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# Mayor's Message



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Dear Citizens,

I want to begin by saying that everyone in City Hall has been working very hard for you, and I believe it is time to take a moment to reflect and be thankful for some of the accomplishments/highlights during the first 6 months of our administration.

As we promised you, we intend to pursue every avenue available to recover the funds that left our city coffers. To date, we have settled claims that gross **over 1 million dollars to the City and EDC**. And-- we are only half way through the list of potential persons and/or entities that we believe owes the City and EDC money. We will continue to provide updates as we progress.

After a long struggle, the problem we inherited concerning the 111 acres of land in the annexed area will soon be out of the EDC and City of Windcrest's name. As a result, the City of Windcrest will finally be receiving property tax dollars from that property and in the very near future we will see development in that area as **Stratford Land** has now purchased the property. There is a lot more to come in this area too!

The "Racker Road project", the road to facilitate Rackspace's headquarters employees, has finally gone out for bid. Recall that this project also contains several commercial pad sites for future development, and if all goes as planned, we should see a ground breaking within the next few months. We will soon see the results of millions of dollars in infrastructure improvements to the outside of Rackspace's headquarters and a public park to be built in this area which will be paid for by Rackspace. These actions should serve as a springboard for even more development. The EDC Board deserves a Texas sized thanks from everyone. As you know, the Board is an "ALL VOLUNTEER" group and spends their time for the good of all of us.

Several new retail businesses are coming to Windcrest, Ross Dress for Less and Sketchers for example, and the city sales tax revenue will continue to increase. Presently, the city is **up** in sales tax revenue approximately 10% over last year. This accounts for **roughly \$20,000 extra dollars in revenue per month!**

Our police force will soon be at the highest strength in our history. We have just recently hired two decorated, combat tested, military veterans as patrolmen. Additionally, the city has just purchased two new police cars and three radar guns, all with cash.

The Parks and Recreation Commission continue to work tirelessly to develop the plans for the \$100,000 in Civic Center renovations. They will then oversee over \$29,000 in improvements to our community pool and \$20,000 in median improvements. They continue to meet regularly, and each deserves a word of thanks and appreciation when you see them.

We are getting great response for the new Firemen's Gala that is planned for March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Keep that date marked in your calendar.

We are planning Town Hall meetings to hear from you. We need to know of your priorities and how you want us to invest the money in the CIP funds (**over 1.5 million dollars**) in the residential area. As promised, we will be the standard for participatory and open government, and our residential areas will see great improvement and attention.

For the third year in a row, our Council has kept our tax rate the same while INCREASING services and activities. "Windcrest Proud" and our Women's Club Light-up budgets are the largest in our history. We also

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had a successful Windcrest Flag party and unveiled the new (Citizen-selected) official flag of Windcrest. There will be more of these fun, free and community-building activities.

We are delighted to report that the first annual 5K run was a huge success. It brought businesses and citizens together and most of all, it was great fun. Congratulations and sincere thanks to Council Person Rita Davis for all of her hard work organizing this event.

Whether you were for the NEISD bond or against it, the ballots have been counted and the bond was passed. Windcrest Elementary School, in the heart of our city, will see approximately **\$14.75 million in improvements** over the next several years.

Our Newsletter Committee meets weekly and continues to improve the Newsletter and work out the kinks. They are serving with passion, and I am proud to be a part of this group. Should you have constructive recommendations, please pass them to us.

Finally, on a personal note, I appreciate all the support, emails and phone calls from you. We are all working together to make Windcrest the best city it can be. We have more citizen participation than ever. Let's keep it up.

I cannot wait for what the next year will bring. Together we will make history.

Have a Happy and Joyous Holiday Season, and I hope to see you at the Light-up Party at City Hall on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.

Your Mayor and humble servant,  
 ALAN E. BAXTER



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**From Your City Manager,  
 RAFAEL CASTILLO**  
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Hello fellow Citizens of Windcrest!

I wish everyone a wonderful, peaceful and joyful holiday season and a happy New Year!

In these fall months of 2011, as I mentioned before, we continued *our everlasting journey on improving our overall "Customer Service" and show gratitude toward the community. We (I) ask you for some feedback and input on how we can continue to improve.*

Recently we have reached several of our goals:

- "Racker Road Project" is out for bid(s) and scheduled to start construction sometime in January 2012.
- We continue the bonding relationship with our "anchor commercial tenant" as we bring them into our monthly newsletter. See Pg 12, Rackspace: Fanatically.

Once again, please remember our "open door" policy at City Hall. Please come over and visit us.

Respectfully,

Rafael Castillo Jr., City Manager



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## FROM YOUR

Mayor Pro-Tem, Pam Dodson



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I just wanted to take a moment of your time to wish you a Blessed Holiday Season. This is the time of year that you really appreciate being a part of a small community where neighbors can enjoy the season together. Please take a moment of your time to visit with the people around you; whether it is the couple who lives across the street or the widow who lives down the lane. It will be a benefit to all if we get to know each other just a little bit better. I encourage you all to enjoy our beautiful lights that will be twinkling all throughout our community and to share a smile. God bless us, every one! (Tiny Tim)

## Councilmember

Gerd E. Jacobi

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 Merry Christmas Windcrest

As many of you may know, my family and I have lived in Windcrest for over twenty two years, and we have always enjoyed the Christmas spirit here in our town. My two daughters and their families had lived outside of our city and decided to come back home to Windcrest. They each have now lived here for more than ten years and love the small town feel of Windcrest. Everyone has the opportunity to get to know their neighbors and make an effort to reach out to one another. Windcrest has gone from a great place to live, with some problems, back to an even greater place to live. Everyone is helping to regain our beauty and prestige here in our small town. This Christmas should be a very special one for our community. Our past debts are being paid off. Our budget is in the black. Citizens are volunteering to assist in every way they can to make this city the oasis it once was. Give thanks for all you and your family have this season. We are truly blessed. Growing up, I recall the Christmas Season as one with cold weather, fireplaces and snow. We obviously do not have this in South Texas. What we do have is the tradition of the Windcrest Light Up. Families pack their cars with loved ones and looking forward to the magical lights. Our spectacular lights throughout the city bring people from far and wide each year to Windcrest. The single strand around a door way to the elaborate displays in the front yard all add to Windcrest is known as the "City of Lights." Yes, we may still have a few problems to work out, but every family does. We, as a Windcrest family, can resolve and overcome anything if we put aside our individual wants and work toward a greater good, our community needs. We should all be looking forward to a wonderful New Year as we reach our goals and add new ones.

From my family to yours, Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

## Councilmember

Jim Shelton

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At the end of our calendar year it is the time to reflect back on our accomplishments as well as the missed opportunities and/or goals.

- The revamping of our newsletter has been a super accomplishment for Windcrest.
- The support we were able to provide to the swimming pool and the little league are also very important.
- The citizen's selection of our new Windcrest Flag was great.
- The ability to increase our "rainy day" fund without increasing taxes was superb. These are but just a few accomplishments.

I do regret that Racker Road was not completed this year, but we are well on the way for this goal to be met in 2012.

I look forward to many good things for the upcoming year, because we have a very capable and dedicated staff who strive to provide top level service to our citizens.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve on the city council. May we see Windcrest continue to move forward.



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# Councilmember

Rita Davis

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If you didn't come to the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Winding Thru Windcrest 5K Race and Fun Run/Walk, you missed a great event. There was something for everyone – from elementary age to seniors, from dog walkers to seasoned runners to occasional walkers. And the weather couldn't have been better! Many thanks are given to all who helped with this event or participated in it – from residents who cheered the runners on from their front yards with signs of encouragement to the Little League, Windcrest Elementary students, Roosevelt Dance Team members, DJ Tom Garcia, Roosevelt ROTC, Windcrest employees and of course, our cheerful volunteers.



The Fastest 5K Runner was our very own Windcrest Lifeguard Antonio Garrido who ran the 3.1 miles in 17min.58sec. The following is a list of 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners by Category for Men and Women:

- Ages 19-29 – Antonio Garrido/Hallie Hudson
- Ages 30-44 – Bruno Inacio/Melissa Bondrick
- Ages 45-59 – Francis McClean/Celia Phillips
- Ages 60 + – James Browning/Carol Gilg
- Elementary – Christian Garibay
- Seniors – James Browning
- Dog Walker – Fran McClean and his dog, Zeedo

A complete list of 1s, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winners will be posted on the doors to the City Hall.

Let's all make a resolution to make running or walking in a 5K or Fun Run a goal for the coming year.

LET'S ALL GET HEALTHY!

# Councilmember

John Gretz

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Fellow Windcrest neighbors,

When I became involved in Windcrest business, we had some very sad issues on our plate. Those issues upset me as I'm sure they upset you. With the leadership of our Mayor, Alan Baxter, we are getting very close to closing that chapter in our Windcrest history book! He's a legal guy and has done yeoman's work to recover some of our losses. The issues were, and still are, very complicated and they will take some time to bring to total resolution. Our "Racker Road" project is finally out for bid...and that is a very big deal for all of us! Rackspace leadership is extremely proud of their partnership with us and are looking forward to a strong relationship as we move forward. The old Windsor Park Mall, which was destined, not so long ago, to be an eyesore for our city for years to come will soon be a showplace for Windcrest! That's a very big deal! I am proud to be part of that process.

I am also proud to say that some of our divergent citizen mindsets regarding Windcrest issues are starting to gel and we are working toward a solidified Windcrest platform. Trust me, this has been a real challenge for me from a personal perspective! I've had my pet peeves for many years...speeders, litter bugs, green belt maintenance, private and rental property care, and people not picking up after their pets. However, from my perspective, all Windcrest resident concerns are 99.9% in sync! We will never be 100% in sync as human beings, will never agree with everything all of the time. That is good and healthy! We now have a process during council meetings; after a citizen is heard, we can openly discuss and provide feedback to the issue presented. What a concept! Open communication is essential period! My goal is simply team Windcrest! Let's work together.

## The Police Department would like to announce the hiring of our newest Patrol Officer, Tyler Lindsey.



Officer Lindsey is a graduate of Hilldale High School in Muskogee, OK and is a U.S. Army Veteran. He served 2 tours in Iraq. While in Iraq, he earned the Bronze Star and several other medals and awards. After receiving an Honorable Discharge, Officer Lindsey attended the Alamo Area Law Enforcement Academy where he was a recent graduate. The City of Windcrest is proud to have Officer Lindsey putting his talents toward serving our community.

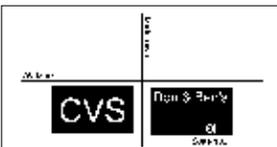
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## City Secretary News Heather Weidenbach,

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### Tis the Season for ANGELS

The time has come for us to begin preparing our homes for the most JOYOUS season...Christmas. While most of us will spend numerous hours decorating our homes, baking, shopping, wrapping and attending Christmas parties; others will not or may not have this opportunity.

Many years ago, a Windcrest Community member started the Angel Tree Program that is still going and growing strong each year. The idea for this program was to adopt as many families as possible who are in need and provide them with necessities (clothes, coats, household items etc., and of course a toy for each child in the family). Every year Christmas trees filled with ANGELS are placed in different parts of the community...this year ANGEL trees have been placed at the YMCA, RBFCU (Windcrest location), Windcrest Golf Club and of course two trees by the Windcrest Elementary Library.

Here is how the ANGEL Tree Program works... while out and about stop by any one of the locations mentioned above, select your ANGEL(s), purchase the item(s), wrap the item(s), attach the ANGEL(s) to your item(s) and return to Windcrest Elementary by Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Monetary donations will also be accepted at Windcrest Elementary. Once all of the gifts have been received and purchased, teachers and school staff will deliver the items to the families in need so they can have a JOYOUS Christmas. **Thank you for being an ANGEL!**

## Parks & Recreation Commission

The Parks & Recreation Commission is in full operation as of the 10 October when the appointed Board members were sworn in and promptly began working to prioritize a list of projects. The first major project is updating our Civic Center. The interior will be given a facelift to bring the appearance worthy of bringing more activities and revenue to the city. The exterior will also get attention so more activities can utilize the full capacity of the Civic Center area. Our goal is to have all work completed by the end of February.

We are a multi-tasking Board so work on fixing the broken sidewalk areas in the parks is the second priority. I'm certain residents around the Brook Falls Pond area and the Autumn Sunset Pond have noticed the excellent job done by the landscapers contracted to mow and trim these areas. This is the best these two areas have looked in a long time. I would like to thank the City Manager and Council for getting a service in place quickly since losing our previous contractor. We will also be addressing the Takas Park/Windy Hollow Pond with regards to landscaping and renovations.

The third area of concern is the city entrance at Walzem and Midcrown. The Public Works is waiting on a report on the soil sample so that work can be continued there. Residents, please know that this area is a work in progress and will be looking beautiful before much longer.

Jan Leaders, Chairperson, Parks & Recreation Commission  
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## Economic Development Corporation Member

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Windcrest should also be the address you use for anything going through the U.S. Postal Services. If Windcrest is used as the address, our post office receives credit for the mail. That is important in keeping our post office substation at City Hall.

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## RACKER RD...

Tim Maloney, EDC President

The Windcrest Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) is pleased to announce that bids have gone out for the Racker Road project. We would hope to have a response in the next few weeks. After the bids have been screened, there will be an open session of the WEDC to discuss and clarify the various proposals. Though this has been a long and arduous process, it appears as though the final improvement to the Rackspace headquarters will be of enormous benefit not only to that fine company, but also Windcrest. There will be a public park available, as well as the development of other commercial entities, which will be of service to the citizens in and around the Rackspace headquarters.

WEDC will be holding open public forums to meet directly with the business community so that we can get feedback as to what services the WEDC can render. It is the WEDC's job, to promote economic development in the community but it is also our responsibility to assist those businesses which are already established. To that end, we will be holding regularly scheduled meetings between the WEDC and the business community in order to get feedback and to see what services the WEDC can provide. It is our responsibility to be responsive and, quite frankly, because of the Racker Road project, we have not been as diligent as we should be assisting businesses in Windcrest.

This will change once the Racker Road project is underway. We would hope to break dirt within the next couple months and once this project is underway, the WEDC looks forward to meeting with and, hopefully, assisting those businesses in the community.

Many interesting projects are coming your way. It is our belief that there will be a ground swell of development around Rackspace headquarters once the Racker Road project is initiated. After dirt is turned, developers will see the unique opportunities in Windcrest and we are confident that we will be able to announce substantial projects coming within the next few months.

### **Winn Brook Estates HOA News**

By William Cloutier

Join the fun and make this special event one to remember, The Winn Brook Estates (WBE) HOA Board of Directors is sponsoring the "1st WBE Annual Holiday Lighting Contest". We hope many residents participate by 'lighting up your best display'.

There will be prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. The judging will be held December 16th at 7 pm. Winners will be contacted as soon as possible after the judging is completed and receive their prizes within a week or two afterward. Their names and address will be announced in the February issue of the Windcrest Newsletter.

Your HOA Board of Directors desires that you be safe during the coming holidays so here are some safety tips: be aware of strangers in and around your home or vehicles, many of our streets are very dark which thieves and vandals love so turn on your outside lights and ask your neighbors to do the same.

The WBE HOA wishes to say a big "THANK YOU" to the volunteers that helped beautify the front entrance of WBE by spreading red mulch on the island and sides of the entrance by immeasurable muscle power, dogged determination, a lot of sweat, sore backs, and a lot of pride completing the task in under 6 grueling hours.

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## Garden Club News

Carolyn Freeman

On these chilly nippy days, I hope you're enjoying a brisk early morning or evening walk through beautiful Windcrest. Winter brings in its own beauty, if you listen closely, you may hear the chimes of church bells ringing in the coming of Christmas.

Please make plans to attend our Holiday Potluck Luncheon on Monday, December 5th, at 11:00 a.m. The potluck is always a festive event, so please bring a friend and your favorite holiday dish to the Civic Center to share in our luncheon. We will once again be participating in the Windcrest Angel Tree and also purchasing jackets and winter coats for the Windcrest Elementary School children.

Our guest speaker from the Audubon Center at Mitchell Lake was very informative on the topic of "Birds in the San Antonio Area." Everyone seemed to enjoy the exchange of seeds and cuttings and our lively plant auction at our November 7th Coffee.

You don't have to be a Master Gardener to be a part of the Windcrest Garden Club. We always welcome anyone who has a desire for friendships and keeping Windcrest beautiful. Our usual meeting time is 10:00 a.m. at the Civic Center on the first Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. We promise you'll be greeted with a lot of friendly smiles. Please join us!

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## 2011 A Great Year for Municipal Court

By Kelly Rodriguez, Municipal Court Clerk,  
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Mayor Baxter read a proclamation declaring November 7 – 11, 2011 as Municipal Court Week. In efforts to promote traffic safety and reach out to our youth, the Municipal Court collaborated with Windcrest Elementary to have a Drawing Contest entitled “Seat Belts Save Lives.” Third and Fourth graders illustrated the importance of wearing your seat belts. The posters were displayed in City Hall that week. The winner won a gift certificate to pizza hut. All the students did a great job.

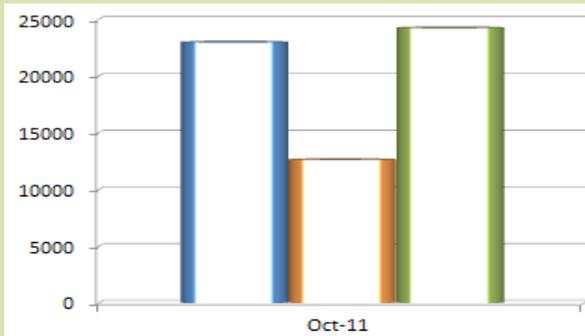
2011 was a great year for Municipal Court. First, we came in over our projected revenue for the year. Second, we had the first ever Windcrest Warrant Round Up; we’ve had two in the last six months, in which both were great successes. We have seen an increase in people coming in to pay their citations. Third, we were able to hire our warrant clerk who has been a great asset to the court as well as the administrative office. We look forward to another great year filled with more warrant round ups and installation of online payment system.

### Where Does The Money Go?

Here is a chart of the money collected from fines and fees, which shows what goes to the state and what the City actually gets from it. This is a report for the FY 2011-2012. For more information please contact Kelly Rodriguez, Court Clerk at (210)655-0022 ext. 2250.

### DISTRIBUTION OF TOTAL COURT COLLECTIONS

■ Total \$ Collections  
■ State Fees Paid  
■ Total \$ to City



## From the Desk of Jacob Gonzalez, Code Compliance

igonzalez@windcrest-tx.gov

When property is suspected of being in violation of City Code, an inspection of the property is made to confirm a violation exists. Once the property has been found to be in violation, a notice is given to the property owner or tenant (Blue Door Hanger). The notice states the nature of the violation and the time allowed by ordinance to achieve abatement.

If a Notice is received, citizens are encouraged to speak with their Code Compliance in order to work out a solution to the problem. In most cases, Code Compliance can work with citizens to gain compliance. Code Compliance’s objective is to ensure that you and your neighbors have a livable neighborhood in which to work and live.

Citizens may not be aware that their actions are in violation of City Ordinances. Some situations may require immediate injunctive relief (citation) in order to achieve the ultimate goal of compliance. This is a judgment call on the Code Compliance’s part. Code Compliance may extend the time allowed to achieve abatement. This extension is not automatic upon request. Code Compliance may take into consideration factors related to the property, such as past violation/abatement history

The City of Windcrest Codes are intended to benefit everyone while making our neighborhood a better place to live, work, and play. Compliance with these standards can reduce vandalism, eliminate blight, deter crime, maintain property values, and prevent deterioration of the neighborhood.



**CITY OFFICES AND THE POST OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2011 FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M. FOR THE CITY EMPLOYEE’S APPRECIATION LUNCHEON. WE**

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# Firefighters Gala



We have an exciting Windcrest addition next year – a Gala! This event will be held on Saturday evening, March 3, 2012 in the Civic Center. As many of you know, the Civic Center will be renovated beginning in January. Our Gala will be the inaugural event of the newly renovated facility. Plans for the Gala include a dinner and a band. Seats at the Gala are included in the Elite Plus level of giving and additional tickets are available at \$50 per ticket. Seats are limited. If you are interested in attending please contact Lisa Scott at the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department by February 10, 2012. Phone 210 599-6007, e-mail: wvfd@ci.windcrest.tx.us or stop by the Fire Department office.

We are introducing the Windcrest Gold Elite Plus \$170 donation for the 2012 Gala and Firefighter's Picnic.

The Three Levels are;

- Windcrest Gold Elite Plus \$170 Donation – Two Gala tickets, additional sheet of raffle tickets, two meal tickets (picnic) Windcrest Gold gift. You will be eligible for a special drawing on the day of the picnic for Windcrest Gold/Elite/Elite plus only.
- Windcrest Gold Elite \$130 Donation– Additional sheet of raffle tickets, two meal tickets (picnic) Windcrest Gold gift. You will be eligible for a special drawing on the day of the picnic for Windcrest Gold/Elite/Elite plus only.
- Windcrest Gold \$100 Donation – Windcrest Gold gift. You will be eligible for a special drawing on the day of the picnic for Windcrest Gold/Elite/Elite plus only.

We are also extending the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department's

Firefighter's Picnic next year to two-day; Friday, May 18, 2012 - Saturday, May 19, 2012. Look for new and exciting fun-filled events for the whole family.

Look for the traditional Firefighter's Picnic letter in the mail January 2012.

We are very excited about the Firefighter's Gala and the extra day added to the picnic! We hope you will help us make these events a huge success. Your Understanding and Support are a Firefighter's Strength.

### Windcrest VFD Fill-The-Boot

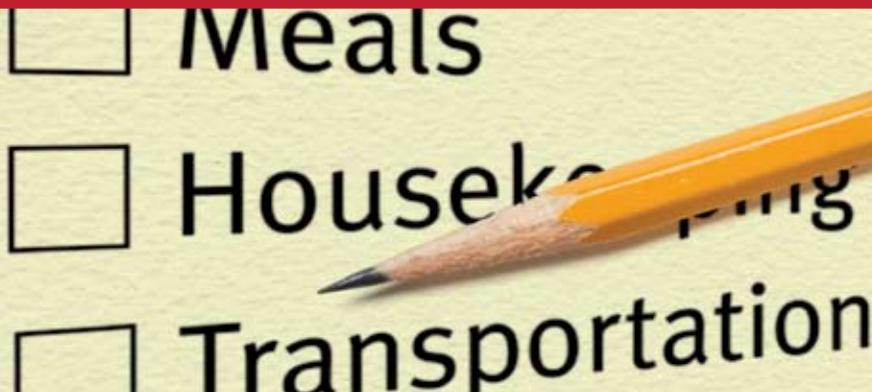
Starting December 15<sup>th</sup> through December 23<sup>rd</sup> the Fire Department will be collecting donations in front of the fire station. This year your donations will benefit the Windcrest Angel Program; which ensures selected families receive food, clothing, toys and books. The Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department will apply the remaining funds towards firefighter gear and equipment.

Please use caution when driving by the station during these nights. Traffic will be heavy, especially during the weekends.

### Santa Parade

This year's Santa Parade is set to take place on Sunday, December 18, 2011. Santa will be available for photos at the Fire Station starting at 1 p.m. The parade will follow starting at 1:30 p.m. This year's parade route will be posted on the doors at City Hall.

God Bless and Happy Holidays!



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## Windcrest Women's Club News

**Pamela Dodson**

Wow, can you believe we are quickly approaching the Holiday Season? It is time to think about the holiday apparel to be worn to the **December 8<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Party** where reservations are required. It will be at the **Civic Center from 6pm to 10:00 p.m.** We have our entertainment all lined up so come be a part of this joyful traditional gathering of friends. Please let Hazel [redacted] or Mary [redacted] know that you will be there.

This year's **Light-Up theme** is "**Lights of Windcrest Welcomes You Home**". We are encouraging all of our citizens to "light-up" their houses this year. We are known as the City of Lights, so let's not disappoint. This year, judging of the decorations will occur on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-11:00pm, be sure to have your decorations glowing by then.

Guess by now, you should have received information about the changes in our location for some of our meetings after the first of the year. **January 25<sup>th</sup>** we will have our coffee at the **YMCA meeting room at 10:00 a.m.** **Dr. Richard Bell** will be presenting information about **vision, health and new procedures** that are available.

Still plenty of time for you to join our club and it is only \$20 to meet with us all year long. We share lots of good food and the laughing never stops. What a great way to spend time with your neighbor. Please come join us!!

## SCHOOLS NEED MENTORS!

Would you like to help a Windcrest Elementary (WES), Ed White Middle (EWMS), or Theodore Roosevelt High School (TRHS) student develop social skills, build self-confidence and a better self-image, and improve academic skills and grades? As a caring adult male or female, you can be a Mentor and positive role model for students! At WES, Mentors are matched with students (Mentees) who need support in academics and/or social skills. You may work with your mentee 30 minutes or more a week doing math games, reviewing for a test, or playing a game such as chess. Phone the school, 564-1650, and make an appointment with the Principal, Asst. Principal, a Counselor, or the Family Specialist. As a Mentor at EWMS, you provide a positive role model to your mentee by spending regular quality time during lunch times and providing encouragement, guidance, and support. To apply, contact Mr. Lenny Leos, EWMS Family Specialist, at 650-1400, Ext. 254. A TRHS Mentor, during quality time, provides motivation, may tutor the mentee in core subjects, and helps the mentee with positive decision making. Telephone Mr. Christopher Cadena, TRHS Family Specialist, at 356-2273, to apply.



Elementary, middle, and high school students are the future of our country! Can you spend and invest one hour a week with one of them as a Mentor? As one school administrator said, "Mentoring is a blessing to both the Mentor and Mentee; it is a very rewarding experience."

At the request of Windcrest Mayor Alan Baxter, I wrote and submitted this article for publication in the November, 2011 issue of the "Windcrest Newsletter."  
Don Myles, Ph.D.

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# KID'S KORNER

by Ryan and Jacob Dalgleish

The Holidays are coming and Christmas is one of our family's favorite. If Mom would let him, Dad would be like Mr. Griswold in Christmas Vacation and light up every leaf on our live oaks! This year we hope you join us as we "Light Up" our home and help make Windcrest one of the brightest cities in the San Antonio area.

We are wondering what Mom will come up with this year for our street. Last year our family made 50 red bows with large stars on them for our neighbor's mail boxes and some trees along our street. It sure looked great and was in keeping with the theme of, "A Star Studded Christmas." This year, she's given us a hint, but is keeping the details a secret and she won't let us tell you either. This year's theme, "The Lights of Windcrest Welcomes You Home," is true for us this year. We are going home to enjoy a Colorado Christmas. Yeah! We'll be sure to make a snow angel for you-all.

Being part of a great community like Windcrest is important to our family and we enjoy helping our neighbors and friends even more at this time of year. One thing we recently participated in was a special Veteran's Program at Soldiers' Angels where we entertained and fed a variety of disabled veterans. They served in Korea up through current deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan. The men and women shared interesting stories and we learned a lot about how brave so many of them are.

We are very grateful to all the men and women who served and currently serve to help us live in this great country. Please accept our BIG Thank You!

As this year comes to an end we hope and pray that you have a wonderful Holiday Season and that your time is spent with family, friends and lots of fun! We look forward to a New Year of sharing and being part of helping make Windcrest the, "Best City to Live and Work in the San Antonio Area."

Visit the Kid's Korner next month for an interview with one of Windcrest's Finest, an officer from our own local Police Department.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year,!

## Civic Clubs & Organizations Upcoming Events (all events will be held at the Civic Center, unless otherwise stated)

December			
5th	Garden Club Potluck Luncheon	11:00a.m.	
6th	Bridge Club	9:30am	
7th	Arts & Crafts	9:30am	
8th	Women's Christmas Party	6:00-8:00pm (Reservations Required)	
12th	Light-Up Judging & Judges Dinner	6:00-11:00pm	
13th	Optimist Club	7:00am	
16th	Gourmet Christmas Party	6:00-10:00pm	
20th	Bridge Club	9:30am	
21st	Arts & Crafts	9:30am	



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## Rackspace: Fanatically Supporting the Communities In Which We Live, Work and Play

Since moving our global headquarters into the former Windsor Park Mall, which we nicknamed The Castle, Rackspace has committed to being a good neighbor – both in Windcrest and in San Antonio. We have invested more than \$1.5M in our community between our corporate giving (more than \$1M since 2008) and the Rackspace Foundation (more than \$500,000 since 2009), with the lion's share going to the schools in and around Windcrest, which we call the Castle Community. The seven schools we focus on are Roosevelt HS, Ed White MS, Krueger MS, Walzem ES, Windcrest ES, Montgomery ES, and Camelot ES. We are intentionally creating a new model of corporate social responsibility – one that is place-based (not cause-based or theme-based) - that elevates our entire community by directing our focus on the surrounding neighborhood.

The Rackspace Foundation is a 501(c)3 funding organization that focuses on creating a learning community where education is valued, families and educators are engaged and students strive to reach their fullest potential. Its funding comes solely from donations (not a percentage of Rackspace revenue). Of those donors, almost all are Rackers donating through payroll contributions. Roughly 10% of our Racker population are donating to the Rackspace Foundation. The Rackspace Foundation has given more than \$500,000 since 2009 when it began.

Organizations that we fund through the Foundation include Youth Orchestras of San Antonio, Say Si, Gemini Ink, Good Samaritan Community Centers, City Year (2 teams – one in Ed White MS and one in Krueger MS), Communities in Schools, and Advise

TX. The Foundation also funds a Windcrest Literacy Academy in the summer which lasts approximately five weeks, as well as Family Chess Nights which take place every Thursday at the Molly Pruitt Library at Roosevelt HS. At Family Chess Night, world-renowned chess master Alex Weinberg teaches a chess lesson and then attendees compete against each other. This draws a group from across the community, of all ages and all walks of life to share a meal and learn how to strategize through the game of chess. This, we feel, is a critical skill which will help develop future Rackers.

Rackspace is thrilled and honored to be a part of this community. We are committed to being good neighbors, and see the possibilities of this partnership as without limits.

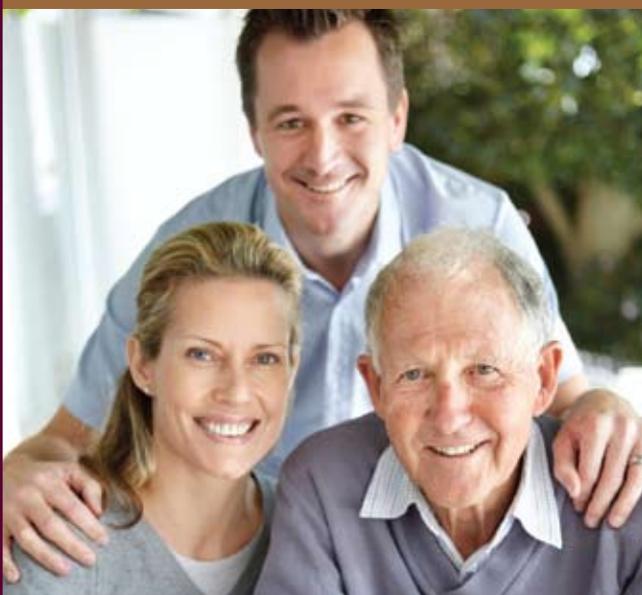
### Citizens Patrol News by Joanne Anderson

The Windcrest Volunteer Citizens Patrol held their annual Fall Appreciation Dinner on October 20th at Takas Park with an Italian themed dinner cooked and served by the culinary arts class of Sam Houston High School under the watchful eyes of instructor/Chef Eric Dromgoole.

Interim Chief Joe O'Brien presented a Windcrest Police Department "Challenge Coin" to retiring driver Dave Withers, who has driven since 1984 and to driver Doris Greek, driving since 1985 and still going strong.

The generosity of Windcrest residents was evident when \$117.00 was donated by the Citizen Patrol to help provide socks and underwear to local children. Anyone wishing to help can contact any team captain or bring your donation to City Secretary Heather Weidenbach.

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by Jacquie Rothermel

Fifty years ago, Windcrest was a suburban, nearly country town, miles from downtown San Antonio. It was a brand new community that needed a “hook” to encourage potential new residents. The founders decided that lighting the new homes for the Christmas season would let the lights of Windcrest be seen for miles. And so, every new homeowner was given a strand of new lights as a starter.

In typical Texas manner, there soon developed a *Windcrest* style of decorating that certainly was not understated. Some might say that it was extreme or over the top. Well, that style has become well known around the entire USA; indeed it has been carried by our military all over the world. In fact, astronauts have reported seeing our light up from 100 miles in space.

So, we have a long and honorable history of being a shining light of the Christmas Season and a place that generations have made a part of their families’ holiday traditions. Please help us continue this fantastic tradition by getting involved at the highest level you can.

By the time you read this, homes, businesses, churches and city facilities will be hard at work making our city the place to come home to for Christmas. 2011 should be another great Light Up.

Our city government has again increased its support of Light Up. The members of the Club are thrilled with the City’s increased support, but we will miss selling bows in front of City Hall to fund LightUp!

All we need now is for YOU to participate. As much or as little as you wish, but even that original minimal strand of lights will help maintain our traditions. The more homes that at least have a strand of lights up the better our LightUp will be.

So, circle these dates:

- December 9<sup>th</sup>      Entry Deadline.**
- December 12<sup>th</sup>     Judging**
- December 15<sup>th</sup>     Light Up Ceremony @ City Hall starting @ 6:00pm**
- December 15<sup>th</sup> – January 2<sup>nd</sup> Light Up**

*Help us invite people home to Windcrest for the Season.*



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# Windcrest Light Up 2011

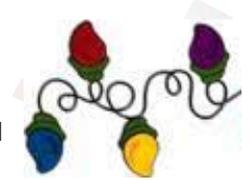
## “The Lights of Windcrest Welcomes You Home”

Please join all our citizens in making this year a wonderful memory for all children, young and old, who come with their families to see our famous lights. For more than 50 years, Windcrest Light Up has been a tradition for many neighbors and friends to enjoy the holidays by coming through our streets and seeing our displays celebrating Christmas and the Holiday Season. (Our presentations inspired Incarnate Word College to light up their campus.) It's the time of year we display our Windcrest Pride. Please light up your eaves, your trees, your yards – or all of these and celebrate this Joyous Season!



### IMPORTANT DATES:

Application Deadline:	4:30 p.m. City Hall, December 9, 2011
Contest Judging:	6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., December 12, 2011
Official City Hall Ceremony:	6:00 p.m., December 15, 2011
Contest Winners Reception:	7:00 p.m., Windcrest City Hall (Council Chambers), January 14, 2012



### JUDGING CATEGORIES (Select carefully / Select only ONE category)

Creative Lighting	Church / School / Business	Handcrafted
Religious	Entryway / Window	Mailbox
Joyful	Block / Cul-de-sac	Elegant Creations



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➤ SEE ENTRY FORM ON PAGE 15

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**Applications must be submitted to City Hall, NO LATER THAN 4:30 p.m., Monday, December 9, 2011, to be eligible for contest judging.**

Entrants who are honored by Placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> in any category will be invited to the Winners' Reception on **January 14, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers** and receive cash awards.

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## OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION

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American Legion - Buddy Cooper  
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Citizen's Patrol Team 3 Captain - Bill Lambrides  
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**City Offices will be closed on the following days:**

**December 23rd & 26th in observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and December 30th and January 2nd in observance of New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.**

## City Meetings in Windcrest City Hall Council Chambers

Special City Council Meeting	December 5	7:00 p.m.
Municipal Court	December 6, 13, 20	4:00 p.m.
Water District #10 Meeting	December 8	7:00 p.m.
Windcrest Light-Up Ceremony	December 15	6:00 p.m.
Regular City Council Meeting	December 19	7:00 p.m.

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