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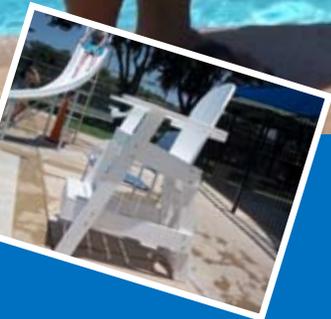
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# Mayor's Message



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## Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,

It is August and the summer is almost over. Did it go as fast for you as it did for me? Wow, the July 4th Parade was a huge success. It was the largest we have ever had in Windcrest. School starts soon, so if you haven't taken advantage of the Community Pool please do so. It's a great bargain and a chance to have fun and meet new friends. Your Council and staff have been busy formulating the new budget which begins in October and runs through September 2013. Please watch for the open meeting notices we will have as we work through this process. These meetings will be your opportunity to make valuable input regarding your priorities. I will send out a synopsis of goals and plans in the October issue of the Newsletter. 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.**

**4th of July Parade and Celebration:** Most of the input we have received indicate that it was the best ever. Thanks so much to the American Legion for agreeing to change the start time of the parade. We thought having a later start time would give more people the opportunity to participate. We guessed right and the turnout was huge both in spectators and participants. Thanks also to Katy Brought and her husband for going the extra mile. Our citizen volunteers were fantastic. The Windcrest Citizen Patrol was a great help keeping the parade line-up organized. Thanks to the Windcrest Golf Course for all that they did for the event! A special note - many of the employees volunteered and went the extra mile from all the different departments. This shows morale and team work are high at City Hall. Special thanks to HEB for sponsoring the hot dogs, ice cream and apple pies. Thank you to Randolph-Brooks Credit Union for sponsoring the water, and Col. Irv Gerrow and Sara Lee for sponsoring the hot dog buns. When you visit these businesses or see these folks, please take the time to tell them THANKS!! We have a goal to conduct at least one free community event a month. This one was a huge success with great team effort. If you missed it, please come out next year. If you attended, I know you had fun.

**Finance:** As you might recall, we received a little over \$200,000 from CPS this year from their CIEP Fund, in addition to another approximately \$300,000 we receive from them for our franchise agreement. We are currently negotiating a new, long term franchise agreement which would pay the city **3 percent** of the proceeds to the city per year. This accounts for approximately \$300,000 that CPS pays the city for the right to be our energy supplier. In this said agreement, we have included a "most favored nations" clause, which basically means that no city can get a better deal than us. If they do, we can opt to enhance our agreement. All city departments are still operating under budget going into the final two months of this fiscal year. Our revenue is still tracking above our budget and our expenses under what we budgeted. Additionally, our sales tax revenue continues to increase. A big thank you goes out to all the department heads, and especially our City Manager and Finance Director, for closely monitoring our bottom line.

**Speeding Issues:** This issue is at the forefront of this administration. We have more police officers than we have ever had in our history. The citizen task force study is completed. Once we receive the Raba-Kistner traffic study, we will be analyzing the data and will propose options to look to decreasing speeding through our city. I am confident that you have seen a decrease in the speeding, and increased awareness already under the leadership of Chief Al Ballew and Assistant Chief Joe O'Brien.

**Code Compliance Ordinances:** Alleys and street tree limbs are the focus for the next two months. You will soon receive a flyer with a reminder that emergency vehicles are hitting low lying tree limbs, as well as some of the delivery trucks. Additionally, Allied Waste continues experiencing issues with trees and bushes growing into the alley areas. For some alleys, it is to the point where alley trash pick-up could be interrupted until the problems are abated. Please check your trees and large bushes in the front of your house and in your alley area to make sure they are in compliance. The Allied Waste and emergency personnel vehicles need to be able to drive down the streets and alleys safely.

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**Economic Development:** Ross Dress For Less opened and they contributed \$1000 to the San Antonio Boys and Girls Club and \$500 to the Windcrest Little League. They are following the lead taken by Rackspace to not only have their business in Windcrest, but to be great corporate citizens and give back. THANKS. The Big Easy restaurant opened next to Discount Tire. Additionally, we have joined the North Chamber. The next several months will be very busy negotiating with several businesses, and completing formation of the North Chamber Windcrest Business Council. We hope to have two new websites and a phone app that will be free for Windcrest businesses to participate for android and I-phone platforms. We need to work to retain the businesses that call Windcrest home, as well as bring in new ones.

**Administration and Courts:** You may get tired of hearing it, but I am not tired of saying it – another record month for the court. We completed our fourth Warrant Round-up and it was a huge success. I can assure you that everyone is going the extra mile to make sure our laws are enforced and respected. We are already planning Warrant Round-up #5. Thanks to our long time judge, Judge Takas, Kelly Rodriguez, Warrant Officer Fackleman, Dawn, Claudia, Jennifer, and Lisa. Also thanks to the Windcrest Police Department.

**City Hall Campus, Parks, Pool and Common Areas:** Can you believe that not too long ago, prior administrations wanted to spend millions of dollars and build a New City Hall?!? We rejected that idea in favor of investing those tax dollars where they are needed more – parks, common areas, entrances, remodeling/renovating existing infrastructure, streets and towards the goal of lowering taxes and one day having zero property taxes in Windcrest! Our City Hall is in the center of our residential area, and a place where we can congregate as a community for many events. It is a real jewel. We are making improvements, and it is our desire to create a campus and town square look and feel to this part of the city. Please come by and check out the new landscaping that is under way. Also note that City Hall had all new air conditioners installed – over \$40,000 worth and a total cost of only approximately \$3000 from the city. Thanks to a \$40,000 grant which Kelly Rodriguez and Rafael Castillo acquired for the city. Thanks also to Raba Kistner Engineers who were the project manager for this project. It was virtually seamless with minor inconveniences to the staff and they did it all in one day. The Parks and Rec Commission is getting closer to presenting the Council with the master plan for the parks. Member Scott Gorton and city employee Michael McAlear are taking the lead and are working tirelessly on this effort. Once this plan is presented and approved by Council, you will see major improvements and a substantial financial investment made towards bringing these long neglected areas back to the pristine condition they were in when I grew up in the city. All three ponds areas will be updated. Within the year, you will see huge improvements. Currently, the landscaping and renovations of all the monuments (entrances) is out for bid and design. The Parks and Rec Commission plans to start this project by mid-September, along with Phase Two of the Takas Park Civic Center renovation and remodel. Yes, you will see even more upgrades to the Civic Center. The Playground area at Takas Park will soon have sun protecting shades installed so the children can play with protection from the sun.

The medians/islands are next on their list. I know I ask for your comments many times in my articles, but it is important to make sure the citizens are getting what they want and are paying for. **Please let me hear from you.** I need to know what you think. We are not close to being finished, but I am confident you will see some changes for the better, and by emailing and calling, you will have a needed voice in these continued improvements.

**Windcrest Elementary:** You might recall that I reported that approximately \$15 million will be spent renovating Windcrest Elementary. Well, the preliminary plans are in, and you will be impressed and proud. It will help transform our whole community. It will definitely enhance our marketability to young families. Long time Windcrest resident and current Principal Mrs. Jeanie Weidenbach has rolled up her sleeves and is working diligently to make sure our needs and the children's needs are met. She has included me in the process. We will make sure that the elementary school gets everything that was promised and that every dollar is spent wisely. Look for this project to go out for bid sometime before the end of the year. There will be much more to come in future Newsletters.

**BCWCID #10 (Water Board):** As promised, this administration would not enter into any agreement(s) that are not fair and thorough. I will only execute professional and comprehensive agreements. We now have two, new 5 year agreements with BCWCID #10. One is an interlocal agreement and the other is a lease agreement. You will be pleased to note that both are signed, and the Water District will remain at City Hall. We look forward to working with the Water Board to make sure our water rates remain low, service remains at its high standard, improvements made to infrastructure, and roads and alleys are repaired to the city engineer's standards. Thanks to the lawyers, the Water Board and staff for working diligently to get this accomplished.

**Light-Up:** Can you believe we are just months away from the biggest event of the year! Please, start your planning now. Judging will be December 12 and Light-up starts December 15th. A lot more is being planned for this year. We will have the biggest Light-up in our history! **After all, we are the City of Lights.** Call or email Katy Brought (210-655-0022) or (kbrought@windcrest-tx.gov) to get more details. Let's all get involved!

**Volunteering and Participating:** Remember? When you elected us, we promised to have an open, participatory and transparent government. In order to better serve you and aid in being more transparent, a new audio system has been installed in the Council Chambers. This will make it easier to follow the meeting(s) when watching them live, on line or in the archives. We will soon be updating and improving the video. This will enable the public to clearly see all that is going on, and hopefully, make watching it at home almost the same as being there. 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.

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

Your Mayor and humble servant,

*Alan E. Baxter*



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## Councilmember

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Usually now is a time to slow down and enjoy the lazy, hazy days of summer. But your Council is still very active working for you.

I was pleased to serve on two Council Sub-Committees – the Insurance Broker Selection Committee and the Engineer Qualification Committee. We published requests for qualifications in the Herald and were pleased to have a variety to choose from. We want the best that the City can afford.

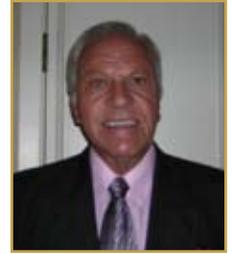
Last month the Council appointed members to the Planning and Zoning Committee. We thank all past and present members for their efforts on behalf of the Citizens.

I am pleased to report that the City's proceeds from the up-coming WINDING THRU WINDCREST Costume 5K/10 K Run will again be donated to defray the costs of Animal Control. We do not have a City Animal Shelter and have recently signed an agreement with the Alamo Heights Kennel Club for boarding, care, release and other disposition of animals. I salute the Animal Control Task Force for doing an exhaustive search for a quality, reasonably-priced organization to help us with the needs of our Animal Control Program.

## Councilmember

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### BACK TO SCHOOL

I believe this is the month that summer vacation for the school children is over and the children will have to go back to school. One reason I am bringing this up is so that everyone will be more diligent when driving around on a daily basis. Even though in our city we don't have this problem since on most of our streets the speed limit is 20 MPH already.

A short note on our 4th of July Parade and activities; for me and my family this was one of the nicest 4th of July parades that we have experienced in over 22 years of living in Windcrest. Everyone did a fantastic JOB. The flag raising, the traffic control, the hard work of our cook's with our Finance Officer Sarah Mangham cooking up hot dogs, our dual hatted D.J. Tom Garcia, the Mayor and of course, our own Katy Brought. I believe we were all overwhelmed with the large crowd of wonderful people that attended this parade in the heat.

Let us not forget the wonderful representation of so many great cars that their owners brought to this parade. From model "A"s and "T"s to two Edsel automobiles, one a 4 door model and the other one a Convertible. When was the last time, if ever, that you had seen one of these cars? We also had the Black Knight Rider vehicle there for some TV nostalgia. It was just a wonderful day that should make everyone in Windcrest proud. It brought our community together, let's keep it that way.



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Summer is certainly in full swing, hot weather, dry weather and all that goes with South Texas at this time of year, however it is time to begin thinking of back-to-school.

Our Windcrest Police Department is working with the Walzem Community Festival which will be held on August 11, 2012. They are collecting NEW LOW CUT SOCKS for K-5<sup>th</sup> graders. There are two drop boxes at city hall for your convince. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Remember last September when we passed Ordinance 2011-651 (O). The ordinance lowered the permit fees for residential remodeling to \$5. Included for reduced fees are both interior and exterior--for foundations, sidewalks, fences, re-roofing, and appurtenant buildings. This was passed for this budget year which ends 30 September. What a great savings and a great time to take care of those needed repairs and remodeling.

If you haven't visited two of our new businesses at the Windcrest Park Centre, I invite you to stop by at SKECHERS USA (trendy shoe outlet) and Ross Dress For Less. We are proud to have these two new business partners here in Windcrest. The Whitestone REIT owners of the Centre have invested more than 6 million dollars remodeling and building here in the past few months.

Whenever possible, shop WINDCREST!

THE PEN IS MIGHTY THANKFUL TO THE SWORD

## Councilmember

**John Gretz**

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*Dear Fellow Citizens,*

A few congrats are in order! Congrats to Heather Weidenbach for the upcoming birth of a new addition to her family! Congrats to Tom Garcia for his selection to be our new public works leader! Congrats to Dennis Dooley as the new leader of the Windcrest golf club. Congrats to Scott Gorton and Michael McAlear for all their hard work on the Parks and Recreation master plan and state funding application to improve our parks. Holy cow, I could go on and on with congrats due all Windcrest employees, contractors, citizen volunteers, and each and every Windcrest citizen. It's a team thing and we are certainly starting to make it happen...big time! Windcrest is looking good!

Our 4th of July festivities were the best since I've been here. The support of Buddie Cooper and the American Legion was superb. The turnout and support was fantastic from parade participants, volunteers, and citizens! It would not happen unless the entire community was involved. Thank you all very much! I'd be remiss if I didn't applaud the efforts of our Mayor, Alan Baxter. He grew up in Windcrest and loves this city more than many of us could possibly comprehend. Thus, my last congrats goes to him!

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## City Secretary News Heather Weidenbach,

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**WOW**...where did summer go? I hope you have all enjoyed this summer with your families. As we begin wrapping up the summer with last minute vacations, we now begin to switch gears in preparing for a new school year and begin to think about fall; which is one of my favorite seasons. As most of us (myself included) are preparing for a new school year and fall, my family and I will be welcoming the newest addition to our family sometime in early August. I will be out on maternity leave for about 12 weeks. In my absence Kelly Rodriguez, Assistant City Secretary and Michael McAlear, Interim Alternate City Secretary will be handling all the duties of the City Secretary.

If you are looking to spruce up your home make sure you check with City Hall to see if the work you are planning will require a permit; certain types of work do require a permit followed by an inspection. The Administrative staff will be available to assist you with any questions you or your contractor may have. If you have work done, make sure you or your contractor contacts our office at 655-0022 to schedule the inspection.

**SAVE THE DATE...End of Summer/Back to School Swim Party at the Windcrest Swimming Pool, Saturday, August 18, 2012 from Noon-3PM.**

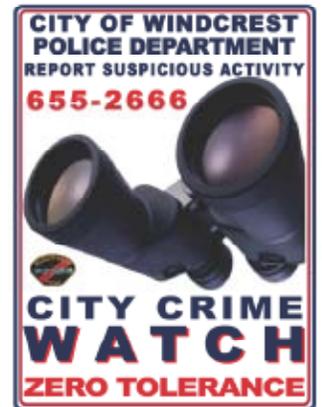


## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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

I truly pride myself on being the Chief of Police for the City of Windcrest. Without a doubt, this is a great department with valued professionals who care deeply about this community. The Windcrest Police Department remains proactive and very responsive to any crime problems. However, as with any city, we continue to deal with various crime issues. With anything that is good, positive and protected...there are those criminals that want to take it away. In a previous article I spoke of crime prevention and keeping yourself from becoming a victim. Crime Prevention is such an important topic and worthy of reiterating its importance in your daily lives.

No doubt...Windcrest is a safe community. Our crime rate remains very low, but it is very easy to become complacent with that "safe" feeling. There are criminals that wait for an opportunity to take advantage of you, your family members, your homes and your businesses. As I drive thru the City daily, I see garage doors open, vehicles unlocked, property left in vehicles, shrubs and bushes hiding windows, gates unlocked and newspapers on front yards (two and three at a time). We are here for you...but we must have your help to insure that Windcrest stays "safe". The Windcrest Police Department sends out a strong message to the surrounding communities...we are an aggressive police department treating crime issues with zero tolerance, but we need your help too! In the near future you will begin seeing crime prevention signage and decals around the City. If you have any issues please call us. If you see suspicious activity, call us... we are here to serve and protect!



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A hot new revision has been signed into ordinance for Code Enforcement this summer, amending City Code 12.805 (5) which involves cutting your grass and cleaning your property. In the past, the Code Enforcement officer would contact you and remind you to cut your grass and cleanup your yard, giving you a 7 day grace period to abate the nuisance and would do so every time he had to stop by your property and remind you. The amended ordinance now gives you only 5 calendar days to be in compliance the first time, which will be considered your warning.

I will be keeping track of all properties given a warning under the new amendment. All subsequent contacts within the calendar year will involve an automatic citation, no more warnings. If you know the property owner next door and notice the property is in need of maintenance, offer a helping hand or a friendly reminder. For all who have been in compliance, I appreciate your continued effort in keeping your properties clean and maintaining a beautiful Windcrest that we can all be proud of.

Second point of interest is boats and trailers. According to the City Code 20.1200 Parking in Yards (Amend. 15 Nov 2010), you are not allowed to park any trailers or boats on the front yard, or street to include driveways. They must be parked in the rear of the residence out of sight in the approved manner or placed in storage.

Lastly, Alleys! This needs everyone's attention. All residents need to inspect the alleys behind your property. This is the property owner's responsibility to maintain. So please, cut the grass, trim the bushes and trees and clean up your alleys within your property line. Please, cut your trees and bushes back into your fence line. Help our service providers (Police, Fire, Public Works and Waste Haulers get thru).



***A Division of the Windcrest Police Department***

As a division of the Windcrest Police Department, we have been involved in many endeavors. Most recently, before participating in the Fourth of July Parade, we helped line up vehicles for the exciting commemoration of freedom.

Members also took part in a task force evaluating traffic flow and speed levels at key points throughout the City. As part of the learning curve, participants underwent training by Detective Davila on how to use a radar gun. Data collected by the group using personal vehicles will be used to assess speed viability and consistency.

The WCP also stepped up to help ensure traffic safety at both the Firefighters Picnic in May and at a Fiesta event on the grounds of Rackspace in April. With the advent of Rackspace and the new businesses in Windcrest, the role of WCP continues to grow and warrants more citizen involvement. We appreciate the support we have received from Police Chief Al Ballew and Assistant Chief Joe O'Brien in making our organization a visible and viable part of the city structure.

To continue our heightened participation, we are entering a new expansive recruiting phase and welcome new applicants for seats on the WCP where we extend the eyes and ears of the community; join hands for the city, safety, and bond for common good.

***Thank you***

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## Katye Brought

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Wow! I was completely overwhelmed by the results of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade & Celebration! There were over 50 parade participants and well over 500 spectators! It was a GREAT time and only reinforces my love for this community! THANK YOU to our sponsors: HEB, Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union, Sara Lee and the U.S. Navy. Another big THANK YOU goes out to everyone who volunteered their time helping making sure the event ran smoothly, it could not have happened without you! Make sure to check out all the pictures on our facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/TheCityOfWindcrest>)

Do not miss out on the **End of Summer Pool Party** at the Windcrest Swimming Pool on **August 18<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3pm!** Bring out your family for some fun! The City of Windcrest always has a free event every month! It is great to live in Windcrest!

# FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Dan Reese

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK October 7th – 13th

Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department invites members of the community to support the purchase of life-saving fire safety educational materials. These items are a critical component of community education programs, but are being cut back in lean economic times. To help, the National Fire Protection Association has created Sparky's Wish List: Partnering for Fire-Safe Communities, an online resource for fire departments to create registries for Fire Prevention Week materials. Businesses and the public can fulfill departments' wish lists and provide these important educational materials for their communities. Materials start at just \$10, so even a modest purchase can help! To learn more visit [www.sparkywishlist.org/give](http://www.sparkywishlist.org/give) or to inquire about a larger partnership, contact Lisa Scott at 210-599-6007 or e-mail [lscott@windcrest-tx.gov](mailto:lscott@windcrest-tx.gov)

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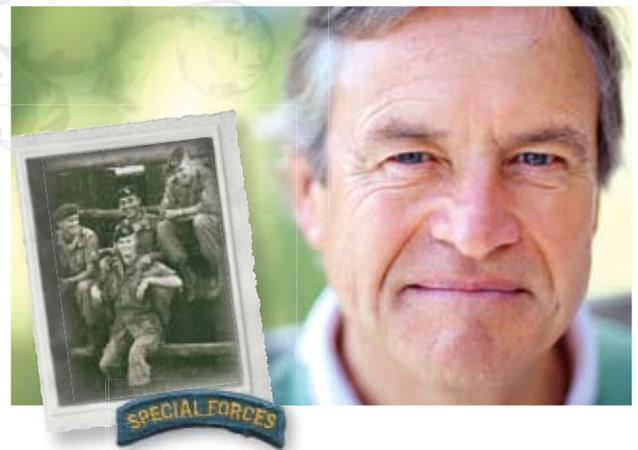
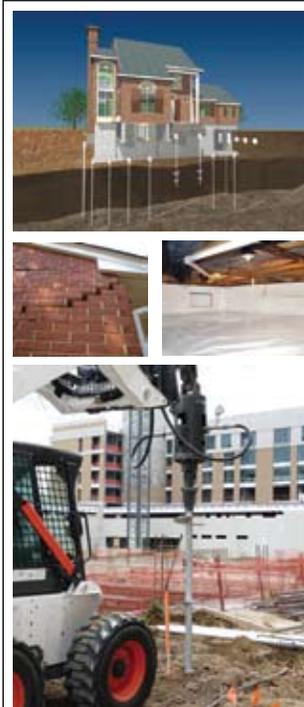
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### Wincrest Light-up

With the announcement of the Annual Windcrest Light-Up theme being named in this month's newsletter, the Fire Department is getting geared up for our Annual Fill-the-Boot campaign. We want to help make this the best light-up ever. In hopes, of living up to our "City of Lights" status, the WVFD is requesting that all residents help us to maintain that status by lighting-up. This event is one of our main fundraisers and is fundamentally important to the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department and the City of Windcrest. This year we are starting something new; the Windcrest Volunteers will be assisting approved residents light-up. If interested please call or e-mail Lisa Scott for more information: 210 655-0022 or lscott@windcrest-tx.gov.

## Municipal Court Report

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

### First Warrant Round Up of the Year a Success

June 21st and 22nd, Thursday and Friday were the dates of the 2nd Warrant Round Up for 2012. During those two days, 20 people took care of their warrants, 44 violations were addressed and over \$6400 in fines and bonds were collected. Four people were transported to Guadalupe County Jail in Seguin to sit out their fines. This does not include the people that came in afterwards because of hiding from the officer standing at their door or after receiving a door hanger from the officer informing them of their warrant. Thanks to court staff, police department as well as the Judge for all of their efforts.

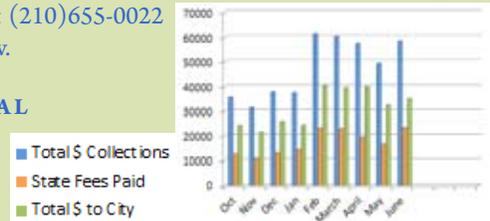
### Tips for the Road

You are turning right on a red light and fail to see the driver to your left. He/She skids to a stop but crashes lightly into your left front fender. No one is hurt. In this situation the correct thing to do is 1) move the vehicles out of the traffic lanes and 2) Exchange your names, addresses, drivers license numbers, license plate numbers and your insurance information.

### Where Does The Money Go?

Here is a chart of the money collected from fines and fees, what goes to the state and what the City actually gets from it. This is a report for the FY 2011-2012. For more information please contact Kelly Rodriguez, Court Clerk at (210)655-0022 ext 2250 or krodriguez@windcrest-tx.gov.

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## Director of Windcrest Economic Development Corporation

### Sherry Mosier

The EDC continues its mission to develop relationships with our local businesses, recruit new business, and assist in marketing efforts with redesign of our DevelopWindcrest.org website (in progress), finalizing a new gatefold brochure and exploring other tools to help promote our local businesses and the City of Windcrest.

In the Rackspace section of town, construction is being stepped up a notch so we're charging full speed ahead on the Racker Road Project. And, with the renovation of Conn's as well as the addition of the Big Easy Café, things are looking pretty good!

On the north side of Walzem, Ross Dress For Less, located at 8540 Fourwinds Drive in the Windsor Park Center, had its Grand Opening on July 14th... there was a great turn out by City representatives and patrons alike. To show their support for the local community, checks were presented to the Boys & Girls Clubs of San Antonio and the Windcrest Little League. Thank you Ross Dress For Less! Welcome to the Windcrest Family!

Other notable highlights in the Windcrest Business District in-

clude Home Depot's spruced up parking lot, Luby's makeover and continued construction on the new Mattress Firm location.

Please visit the City's Facebook and Twitter pages for updates on projects mentioned and for information on new projects coming to town. We welcome your ideas for new projects for EDC funding consideration, please stop by the EDC office trailer behind City Hall

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

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

The City of Windcrest has recently hired a new Public Works Director. Tom Garcia has accepted the position and says he is looking forward to the challenges and being a part of the winning team of Windcrest. Tom Garcia was the G.M. at Windcrest Golf Club and has strong knowledge of the community's special needs. He is posting his direct cell number so that you can reach him immediately for issues that may come up in and around your neighborhood.

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We have agreed in concept with Friend of the Park to set aside two plots of land in Takas Park to have as (1) a natural grow area and (2) as a demonstration garden. The natural grow area doesn't need anything but designated a "no mow zone" then eventually nature will take over with wild flowers and whatever Mother Nature decides to deposit there. As for the demonstration garden, its location will be determined once plans of some changes are finalized with regard to the walking trails and tennis courts.

Work for plantings at our city's entry monument areas is still on hold due to a lack of water. At the present time, BCWID #10 has not agreed to activate the water. We have asked again for the water to be activated and wait for their decision. As we know the Texas weather can be devastating on newly planted flowers and shrubs; therefore until a resolution is found, work cannot begin. The landscaping around the civic center can proceed because there is a source of water already there and operating.

The island at Brook Falls Pond will be left to nature to fill in areas where trees had to be removed due to storms awhile ago. It was decided this would be a good habitat for the wildlife that live on that pond.

The Commission has prioritized projects for the next budget year to be presented to the council for approval.

Three Theodore Roosevelt High School (TRHS) graduating Seniors were each presented \$1,000.00 scholarships by Firefighter José Perez, President, Windcrest Volunteer Firefighter Association, and Fire Chief, Dan Reese, at a special recognition ceremony at the City Council Meeting on 21 May 2012. Seniors Braison Boykin, Grade Point Average (GPA) 97; Joshua Dobard, 94 GPA; and Gideon J.L. Johnson, GPA 104, were awarded scholarships for their exemplary academic accomplishments and their over 300 hours, collectively, of volunteer services to their communities.

All the scholarship recipients will enter college this fall: Braison, U. of Texas at Arlington, majoring in Architecture; Joshua, U. of Texas at San Antonio, Psychology major; and Gideon, Texas A & M University, majoring in Mechanical Engineering. While Joshua will graduate from TRHS, Braison and Gideon will graduate from TRHS's two magnet school programs—Design & Technology Academy (DATA) and the Engineer Technology Academy (ETA), respectively. Windcrest extends congratulations and continued success to these outstanding young men and scholarship winners!

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# Windcrest

## Garden Club

Summer greetings from the Windcrest Garden Club! The Windcrest Garden Club usually meets on the 1st Monday of the month at 10 am at the Civic Center. Our first meeting to kick-off the year is always a Pot-Luck Luncheon being held this year on Monday, at 11 am on September 10th (1st Monday is Labor Day) at the Windcrest Civic Center.

There's still time to join! Membership dues are \$10 a year. Call Membership Chair Pauline Fay [REDACTED]

You'll enjoy refreshments & informative speakers, lively discussions, plant auctions, door prize drawings, creative fundraisers, many special projects, luncheons & field trips.

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 27, 10 am.

Hostess ~ Shirley Noll [REDACTED]

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# Women's Club News

Pamela Dodson



Wow, where has the summer gone? It is time to start to plan your fall activities and you sure want to include the Women's Club in your calendar. We have lots of good programs coming up, including some field trips, and you know visiting with your neighbors is always a plus.

The **August 22nd** meeting will be at **the Civic Center at 10 am.**

The meeting on September 26, 11:30am - 2pm, will be the Fashion Show, and will be held at the newly remodeled Civic Center. Reservations required so at the August meeting let Hazel or Mary know you want to be there!

The Windcrest Women's Club meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month from August through May, except in November when the club meets on the 3rd Wednesday. There is no meeting in December since we have our Christmas Party.

You know it is never too late to join this group of ladies and it is only a cost of \$20 to meet with us all year long. We share lots of good food and the laughing never stops.

What a great way to spend time with your neighbor. Please come joins us!!

You can mail your dues to the Club's Membership Chairman, Lu Nix [REDACTED] for more information. Note: make checks out to Windcrest Women's Club.

Hope to see everyone there so we can catch up on all the good times everyone had this summer!

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## Windcrest Animal Control Task Force



As you may know, we have been meeting twice a month (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 7pm at City Hall) since March. We are definitely growing and gaining more knowledge about what our goals should be for our animals in Windcrest. We have lots of enthusiasm and great ideas coming from a broad spectrum of folks. You saw us at the Firemen's picnic and then in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. You have to know that we are just like you in your love of animals but are putting words into action.

We have divided our community into five sections and hope to walk information about the new animal control code. We also hope you go to our website ([www.windcrestcitizen.com](http://www.windcrestcitizen.com)) to learn even more about what you can do to bring about an improvement with the situation of the animals in Windcrest.

Just for fun let's see how well you know your animal code and remember, our Animal Control Officer will be issuing first warnings and then citations to residents that fail to follow our code.

Did you know that when your dog is out of your house or fenced yard, it **HAS** to be on leash, and you **MUST** pick up after your dog? Did you know that if you have a pet cat, it must be spayed or neutered, and wearing a collar with the city tags or microchipped before it can leave the inside of your home or fenced yard?

Did you know that dogs **CANNOT** ride in the back of your pickup? Did you know that your pets **MUST** be registered with the city?

Did you know that you are prohibited from tethering a dog unattended outside between the hours of 10:00pm and 6:00am, and you are prohibited from tethering for more than three hours at any other time when temperatures are above 85 degrees or below 32 degrees or when weather is incimate?

### How did you do?

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We had a great time at the 4th of July Parade. We passed out a lot of candy and applications for new members. Our Guidepost was covered with flags and we had music.

The Park Inventory has started. Look for green safety vests, and green baseball caps in our city this month. We have ten incoming seniors from DATA on the Roosevelt Campus who will each put in 125 hours over a six week period as Community Service for their graduation. When you see them working, stop and meet them. If you can't stop, **Honk your horn and wave.** We intend to be on the City Agenda for a joint meeting in the middle of September for a full report on the Park Inventory.

If you are not a member PLEASE JOIN US...BECOME A MEMBER. Email us @ [fotpwindcrest@gmail.com](mailto:fotpwindcrest@gmail.com). for more information.

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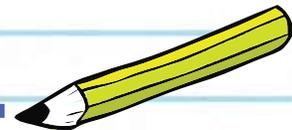


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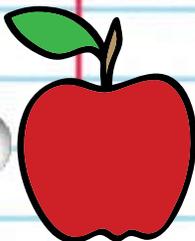
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J.C.P.C. had hit on a community need. But to continue this event, the church knew additional collaboration would be needed. Conversations with others have brought together a partnership of 10 churches and 6 community service organizations. In addition, several businesses and public agencies provide services.

In August, 2010, around 2,800 were present with 500 backpacks given away. Again, food and games were provided as were new

additions such as dental screenings, the San Antonio Blood and Tissue bloodmobile, the SA Public Library Bookmobile, sign-ups for WIC / CHIP, and representatives from many social service agencies.

At last year's event, approximately 3,000 people attended and 1,008 backpacks (with supplies) were given away. Gift cards were also given to the grade-level teams at Windcrest Elementary School to supplement teaching supplies.

The Walzem Community Festival has greatly blessed our community and has been an excellent collaboration of faith-based & community organizations/businesses coming together to provide a positive event for our immediate community. This year, the W. C. F. will happen on **August 11, 2012 from 12:00pm – 3:00pm** on the campuses of John Calvin Presbyterian Church and Windcrest United Methodist Church (located on the corner of Walzem Road and Midcrown Dr.). And you can help! How? Bring to City Hall a package of new, low-cut, white athletic socks for children (kinder-5th grade) and place them in the marked collection container. The collection will continue for the month of July. A new pair of socks will be included with the backpack give-away. Join in the blessing of children and families!

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**Community Organizations:**

Walzem Rd. YMCA, Windcrest Optimist, Windcrest Lions, Windcrest area Boy Scouts, Windcrest area Girl Scouts, Walzem Rd. Revitalization Group, the citizens of Windcrest.

For more information, call John Calvin Presbyterian Church at 657-4441 or [www.WalzemCommunityFestival.com](http://www.WalzemCommunityFestival.com)



This summer was an amazing one in many ways! The temperatures were great, we received rain, and there were tons of great events in Windcrest! To celebrate a successful summer full of memories we are throwing an **END OF SUMMER POOL PARTY** on **Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>** from noon – 3pm!

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# Kids Korner

by Ryan and Jacob Dalglish

Here is a fun review of the interviews and articles we have done over the last months. Enjoy!

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- Street sweeper
- Dog catcher
- Fireman
- Policeman
- Rain barrel
- Al Schutz
- Emergency prepared
- Tom Hardaway
- Texas Children's choir
- Vote
- Jacob Ryan
- Other phrases are also hidden but, not listed, hope they make you smile
- See you back here next month.
- Hope you found some fun extras.
- Ryan and Jacob Dalglish*

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on the following day:  
**September 3<sup>rd</sup>**



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Budget Workshop (Tentative)	August 1	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	WEDC Meeting	August 9, 23	6:00 p.m.
Special City Council Meeting	August 6	6:00 p.m.	Budget Workshop (Tentative)	August 22, 23	10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Municipal Court	August 7, 14, 21	4:00 p.m.	Water District Meeting	August 16	7:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation	August 8, 22	6:00 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting	August 27	6:00 p.m.

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