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Mayor's Message



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Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,

With the beginning of a new year, I would like to take this opportunity to recap some significant milestones achieved during the past year and give you some insight of goals we want to set for the coming year. Before doing so however, we want to shower you with our thanks for your inputs, assistance and encouragement. It is our citizenry that makes Windcrest the very best place in the area to live and we thank you so very much.

City Council

As you know, to get the job done in the most efficient manner, we decided to hold at least two Council meetings a month. Each one is recorded live for public viewing. We promised and are being transparent and open as much as is permitted by law. Revenues for all the services that we provide have improved. We have increased our efficiency and customer service, and look forward to resolving all the legal issues inherited from past administrations. We hope you have enjoyed the free events to help our citizens bond as a community. There will be more in the future. An example of this type of activity is "Windcrest Proud" planned, coordinated and executed by **Sidne Egan** and **Brenda Sharp** and the Newsletter Committee for the "Flag Party" decorated by **Mrs. Marylou Ellis**. If we continue to do as well as we have, we may be able to lower the tax rate in the next two - three years. In March and April, please plan to attend one or more of the Town Hall meetings that will be held. We need to hear from all of you - your priorities and wishes on how to invest the CIP funds created under this administration.

Economic Development Corporation - Board (EDC) and Development

This board is comprised totally of volunteers and has accomplished many commendable goals. They share work among themselves without employing any staff. **Rackspace Hosting** has their international headquarters located in our great city. Our partnership with Rackspace has grown, their confidence and trust in us and our ability to perform has never been stronger. We are going to break ground on Racker Road in January. Additionally, Rackspace is voluntarily contributing additional funds of approximately **\$360,000** towards construction of this road. We will be "cutting the ribbon" with Rackspace in late January or early February as Rackspace will be completing the finish out of an *additional 300,000 square feet and a new front entrance*. Much more is planned. Over 1000 more Rackspace employees, "Rackers," are being re-located to their international headquarters here in Windcrest. To date, Rackspace has invested over **\$100 million** in our city! Our partnership with Rackspace is growing stronger by the day. I also want the citizens to know that Rackspace is committed to **donating \$20,000** to this year's Firefighter Gala and Picnic to help the Volunteer Fire Department, **\$1500** to sponsor the youth Swim Team, and donated **\$10,000** to the Windcrest Little League. Whitestone REIT, owners of the Windsor Center on Fourwinds Drive, is investing approximately **\$1,000,000** remodeling the façade. Ross Dress for Less is planning to move to this center by May. Developers see the secure future of Windcrest and are literally pitching us proposals weekly. The EDC and Council will continue to explore all possibilities of economic growth to our great city that fit our culture and businesses that will be great corporate citizens.

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This school, right in the heart of our city, has one of the most dynamic school principals in Texas. **Mrs. Jeanie Weidenbach** has presided over the school for many years and is a long time resident of Windcrest. As an aside, her father was the longest tenured mayor in our history. The school now has over **\$14.7 million** earmarked for improvements from the NEISD bond. In addition, Rackspace is contributing over **\$100,000** to the school for educational projects. It is my goal to work with the NEISD Superintendent, Rackspace's Chairman of the Board - **Graham Weston** (one of the founders of Rackspace) and the Council to ensure that Windcrest Elementary School reaches new levels of excellence and one day make it the best Elementary School in Texas.

Parks and Rec Commission

Our Commission is doing a great job overseeing the Takas Civic Center renovations along with the pool, medians and common areas. As time goes along, additional funds will be invested in the parks and ponds as well. The "Commission" is made up of all citizen volunteers and they meet multiple times a month. In addition, the Windcrest **Garden Club** is planning to join in the efforts and assist with the beautification of our landscaping/common areas. You can help with input and support by attending their meetings if you can.

Newsletter Committee

We continue to receive "kudos" from you for the improvements to the newsletter. This is another total "volunteer" group that meets every Wednesday at City Hall at 6 PM. The meetings are open and you are welcome to come. They are responsible for the great Flag Party and are now planning the Valentine's Day Party and the Firemen's Gala. Please make it a point to tell them what a great job they are doing.

City Manager

Rafael Castillo has been on board for less than a year. It is easy to see how customer service is number one under his watch. Additionally, he is now a resident of Windcrest moving his family to the city last month. He has brought the degree of professionalism and efficiency to a new level. We should all be excited for the future with the guidance, leadership and experience he brings.

City Secretary

Heather Weidenbach is finishing up her second year as City Secretary. She started with the city approximately 12 years ago as the Fire Department administrative assistant and then moved to the Permits Department. When she was promoted to City Secretary, she retained all

her responsibilities of coordinating all permits and inspections, both residential and commercial. This is a huge undertaking in itself. She is also the City Secretary. I give her a lot of credit, because she was one of the first to combine various city duties without complaint. As City Secretary, she oversees our U.S. Post Office and administrative staff while being responsible for agendas and all record management of the city. She attends all Council meetings. Many nights she leaves at 9 PM and is back at City Hall at 8 AM the next day. For almost two years, I have never seen her have a bad day. Be confident, this part of city hall is in great hands.

Finances

Our sales tax income is steadily increasing - approximately 10 percent for the year. This translates to an additional **\$20,000** per month to the City's coffers. We are in sound financial shape and the envy of the cities around us. **Sarah Mangham**, our Finance Director is also the Mayor of Buda, Texas. She brings that unique perspective with her as well. We are a model of transparency. You can always find her with a smile on her face, and she will bend over backwards to accommodate your every request. She has a knack for explaining things so everyone understands. For those who wish, please take the time to view her reports and charts on the web. www.windcrest-tx.gov

Police

This department is at the highest level of police staffing in our city's history. **Chief Joe O'Brien** is doing an excellent job. By the time you read this newsletter, you will have probably seen the two new police vehicles; they are SUVs - Chevrolet Tahoes. I am confident, as promised, you have seen added presence in the residential area. We continue to have the finest police in the area that enforce our speed limits to its fullest potential for our public safety. Code Compliance and Animal Control have recently been included under the Police Department's supervision and will continue to improve.

Fire Department

Remember not only for the quality of life and our safety, our award winning Volunteer Fire Department under the leadership of **Chief Dan Reese** is increasing their efforts to fundraise. This keeps our taxes low and helps maintain the best department in the State of Texas. When the city meets with developers and businesses wanting to locate to our city, they always inquire about the Fire Department and First Responders. I am sure everyone agrees we have the best. Due to the expansion and economic improvements, we need to increase the fundraising efforts. Please review the article in this Newsletter, and if interested, please contact Chief Dan Reese or **Lisa Scott** at the Fire

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From Your City Manager, RAFAEL CASTILLO

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Hello fellow Citizens of Windcrest!

I hope everyone had a wonderful, peaceful and joyful holiday season and a happy New Year! I also hope everyone's "New Year's resolutions" will be reached and/or accomplished.

Recently in these past several months we have reached several of our goals:

- "Racker Road Project" went out for bid(s) and is scheduled to start construction early in January 2012. The EDC awarded the project to J3 Company LLC in the sum of \$2,805,671.00 for the EDC and City's portion of the project. Rackspace Hosting will contribute "additional alternatives" with a value of \$391,632.00 for the project. The bottom line project construction investment will be \$ 3,197,303.00
- The City of Windcrest Parks and Recreation Board diligently worked to start the first phase of renovations to the Civic Center in the first weeks in January 2012, with the investment value of approximately \$49,900. The purchase of additional tables, chairs and other amenities will cost approximately \$9,000.
- Our Police Department under the leadership and direction of Interim Chief O'Brien will be "fully staffed" by mid-January 2012. In these past several months we've been honored to hire three veterans for our police department.
- Be prepared to see our two new police vehicles put into full service by mid-January 2012.

I mentioned before, on behalf of *all City Employees*, we continue 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.*

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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Mayor Pro-Tem, Pam Dodson

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Wow, a brand new year. I love this time of year when we get fired up to get things accomplished because it is the beginning of a new year. Whether it be personal concerns or efforts for the city, I am excited about what can happen in 2012. Racker Road is coming to town, we hired new police officers so now we are fully staffed, new police cars are coming or are already here, the civic center is getting a new face lift, our green areas are being spruced up, and our city looked great for the light up. Isn't this a great way to start the New Year? I am hoping that you and yours are excited about what 2012 may bring and that as a community we can continue to move forward on these good things for Windcrest.

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Happy New Year
to All
Windcrest Residents

As we go into the New Year I hope that everyone will have a happy and prosperous one. Our small city is going forward in leaps and bounds. I see Windcrest not only regain its prestige but also exceed in its up and coming desirability for new businesses and new residents. Our unfortunate debt to Rack Space will be almost paid off. The streets and Parks are going to be repaired. Additional funds are going to be collected through the current Warrant program and also perhaps from the Zip code change, only the last four numbers. With team work and trust from all residents we can and will bring this city back up to its prior pride and future glory. Let's all work together. Yes we have different opinions but hopefully they are channeled toward the "What's best for the residents and our city." I know there are many people in this city that have great ideas. Let us hear from you. Send the Mayor and City Council your ideas, even the ideas that you think may not be important. You never know what will work. If we don't hear from you we will never know. Please take the time to send us an e-mail. We will not bother you. However, with your permission, we would like to give credit to you if one of your ideas is used. Help us look for solutions to problems not create new ones. We are all volunteers, the Mayor and City Council, and are doing this work for you and the city. It may not always seem that way but it is. I believe that this upcoming year is going to be a wonderful year so let's all pitch in and make it happen.

Councilmember

Jim Shelton

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2012! Wow, how quickly time flies. Last month we reflected back on issues, accomplishments and goals. Now I believe it is time to look forward. One of my goals has been to promote reasonable, responsible economic growth, but also to support our current local Windcrest businesses.

I don't know about you, but I eat out a lot. I invite you to support our local restaurants. Whether it's fast food, take out, or dining for that special occasion, Windcrest has it covered. I can't begin to highlight all of them, but I will recommend some that my family and I enjoy.

Applebee's provides good casual dining. At China Harbor you can enjoy a good seafood buffet with friendly service, and of course an old standby is Luby's. The pies at Marie Calendars make it great-I like the sugar free razzleberry. The Fish Market has very good seafood-we especially enjoy the catfish, and we like to order to go. Thai Chalurn has an extensive menu, and great lunch specials. For the "heat" Barbara likes # 1 and I like # 4. Starbucks provides a wide variety of coffees and teas plus pastries. Olive Garden is a lunch favorite of the ladies in our family. Friday night is often a Pizza Hut night. Red Lobster is a longtime favorite special dining place for us. Of course, who can forget What A Burger, uniquely Texas, and a local gathering place.

Did I mention all of the dining places that I enjoy, of course not. I only wanted to tweak your interest and appetite. I would ask that you remember to shop Windcrest whenever possible. It not only helps those businesses, it helps all of us.

My wish is for a great and wonderful 2012 for all!



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What a wonderful Christmas Season!

I don't mean to brag on our wonderful Newsletter Committee, but I wanted you to know how generous they are with their time, and even their treasure. They participated, as a group, to fund socks and underwear to the Angel Tree families that requested them.

Now, with the holiday season behind us, I'm ready to roll up my sleeves to get back to the citizen's business of getting the biggest bang for your buck.

I'm still working on improving our Purchasing Policy by making sure an exhaustive search will be taken to find the best, most reasonably priced goods and services from contractors and vendors who want to do business with the City of Windcrest.

The Texas Local Government Code requires competitive bidding or proposals for city purchases exceeding \$50,000. The City of Windcrest has taken the extra step in lowering that amount to purchases exceeding \$25,000, with very few exceptions.

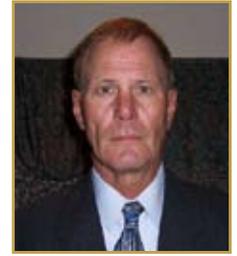
We have recently hooked up with Buy Board, a state screening site for municipalities. Buy Board has vetted contractors and vendors and provided lists and price quotes on their web-site. This will supplement the City's search for the best offers for the goods and services.

Since the new Council took office, the number of credit cards issued to Department Heads and employees has been drastically reduced. A scrutinized system of purchase requests requiring justification before purchases has been put in place. This will help prevent budget overruns that erode our Rainy Day Fund.

Councilmember

John Gretz

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Happy new year to you all!

I hope your holiday season was filled with good tidings and joy! 2011 was a good year for me. I was proud to be a member of our EDC and am equally proud to be a member of our city council. My daughter, J'nine, and I truly enjoy being members of Windcrest Citizen's Patrol Team 3. It gives us a chance to wave to and chat with fellow citizens and also provides an extra set of eyes and ears for our police force. My thanks to all fellow members of the Windcrest Citizen's Patrol! In fact, I'd like to thank the many volunteers that are involved in virtually every facet of our city business...the boards, the commissions, the clubs, the committees, the fire department, etc. Team Windcrest!

I'd also like to thank each and every employee of our great city! Windcrest citizens get super service each and every day because of our dedicated team of professionals. Last year we hired a new city manager, Mr. Rafael Castillo, who has revitalized a team of employees who had been through some trials and tribulations over the past few years. He's a people person with superb leadership skills and it radiates throughout the team. If at all possible, he likes to promote from within and our employees truly embrace that philosophy. It certainly makes a difference when an employee wakes up in the morning and looks forward to going to work! With my combined 35 years of military and public education service, I know that makes a big difference.

I would be remiss if I didn't laud the performance of our Mayor Alan Baxter. When I got involved in Windcrest business, we had some very sad issues on our plate. Those issues upset me as I'm sure they did you all. With the leadership of Mayor Alan Baxter, we are getting very close to closing that chapter in our Windcrest history book! He's a legal guy and a shrewd businessman who has done yeoman's work to recover some of our losses. Rackspace leadership is proud of their partnership with us and is looking forward to a strong relationship as we move forward. Our budget is in order with no increase in taxes and money is available to do things that need to be done to take care of our great city. I truly believe 2012 is going to be an outstanding year for Windcrest!

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City Secretary News Heather Weidenbach,

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Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas and New Year's with your families.

I would like to personally thank those of who participated in the Angel Tree program. Over 30 families were able to have a Christmas because of your generosity.

You may see new have seen a few new faces while visiting City Hall. I am happy to announce that Jennifer Diaz is our new Administrative Secretary. She has replaced Jacob Gonzalez who is now Code Compliance. In the Post Office, we welcomed Michael McAlear; who has done a wonderful job. He started in the Post Office just as the holiday rush began. Thank you to all of you who patiently waited in the long line to mail your cards and packages.

The regular scheduled meetings in January have been changed to January 9, 2012 and January 23, 2012 due to the New Year and Martin Luther King, Jr. holidays.

This is the time to start thinking about the General Election that will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2012. Early Voting will be April 30, 2012 thru May 8, 2012 at the Windcrest Takas Park Civic Center. The City will have three council seats up for re-election and the Water District will have two board member positions available. Please stay tuned to future newsletters for more information regarding the upcoming Election.

From the Desk of Sarah Mangham, Municipal Finance Officer

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Happy Holidays! As the weather turns chilly and trees begin to change, we are forging ahead into our next season of the Fiscal Year as well. This season for us means preparing for the annual audit, next year's budget.

Also, the Finance Department with the help of all other departments is creating a comprehensive 5 to 10 year capital improvements plan. This document will be used to assist in budget preparations. Watch for it in the upcoming months.

From the Desk of Chris Gamboa, Director of Public Works

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Congratulations to Charles Lackey on his retirement as of October 31st, 2011. Charles served with the City of Windcrest for 9 years as the Director of Public Works. Charles' retirement plans include

working on his ranch located in west Texas. Charles will be missed by both employees and residents alike. Effective November 1st, 2011, Christopher Gamboa has been appointed by the City Council and City Manager as the Interim Director of Public Works.

SAVE THE DATE – Spring Brush Pick up is scheduled for Monday, March 26th through Friday, March 30th, 2012. You must have all items along your curbside **by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, March 26, 2012.** More information will follow in the February and March Newsletters.

Please note, if your scheduled trash pick-up falls on a holiday, your trash day will be on your next scheduled pick up day.

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From the Desk of Jacob Gonzalez, Code Compliance

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Dear Windcrest Residents,

While driving around our great city you may have noticed vehicles parked on our streets for more than 24 hours. What residents or tenants may not know is that it is against City Code 20.105 Parking Vehicles on Streets states "No person shall park or allow a vehicle to remain permanently parked on a street, highway or other public property. Any vehicle parked for more than 24 hours in the same general location shall be presumed to be permanently parked there." If you feel there is a violation and would like to report it, please contact Code Compliance at 210-655-0022 Ext 2100. Your cooperation ensures a safe passage way through our streets.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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On November 28, 2011 the Police Department hired 2 new Patrol Officers to fill vacancies within the Patrol Division.



Patrolman Sergio Pena, is from Hollister, CA. Officer Pena served 4 years in the United States Marine Corp with the 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion 1st Marine Division. Sergio after discharged spent the next 16 years serving as a Technician with the Ford Motor Co., achieving the title of Maser Technician. Officer Pena acted upon his dreams and graduated from the Alamo Area Law Enforcement Academy in 2011. Officer comes to us fresh from the academy and ready to serve as a Windcrest Patrol Officer.



Patrolman Gilbert Duquette was born and raised in San Antonio After graduating from South San High School in 1992 Officer Duquette worked in various career fields. In March of 2011 Officer Duquette graduated from the San Antonio College Law Enforcement Academy. He has served honorably with the Bexar County Sheriff's Office as a Reserve Deputy before coming to the Windcrest Police Department

Look outside and you will see 2 new Patrol vehicles on the roadways of Windcrest. This year the Police Department purchased Chevy Tahoe police package cruisers to help serve the citizens of Windcrest.

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Firefighter's Gala

The 2012 Firefighter Fundraisers will have many two distinct phases that we are very excited about:

The first and very exciting phase is – a GALA! This event will be held on Saturday evening, March 3rd at the Civic Center from 6-11 p.m. This is the first event planned in the newly renovated Takas Park Civic Center! As many of you know, the Civic Center will be renovated beginning in January. Plans for the Gala include a cocktail mixer, full course meal, and a dance with a live band playing the best songs from the 40-50's. All of this is included with your Gala ticket. There will also be a raffle, silent and live auction, and Award presentation. Gala tickets (2) 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 at City Hall.

This year we are introducing the Windcrest Gold Elite Plus \$170 donation.

The Three Levels are:

- Windcrest **Elite Plus** \$170 Donation – **GALA level**
Two Gala tickets, two sheets of raffle tickets (one

for Gala raffle drawing and one for Picnic raffle drawing), 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 only.

- Windcrest **Gold Elite** \$130 Donation –
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- 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.

The second phase is our traditional Firefighter Picnic with some new twists. This year we are planning on a two-day event! It will be held on Friday, May, 18 from 4 p.m. – 11 p.m and Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m. - 11 p.m. Look for new and exciting fun-filled events for the whole family.

Look for the traditional Firefighters Picnic letter in the mail January 2012.

We are very excited about the Firefighters Gala and the extra day added to the picnic! We hope you will help us make these events a huge success. Remember, the WVFD is a 501c(4) organization, and your donation is tax deductible. If you would like more information on sponsorship packages, please contact Lisa Scott at the contact information listed above. Your Understanding and Support are a Firefighters Strength.

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Municipal Court Report

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

Great Year for Municipal Court

The Municipal Court is looking forward to 2012. We are in the process of getting online payments which will increase revenue. Warrants are still actively and aggressively being worked with more Warrant Round Ups to come. Clerks, Judges and Warrant Officer are scheduled to go to classes. Finally, thanks to Mayor and Council approval we will have more court security in our front office with a panic button and possibly bullet proof glass. We are going to have a great year!

Tips for the Road

During the winter months there are 8 items that should be carried in your vehicle at all times in case of an unexpected emergency. Always carry a first aid kit, blanket, flashlight with extra batteries, basic tools (i.e...pliers, screwdriver, knife, wrench, and shovel), matches, jumper cables, tow rope and flares or reflective triangles. BE PREPARED!!

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 2011-2012. For more information please contact Kelly Rodriguez, Court Clerk at (210)655-0022 ext. 2250 or krdriguez@windcrest-tx.gov.

DISTRIBUTION OF TOTAL COURT COLLECTIONS

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



Women's Club News

Pamela Dodson

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. On **January 25th**, we will have our coffee at **the YMCA meeting room at 10am.** **Dr. Richard Bell** will be presenting information about **vision, health, and new procedures for eye treatment** that are now available.

On **February 22nd** at **10am** at the **YMCA meeting room**, we will have **Rebecca Boles** from Fashion, Image and Style presenting the latest. She is going to mix and match some of our older outfits, help us organize our closets and update our wardrobe. I will be ready for something new after the first of the year, so hope you will be too.

Our hostesses always put in the extra time and effort to make each meeting enjoyable, so please come relish all their hard work. Lots of good things to eat, the latest chatter, and time to find out how each one of us is doing. We would love to have you come and be a part of our group and be sure to bring a friend!

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Windcrest Garden Club

January Coffee

As we begin a new year, please join us on Monday, January 9th, at 10:00 a.m. for coffee and refreshments at Windcrest United Methodist Church. (Please notice location change for January and February). Our guest speaker from B&B Landscaping will talk about "Xeriscape Gardening".

Our Holiday Potluck Luncheon was held on Monday, December 5th. If you missed our annual festive event, you missed wonderful food and fellowship. In keeping with our community spirit and involvement, the Windcrest Garden Club once again made donations to the Windcrest Angel Tree program providing complete outfits for children along with socks, shoes, coats, a toy and a turkey dinner for each family. In addition, we had the joy of purchasing 35 coats for Windcrest children.

If you have been thinking about becoming more involved in the Windcrest community, please consider checking out the Windcrest Garden Club. We meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Civic Center on the first Monday of every month unless otherwise

noted, and we welcome anyone who has a desire for friendship and keeping Windcrest beautiful. Please join us!

Thanks to Sondra Bump for the reminder that this is the time of year to divide up your bulbs. "What you plant in the Fall, you'll see in the Spring".

May you each discover flowers of peace blossoming in the most desolate places.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Board Meeting

Monday, January 30th, 10:00 a.m.

Carolyn Freeman, hostess

February Coffee

Monday, February 6th, 10:00 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Freeman



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The Windcrest Optimist and Lions Clubs invite everyone to attend the 4th Annual Pancake/Sausage Breakfast on Saturday, January 28th from 8-10 a.m. Due to the temporary closure of the Civic Center, this year's event will be held at the **John Calvin Presbyterian Church (corner of Walzem Road and Midcrown Drive)**. Cost is \$7.00 at door. Children under 10 years, all Windcrest police officers and firemen eat free. Breakfast consists of pancakes, sausage, and coffee/orange juice. Raffle tickets will be sold for some nice prizes. This breakfast event started in 2009 to celebrate the beginning of Windcrest's 50th Anniversary year and has been so successful that the Clubs wanted to continue the breakfast as an annual fund-raising event. Proceeds go toward the Clubs' different charities such as the student recognition program, youth bicycle safety, Windcrest Little League, eye sight/glasses programs, student dictionaries and Lions Crippled Children's Camp. For advanced ticket sales, please contact any club member or call Don Myles or Bob Lorenc .



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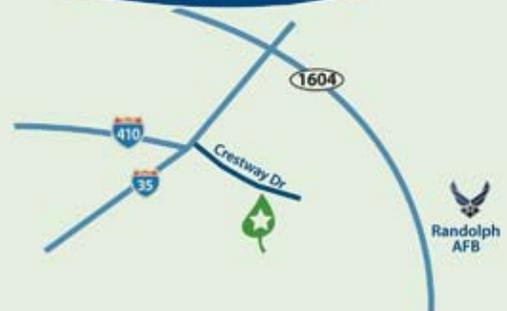
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KID'S KORNER

by Ryan and Jacob Dagleish

Our bellies are full and we can't stop playing with our new toys. Ryan got a boxing set with gloves and a bag and he is getting stronger every day. Jacob is in-line skating or playing chess nearly every day and Dad is still enjoying Christmas music, he starts listening every year before Thanksgiving, enough already! Mom lit up our street with fun ribbons and electric candles on everyone's mailboxes. Dad even helped turn them all on and then turn them off again for the Windcrest Light Up. (We think HE even thought that it was pretty cool to have candles on all the mailboxes.) We played shepherds and wise men in our outdoor nativity while Mom and Dad were Mary and Joseph, this was very special.

We hope you had a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday and Happy New Year. We enjoyed Colorado and made snow angels for you.

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



Patrolman Dumas

Name: Patrolman M. Dumas

Time with city: will be 3 years in March

Job Title: Patrolman

Job Duties: Serve and protect the citizens of Windcrest and the surrounding area. To enforce local and state laws and ordinances.

Favorite part of the job: Helping people solve their problems, he likes knowing he makes a difference.

Least favorite part of the job: Having to give people bad news. Things like: accidents, death, arrests and other things like that.

The grosses thing he has seen: The messes' people can make when they are sick, especially when it happens in his patrol car, yuck!

And he means ALL kinds of messes!

How kids in Windcrest can help him with his job:

Pay attention to what is going on around you. Report suspicious activities, even if you don't know for sure if there is a problem, let the police figure it out. Practice remembering details, it really helps in all aspects of your life. Don't be afraid of the police; policeman become police to help people. They REALLY want kids to be safe and help keep them safe. (Be sure you make good choices and obey the law. You really can have fun without breaking the laws.)

Kool Tools the Police use: Patrolman Dumas carries a semi-automatic glock model 22, 40 caliber pistol, a taser, pepper spray, a baton, 2 pairs of hand cuffs, knives, bullet proof vest, a whistle and the

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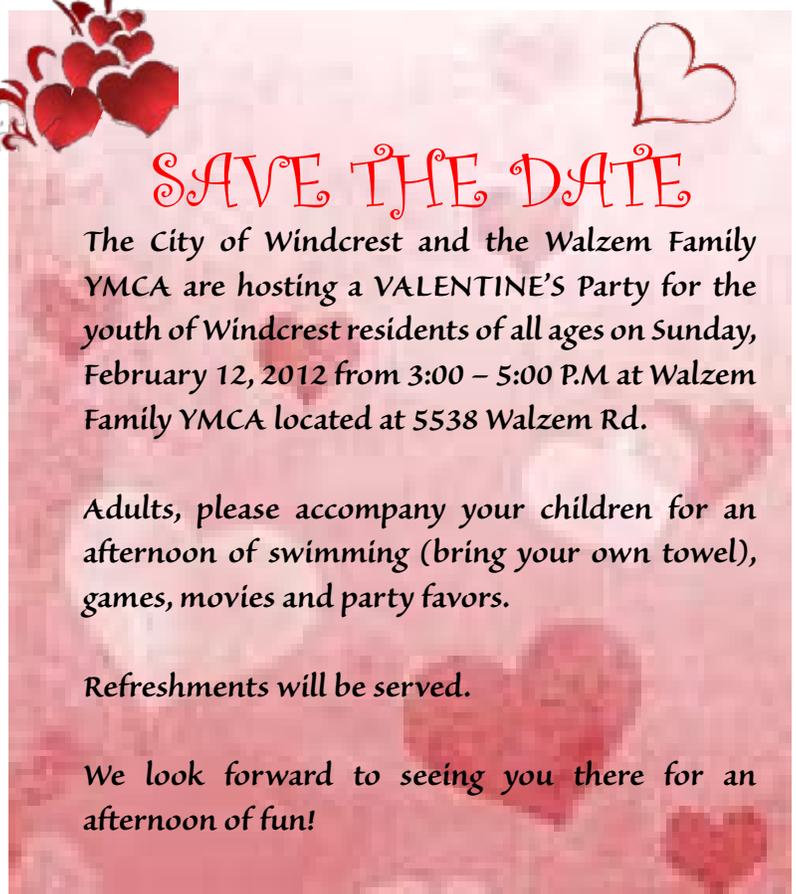
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most important tool he uses is his radio. Patrolman Dumas likes to use an ear piece attached to his radio, this allows him to be in communication with dispatch without interrupting others or to allow him to be told about a suspect without everyone hearing. (Patrolman Dumas seemed to be very respectful of others, even those that may be in trouble with the law. That's kool.)

Interesting things we learned about Patrolman Dumas: He is currently going to college to continue his education in law enforcement so he can better serve the citizens of Windcrest. He truly enjoys his job and is one of the most highly decorated; this means honored or awarded, Patrolman in Windcrest. (We could see why, he was very nice to us and did not mind explaining things to us and made us feel important. He even thanked us for doing this article; he thought it was a great way to let kids know that the police can be our friends, Patrolman Dumas is one of our news friends!)

We are very grateful to Patrolman Dumas and all he does to help keep our city safe. We are blessed to have people like him watching out for us. We know Patrolman Dumas REALLY cares about us and the people he serves. BIG THANK YOU TO HIM!

Don't miss next month's article; even we don't know what we are going to write about yet, BIG SMILE!



SAVE THE DATE

The City of Windcrest and the Walzem Family YMCA are hosting a VALENTINE'S Party for the youth of Windcrest residents of all ages on Sunday, February 12, 2012 from 3:00 – 5:00 P.M at Walzem Family YMCA located at 5538 Walzem Rd.

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The Winn Brook Estates (WBE) HOA is proud to announce that it held a flag raising ceremony on Veteran's Day at the front entrance of WBE which was attended by Mayor Baxter and many of the WBE residents. Several residents of Winn Brook have stated the new flag pole and flags have made them feel more patriotic and has given Winn Brook Estates a new look to be proud of.

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS RECEIVE AWARDS

At their monthly Outstanding Students of the Month Recognition Program, Windcrest Optimist Club members presented special awards to the following students who attend schools in the Theodore Roosevelt High School (TRHS) "Cluster:" Karla Clemens, East Terrell Hills Elementary; Malia Barnes, Montgomery Elementary; Maria Mares, Walzem Elementary; Sophia Ramos, Windcrest Elementary; Liliana Abrego, Kreuger Middle School; Rachael DeJesus, Ed White Middle School; and Joshua Roberts, TRHS. These students were selected for the Outstanding Student of the Month Award based on their conduct, citizenship, scholastic success, and "optimistic" attitude. Optimist congratulations go to these future leaders of our community.

Mayor Baxter and City Council Members, at a 17 October City Council Meeting, recognized two outstanding Theodore Roosevelt High School Seniors, Class of 2011 graduates, and presented each of them \$1,000.00 City of Windcrest scholarships for their superior academic excellence and exceptional leadership and achievements in extra-curricular organizations and activities. The students are Taylor Dean, Windcrest resident and attending University of Texas at Austin, and Travis Lamb, student at Texas A & M University. The scholarship monies came from previous Windfest event earnings designated for Roosevelt High School scholarships.



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WINDCREST GOLF CLUB



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The Windcrest Golf Club is starting the 2012 season with some fresh changes at our golf course. The most obvious change that Members and Non-members alike can see is the newly constructed pond on hole #5. The pond has been improved and features a Cyclone Fountain which is illuminated at night. We have also planted many aquatic plants that will grow as a habitat for Goldfish and Bass fish in our pond. One of the other improvements is the newly painted maintenance barn. We house our equipment and course chemicals in this building which needed a paint job for some time. The last change at our golf course is a change we have made inside. **COFFEE PAR** is the name of our new grill business. Owner, operator **Milton Dresch** offers great tasting sandwiches, burgers, salads, and breakfast tacos to his patrons. Operating hours are from 8am- 4pm daily. These hours will change when needed. We are sure the Windcrest community will enjoy Milton's food and conversation here at Windcrest Golf Club.

We also wanted to offer the Windcrest Community a great golfing deal in dedication of the New Year. Bring this article to the Pro Shop and play 18 holes of golf with cart any time during the month of January, (Tuesday- Sunday) for only 19.99 + tax. This is the Best Deal in all of San Antonio!!!

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Windcrest Little League

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Jan 21, 2012

Jan 28, 2012

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Little League baseball and softball is open to boys and girls ages 4-14. For additional information about fees and required documents, or if you are interested in sponsoring a team, please visit the Windcrest Little league website at www.windcrestbaseball.org.

Creature Feature:

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They do not build webs. They live on the ground in crevices or, preferably, leaf litter. When the female lays eggs, she builds a silk eggsac attached to her abdomen to carry them in. When spiderlings hatch, they ride on her back for a few weeks until they are old enough to be on their own.

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Members, please bring a neighbor. Interested residents and friends are always welcome.

Our picture this month is our new "Guidepost". We will be using it to show our presence at events. Come and say Hello whenever you see it.

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January 2nd in observance of New Year's Day.

January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

City Meetings in Windcrest City Hall Council Chambers

Special City Council Meeting	January 9	7:00 p.m.
Municipal Court	January 3, 10 and 17	4:00 p.m.
Water District #10 Meeting	January 19	7:00 p.m.
Regular City Council Meeting	January 23	7:00 p.m.

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