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# Mayor's Message



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## Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,

It is December, so that means Light-Up! It is the time of year where our city becomes the "City of Lights." This is the biggest event and marketing tool of our city. It is also the biggest fundraiser for many of our charitable organizations. Please participate in this great tradition and decorate your houses and businesses. As a city, we have a lot to be thankful for. I will discuss in more detail in the following Newsletters as this one is mainly about Light-Up. 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.**

**Decorations:** We hope we can increase the citizen participation in the Light-Up. Call Katy Brought at 210-655-0022 or email her at kbrought@windcrest-tx.gov to have her sign you up for free help with putting up and taking down your decorations. We have several organizations willing to help. The Windcrest Little League, Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department and other organizations are here to assist. It is all free, although a donation for their time will not be turned down. Please contact Katy to schedule this service.

**Socks and Underwear Campaign:** The Newsletter Committee believes that no child should have to ask for underwear or socks for Christmas. It is shocking how many ask for these items on the Angel Tree at Windcrest Elementary. The Newsletter Committee goes in and collects every one of these requests from these Elementary students and fulfills their wish. Last year, it cost approximately \$700. Unfortunately, this year we have collected more than last year. We project approximately \$850 is needed. Please contact Katy Brought or myself if you can donate for this cause. Additionally, we will also have a box at City Hall for your donations. If you are in the position to donate for this worthy cause, it would be greatly appreciated.

**December 10th:** This is the last day to turn in your application for to enter the Light-Up contest. This year the prizes have dramatically increased in value. Every house in Windcrest was mailed an application. One is also in this Newsletter. You can also pick one up at City Hall. There are many categories, so if you want to have a chance to win an award and go into the Windcrest history books, please fill out one of these applications and turn it in to City Hall by December 10th by 4:30PM.

**December 12th:** This is the day that the Women's Club judges all those houses that have entered. They ask that you have your lights on at 6 PM and keep them on until 11 PM. It takes hours to judge and they need all this time to determine the winners. Thanks to the Women's Club for continuing this tradition.

**December 15th:** This is the Light-Up Party/Ceremony at City Hall, and the first official day of Light-Up. It is open to the public and free at City Hall. You do not want to miss this night of fun. This year the Light -Up Ceremony will be the biggest and best ever! Katy Brought, Lisa Scott and Public Works are going all out! A big thank you goes out to these Team Windcrest members. More information is later in the Newsletter.

**December 15 – 31st:** This is when people from all over come to see our beautiful city. We are internation-

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ally recognized for our Lights. Last year, the Firefighters passed out over 10,000 maps and asked for donations. They brought in over \$24,000 for the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department. This year the maps will be bigger and better than ever. We are also going to print 15,000 to distribute. The first day the maps will be available will be at the Light-Up ceremony December 15th at City Hall. Remember that the WVFD also donates \$3000 to the Roosevelt Scholarship Fund, and they give a portion of the proceeds to the Angel Tree and other local charities. Come get a map and see where the winners are located. Tour the city and enjoy the Holiday Season.

**January 10, 2013:** This is the Awards Ceremony for the Light-Up winners. This year it will be open to all of Windcrest to come and applaud the winners. It is a free event and will be at Takas Park Civic Center and will be from 7-9PM. All the winners will be receiving professional photographs of their house, a beautiful plaque and a cash award. Believe me when I tell you, the awards have been taken to a whole new level. The Grand Prize winner will receive a special plaque that will be made in duplicate. This plaque will be displayed at City Hall in perpetuity. A new tradition this administration is starting. We will have the Light-Up Wall of Fame. More information about this celebration is in the Newsletter and will be in the January edition. Please mark your calendars for this special day.

**Firefighter Gala:** This Second Annual Gala will be Saturday, March 2nd. It starts at 6 PM and goes till the fun stops! It will be held at the Civic Center, and again will be decorated by the incomparable Mrs. Ellis. The Newsletter Committee will be there to organize the Red Carpet, Valet and assist with the auction and raffle. The Firefighters are ready and looking forward to serving you and making this event as fun as last year's. At the time I am writing this article we are over a third sold out. If you attended last year's Gala, we know you had a great time. Last year was the Lawrence Welk theme. This year, it will be Country Chic as we will be having country music to dance to at the after party. This Gala has proven to be not only a huge fundraiser for our Volunteer Fire Department, but also a community event. The Firefighters might just have a better time than the guests. Call Lisa Scott at City Hall to reserve your seat(s) or table. There are also sponsorship packages that are available.

**Sales Tax:** Included at the end of this article is a chart on the sales tax and a comparison with other cities. Again, we have a lot to be thankful for. Please review, and if you have any questions please

call me. We anticipate a continued increase at over a 10 percent rate for this coming fiscal year.

**Rackspace:** For the Second year in a row they have agreed to headline sponsor the maps, Gala and Firefighter's Picnic. Thank you Rackspace for all you do for the community. They have also donated lights for the ball fields and auxiliary parking area. They have also donated an additional \$25,000 to have them installed. They are great corporate citizens and lead by example.

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

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to all.

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

Your Mayor and humble servant,

*Alan E. Baxter*

City	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	2012 Payments To Date	2011 Payments To Date	% Change
Windcrest	308,552.62	230,386.25	33.92%	2,926,778.90	2,441,022.00	19.89%
Alamo Heights	104,051.63	95,864.05	8.54%	901,945.03	815,184.13	10.64%
Balcones Heights	107,277.26	91,543.87	17.18%	1,147,702.52	1,056,398.95	8.64%
Castle Hills	117,550.85	114,282.30	2.86%	946,601.41	908,209.67	4.22%
Cibolo	74,398.89	62,427.22	19.17%	789,959.62	665,936.61	18.62%
Converse	191,965.10	165,288.70	16.13%	2,129,943.59	1,876,107.48	13.52%
Garden Ridge	17,829.23	10,174.72	75.23%	137,574.96	134,005.37	2.66%
Kirby	14,736.38	14,839.95	-0.69%	191,123.40	179,947.12	6.21%
Leon Valley	218,149.77	199,640.02	9.27%	2,047,930.82	1,966,583.90	4.13%
Live Oak	480,337.17	452,973.38	6.04%	5,292,499.74	4,995,718.54	5.94%
Schertz	659,150.30	643,490.70	2.43%	6,556,346.00	5,798,168.67	13.07%
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## FROM YOUR Mayor Pro-Tem, Pam Dodson



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I want to wish  
everyone a very  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
and a **HAPPY** and  
**BLESSED NEW YEAR!!**

## Councilmember Gerd E. Jacobi

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### CHRISTMAS IN WINDCREST



Yes, it is that time of the year again; A time that we should all be thankful for what we have, our city has never been in better shape. This year has been a year of positive, forward movement for our city and I am sure for the majority of our residents.

I for one, am very thankful for having my wife and children as well as their families living here with us in this wonderful city. Thank God that everyone is healthy and also doing well economically. This is a time to try and forget some of your problems. We have a halo over our city, and I am sure with all our citizens help, it will remain constant and intact.

Wonderful things are happening in and around our city. In San Antonio, the River Walk is still being extended; this will bring in more business and more people coming to our city. Rackspace is building a wonderful park around its facility that will benefit all of us.

This year will be one of our biggest and most colorful Christmas celebrations in the history of Windcrest. Starting on the 15th of December at City Hall, we will have big screen movies, SNOW, and all kinds of goodies; such as hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies.

All of this is made possible through the hard and dedicated work of your Mayor and City Council. They all work as a team from a budget that allows us to enjoy these activities and still have funds for future improvements of our city.

My family and I wish a Merry Christmas to everyone in Windcrest.

## Councilmember Rita Davis



rdavis@windcrest-tx.gov.

If you've tuned in to our recent Council meetings, you may have heard some lively debate on my part regarding the Windcrest Purchasing Policy and the procurement ethics portion of our City's Code of Ethics. You also may have heard my questions on agenda items regarding the award of City contracts and the City's procurement process.

Over the last ten years, I have observed how the city spends your tax dollars. The City has delegated the procurement function to employees who, in my opinion, are inadequately trained in government procurement. As Councilpersons we have little knowledge of the process, but are asked to decide on contractual awards. My first effort was to try to convince our Council to hire a professional, experienced Procurement Specialist. This position would cost the City approximately \$60,000 in salary and benefits. I was not successful.

After much research, I have attempted to improve our procurement policy by making recommendations based on sample policies written by the Office of the Comptroller of Texas and the Procurement Office of the City of San Antonio. Of course, the documents need to be modified to suit the types of contracting that is required for the City of Windcrest. Sadly, I must report that I have not been successful in any of my efforts to pass any motions regarding much needed improvements.

At our Nov. 5 Council Meeting, the Council agreed to re-vamp our Code of Ethics. I intend to propose suggestions made in the Comptroller's Manual regarding procurement ethics for employees, officers, and officials of the City.

If you would like to follow our discussions, please review the taped videos on our City's website and let me know what you think; <http://www.windcrest-tx.gov/>.

My goal is to establish guidelines and procedures in accordance with established government procurement practices. This is important so we can stretch your dollars for the benefit of all citizens and comply all legal requirements.

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# Councilmember Jim Shelton

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Wow, here we are closing out another year, and what a year it has been. The first annual Firefighters Gala was a huge success. You better make your reservations now for the second annual Gala to be held on March 2nd. The Fire Fighters Picnic was the best that I have seen--great job folks. The 4 of July event--best ever!

The community input is outstanding. It's great to see the involvement, especially in establishing our operating budget, which I'm very proud that we have increased our "Rainy Day" fund and still lowered taxes. Great job city staff, you make the team!

I'm sure that most of you have seen some street repair going on in our city. Well, there is a lot more to come. On November 2nd. We held a pre-submittal meeting following our Request for Qualifications (RQF) for engineering design services for our Roadway Capital Improvement plan improvements of our city streets. We had 22 attendees representing firms interested in providing these services which involves more than ONE MILLION DOLLARS--none of this will be borrowed money. With our set path, the city council will make the award to the selected Firm on December 17th.

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# Councilmember John Gretz

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Fellow Windcrest Neighbors,  
James Harley from WCID #10 retired after serving us for many years. I missed his retirement dinner at Red Lobster on October 30, 2012. Nonetheless, I would like to take this opportunity to wish "Harley" the very best as he enters his well deserved retirement. I've known Harley for 15+ years and I have never seen him without a smile on his face while taking care of our water needs... period! He remained a dedicated role model and worker through all the troubles with our water mains, citizen calls, and a myriad of other water related emergencies; Harley always had a smile and kind words during any of our problems. That is truly a gift as his work was not easy to say the least!

Harley,  
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John



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## City Secretary News Kelly Rodriguez,

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During the month of October the Mayor and Council passed an ordinance and a few resolutions that you may be interested in. On **10.01.12** Resolutions that were passed were **2012-402 (R)**, authorizing the re-appointment of members to the City of Windcrest Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. Resolution **2012-403 (R)**, authorizing the purchase of two (2) new 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe vehicles (Police Package) from Caldwell Country Chevrolet for a price of \$70,868. and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract for such purchase. Resolution **2012-404 (R)**, authorizing the purchase of video production system and installation for Windcrest City Hall and specifically for the Council Chambers and for the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract for such purchase. On 10.08.12 resolution **2012-405 (R)** was passed, authorizing Raba-Kistner, Inc. to provide management of the roadway CIP and authorizing the City Manager to release request for qualifications for the engineering design of the roadway CIP projects. Resolution **2012-406 (R)**, authorizing the City Manager to release a request for proposal and authorizing Young Professional Resources to develop bid documents, specifications, and construction plans required to be utilized in the bidding and award of construction contracts to perform street point repairs throughout the City. Resolution **2012-407 (R)**, authorizing the City Manager to release a request for proposals and authorizing Raba Kistner, Inc. to provide management and develop formal bid packaging and geographical renderings of landscape improvement projects for the Civic Center and the City entrance at Midcrown. Resolution **2012-408 (R)**, authorizing the City Manager to release a request for proposals and authorizing Raba Kistner, Inc. to provide management, develop specifications and construction plans and develop bid documents for a CIP construction project on Parkcrest Drive. On 10.15.12 Ordinance **2012-654C** was passed on it's second reading extending the moratorium on construction of carports and prohibiting the acceptance of applications for carport building permits adopted on Dec. 5, 2011 for an additional two months. Resolutions that were approved were **2012-409 (R)**, to extend the current contracts for the collection of Municipal Court fees and fines and delinquent AD Valorem tax provided by Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP.

Council Meeting dates for December are the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Please remember City Hall will be closed December 24 – 25, 2012 (Monday and Tuesday) for the Christmas Holidays. There will be NO trash pick up those days. If your normal pick up fall on these days, pick up will not be until your NEXT regularly scheduled day.

## Code Enforcement, Jose Rosales

The fall season is here and the trees are shedding their leaves. We have noticed people blowing their leaves and grass trimmings out onto the street, leaving them there for the street sweeper. That is not what the street sweeper is for. According to City Ordinance #12.901 / Littering: It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to litter any public street, roadway, walkway, easement, alley or drainage ditch within the corporate limits of the City of Windcrest, which can result in an immediate citation. Part of the items not allowed to be blown or swept into the street and left there are leaves, grass and branches, which cover most of the complaints we receive. Please review the applicable city ordinance for further guidance. Please continue to monitor your grass growth and tree clearance over roadways and alleys.

Also remember, if you are building on your property make sure you submit a permit in order to get an approval on proper set back locations and structure dimensions. If not done according to code, it could result in fines, variance requests, relocation of structure or possibly demolition if variances are not approved. Save time and money before you build. Please help us maintain the health, safety and property values of our city by doing your part for the community.

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# POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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

Tis' the Season!

The holidays are quickly approaching and as the City of Windcrest gets ready for it's 54th Season of Light-Up, we will see increased traffic, increased business and an increase in criminal activity. There are many things that you can do to prevent and lessen your chances of becoming a victim during this joyous holiday season.

As you prepare for the holidays with shopping, decorating and other festive events please follow these tips to insure that you are doing everything possible to prevent a holiday tragedy. Traffic in Windcrest will soon be increasing and may exceed previous years with our Light-Up Celebration. Around the house...do not leave curtains open; do not leave garage doors open or vehicles unlocked in the driveway. Keep gifts put away...do not leave them wrapped under the tree until you are ready to celebrate with your family. Do not allow strangers into your home. Be very cautious when allowing anyone into your home...even businesses you hire for a job, such as carpet cleaning, chimney sweeping or furnace repair. Use reputable firms that are bonded and those that do background checks on their employees. Make sure you keep your mail and papers picked up...if you are going out of town, have a friend or neighbor watch over your home. Contact the Police Department to complete a request for house checks.

While you are shopping...dress comfortably and avoid wearing expensive or excessive jewelry. Park in well-lit areas with increased pedestrian traffic. Scan the parking lot before you exit your vehicle and when you return to your vehicle. Always check your vehicle interior when you return to your vehicle after shopping and have your keys ready. Don't carry cash; use your debit card instead. Shop in the daytime; avoid night shopping unless you shop with a family member or friend. Don't leave any property in your vehicle. If you are at the mall, never go out to your vehicle and leave packages. Criminals love the holidays and they can't wait to take what you have. If you have a need to put something in the trunk after shopping, and you want to stay at the mall, do so, but move your vehicle to another area after items are placed in the trunk...remember, criminals are always watching! Stay alert and be very aware of strangers approaching you for anything. Ladies, try to avoid using purses. Keep your identification, cash, debit card and credit cards in a

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While you are out and about, remember to keep your vehicle doors locked and your windows up. Do not respond to pedestrians approaching your vehicle at intersections or stop signs. Criminals are everywhere and will use any means necessary to take advantage of you. Drive defensively and avoid all confrontations with aggressive drivers. Keep yourself and your family safe...be smart this holiday season! If you have any concerns or other questions about crime prevention, please contact the Windcrest Police Department at (210)655-2666. We are always here to serve and protect!

Happy Holidays,  
A.O. "Al" Ballew



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## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Dan Reese

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



The countdown is on... the Light-up ceremony is right around the corner! We hope that many of you have already or are planning to light-up by December 15th. Come see the Snowy Winter Wonderland at City Hall! 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!



- 6 p.m. – Event begins
- 6:30 p.m. – Santa Arrives
- 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. – Pictures with Santa
- 8 p.m. – Gift Wrapping Awards
- 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. – other events



San Antonio Spurs game analyst and Express-News Senior Writer, *Richard Oliver*, will be the Emcee for the evening.

*Maps of the city and of the Light-up winners will be available; donation is requested.*

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. We are offering assistance with Light-Up decorating till the 13th of December. If you haven’t scheduled a time, please call so we can put you on the schedule for put up and take down. If interested please call Katye Brought for more information: 210 655-0022.

**Santa Parade** will be on **Sunday, December 23rd**, starting at City Hall at 1 p.m. and winding through the City... listen for the fire engines.

*Thanks for your support!*

## Shweiki AD



The Windcrest Citizens Patrol is a volunteer organization and division of the Windcrest Police Department. We participate in many of the city’s activities throughout the year other than serving as additional pairs of eyes and ears on the Police Department.

At the National Night Out held on October 2 at City Hall, we were able to recruit six new drivers for the program. These additional members have already completed their training.

To show appreciation for the involvement of members old and new, the Windcrest Citizens Patrol held a “Fall Bistro” on November 8th at the Takas Civic Center. This catered event provided an opportunity for members to socialize and bond in a relaxed setting.

Col. Henry Berman  
Coordinator/Captain

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

tgarcia@windcrest-tx.gov.

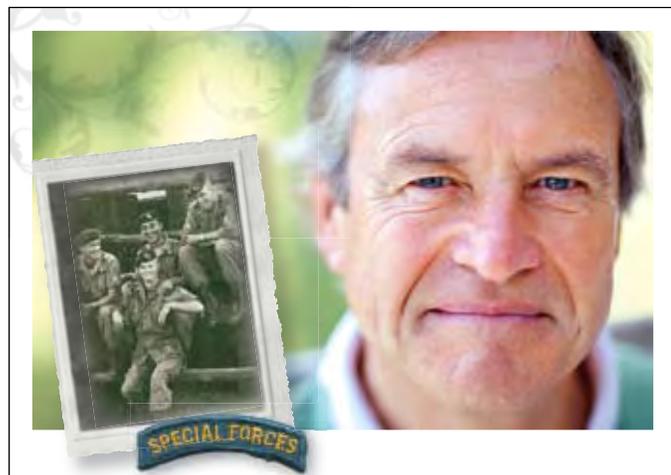
This past month forced us here at public works to take our job to a new level. The crew has made aggressive moves to keep our green areas mowed and trimmed so that our residents may enjoy the beauty of their community. Mr. Castillo, the City Manager, has helped guide our department to take more pride in and about what we do. His leadership is appreciated and always needed. Thanks Mr. Castillo...

Public Works continues to paint curbs and change out old signs for new ones. This process takes a lot of time and effort so we continue a steady pace to complete the project.

We are going to start trimming trees in the parks and at City Hall. We not only do this for beautification, but for public safety as well. We will also be trimming trees along the walking trails to help insure our walker's safety.

Special Thanks to the citizens who give their time to help clean the city by picking up trash. This is a never-ending job and we greatly appreciate the effort. By picking up trash, this allows us to mow and trim without spreading the trash around anymore than it already is. Many Thanks!

Please don't hesitate to call Tom Garcia at (210) 896-0098 for assistance when needed. Happy Holidays!!!



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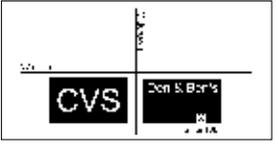
The EDC had its second Business Mixer of the year on Wednesday, November 14th from 5pm to 7pm at the Frost Bank office building located at 8202 IH-35 North. Frost Bank not only sponsored the venue but also sponsored the beverages for the evening with Eanes & Polk Insurance sponsoring some fabulous door prizes. Thank you Frost Bank and Eanes & Polk Insurance for your generous sponsorship!

We would like to welcome the newest members of the Windcrest Business Community... Shipley's Donuts located at 5221 Walzem Road #2 in the Windcrest Shopping Center and Touch Tone Massage Therapy located at 8209 Roughrider Drive, Suite 100B in the Roughrider Professional Building. Welcome to Windcrest!

The Racker Road Project is moving along with the completion and reopening of Applebee's Drive (i.e. between Olive Garden and Applebee's), Windsor Parkway (road section between Rackpace and Applebee's and Conn's Drive (north 1/2 of road only). The south 1/2 of Conn's Drive is now under construction and this construction continues to affect access from Walzem to those businesses from Conn's south towards Eisenhower, however weathering permitting, it should be completed and reopened by mid-December. All businesses south of Conn's are open but must be accessed from the IH35 access road.

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. in Council Chambers. We welcome your ideas for new projects for WEDC funding consideration.



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Richard Frenzel, General Manager,  
[rfrenzel@windcrest-tx.gov](mailto:rfrenzel@windcrest-tx.gov) 210-655-2888



**WATER CONSERVATION AND DROUGHT MANAGEMENT PLAN.** By the time you read this, the Bexar County WCID #10 Board of Directors will have approved a Water Conservation and Drought Management Plan for the District. Several months ago, the City Council amended City Ordinance 547 and delegated the responsibility for enforcement of watering restrictions to the District. What many of you may not know is that ultimate responsibility for failure to comply with Ordinance 547 has always rested with the Water District, not with the City. If the “City” failed to comply with the rules passed by the Texas Legislature and administered by the Edwards Aquifer Authority, the authorities would come to the District for answers and solutions, not the City

In the late 1990s, the City and District agreed that we could best serve our customers if the City handled the plan and enforcement. The District drafted the plan and incorporated the ideas

of everyone effected and then turned the document over for City Council consideration. That worked well until recently. When the City put the responsibility back in the hands of the District, the Board decided that it should take full responsibility for the Water Conservation and Drought Management Plan. The Texas Water Code, Chapter 49, under which we receive our operating authority, grants water districts the power and responsibility to make and enforce rules and to impose penalties for failure to comply with the rules.

The new Plan is largely a revised/updated version of the old City ordinance with one major difference. It includes a section that clearly defines how violation of the rules will be handled and a schedule of penalties.

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*Happy Holidays*



# Windcrest Garden Club

Helma Ann Martinez  
210-599-8583

Well, the holidays are upon us! We hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving spent with family and friends! We are all looking forward to a Joyous Christmas in the City of Lights!

Please make plans to attend our Holiday Potluck Luncheon on Monday, December 3rd at 11:00 AM located in the Windcrest Civic Center. There's always PLENTY of good food and great fun! If you want to bring your preferred holiday dish to share and bring your favorite friends, feel free to do so. We will again plan to buy coats for the students in need at Windcrest Elementary and we will also arrange to purchase gifts for the children who make Christmas requests on their "Angel Tree". Our door prize drawings will feature Christmas Poinsettias.

At our November 5th meeting we learned a lot about composting with worms from our Guest Speaker, "The Worm Coach" - Cassandra Truax. Who knew worms could be so interesting?! In addition, we were excited to have one of our own members, Rebecca McGinty, offer signed copies

of her first published book titled: Ringgold Rebel. Also, our Horticulture Chair held an exciting Plant Auction that was a great success.

Upcoming events:

No Executive Board Meeting in December

Monday, January 7th ~ 10:00 AM @ Windcrest Civic Center  
"Circle of Gardeners" is our annual Q & A session, a lively discussion where we honor our Master Gardeners

Executive Board Meeting ~ Monday, January 31, 10 am  
Hostess ~ Annette Hoffman @ 8010 Hickory Forest, 946-1205

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# Women's Club News

**Pamela Dodson**



This is just a reminder so you don't forget the Christmas Party on Dec 6th at the Civic Center from 6:00PM to 10:00PM. You have a choice of Sliced Brisket in Mushroom Gravy OR Italian Chicken... both with Bowtie Pasta Alfredo, Vegetables, Salad, and a roll. The dessert will be provided by the committee. For beverages, there will be coffee, tea, soda, wine and beer. You can bring your own bottle of something as well (BYOB). Our music for the evening will be provided by Reconciliation. They will be playing our oldies but goodies. We always have a great time and the cost is \$25.00. Please make your reservations or if you need to cancel, call Garlene (653-5858) or Hazel (655-3919) by December 3.

You still have time to decorate 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.

On January 23rd at 10:00AM, we will meet at the United Methodist Church Community Hall for a morning with the Jolly Jammers. They will provide some musical entertainment.

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

It is never too late to join this group of ladies and it is only a cost of \$20.00 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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# Windcrest Animal Control Task Force



A reminder again that we are having an immunization and registration clinic on January the 19th, 2013. This will allow residents to get their pets' vaccinations up to date and then register or re-register their pets with the city. (A yearly requirement) It will be held at a location in Windcrest from 9 til noon. No appointment necessary... you just show up, meet your neighbors and be patient.

**Here are the fees for registration:**

- Dog or cat sterilized (no microchip)      \$5
- Dog or cat not sterilized (no microchip) \$10
- Sterilized with a microchip                      FREE

Registration of your pet with the City can be done at any time of the year. When it is time to reregister your pets (which should be done each year) then we are asking you to do that in January and February. It is important that you register your pet even if it is not an outdoor animal. Scooty has, from time to time, managed to wiggle his way out the door so we need to make sure that the City knows where he/she belongs. Pictures will be taken to be included with the registration description. So come make your furry friend a legal resident of Windcrest!

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We would like to offer a special thank you to everyone from Windcrest who supported our 4th annual Chili & Cornbread Dinner and our Christmas Greenery Sale! Because of your support, the Lions Club is able to serve our community throughout the year. We couldn't do it without you!

Fresh, beautiful greenery is being delivered. If you find that you didn't order enough or you thought of someone else on your list, call 654-8088 or 455-3662. We may still have some wreaths available.

In November, we brought the Lions Mobile Eye Screening Unit to town and offered free eye screening services. Thanks to the YMCA for allowing us to use their parking lot.

Also in November, we welcomed Lions International officers from the district to the Roosevelt High School LEO Club Celebration. More than 30 new high school students were inducted into the LEO Club, officers were initiated, and the Club received the Lions International LEO Club Excellence Award. Faculty sponsor Lisa Alanis, was recognized for her work with this exceptional club and Principal Echard accepted the award recognizing RHS LEO Club as Lions International's

LEO Club of Excellence. Our thanks for the support the Club receives from Principal Echard and the administration at Roosevelt.

If you have a student at RHS, please tell them about the LEO Club. These outstanding students provide community services throughout the area and we are very proud of them.

December will be a quiet month for us except for early December greenery deliveries. We will gather to enjoy our annual holiday party. We will be recharged and ready to roar again in January. **Come to our Lions & Optimist Clubs Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on Saturday, January 26th.**

We invite you to stop by one of our meetings and get to know the Windcrest Lions. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 PM at the Windcrest Community Center in Takas Park.

If you have any questions about the Lions or suggestions for community projects, please call Lion President Rick (656-5779) or membership chair Lion Marlene (393-7383) or email [WindcrestLions@aol.com](mailto:WindcrestLions@aol.com)



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From the desk of the City Manager: Takas Pond is currently being cleaned out this month! Make sure to attend or tune into the Council meetings for updates on this project! The project should be completed by Spring of 2013.



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## CIP-Roads and Streets (Phases 1 out of 3)

The City of Windcrest has experienced significant pavement distress to its roadway infrastructure as the result of recent record drought conditions. The drought and recent rains have activated a severe shrink-swell behavior of the soils which lie under the City's roadways.

Consequently, the City has begun a three-year Roadway Capital Improvement Project (CIP). The primary goal of the project is to enhance the

quality of life for residents by improving as many miles of distressed pavements as funding allows. This is the first major designed project to be initiated as part of the new CIP.

This project will include the renovation of multiple roadway sections, as demonstrated in Attachment A. These areas where identified by the City as in need of urgent repairs. In order to insure that the project maximizes the amount of roadway renovated while maintain-

ing significant longevity, the City has issued a Request for Qualifications for the procurement of Engineering Services. The City will only select the most innovative designs that will lead to the highest quality of construction in order to achieve these goals.

The total project budget is approximately \$1,500,000, which includes planning, design, and construction of targeted roads in need of renovation.



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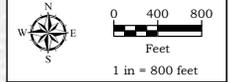
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ATTACHMENT A  
ROADWAY CIP PROJECTS



- Roadway CIP Projects (Planned)**
- █ Year 1 (FY12-13)
  - █ Year 2 (FY13-14)
  - █ Year 3 (FY14-15)
  - Windcrest City Limits

MAJOR ROADWAY CIP PROJECTS

CIP YEAR	PROJECT NAME
FY12-13	Blue Grass Lane
FY12-13	Hickory Hollow
FY12-13	Moorside Drive
FY12-13	Parkcrest Drive at Walzem Road
FY13-14	North Gap / North Bend Intersection
FY13-14	Midcrown Drive
FY13-14	Streets West of Midcrown
FY13-14	Windcrest @ Windsong
FY14-15	Streets East of Eaglecrest
FY14-15	Streets Between Midcrown and Eaglecrest
FY14-15	Bronzeglo Drive

*List does not show CIP Road Repairs and Ongoing Maintenance*

PROJECT AREA MAP



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The weather has helped ease your decorating so even if you are not entering you still want to have some lights out to be part of the "COLORS OF THE SEASON".

Remember that Windcrest is known as the "City of Lights"

and this tradition was started at the very beginning of our City. So don't let the tradition dwindle...put out at least a string of lights and feel the pride of your city.

When all is over and done the Awards Party will be Thursday January 10, 2013. Everyone is invited to this party. So, make it fun and make it full of the Colors of the Season.

Thanks and Light'em up!!!

Light-Up Chairman,

Jaquie Rothermel



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# Saturday, December 15th, 6 PM Light Up Ceremony

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San Antonio Spurs game analyst and Express-News Senior Writer, RICHARD OLIVER, will be the EMCEE for the event. So make sure to mark your calendars and be there!



- o Christmas movies on a big screen
- o Pictures with Santa & Mrs. Claus
- o Falling Snow
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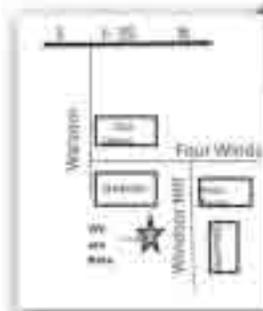
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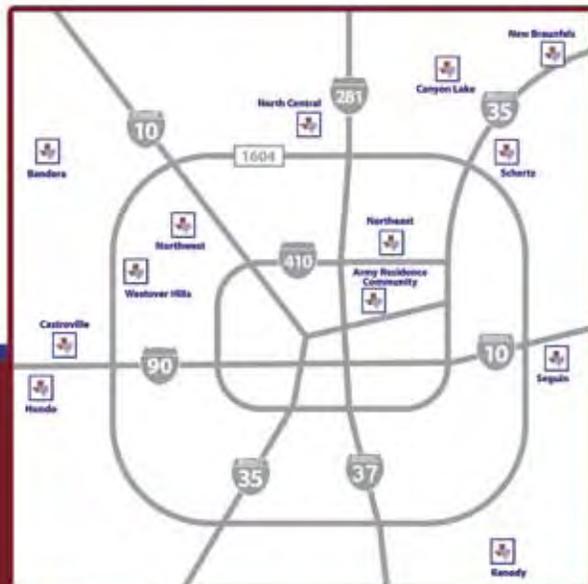
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Special City Council Mtg	December 3	6:00 p.m.
Municipal Court	December 4, 11, 18	4:00 p.m.
WEDC	December 13	6:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation	December 6	6:00 p.m.
Water District Meeting	December 13	7:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting	December 17	5:15 p.m.

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