

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Windcrest CAR SHOW

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## Friday & Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

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 Saturday, April 20th!  
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## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Windcrest Freshman Triathlon

April 27<sup>th</sup> 2013



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# Mayor's Message



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## Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,

It is April. There are so many events happening in the city. Windcrest Little League has started. The 2nd Annual Car Show, the 2nd Annual Fiesta Especial Carnival and Parade, Windcrest Elementary School Carnival, 5th Annual Freshman Triathlon, the first EDC Golf Tournament = there are plenty of entertainment opportunities this month in our city. Also, there are many Fiesta events all over San Antonio. The social calendar is booked! We encourage you to remain active and involved, and we promise that we will continue to modify, change and refine how we do business. As we all know: **If we stay the same, we cannot improve.**

**Soccer Field:** As has been mentioned several times in the Newsletter, the city is filling in part of the land on the corner of Crestway and Jim Seal Drive. It was virtually unusable, and quite frankly, an eyesore. As you drove into Windcrest on Crestway and looked left, one would look right down and see the RV storage and Public Works Facility. By filling in and leveling this land, we are making it usable while improving the city, and giving yet another amenity for the families. We are making a soccer/flex field. This means it will be a soccer field that can also be used for other purposes, such as over flow parking for the Firefighter Picnic, additional space for the Picnic or for kite flying tournaments. I have heard nothing but positive comments about this project. To date, I have received only one inquiry of concern. All the other comments have been positive. **I do ask that if anyone has any concerns or is not happy with this plan, please email and/or call me. The time to voice any issues is now.**

**Takas Park Pond:** You might have noticed that this project is under way. Pardon our dust! As promised, this pond will be renovated. The Parks and Recreation Commission is working hard on this project and has approved a plan. The Council voted to put this project out for bid. We are very close to seeing this area brought back to its grandeur. If you want to have input, please email or call me OR attend the Parks and Recreation meeting at City Hall. The Board Members are listed on the back of this Newsletter. I am confident that they would love to hear from you as well.

**2nd Annual Windcrest Car Show** – Remember that it will be Saturday, April 13 at the Windcrest Golf Course. It is open to the public. This year's winners, all will be Windcrest residents, and will be featured in the 2014 Windcrest Car calendar. Net proceeds will go to the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department. Admission is free, so mark your calendar to come view some "cool" cars. If you wish to enter your car(s), there is a small fee. Everyone who enters will receive a beautiful mug. Contact long time Windcrest resident Mike Brown at windcrestcarclub@aol.com for more details.

**2nd Annual Firefighter's Gala:** We wanted to thank all of the supporters of the Gala. It was another huge success. The comments that have been received said it was better than the first one. We are already planning next year's Gala. A very special thank you to the Firefighters, the Newsletter Committee, A Gala Event, the City's staff, Marlene – Natalia – Kelly team for the pictures, the entertainers – Cleto Rodriguez, Dino Valverde, DJ Tom "the Suit" and Mike Scott. A special hug and thanks to Windcrest resident Marylou Ellis - all we can say is WOW, what a job you do designing and decorating the event!!

**Gala Pictures:** If you had your picture taken at the Gala and wanted a copy or perhaps multiple copies, please come by City Hall and ask for Natalia or Marlene. They will be happy to print your picture(s). They are free; however, a small donation would be appreciated. 100% of the proceeds from the picture sales go to our award winning Volunteer Fire Department.

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**43rd Annual Firefighter Picnic:** Remember it is two days. Friday, May 17th and Saturday, May 18th. Also, make plans to attend the **70 – 80's Dance Friday Night from 7 – 11 PM** at the Civic Center at Takas Park. This Picnic Kick-Off Dance is free, though donations are being asked to benefit our Volunteer Fire Department. It is a tradition started by the Newsletter Committee. We had quite a few participate last year. All those that attended had a great time. We hope to see you and more of your friends this year. More information about the picnic is in this Newsletter and next month's Newsletter.

**1st Annual EDC Golf Tournament:** Monday, April 15th will be the 1st Annual Windcrest EDC Golf Tournament. It will be held at the Windcrest Golf Course. The competition is two man scramble. There will be some fantastic prizes and a silent auction. It is \$50 per person, and this includes your goody bag, green fee, cart fee, lunch and prizes. Net proceeds from this tournament will go to our Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department. If you are interested in participating please contact Robert Colunga [REDACTED] or call the golf course and ask for Dennis Dooley [REDACTED]

**Windcrest Elementary School Carnival:** This is on Saturday, April 13th at the Windcrest Elementary School from 10 AM – 2 PM. It is open to the public and there are plenty of fun and games. It raises money for the school. Come out and enjoy all the activities and support our Windcrest Elementary School.

**Council Meeting Times:** The Council Meeting time was switched from 7 PM to 6 PM awhile back. This was done to accommodate the professionals and employees who give presentations or who are involved with the various agenda items being discussed. Quite frankly, it has saved the city money and has allowed our employees to go home sooner. The question is – **Is this convenient for our citizens?** As you know, the meetings are broadcast live on the web and are archived on the website. I asked approximately 7 mayors from other cities, and all have their meetings at various times, but none that I asked broadcast live on the web. We will be doing a survey to determine what time is most convenient for the citizens. I would love to hear from you. More about this issue will be in next month's Newsletter.

**Fire Truck Raffle:** The first ever Fire Truck is being raffled off. The cost of a ticket is \$10. All the proceeds will go to the Volunteer Fire Department. The winning raffle ticket will be pulled on Saturday, May 18th at the Firefighter Picnic. Come buy a ticket and take a chance on winning this beautiful truck. Contact Lisa Scott [REDACTED] for more details.

**Windcrest Seniors Bowling League: (A citizen asked me to include this in my article)** All you have to be is over the age of 50. You do not

have to be a Windcrest resident. I have been told that one of the bowlers is 96! They bowl every Monday at 1 PM. If you are interested, please call League Secretary Pat Mechler [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])

**Websites:** The City's new marketing website is almost finished. The EDC site is complete. We will be launching these sites, as well as the phone app, at a special launch party to be held at the Takas Park Civic Center. Look for the details of this party, which will be free and open to all of the residents, in next month's Newsletter.

**Garage Sale:** Another record was set. We had more residents participating with this city wide event than at any other time in our history. We are confident that it was a success for those that participated. Thanks to the administration staff for preparing the maps and advertising this event in the Herald and the Express News, as well as via social media.

**Brush Pick-up:** This year it has been broken up into three sections. This is a great service, and one in which we encourage you to participate.

**2nd Annual Fiesta Especial:** This is an official Fiesta Event! Windcrest is lucky to have the opportunity to host this event for the second year in a row. We encourage you to come to the carnival and to come out and watch the parade. It was so much fun last year. This year, it will be even bigger. More details are in this Newsletter.

**Volunteering and Participating:** We need more people on the Newsletter Committee and Windcrest Citizens' Patrol. Please call Katye Brought at City Hall if you can help with the Newsletter Committee and/or Citizens Patrol or you want to serve the city in some other capacity. Remember that there are still places of service within the City. If you want to participate or volunteer in an area of the City, you won't be turned away. Give me a call or email me to get involved.

Please email me if you wish me to add something to my article. We hope to see you, Saturday, April 13th at the 2nd Annual Windcrest Car Show at the Golf Course and at the Windcrest Elementary School Carnival at the Elementary School, as well as all the other events taking place in our great city. Also, come by City Hall to see the plans for the over \$14 million in renovations that the North East Independent School District will be undertaking late this summer to the Windcrest Elementary School. Additionally, visit City Hall to view the drawings for Takas Park Pond which went out for bid this month, and the three year street CIP plan for the city which is being accomplished all with cash – no debt. When you visit, please stop in and say hello.

Remember that I welcome and answer every phone call and email. Your Mayor and humble servant,

*Alan E. Baster*

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Mayor Pro-Tem, Pam Dodson



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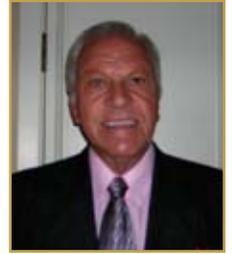
I hope you have been noticing the progress of the new road for Rackspace... it is getting close to completion. And good things are still happening in our business district. So don't you think now would be a really good time for all of us to do an appraisal of our own home and property? Yes, times

are tight and the dollar is not buying as much as in the past, but don't you think we can still do some little things to improve our property's appearance. I am just suggesting a little more time and effort on our home and yards. The City has invested man hours and dollars on improving its appearance. It would really be nice if that beautification continued on through our own neighborhoods. Spring is just a good time to maybe plant a new flower or two, pull that weed, mow our yards a little more often, water when allowed, replace a board or two in our fences, or dab a little paint here and there just to make things look their Sunday best. We have a community we can be proud of so let's make it look as proud as we feel. The other good outcome from all this extra effort is an opportunity to meet our neighbors as we all are out there working in our yards. When you drive by and see me working in mine, just honk and wave. If you stop to chat, I may just put you to work.

## Councilmember

Gerd E. Jacobi

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I have to praise the Windcrest Fire Department volunteers for helping to make this second Gala such a wonderful event. From the valet parking, the prize drawings, the comedy of the channel four personality, Cleto Rodriquez, the food and finally the great band; everything was top notch. My family and my wife and I just had a wonderful time. If you did not attend this Gala you just simply missed out on a great evening. Remember too that this event was to help raise funds for our Fire Department. You know those great men and women who help us in time of need 24 hours a day, all year long. Response time for 69 calls for assistance in our city was 3 minutes and 52 seconds. WOW!!!

As we are moving forward in April let me remind you about the spring brush pick-up. It will be from the 1st of April until 21st of April. So let's start working on our house and yard.

Another great event in April is of course the Fiesta Especial which will take place from 19th to 20th of April. Starting at the New Creations Fellowship parking lot at 8700 Four Winds. Times for both days of the event are 10 AM to 4 PM. On the 19th the event will start at 10 AM with a Shoebox Parade at Rack Space. On the 20th of April at 8:15AM there will be a 2.7 mile fun run and or walk. This will be followed at 9 AM by the street parade. Remember fellow citizens, that proceeds from this event support charitable, non-profit programs that improve the lives of children and adults with disabilities in our community.

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City business goes on, sometimes smoothly, and other times with spirited discussion. All actions do not end with 100% agreement. I believe this should be healthy. We were all elected to serve YOU, the Windcrest citizens, and hopefully we won't let personal goals and wants prevent the overall good of our city's needs from being taken care of.

If you missed our 2nd annual Gala. It was great. I will just say-start planning for next year. THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE IT HAPPEN!!

The pen is mighty thankful to the Sword.

# Councilmember

**John Gretz**

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Hello neighbors,

Last month I wrote about one of my pet peeves ... people not cleaning up their dog poop! Enough said.

This month I'd like to truly honor all of our city volunteers and others who help to make Windcrest the great city it is. I look at the back cover of our newsletter and see all of our organizations, boards, commissions, and committees and I'm excited. Our great citizens make Windcrest what it is! However, I see one of our most important volunteer organizations missing ... the fire department!

With that, I am excited to see more in the newsletter about our wonderful Volunteer Firefighters and all that they do! The key is to get the many people who make our great city what it is out front ... period! Thank you all for being part of one heck of a team! John

# Councilmember

**Rita Davis**

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I have good news for you!

The City has negotiated a contract with IDS Engineering for repairs and maintenance for the Windcrest 3-Year Street Repair and Maintenance to be paid by our Capital Improvement Street Fund. The City dedicates one quarter of each cent of Sales Tax to this fund.

In the February Newsletter, I reported to you that I had nominated a Windcrest citizen, who is a practicing Civil Engineer, to be placed on the Capital Improvement Street Fund Committee. He advised the Committee to negotiate the fee for service, which in the past has been 10% of the construction costs, no matter what the scope of the project. Since our first of the three year Plan will be over \$1M, he advised the committee to negotiate a lower rate to 7.25% which is more in keeping with the customary rates according to the American Society of Civil Engineers. Although I was not successful in securing this rate for change orders to the contract, I am confident that the City will save between over \$300,000 and possibly as much as \$750,000, if properly managed. Citizens giving of their time and expertise, as well as knowledgeable Committee and staff, can save even more money that can provide for much needed improvements to our City.

If you have professional expertise that you think may be helpful, please let me know.

# The Road Work Continues!

By Andrew Hunt, PE, CFM

RABA KISTNER, Inc.

Engineering Manager of Roadway  
Capital Improvement Program

This past December, the City selected IDS Engineering, Inc. of San Antonio to provide the engineering design and construction management of Windcrest's major roadway construction projects. The projects have been previously identified by the City's Roadway Committee, and formalized in the Windcrest 3-Year Roadway Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Upon the selection of IDS Engineering, the City began scope and fee negotiations in earnest.

During contract negotiations, with advice provided by each of the Roadway Committee member and guidance from City Engineer RABA KISTNER, Inc., the City Manager worked to maximize the amount of the budget spent on actually improving the roads while ensuring that the City received the very best engineering service from IDS Engineering. To achieve this goal, the City set an aggressive maximum fee for engineering design and construction management services. Through creative refinements to their work scope, IDS Engineering was able to meet the City's budget targets for their services while preserving their ability to provide their highly qualified advice.

This February, the City and IDS Engineering reached an agreement that meets the City's goals and efficiently improve long segments of the City's roadways. To maximize the amount of budget spent on actually improving streets, all of the major CIP projects were combined in the engineering scope of work to increase cost savings, develop consistent repair standards, expedite construction, and increase the savings to the City. The construction projects that IDS Engineering will design range from basic mill and overlay construction to complete roadway reconstruction, including new curbs and sidewalks. Serving the City as the engineering manager for the Roadway CIP, the RABA KISTNER team and I are proud and excited to be a part of this aggressive program that will benefit so many of the City's residents. Thank you for the humbling opportunity to look after the City's interests in this major roadway program.

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## City Secretary News, Kelly Rodriguez

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During the month of February the Mayor and Council passed some ordinances and a few resolutions that you may be interested in.

### ORDINANCES

SCCM 02.04.13

2013-688(O), an ordinance amending Chapter 14, Noise of the Code of Ordinances by revising section 14.102 #3 relating to animals which make frequent or long continued noise.

RCCM 02.25.13

2013-687(O), an ordinance approving and adopting an amendment to the budget of the Windcrest Crime Control and Prevention District (WCCPD) to reflect increased sales tax revenues of \$90,000.00, and approving and adopting an amendment to the City of Windcrest Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2012 and ending on September 30, 2013 for the expenditure of \$132,747.60 for public safety equipment; and establishing a savings clause and an effective date.

2013-690(O), an ordinance repealing the City of Windcrest Ethics Code and adopting a new Windcrest Ethics Policy.

### RESOLUTIONS

SCCM 02.04.13

2013-426(R), a resolution awarding a contract to ASC Paving of San Antonio for the City of Windcrest Parkcrest Drive Mill and overlay project.

RCCM 02.25.13

2013-417(R), a resolution approving a contract and the fee of IDS capital improvement program and authorizing the City Manager to issue a request for proposals or bids for the construction of such roadway capital improvements throughout the City of Windcrest.

## Director of Public Affairs & Marketing, Katy Brought

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Another success! The 2nd Annual Firefighter's Gala went off without a hitch! We raised money for our volunteer Fire Department and had a ton of fun doing it! If you missed out, make it a point to come out next year! It is a great way to support your Firefighter's who do so much for our community! A big thank you to the Newsletter committee for helping and volunteering your hours! And to Windcrest Resident Mary Lou Ellis who did the decorations and once again blew our socks off! The city is SO fortunate to have residents like Mrs. Ellis and the Newsletter committee! Remember, we are looking for some Newsletter Committee members! We meet every Wednesday at 6pm at City Hall and work on the newsletter and planning city events! We have a lot of fun, and I invite you to come check us out!

The Garage Sale was also another success! One person's junk is another's treasure! I hope you found some goodies!

We are going to have a busy month of April! Make sure to come out to the following events:



**2nd Annual Car Show:** Saturday, April 13 at 3pm at the Windcrest Golf Club. See page 13 for more information.



**Fiesta Especial:** Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20 from 10am-4pm. Visit [www.FiestaEspecial.com](http://www.FiestaEspecial.com) for more details!



**5th Annual Windcrest Freshman Triathlon:**

Saturday, April 27th at 7:30am. See page 13 for more information. Go to [www.redemptionrp.com/windcresttri](http://www.redemptionrp.com/windcresttri)

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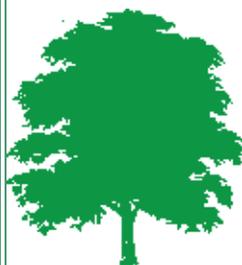
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Chief of Police - A. O. "Al" Ballew

### KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE IN A CROWD!



Springtime is quickly approaching and that means Fiesta events are too! Fiesta is a great time to celebrate with friends and family, but that also means dealing with large crowds. Personal safety in today's world is something you cannot leave to chance. There are some important tips

to keep in mind when you are out with your family, especially your children. Remember, sex offenders, especially those preying on children, like crowds too!

Losing your child in a crowd is a parent's worst nightmare...but it does not have to be. Careful planning and review of safety tips with your children will help insure their safety and quick return to you. When children become lost in a crowd, they tend to panic. Going over a plan with your children in advance will help keep them calm if they do become lost and this will make them much less likely to panic. Always keep your children with you at all times. Do not allow them to go anywhere without your knowledge and especially not without you. Do not allow your children to go to a public restroom without your supervision...that means you accompany them into the restroom. Have a plan in case you do get separated. Let your children know who they can talk to if they do need help, such as a police officer in uniform. Make sure they know not to leave the area with any strangers. Snap a photograph of your child including what they are wearing with your cell phone prior to leaving for an event. This will greatly help police in the event they do become lost. Write your cell phone number on a card and put it in their pocket. Most importantly, if your child or children do become lost, time is of the essence. Notify a police officer as quickly as you can. Acting quickly will help insure their safety and quick return. Avoid tragedy...be prepared... have a plan and keep you children safe! For more information about Crime Prevention or Personal Safety, contact your Windcrest Police Department at (210)655-2666.

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Dan Reese

### Gala Behind Us – Picnic Activities

The 2nd Annual Firefighter's Gala was a huge success! We want to thank everyone who attended the gala. Your support is our strength. We also want to thank everyone who helped make this a wonderful event. The individual pictures of everyone turned out great, if you are interested in copies or would like a larger picture please call Natalia in the admin office 655-0022. Again thank you all for your support.

We will now be focusing on our 43rd Annual Firefighter's Picnic that will be on May 17th & 18th. The picnic will be at Takas Park, 9310 Jim Seal Dr., Windcrest Texas. **We are carrying on the tradition with a 70's, 80's Theme Dance on Friday, May 17th from 7pm-11pm.** Beer and wine will be for sale, you may bring in hard liquor if you wish. This event is **free**, but a **donation will be asked at the door to benefit the Volunteer Fire Department.**

*We need volunteers from the public to make this event a success.* If you want to volunteer or just have a question about the Picnic please call Lisa Scott [REDACTED]. If you have any questions about the Fire Department please call Chief Dan Reese at 693-8197 or even better, come by and visit.

*Donations of baked goods are also needed for the Bake Sale.* Vendor spaces are selling fast if interested please call Lisa Scott [REDACTED] or email lscott@windcrest-tx.gov.

### OWN A PIECE OF WINDCREST HISTORY

The Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department is raffling off Windcrest's First Fire Truck. A White 1970 Chevy C20, 350 Engine, 4-speed standard. Raffle tickets are \$10.00 each. Raffle will take place on May 18th at 8 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the Windcrest Fire Department.



The meeting date for the Parks & Recreation Town Hall Meeting is the 29 April in the City Hall chambers at 7:00 PM. At this meeting the residents will be given updates and status of various projects that the Commission has as "works in progress." This is also the opportunity for the residents to provide any input they have as to ideas for the Commission. Please remember, the "wheels of government" turn slowly; once projects are decided upon, approved by the city council and monies appropriated, the processes of bringing the project to fruition take many required steps before they are completed. Please come to the Town Hall Meeting to learn about what is going on within your Parks & Recreation activities.

## BEXAR COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #10

**Richard Frenzel, General Manager,**  
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emergency (210) 422-4159.

**Our website is [www.bexarcountywcid10.com](http://www.bexarcountywcid10.com).**

**DROUGHT.** Recently, the Lower Colorado River Authority and Bexar-Medina-Atascosa WCID Nr. 1 informed farmers who rely on the Colorado River and Medina Lake for irrigation water that their allocation for 2013 was cut to zero. Obviously, that has serious implications for thousands of farmers and their employees and the industries that support them. What went unsaid and unnoticed by the majority of us "city folks" is that those cuts were made to ensure we have drinking water this summer. The pecking order for water rights is municipal, industrial, and irrigation with municipal being the superior right. To be blunt, the next time you want to run your sprinkler system, just remember the price that others are paying for that privilege.

The City of Uvalde has been enforcing Stage IV watering restrictions (hand watering once every two weeks) since December and they predict that they will have to implement Stage V by the end of March if they don't get rain. That means no outside watering. Uvalde is "upstream" of San Antonio on the Edwards Aquifer, so conditions there are a harbinger of what is to come. The most recent weather forecasts put out by the national and state weather services predict that the current dry pattern will continue through June and then the summer dry period will arrive. In other words, exceptionally dry until early fall. If current conditions persist, it would rival the drought of record set in the 1950s.

## From the Desk of Tom Garcia Director of Public Works

[tgarcia@windcrest-tx.gov](mailto:tgarcia@windcrest-tx.gov)

The Public works dept. has been very busy with all the special events and city scheduled services as of late. For those of you that don't know, our department is the one who puts out all the barricades, orange cones and flags to help with safety and traffic. This service is one of many we provide for at Public Works.

We have started our aggressive mowing and edging schedule again. Because of the mild weather we had to start early this year to not let unwanted weeds become an issue in our city's presentation. Weed spraying is also being increased throughout the city to keep our parks and streets looking as good as we can make them.

Please keep us posted about any issues that you may have that our department can help you with. Many thanks...



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# Municipal Court Report

## Resident with a Citation

Yes, it's that time again! WARRANT ROUND UP was held March 19 – 20, 2013. See future articles for results. Also, our court received a second Honorable Mention award for our community outreach program which consists of promoting traffic safety throughout the community. Our efforts were that of participating in our first ever National Night Out, our many Warrant Round Ups and our "Bike Right" poster contest with the Windcrest Elementary.

## Tips for the Road

There is flooding throughout the city. You are trying to get home when you come to a section of road with fast moving water. You can tell by the road sign that it's no deeper than a foot. TURN AROUND DON'T DROWN. You have no idea if part of the roadway has washed away or if the road dips. Six inches of water can make you lose control of your vehicle while one foot will float or stall many vehicles.

## TOTAL CITY REVENUE

Here is a 4 year comparison chart of the money collected from fines and fees. For more information please contact Kelly Rodriguez, Assistant Court Administrator at (210)655-0022 ext 2150 or krodriquez@windcrest-tx.gov.



# Women's Club News

Pamela Dodson



**On April 17th at the Civic Center from 11:30am to 2:00pm, we will have our Appreciation Luncheon.** This is just a good time to sit and reminisce about our year and the activities that we thought benefited our community and our group. All the goodies will be provided by the Officers and Board Members, so please come and relax as we talk about the good times. And also know that we truly appreciate the efforts of all our members who make our meetings as welcoming and informative as possible. Reservations required.

**On April 24th at the Civic Center from 10am to Noon, we can hear about "How to Avoid Fraud and Identity Theft" presented by Sandy Sullivan, Frost Bank.** I think all of us know of someone who has had this happen to them so is a real concern for so many of us. Come and get yourself educated about how to protect your identity.

Then our final meeting for this season is on **May 22nd from 11:30 to 2pm** at a location to be determined. We will be installing our new officers for the upcoming season so come on out and support our ladies in this new adventure. Reservations will be required.

The Windcrest Women's Club meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month from August through May.

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**10am: Shoebox Float Contest & Parade:** local school children and day program participants will parade through the Rackspace facility showcasing their handcrafted shoebox floats.

**Saturday, April 20th**

**8:15am - 2.7 Mile Fun Run/Walk:** \$10 Registration Fee. Includes complimentary admission to Fiesta Especial®.

**9:00am - Fiesta Especial® Parade:** Featuring bands, floats, Royal Court, amusements and more! Some temporary street closures will be in effect along the parade route. Spectators may gather at City Hall or grab a curb side sea on your own front lawn.

**10am-4pm: Fiesta Especial® (held in the New Creations Fellowship Parking Lot)** - featuring carnival rides, games, entertainment, food, crafts and more! \$5.00 General Admission. Tickets for rides, games & food sold separately.

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## Director of Windcrest Economic Development Corporation

Sherry Mosier

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The Windcrest Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) will be hosting its 1st Annual Golf Tournament & Business Mixer on **Monday, April 15, 2013, at the Windcrest Golf Club** located at 8600 Midcrown (across from City Hall). The tournament will start at 1pm by shotgun and the business mixer will kickoff at 5pm. Proceeds from this event will be used toward the purchase of a new "tower truck" for the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD). In fact, the current tower truck is 27 years old and apparently out of commission at the present time so...it looks like a new one may be in the plans sooner than later. Please visit the city's website to obtain downloaded Event Information and a Sponsorship/Reservation Form.

Get out your golf clubs, practice your swing, and show support for our volunteer fire department! Oh...and don't forget to mark your calendar for **Monday, April 15, 2013** and plan to attend the 1st Annual Windcrest Economic Development Corporation Golf Tournament & Business Mixer! We want you there!!

Please continue to send us your comments or suggestions by emailing me at [smosier@windcrest-tx.gov](mailto:smosier@windcrest-tx.gov), calling [redacted] stopping by the WEDC office. Please visit the City's Facebook and Twitter pages for updates on all things happening in the City of Windcrest. Board meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers unless posted otherwise.

## Windcrest Animal Control Task Force

WeACT



As you saw in last month's article, the Task Force has been able to accomplish some really good things for our community. Unfortunately, it appears that we have some residents that feel they cannot wait for results to be seen. I can understand the frustration of having critters (domestic or wild) invade your area, but coming up with your own solution, especially if it is illegal, is not a good option. As a community (individuals that work together for the common good) we can solve this problem.

Just so you are aware in Chapter 3 of our code, it says you may not expose any known poisonous substance, whether mixed with food or not, so that it may be attractive to any warm-blooded animal or human. (This does not apply to tamperproof bait stations for rats.) We are now offering a \$1000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any individual who is poisoning. That is how serious the city takes this.

It also says it is illegal to trap and relocate dogs or cats. Surrounding communities have similar restrictions so don't trap and take an animal outside City limits. It is illegal.

Instead work with us to solve this problem. Provide information to dispatch if you see a dog that is off leash. If you notice cats in your area, try to figure out if it is a pet or a community cat. If you decide it is a pet, talk to your neighbor to make sure it has been spayed or neutered, microchipped or has a collar, and is registered with the city. If it is a cat that does not have an owner, call dispatch so that we can trap/neuter/return. The less puppies and kittens we have, the less you will be frustrated.



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**Race Day:** Saturday, April 27, check in starts at 6:00am at the Windcrest Pool, 5609 Winsong, located in the City of Windcrest. The transition area will be right in front of the pool. You must be body marked before you go to the transition. Event will be Chip Timed.

**Swim:** The swim will be a 200 meter snake style swim. The start will be a time trial start with an athlete leaving every 15 seconds.

**Run:** The 2 mile run is a 1 loop run around the Golf Course on Pavement.

**Bike:** The 10 mile bike course is a 2 loop course on quiet neighborhood roads. **Drafting is illegal and will not be tolerated.** Be aware that the roads are open to traffic – use caution and stay to the right. **You must follow all regular traffic laws.**

**Parking:** Information will be sent out before the event.

For more Information or to register online:  
[www.Redemptionrp.com](http://www.Redemptionrp.com)

**Race Entries are non-refundable for any reason.**  
**Maps of bike and run routes are available at City Hall.**  
*A portion of the proceeds will go to benefit the Windcrest Police and Fire Departments.*

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Windcrest CAR SHOW

April 13<sup>th</sup> 3pm to dusk  
 Windcrest Golf Club parking lot



The 2nd Annual Car Show will be **Saturday, April 13** at the Windcrest Golf Club! Last year's was a huge success, and this year will be even better! Everyone that enters their car will receive a mug with the official Windcrest Car Club logo on it and there are prizes in several categories! DJ Tom the Suit will be providing the music and there will be refreshments for everyone! And don't forget, all the winners will be featured in the 2014 Windcrest Car Show Calendar! (2013 Calendars are still for sale for \$5 at City Hall).

All the net proceeds of this year's car show will go to our Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department! A great time for a great cause! **For more information, contact Mike Brown** at [usga7@yahoo.com](mailto:usga7@yahoo.com). See you there!

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# Windcrest

## Garden Club

Helma Ann Martinez

Get ready for our Field Trip to the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center on Tuesday (yes Tuesday) April 2nd. We will meet 8:00 am in the Civic Center parking lot for a brief Member Business Meeting, and then whoever's going will get on the bus. After the tour, we'll gather for lunch at the Wildflower Café.

On March 4th our guest speakers Yvette Erwin & Karen Gisel gave a delightful "heirloom herbs" presentation about edible plants, weeds & flowers, which included informative handouts, recipes & samples. Also, we thank Ann Wadsworth for welcoming us into her lovely home after the meeting, for a Backyard Tour in keeping with the speakers' topic.

On Saturday April 13th 10 am, we hope to see many of you at the **Windcrest Garden Club Annual Plant Sale** Fundraiser, in the parking lot of the Windcrest United Methodist Church's Community Center on Walzem (just west of Midcrown). Come early to browse

through the many choices: plants of all kinds, bake-sale goods of all kinds, jams, etc., paintings by Pauline, gardening books & our newest project, "Teacup Birdfeeders".

Upcoming events:

Executive Board Meeting ~ Monday, April 29th, 10 am  
Hostesses ~ Marie Bourne & Elaine Morrissey

\*Monday May 6th 11 am ~ Join us for our Installation Luncheon @ La Fonda in Alamo Heights. There are 4 different meal choices at the cost of \$13, which includes drink, tax & gratuity. Reservation deadline is May 1st.

Joint Executive Board Meeting ~ Monday, June 3rd, 10 am

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## City Meetings in Windcrest City Hall Council Chambers

Special City Council Mtg	April 1	6:00 p.m.
Municipal Court	April 2, 9, 16	4:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation	April 10	6:00 p.m.

WEDC	April 11	6:00 p.m.
Regular City Council Meeting	April 15	7:00 p.m.
Water District Meeting	April 18	7:00 p.m.

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