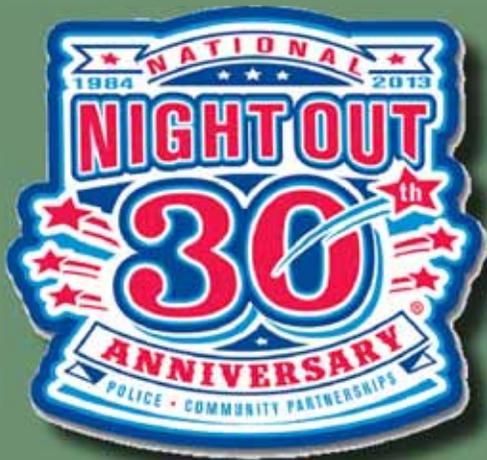




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Brush Pick Up will take place in three sections!
See page 10 for details!



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Mayor's Message



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Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,

In September, we have Labor Day Weekend, two Budget Hearings (one in the morning, Thursday, September 3rd at 9 AM and the second in the evening, Monday, September 9th at 6 PM = we scheduled a morning and evening to try to accommodate every citizen's schedule PLEASE COME - we welcome your input), Budget Adoption for the next Fiscal Year (FY 2013-2014) and Brush Pick-Up. This is just some of what will be going on in this very busy month. Also, we are all witnessing the growth of TEAM WINDCREST - both city pride and citizen participation are growing. We are definitely the envy of the area. 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.**

Launch Party: What a huge success! Over 500 residents attended. It was a great time. Those that attended were informed of what is being proposed for our great city. More events are being planned to continue to enlist the comments from the citizens, and to remain the most transparent city in Texas. Every developer that is investing millions of dollars in our community was present. The websites have received rave reviews. Thanks to all the presenters and those that spent countless hours planning and executing this event. Once again, the Newsletter Committee and Citizens Patrol went the extra mile. A special thank you goes out to Rackspace. They love being in Windcrest. They opened their doors to us, and if you watch the video on www.developwindcrest.org you will see Graham Weston, Founder and Chairman of Rackspace speaking about this very subject. We should all applaud ourselves for how this relationship has gone from strained to healthy in just two and a half years. Those that attended witnessed this team environment. There is more to come!

New Websites: Please go to www.gowindcrest.com and www.developwindcrest.org. Let us hear your thoughts. Also, there is our phone app that was created with the website www.windcrestwindfall.com. Remember that these new sites are not to take the place of our current/prior site, but are to market the city and the economic environment we have created. The original site is still being used and updated to provide the citizens all the city business information. It is very thorough. I will put our website up against any City's with regard to the amount of information available to the citizens. It is www.ci.windcrest.tx.us. If you have trouble finding something, do not assume it is not there, please call City Hall, and someone will walk you through until you find what you need.

Transparency: I was asked by several citizens to comment about this subject. It is my opinion, and it is shared by many including several Texas State Graduate students of Public Administration, that we are a model city with regard to transparency. All Council, Commission, and Board meetings are broadcast live on the web; both audio and video. They are also archived on the website so that anyone can go back and watch any meeting since the technology was implemented. Every City Council, Board, or Commission meeting begins with the opportunity for any Citizen to voice his or her opinion. Multiple meetings are held every month so that interested Citizens have ample opportunity to get involved. The City is devoted to fostering relationships within the community to put on events such as the Website Launch Party; an event devoted to informing citizens about current developments and future plans for the City, as well as providing an opportunity for both current and prospective business owners to discover why we are proud to call Windcrest home. The Website Launch Party presentation is available on the city's website if you were unable to attend. On the subject of prospective business owners, this administration has never signed a confidentiality agreement with a developer and never will, as we are devoted to a participatory government. In this pursuit, we have empowered and re-activated several Boards and Commissions. When this Administration took office, the Parks and Recreation Commission was dormant. We not only re-charged the Commission, but they have been responsible for spear-heading over \$300,000 in projects in the last year alone. An efficient and effective

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administration, guided through the participation of citizens, is what TEAM WINDCREST is all about. To assist citizens in guiding the administration and assuring accountability, we routinely post approved budgets, proposed budgets, projections, proposed developments, audits, and virtually all of our financials on the city website. Recently, we have contracted with Municode to codify City ordinances. This is a major investment by this administration of over \$11,000, and one that is long overdue. This will make City ordinances better organized and easier to find. To enhance transparency and accountability, when an item is discussed in multiple meetings, agendas now include a link to previous meeting where the subject was discussed. We are always striving to improve. My cell number is posted and I take calls at all hours of the day. If you have suggestions on how we can be better, please contact me. As I always say, our number one asset is our citizens. I encourage everyone to make comments so we can continue to set the standard. Our website for all of this is www.ci.windcrest.tx.us. I hope I have adequately explained this subject in a few short words. If you have further questions, please call me. This administration has the commitment to continue to be a model, and the most transparent city in Texas.

Community Pool: We had record revenue this year with the pool. This validates that this great amenity is a valuable asset and its use is growing. It also confirms to us that our new procedure for managing the pool paid off. Thanks to all the lifeguards, pool management and Public Works.

Richard Frenzel, General Manager, Water District (BCWCID#10): Within the last two years, a new 5 year agreement was reached and signed between the Water District and the City of Windcrest. It will keep the District conveniently located at City Hall, and their meetings will be held in the Council Chambers so that they can be recorded both audio and visually. Mr. Frenzel spear headed this from the Water District's side, and it will prove to be a very mutually beneficial agreement for the citizens. He is retiring on August 31st. He will be missed. Thank you goes out to Mr. Frenzel for all that he has done, and we wish him well in his retirement.

Rackspace Headquarters: Now that we have honored our commitment to build Racker Road and that it is 95% complete, Rackspace is planning to invest tens of millions of dollars on the exterior of their headquarters. In the fourth quarter this year, you will see them break ground on their park, landscaping the common areas, and upgrading the signage. Their headquarters located here in Windcrest will change dramatically for the better. The revitalization efforts for this whole area will see the benefits of this huge investment by Rackspace.

Streets: I am confident you have seen all the work being done. Sorry for any inconveniences. As has been relayed to everyone, this administration is systematically repairing the streets. And as promised, not with chip seal (I call it gravel). We are going first class. The large projects are being completed and some minor projects started with a completion date well in advance of December. We are not going to start any more big projects until after the Christmas Holidays

as we do not want to interrupt Light-Up. You will see quite a few major improvement projects start after the first of the year. A HUGE thank you goes out to the Street Committee. Check out our website www.ci.windcrest.tx.us for more details.

Brush Pick up: It is this month. It is a service that is provided. Please take advantage of it. It is offered twice a year. More details later in the Newsletter.

Takas Park Pond: This administration had promised to repair and invest in this amenity. By the time you receive this Newsletter, this project will be over one half complete. We are confident that all the citizens will appreciate the improvements. After this project is complete, following the "theme" of this area, we will undertake the improvements and renovations of the other park areas with regard to lighting, benches, sidewalks, etc. It is our goal that the entire city will be enhanced with a common look throughout.

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. By the time you receive this email, the outside renovations should be complete. There will still be more investments done for the interior. Stay tuned!

Budget and Taxes: The rough draft of the 2013-2014 Budget that this administration is formulating shows another *decrease in the property tax rate of 5%*, and it also shows that *your trash bill will be decreased by 25%!!* Some other highlights: the employees will have increased compensation, we are adding to the police department – officers, equipment and vehicles, and investing over \$1 million into the streets and \$150,000 in the parks all in cash, as well as, adding money into the rainy day fund. You will be interested to know that the city will be virtually debt free next year, and the plan is to reduce the residential property tax rate by 23% for FY 2014-2015. That will mean that we would have *decreased the tax rate by 30% in the last three years*. We plan on reducing the trash service bill another 10% for a total of 35% in 2014-2015 as well. As I mentioned in a previous article, *this administration is moving towards having zero city property taxes and free trash service* within the next several years- all of this without sacrificing quality of life, services or amenities. Stay tuned!

Please email me if you wish me to add something to my article. When you visit City Hall, please stop in and say hello.

Remember that I welcome and answer every phone call and email.

Your Mayor and humble servant,

Alan E. Baxter

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FROM YOUR Mayor Pro-Tem, Pam Dodson



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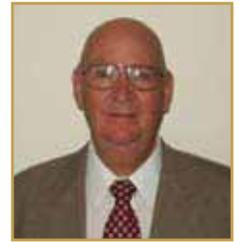
I am amazed at how quickly this year has gone by. I can't believe school has started, fall activities are beginning and we have almost completed work on the City's budget. We have had a number of meetings to plow through all the numbers to try to determine the best way to spend the tax payer dollar. Yes, and even to try to save some of those hard earned dollars for any unexpected expense. You still have time to express your concerns or ideas so please call a council person and let your voice be heard.

As usual we are still trying to enforce our codes on the appearance of our yards, streets, and alleys. Please help us to continue to beautify our community by doing the necessary trimming, clipping, and mowing even though we have not had much rain. If you were able to come to the Launch party in July, you saw that our homes have increased in value and are selling a lot faster. Part of that success is because you have gotten out there and improved the appearance of your home.

I hope by now you have come to the realization that the best government is one that is closely observed by the people so come on down to our meetings on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month...we really are better than anything you can watch on TV and it is YOUR community!

Councilmember Jim Shelton

alamojim@sbcglobal.net



As you can see, there is a lot of street repair and reconstruction going on as we continue to utilize your tax money to make city improvements. The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) committee met August 1st and approved the 90% submittal for Package 2 of the Roadway Project by IDS Engineering Group. This portion of work will include repair and reconstruction on portions of the following streets:

Balfour Dr	Cattail Creek
Bluegrass Dr	Pintail Point
Moorside Dr	Teal Way
Northgap Dr	Shady Brook
Hickory Hollow	

Work is scheduled to begin no later than (NLT) early January 2014. The reason some of the work is delayed? We do not want to hinder Light-up. Thus, we will begin most of this work after Christmas Light-Up.

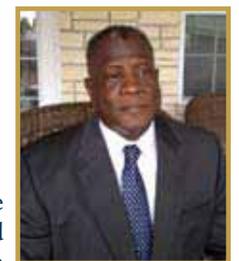
September will be a very busy month as we finalize the Tax Rate and the 2013-2014 City Budget. I'm very happy to report that Windcrest's finances are in very good shape. I salute our City Staff for their dedication and professionalism. TEAM WINDCREST, you make it happen.

REMINDER***September 11th is the Patriots Day Flag Raising at 8:00 AM at the Windcrest City Hall, hosted by your local American Legion Post 612. Hope to see you there!

The Pen is mighty Thankful to the Sword!

Councilmember James McFall

jmcfall@windcrest-tx.gov



In the short time that I have served on the Windcrest City Council, I have seen first-hand a city administration who works tirelessly to improve the quality of life for all its citizens.

As your public servant, I now have the privilege of working with a group of individuals who share my unwavering commitment to progress, fiscal responsibility, and transparency.

I look forward to working with you, the citizens of Windcrest. I encourage you to become involved, attend council meetings, and have your questions answered.

By working together, we can ensure that Windcrest once again becomes one of the greatest cities in the State of Texas to live, work, and raise a family.

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THE FUTURE OF WINDCREST

I have been a resident of Windcrest since 1990. I have seen the decay of Windcrest and the irresponsibility of the previous administrations. The previous administration, in my opinion, did not have the concern and future of our residents at heart. Our city's reputation was tainted and not many people wanted to come and live in our city.

Thank God that these times are in our past. Thanks to the tireless efforts of our Mayor Alan Baxter. He helped turn our city around. He grew up here; he loves our city and spends just about all his time seeing what can be done to make our lives better. He has reduced our taxes, is going to lower our garbage pickup rates. He is bringing in new businesses. We are going high tech. Our streets and parks are being upgraded. What more could anyone want?

I don't want to go back to the way it was because nothing was done to move our city forward, and we, the residents, were not their number one priority.

Remember we, that's right, all of us, are still repaying the money to Rackspace that was stolen by our last city manager. This 3 million dollars would be in our budget today and allow us to have even more wonderful things to take place in Windcrest.

Our city always needs to keep moving forward, we cannot go back or become stagnant. We want people to come and move to our city so that we do not end up as a dead end retirement city. We want people to say how beautiful the parks are and how clean everyone keeps their property. We want to be proud and to say, "I live in Windcrest".

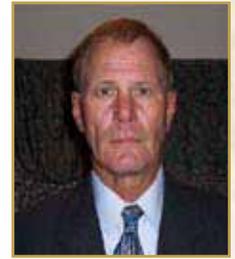
Yes, we have to spend money to make money. Why, because it takes money to run a city and since we are lucky that our taxes are not going up, that money needs to come from the businesses that operate in our city. I have received many emails from our residents telling me how pleased they are with our beautification that is visible throughout our city.



Councilmember

John Gretz

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My fellow friends and neighbors, If you didn't have a chance to attend the Windcrest Launch Party at Rackspace on July 25th, where Mayor Alan Baxter gave a superb Windcrest "state of the union address," you truly missed a great show. Windcrest is strong and getting stronger each and every day...period! In today's tough economic times, our great little city is looking at continuing to reduce our property taxes (we've lowered them already), lowering our trash service costs, and improving every facet of our city's infrastructure (which has indeed been neglected under past city leadership). We have plans for our streets, our parks, and numerous other projects that Windcrest is able to pay for in cash! If you can find another city in central Texas doing the same in today's economic environment, let me know.

Gosh, thank God for Rackspace, as they provide the impetus for our good fortune. Rackspace is the engine that is driving economic development in Windcrest...period. Although the relationship between our city and Rackspace was stressed in the past based on the embezzlement of almost \$3M dollars of Rackspace money that they gave us to build them a road, that issue has been resolved. Past city leadership dropped the ball and some of those involved in that fiasco still take it personally...that's OK. The road is done and our relationship with Rackspace is very strong...based on the business acumen of Mayor Alan Baxter...period!

On July 26th, the day after the Mayor's presentation at Rackspace attended by over 500 people, I received a flyer in the mail from Windcrest Wins PAC regarding our upcoming city election in November. Time for change...here are just a few of the reasons why! The PAC flyer listed six. As my old buddy, Paul Harvey, used to tell me every day..."Now you know the rest of the story." This PAC flyer only had a PO Box outside of Windcrest with zero point of contact information. If you want to hear "the rest of the story" regarding this flyer, please feel free to call me at home (646-7956) or email me at jgretz@satx.rr.com. I am well versed on any issue and will be happy to chat. Bottom line is I lived in Windcrest since 1995 and care about our city greatly!

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During the month of July the Mayor and Council passed some Ordinances and Resolutions that you may be interested in.

RESOLUTIONS

SCCM 07.01.13

2013-443(R), a resolution awarding a contract to AJ commercial services (ASC) for the Windcrest Roadway CIP Package #1.

2013-444(R), a resolution authorizing the purchase of trolley operators and corresponding equipment from the miner corporation for a price of \$20,412.00 and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract for such purchase. This is in reference to the seven doors in the Fire Bay.

RCCM 07.15.13

2013-445(R), a resolution authorizing the purchase of cyclone light fixtures and corresponding equipment from the Reynolds Company Electrical Supply for a price of \$12,615.00 and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract for such purchase.

ORDINANCES

RCCM 07.15.13

2013-693(O), an ordinance amending Chapter 20, Traffic and Parking, of the Code of Ordinances by modifying the minimum application date for street closures, duration of street closures and updating the barricades standards authority for street closures.

SCCM 07.29.13

2013-696(O), an ordinance clarifying Ordinance No. 2011-656(O) which authorized stipends for members of the City Council as provided in Section 3.07 of the City Charter.

SCCM 07.30.13

2013-697(O), an ordinance calling an election to be held in the City of Windcrest, Texas to submit a proposition on the question of the reauthorization of a sales and use tax under the provisions of the Texas Tax Code to continue providing revenue to maintain and repair municipal streets; making provision for the conduct of the election; resolving other matters incident and related to such election; and providing an effective date.

2013-698(O), an ordinance to order a general election on November 5, 2013 for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two Council Members to City Council places Four and Five for the City of Windcrest; making provisions for the conduct of such election and resolving other matters related to the conduct of such election.

Budget Public Hearings

On 07.30.13 the City Council set dates for Public Hearings regarding the FY 2013/2014 Budget. It was voted that there would be two meetings so that all those interested in having input could attend and be heard. The first Public Hearing is set for September 3, 2013 at 9 AM. The second Public Hearing is set for September 9, 2013 at 6 PM.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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

National Night Out in Windcrest!

Thankfully, the hot summer is almost behind us and autumn is on the way. That means National Night Out 2013 is too! On Tuesday, October 1, 2013, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, the Windcrest Police Department will be hosting a Free National Night Out event at a NEW LOCATION-Takas Park. Join us at the Park for free food and drinks, along with demonstrations by our K-9 Unit, display of police vehicles, equipment and your

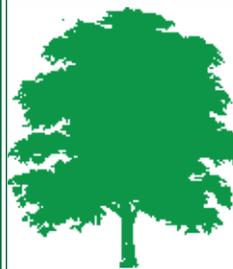
Windcrest Police officers to answer questions regarding crime prevention or other neighborhood issues you. Several groups, including the Windcrest Police Department Citizens' Patrol, the Windcrest Animal Control Task Force and Windcrest CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), will be available to answer questions about their organization, membership and how you can help make a difference in Windcrest.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime awareness; generate support and participation in various Windcrest Police Department crime prevention programs; strengthen police and community partnerships and send a message to criminals letting them know that they are not welcome in the City of Windcrest.

If your block or cul-de-sac is planning a National Night Out neighborhood party, cook-out or get together, please contact my NNO 2013 Windcrest Police Department coordinator, Sgt. Williams at 655-0022, extension 2240 to register. A Windcrest police officer will be scheduled to come by and spend some time with your group. A great time to meet your neighbors, talk about crime prevention issues and make a difference in this wonderful community. Please join me at Takas Park on October 1st to strengthen our fight against crime and to show the rest of Texas that the City of Windcrest is the place to live!



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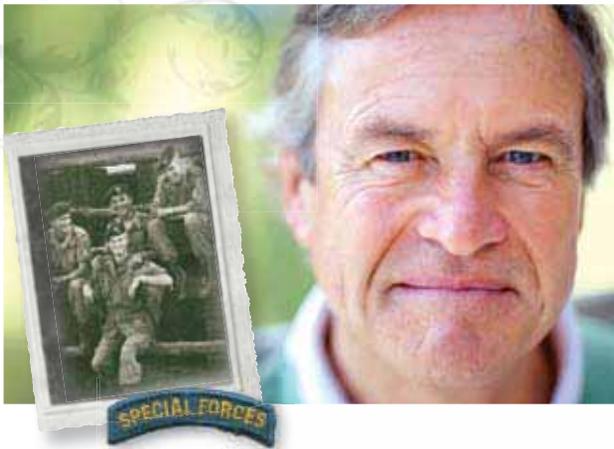
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I would like to thank everyone for their continued efforts in keeping the city beautiful. However, beautification cannot stop with the front of the property, it must continue onto the back of your property as well. Trim and cut trees, bushes and grass as needed. Football season is here! Start by cleaning up and preparing your place for family gatherings, after all, this is one of the reasons most people wanted a house. Clean up old junk you meant to relocate, the so called "project car" that never came to life. Storing any type of unused material in the backyard or inside garages creates a haven for critters which damage property or bite. "Sorry, I meant to clean that up", is not a phrase you want to be accustomed to saying to injured family, friends or neighbors because of poor property maintenance.

If you are planning on doing any property maintenance, take time to hydrate, wear protective clothing and take breaks under the shade. Look for mosquitos as well. Promote great mental health for yourself and the community by maintaining your hard earned investment. If your tree branches are hanging low over the street, trim them up to 13 feet 6 inches.

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 code enforcement site located on my page.



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FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Dan Reese



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Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013

Time: 9 am to 3 pm

Location: City Hall Parking Lot, City of Windcrest

POC: Amanda Oscar

Fire Department Administrative Assistant
210-599-6007 or aoscar@windcrest-tx.gov



In the festive spirit of Halloween, feel free to come in costume for a photo opportunity with your very own City of Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department's "Sparky" and fire engines!

Fire Prevention Week is almost upon us!
Join us in educating the Windcrest Community during
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Our office is always open to the public for questions, concerns, or if you would like to invite us to your school, church, or other community program for more education in regards to Fire Prevention and Fire Safety!

Feel free to contact the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department at (210) 599-6007 or email Amanda Oscar, Fire Department Administrative Assistant at aoscar@windcrest-tx.gov for more information!



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Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins is now open! Please go out and show your support for our newest business to open in Windcrest.

I want to put out a special Thank You to Rackspace & Frost Bank as our main sponsors for the Launch Party that we had on July 25th. Thanks to the great residents of Windcrest, it was a glorious success – over 500 people attended and every developer who is investing in Windcrest was there to answer questions and show their proposed plans. Each one is investing tens of millions of dollars in the city. If you were there, you saw why we outgrew our beautiful civic center. We nearly outgrew the area at Rackspace! We are working to set up regular tours at Rackspace for Windcrest residents and we will be announcing that schedule soon.

We are 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. We have over 40 businesses participating just here in beautiful Windcrest. We hope to have some great announcements soon. With Team Windcrest our city is only getting better!

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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Director of Marketing, PR & Events, Katie Brought

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I cannot believe the summer is over and it is fall! As most of you know, fall is my favorite time of the year. The weather cools off, football starts back up and the holidays are right around the corner!

We had a great summer full of events! The July 4th was a success with a bigger turnout than we had in 2012! We also had our Launch Party at Rackspace and were pleasantly surprised by the amount of people that showed up! To see so many Windcrest residents interested in the community makes me happy! Make sure to check out GoWindcrest.com, DevelopWindcrest.org and WindcrestWindfall.com!

As always, we have great events coming up!

Make sure to mark your calendars for National Night Out! It will take place on October 1, from 6-9PM. **This year it will be at Takas Park**, so make sure to grab your neighbors and come out for a good time!



On Saturday, October 26, from 10am-noon, we will be having a Costume Fun Run. Ask anyone who came out last year, this event is a lot of fun! There is a run around the Golf Course (1 mile) with prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place as well as best costume prizes! This year the Windcrest Animal Control Task Force is teaming up with the City of Windcrest for this event and will be helping with judging pet costumes! So make sure to start planning your families (including your doggies!) costumes now! Here I am with my dog Connie from last year's Costume Fun Run!



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From the Desk of Tom Garcia Director of Public Works

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With a very dry August, it has taken an extra effort to keep things green in Windcrest. I want to extend a special thank you to our landscaping crew for going the extra mile and keeping things looking fantastic around our community. We use condensation water from Rackspace to water our plants. Vitamins for the plants are put into the condensation water to give it the nutrients the plants need.

Summer was a busy time at the Windcrest pool. Our Life Guard crew did an outstanding job keeping the pool clean and keeping swimmers safe. Concentrating on safety as well as customer service made everyone's visit to the pool BETTER.

Summer is over and we are looking forward to the new season. The PW department can just see the Christmas lights in the horizon with hopes of some cooler weather.

Thanks to all the fine residents that keep us informed about the needs in our community. Many Thanks!!!!

Municipal Court Report

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

Court Staff

The Windcrest Municipal Court staff works hard in the court to make sure the court is run smoothly and efficiently. Kelly Rodriguez, Asst. Court Administrator ensures that reports are submitted in a timely manner to the Office of Court Administration and Texas Department of Public Safety and oversees the Court office. The clerks, Claudia Carrera and Marlene Guel make sure that all court paperwork and warrants are processed, even coming in after hours with Judge Takas, Troy Fackelman and Gilbert Duquette, Warrant Officers ensuring the warrant program is as successful as it has been. At the same time the clerks provide customer service with regards to the needs of residents and permits department. The City would like to recognize their efforts.

Tips for the Road

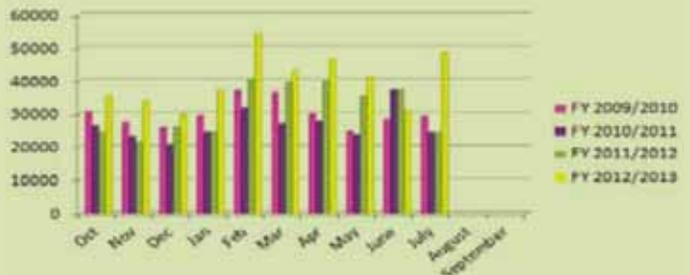
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TOTAL CITY REVENUE

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 krodriguez@windcrest-tx.gov.

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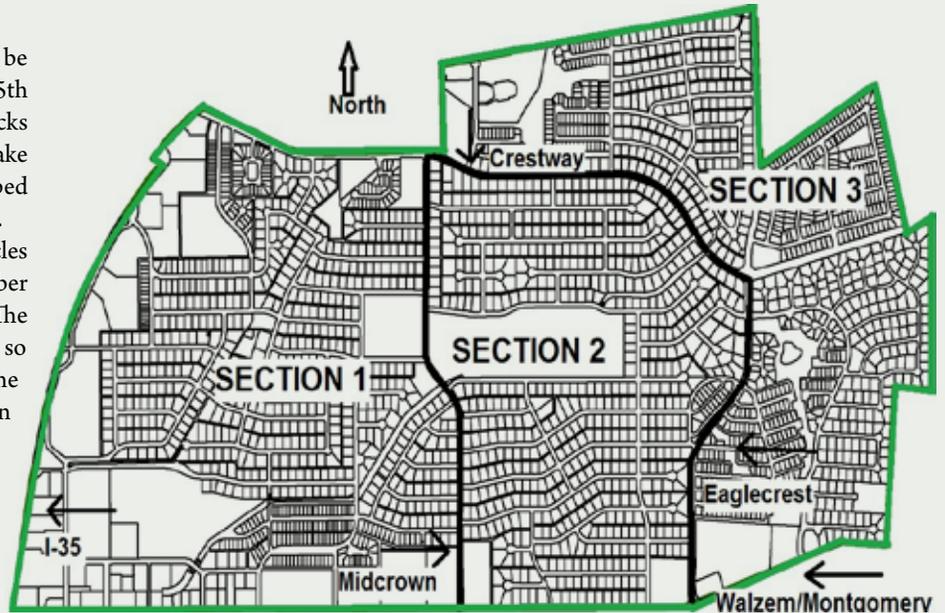
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Curb Side Brush Pickup

The Curb Side Brush Pickup will begin Sept. 16th. The city will be sectioned off into 3 sections, (just like the last time we did Curb Pick up.) We will have Section 1, Section 2 and Section 3. The map will be available on the City web site and will also be mailed to you.

Allied Waste will service each section ONCE. This process normally takes a week. Here is how it goes;

- A. Residents in **Section 1** should have articles to be picked up in place no later than September 15th and no sooner than September 13th. The trucks will come by your house **ONLY** once, so make sure you have your items in place by the prescribed date otherwise you will miss out on the service.
- B. Residents in **Section 2** should have their articles to be picked up in place no later than September 22nd and no sooner than September 20th. The trucks will come by your house **ONLY** once, so make sure you have your items in place by the prescribed date otherwise you will miss out on the service.
- C. Residents in **Section 3** should have articles in place by September 29th and no sooner than September 27th. The service conditions will be remaining the same for Section 3 as they do for Section 1 and Section 2.



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Women's Club News

Pamela Dodson

Ladies, don't forget we kick off the Windcrest Women's Club calendar this month: **Wednesday, August 28th, at 10 a.m. 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. Come meet them in person and learn more about them and why they are so important to our community. Our meeting's hostess will be Rosalinda Messer, Diane Stake, Garlene Bach, and Margie Thompson

We've scored a big one for our annual **fashion show** this year. On **September 25, at 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.**, not only will **Salado Creek Boutique** provide the fun chic ladies fashions, but we will dine at **Los Patios Restaurant** right next to the boutique. We will be provided dessert and a chance to see all their 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 Vi Biancardi (656-5117) or Garlene Bach (653-5858) a call to make your reservation.



October will be lots of fun too. It will be a little cooler so we'll take our "field trip" to **Nimitz Museum & Fredericksburg, Texas on 23 October (8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.)**. While there we'll enjoy the Nimitz Museum and have fun going through the great shops & boutiques along with the great places to eat in Fredericksburg. Stay tuned for the cost which will include transportation. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

It is not too late to join the Windcrest Women's Club and annual dues are only \$20.00. Just contact Lu Nix at 653-2371 or register at any meeting. All Windcrest ladies are invited to become part of the fun! Lea Fagin, 1st Vice President, has worked hard all summer developing programs and finding interesting speakers. This promises to be a great year. **Don't forget our great special interest groups too!** There is something for everyone.



Windcrest Lions Club



Windcresttx.lionwap.org

We're getting ready for an action packed Fall. We're ordering dictionaries for our annual distribution to local 3rd grade students when school starts. We're planning for our next free vision test day with the Lions Mobile Eye Screening truck. We're in early planning for our delicious Chili Dinner on November 2, the first Saturday of November (mark your calendar and invite your family and friends) and we're thinking about our Christmas Greenery Sale.

We were happy to welcome two new members in August. Watch for information about our upcoming Open House! But you don't have to wait for the open house, stop by a meeting or call Lion Bob at 210-455-3662 about membership.

The Windcrest Lions Club meets on 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Community Center at Takas Park.

Windcrest Lions Clubs – We Serve.

Did you know that there are VA Benefits that can help offset the cost of living in a retirement community or assisted living?



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Windcrest Garden Club

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

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Chris & Pam Negem - 5633 Parkcrest
DeShundra King - 1106 Magellan

Judging is over for the summer & we want to thank you! ~ Not just the monthly winners, but also ALL the Windcrest residents who work to make their yards a lovely sight for us all!

The Windcrest Garden Club would like to extend an open invitation to attend our 1st meeting ~ Monday, September 9th, 11 am, at the Windcrest Civic Center. It'll be a potluck luncheon! Bring your favorite dish to share & bring a friend. We'll have our annual "school supplies drive" benefiting the children of Windcrest Elementary. School counselors will attend, so bring your donations to the meeting.

Membership is open to all, not just Windcrest residents. Visitors &/or new members are all ways welcome, dues are only \$10 a year.

Upcoming events:

Executive Board Meeting ~ Monday, September 30, 10 am

Hostess ~ Marji Gentet @ 305 Cloudmont, 967-4736

Monday, October 7th ~ field trip to Gruene, TX to visit the Potter & walk through the Nursery. Board the bus 9 am @ the Civic Center. We'll lunch at the Gristmill or other area eatery & maybe do some shopping?

Executive Board Meeting ~ Monday, October 28, 10 am

Hostess ~ Sondra Bump @ 6119 Shady Creek, 657-9909

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~Author Unknown

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STAGE III WATERING RESTRICTIONS ARE IN EFFECT AS THIS IS WRITTEN.

We are asked several times a day what the watering restrictions are. We understand the confusion, so maybe a short explanation will help. By legislative mandate, the Edwards Aquifer Authority is required to implement the various Critical Period stages in accordance with parameters set out in that legislation. Those parameters include the water level in two wells (J-17 here in San Antonio and J-27 in Uvalde) and spring flows at Comal and San Marcos springs; spring flows taking precedence over well levels. Each of the critical period levels has a mandatory pumping reduction associated with it, i.e., Stage I, 20%; Stage II, 30%; Stage III, 35%; Stage

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IV, 40%. That is where the “simplicity” ends. How those reductions are achieved is the responsibility of the water provider; the Authority doesn’t get involved unless the purveyor fails to meet the mandatory reduction level. That leads to the confusion because each purveyor can (and should) decide on how to achieve those reductions based on their own circumstances. Factors we consider are the size of our pumping permit, what are normal pumping patterns, what are weather predictions, how late in the year we are, what conditions have been like up to this point and a multiplicity of other factors. That is why our rules are different than San Antonio Water System rules which are different than Alamo Heights, New Braunfels or San Marcos.

I am retiring on August 31, so this will probably be the last Newsletter article I will write. It has been an honor to serve this District. Although we have weathered some tough times these last sixteen years, we have made a lot of progress. We provide timely customer service, we have adequate water rights (we really do!), our rates are still the lowest in the region, and our financials are solid. I have confidence Adam Telfer, my replacement will carry on the tradition of improving on the quality service we provide to our customers. Stop by and introduce yourself to Adam when you have time.

Windcrest Animal Control Task Force



OH, NO, MY DOG IS MISSING!!! Now what do I do? Here are the steps that you can follow here in Windcrest.

1. Call Police Dispatch at 655-2666 and let them know your dog is loose. Give a good description of your dog and if possible, provide a photo. This way dispatch can let the animal control officer know exactly what kind of dog he is looking for. The Windcrest police officers will also keep an eye open for your dog.
2. If you want your neighbors to know about your missing dog, you can go to City Hall and get a free permit allowing you to place 6 stand alone signs for two weeks letting everyone know you are looking for your lost dog. You can get another two week extension if needed.
3. You can even put your dog’s photo up at the entrance to the City Hall Post Office in the enclosed bulletin boards. The TxWeACT will be glad to post those photos on their Facebook page and our new website.
4. A dog can travel as far as seven miles while loose so call all the local cities around the area to see if they have picked up your dog or at least seen it.
5. Look for your dog on websites such as, Petfinder, Adopt-a-Pet, LostdogsSanAntonio, Animal Defense League, San Antonio Animal Care Services, and the Humane Society websites or even Craig’s List.

The Windcrest Animal Task Force/TxWeACT is putting together a pamphlet that will have more information about what to do if your dog is lost. You will find it in the pamphlet rack on the opposite wall by the Post Office in City Hall.

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We are hoping this will strike a manageable cord with your creative thoughts. Also, remember that we are known as the City of Lights. If you don't feel up to the challenge of entering the contest, you will at least put some lights around? Do you know that the Astronauts actually saw the lights of Windcrest while in space? So please help to keep this tradition going by lighting up!

Entry forms will be available in the upcoming newsletters. The entries are due in to City Hall on **Friday, December 6, 2013** and the judging will be **Tuesday, December 10, 2013**.

Hope to see more lights than ever before. The Astronauts are watching...



Windcrest Women's Club Light Up Chairman,
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 **City Offices Closed on September 2nd for Labor Day!**

City Meetings in Windcrest City Hall Council Chambers



Public Hearing on Budget	September 3	9:00 a.m.	Parks & Recreation	September 11	6:00 p.m.
Planning & Zoning	September 5	6:00 p.m.	WEDC	September 12	6:00 p.m.
Public Hearing on Budget	September 9	6:00 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting	September 23	5:15 p.m.
Special City Council Meeting	September 9	6:00 p.m.	WEDC	September 26	6:00 p.m.

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