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# Mayor's Message



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## Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,

July was an active month in Windcrest for our citizens with the 2nd Annual July 4th Parade and Celebration and the Launch Party. In August, we experience the ending of most of our summer vacations and the fine tuning of our next fiscal year's budget. By the time you receive this Newsletter, the draft budget should be on the web. If you have any comments, now is the time to let your thoughts be heard. 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.**

**PUBLIC SAFETY: Please wear reflective clothing if walking or moving about at night** - I was asked to remind citizens in my article to wear reflective clothing by a concerned citizen. The citizen mentioned that some of the walkers and joggers are hard to see. I have to tell you that this person is right. Please remember to wear something so that drivers, bike riders, joggers and other walkers can see you. It will help prevent accidents.

**Welcome James McFall:** Mr. McFall was appointed by the City Council to replace Mrs. Rita Davis on Council after she resigned her position. We wish Mrs. Davis luck, and if you see her, give her a hug as she devoted years to help our city. We thank Mr. McFall for accepting this responsibility. He was sworn in on July 1, 2013. A big thank you goes out to all those who volunteered and asked to be considered. I will be calling on you all to see if you will serve on other Boards and Commissions. We have a vacancy on Parks and Recreation, Planning and Zoning and an alternate spot open on the Board of Adjustments. Also, please remember, that the Newsletter, Citizens' Patrol and Animal Task Force are always looking for help.

**July 4th Parade and 2nd Annual Celebration:** I do not know how we topped 2012, but we did! Over 1500 people attended the parade this year. We received so many compliments from citizens and neighbors that we have lost count. We were also mentioned in various newspapers and other media outlets. All positive press for our great city! A big thank you goes out to the American Legion, our City Manager and Finance Director for grilling the hot dogs, the Economic Development Corporation, to all the city's departments because every single one participated, the Newsletter Committee for handing out water, Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union, Home Depot, Walzem YMCA, Ronald Reagan High School Twirlers, Sweet Karma Cupcakes and Concrete Ideas for donating water and Windcrest resident Steve Matticks for assisting with finding people to march in the Parade. And of course; all the parade participants. Without you all, there would be no parade and celebration. This year we gave out 200 t-shirts to the crowd. Thank you to our sponsors = HEB for providing over 1000 bottles of water, 1000 ice cream cups, 1000 bags of chips, and over 1000 hot dogs and to McDonald's for providing 1000 apple pies. Our very own WEDC member, Col. Irv Gerrow provided over 1000 Bimbo hot dog buns. Thanks to all those who participated and to everyone who volunteered: Cherice Cochrane Foundation, Jack and Jill Volunteers, and the Girl and Boy Scouts. Last, but not least, to Katye Brought for always going the extra mile and improving each and every event. She put in Herculean hours, and it is greatly appreciated.

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**Website and Phone App Launch Party– Thursday, July 25th at Rackspace Headquarters in Windcrest from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM:**

As I am writing this article, we are planning this event. It will be discussed in my article next month.

**Takas Park Pond:** On July 9th, the perimeter fencing was installed. The work has commenced! Please pardon our dust. This is a huge project being undertaken by the City Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission. By approximately October 9th, this project will be complete and you will see Takas Park Pond brought back to its grandeur. It has been too long. We are doing all of this with cash – no debt. You will see how this will be carried forward throughout the rest of the City. This administration has made a huge commitment to bring our parks, common areas and community amenities back to the pristine condition we expect. Improvements are budgeted and will continue.

**Entrances:** Work has begun on re-landscaping some of the entrances. The Parks and Recreation Commission looked at several different options and this project went out for bid. You will see the improvements as they have started.

**Civic Center:** Still another huge project by the Parks and Recreation Commission and approved by Council is the continued renovation of our Civic Center. The money used for investment of the Civic Center comes from the Hotel and Motel Tax (HOT Tax). It does not come from our property taxes or our sales tax revenue. As you might recall, there was an extensive remodel of the inside of the Civic Center last year. This year, there will be a concentration on the outside – a new irrigation system and landscaping. This has started and should be finished by the end of August – weather permitting. Additionally, there will be an upgrade to the audio and visual equipment. All of these improvements and investments will add to this amenity's marketability and ensure that it is the best amenity it can be for our citizens and our civic organizations that use it. If you are interested in using/renting this facility, please contact Marlene at City Hall.

**Brush Pick up and City Wide Garage Sale:** Both of these are happening in the next couple of months. Brush Pick-up is on September 16 through October 4th, and the City –Wide Garage Sale is in October. Read more in this Newsletter and in the September Newsletter. Take advantage of these free services.

**Community Pool and City Swim Team:** For the last two years, this

administration has invested money in this amenity for our citizens. We have also changed the way the pool is managed, and run it much more efficiently, while increasing services. Last year we saw revenues rise. This year, we will see the revenue reach an unprecedented level. Thanks to all the life guards and the pool manager. Also thank you to Public Works who keep the pool safe and for improving and maintaining the grounds. Several years ago, there were some citizens who voiced that we should close the pool along with some other amenities. Rest assured that under this administration, this pool, along with all the other amenities we enjoy as citizens of this great city, will not only be kept and maintained, but money will be used to continue to invest and improve these wonderful assets of our city.

**Economic Development:** This will be reviewed at the Launch Party. I hope you were there. If not, the next several Newsletters will delve deeper into this topic. There is a lot happening right now. Within the next 6-9 months, you will see quite a few businesses breaking ground and being announced. This administration, along with the Windcrest Economic Development Corporation, is meeting almost daily to finalize commitments from the many possible developers and businesses. Stay tuned as this is an exciting time in our history!

**Budget and Taxes:** The rough draft of the 2013-2014 Budget that this administration is formulating shows another *decrease in property taxes*, and it also shows that *the city will pay part of your trash bill!* In the end, it still must be voted on by Council. As I mentioned in a previous article, **this administration is moving towards having zero city property taxes and free trash service** - all of this without sacrificing services or amenities. Stay tuned!

**Volunteering and Participating:** We need more people on the Newsletter Committee, Windcrest Citizens' Patrol and Animal Task Force. Please call Katy Brought at City Hall if you wish to volunteer. Remember that there are still places of service within the City. If you want to participate or volunteer in any 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. When you visit City Hall, please stop in and say hello.

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Your Mayor and humble servant,

*Alan E. Baxter*

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## FROM YOUR

Mayor Pro-Tem, Pam Dodson



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*I have donated my article space so that the Windcrest Animal Control Task Force has room for their article.*

## Councilmember

John Gretz

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Dear Friends,

First and foremost, I'd like to welcome James McFall to the Windcrest City Council. James and his wife, Bell, live about 145 yards from me and I've gotten to know them over the years. My daughter, J'Nine, and his son, Carlos, went to Roosevelt High School together. Proud to have James on the team!

Now to business... I love Windcrest! When I first moved to San Antonio with the Air Force in 1984, I wanted to buy a home here... couldn't afford it! When I got back from Germany in 1995, I could and did... and I am very happy with that decision. However, the city of San Antonio and neighboring communities have virtually surrounded our little oasis. San Antonio is the 7th largest city in the country and still growing. Stuff happens and we can't do much about it.

Nor can we do much about our available water to support this continued growth. Our area population may grow, but our water resources won't! Can we mandate no more population growth in Bexar and surrounding areas? I doubt it. Thus, we need a comprehensive area water plan and I haven't seen one... have you? I don't want to get into our world population growth problem, but I think we have one! Maybe I'll comment on that next month. Not!

However, I will share my thoughts on Windcrest. In our WCID #10 May 2013 Newsletter, I noticed "The Great Green God" article reprinted from Time Magazine in 1991. It went as follows..."Lawn is the curse of suburban man, his bizarre fetish, and the great green god he sprays to. Lawn must be barbered to the satisfaction of one's neighbors, or it earns their dirty looks and, in some tightly strung communities, a summons from city hall. The ideal lawn is featureless, a living imitation of AstroTurf. Striving to achieve it soaks up water, money and weekend goof off time in fantastic quantities."

Am I telling you all to tear up your lawns and cement them? Heck no. However, I will say that I have seen a lot of xeroscape concepts incorporated in many Windcrest yards that look darn good. My only suggestion is that if you have areas in your lawn that are tough to keep green, you may want to consider a xeroscape venue to alleviate the problem. Trust me, our water issue is here to stay, we must do our best to conserve.

## Councilmember

Jim Shelton

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Wow, here it is, August. That means back to school month. Just a reminder to watch for the kids as they go and come from school; please be especially mindful for school zones.

The street reconstruction and repair is moving along as scheduled. The budget for our next FY is also progressing along in good fashion. I'm proud of what we have done in utilizing our city's funds without borrowing money, while being able to lower our property tax rate, buy police cars, improve streets, and fund extra fire equipment. We are trying to be judicial in spending while improving when and where we can.

We had an outstanding Independence Day Celebration and Parade. It just keeps getting better and better each year. It was great to have positive media coverage for our event. A special "THANK YOU" goes to Katy Brought for all her work to make this so successful, but it took a total team effort of all departments to make it happen. "Thank You" Windcrest city and EDC employees!

Our Launch Party at Rackspace International Headquarters on July 25th was super. I heard several very positive comments from citizens that had their first opportunity to tour the facility. The old Windsor Park mall sure has changed. What an asset to our community.

Have you had an opportunity to visit one of our newest businesses, Dunkin Donuts / Baskin Robins? Start your day with coffee & a donut, and then finish the day with some of the great Baskin Robins ice cream. Does it get any better?

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# Councilmember

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Let me just briefly comment on the wonderful 4th of July festivities, including the parade. This year it was even bigger than last year and thanks to our own Katye Brought, it was very well organized. I also believe our local resident turnout was greater than last year. The parade was super with all the golf carts filled with dignitaries and some of their family members. The wonderful, special, older classic cars that took part in the parade showed the spectators the personal care the owners took of their cars. Of course, we also had many visitors from outside of Windcrest which indicates to me that these people and their families enjoyed the family atmosphere found right here in our city of Windcrest. It was great fun, let's do it again next year!

Now back to business. The Mayor, your City Council, City Manager, Finance Officer and all the Department heads and their employees have been working hard to make sure that we have our budget in order for the coming year. Many hours of hard work have been spent to make sure that the city has a sound and workable budget to cover all aspects of operating our city and still have funds left over for emergencies. I have to tell you our finances are in excellent shape. The streets, Civic Center and Parks are all being worked on to make our city look even better than before. I am proud to be a Windcrest resident.

By the way, every month as I write my article, I want to appeal to you to tell us what we can do to improve our city. What would you like to see done? Let us hear from you, what are your ideas? Now be reasonable and think of your fellow citizens. I am talking about positive things that will make our city look and function even better. Thank you.

# Councilmember

**James McFall**

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I would like to introduce myself and my family and give you a brief background. I am a veteran of the United States Air Force and a retired educator and businessman. My wife, Bel, is also a retired educator. My son, Carlos, attended Windcrest Elementary, Ed White Middle School, and graduated with honors from Roosevelt High School. Carlos attended Stanford University where he graduated with a bachelor and master degree and is currently a practicing attorney with Jackson Walker LLP.

As a councilman, I look forward to working with our current administration and supporting their continued efforts to make Windcrest a most vibrant and admired city. I intend to focus my efforts on developing and instituting policies geared towards improving the safety and quality of life in Windcrest. To achieve this goal, I will do everything possible to make Windcrest the best city in the greater San Antonio area for living and raising a family.

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## City Secretary News,

# Kelly Rodriguez

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During the month of June the Mayor and Council passed some resolutions that you may be interested in.

RESOLUTIONS

**SCCM 07.03.13**  
 2013-440(R), a resolution accepting the MLP Ventures for the performance of improvements at Windy Hollow Pond at Takas Park (IFB 12-13-006) and authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract for such work.

**RCCM 07.17.13**  
 2013-441(R), a resolution approving a contract with Mike Pietsch, P.E. Consulting Services, Inc. to prepare an ISO grading summary and create a list of suggested improvements for the portion of the area served by the City of Windcrest that is protected by fire hydrants and authorizing the City Manager to execute said contract.

2013-442(R), a resolution authorizing the purchase of replacement street signs and corresponding equipment from Pathmark Traffic Products of Texas, Inc. for a price of \$22,505.58 and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract for such purchase.

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## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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

The City of Windcrest normally has very few graffiti problems, however, the surrounding area affects us and we have a wide variety of traffic moving through Windcrest. Recently, there has been an increase in graffiti along Crestway from Randolph Blvd through Richfield. Graffiti is a serious property crime and creates even more problems when nothing is done about it. Graffiti is a direct drain on your tax dollars... money that could be used for other community improvements are used for graffiti clean up. Graffiti decreases a citizen's feeling of safety in their community. Property values may decrease and loss of business growth and tourism. Graffiti sends a message that nobody cares which attracts other forms of crime and other delinquency to the neighborhood.

It is very important that all graffiti (tagging) be reported to the Police Department as soon as possible. We work diligently investigating graffiti crimes and identifying the suspect(s) responsible for the damage. After reporting graffiti to the police, it should be removed within 24-48 hours to help prevent further tagging. It is also very important to report all suspicious activity in your neighborhood or around your home. If you see anyone in the drainage areas around Windcrest, call the police and report it. It is against City ordinance to be in a drainage area. The Windcrest Police Department treats all graffiti crime with zero tolerance and aggressively enforces the laws regarding it. We need your help to keep Windcrest graffiti free! Remember, graffiti (tagging) is not art... it is a crime!

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## Code Enforcement, Jose Rosales

The City and I would like to thank those of you who have been maintaining your properties, even during the hot days. If you are planning on doing any property maintenance, take time to hydrate, wear protective clothing and take breaks in the shade. Please do not start any lawnmowers, edger and/or weed eaters earlier than 6:00 a.m. As we are blessed with rain, make sure you patrol your property and empty any container holding water. Mosquitos are not only a threat to your neighbors, but to you and your family as well. Also, with the temperatures reaching record heights, snakes, rodents and other critters will be looking for places to take shelter from the heat, so clean the clutter on your property. Promote great mental health and maintain your hard earned investment.

Did you know that the grass growing behind your fence in the alley is your responsibility to maintain? Please review Chapter 24 in the City ordinances for more information. This includes bushes and trees growing over your fence and into the alley. Please help your community by cutting the grass, trim bushes and trees back and up to proper heights. Don't forget your backyards, I check those too!

If you need any assistance or want to report a violation of the Windcrest City Code, please contact your Code Enforcement Officer via the Windcrest Police Department Dispatcher at 210-655-2666 or send me an email thru the link provided within the Code Enforcement section on the City website.



The City of Windcrest is going to host a food drive to benefit Arms of Hope! All residents are encouraged to bring food items to City Hall beginning August 12. Arms of Hope is a 501(c)(3) Christian organization that is focused on assisting and extending a loving hand to some of the most disadvantaged children and single-mother families in our community. Arms of Hope provides all the basic needs such as shelter, food and clothing. The city of Windcrest has agreed to help provide much-needed food to these children and families.

This past Independence Day, we had a wonderful parade and celebration to commemorate our freedom. You may have seen a tall unicycle in the parade. That was Walter Williams who works with Arms of Hope. If you have any questions about the work being done at Arms of Hope or would like to donate other items, please contact Arms of Hope at 830-522-2200 to schedule a pick-up. Walter will be glad to speak at your school, club or church to share in detail all the good that Arms of Hope does to help transform children and single moms into happy, productive and self-sustaining citizens. You can also visit their website at [ArmsOfHope.org](http://ArmsOfHope.org).

Don't forget to help by bringing the following items to City Hall beginning August 12: Meals in a can (stew, chili, soup ; ) Tuna and Canned Meat; Peanut Butter; canned foods with pop-top lids; low-sugar cereals etc. Thank you for your support!

# FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Dan Reese

The Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department would like to welcome the new Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Amanda Oscar, to the Fire Department family. Amanda comes to us with both military and municipal experience and it is with high hopes that she joins this Department and the City of Windcrest. Amanda is pictured with her husband, MSgt Vernon Oscar, and their four year old daughter, Stella.



On the July 4, 2013, the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department Firefighters took part in the 2nd Annual Windcrest July 4th Parade & Celebration, by helping with



set-up of tables, chairs, and hay bales, and manning a beverage booth in support of our thirsty Windcrest citizens.

Another highlight for the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department was the induction of two Lieutenants. Congratulations to Mike Arnold and Justin Latifi – both bring over a great deal of experience to WVFD. Lt Arnold has been with WVFD since 1997 (16 years!). Lt Latifi is relatively new to WVFD but he has over 10 years' experience as a firefighter, he is currently a Firefighter/Paramedic with Seguin FD and has taken on the task of being the proctor of our Dalecrest Dorm. We wish them continued success and growth within the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department!



**Did you know....?**

Wearing loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing can actually help reduce the chances of heat exhaustion? In this extremely warm season of summer in Texas, avoid dark colored clothing because they are noted to more deeply absorb the sun's rays. (Information provided by the American Red Cross)

A special thank you to the participants in this year's 2nd Annual Windcrest July 4th Parade & Celebration, and the continued support of the Volunteer Fire Department.



Publisher Error: In the July publication under Fire Department News some photos did not print in their entirety. Below are the complete photos. Our apologies as to any inconvenience this may have caused.



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## Director of Windcrest Economic Development Corporation

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Dear Residents, our city continues to grow. We are still seeing double digit growth and the signs are showing that things are not slowing down. We have been in discussions with several different developers and companies looking to move to Windcrest and we hope to be able to announce some by the time this article reaches your homes.

We want to welcome our Newest Business, Dunkin Donuts/ Baskin Robbins to the City of Windcrest. They officially opened on July 30 and we all hope our faithful residents will frequent their establishment. We are also very excited about the launch of our new website www.developwindcrest.org and our new phone application Windcrest Windfall which is on both Apple and Android platforms. If you don't have the phone application you can visit the website www.windcrestwindfall.com and see what is happening in our community on the calendar and get discounts at our businesses located here in Windcrest.

Please continue to send us your comments or suggestions by emailing me at rcolunga@windcrest-tx.gov, calling me at 967-9381 or 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.

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

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The pool operations this summer have been a great success. With Antonio Garrido (MGR.), Kyle Anderson (Event Coordinator) Mayela Garcia (Asst. MGR.) and Jonathan Hay (Assist. MGR.) leading a very dedicated group of young life guards, our pool has improved in customer service and better attention to the safety of all customers that enter the gates. We would like to extend a well-deserved THANK YOU to all of our Life Guards for keeping us safe and attended to.

The pool now offers cold Pepsi products for sale at the pool. From Gator Aid to Diet Pepsi beverages, they are perfect for beating the Heat.

We would also like to extend thanks to the P.W. crew for doing a fantastic job for the 4th of July celebration this year. The crew worked feverously to complete all needed projects for our presentation. **Way to go guys!**

The remaining of the summer is steady as she goes. Please call when you have something of concern that P.W. can help you with. Many Thanks.

# Have You Discovered the Hidden Gems of Windcrest?

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### Tennis Courts & Parks

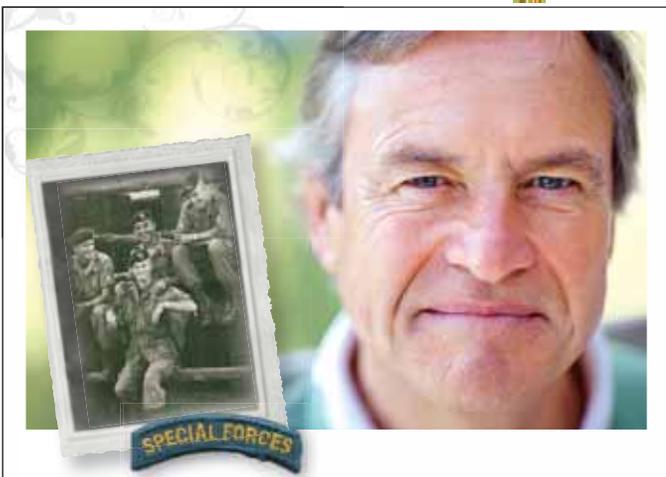
The City of Windcrest is a quiet neighborhood that offers a variety of recreational areas. We have three ponds in our City that are open to the public. You can catch and release fish, feed the ducks and enjoy the serenity of these gems any day of the week. The City also offers many walking trails that circle the ponds and take you through our beautiful parks. Make sure to use some of the exercise equipment located on the trail in Takas Park!

After you enjoy a nice walk, make sure to stop by our Tennis Courts for a quick game with your neighbors! You can play at the courts located in Takas Park or visit [www.windcresttennis.com](http://www.windcresttennis.com) for information on Adult & Junior Tennis, and Pickleball!

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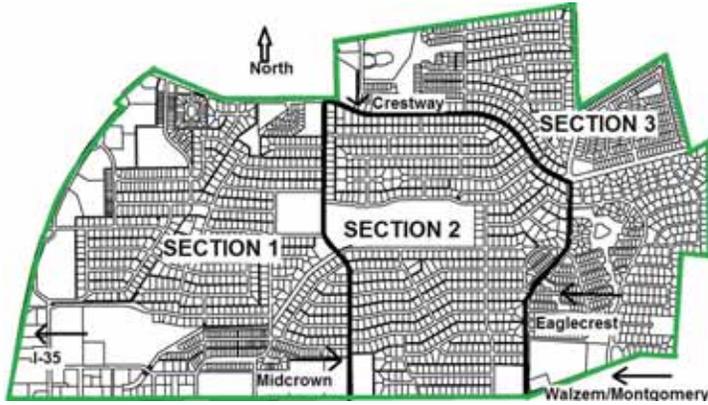
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## Windcrest Fall Brush Curbside Pick up

Starting Monday September 16th 2013 the Fall Brush Pick up will begin. The service will be available according to which section of the city your home falls into. A map of the sections will be available at City Hall, on the City Web Page and a mailer will be mailed out to make sure you understand which section your house is in.

**Section 1:** The curb service will begin Monday, Sept. 16th and run through Friday Sept. 20th. Everyone in section 1 must have their collection items out on the curb *no later than Sunday Sept. 15th* and no sooner than *Friday Sept. 13th*. Allied Waste Co. will go through each section once, **if you are late** putting your collection items out they will not return for additional service.

**Section 2:** Curb service will begin Sept. 23rd and run through Friday Sept. 27th. Everyone in *section 2 must have collectables out on curb by Sept 22nd* and no sooner than *Friday, Sept. 20th*. Allied Waste Co. will go through only once and will not return for late collectable items.

**Section 3:** Curb service will begin Sept. 30th and run through Friday Oct. 4th. Everyone in section 3 *must have collectables out on curb by Sunday Sept. 29th* and no sooner than *Friday Sept. 27th*. Allied Waste Co. will go through section only once and will not return for late collectable items.

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# Women's Club News

**Pamela Dodson**

## Windcrest Women's Club kicks off the year with "WINDCREST MATTERS!"

On **Wednesday, August 28th, at 10 a.m.** the Windcrest Women's Club will hold its first meeting of the season with a Coffee at the Windcrest Civic Center. Because "Windcrest Matters", we will host some of our top city leaders, like the Mayor and City Manager, along with local organizations to share with us what's happening in our city. Additionally, this is a great opportunity to hear from all those organizations you wanted to know more about. You've seen their clips in the Windcrest Newsletter and perhaps saw their members in our wonderful 4th of July Parade or around town. Come meet them in person and learn more about them and why they are so important to our community.

On **September 25, at 11:30 a.m.** we will have our annual **Fashion Show Luncheon**. This year it will be at the Pompeii Grill and fashions will be from the Salado Creek Boutique. Salado Creek, located at Los Patios, is a true "boutique" with fun chic ladies fashion wear, fine leather goods, jewelry and gifts perfect for San Antonio living. Cost is \$18.00 per



person and **reservations are required**. Just give Garlene Bach at 653-5858 a call to make your reservation.

Lea Fagin, 1st Vice President, has worked hard all summer developing programs and finding interesting speakers. This promises to be a great year with events like two field trips, visits by local artists, a trip to see an exhibit of old & new movie costumes worn by the likes of Johnny Depp and Sandra Bullock, along with several socials and our annual Founders' Tea. Then of course there is the city's biggest event, Windcrest Light-Up and Christmas Decorating Contest.

**It is not too late to join the Windcrest Women's Club.** Just contact Lu Nix at 653-2371 or register at the meeting on August 28th. All Windcrest ladies are invited to become part of the fun!



WINDCREST WOMEN'S CLUB INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

**Publisher Error:** In the July publication the photo of the Women's Club officers did not print in its entirety. Above is the complete photo. Our apologies as to any inconvenience this may have caused.



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# Windcrest Garden Club

**\*\*Windcrest Garden Club Yard Awards for July 2013\*\*  
Submitted by Diane Stake,  
WGC Yard Award Chair**

Houses ~

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  - Mr & Mrs Robert Dale - 701 Golfcrest
  - Roz & Ray Adams - 5915 North Gap
  - Gary & Trish King - 518 Tidecrest
  - John & Lisa Lumpkin & Erna Hullum - 1104 Magellan
  - Garden Homes ~
  - Eva Holsy - 5955 Windy Cove
  - Lorretta Kenna - 5714 Windy Hollow
- Congratulations! & Thank-you for keeping Windcrest beautiful!

The Windcrest Garden Club always welcomes new members & we usually meet on the 1st Monday of the month from September – May, at 10 am at the Windcrest Civic Center. (Time, day

**Helma Ann Martinez**  
210-599-8583

& location may vary for luncheons & field trips) Dues are \$10 per year & there's still time to join! Contact Membership Chair Pauline Fay 653-1414. Feel free to come by & be our guest sometime! Watch for this article every month announcing our programs.

Upcoming events:  
Executive Board Meeting ~ Monday, August 26, 10 am  
Hostess ~ Shirley Noll @ 410 Zephyr, 657-1814

Monday, September 9, 2013 ~ 11 am @ Windcrest Civic Center  
Our first meeting to kick-off the year will be a Pot-Luck Luncheon

Executive Board Meeting ~ Monday, September 30, 10 am  
Hostess ~ Marji Gentet @ 305 Cloudmont, 967-4736  
"So many seeds – so little time..."



## Commission

**Jan Leaders, Chairperson**  
[stevejanpipes@aol.com](mailto:stevejanpipes@aol.com) \* 386-8764

The landscaping projects are finally here. The landscaping at the entrance of Mid-crown and Walzem is under way as well as the larger landscaping project around the Civic Center. Both of these projects are pleasant eye-pleasing improvements to our city. The other major project that has begun is the Windy Hollow Pond at Takas Park. This project will take approximately 3 months to complete so please bear with us while this large undertaking is in progress. It will be a beautiful pond and park area when completed inviting all wildlife back into the area.



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## Roadway CIP Package #1 Construction Notice

Construction activities for Roadway CIP Package #1 are scheduled for the last week of July, 2013 until late August / early September, 2013. The specific construction schedule will be determined during the scheduled pre-construction meeting with the construction contractor on July 15, 2013. Detailed construction notices will be provided to impacted residents.

The design and construction Package #1 is the first of four groupings of similar Roadway CIP projects comprised of street improvements ranging from extensive crack repair and slurry seals all the way to mill and overlays. The mill and overlay projects include point base repair, localized leveling, and some curb replacement. As shown on the map below in red, portions or all of the following streets will be improved as part of Package #1:

- Windgarden Circle
- Zephyr Drive
- Winsong Drive
- Richfield Street
- Richfield Drive
- Weatherly Drive
- Bronzeglo Drive
- Hidden Hollow
- Brook Falls
- Meadow Grove

## WINDCREST AMERICAN LEGION POST 612 PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year at school graduation time, the Windcrest American Legion Post 612 presents a scholarship to two outstanding students graduating from Roosevelt High School. The American Legion is an organization dedicated to Service, Honor, Duty, God and Country. The scholarship is provided to help defray college expenses. The students are the kind of young man and woman that is believed worthy of such an honor and that these young people will develop into leaders with high ideals for America, God and Country. The students are selected by the school's administration/teachers. Their selection is based upon the individuals possessing and demonstrating traits or qualities of courage, honor, patriotism, leadership, scholarship and service. This year's recipients were Holly Renae Adams and Kelvin Charles Anzell-Taylor. Pictured presenting the scholarships were Post 612 Legionnaires Vice Commander Buddie Cooper and Commander Jack Leonhardt.



Scholarships for the graduating seniors are just one of several Legion programs provided by the Post. Other programs include annual Americanism Awards at area elementary/middle schools, Boys and Girls State, oratorical contests, July 4th Parade & Celebration and activities with the JROTC program at Roosevelt High School. Generally, except for June and July, monthly dinner meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Army Residence Community. Also mark your calendars now to join Post members on Monday, November 11, 2013 for our Veterans Day Dinner – more details will be in a future Windcrest Newsletter. If you would like more information about the Post, please contact Buddie Cooper at 656-3426 or Jack Leonhardt at 654-8088.

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# Windcrest Lions Club

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We've had a great summer so far!

- Our first annual Summer Sock Hop at the YMCA to benefit area youth was enjoyed by all.
- We marched in the Windcrest 4th of July Parade with Roosevelt High School LEO Club members.
- We helped serve lunch at Morgan's Wonderland to blind and sight-impaired children and their families from all over Texas.
- We supported the Texas Lions Camp providing week-long camp experiences for disabled children.
- Finally, we installed our new officers and started making plans for an exciting new LION year!

The Windcrest Lions Club meets on 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Community Center at Takas Park. Interested? Please call Lion Marlene at 210-393-7383 or contact any Lion. We would like to treat you to dinner and introduce you to our Lions Club!

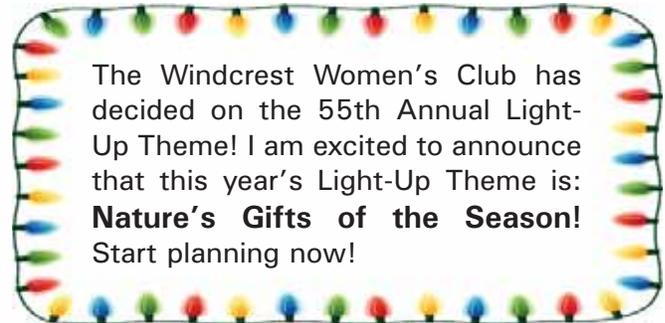
Windcrest Lions Clubs – We Serve.

## City Secretary News, Kelly Rodriguez

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### NOVEMBER 2013 ELECTION

On December 3, 2012 City Council passed Resolution No. 2012-413(R), a resolution of the City of Windcrest, Texas, making the changes to the City's General Elections pursuant to Senate Bill 100, Eighty-Second regular legislature and providing for severability. That change is that the General Election was moved to November 5, 2013. **PLEASE NOTE** that the first day for a candidate to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot is Saturday, **July 27, 2013**. The last day is Monday, **August 26, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.** Packets are ready at the City Secretary's office in the front Admin Office and must be turned in there as well. Office hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Notaries are available.



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## Windcrest Animal Control Task Force

By Beverly Cunningham



The next few articles will try to help us understand some of the critters we share space with now that we are taking more and more land for our own habitat. We start with the **Opossum!** This edited article, **Mother Nature's Janitor**, comes from the Farmer's Almanac 2013, pg 146 – 150 and is written by Karen Kirsch.

For centuries, myths and folklore have fueled undeserved prejudiced against the opossum, but facts about this mammal may surprise you. This transient seldom stays in one place for more than a few days. Its delicate paws are unsuitable for digging, so it uses dens and burrows that have been vacated by other animals, even taking over unoccupied dog-houses or sheds with open space underneath.

Opossums cause little to no harm. They won't dig up your garden or chew wood or wires. They are not aggressive; they do not attack humans or other animals (however like any wildlife, they may bite if handled.) In controlled environments, such as zoos and laboratories, an opossum can live up to 10 years. In the wild, the life span is one year, on average and it is often a life on the run. Predators abound, with humans at the top of the list.

This animal is essentially defenseless. A prehensile tail and rear feet with opposable halluces (thumbs) help the opossum to climb away from

danger, and its 50 razor-sharp teeth suggest ferocity. When frightened, an opossum will hiss, growl, urinate and /or defecate.

If it feels hopelessly cornered, its survival tactic is to lapse into a coma-like state that can last up to several hours. Although the animal may appear and smell dead, studies indicate that its brain is alert while in this state (hence the idiom for feigning death: to play possum). In a last ditch effort to discourage a predator, the opossum might secrete a substance that smells like a rotten carcass.

Senselessly killing or running off opossums will only create a vacancy that will quickly be filled by skunks, raccoons, or worse rats, to which, by the way, the opossum is not related. This omnivore catches and eats mice and rats. It devours insects, especially cockroaches; snails; slugs; and snakes. (A natural resistance to some snake venoms allows the opossum to consume rattlesnakes, copperheads, and other poisonous reptiles safely.)

Opossums also eat grasses, overripe fruit and berries, bird eggs and human garbage and pet food. However, their favorite meal is carrion, and this bold appetite helps to keep our environment clean.

Opossums present the least health risk of any wild animal. Rabies and other viral diseases are rare in opossums, possibly due to their low (94\* to 97\*) body temperature. Still, they are not candidates for pets.

If an opossum temporarily takes up residence in a garage or attic, turn on lights and a radio to hasten its departure. Secure potential entry points and clean up whatever attracted the animal in the first place. (Hint: feed outside pets during the day and secure garbage can lids.) To repel spray a mixture of strained cooked onions and peppers around your property's perimeter.

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## City Meetings in Windcrest City Hall Council Chambers

Planning & Zoning	August 1	6:00 p.m.	Parks & Recreation	August 14	6:00 p.m.
SCCM	August 5	6:00 p.m.	Water District Meeting	August 15	7:00 p.m.
Municipal Court	August 6, 13, 20	4:00 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting	August 19	5:15 p.m.
WEDC	August 8, 22	6:00 p.m.			

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