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# Gala

Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> - Takas Civic Center 6 - 11 p.m.

The Newsletter Committee and the Walzem YMCA present  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual *Valentine's Day Party* for  
the Youth of Windcrest!

Sunday, February 10th, 3-5pm at the Walzem YMCA



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# Mayor's Message



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## Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,

It is February. Time seems to be moving faster than ever. We have the 2nd Annual Children/Grandchildren Valentine's Day Party at the Walzem YMCA. A big THANK YOU goes out to the Newsletter Committee and YMCA for hosting this event for a second year. Also, it is time to start to get ready for the 2nd Annual Fire-fighter's Gala. You do not want to miss this event. Tickets are in high demand and there are not too many left. It will sell out, so call Lisa Scott at the Fire Department to secure your seat(s). 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.**

**Racker Road:** This EDC project should be finishing up by mid-March. We appreciate all the support and patience during the construction. A walking and jogging trail is being strongly considered. Once this road is complete, we will see even more opportunities for revenue with the various pad sites that will be available. There is very strong interest from the business community for these sites. Rackspace will also start investing more money on the outside of their international headquarters located here in Windcrest. This is a very exciting time for Windcrest. There will be more to come in future Newsletters.

**More Economic Development News:** The new website is close to launching. The EDC staff and Board are fine tuning it. Hopefully, by March it will be launched. The rough draft is impressive. This will help market our city. Additionally, the new Windcrest Windfall smartphone application should be launched soon - possibly as early as when you receive this Newsletter. It will be available as a FREE download by visiting <http://windcrestwindfall.com>. This new application is a "techie" version of the Windcrest Buck program, which is also being revived and revamped to give residents and visitors two ways to access discounts and promotions offered by our local Windcrest businesses. It will continue to grow and improve. Robert Colunga and Albert Flores have been making visits to our businesses to discuss the details of the program and sign them up. If you have any questions or you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to call Sherry Mosier or Robert Colunga at 210-655-0022. They will be happy to help you.

**January 10, 2013:** This was the first Light-Up Awards Party of its kind in Windcrest. For those that attended, I am sure you had a great time and were happy with the party. Thanks to those that came to cheer on the winners. A huge thank you goes out to all the winners and those that decorated their houses. The Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department made approximately \$20,000 selling maps. The Grand Prize winner received 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. It was decided by those attending that judging for next year's Light-Up will be **December 10, 2013**. Please mark your calendars for this special day. This was done to give the Firefighter's a full extra weekend to sell maps. Thanks to all, and a special thank you to Katye Brought and the Windcrest Women's Club.

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**Water District:** Spring is around the corner and it is a time where some of us undertake some home improvement projects. I encourage everyone to visit with the Water District. They have some great opportunities for rebates/credits by replacing your old toilets with more water conserving ones, as well as for dishwashers, water heaters, etc. Consult with Lynn, Francie or Richard and see if this is an opportunity that you can take advantage of. They are happy to help! You save money and conserve water. This is a win win for everyone. I have also noticed several citizens fixing their pools. Again, inform that Water District so that they will consider you for a waiver and/or be apprised of the increase in water for that billing period.

**2nd Annual Windcrest Children Valentine's Day Party – Sunday, February 10th:** It was a huge success last year. If you came last year, we know you had a lot of fun. Please come back. If you did not take advantage of this fun, free party, please come this year. Thanks to the City Council for agreeing to fund this event. A huge thank you goes out to the Newsletter Committee for organizing this event and the Windcrest YMCA for opening the facility on Sunday for free. More details are later in this Newsletter.

**Windcrest Little League:** Sign up is going on now. Little League is open to both boys and girls. We have a great Little League here in Windcrest. The volunteers go the extra mile for the children and it is very well organized. I encourage you to sign your kids up. They will make lifelong friends. The parents have fun too.

**Rackspace Presents Firefighter's Gala:** This Second Annual Gala will be Saturday, March 2nd. It starts at 6 PM and goes to at least 11 PM. It will be held at the Civic Center, and again will be decorated by the incomparable Mrs. Ellis. The Firefighters are ready and looking forward to serving you and making this event as fun as last year's. 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/Cowboy Chic, as we will be having live country music to dance to at the after party. The MC for this year's gala is the comedian Cleto Rodriguez. You can see him on Channel 4 (WOAI) on their morning show. He is truly one of the funniest human beings and he is going to entertain us during dinner. Also, after dinner, there will be DJ Tom "the Suit" and a live Country Band to dance the night away. Remember, with your ticket it is all inclusive - Hors d'oeuvres, dinner, dessert, drinks and dancing. There will also be a special raffle, and live and silent auctions. This Gala has proven to be not only a huge fundraiser for our Volunteer Fire Department, but also

a great community event. The Firefighters might just have a better time than the guests. They also make great dance partners. Call Lisa Scott at City Hall to reserve your seat(s) or table. There are also sponsorship packages that are available.

**Windcrest Car Club:** The 2nd Annual Windcrest Car Show will be Saturday, April 13, 2013 at the Windcrest Golf Course from 3PM until dusk. More details will be in future Newsletters. If you are interested in entering a car(s) or learning more about the newly formed Windcrest Car Club, please email Mike Brown at windcrestcarclub@aol.com. A limited supply of calendars of last year's winning cars is available at City Hall at the Post Office and Administration window. The cost has been reduced to \$5 per calendar. The net proceeds are for the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department.

**Event Chairs and/or Organization Presidents:** There are a lot of events that are hosted and produced by the city's many fine organizations. I am setting up a meeting for ALL organizations to meet to game plan together as a team on how we can promote these events to make them even more successful. For example, utilizing the Newsletter more effectively, the marquees, social media, making a yearly community calendar, utilizing Katye Brought's skills, etc. The meeting will be **Wednesday, February 20th starting at 7 PM at City Hall in the Council Chambers.** We encourage all organizations to have a representative attend this important meeting. It will not last more than 90 minutes.

**Volunteering and Participating:** We need more people on the Newsletter Committee and Windcrest Citizens' Patrol. Please call Katye Brought at City Hall if you can help with the Newsletter Committee and/or 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.

We hope to see you, Sunday, February 10th at the Valentine's Day Party for the Children of Windcrest and Saturday, March 2 at the 2nd Annual Firefighter's Gala at the Civic Center.

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

Your Mayor and humble servant,

*Alan E. Baxter*

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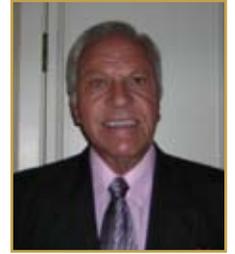
I have donated my article in order for the Windcrest Animal Control Task Force article to be longer than the allotted word count.

P.S. Will the gentleman who dropped off the little black kitten on Dec. 19th please contact me. Thank you.

## Councilmember

**Gerd E. Jacobi**

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BACK TO BUSINESS

I hope that everyone had a good Christmas and a happy New Year. The main thing is of course stay healthy. Try to stick to your new year's resolutions for the coming year.

Well, we have to get back to business for our city. We are getting ready for our much needed street repairs. Hoping to get our grant from the Texas Wildlife people for our parks. Working on our entrances to Windcrest. Getting ready again for this year's budget.

Let's all make sure that we take care of our animals. Check to see that they have up to date immunizations. That they are registered with the city. Our dog, Mausi a black and tan long hair Dachshund, is well taken care off. We made a commitment to have an animal and we are responsible for it. I am sure that every pet owner in our city feels the same way.

All residents living on Spanish Moss if you would like to have speed bumps put on the street, like maybe four, to slow down drivers coming from outside Windcrest please e-mail our Mayor, City Manager or anyone of your council members. Remember traffic down your street will increase once the New Wal-Mart is built behind the Mc Donald's. Please let us know your opinion, Thank you

To everyone in Windcrest have a happy Valentine's day!



## Councilmember

**Jim Shelton**

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Well here it is February, Christmas has past, my decorations are all down and stored away for another year. There are however, many that I want to personally thank for their part in making Christmas 2012 an outstanding event.

First of all, a BIG THANK YOU to Jim and Karen Flinn, AKA Santa & Mrs. Claus. Your participation was icing on the cake. A special thanks goes to Katy Brought and Richard Oliver (San Antonio Express News senior writer and Spurs media analyst) who was the Emcee for the Windcrest Light-Up celebration. The Women's Club support gets better each year. Lisa Scott, Dan Reese, and Eric Vargas led the volunteer firefighters in a superb performance. Tom Garcia and Chris Gamboa with their public works team worked tirelessly to have all of our decorations in place. Chief Ballew and the police department ensured timely and appropriate public safety. Robert Colunga provided the Christmas movies and fire pit.

You know, as I write this, I realize I could list every employee and volunteer by name, because you all MADE IT HAPPEN!

A very special thank you also goes to the Windcrest EDC and our local business partners who provided "goodies" for everyone to enjoy, HEB, Starbucks, Taco Cabana, and Shipley's.

Most of all, THANK YOU, to the residents of Windcrest. You make me proud to be a part of Windcrest-THE CITY OF LIGHTS!



## Councilmember

**Rita Davis**

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By now, I hope we have finalized the Ethics Policy and have moved on to going over the Annual Audit of our City finances and the finances of the Economic Development Corporation.

Recently the City Council was presented with an engineering contract for the first of three years of street maintenance and repair under our Capital Improvement Plan. Since I have no background in engineering or the current estimates of cost for such work, I asked a Windcrest citizen who is a civil engineer, to help me assess the contract. I nominated him for the Capital Improvement Street Fund Committee, and the Council approved this motion. I believe his recommendations will help us make informed decisions on these matters to help us protect our interests. He has volunteered his time and expertise as a Windcrest citizen and has no interest in doing business with the city.

I invite all citizens to offer their professional services to help me, as a Council Member, to be better informed so I can better serve our citizens.



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# Councilmember

John Gretz

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Dear neighbors,

Happy 2013! I hope it's a great year for us all as we move Windcrest forward. When I look at our great country's state of affairs... \$16Trillion in debt, squabbling on both sides of the aisle daily, the sad state of some sicko citizens (e.g., Newtown)... and I could go on and on and on! I've always stated in my psychology studies that the human animal is indeed the most difficult to understand. Although presumably the smartest animal on our planet, at times downright dumb to say the least! With that, I will stick to Windcrest stuff!

Windcrest is in great shape! I get a chance to chat with numerous fellow citizens and 99% agree with virtually everything our city leadership and dedicated staff do to make Windcrest the best kept secret in Texas! With that, I have one simple request for all of our citizens... get involved in Windcrest business! Come to our council meetings, volunteer in any of our many programs, just get involved in our great community in any way you choose. It's a team thing... and each and every citizen is an integral member of our team!



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# City Secretary News, Kelly Rodriguez

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During the month of December the Mayor and Council passed some ordinances and a few resolutions that you may be interested in. On 12.03.12 Resolutions that were passed were 2012-413 (R), a resolution making changes to the City's elections pursuant to Senate Bill 100, eighty second regular legislature and providing for severability. Resolution 2012-414 (R), authorizing city employee insurance for Robert Colunga, Government Relations Director in Fiscal Year 2012-2013 in exchange for eight additional hours of service per month. Resolution 2012-415 (R), approving the purchase of police portable XG-75 radios and required radio accessories to be purchased with funds from the Windcrest Crime Control and Prevention district (WCCPD). On 12.13.12 resolution no. 2012-416 (R), a resolution approving the selection of an engineering firm to provide engineering services for the City's Roadway Capital Improvement Program and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract for such services was passed. In addition, ordinance no. 2012-684 an ordinance approving and adopting an amendment to the budget for operating the municipal government of the City of Windcrest for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2012 and ending on September 30, 2013: and establishing a savings clause and an effective date. On 12.17.12, City Council passed resolution no. 2012-418 (R), a resolution awarding a contract to ASC Paving of San Antonio for the City of Windcrest Street Point Repair Project.

Please remember City Hall will be CLOSED Presidents Day, February 18, 2013 (Monday). Currently, staff is working on making sure all information is updated on the City website. If you see something that is incorrect or a have a comment please feel free to contact me.



**Garage Sale: March 21-24**  
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RACKSPACE Presents -The 2nd Annual Firefighters Gala. It is less than a month away and this year the theme is Cowboy Chic, so get your boots and diamonds and reserve your seats today! Enjoy valet parking as you walk down the red carpet and get your picture taken with a firefighter. Grab a friend and a drink from 6-7pm during the Cocktail hour with free drinks and hot and cold Hors d'oeuvres. Do not forget to stop by the silent auction tables to browse the selection and make sure to stop a firefighter to purchase tickets for the raffle.

At 7pm make your way to your seats and enjoy the wonderful decorations put together by Windcrest's own, Mary Lou Ellis and enjoy a wonderful meal, wine, dessert, champagne and coffee, all included with your ticket!

The EMCEE Cleto Rodriguez, News 4 WOAI morning personality and national touring comic will entertain everyone through dinner, the award ceremony, raffle, live and silent auctions! Make sure to bring a few extra dollars, a few firefighters may be up for auction!



**Cleto Rodriguez**



**Dino Valverde**

DJ Tom "The Suit" will be playing today's hits and your requests during breaks, and there will be a complimentary martini bar will be available to the dancers. There will also be time to pick up your pictures from the red carpet for a donation.

After dinner, you can put your boots to use on the dance floor to the tunes of Dino Valverde and his band! Dino Valverde is a hugely popular country singer that has toured all over the United States.

This event will sell out, so make sure to reserve your tickets today! Contact Lisa Scott in the Fire Department for ticket information and more information: [lscott@windcrest-tx.gov](mailto:lscott@windcrest-tx.gov), (210) 655-0022 or (210) 599-6007. Make sure to check the Fire Department article for ticket prices and the levels of giving. Preferred attire for the event is Cowboy Chic, but cocktail dresses and evening gowns for the women and dark suits or a tux is acceptable for the gentleman. See you there! And remember, your donation/ticket is tax deductible and the proceeds go to our award winning Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department a 501c(4) charitable organization.

## Rackspace Hosting

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## FIREFIGHTER'S GALA

Saturday, March 2, 2013

6pm-11pm

### Menu

#### Hors d'oeuvres

Fruit

Shrimp Cocktail

Bacon Wrapped Shrimp

Swedish Meatballs

### Dinner

Garden Salad

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# POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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

## 2012 was a very busy year for the Windcrest Police Department!

While we were very busy with total calls received in 2012, increasing by over 12,200 calls compared to 2011, we experienced a decrease in violent crimes and an overall decrease in property crimes in 2012 compared to 2011. I attribute this success to the unequalled support we received and continue to receive from our City Manager, City Council and Mayor, in regards to hiring, equipment and overall support of public safety, our exceptional use of proactive policing initiatives, and our crime prevention partnership with each of you...the residents of Windcrest.

Arrests in 2012 for alcohol violations, driving while intoxicated, possession of narcotics and weapons violations experienced an increase! I attribute this to our aggressive enforcement stance on crime and zero tolerance for criminal activity in the City of Windcrest. Reporting of suspicious persons and activity increased over the last quarter of 2012 by over fifty percent and I feel this increase is attributed to the new City-Crime Watch Program that started in 2012 and Crime Prevention education. Citizens' Patrol assisted greatly throughout the year as our eyes and ears, and into the holiday season preventing crime throughout the City.

The City of Windcrest, your city...experiences a tremendous range and variety of people moving through our City on a daily basis. Criminals (wolves) continue to watch our gates, but as you can see, we continue to fight hard...strengthening the "Thin Blue Line" in the war on crime! I believe we are sending out a very loud and clear message!



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# Code Enforcement, Jose Rosales

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Other interests are trailers, RV's, boats and commercial vehicles are also covered in Chapter 20. Vehicles covered by a protective cover are not protected from inspection by any Officer. Any vehicle under a cover must also be operable, have current registration/inspection stickers, otherwise these vehicles can be distinguished as a junked vehicle under Chapter 20/the traffic and parking ordinance.

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.

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## RACKSPACE PRESENTS 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Firefighter's Gala March 2, 2013

Event – 2nd Annual Firefighter's Gala

Date - Saturday, March 2, 2013

Place – Takas Park/Civic Center, 9310 Jim Seal Pkwy.

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. Dress up in your finest black attire and come spend an elegant evening with the WVFD.

Each year the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department conducts a fundraiser to purchase firefighting, rescue and medical equipment. We also use these funds to professionally train our volunteers. This helps to insure that our community, Windcrest and our surrounding area, receives the best protection possible in all circumstances and under any conditions. Additionally, the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department, will be donating \$3,000 to the Roosevelt High School scholarship fund for two \$1,500 scholarships.

The Gala includes dinner and live band. Live Auction, Silent Auction and raffle. Seats at the Gala are included in the Gold Elite Plus level of giving and additional tickets are available at \$50 per ticket.



### Levels of giving –

**Gold Elite Plus \$170;** two gala tickets, two BBQ plate tickets at the Firefighters picnic, Windcrest Gold gifts and two sheets of raffles tickets.

**Gold Elite \$130;** two BBQ plate tickets at the Firefighters picnic, Windcrest Gold gifts and two sheets of raffle tickets.

**Gold \$100;** Windcrest Gold gifts and one sheet of raffle tickets.

Businesses who are interested in sponsoring this event please contact Lisa Scott for more information.

**We will sell out! If interested in attending call or email now.** Reservations are coming in at a very fast rate 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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 emergency (210) 422-4159. Our website is [www.bexarcountywcid10.com](http://www.bexarcountywcid10.com).

ONLY TWO TOPICS WILL BE ADDRESSED THIS MONTH, THE CURRENT WATERING RESTRICTIONS AND SEWER AVERAGING.

**STAGE I WATERING RESTRICTIONS ARE IN EFFECT AS THIS IS WRITTEN.** All indicators are pointing to a very dry winter and early spring. On December 12th, the Edwards Aquifer Authority cleared us to lift Stage II restrictions, but cautioned that this change may only be temporary. Rainfall has been scarce; only 1.62 inches since October 1st. Across the state, lakes and rivers are at record lows and although we don't rely on them for our source of water, they are a measure of the seriousness of the problem. Lakes and streams in the Central Texas area influence Aquifer levels. In just the last few days, farmers who depend on water from Medina Lake (a scant 30 miles from here as the crow flies) were notified they won't be getting irrigation water this spring. In essence, they are out of business. The lake could be dry by early summer. There are people who depend on the lake for drinking water. The water you save today may be the only water you have to drink tomorrow!

**ANNUAL SEWER AVERAGING.** The annual sewer averaging process started on November 19. For detailed information on sewer averaging and hints on how to achieve a low sewer average,

please visit "Frequently Asked Questions" at our website. Look under INFORMATION.



## Windcrest Lions Club

[Windcresttx.lionwap.org](http://Windcresttx.lionwap.org)

The Windcrest Lions Club would like to thank everyone who attended the Pancake & Sausage Breakfast last month. This was a joint fundraiser sponsored by the Lions Club and the Optimists Club. It is fun for all of us to work together to raise funds for our various charities and programs. We couldn't do it without you!

We have an exciting year ahead filled with opportunities to have fun while serving our community and supporting the Texas Lion Camp. If you are interested in making a difference this year, please attend a meeting and find out more about how "WE SERVE".

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Windcrest Community Center at Takas Park. You are welcome to stop by any meeting or call Lion Marlene [redacted] for more information.



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We are glad to announce that the fountains in Brook Falls Pond and Autumn Sunset Ponds now are lit with LED lighting for your viewing pleasure. This idea had been considered for a while and has finally happened. The colors displayed will give each fountain a dramatic look to an already beautiful presentation. Hope all of the community will take a moment and enjoy the view.

The street sweeper has been working overtime to keep our city streets VERY clean. We have also made more passes down Walzem this last month to give our best presentation to those who travel through our city.

Public Works wishes to thank our Public Works PARTNERS who continue to help us every day clean and make Windcrest the great place it is to live. PARTNERS are those citizens who take of their personal time to pick up trash and help with general cleanup of our parks. This is very much appreciated by Public Works and I'm sure the citizens of Windcrest. MANY THANKS...



**Municipal Court Report**

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

**Municipal Court Looks Forward**

2012 was another great year for Municipal Court. Municipal Court came in AGAIN over our projected revenue for the year. We will continue to conduct warrant round ups as they have proven tremendously effective.

**Tips for the Road**

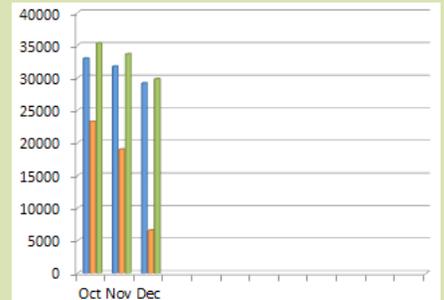
You are traveling 45 mph on a two-lane highway. You are driving a car with automatic transmission, power steering, and anti-lock brakes. Without warning your engine dies. When your engine quits the vehicle will continue moving but will feel very heavy. The steering becomes extremely difficult. The brakes at first appear not to be working but they do. They are harder, firmer and have to be pushed down further. Put your emergency flashers on and pull off the roadway.

**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 2012-2013. For more information please contact Kelly Rodriguez, Court Clerk at (210)655-0022 ext 2150 or [krodriguez@windcrest-tx.gov](mailto:krodriguez@windcrest-tx.gov).

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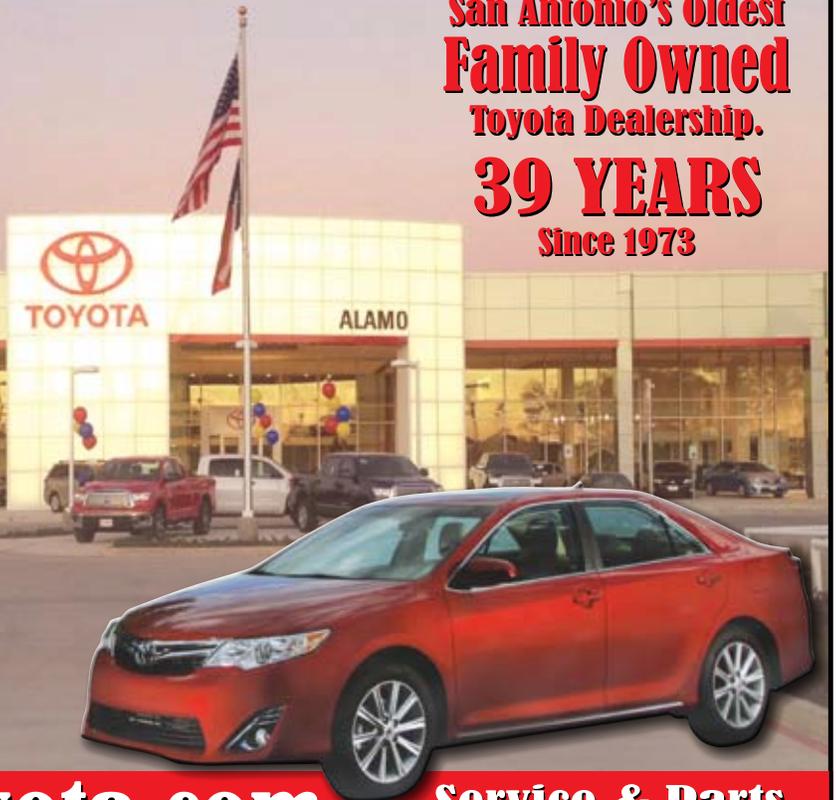
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The Newsletter Committee and the Walzem YMCA are delighted to host the 2nd Annual Valentine's Day Party for the youth of Windcrest! The YMCA, which is usually closed on Sundays, is opening up their doors exclusively for the children, grandchildren and parents of Windcrest residents and employees.

Adults, please accompany your children for an afternoon of swimming (please bring your own towel, life guards will be on duty), basketball, children's movies, moon bounce, ping pong, Wii games, freeze dance and YLAND - a two story tree house play land located in the children's areas at the Y. All of this for NO CHARGE! You do not have to be a member of the Y to attend.

Light refreshments will be served and every child will receive a party favor.

The Newsletter Committee and the Walzem YMCA are excited to see you for an afternoon of fun! For any questions or for more information please call the Y at (210) 656-5777. Happy Valentines Day!

Women's Club News

Pamela Dodson



It is time...time to come to the **Membership Tea on February 27th at the Civic Center from 2 pm - 4pm.** It will be a pleasant break from an every ordinary day, a chance to step back in time to a more genteel era and remember all the ladies that helped bring this group to where we are today. The tea cups are lovely and the food is dainty so please come down memory lane with us. Reservations are required so call Garlene [redacted] or Hazel [redacted]

Then on **March 16th** at the **Civic Center** starting at **6 pm**, we will have our annual **Wine and Cheese Social.** What a way to spend an evening with friends and neighbors lamenting about the trials of life with a good glass of wine and a selection of cheeses. Can't you just feel the stresses of life drifting away for at least one evening? Reservations are required.

Also on **March 27th** at the **Civic Center** from **10 am to noon**, we will have **Suzanne Scott, General Manager of the San Antonio River Authority;** give her program, "What's Next for the San Antonio River?" I am sure you will have lots of questions so come on to the meeting and let's have some good conversation along with some good treats!

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

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**WINDCREST OPTIMIST CLUB**

**ANNUAL  
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1. **SPRING FERTILIZER SALE**, Saturday, 9 March 2013, 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon, at the Windcrest Shopping Center in front of China Harbor restaurant on Walzem Rd. Deliveries also made to customers' homes. Fertilizer comes in 40# bags, 15-5-10 (with Iron), at \$20.00 each; estimated coverage per bag=5,000 sq.ft. For Information, Orders, or Deliveries, call Optimists Larry Burke [redacted] Herb Strait [redacted] or Don Myles [redacted]

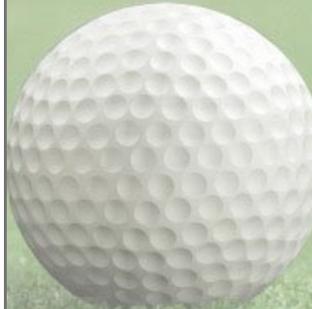
2. **DAY/NIGHTTIME GOLF TOURNAMENT**, at Windcrest Golf Course, Saturday, 16 March 2013, starting at 4:30 PM. After daytime play, food will be served by local Taco Cabana Restaurant sponsor. Nighttime competition starts at 7:30 PM. Trophies/prizes will be awarded. Entry Fee=\$60.00 per player (includes green fees, glow-in-dark golf balls, and food). Event details and Registration Forms posted at the Windcrest Golf Club or contact Optimists Herb Strait, Larry Burke, Paul Greenwood [redacted] Andy Biancardi [redacted]

All fund-raiser proceeds support/provide services and programs for youth in Windcrest and local communities. **SUPPORT WINDCREST OPTIMISTS WORKING TO "BRING OUT THE BEST IN KIDS."**

*Thank you very much.*  
Don Myles [redacted]

**WINDCREST  
GOLF CLUB**

The Windcrest Golf Club recently welcomed Chef Miguel Cavanna and his staff to the club.



Miguel brings more than 30 years of chef and restaurant experience as he opens "Cavanna's 19th Hole grill" here at the club.

He and his staff will be serving Breakfast 8am-11am/ Lunch 11am - 3pm/Dinner 5pm-8pm (with a special menu) Tuesday thru Sunday.

Look for a special "Happy Hour menu 3pm-6pm Tuesday thru Friday. Home delivery of meals serving Windcrest will be starting soon.

Remember the Windcrest Golf Club is **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** so please stop by and try an array of outstanding food. Also, watch your mail for a "New Membership Program" that features lower dues and additional benefits for members.  
Dennis Dooley, General Manager

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# Windcrest

## Garden Club

Helma Ann Martinez

Be our guest at the Windcrest Garden Club meeting this month for coffee & snacks at the Windcrest Civic Center. On **Monday, February 4th**, our guest speaker, Gayle Randolph, will give us simple steps to transform your favorite flowers into delightful arrangements & simple gifts to share, just in time for Valentine's Day. We meet at 10 am and hope to see you there.

At our January 7th meeting we really enjoyed the "Circle of Gardeners" where we honored our panel of Master Gardeners in attendance ~ Jacquie Rothermel, Sondra Bump, Kathy Littlefield & Stephanie Cox. They shared with us some history, experiences & rewards of being part of the County Extension Master Gardener Program, as well as answering questions.

It's not too late to join the Texas AgriLife Extension Service Spring Master Gardener Class for interested adults. Deadline to register

is **February 25, 2013**. Classes run every Wednesday, 12 noon-4 pm, March 6 – May 29.

<http://mastergardener.tamu.edu/become/>  
<http://www.bexarcounnymastergardeners.org/>

Upcoming events:

Executive Board Meeting ~ **Monday, February 25th, 10 am**  
 Hostess ~ Carolyn Freeman

**Monday March 4th ~ 10 am** @ Windcrest Civic Center  
 Guest Speakers - Yvette Erwin & Karen Gisel;  
 "Heirloom Herbs", learn about edible weeds, plants & flowers you may find in your own back yard

Executive Board Meeting ~ **Monday, March 25th, 10 am**  
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# Windcrest Animal Control Task Force

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Researched and written by Jan Russert

## Facts about coyotes:

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cat, if caught, may or may not be injured by either a dog or coyote. Finally, the urban coyote is an expected resident of American cities. If natural food sources are present, the coyote will protect its territory. If Windcrest has a coyote roaming the neighborhood that is not approaching people or showing unnatural aggression, it is best to leave it alone to let it maintain the territory rather than have another, possibly not so "well behaved", move in.

## Co-existing with an Urban Coyote

Do not feed pets outside. If you must feed outside (such as the community cat caregivers), do not feed after dark or before sunrise and preferable within a fenced area rather than in the open. Remove food dishes between feedings. Make certain all garbage is contained in tightly lidded garbage containers at all times. Never leave food containers or kitchen garbage outside in bags. Keep your open yard clear of birdseed, nuts and fruit from trees. That which brings bugs, rats, squirrels, other small wildlife ultimately makes a fertile feeding ground for the predators of those creatures. Outdoor lighting discourages the smaller, nocturnal mammals. Light your outdoor areas brightly (100 watts every 15 feet) after clearing all food sources to discourage their presence. If going out in the dark, carry a flashlight and make noise, sing or talk to the dog. It announces a person coming and allows wildlife to move away. If a coyote is in sight, clap hands and stand tall. For children, stand on a step or a stoop and make noise. Do not run away from a coyote for it may prompt the "chase (prey)" response.



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## City Meetings in Windcrest City Hall Council Chambers

Special City Council Mtg	February 4	6:00 p.m.
Municipal Court	February 5, 12, 19	4:00 p.m.
WEDC	February 14, 28	6:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation	February 13	6:00 p.m.
Water District Meeting	February 21	7:00 p.m.
Regular City Council Meeting	February TBA	5:15 p.m.

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**City Holiday on February 18**

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