass our other communities around us. It shows high crime statistics everything from murder, armed robbery, burglaries to sex offenders; Windcrest does not have these types of statistics. Yes, we do have a few negative incidents now and then but nothing like the scope of the communities around us. People wanting to move to Windcrest only see these statistics. Any and all new businesses also will look at these bad statistics and also see the low annual median income of the people living around us. The average property value of the homes in our adjacent communities is lower than most Windcrest homes. The Dollar Stores, Pawn Shops and Cash for Auto Titles businesses do well here under the same Zip Code as our city. I’m sure that if we could obtain our own Zip Code our property values would increase and more businesses would want to invest here.

There are many cities smaller than ours that have their own Zip Code, i.e. Luckenbach, Texas is one and they have a very low number of people living there. Ft. Sam Houston will have thousands of soldiers and their families come to San Antonio in the next few years and I am sure that the Housing Referral Office will assist these soldiers and families obtain the best housing available for them. Will they be referred to our city with our Zip Code based on the current statistics? BAMC is now the main Hospital for all soldiers, families and also many civilians who come to work there and perhaps also in need of housing will they look to Windcrest? Right now our Zip Code gives our city a bad reputation that is undeserved.

I do not see anything negative coming out of such a change but only a benefit for all of our citizens. If anyone reading this article has any ideas to help make this change possible please contact the Mayor, our City Manager or myself. At the same token if anyone does not think that this change in Zip Code would be beneficial to us and our city, please let us know.

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This has been a very busy time for our city employees and for the city council. We have worked diligently to prepare and finalize our FY 2011/2012 budget. I am very happy with the financial progress that we have made in the past year. Our "rainy day savings" is up to about 4 ½ months, now which gives us money to concentrate on many needed improvements and the beautification of our city.

This month I want to highlight another of our city's businesses. Home Depot has been in Windcrest since 1992 and has approximately 130 employees headed up by Manager, Armand Magallanez. Home Depot is very important both for the service they provide to our residents and for the sales tax that they generate.

Now that the city council passed ordinance No. 2011-647 (O), which reduced the building permit fee for remodeling or reconstructing single family residential structures to \$5.00, you have a one year opportunity to take advantage of this great savings. This ordinance expires on 30 September 2012. So, head over to Home Depot for your supplies and equipment to bring your home and property to tip top condition.

From the Desk of Jacob Gonzalez, Code Compliance

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My name is Jacob Gonzalez and I am grateful to be given this opportunity to be the new Code Compliance Official for this great city. I first came to this city in 2007 working in Public Works as an Animal Control Officer. When a position came available in the front office for an Administrative Secretary, I was then transferred. My overall goal is to keep this city looking beautiful, this means having an open door policy. If you see something that you feel is violating one of our City Ordinances, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone at 655-0022 ext. 2100, e-mail or stopping by City Hall. Together we can all make a change.



From the Desk of Sarah Mangham, Municipal Finance Officer

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The City has been busy finalizing the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2011/12. This budget was adopted on September 19, 2011 at the regular City Council Meeting. Now that the budget is wrapped up, the finance department is moving into preparing for the annual audit. Field work will begin in December and the report should be submitted to the City Council by the end of March 2012.

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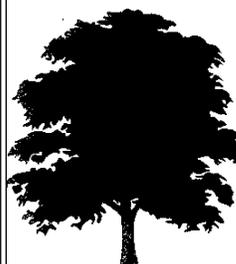
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From the Desk of Heather Weidenbach, City Secretary

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The summer months were busy for the Mayor, Council Members and City Staff as they worked through 20+ plus hours of budget workshops to bring a balanced budget before City Council for adoption on September 19, 2011.

During the August 15, 2011 City Council accepted a letter of understanding with BB Inspections to perform building inspections and to review plans. Also during this meeting City Council accepted Resolution 2011-351 (R) a resolution authorizing execution of an agreement with Granicus Inc., to transition to the new Granicus Open Platform and Product Suites.

City Council members passed a resolution to replace a section of the Fire Department apron during the Special City Council meeting on September 1, 2011.

Remember City Council meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00pm; stay tuned to the city's website for any additional meetings.

Windcrest 2011 Fall Clean-Up



October 3rd through October 7th is scheduled for the annual curbside Fall Clean Up. Curbside pickup of brush, tree trimming & large items will be provided. Please do not place items under overhanging branches or under trees as the (Allied Waste) crane will not be able to pick them up. Brush & tree trimmings must be in piles. You must have items along your curbside by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, October 3rd to insure that items are picked up. Examples of large items (hot water heaters, bicycles, lawn mowers, barbecue pits, etc.). No concrete, bricks or rocks.



HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Residential Household Hazardous Waste Disposal for Windcrest residents will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2011, starting at 8:00 a.m. until the containers have reached capacity, so come early. Hazardous waste disposal containers will be located at the Maintenance Yard parking lot on Jim Seal Drive. Drive into the parking lot and follow instructions given by the attendants for unloading of hazardous waste. **Proof of Residency in Windcrest** (i.e. Driver's License, Utility Bills, etc.) **will be required before disposing of hazardous waste.** IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL, PLEASE CALL BFI (ALLIED WASTE) CUSTOMER SERVICE AT 210.648.5222

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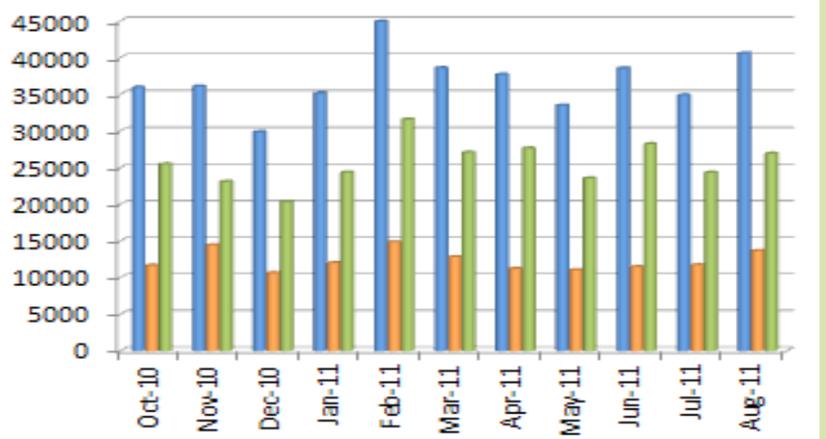
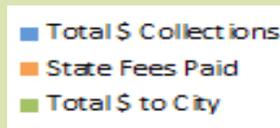
By Kelly Rodriguez, Municipal Court Clerk, krdriguez@windcrest-tx.gov

Windcrest Municipal Court Welcomes Warrant Clerk

Windcrest Municipal Court now has a Warrant Clerk. Claudia Carrera has been with the Municipal Court since July 2011. Claudia is a Windcrest resident and has previous experience dealing with bail bonds. Her experience and knowledge is an excellent addition to our court. Make sure to give her a great Windcrest welcome when you see her.



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Where Does The Money Go?

Here is a chart of the money collected from fines and fees, what goes to the state and what the City actually gets from it. This is a report for the FY 2010-2011. For more information please contact Kelly Rodriguez, Court Clerk at (210)655-0022 ext 2250 or krdriguez@windcrest-tx.gov.

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National Night Out
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The Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting an open house on October 4th in observance of National Night Out. Stop by and meet the Windcrest fire fighters and the Windcrest Police Department and tour the Windcrest fire station. Open house will begin at 6 p.m. Please contact Lisa Scott at 599-6007 for further information.

**2011 Its Fire Prevention Week!
 Protect Your Family From Fire!**

The official Fire Prevention Week is October 9th through October 15th. The theme for Fire Prevention Week is “*Its Fire Prevention Week! Protect Your Family From Fire!*”

The Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department visits nine schools and daycare centers within our response area serving about 2,000 children. We have a fire prevention demonstration and each child receives written material to take home.

This year we will be visiting your child’s school or day care sometime during the weeks of October 3rd through October 7th, or October 10th through October 14th. Please check with your child’s school or daycare center for an exact date.

It is important to take the time to review the material your child brings home. This information could save you or your loved ones.

**Residential Garbage Bills -
 Automatic Payments**

Garbage bills will be mailed September 30, 2011 and should be delivered the first week of October. Please call City Hall if you have not received a bill by October 10th. Also, remember that if you have signed up for automatic drafts, the payment will be taken out of your account by October 20th.

New Windcrest resident: Please fill-out a “Move In” form in City Hall, 8601 Midcrown Dr., or go to the City of Windcrest web-site www.windcrest-tx.gov. Residents cannot opt-out of garbage/recycling service.

For more information about garbage/recycling services, please view the city web site www.windcrest-tx.gov.



It’s time to think of snow covered hilltops, hot chocolate by fireside and an extra blanket on the bed. The Light-Up Committee has selected a theme for this year’s annual City of Windcrest Light-Up.... Drum roll please....The theme for 2011 is:

**“THE LIGHTS OF WINDCREST
 WELCOME YOU HOME”**

So many things came to mind while deciding on this theme. Of course the tree all trimmed comes to mind first, lights on the fireplace with the stockings hanging. The Star of Bethlehem, three wise men on their trek. These are the easy ones. Stay in touch and we’ll try to supply more ideas in the next newsletter.

We will have the list of categories and keep you reminded of the dates. For now remember that the Judging for the Light-Up contest is on Monday, December 12, 2011 and the official Lighting Up of City Hall will be on Thursday December 15, 2011. Thanks for now...get the ideas flowing and let’s make it another GREAT Holiday Season.



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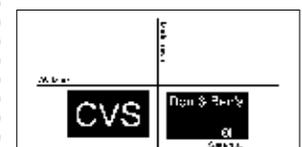
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KID'S KORNER

by Ryan and Jacob Dalglish

Kids Korner Friends,

We had a great vacation in Utah, Arizona and New Mexico. We visited Zion National Park, WOW that's all we can say about the park, WOW, go there! We enjoyed the mountains and some cool nights. Hope you had a good summer too. School is back in session and we are busy with homework and other school activities.

Thanks to our Windcrest friends who have shared how much they enjoy our Kid's Korner. One resident told us it is the first thing they look for when they get the newsletter. We like Kool Kid's Korner friends!

This month we are reporting on one of our Windcrest Volunteer Firefighters. This is what we learned about him and his job.

Name: David Richards

Time with city: 10 months

Job Title: Senior Firefighter

Job Duties: Fighting fires, medical calls and teaches other firefighters

Favorite part of the job: Helping people by saving their property from a fire and assisting people with medical emergencies.



Least favorite part of the job: Getting up at 3:00 in the morning.

Funny things he sees: Sometimes when he or another firefighter is responding to an emergency, they have been known to put their boots on the wrong feet, their pants on backwards or a shirt on the wrong way. (ha, ha, ha)

The grosses thing he does: He has gotten covered in soot from head to toe. This often happens when he has to go into an attic to be sure the fire is out. The black soot gets everywhere and we mean everywhere!

How kids in Windcrest can help him with his job: Understand how dangerous fire and chemicals can be. Don't play with matches, fire or chemicals. Be sure your home has working smoke detectors. Kids 12 and older can get certified in CPR and all kids can learn about 911 and fire safety. (Jacob and I are both certified in CPR and we are lucky to have a CPR training place on Walzem Road. Maybe your family could check it out too.)

Interesting things we learned about firefighting:

After a fire is put out the firefighters have to check ALL over the house to be sure there is no fire behind the walls or in the attic. They try to make sure the house is safe for the owners to come back to and get some of the stuff that survived the fire. Then, they call the Red Cross to come help the families find a place to stay and help with any other things they need, like clothes.

Kool Tools Firefighters use: Ax, Halligon (used to break down doors), Jaws of Life called a Hurst by firefighters, bunker gear (their fire resistant uniform), an air pack (used so they can breathe in smoke).

Interesting things we learned about Mr. Richards: Besides being a firefighter he is also an EMT-Emergency Medical Technician. Mr. Richards is going to school at night to become a Paramedic; this helps him offer even more types of medical assistance. He is also in school to get a Fire Management degree. He lives in one of the firefighter homes near the fire station and he always loves it when Windcrest residents bring goodies to the fire station. (hint, hint, wink, wink)

We are very grateful to Mr. Richards and all he does to help keep our city safe and healthy. He was very nice to us and we really enjoyed getting to know him. Once again we challenge all the kids in Windcrest to do your part in helping keep our city safe and healthy by knowing about fire safety, emergency procedures and not playing with fire.

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WINDCREST OPTIMIST CLUB



The Windcrest Optimist Club resumes its full schedule of Club activities, in conjunction with the 2011 – 2012 school year, when it conducts its Outstanding Students of the Month Recognition Program on Tuesday, 11 October 2011, at 7:00 AM, at the Windcrest Civic Center. The Club will present “Outstanding Student” plaque awards to outstanding students from Theodore Roosevelt High School and elementary and middle schools in the Roosevelt High School “cluster” of schools.

The Optimist Club meets on every second Tuesday (6:30 AM, at the Civic Center) and fourth Wednesday (6:00 PM at a local restaurant) of the month, except during holiday periods. By joining the Windcrest Optimist Club, you can become involved in developing and providing challenging, rewarding, and fun programs for kids that help to bring out their best qualities. If interested and/or for more information, contact Don Myles at 656-2194. We would love to have you as a new member!

Contact Information
Not available online.



Windcrest Lions Club

3rd Annual Chili & Cornbread Dinner Saturday, November 5th, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

The Windcrest Lions Club invites everyone to attend the 3rd Annual Chili & Cornbread Dinner event on Saturday, November 5th, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Windcrest Civic Center. The dinner, eat-in or take out, will cost \$7.00 per person (children under 10 are free if eating-in) Advanced tickets can be purchased for just \$6.00 per ticket! The meal consists of good home-made chili (just basic chili) with all the separate condiments (corn chips, onions, cheese, cilantro, and hot sauce/chili powder) to spice it up. And then we are serving the delicious Marie Calendar’s cornbread and add to that some great Blue Bell ice cream. The Lions Club continues to focus on projects like a dictionary program for local 3rd graders, the Lions Camp for Handicapped and Diabetic Children, an eye glass program, the Windcrest Little League, an Ed White MS peace poster contest, the Texas Lions Sight Research Foundation and the Texas Lions Low Vision Center.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Police Chief, Joe Pabon
jpabon@windcrest-tx.gov

The police department would like to remind everyone to observe and please obey the speed limits throughout our city, especially on Midcrown where children travel to and from school. This past month, the public works division installed new signs on Midcrown warning everyone that the speed limits will be strictly enforced. I ask for your cooperation in keeping our streets safe.



Halloween Tips



Halloween will soon be here and children will be walking our streets and knocking on doors. Here are reminders to children and their parents.

Parents and children please follow the safety guidelines provided below for a safe Halloween:

- Wear reflective clothing/costumes, place reflective tape on the costumes, or carry a reflective trick or treat bag.
- Carry a flash light and point downward so as not to blind any person or motorist.
- Adults should always accompany a child to the door.
- Never go inside anyone's home.
- Skip a house that does not have its porch light on.
- Walk on the sidewalk if available.
- If you have to walk in the street, walk single file facing traffic.
- Motorists should drive extra slow and be on the lookout for little ones darting out behind or between cars.
- Have an adult check the candy before consumption.
- Trick or Treat on streets and at homes of persons you know.
- Do not accept candy from motorists.
- Do not cross in the middle of the street, walk on one side of the street at a time.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

WINDCREST VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (WVFD)

VFD Chief, Dan Reese
dreese@windcrest-tx.gov

FIREFIGHTER PICNIC 2012 ~ THE GALA IS COMING!

The Windcrest Volunteer Fire Association is actively working to improve the Firefighter Picnic for 2012. The Association is meeting weekly with Mayor Baxter to make some exciting changes. One of the major changes will be to add a "Gala" that will be held at the Takas Park Civic Center. The Gala is scheduled for March 3, 2012. The Civic Center will be remodeled beginning in January 2012. The Gala will be the inaugural event of the newly remodeled Civic Center. Expect an evening of great entertainment, food and conversation. We are looking at several other ideas to improve this Windcrest tradition. More information will be forthcoming.



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Hand watering is permitted any day (including Saturday and Sunday) as long as you do it within the hours associated with each stage (see above). You can use drip irrigation to water a vegetable garden and around your foundation any time. Other restrictions apply, as well. Call us for details.

If we go into Stage III, the hours are reduced to 3:00 am to 7:00 am and 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm on your day. We will mail you a flyer updating the restrictions if Stage III goes into effect.



The Walzem Family YMCA will be hosting our **1st Annual Trunk or Treat** event **Saturday, October 29th 2011** from 5:00-7:00pm. Trunk or Treat is a safe alternative to Trick or Treating. Volunteers decorate the trunks of their vehicles and pass out candy and treats to the children in our community. We will have games, prizes, activities and more! Our goal is to have **50** volunteers decorate their trunks and have plenty of candy, food and fun to make the event a great way for families to spend time together! Please stop by the front desk for more information about entering your trunk into or attending our **1st Annual Trunk or Treat!**

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Windcrest Garden Club

We welcome in Fall with cooler mornings and a relief from Windcrest's warmest summer in history!

Our Club members and guests really enjoyed our September 12th Potluck Luncheon with rich fellowship and everyone's best recipes. A big thank you for all the school supplies brought in to share with the boys and girls from Windcrest Elementary School. The school Counselors were very appreciative of our gift to their children. This will be an ongoing project throughout the school year providing supplies and winter coats/jackets for cooler weather.

Our **Monday, October 3rd** Meeting will be an interesting Field Trip to the San Antonio Riverwalk Extension with lunch on the Riverwalk. Please meet at the Civic Center parking lot at 10:00 a.m. for a very short meeting and then carpooling to the Riverwalk. Hope many will join us bringing a friend to share the day. We always welcome new members. Membership is only \$10.00 per year.

I would love to share a thought I had early one morning having coffee on my patio. I watched all the birds and squirrels finding their home in the branches of my trees and realized again the importance of taking care of our trees. They bring life to so many of God's creation--including each of us.

Upcoming Events

Executive Board Meetings
Monday, October 31, 10:00 a.m.
Myrna Waters, Hostess

Monday, November 28, 10:00 a.m.
Sondra Bump, Hostess

November 7th Coffee
10:00 a.m. Windcrest Civic Center
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Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Freeman



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GRASP Transit has four handicap accessible buses to accommodate those with wheelchairs or walkers. Service is provided curb to curb by appointment. Individuals requiring transportation must schedule 48 hours in advance.

Riders are charged a round trip fare of \$5.00 to \$50.00 based upon the distance and wait time. Caregivers and spouses ride free with an eligible client.

Fares to shopping trips or to businesses within the City of Windcrest are \$5.00.

GRASP also offers other services for Windcrest residents that includes Congregate Noon Meals and Activities at the GRASP Senior Center and social services that includes Emergency Food Pantry Assistance, Rent and Utility Assistance and Information and Referral Services. Other scheduled events include day trips to theater, museums and local sites, Fredericksburg, Corpus Christi, and evening out dinner trips for those who are interested in outside activities.

Funding for GRASP Programs includes the City of Windcrest, Texas Department of Transportation, Bexar Area Agency on Aging, State of Texas Title III, as well as Corporate and private donations.

In the Past several years, GRASP vans have participated with the Windfest and the Fireman's picnic to provide shuttle service from parking facilities to Takas park events.

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Windcrest Little League News

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During the summer the Coach Pitch Team **The Storm** had practices in this hot weather for weeks. They were training for Summer Tournaments and represented the WLL obtaining 1st place at Southside Lions Park 8U tournament in July.

Also, Sunday, August 28th, after 5 games, they came close of winning 1st Place again, but lost by one run, placing the Storm team in 2nd place. People at the park were asking “Where are these kids from? They are great players! “Proud parents responded, “we are from the City of Windcrest.”

The WLL Program believes in molding our youth to be productive citizens with heart and a relentless attitude. One talented baseball player does not make a team great; it is the contribution of each player that makes a difference. Same goes for our WLL. We cannot do it alone, we need the Windcrest Citizens and Businesses to support the children in our community. We encourage you to sponsor WLL and help us improve our baseball facility.

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We currently have 4 teams of drivers and we need you to help fill the empty hours to patrol and report any suspicious activity.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact any of the team captains listed below and they will be happy to help you get started.

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Fellow Residents,

Since we reported to you last April, Friends of the Park of Windcrest, Texas Organizational Board has been busy preparing and reviewing proposed By-Laws which will be presented for approval at this meeting.



The first order of business will be the election of officers and Board Members.

The Organizational Board has proposed a Membership contribution schedule subject to approval of the membership. We have also established short and long term goals which will be presented at this meeting.

Starting in September we will be making a series of presentations to Windcrest civic organizations about Friends of the Park of Windcrest, Texas. We will be outlining our goals and objectives and asking for their cooperation in our efforts to protect and improve our parks, ponds and greenspaces.

We will be reaching out to both residents and businesses to become Charter Members of Friends of the Park of Windcrest, Texas.

We look forward to seeing you at this most important meeting.

If you would like to join our effort, email us @ fotpwindcrest@gmail.com. We will keep you informed.

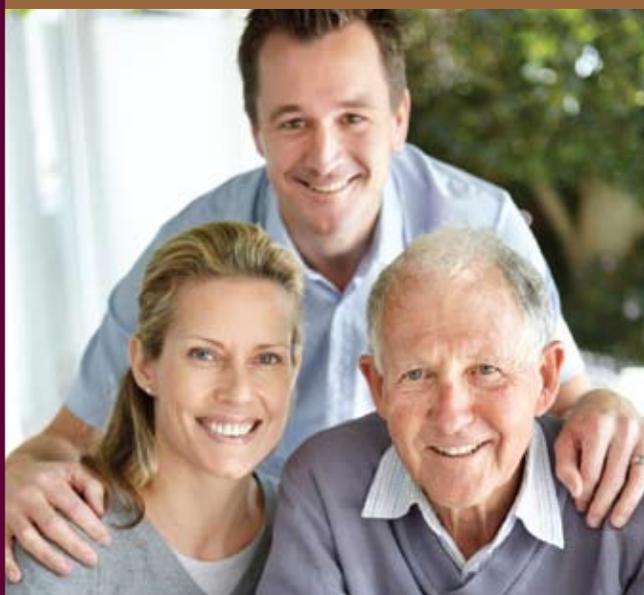
Thank you,
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****Notice to Windcrest Residents****

Windcrest City Telephone Directory 2012 Courtesy Windcrest American Legion Post 612

The 2012 issue of the Windcrest City Directory is currently being developed by the Windcrest American Legion Post 612. The telephone directory is delivered directly to each Windcrest home every three years and is scheduled for publishing/delivery in January 2012. Windcrest residents' name, address and telephone numbers are obtained from the Bexar County W.C.I.D #10 located at City Hall. **IMPORATNT:** If Windcrest residents want their names to be listed in the Directory, please ensure the Water District has your most current information and are authorized to release the information. Call the Water District at 655-2888 or visit them at City Hall.

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City Meetings in Windcrest City Hall Council Chambers

Special City Council Meeting	October 3	7:00 p.m.
Municipal Court	October 4, 11, 18	4:00 p.m.
Regular City Council Meeting	October 17	7:00 p.m.
Water District #10 Meeting	October 20	7:00 p.m.

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