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Mayor's Message



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Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,

It is November! Thanksgiving is this month and Christmas is right around the corner. I have an abbreviated article this month due to the Mayor's message regarding the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget and a recent press release I wanted to share with you all. As always, 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.**

Windcrest Elementary School: They are asking for some help. They would like more mentors for the students. If you have some free time, please volunteer. For more information, please read Dr. Karen Reed's letter in this month's Newsletter. Also, please stop by the City Hall to see the renovation plans for Windcrest Elementary School. Stay tuned to the Newsletter for further information on this exciting project.

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 with a huge party at City Hall. A lot more is being planned for this year's event. We hope to have the biggest Light-up in our history! After all, we are the City of Lights. The Windcrest Firefighters and the Windcrest Little League are willing to help residents put up their lights and decorations. Do not be shy, if you want or need assistance, please call Katy Brought at 210-655-0022 or email her at kbrought@windcrest-tx.gov to sign up for this free service. Let's make this year's Light-up the best ever!

Light-Up Awards Party: This year, the Awards Party will be open for all of Windcrest to attend. It will be Thursday, January 10 starting at 7 PM at the Takas Park Civic Center. The Women's Club will be handing out awards to all the winners. There will be some surprises as well. You do not want to miss this free, open to the public, fun filled event to recognize the citizens that have gone the extra mile; it will be a lot of fun. Save the date of this as more information will be in future Newsletters.

2nd Annual Firefighter's Gala: Please mark your calendars, the Gala will be Saturday, March 2nd. It will sell out, so please call Lisa Scott at 210-655-0022 or email her at lscott@windcrest-tx.gov to reserve your seat(s). It will sell out fast. To date, over one third of the tables have been reserved, so please do not wait. More information about this event will be in future Newsletters.

Volunteering and Participating: We need more people on the Newsletter Committee and the Windcrest Citizens Patrol. Please call Katy Brought at City Hall if you can help with the Newsletter, Light-up Party, the Light-up Awards Party and/or the Gala. If you want to join or learn more about the Windcrest Citizens Patrol, contact Katy as well. Remember, 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.

Remember, I welcome and answer/return every phone call and email.

Your Mayor and humble servant,

Alan E. Baxter

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Budget and Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Review

Dear Citizens,

We are pleased to present to you the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Annual Budget and Plan of Municipal Services. The City of Windcrest's Annual Budget and Plan of Municipal Services is the comprehensive budget and plan for municipal services for the coming year. This document continues the direction as established by our citizens and the City Council to meet the existing challenges and effectively plan for future needs. The City Council voted and passed the first reading of the budget on Monday, September 17th, and heard and voted on the second and final reading on Tuesday, September 18th.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

The Fiscal Year 2012-13 Annual Budget and Plan of Municipal Services is an operational and financial plan for the programs and services provided by the City during the coming year. The proposed \$10.4 million budget includes funding for all services; including Sanitation, WCCPD, and EDC, as well as Capital Improvements. Of that amount, approximately \$6.9 million is for continued operations of all funds, as well as \$0.471 million for debt payments and \$3.073 million for capital improvement projects. As you can see, the City Council and staff is working hard to invest in our City with Capital Improvement Projects for the upcoming Fiscal Year.

Overall, on-going operating costs increased as a result of new programs to address council priorities, and other fixed operational expenses that are addressed in more detail in the budget summary section. There are many capital improvements budgeted; such as, the completion of Racker Road, improvements to the City Pool, Entrances, Parks/Ponds (complete over haul of Takas Park Pond), Little League Fields, the Civic Center, the City's Alleys, and the Streets within the City of Windcrest, and construction of a Soccer Field.

GENERAL FUND

The primary operating fund of the City of Windcrest is called the General Fund. The majority of revenues collected to operate this fund are derived from various taxes. This fund is used to account for all financial resources not restricted to special or specific projects. As a general rule, in all funds, we budget revenues and expenditures conservatively to enhance sound financial management. To do otherwise could impair the City's ability to continue providing services to the citizens. In Fiscal Year 2012-13, the General Fund budget projects revenues to reach \$5,060,445. Significant revenues in the General Fund include revenues derived from property tax (ad valorem taxes), sales & use taxes, and franchise taxes. Other revenues

that provide resources within the General Fund include fees and charges, and other miscellaneous revenues. General Fund expenditures have been budgeted at \$5,055,534. This increase is attributable to budgeting for increased operating and maintenance expenditures such as, stipends for City Employees, increase in the cost of fuel, utilities and employee health reimbursement account. All this was able to be accomplished without raising taxes! **We actually LOWERED PROPERTY TAXES by 2%.** All improvements scheduled to commence for this fiscal year will be completed by paying cash while still lowering the property taxes.

Fund balance (rainy day fund) is considered excess funds that the City Council has available for appropriation. The City Council has requested a very stringent fund balance policy that limits the expenditure of these funds. This fund balance dictates that the major operating funds must carry a fund balance equivalent to over 3.6 months (or over 30%) of operating expenditures (ideal fund balance). Within 2 years, we have increased our fund balance from 23% to over 38%. The city this year placed an additional approximately \$450,000 in surplus revenue to the rainy day fund. We now have over 4.4 months in the rainy day fund. In addition to this very healthy rainy day fund, we have formed and funded Capital Improvement Project Funds (CIP) with savings/additional revenue. These funds are listed below. This policy also provides guidelines to be followed when ideal fund balance has not been met within a particular fund. Beginning fund balance projected for fiscal year 2011-12 in the General Fund is \$1,951,565 which, after taking into account the effects of the projected revenues and adopted appropriations for each department, leaves an estimated ending fund balance of \$2,248,013.

Below is a list of how the fund balances are broken down.

Rainy Day Funds	1,831,992.00
Over 38% or 4.4 months of operating expenditures	
Street CIP Funds*	80,522.00
HOT CIP Projects*	172,173.00
General Fund CIP Projects*	564,632.00
General Fund Streets*	300,000.00
Total CIP Funds*	1,117,327.00
Grand total of cash	2,949,319.00

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*These funds can be used at the direction of Council for various capital improvement projects. These funds listed above are **in addition** to the over \$1,000,000 dollars budgeted for street improvements, \$300,000 in park improvements, and \$75,000 in alley improvements budgeted all in cash (this is just several of the investments in our community that will be executed) for the coming fiscal year. Also, these funds do not include the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) which we project will receive approximately \$382,821 in revenue for this coming fiscal year. The EDC has over \$200,000 budgeted for projects and \$38,000 budgeted for the promotion of Windcrest. This is more than has ever been allocated in the city's history. The Windcrest Crime Control and Prevention District (WCCPD) is budgeted to receive approximately \$393,394 in revenue for this fiscal year and this revenue is used solely to support the Police Department.

The ad valorem tax rate (property tax rate) for fiscal year 2012-13 is budgeted to be reduced from \$0.436495 to \$0.432970. Council is hopeful to continue to reduce the tax rate each year.

The City Council has proposed a total of 82 employees in fiscal year 2011-12 at the City of Windcrest. This includes 58 full time employees, 2 part time employees, 19 seasonal employees, and 6 contract positions that is equal to 3 employees. This is an increase of 6 positions. During Fiscal Year 2012-13, 3 certified Police Officers will be added to the City, the Post Office position is now a full time position, the City is going to gain 1 position in Finance to be a buyer/procurement employee for the city, and the part time warrant clerk will be full time. As demand for services increase, population grows, and economic growth continues, the amount of resources necessary to provide quality services also grows. However, the City Council and City Management will continue to monitor the growth in personnel to ensure that over-staffing does not occur.

CONCLUSION

The City of Windcrest is a growing community with ever increasing needs, The Fiscal Year 2012-13 Annual Budget and Plan of Municipal Services allocates resources to address priorities identified by the City Council during various Council workshops and Town Hall Meetings and addresses many of those needs. The budget continues the prudent fiscal and budgetary policies implemented in the past two years and provides services to the community through new and expanded programs. Each program addressed within the budget has been evaluated to ensure value to the community and enhancement to the quality of life for our citizens.

With the continued support of the City Council and the City Staff, the City of Windcrest's Interest and Sinking (property tax supported) debt **will be paid off in 2014** (essentially meaning the City is debt free soon), or sooner if the Mayor and City Council desires. The City currently has \$905,000 in principle and \$47,639 in interest, with a grand total of \$952,639. This does not include the EDC's application and award of funds from Texas Leverage Fund Program for a grand total of \$1,700,000. The EDC's repayment is from their portion of Sales Tax collected exclusively for Economic Development. However, being good stewards of the community, we are working towards receiving a bond rating from Standard & Poors, Fitch, or Moody's by March 2013. I am glad to announce that the EDC paid \$187,000 in additional principle on the Texas Leverage Fund Loan, which resulted in a savings of \$96,000 in interest. The City Council also transferred over \$175,000 of funds to the EDC to assist in paying the TLF loan for Racker Road.

On behalf of the City Staff and myself, I want to thank the City Council and the citizens of Windcrest for their leadership, hard work, efforts and confidence in what we do. In the past two years the City has progressively improved its financial condition while developing immediate and long-term priorities. The available resources never seem to meet all recognized needs and in fact never will. This presents an endless challenge for Civic City leaders. Although the demands never seem to cease, our successes and rewards do not either. The continued development of short-term and long-term goals is paramount to the future success of our community. Over the next fiscal year, City Staff looks forward to working with you in making decisions and developing plans that will positively impact our community.

Finally, we acknowledge the tremendous contributions and teamwork of all City staff in preparing the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Annual Budget and Plan of Municipal Services. The management team worked together to assist in achieving the goals set by Council. Each department worked to find savings in their operating budgets, and to make suggestions for program improvements.

Following this Mayor's message, I have included a recent press release which will further clarify our goals and actions.

Sincerely,

Alan E. Baxter, Mayor

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News Release



The City of Windcrest, in conjunction with the Windcrest Economic Development Corporation (WEDC), is proud to announce that in the midst of these tough financial times; the City of Windcrest will be **REDUCING** property taxes by 2 percent and will maintain a low \$5 permit fee for residential construction and remodels. While other cities are consistently moving towards raising property taxes, fees, and decreasing services; the City of Windcrest is doing the opposite, which is lowering taxes and increasing services.

The City of Windcrest and the WEDC continue to be creative as they find new ways to promote and develop the city. Mayor Alan E. Baxter and the entire City Council (Pamela Dodson, Gerd Jacobi, James Shelton, Rita Davis and John Gretz) and WEDC President Mr. Tim Maloney and the complete WEDC consisted of citizen volunteers: Roy Wraitislaw, Lisa Pepe, Irv Gerrow, Rebekah Gergen, Sue Alexander, and Leonard Neepier; along with City Manager: Rafael Castillo, Finance Director: Sarah Mangham, WEDC Director: Sherry Mosier, and WEDC Business and Government Relations: Robert Colunga, all have been very innovative; thinking "outside of the box" and running the city like a business. This partnership has brought the City of Windcrest and the WEDC to prosperity again. Mayor Baxter plans on continuing to reduce taxes each year for the next 7 years until the city has **ZERO** property taxes. All the while, the City of Windcrest and WEDC plans to put millions of dollars into improvements to streets and other projects, investing in the residential area, and promoting businesses in the City of Windcrest. The City now maintains a rainy day fund of over 4.4 months and the WEDC rainy day fund is nearly 12 months. This is almost unheard of today. Below are some highlights of the City of Windcrest and the WEDC:

- 2013 Taxing Year reduces property taxes by 2%
- 2014 Taxing year proposed reduction of property taxes an additional 4%

- 2015 Taxing year locked in 19% property tax reduction = for a 25% reduction in 3 years
- Current Debt as of 2012; \$952,639, by 2014 city will have **ZERO DEBT!**
- Current Rainy day fund of over 4.4 months
- WEDC Rainy day fund of 12 months & over \$200,000 earmarked for special projects for this year alone.
- The Windcrest Police Department has added four new positions over the last two years and is at its highest staffing in the city's history.
- 2013 Budget expected addition of over \$400,000 to rainy day fund
- A CIP (Capital Improvements Plan) Fund of over \$7 million in cash over the next 5 years.
- A 7 year plan to bring property taxes in the City of Windcrest to **ZERO!**
- Coming soon - new websites to promote the city and businesses in the City of Windcrest.
- Coming soon - a new phone app that is free for businesses to advertise and create discounts in the City of Windcrest. It will also list all events and be a communication board for all.
- Sales tax revenue has increased over 10% each over the last two years.
- More announcements are on the way!!!

In the midst of cities going into bankruptcy, cutting police and fire, economic downturns and businesses struggling to survive, the City of Windcrest and WEDC are proud to show that even in the midst of controversy just a few years ago, Windcrest is thriving and growing, and will continue to do so.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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

The Wolves are at the Gates!

-I want to be very honest...I promised honesty when I accepted the position of Chief of Police and I vowed to my Father a very long time ago, that I would always be honest despite its consequences. The Windcrest Police Department fights a daily battle protecting each of you, your families, and the City as a whole. We are your Warriors' in Blue and that makes Windcrest a haven for you and your family! The Wolves are at the Gates, so to speak... waiting for an opportunity. That opportunity avails itself when your Warriors' in Blue are few. Do some people live in denial that there is evil in the world, yes, some do! Do you wonder what exactly your Police Department does...besides patrolling and writing tickets? The Windcrest Police Department is a proactive versus reactive department, issuing crime prevention notices, residential and business checks, and consistent tactical patrol; we stop crime before it happens! In addition, we work hard on crime prevention education through the distribution of crime prevention literature, presentations, and our new City Crime Watch Program. The City of Windcrest is used daily as a thoroughfare between San Antonio and other surrounding communities. An average of over 250,000 vehicles a month traverse thru Windcrest at Eaglecrest and Crestway alone... that's an average of a quarter million vehicles a month just on one of our major roadways. Windcrest residential population is set at approximately 5,500. During the daytime, the City of Windcrest population easily exceeds an average of over 30,000!



The Windcrest Police Department must deal with transient traffic, enforcing traffic laws to insure that the residents continue to enjoy a safe lifestyle while walking or biking...our traffic enforcement is more aggressive than ever! We aggressively patrol our residential and business areas to insure that property crimes do not occur. We arrest subjects involved in assaults, thefts, robberies, family vio-

lence, burglaries, vehicle burglaries, narcotics trafficking, homicide, and other violent crimes. We check on residences; leaving crime prevention reminders, for example, when garage doors are left open. We patrol through parking lots at our businesses to prevent vehicle burglaries, robberies, and other malicious crimes. We stop drivers operating their vehicles while they are drunk. We impound vehicles that are driving thru Windcrest without insurance and when drivers are operating a vehicle without a driver's license. We stop violent criminals on a regular basis; stopping vehicles regularly with drivers

and/or passengers that are armed. We put our lives on the line 24 hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week, 365 days-a-year to stop criminals (wolves) that do not care about you or this community and who are willing to jeopardize your safety and even your life. We have citizens that unselfishly commit their time through our Citizens' Patrol Program. They provide invaluable help to the Police Department acting as our eyes and ears throughout the City to help prevent crime and report

suspicious activity. We are always prepared to deal with evil...the wolves, whenever they come, so that you do not have to! We stop them and we do it very well!

For more information about becoming a part of Citizens' Patrol, please contact the Police Department at 655-2666 and ask for Sgt. Mark Williams, Patrol Operations.

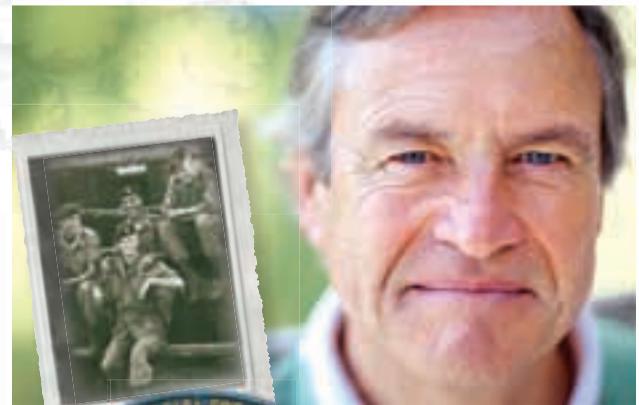
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From the Desk of Officer J. D. Rosales, Code Enforcement

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The holiday season is upon us and we have people out preparing for the Windcrest Christmas Light Up. I have a few things I would like your help with in preparation for this event. As you know, the traffic on our streets will increase tremendously during this time of year. Public safety is a big concern for us; so, we need your help by having you inspect your property for potential traffic hazards. Let's start off by checking your trees, specifically by the edge of the road. Are there any low hanging branches hovering over the street? The ordinance states the streets must be free of obstruction from curb to curb with a tree/branch height clearance of 13'6" above the roadway. At the intersections or the street right-of-way, an adequate vision clearance area is required. You cannot construct fences or other structures, plant, maintain, and attempt to grow shrubs, weeds, or any other plant life; except trees higher than two feet (2') above the street level. No person will plant, maintain, or attempt to grow any trees that will have branches lower than six feet (6') in vision clearance areas. Also, trees planted at vehicular intersections must be no closer than fifteen feet (15') apart. I would also like to thank the residents who have done their part with the street cleanup.

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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Dan Reese

Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department Fill-the-boot Campaign Light-up Ceremony December 15th at City Hall

This year's Light-Up is going to be the best ever! We are starting with the Light-up ceremony at City Hall, where there will be a Winter Wonderland! Lots of fun things to do; Santa will be in the Windcrest fire bay, bring him your Christmas list and have your picture taken with great Ole Saint Nick. There will also be hot chocolate, hot coffee, and cookies. There will be Christmas movies showing on a big screen in the parking lot. This is a must do for the holiday's; bring your family and friends.

The Annual Fill-the-Boot campaign is a vital fundraiser for the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department and we are asking our city residents to support our city fire department by lighting up, we are the "City of Lights." Please help our city retain our City of Lights status by lighting up.

If you need assistance putting up lights, please call us so we can put you on the schedule for put up and take down. If interested please call Katy Broughton for more information: 210 655-0022. Thanks for your support!

Gift Wrapping Contest

We are having a gift wrapping contest! We need large (really big) empty boxes holiday wrapped for the Winter Wonderland. *Gift certificates will be awarded to the 1st (prize \$20.00), 2nd (prize \$15.00), and 3rd (prize \$10.00) place winners. Also, boxes are available at city hall. All gift wrapped boxes are to be delivered to the Fire Station no later than Friday, December 14 by 5 p.m. When turning in gift wrapped boxes make sure to sign in. Winners will be announced on Saturday, December 15 at the Windcrest Light-up at 6 PM. You must be present to win.

*Gift certificates TBD.

2nd Annual Firefighter's Gala/WVFD Firefighter's Picnic - 2013

Here are some must do save the date Windcrest Fire Department events for 2013.

- 2nd Annual Firefighter's Gala – Saturday, March 2, 2013
- 43rd Annual Firefighter's Picnic – Friday, May 17th & Saturday, May 18th

Both events will be held at Takas Park and Civic Center.

The 1st Annual Firefighter's Gala was a huge success and everyone had a great time; we hope you will be able to join us again this year or join us for the first time. We are expecting to sell out fast. Reservations have already started coming in and seats are limited. If interested in attending, please call Lisa Scott at 210 655-0022 or 210 599-6007, wvfd@windcrest-tx.gov.



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From the Desk of Tom Garcia, Director of Public Works

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WHAT AN OCTOBER.... The Public Works Department takes pride in providing immediate and effective service to supply safety and a high quality of life.

On the safety side of October, we provided an aggressive application of mosquito preventatives to help reduce the risk of West Nile Virus affecting our community. We treated our ponds, creeks, and some pools that had been left unattended for quite a while for mosquitos and mosquito larva that may have existed there. We also did a five-week application of fog throughout the city to further reduce the mosquito population.

The reason such an aggressive application was applied is because the virus does its worst damage to the elderly. Because of our demographics here in Windcrest, this made the application necessary. THIS YEAR was the worst outbreak of West Nile in the history of Texas. Some of our residents had complaints about the fogging but I hope in the long run, everyone will understand this was the best course of action to assure our safety.

We are presently working on repainting all the curbs in the city to give that FRESH look we all like to enjoy. You may also notice NEW stop signs going up in and around the city. The new signs provide a bigger, brighter presentation that help to further assure the traffic safety here.

The Public Works Department was extremely busy with fallen tree limbs in the streets and in our green space this past month. We seem to have a large abundance of mature trees that are shedding these limbs. We ask everyone to call public works to report limbs that are down or dead limbs that look like they are coming down.

On behalf of the Public Works Department, many thanks for allowing us the opportunity to serve Windcrest. Have a great NOVEMBER...!



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Mother Nature has been generous lately with rain to our area but the rain has also caused the delay in progress on the Windy Hollow pond. Our team must wait until the ground dries sufficiently enough to be dug at the level we desire; until then, the progress on the pond will be at a standstill. I hope the residents around the pond understand that work will resume as soon as it is deemed feasible to do so.

Our parks belong to all residents of the city and as such no single resident should place plants, planters, or playground type equipment in them. This causes additional work for the park mowers/trimmers as well as being dangerous if children play totally unsupervised on un-authorized play-ground equipment. The city cannot be responsible and I'm certain the resident who places these things in the parks doesn't want to assume the responsibility either. So we are requesting all residents to look around their park/green space areas and remove any items that should not be there.

We are getting into the cooler weather now which is a good time for new plantings to take root. Watch for the entry/monument areas into the city to be planted soon. There have been some delays in getting this accomplished but now we are finally going to see those areas looking great. As we move into the Fall season and the light-up time of year for Windcrest, these areas will be a pleasant welcoming into our city.

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As the WEDC continues to recruit new businesses, we request input from residents and local employers as to what type of eateries, retailers, services, entertainment, etc. you would like to see in Windcrest. Please feel free to email me at smosier@windcrest-tx.gov, call me at 967-9381 or come by the WEDC office with any comments or suggestions you may have.

In an effort to promote Business Retention and Expansion of our existing businesses and to assist in the revitalization and marketing of this great city; the WEDC Board passed the Storefront and Streetscape Improvement Program on September 27th. This program assists existing commercial property and/or business owners in rehabilitating their storefronts and streetscapes to revitalize neighborhood commercial areas, eliminate blight, and enhance the livability of surrounding neighborhoods. Funding is provided by the WEDC and offers commercial property owners and business tenants up to a 50% matching grant yielding a maximum of \$9,999 per building/retail center; **on a reimbursement basis only**, for the funding of well-designed improvements to enhance their storefronts and streetscapes. The cumulative amount awarded by the WEDC for this program in the 2012-2013 time frame will not exceed \$60,000. Program guidelines and an application can be obtained by contacting me at the email address or phone number listed above.

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Please visit the City's Facebook and Twitter pages for updates. Board meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. located in the Council Chambers. We welcome your ideas and suggestions on new projects for WEDC funding consideration.

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ANNUAL SEWER AVERAGING. The annual sewer averaging process will start on November 19, as it has for the last 25-plus years. For insight on how this program works and hints on how to achieve a low sewer average, please visit our website.

COMPLIANCE WITH WATERING RESTRICTIONS. Barring any changes, the Board of Directors will be considering and possibly adopt a Water Conservation and Drought Management Plan at its November 15th board meeting. When and if adopted, the District will assume responsibility for monitoring and enforcing water restrictions; a job previously handled by the City of Windcrest.

WATER STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH: The average household used approximately 12,900 gallons of water (15.9 ccf) during the August-September billing cycle. That's about 170 gallons per person per day; it was 179 gallons last month and it compares favorably to the 231 gallons per person last year during the same time frame. Consumption during this billing period ranged from zero to 85 ccf (63,590 gallons). During the July-August billing period, we pumped a total of 36,312 gallons of waste. Last year during this time, we were in Stage II and we pumped 47,371 gallons.

RAINFALL. We received 7.90 inches of rainfall in September for a total of 32.34 inches for 2012. We are still above average for the year and prospects look good for the rest of the year, but we will probably face restrictions for another 60 days.

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FREE eye screening at the Lions Mobile Eye Screening Unit (MESU) will be held on Saturday, November 17 at the Walzem Family YMCA from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Screening is available for anyone over 18 and children over 12 if a parent is present. If you're concerned about your vision, take advantage of this opportunity to have it checked for free. Presented by the Windcrest Lions Club and Lions District 2-A2.

We meet monthly on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 6:30 pm at the Windcrest Civic Center. Join us!

For information call Lion President Rick (656-5779) or membership chair Lion Marlene (393-7383) or visit WindcrestTX.lionwap.org

YOU ARE INVITED - NOV 10TH VETERANS DAY DINNER

The Windcrest American Legion Post 612 invites all Windcrest-area residents (military and non-military) to join in celebration of the Veterans Day holiday on Saturday, November 10th. Post 612 will hold a cookout starting at 4:30 p.m. and a 5:00-6:00 p.m. dinner serving at the Windcrest Civic Center at Takas Park: 9310 Jim Seal Drive. Post members meet every year on Veterans Day to enjoy camaraderie and pay tribute to all veterans. A special awards ceremony will recognize Legionnaires for their varying years of membership. The dinner costs \$12.00 and consists of a choice of steak or chicken, bean salad, potato salad, French bread, and an option of soft drinks, tea or beer or bring your own. You'll enjoy a good dinner, good fellowship, some patriotic music, the recognition ceremony and say thanks to veterans. Reservation and advanced payment are required to be able to plan, order and prepare the food. RSVP is needed by Monday, November 5th. For reservations or more information, please call Pete Montera, 637-0328, Buddie Cooper, 656-3426 or Jack Leonhardt, 654-8088.

P.S. Also, on the morning of Saturday, November 10th, please join us for a short flag-raising ceremony at 8:00 a.m. at the Windcrest City Hall. Afterwards, Post members will place small U.S. Flags on the military members' graves at the Bueche Cemetery.

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Welcome autumn! We can enjoy the cooler days and nature's vibrant colors without hiding from the sun; hope your fall gardens have flourished.

The Windcrest Garden Club would love for you to join us Monday, November 5, 10:00 AM @ Windcrest Civic Center to hear our Guest Speaker: "The Worm Coach" - Cassandra Truax. She will teach us all about composting with worms. We will also have a plant auction. Bring seeds, plants, and cuttings to share.

We are very excited to announce that one of our own members, Rebecca McGinty, has written and published her first book titled: Ringgold Rebel. It's a historical novel about her Great Grandfather, John R. N. Gilbreath and his family during the Civil War. She will have signed books available for purchase at the November meeting. We are so proud of her and look forward to her second book coming out at the end of the year.

Our October 10th field trip was informative and lots of fun! We took a bus ride that included a rest stop where there was a little Gonzales history museum. The main attraction was the 45-minute Kitchen Pride Mushroom Farm guided tour, with fresh mushrooms available to take home afterwards. Then we shared lunch together nearby at the Country Corner Grill and browsed their country store before heading back to town.

Upcoming events:

Executive Board Meeting ~ Monday, November 26, 10 am
 Hostess ~ Pauline Fay @15210 Spring Smoke, 653-1414

Monday, December 3rd ~ 11 am @ Windcrest Civic Center for our Annual Holiday Pot-luck Luncheon

No Executive Board Meeting in December

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We really had a good time at National Night Out and felt it was a good time for all...just a really "I love living in this community" event. We had lots of folks come by and check out our literature and buy some of our goodies for fund raising...thank you so much.

If you would like to contribute to our group...please feel free. The donations are used to spay or neuter our community cats (\$20), print educational material, and help defray some costs for those folks who

want to help solve the problems, but have limited resources. You should have noticed our donation boxes up at City Hall by the post office window and the front administration window. Of course, participating in our group would also be appreciated. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7pm at City Hall.

We continue to encourage folks to get their pets' spayed or neutered, immunized, and micro-chipped. Then, if they ever do get loose; we know they are loved and cared for the right way. Another good reason to register your pet with the City, regardless if they are an inside cat or dog, sometimes it just happens that they are out the door and down the street before we know it.

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Mentorship can include such activities as eating lunch with the students, reading together, practicing basic math facts, playing a board game, or just talking about how school is going. If you are interested in being a mentor for our students, please use the link below and follow the instructions. Once you are approved, you will be emailed a Volunteer number. If you were approved in the 2010-2011 or 2011-2012 school year, you do NOT have to go through this process again. Please then call the school and ask for Dr. Karen Reed, School Counselor, so students can be assigned to you and mentorship can begin.

We thank you for your willingness to serve the students of Windcrest Elementary! Should you have any questions about the Mentorship Program or other ways you can volunteer at the school, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Link to be approved to volunteer/mentor at the school: <https://portal.neisd.net/vchrc/>

Sincerely,

Karen Reed, School Counselor

(210) 407-9600

Women's Club News

Pamela Dodson

On **November 28th, 10am to 12pm**, we have a program presented by Lilo Strait at the **Civic Center** in Takas Park. Come prepared to be wowed! She will be giving us ideas for our Christmas goodies.

Don't forget the **Christmas Party on Dec 6th** at the **Civic Center from 6pm to 10pm**. You have a choice of Sliced Brisket in Mushroom Gravy/Ranch Potatoes/Green Beans and roll; OR Italian Chicken/Bowtie Pasta Alfredo/Vegetable and roll. Dessert will be provided by the committee. We always have a great time and the cost is still the affordable \$12.95. Please make your reservations by December 1.

We also are encouraging all of our members to do some decorating this year for Christmas. A ribbon or bow on the mailbox, decorations on the door, a string of lights around a tree, a blow-up, homemade decorations, or just whatever makes your home look festive. Let's make our City look like the "City of lights" we are known for.

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

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!!

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Most of us have bought our Thanksgiving turkey and are waiting for family and friends to gather. Well, while watching football get out the bows and fluff, fluff and fluff.

Yup, this is your Light-Up reminder. I feel sure that all of us have formulated our plans to depict this year's theme Windcrest Presents Colors of the Season. Make sure to plan which category you're going to enter. Sometimes that's the hardest. You've constructed a beautiful crèche so does that go into handcrafted or religious? Decisions, decisions but you're the one who must decide.

Remember that all the Judges are doing this event for the first time and they do not live in Windcrest. We're very particular about that. Also remember that the grand prize is the "Best of Theme". For example you have a beautiful manger scene but it has no color then it may not be considered in the theme category.

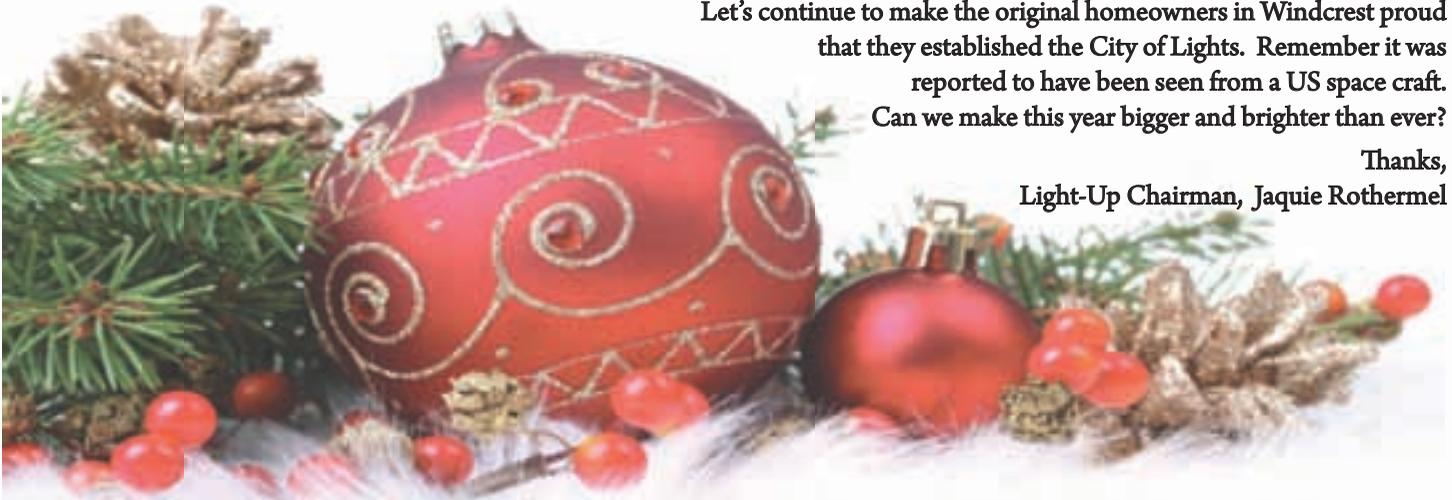
Light-Up judging this year is on the 12th of December. The bigger, brighter and more fun filled actual Light-Up Ceremony is still on the 15th of December

Let's continue to make the original homeowners in Windcrest proud that they established the City of Lights. Remember it was reported to have been seen from a US space craft.

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Light-Up Chairman, Jaquie Rothermel



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Also, don't forget to enter the Gift Wrapping Contest! Awards will be given out at the Light Up Ceremony.

(More information will be located in the Fire Dept. Article.)



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The City has many exciting plans to make this the best Light Up Windcrest has ever, but we need your help. YOU are what make Light Up so amazing! So get planning and decorating and let's make this a Light Up to remember!

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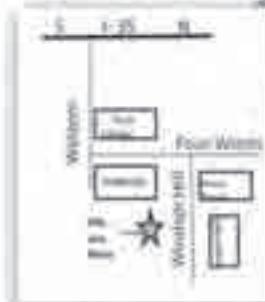
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City Meetings in Windcrest City Hall Council Chambers

Special City Council Mtg	November 5	6:00 p.m.
Municipal Court	November 6, 13, 20	4:00 p.m.
WEDC	November 15	6:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation	November 14, 28	6:00 p.m.
Water District Meeting	November 15	7:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting	November 19	5:15 p.m.

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