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Mayor's Message



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Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,

Windcrest is in terrific financial shape. Your administration, along with our City Manager, has worked tirelessly to fine tune the budget and city operations. While there is always more to be done, we feel confident that Windcrest will remain the jewel of the Northeast side of Bexar County. Our revenues far exceed our expenses and our sales tax revenue continues to climb. The business world has also taken notice as we receive interest, on an almost daily basis, exploring the many opportunities that Windcrest has to offer. We have not increased taxes, and in fact, we are ahead of schedule toward our hope to reduce property taxes in the very near future. We hope everyone is excited and look forward to the upcoming Town Hall meetings. We have purposely set these meetings up to hear what you – the citizens – want to see improved in our city. We are proud to be a model of transparent and participatory government. Please take a few moments to review some of the highlights below:

Newsletter Committee

We are proud to acknowledge two new members who have recently joined this committee – Ronnie Dixon and Eliana Sandoval. This committee is open to all who like would to join. They meet every Wednesday at 6 PM at City Hall. The February 12th Valentine's Party for the Kids was a success. The children had a blast. We hope this will be a tradition. Thanks to the Newsletter Committee and the Walzem YMCA!

Fiesta

As has been reported, for the first time, there are two official Fiesta Events that will be held in our city. This is great exposure for our community and should be a lot of fun. There is the two day carnival on the Rackspace grounds, and an official Fiesta Parade that will wind 2.5 miles throughout our city. In celebration of these events, I designed a Fiesta medal. The medal will be available for purchase at City Hall in mid-late April. The net proceeds from the sale of this medal will go to the Windcrest Little League. There will be a limited supply, and they will sell out (hopefully). Call me if interested in pre-ordering.

Windcrest City Directory

The 2012 edition is currently being developed by the Windcrest American Legion Post 612. They ask that you review the old 2009 edition to determine if your listing needs to be changed/modified/added. If so, please contact Col. Buddy Cooper at 210-656-3426 or email to newsletter@windcrest-tx.gov. The deadline is March 15, 2012.

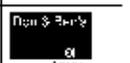
Finance

At the first quarter budget review for October 2011- December 2011, Finance Director Sarah Mangham gave the Council great news. After just the first quarter of this fiscal year, the city was in the positive over \$500,000! Even more good news, the city's sales tax revenue was approximately \$50,000 more for the month of February when compared to the same month last year. This increased sales tax windfall will come up in the next quarterly report. I anticipate that the city will have an over \$750,000 windfall of revenue exceeding expenses for the October 2011 – September 2012 fiscal year alone! This has been accomplished without raising taxes, while at the same time, we have improved services, added a couple of new employees (team members), increased staffing of the police department to its highest level in our history, and increased services. While approximately 10 communities in the Northeast area increased taxes last year, I will be proposing at next year's budget meetings that property taxes be reduced! A huge thank you to the our staff and the Council. A bigger thank you to our "citizen-family" for the confidence you have in all of us.

Windcrest Economic Development Corporation (WEDC)

Racker Road construction is under the watchful eye of the WEDC full time inspector at the job site. He is there to make sure this project runs as smooth as possible. We are shooting for an October completion date. With the work of

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the WEDC budget committee, along with City Finance Director Sarah Mangham's expertise, the WEDC is formulating a plan to save more than a hundred thousand dollars in interest expense on the TLF loan. Also, there are ongoing discussions to attempt to pay this loan off early – perhaps to cut the term in half. They are also finishing up the gatefold and planning business mixers with the existing businesses in Windcrest. The WEDC is very close to hiring a new Director. They have completed several rounds of interviews. We look forward to meeting this individual soon.

Town Hall Meetings at City Hall – Council Chambers

All Town Hall meetings are recorded and available to be viewed on the city's website. If you have trouble viewing, please call Heather Weidenbach, the City Secretary at City Hall. The first meeting was held February 13th from 7 PM – 9 PM. Most of the discussions centered on the streets, alleys and parks. Please plan to come to the next two town hall meetings. We need to hear from you and how you would like the CIP funds to be invested in the city. The times and dates are, March 12th from 2 PM – 4 PM (for those of you unable to attend in the evenings) and March 26th from 7 PM to 9 PM. Also, remember that you can always email me or any other Council member with your thoughts.

New Employees of the City (Team members)

Police Chief – we are pleased to announce that Al Ballew has been hired as Windcrest's new Chief of Police.

Marketing – we are pleased to announce that Katy Brought has been hired as the PR/Marketing/Public Affairs for the City of Windcrest. Mrs. Brought will begin working on the new website, improving the Newsletter and coordinating and planning community events.

Public Works – we are pleased to announce that Christopher Estes has been hired as a Tech 1. Pl

Please come by City Hall to meet these new team members!

Police/Courts

The last month was a record month for the courts. Over 800 citations were issued and addressed. This is the second largest amount in over 12 years. This shows that this administration's promise to be tough on crime, and especially tough on speeders, is being honored. A big thank you goes out to the finest court operation and the finest Police Department in the area.

Bexar County Water Control and Improvement District #10 (Water District)

Friends, I feel that I must discuss a subject that keeps bobbing up, even more frequently in recent days. It concerns the Bexar County Water Control and Improvement District #10 (Water District). Many of you do not realize that the Water District is NOT part of the City, and thus the City has ZERO control over the water and sewage. This includes everything-- the rates, the infrastructure and any improvements. Just for information, at one time there were over 10 of these districts within Bexar County. They were created in large part to provide service to unincorporated areas in Bexar County. Now they all have been dissolved except for this one! *Yes, this is the LAST district of its kind left?*

If you recall, we promised you that we would do our best to run our city like a business. We also promised that every contract would **be negotiated** to the best of our abilities. That being said, I believe we need to address and clarify some issues. There are "rumors" concerning the Water District, the Council and City staff and their attempts to negotiate a new agreement. Since the current agreement expires at the end of July, the Water District announced that they are contemplating a move out of City Hall, and intend to raise rates once again. The numbers being tossed around by the Water District are approximately \$800,000 in liabilities that will be incurred should they decide to make this move. We all know who will have to absorb all these expenses – WE WILL. Our rates will inevitably go up once again. I know most of you have noticed how the rates for sewage and water have increased over the last several years. Quite frankly, as Mayor, I don't know how much longer our citizens can accept these increases. The Council's first option would be to come to a new agreement with the Water District remaining at City Hall. Another option that the city has proposed is to put the issue of maintaining the Water District "as is" to a vote by the customers. Citizen Water District "Users" could decide to keep the Water District as an independent entity from the city OR dissolve the Water District and make it a part of the City operations. The Water District would have to agree to this option. Currently, the city is waiting for an answer from the Water District. The last and least desirable option would be for the City Council to vote to simply dissolve the District. I think your City Council prefers to have the citizen's vote, should the Water District refuse to negotiate a new (good faith) agreement with the city that will keep the District at City Hall. However, if we cannot reach an acceptable agreement with the District or they choose not agree to put this issue to a vote, your Council would have no choice but to protect our citizens by considering action to dissolve the District and assume its functions.

If a vote is called to dissolve the Water District or the Council votes to dissolve it, let me summarize what would happen. The City would step into the shoes of the Water District and assume all assets, as well as all liabilities. The staff would initially remain the same. It would become another department of the city, like Public Works, Fire Department, Police Department, etc... **The City of Windcrest would own the Water District**, and thus the citizens would have ownership and control. **It would NOT become part of SAWS, but would become part of the City of Windcrest.** The City's goal would be to REDUCE rates and obtain the efficiency inherent in combining two separate government entities into one, as well as keep the Water District conveniently located at City Hall. This is a critical issue for our City and misinformation and rumors simply cannot be tolerated. *I want you to feel free to call me to discuss. My cell number is 210-846-5507.* If at all possible, try to attend City Council meetings (or watch it live on the website). Every citizen must be kept informed with the true facts about this measure.

Again, thank you for your time, confidence and comments. I look forward to your input. As you know, I answer every email and phone call.

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FROM YOUR

Mayor Pro-Tem, Pam Dodson

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The new Chapter 3 Animal Control code is now in place! I am hoping this will give us all a clearer understanding of the responsibility of the City and an animal owner. I am encouraging animal loving residents to get involved in our community. My goal is to organize a group of residents who want to participate in a new task force designed to help with animal control issues. We as a community need to remedy some of the animal problems that are occurring in different areas of our city. If you are caring for any outdoor cats, please come to the upcoming meeting and sign the necessary forms so that you are identified as a caregiver. (There are no fees associated with being a caregiver.) Also current Trap Neuter Return caregivers are asked to attend. We then can more accurately determine what neighborhoods need some additional help in getting their cat population supervised which then allow us to know that all cats are receiving their rabies immunization and are being sterilized. It is important to get all of our pets registered with the city so we know that they are current on their immunizations. We also need to start to publish educational material about the care and control of our animal population. Education is the key to a well run Animal Control Department. We need volunteers who will be willing to invest some of their time and skills. Our first meeting will be on March the 13th at 7pm at City Hall in the council chambers. Hope to see so many of you there.

Councilmember

Gerd E. Jacobi

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WINDCREST GARAGE SALE

Yes it is that time again to start cleaning clean out your closets, sheds or garages. Time to get rid of some junk, I mean our well-worn or extra items, not really junk. Items we may have received as a gift but could not return so as not to offend anyone. It's time to get up early, before 8 AM, get that coffee, breakfast tacos, doughnuts, or corn flakes and open the garage door. But do not open the door before 8 AM because someone will be there already to check what you have for sale. Get at least a couple of comfortable chairs; let people know that they are not for sale, a small table and a can or cigar box for your small change. Place signs in or outside your garage stating: No checks, no refunds or returns on any item. You may take a check if you know the person. No pick up of sold items after dark. You never know who is coming with the buyer. Keep your dollars and larger bills either on you or in the house. Be aware of who is around you. Do not leave the garage area unattended, things can disappear. Do not let people come into your house. If you take a down payment to hold an item let the buyer know that the down payment will not be refunded if he changes his mind since you could have maybe sold it to someone else in the meantime.

Try to make your garage sale an enjoyable time. Meet with your neighbor. You may even meet someone you have not seen for years. Try to be upbeat and tolerant. You have already reduced the price of an item to one dollar yet the buyer pushes you for 50 cents for the item. Remember it is your sale, you can control the time you want to run it and the prices for you items. Yes, you will make money with your sale. At times, if you are lucky, maybe more than you paid for the item. Most times be glad the item is gone and you have more space in your home.

Hopefully at the end of your sale most or all of your things have been sold and you will feel good. Happy garage sale Windcrest residents.

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!



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Councilmember

Jim Shelton

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Wow, it is hard to believe that two years of serving on your city council are rolling around. I am proud and humbled to have had this opportunity, and yes, I have filed to seek a second term on the council.

Much has happened during the past two years, but many more good things are on the horizon. Reflecting back, we have not increased our property taxes. We have, however increased our safety net reserve. Our relationship with Rackspace has greatly improved and is now VERY GOOD. Finally, we are out from under the financial obligation of the 111 acres south of Rackspace to Eisenhower Road, and foresee further development of that area.

We have selected a new Chief of Police who brings many years of experience and expertise to Windcrest both in police work and in our community.

Currently I am working as a member of the street committee to help develop a plan to best utilize our funds for much needed infrastructure improvements.

This month after the GALA, we can plan for the city wide garage sale, spring clean-up, and a Windcrest Car Show. All in all, lots of exciting things to come.

Councilmember

Rita Davis

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With the advent of simulcast and archival storage of the video taped minutes of all meetings held by City Council and all the City Boards, citizens are now able to view the discussion, deliberation, and voting of city organizations.

That is why I am dismayed that misinformation of what was or was not said at these meetings still persists. To verify information all one needs to do is log onto the City's website www.ci.windcrest.tx.us/. To the right of the map of Texas you will find a box entitled "E-Services". Click it. At the bottom of the list click "Streaming Content Viewer". You will see a list of videos and agendas of past meetings of the many organizations of the City. You are also able to see the meetings in progress following the directions on that page. If you don't have a computer, the City Secretary can make a DVD of the meetings you would like to see. There is a nominal charge. I caution all citizens to see for themselves how your government works thru all its representatives.

We are an open government and will try to find all the answers to your questions, unless it involves negotiations of contracts and court proceedings, personnel matters and the limitations given by of our state laws. Our City Manager can be reached Monday thru Friday from 8 to 5 at 655-0022 ext. 2120 and our Mayor can be reached at 846-5507 anytime.

Some citizens are questioning the increased number of Council and other meetings. I agree that this Council has increased its sessions. State law requires that we deliberate City business in plain site, with limited exceptions. Some issues take more than one Council Meeting to reach a decision. This gives citizens an opportunity to express their thoughts on many issues that will help us make decisions. It also gives citizens an opportunity to observe how its representatives come to decisions thru its discussions with fellow Council Members.

Robust discussions are not necessarily bad. But some people consider them disrespectful. I, for one, do not. Our legislative bodies were designed to hash out problems and try to come to a consensus. But it does not guarantee a happy outcome for all. It does guarantee that the outcome will be made by a majority vote that is recorded for everyone to see.

Please call, write or e-mail your Council Members and let us know your thoughts on City business. We are a small community and are fortunate that we can communicate one-on-one.

Councilmember

John Gretz

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Wow, time goes by quickly as I get older! I'm going to speak my onions for this newsletter, so don't be offended. We own a dog named Megan and we (J'nine and I) walk her 6-8 times per day all around the neighborhood. We always have "poop" bags and religiously clean up after her. After all, that is our city law. However, some of our residents (or non-residents) don't follow the rules and the bottoms of my shoes will attest to that fact more often than I wish. Our city is kind enough to provide poop bags along the fitness trail to assist residents in cleaning up after their dogs. Please use them!

March 20th is the first day of spring and should set the stage for getting our properties in order... our Windcrest Spring Cleanup! Please do your best to spruce up your home and yards. During our dog walks and our "citizen patrol" shifts, J'nine and I notice many homes that need some tender loving care. I am going to ask our code compliance officer, Jacob Gonzalez, to crank it up a notch. We have codes that cover the gamut, to include unsightliness. These codes apply to owners and renters and need to be enforced to ensure Windcrest remains one of the best kept secrets in the area. My property value, as well as yours, is directly related to the city as a whole... let's keep homeowners and renters accountable! If you have a concern, please let Jacob know! His number is 655-0022 at extension 2100.

With that, as I said earlier, I am getting older by the day. I have elderly neighbors who I've helped out very often ... and that is good. That is what community is all about. If you have a neighbor who just doesn't want to follow the rules because they are lazy... that is bad. That is where Jacob needs to be involved. However, if you have elderly, handicapped, or maybe economically hurting neighbors, maybe we can pitch in to help. That is Windcrest!

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Spectacular! That is how I would describe the Windcrest Volunteer Firefighter's Gala and I know all who attended agree. Not only was the event great, but the freshly renovated civic center contributed to the elegance of the evening. Of course a great big thank you goes out to Mrs. Mary Lou Ellis for her interior decorating expertise that allowed the center to become a truly well-dressed space. I'm looking forward to many more years of this Gala and know that with this new look to the center we will have many people wanting to scheduled their events here.

While at the Gala residents had a chance to view an architectural landscaper's rendering of possibilities for our city's entrances. It is the opinion of the Commission that this change is a very nice welcome into our city.

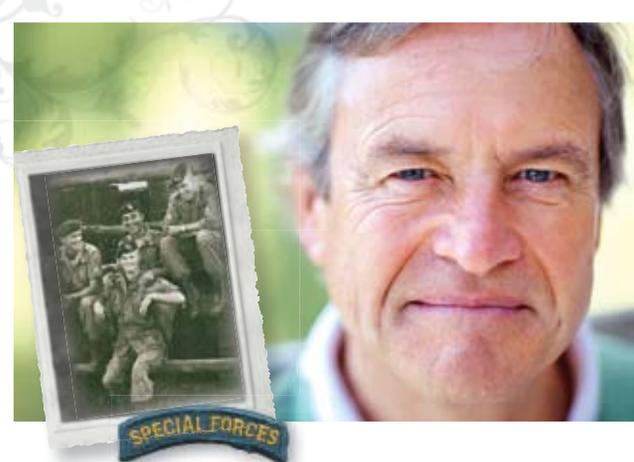
Now the Parks & Recreation Commission is looking forward to spring and summer and the activities those seasons bring. We are looking at freshening up the swimming pool, the baseball fields and the parks. Residents will be participating in activities at all these venues so we are planning on getting them ready for all to enjoy.

Standing water laying in areas of our parks have been brought to the Commission's attention and we are working with the Public Works Department to see just what needs to be done to rectify these areas so we do not have breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Two other resident's areas of concern or suggestions are: 1, signage in the city parks and 2, recycling in the city parks. Both of these items are being discussed with the Public Works Department as well as the City Manager and Financial Officer. I will keep you updated as to decisions about both.

**City Secretary News
Heather Weidenbach,
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The General Election for Council Places One, Two and Three will take place on Saturday, May 12, 2012 at Windcrest Elementary. Early Voting will begin on Monday, April 30, 2012 through May 4, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Weekend early voting will be conducted on Saturday, May 5, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 6, 2012 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. Extended early voting hours will be Monday, May 7, 2012 and Tuesday, May 8, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Windcrest Takas Park Civic Center located at 9310 Jim Seal Dr.

The first day to accept applications for ballot by mail is March 13, 2012 and the last day to received applications for mail ballot is May 4, 2012. Please send your application for ballot by mail to Bexar Elections Administrator, 203 W. Nueva, Suite 3.61, San Antonio, TX 78207.



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Annual City-wide Garage Sale

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Spring Brush Cleanup

March 26th through March 30th, 2012 is scheduled for the annual curbside Spring Clean-Up. Curbside (not alley) pickup of brush, tree trimmings and large items will be provided. Allied Waste will have special trucks throughout the City picking

up these items. **The truck will only go down each street one time during this week.** To ensure your items are picked up, you must have all items along curbside (not alley) by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, March 26th. **Please do not put your items under low hanging branches or your items may not be picked up.** Examples of large items are hot water heaters, bicycles, lawn mowers, barbecue pits, mattresses, etc. No bricks, concrete or rocks.

Dumpsters will be provided Saturday, March 31, 2012 for the disposal of items which were not placed along curbside. The dumpsters will be placed in the vacant lot just south of the RV storage facility on Jim Seal. The City & BFI (Allied Waste) ask that no tires, batteries, items, with lead acid, paint, pesticides, oil filters or oil be placed along curbside or disposed of in these bins.

No appliances containing chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) refrigerants can be disposed of unless the refrigerant and/or refrigerant housing has been removed by a licensed technician & verification or certification has been attached to the appliance. The City asks for your cooperation in the disposal of items during the Spring Clean-Up.

For any questions, please contact Chris Gamboa, Interim Public Works Director at 210-655-0022 ext. 2490.

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Dear Windcrest Residents and Friends,

With the current spurts of rain in our City the weeds and grass will start to grow. As a resident, you can prevent blight and unkempt looks and feel in our neighborhoods by being sure lawns are cut and trimmed. As per City Code 12.805 Unsanitary Conditions, Sub Ch. 5 Weeds, Grass and Other Vegetation. All lots and premises shall be kept free of weeds, grass and other vegetation, except trees and shrubbery, in excess of 10" including 15' of any public right-of-way adjacent or contiguous to said lots or premises. Tall weeds and grass in our neighborhood can harbor trash and hazards which can be dangerous to occupants. We encourage everyone to control the growth of weeds and grass before it becomes a problem. Property owners who allow these types of problems to get out of control may be issued a municipal court citation and may be billed for any cleanup costs and associated fees.

If you see something that you feel is violating one of our City Ordinances, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone at 210-655-0022 ext. 2100 or stopping by City Hall. Together we can all make a change.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Interim Chief Joe O'Brien

It was with great pleasure that I as the Chief of Police had the opportunity to present to the City Council and the Citizens of Windcrest at the Council Meeting on February 13 the following: Brandy Hastings was hired as a new Police Officer, Valorie Medellin and Leticia Salinas as Dispatchers and Corporal Mark Williams was transferred from Patrol Duties to Criminal Investigations as a Corporal/Detective. Patrolman Benjamin Sheppard and Patrolman Adam Lee were promoted to Patrol Corporal/Shift Supervisors. As a result of these actions, your Police Department is currently fully staffed! This is a great accomplishment that took a lot of work by the staff of your Department to reach this goal in the continuing effort to make Windcrest PROUD and SAFE!!!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Interim Chief of Police. As you know the baton has been passed to Chief Al Ballew, and I will remain at the Department as the Assistant Chief of Police.

WINDCREST VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (WVFD)

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

Gala Behind Us – Picnic Activities

By the time this newsletter is published we would have successfully completed our 1st Annual Gala. The Gala was sold out with a waiting list. The Fire Department and the Fire Association are excited about some of the positive changes that are taking place with our Gala/Picnic activities. We will now be focusing on our Picnic that will be on May 18th and 19th. The traditional meal will be on Saturday as usual but we are adding evening activities on Friday. We are incorporating some of the features of Windfest including the Windcrest Elementary School Carnival activities.

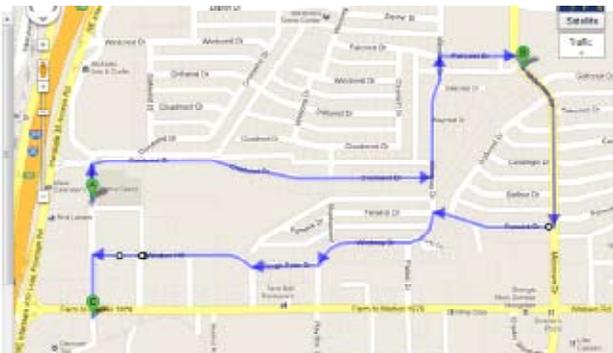
Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department - Certified by Texas Commission on Fire Protection

WVFD received a surprise inspection by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) in February. This is the agency that focuses primarily on paid departments. Volunteer Departments like WVFD normally falls under the State Fireman and Fire Marshal's Association (SFFMA). We have chosen to keep our standards high so WVFD is a regulated department under TCFP. This does not change the fact that we are a volunteer department; it only means that we are meeting the increased standards that you would find in a paid department. We passed the surprise inspection with minor administrative write-ups that were cleared in a day. We continue to exceed standards – on average we put five people on all calls and over seven people on our fire calls – exceeding the manpower you would receive in a paid department. Continuing our motto: *"Professional Volunteers, Setting the Standard"*



On Saturday, April 21st, Fiesta Especial is teaming up with the City of Windcrest for the inaugural Fiesta Especial Promenade and Parade from 8:55am -11am! The promenade is a 2.5 mile fun run (\$10 Registration Fee, with complimentary admission to the Fiesta Especial event at Rackspace) consisting of runners and walkers alike to lead of the parade. The promenade will be immediately followed by the parade featuring our Grand Marshal, City of Windcrest resident, J'Nine Gretz; the City of Windcrest Fire truck; our Fiesta Especial Royal Court; numerous providers sporting marchers, bands, entertainment and more.

Come on out to show your support by inviting your neighbors to join you on your front lawn as Fiesta Especial Promenade and Parade brings the sights, sounds and excitement of Fiesta to your streets!



Parade Entries, Sponsors and spectators are needed. Visit www.FiestaEspecial.com to learn more, enter the parade or register for the 2.5 Mile Fun Run.

For more information, contact Melanie Cawthon, melanie@rmihomes.org

WINDCREST OPTIMIST CLUB SPRING FERTILIZER SALE

WHEN: Saturday, 31 March 2012 9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

WHERE: On site sales at the Windcrest Shopping Center, in front of China Harbor, on Walzem Rd.
Deliveries will also be made to customers' homes.
Deliveries before or after 31 Mar may be arranged, if required.

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WHAT: 40 pound bags of 15 - 5 - 10 (with iron) at \$20.00 each. Estimated coverage per bag is 5,000 sq. ft.

WHY: The Optimists use all monies from sales to support and provide youth services and programs in Windcrest and adjacent local communities.



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Municipal Court Report

By Kelly Rodriguez, Municipal Court Clerk,
krodriguez@windcrest-tx.gov (210) 655-0022 ext 2250

Resident with a Citation

Living in Windcrest has many benefits. Unfortunately, one of them is NOT being exempt from receiving a citation. If you should receive a traffic citation you have some options to keep it off of your driving record. The court staff will be happy to explain all of them to you, just give us a call. Please make sure you make all of your court appearances. While court can be viewed as a frightening experience, the court staff will do it's best to ensure that your experience is a pleasant one.

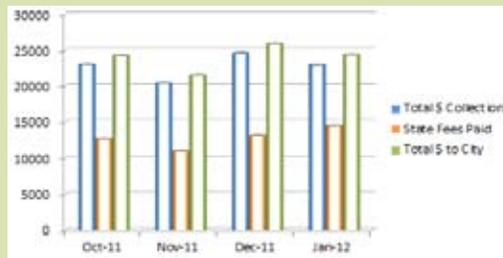
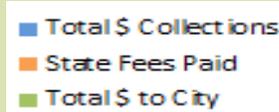
Tips for the Road

You are on a freeway traveling 55 mph in the middle lane. Suddenly you hear a thumping noise and your car starts pulling to the right. You are probably experiencing a right front tire blowout. Ease your foot off the gas and keep a firm grasp on the steering wheel. Do not brake suddenly. Pull off the road and check your tire.

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 receives. This is a report for the FY 2011-2012.

DISTRIBUTION OF TOTAL COURT COLLECTIONS



WINN BROOK ESTATES HOA NEWS

The Winn Brook Estates (WBE) HOA Board of Directors will hold its first 2012 board meeting on Thursday night, March 22nd, at 6:30 pm to be held at the Windcrest Council Chambers and invites any and all residents of WBE to attend this open meeting if they wish.

This meeting is not the Annual HOA Membership Meeting; it is, however, an HOA Board of Directors meeting that is in compliance with the new 2012 Texas Legislative Amendment.

Remember to drive safely and be watchful of the children in our community. The WBE HOA Board of Directors is asking for volunteers to participate in the different committees that do so much for our community and for many upcoming events. All residents wishing to volunteer should send an email to Misti Jacobs at Misti@ams-sa.com. for more information.

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RATE INCREASES: The Board of Directors will be considering rate increases in three areas of our rate structure at the February 16th Board meetings. As you probably saw in the San Antonio Express News and on local television/radio, the San Antonio Water System recently received approval to raise the wholesale wastewater rates it charges us by 13.7%. The Board will be considering an increase of 13.5%. You've also seen that the Edwards Aquifer Authority is increasing the Management Fee it charges us from \$63,388 to \$188,538 (that is not a misprint). We have not received the official notice of intent, but it is only a matter of time. And finally, we are in our Winter Water working on a small increase Rate structure. If you use less than 30 ccf (22,450 gallons) of water per month, it will not affect you. Above 30 ccf, the increase will average about \$1.00/month.

ANNUAL SEWER AVERAGING HAS BEEN COMPLETED: We have recorded the final reading that will be used in computing your 2012-13 sewer bill. Now is the time to come by and see us if you had any plumbing or other events that will adversely affect the average. Common occurrences such as a malfunctioning toilet or a broken service line clearly will earn consideration. Other problems may or may not; you have nothing to lose by asking.

BOARD ELECTION: There will be two vacancies on the Board of Directors this spring. If you are interested in getting involved in this critical service to the community, you should consider running for one of the positions. The filing deadline for a position on the ballot is 5:00

pm, March 5, 2012. Please contact us at (210) 655-2888 to arrange to pick up an application for a place on the ballot. Qualifications are that you are a customer or property owner in the district and you are at least 21 years of age.

RAINFALL: We received 4.09 inches of rainfall in January. Although we have received several nice showers since the first of the year, we are still in critical period and moderate to severe drought. Go to <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/productview.php?pil=DGTEWX> for a comprehensive report.

**NOTICE - GARBAGE BILLS **

Residential Garbage Bills - Automatic Payments - Garbage bills will be mailed March 30, 2012 and should be delivered the first week of April. Please call City Hall if you have not received a bill by April 10th. Also, remember if you have signed up for automatic drafts, the payment will be taken out of your account by April 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.

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KID'S KORNER

by Ryan and Jacob Dalglish

We had the chance to visit with one of Windcrest's "chronologically gifted" couples (our mom's way of saying older) and we wanted to share what they had to say about their experiences living in Windcrest for over 30 years. We interviewed Albert (Al) and Sue Schutz, a very active and involved couple who answered the following questions for us.

When did you move to Windcrest? August 1978

Why did you move to Windcrest? Al grew up in the San Antonio area, went to Texas A&M and served in the military which included time in this area (He shared stories of his service in WWII and his involvement with liberating the internment camps and aiding refugees. Ryan loves anything to do with WWII, this was a BIG treat to listen to these stories.) He had a twin brother (hey, we're twins too) who lived and worked here too. So, when he was ready to retire he moved to Windcrest where he had family and knew the area.

Sue attended Alamo Heights High School and had connections here too. She was on the tennis team in High School and enjoyed using the tennis courts here in Windcrest.

What kinds of things are the same in Windcrest? Most of the things that attracted them to Windcrest are still here, the basic housing area around them, the churches, the golf course, the tennis courts, Takas Park and the small community feel.

What kinds of things are different? The mall closing was hard to see happen. Al even shared a story of a buy one suit, get one for \$25 deal he got at the mall and what made it even more interesting is that he still wears the \$25 suit and it looks great!

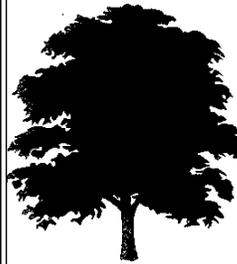
They both miss the neighborhood involvement they used to have with their street neighbors. (Though Al and Sue have one neighbor who helps them frequently with handyman type jobs; he even helps with the Christmas lights. We think this is because the Schutzes are amazing people and of course their neighbor is one of the few folks who know what being a good neighbor is all about.)

What are some of your favorite things about Windcrest? They love the Christmas Light Up and remember when the folks by the golf course



Al and Sue Schutz

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had life-size dinosaurs eating from the trees and it caused quite a traffic jam. It was a topic of discussion for quite awhile. They also remember that the people around the golf course would decorate their homes and when people came by to look, they would serve refreshments and come out and visit with the folks walking and driving by.

They support the Fire Department every year and love having police and firemen dedicated to Windcrest. (We think this is a BIG plus for our city too!) In the past the firemen have had to come to their home when Sue broke her hip and it only took them 2 minutes to get to them...how Kool is that!

They love having the golf course, tennis courts and parks so close. They love walking around the city and enjoy talking to the neighbors.

What do you hope to have happen now and in the future for Windcrest? They hope that the city continues to support Rackspace and the renewal of the city. They would love to see the city become a more beautiful place where everyone is respectful and citizens are more involved in the community and get to know their neighbors. They would like for all of us to know the Windcrest they know and love.

Al and Sue Schutz are Windcrest treasures, folks who do their best to be good citizens, have a strong faith in God and **good friends** to all. We were blessed to get to know them and we'll be sure to get by and visit again. (Sue says, "if we're still here." She thinks being 90ish makes it a question whether they will be available again. We hope we get to enjoy visiting with them again soon.)

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Windcrest Golf Club has been selected to host the inaugural 2012 Windcrest Coolest Rides Car Show on Saturday, March 31 from 3 PM to 8 PM. Judging will take place at 5:30 PM. There is no charge to enter your car (up to two per household) and there is no charge to the public. This is a free event. Note spaces to enter your car are limited and on a first come and first served basis so sign up now. Come see the city's coolest cars.

Please call [redacted] email Mike Brown at elky83@msn.com to enter your car(s).



Coolest Rides voted for Windcrest to launch its inaugural car show in response to the community spirit and community involvement of the City of Windcrest and its flagship golf course, Windcrest Golf Club. To express its support of the Windcrest community, Coolest Rides Car Show is waiving entry fees for all car owners who wish to exhibit on Saturday, March 31st, and admission has been waived by Coolest Rides in order for the public to attend free of charge.

Your ride doesn't have to be a show car. Whether your vehicle is new or old, if you want to show your ride or just want to hang out with other car

guys/gals, we would be glad to have you. Clean and shine your pride and joy because the end of the month is just around the corner.

The exhibit voted coolest car of the show by our judges will receive a handsome trophy commemorating the First Annual Coolest Rides Car Show and will be featured on the cover of May's Windcrest City's Newsletter. The vehicle will also be featured on the cover of the 2013 calendar.

A photographer will be on hand to take great photos of the top thirteen cars in the voting, and the photos will be featured in the 2013 Windcrest Coolest Rides Calendar. Details on the availability of the calendar will be announced later this year.

Because of limited space available, exhibitors are advised to register their cars early. The deadline for registration is March 15th or while space is available.



Contact Mike directly or use the convenient registration form at the Windcrest Golf Club. Be sure to include the year, make, and model of your car.



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Windcrest Garden Club

Please make plans to attend the March Meeting of the Windcrest Garden Club as we anticipate one of our favorite meetings of the year our "Circle of Gardeners." Bring your plants and questions as we look forward to learning so many worthwhile tips from our own Master Gardeners! We'll be meeting at the Civic Center on Monday, March 5th, at 10:00 a.m. Refreshments will be provided by members of the Bueche Family as a thank you for the roses we planted around the cross in the Cemetery.

At our February 6th Coffee, our members left with some great ideas on different grasses that do well in South Texas. As always, our plant auction was enjoyed by all!

We are all looking forward to our Spring Plant Sale (Date TBA) and to our April 3rd Field Trip to Mitchell Lake Audubon Center.

As I close, let me leave you with this thought ~

"Kind hearts are the gardens; Kind words are the roots; Kind thoughts are the flowers; Kind deeds are the fruits... Take care of your garden, and keep out the weeds. Fill it with sunshine, kind words and good deeds."

Unknown Author

Upcoming Events ~

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, February 27th, 10:00 a.m.
Diane Stake ~ Hostess

Field Trip to Mitchell Lake Audubon Center

Tuesday, April 3rd (Day change)
Meet at Civic Center Parking Lot for a brief meeting and to carpool (Time TBA)

Windcrest Women's Club 2012 Wine & Cheese Social

Place: Windcrest Civic Center,
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Women's Club News

Pamela Dodson

March is going to be a really busy month!! We will have two meetings.

On **March 17th** we will have our **Wine and Cheese Social at the newly renovated Civic Center from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.** with reservations required. There will be lots of good hors d'oeuvres, great tasting wine, and friends to share with. What a nice way to spend the evening! Come join us.

Just let Hazel [redacted] Mary [redacted] know you are coming.

On **March 28th** we will have the **Founders & Membership Appreciation Tea at the Civic Center from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.** You can dress up in your Sunday best and enjoy tea with all the good friends you have made in the club. It will be a relaxing time to reminisce about the good old days and wonder how the time flew by.

On **April 25th** from **10am to noon at the Civic Center**, we will have Leila Meacham who is the author of Roses & Tumbleweeds. There should be lots of good discussion about her books and a chance to hear how you decide to write a book. Please come!

We encourage all the ladies of Windcrest to get involved in the community. Please come on down to see what we are up to and how you can be a part of a community club. It is a really nice way to meet other women in the neighborhood and make some new friends.

Windcrest Little League

All across the country March means the start of the Little League Baseball and Softball season. Right here in our own community, boys and girls, from 4-14, are hard at work practicing their fielding and honing their batting skills.

Opening Day Ceremonies will be held on Saturday, March 24th. The kids, parents, coaches, and board of directors of the Windcrest Little League invite the entire community to join in on this annual celebration. Following the ceremony, please stay and cheer on the teams as they play their first games.

Do you remember how much fun it was to play the game when you were a kid? Windcrest Little League is considering the addition of an adult co-ed softball team as well as a Senior league (age 50 and over). No need to have a child in the league to join. If you want to feel like a kid again, please contact the league through the website.

Finally, are you a local business looking for a way to support the community? Windcrest Little League is still seeking sponsors for the 2012 season. For as little as \$500, you can help a team and get advertising on a game field and the website for the entire season.

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OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION

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City Meetings in Windcrest City Hall Council Chambers

WEDC Meeting	March 1	6:00 p.m.	Town Hall Meeting	March 12	2:00 p.m.
Special City Council Meeting	March 5	7:00 p.m.	Water District Meeting	March 15	6:00 p.m.
Municipal Court	March 6, 13, 20	4:00 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting	March 19	7:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation	March 7, 14, 21, 28	6:00 p.m. (meeting dates are subject to change)	Town Hall Meeting	March 26	7:00 p.m.

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