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Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,

April has arrived. The weather is getting warmer and warmer. I bet we all hope we get some rain this month. April will be very busy. We have Easter, Fiesta – with our very own Fiesta Event (Fiesta Especial) and Parade and Spring Brush Pick-Up. We are also ramping up for the WVFD Firefighter Picnic. Little League is in full swing and they are into their season. There has been tremendous support from our city's best asset, our residents, with regards to citizens volunteering for the different committees and commissions. We are continuing to witness the growth of TEAM WINDCREST - both city pride and citizen participation are growing. We encourage you to remain active and involved, and we promise that we will continue to modify, change and refine how we do business. As we all know: **If we stay the same, we cannot improve.**

4th Firefighter Gala (re-cap): This was the most successful Gala that we have had in the four years since we started this event. For those that attended, I am confident you enjoyed yourself. There are quite a few pictures of the event posted on our city Facebook page www.facebook.com/TheCityofWindcrest as well as a link to all of the photos from the evening. Of the over \$20,000 raised from the event, the fire department will utilize funds for such things as continued training, education and equipment. The Gala sold out, and we set a record with regards to revenue generated and corporate sponsorships raised. Mrs. Mary Lou Ellis did an incredible job decorating the venue. Many residents dressed up in Disco theme. Some standouts were Mr. and Mrs. Jacobi and Mr. and Mrs. Castillo. Cleto was in rare form with his comedy, and the dance contest was an absolute blast. However, the dance contest did not go as planned for me. Unfortunately, I did not make the cut and am currently deciding if I should turn in a protest. The Fagins came in second and City Manager Rafael Castillo and his wife Jackie won first place and the HUGE trophy. Congrats to all and thank you to all those that attended and supported this event. The Firefighters, Heather Weidenbach, Robert Colunga and Kelly Hamilton all do a fantastic job. A GALA Event went the extra mile for us and thanks to all the sponsors. A HUGE hug and thank you goes out to the Newsletter Committee. Without this group, this Gala would have never started. With their continued help, it will grow and grow. THANKS!

Traffic Analysis/Study: Recognizing the increasing population around us, this administration lead by myself, Rafael Castillo, Robert Colunga and our City Engineer Andrew Hunt contacted and worked with CPS to add additional lighting around our city's perimeter. The plan that was developed over the last year called for approximately 100 new lights to be installed. We are two months away from completing this project focused on increased security. This administration is now conducting a thorough traffic analysis to study traffic flow, amount/increase in traffic and the issues surrounding the findings. The City Council voted to conduct and fund this study. Our City Engineer, along with the City Manager, Fire Chief and Police Chief will be working hand in hand to evaluate the data and determine the best and most effective ways to calm traffic and increase safety. This is of the highest priority for this administration so stay tuned for more in future Newsletters and Council Meetings. We will take a measured and thoughtful approach. We also look forward to hearing citizen comments.

Windcrest Little League: The Season is in full swing and the fields are looking great. The Little League volunteers, along with Public Works spent weeks getting them ready for this season. Please go down there and cheer these young people on. It is a lot of fun.

Firefighter Picnic: Please mark your calendars for the 45th Annual Firefighter Picnic to be held Friday, May 15th and Saturday, May 16th at Takas Park. This is a fun filled, family event, and yet another fundraiser for our award winning Volunteer Fire Department. Much more information will be in the next Newsletter. Also, see page 15 in this Newsletter for more details.

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Fiesta Especial: The annual Fiesta Especial 5k run/walk and parade will take place April 18th beginning at 8am. Please go online to sign up for the 5k. www.fiestaespecial.com. Immediately following the 5k will be a Parade around the Windcrest Golf Course. A prize will be given for the house displaying the most "Fiesta Spirit. See page 14 in this Newsletter for additional information.

Warrant Round-Up (re-cap): These were started under this administration. We had our latest Warrant Round-Up from February 20 – March 15th. This was an especially long Round-Up as we involved other municipalities. During this concerted effort many arrests were made. The Court staff and Judge Takas worked exceptionally hard during the Round-Ups. Our Police Department prides itself on capturing those that do not respect our laws and pay their fines. This year we collected over \$50,000 in fees from those that did not honor their punishment and pay their fine. Thanks you to all those that assisted with this effort.

Economic Development: The IN-N-OUT Burger should be open by the end of April, so stay tuned for more information regarding this exciting event. More good news – the lot behind this restaurant will be a new hotel. The deal is finalized, but the developer has not given the go ahead for a press release yet. It will be a hotel that the residents will be proud of. It looks great. This will bring in more sales tax for the city, as well as more hotel and motel tax dollars (HOT Tax). We are less than 60 days away from closing on yet another restaurant to go beside the IN-N-OUT Burger. Additionally, the developers handling the Pear Tree Inn pad site are confident they will have yet another restaurant deal worked out by the time that building is demolished and the lot cleared. All of this is on the Windcrest residential side of the street. Arctic Ape Wild Desserts opened with much fanfare and WOW is it good stuff. Owned and operated by Windcrest residents and located behind the Whataburger, Arctic Ape is one sweet treat you don't want to miss. Within the next 2-3 months, we are expecting approximately four deals to close in the annexed portion – the other side of Walzem Road. In the annexed portion, we split the sales tax with the city of San Antonio 50 – 50. We will keep you updated in future Newsletters. Also keep abreast on our EDC Facebook page. www.facebook.com/WindcrestTXEDC

Spring Brush Pick-Up: This service will commence on April 6. Again, for the convenience of the residents, the city was divided into three sections indicated on page 8 of this month's Newsletter. This service is at no additional cost to you as a resident so please take advantage of it if needed.

Windcrest Elementary Unicycle Team: I forgot to mention this in the previous Newsletter. In February at the Spurs vs. Miami Heat game in San Antonio, the Windcrest Elementary Unicycle team performed at half-time. I was fortunate that I was in attendance, along with many other residents. I am proud to report that they were entertaining and did a great job. It was a special day for them and all of us as Windcrest residents. They represented the city well. Congratulations

to the team and a special thank you to those teachers and administrators that took their personal time to set this event up and coordinate it. Without those Windcrest elementary employees volunteering their time for this event, it would not have happened. A huge thank you and hug.

Newsletter Committee: This Committee works so hard. They meet at least three times every month and do so much more than just the Newsletter. They started and coordinate the Children's Valentine's Day Party. They started and conducted the first Flag Party which determined and created our first Windcrest flag. They also are instrumental in the Gala, the Light-Up and the Fourth of July Parade, to name just a few of the events this team works. Additionally, they work to create this Newsletter every month. Please look on the back of the Newsletter, and if you know one of these residents, please take the time to thank them. They deserve it – BIG TIME.

YMCA Summer Camp: The YMCA will be conducting a summer camp for children for eight weeks this summer. It will be held right here in Windcrest at the Takas Park Civic Center. Discounts will be extended to all Windcrest resident children and grandchildren. Please call the Walzem YMCA at 210.656.5777 and ask for Andi Anderson.

Warrant Tip Line: We continue to try to improve. A citizen came up with the idea of a tip line to assist in apprehending people with outstanding warrants. I ran this by the court staff and they loved it. It is great to hear from our best asset – the citizens. We listened and now we have added this as another tool in our tool box to locate and apprehend person(s) with outstanding warrants. The rewards for information leading to the arrest of a person with an outstanding warrant will be from \$50 – 100. The number is 210.653.5299. Call City Secretary Kelly Rodriguez at 210-655-0022 for more details.

Volunteering and Participating: We need more people on the Windcrest Citizens' Patrol and Animal Task Force. Please call City Hall if you wish to volunteer. Remember that 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.

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

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Alan E. Baxter

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Mayor Pro-Tem, Pam Dodson

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Recycling is a part of your garbage bill. Thought you might like an update on what you can recycle.

Here is the list of things TO recycle:

- Boxboard
- Corrugated cardboard
- Computer printouts
- White & colored paper
- Clean room paper
- Notebook paper
- Adding machine tape
- File folders (not hanging)
- Fax paper
- Carbonless paper
- Card stock
- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Junk mail
- Soft cover books
- Aluminum cans
- Water/Soda bottles
- Self-adhesive notes
- White & colored beverage bottles

Here is the list of things NOT to recycle:

Glass, Styrofoam, spiral notebooks, paper plates, paper cups, paper towel, paper tissues, carbon paper.

Please recycle when you can.

If you have noticed the changes going on in the front of city hall....we are trying to update the appearance of our building. In the area by the sidewalk (where you see the dirt) rocks should be replaced in the near future with some nice containers to hold some bright colored flowers. Please be patient with us as we make this transformation. You realize that nothing in city government moves quickly. Hopefully, by the time you read this, it will be a completed effort!!

Councilmember

James McFall

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I received a call from Mr. Robert Colunga (WEDC Director) who informed me that Pear Tree Hotel was closing its doors and was interested in donating 30 television sets and 5 entertainment centers. As you can imagine, I was pleased and honored to accept their donation and to pass it on to our local schools where it would have the most benefit. After contacting several of our local schools, Montgomery Elementary, graciously accepted our offer. With the help of Tom Garcia (Public Works Director) and his crew, we were able to make the delivery. The teachers, as well as the students, were ecstatic to receive such a generous donation.

I continue to receive many phone calls from citizens of Windcrest who support our city's efforts to work in partnership with our local schools. As we all know, when the responsibility of our children's learning is shared among schools, parents, and communities, our student's lives are enriched. Thank you for your continued support. Good schools reflect good communities!!!

The Annual Firefighters Gala was a grand success! The music, food, drinks and entertainment were all 1st class. Thank you to all who participated in this event.

Councilmember

John Gretz

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Dear Friends,

Wow! If you all missed the Fireman's Gala on Mar 7th, you truly missed a great show! Our Mayor, Alan Baxter, did an outstanding job as MC, the food was superb, Cleto had some great humor, great music and the dance contest was phenomenal! Our city manager and his beautiful wife won hands down. John Fagin and his lovely wife won 2nd. This event raised big bucks for the Windcrest VFD. I would predict a record! Please put the fireman's picnic on your calendar, which is coming up on May 15-16. This upcoming event should be great fun for all... and more bucks for the Windcrest VFD!

By the way, if you all are not aware of what goes on "behind the scenes" to make an event like this Gala happen, let me share. Alan Baxter puts his heart and soul behind it each and every year... and it has gotten bigger each and every year! Please take a moment to give Alan a "Pat on the Back" if you have a chance. Truly well deserved!

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ENJOY THE OUTDOORS OF WINDCREST

The weather is nice which means it's time to get out and enjoy your community. Do some yard work if possible or get out and go to one of our parks. Did you know that more people from outside of Windcrest come to our parks than do our residents? I am not one of them. I walk at least two times a day, rain or shine, around Autumn Sunset Pond with my long haired Dachshund, Mausie. It does both of us good.

I am sure you have noticed that more and more businesses are coming into our area. This shows a confidence by these enterprises of how well our city's future is moving forward in the right direction. This has helped in moving up our property values. It also shows that our city is maintaining our environment for our future. Families want to come and move to our city, they can see a future for themselves and their children. Among other things families look for safety and security and our city has the best of both.

If we as residents could only work together to help maintain our small town image and prosperity we would continue to be the envy of all cities around us. Remember what we had to overcome to get here.

Do not forget our Fiesta Especial event. This event will start on 18 April at 0800 AM with a 5 K run or walk followed by a parade of floats and marchers. This is a great event and part of our Fiesta San Antonio events. Please come out and help cheer everyone on.

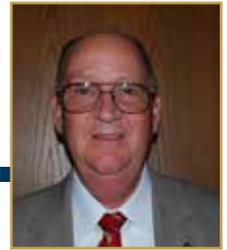
Our very own In and Out Burger will be opening soon. More details will be provided for the grand opening celebration. I have never eaten at one of these burger places but I have heard that the food is very good. From the financial side don't forget the taxes that will be coming into our city to continue to help us maintain our way of life.

Again as always give us your positive ideas and thoughts

Councilmember

Jim Shelton

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Do you plan to dig or have excavation work in your yard or on your property? Please follow these simple steps as they may be the most important you ever take—and it's the Law. To provide required information about your digging/excavation project you may use GeoRemote or call 811 at least two working days before you dig. They will accept GPS coordinates if provided along with driving directions. Member facilities Operators will be notified about your excavation near their underground lines. They will provide you with a reference number that serves as proof of your call. They also keep a complete record of your call to verify your compliance with the law. Facility operators will mark their undergrounds lines as they decide necessary, and you will be able to work safely without delay. Begin your project knowing you are using safe practices and preserving vital services, protecting property and saving lives. **Know what's below. ALWAYS call 811 before you dig!** I have personally called 811 to verify these procedures, and yes, indeed, it is the law. Happy digging.

Each 5 years we are required to select a **Charter Review Committee**. The members of this committee may select new items or changes to our current charter. Any changes would be decided by a public vote, which will occur during the November 2015 election. The charter Review Committee is to be made up of our Windcrest citizens. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact me or any council member. I can be reached at (210) 247-8500.

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During the month of February the Mayor and Council passed an Ordinance and some Resolutions that you may be interested in. Please note that the links after the statements are links to the meetings on the City of Windcrest website. To view the whole discussion of the City Council simply type it in to the search bar on your internet browser.

ORDINANCES - SCCM 02.23.15
Ordinance No. 2015-722(O), an ordinance amending chapter 26, parks and open areas, of the code of ordinances of the City of Windcrest, Texas by prohibiting fishing in ponds or lakes in the city. (Ref 08.04.14 Joint SCCM / Planning & Zoning Meeting http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1297)

RESOLUTIONS - SCCM 02.02.15
http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1405

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE – to volunteer, please contact any of your Councilmembers, City Manager or City Secretary to volunteer.

Please note that the dates for the curbside pick-up are April 6-24, 2015.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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

I would like to introduce the most recent addition to the Windcrest Police Department, our second K-9, "Frisco". Frisco is assigned to the Operations Division, Patrol Operations Section, K-9 Unit with his partner, Officer Tyler Lindsey and is supervised by Corporal Adam Lee who is also a certified K-9 officer. Officer Lindsey and K-9 Frisco join Officer Hernandez and K-9 Rocky, further supporting our proactive mission of preventing crime and arresting criminals. Frisco is a 2 1/2 year old German Shepherd and was selected and provided to the Department at no cost, through the United States Military. Frisco is a dual purpose K-9, serving both, as a Patrol K-9 as well as being certified in narcotics detection. Officer Lindsey was selected as a K9 Officer after a rigorous selection process among other excellent applicants.



Frisco is named in honor and memory of, Windcrest Police officer, Lt. John Frisco, who was killed in the line of duty on December 13, 1985. We will never forget his sacrifice.

K-9 units can be an important force multiplier for police departments and the addition of a second K-9 to the Windcrest Police Department allows for increased police coverage and ensures that there is always a police dog on duty around the clock in the City of Windcrest. In addition to sniffing out narcotics and taking down bad guys, Frisco is also a part of our community policing commitment, along with K-9 Rocky, taking part in educational demonstrations and greeting residents at events such as the Annual Windcrest Police Department National Night Out Event. It also means a K-9 unit will remain in place when it is time for K-9 Rocky to retire in the next few years. Welcome to the Department K-9 Frisco, joining a Department with officers that are "Second to None".



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FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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4th annual Firefighter's Gala Wrap Up

We would like to say **THANK YOU** to our residents, Mayor Alan Baxter, council members Gerd Jacobi, Jim Shelton, Pam Dodson, James McFall, John Gretz, Windcrest EDC, Public Works and Windcrest PD for supporting the 4th Annual Firemen's Gala held on Saturday, March 7, 2015. A big **THANK YOU** to following corporate businesses who generously supported this event: Rackspace Hosting, Randolph Brooks FCU, Frost, Drury Inn & Suites, Redemption Racing, Republic Services, Teamsters 657, Conn's Rex Formal Wear, Nardis Gun Club, Whataburger, 20 Nine Restaurant & Wine Bar and Taco Cabana.

Congratulations to Rafael & Jaqueline Castillo for winning first place in the FIRST EVER Windcrest Mirror Ball Disco Dance contest and runners up John & Lea Fagin!

Thank you to our special guest Cleto Rodriguez for emceeding the gala and coming out for a "Where's Cleto" segment... Cleto was able to experience the life of a firefighter.

A very special **THANK YOU** to the Newsletter Committee and Mrs. Mary Lou Ellis!!! These individuals were instrumental in planning, volunteering their time to assist in the selection of the menu, preparation of gala programs and supporting staff.



Mrs. Ellis did an absolutely amazing job decorating the civic center for disco night. Who knew disco could be so elegant and beautiful. Mrs. Ellis went above and beyond that showed her creativity and her passion for decorating!

The 4th annual Firefighter's Gala was HUGE success and with your support we raised over \$20,000. Thank You Windcrest!

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The Windcrest CERT Team is actively training more volunteers for the Windcrest CERT Team and will post pics in the next newsletter. We are also planning our first annual Preparathon for the Windcrest Community. Please visit our Facebook page for more information, FB Page: Windcrest City CERT or contact: Kathie Maloney, Windcrest CERT Team Program Manager @ 210-887-5069, e-mail [a@teamwindcrest@gmail.com](mailto:teamwindcrest@gmail.com)

For more information on CERT, visit: <http://www.fema.gov/community-emergency-response-teams>

From the Desk of Tom Garcia Director of Public Works

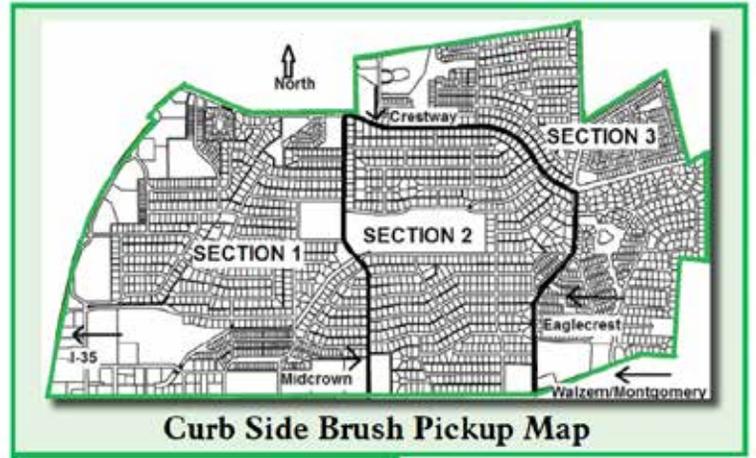
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For some free entertainment and a great hotdog please check out the Windcrest Little League baseball games. President Mike Manrique and his staff have put many physical man hours in preparing the ball fields and concession area to enhance the baseball presentation for all those who attend. The New Blue shade covers over the bleachers and the new Blue paint on the buildings have given the ball park new energy. I invite all of Windcrest to take in a game or two and support the youngsters who play fair and play hard in one of Americas past times.

If you have a youngster who would like to participate please call Mike Manrique @ 210-328-9626 for more info.
PLAY BALL!

As usual, please continue to report issues in the city that Public Works can take care of for you. Many thanks for all your help and support.

Code Enforcement Unit



Brush pickup is April 6 – 24, and as we get ready for the summer, please keep up with your swimming pool maintenance and maintain a healthy yard. Don't forget all property owners are responsible for their half of the alley maintenance. If you have plans on adding any structures to your property, please check with our permits office regarding necessary permits. If you are replacing a fence, driveway, roof, water heater or shed, the list goes on. All of these require permits. Don't forget about your tree branches and bushes hanging over our streets and sidewalks, trim them back or up as needed. If you missed brush pickup, please be advised that you are responsible for disposal of excess materials. Please read the ordinance on RV's in **Chapter 32 - Use of Yards** in preparation for future trips. **Reminder, residential garbage, waste and refuse placed outside for pickup should be stored in a durable metal or hardened rubber container with a tightly sealed insect-proof and animal-proof lid. Trash bags left out can only be used for disposal of leaves, grass trimmings or other items, no food based products please. Notices will be delivered for violations.** Clean yards promote great mental health.

If you need any assistance or want to report a violation of the Windcrest City Code, please contact the Code Compliance & Enforcement Unit via the Windcrest Police Department Dispatcher at 210-655-2666 or send an email thru the link provided within the Code Compliance & Enforcement Unit tab located on the Police Department webpage.

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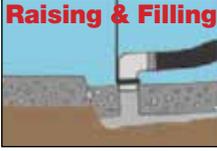
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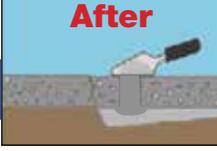
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Economic Development Corporation

We had another great month here in Windcrest, Texas! New business openings, new businesses planning on opening and more businesses coming to Windcrest. What a great way to keep our City growing. We want to thank you for the great support you give our local businesses. Please keep it up as our citizens are a big part of our business success.

In n Out Burger is our next business to open!!! We are looking at some time mid of April for their Grand Opening. Stay tuned and look on Website www.DevelopWindcrest.org and visit us on Facebook and Twitter to catch pictures of our businesses and the progress of the In n Out Burger. Our latest businesses to open – Windcrest Cosmetic Dentistry (new location), Buffalo Wild Wings, Whataburger University and Arctic Ape Wild Desserts are all doing well. Please continue to frequent their establishments.

There is so much that has been going on and now you will see the Old Pear Tree Inn being demolished. We anticipate the announcement of another new business coming to Windcrest in its place. The landscape of our City has changed so much in the last few years and there is more to come. With all of this new development our goal is bring Windcrest back as the diamond city that everyone wants to emulate.

If you have any questions, suggestions or comments please feel free to contact Robert Colunga at 210-655-0022 or email him at rcolunga@windcrest-tx.gov

Municipal Court Report

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

Statewide Warrant Round Up

The City of Windcrest participated again in the Great Texas Warrant Round Up. During the month of March participating agencies throughout the state of Texas focused efforts on contacting those who have warrants in there cities. Windcrest took it a step further. We started a week early, and we had a team that focused on the Windcrest TOP 10 Warrant list. Over 200 defendants addressed their outstanding citations and over 300 warrants were addressed. The word is out..."Pay your fine or do the time".

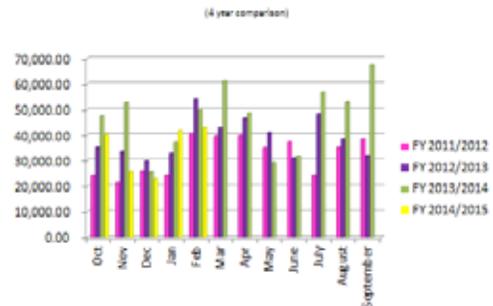
Tips for the Road

You have a flat tire on a very lonely stretch of an interstate freeway. It is dark out and you have no way to change it. You also have no cell phone. To safeguard your vehicle and communicate your need for help you should pull your vehicle completely off the road and lock your doors. If you have a highway help sign, make it visible to passing motorists. If you don't, put your hood up. Turn on your emergency flashers as well as your dome light.

TOTAL CITY REVENUE

Here is a 4 year comparison chart of the money collected from fines and fees. For more information please contact Kelly Rodriguez, Assistant Court Administrator at (210)655-0022 ext 2150 or krdriguez@windcrest-tx.gov.

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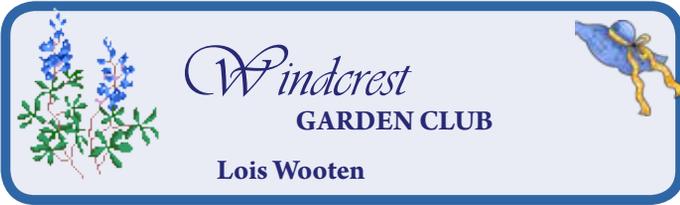
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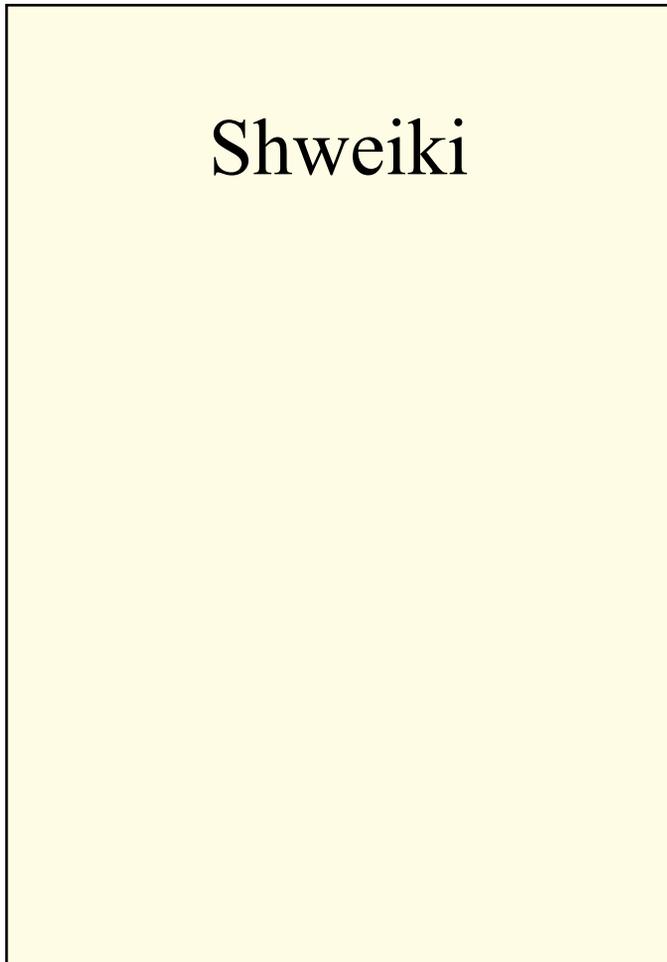


UPDATE: Windcrest Garden Club will hold its annual public Plant Sale on 18 April at the Windcrest United Methodist Church on Midcrown Drive. Proceeds support our community service projects including the Windcrest Elementary School winter coat and Angel Tree projects. All our gardeners are working hard to have lovely plants to sell. Come see what we have for you this year!

Our 2014-2015 season closes with a wonderful **luncheon on Monday, 4 May, at the Paloma Blanca restaurant** (5800 Broadway St #300, 78209) to install new officers for the 2015-2016 Windcrest Garden Club year.

Cost is \$22 per person and four menu options are available. Call Betty Riggs (637-6302) for reservations! This is a great restaurant and a fun event!

With all the great rain we had in February and March yards are already looking better. **The Windcrest Garden Club's Yard Award program is on track for this summer. The city is divided into seven zones for judging, and Judges will be out looking during the last calendar week of April, May & June.** Judges look for well-manicured, healthy lawns,



flowers & shrubs, good use of color with landscaping in harmony with the home. Monthly winners will be announced in the May, June and July Windcrest Newsletters. **GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!**

The Garden Club is open to ALL AREA MEN AND WOMEN interested in gardening. Membership is only \$10.00 a year and available anytime during the year. We meet on the first Monday of the month at the Windcrest Civic Center.



You can renew your membership or join for the 2015-2016 Club year with the below form. Early renewal helps the Executive board plan for the coming year which begins in September. Make check payable to Windcrest Garden Club & Mail to: Garden Club, 413 Zephyr Dr, Windcrest Tx 78239

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Women's Club News

Kathy Littlefield (210) 413-6018

We are in the final stretch of our year with April & May events. We'll start with the Appreciation Luncheon on 8 April (11:30-2p.m. at the Civic Center) hosted by the Women's Club Board. RSVPs are appreciated to Vivian Cochran at 213-7439 or Sharon Fink at 598-9899.

On Tuesday, 21 April, we'll gather at the Windcrest United Methodist Church from 10-1p.m. to hear the JJJ "Kitchen Band". What a great way to get us energized and ready to jump into summer. If they can't get your feet tapping then nothing will. Hostesses are Sharon Fink, Barbara McGee, and Anne Hanes. NOTE: We will again take nominations from the floor for new officers and then vote for new officers at this meeting.

Our season's finale will be the Installation Luncheon on 27 May, 11:30-2p.m. By popular request, we're going back to Earl Abel's on Austin Hwy. Great menu options with the works, nice room and great service too. Cost is \$18.00 per person. Save the date and make your reservations. Sign up or call Vivian Cochran (213-7439). Here's your menu options: (1) Petite Grilled OR Fried Chicken with scratch mashed potatoes & steamed broccoli, (2) Petite Catfish with scratch mashed potatoes & steamed broccoli, (3) Grilled Chicken Spinach Salad with strawberries and feta cheese. All entrees come with tea or coffee and dessert! Our hostesses are Sally Ball, Anne Hanes and Vivian Cochran.

With spring comes the time to think about how you want to help next year. There are lots of things that make the Club work, like being a hostess, special committees, special events, standing committees. They are all important!! Don't wait to the last minute to sign up, those sign up forms will be available at future meetings or you can just call Lois Wooten or any board member and let them know where you can help.

Let's celebrate Spring by springing into the swing of things at your Windcrest Women's Club! All women living in Windcrest are invited to join our Club. Our dues are only \$20 per year. Please call Membership Chairman, Lu Nix at 653-2371. Please join us at any of our meetings and enjoy the program and make new friends!

Kathy Littlefield, 210-413-6018

Windcrest Lions Club



thank you!

Thanks to all Windcrest residents who attended our Italian Dinner! We sincerely appreciate your support. Because of you, we're able to continue to serve.

If you missed our Open House, please come to a meeting to learn more about the Windcrest Lions. This month we will participate in Fiesta Especial on April 18th. On April 28th we'll be cooking and serving a hot meal to those in need. We're also planning a work day at PET San Antonio to help build a Personal Energy Transportation unit, or PET -- a three-wheeled, all terrain wheelchair, operated by hand power. Built by volunteers, PETs are delivered at no cost to people in developing countries who have lost the use of their legs due to birth defects, polio, diabetes, spinal cord injuries, landmines, or war. (<http://petsanantonio.org/>)

If any of these opportunities to serve interest you, please come to a Lions Club meeting to learn more. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Community Center at Takas Park. Please call Lion Marlene at 210-455-3662 for information.

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April may be the most inspirational month for gardeners: winter is over, the dog days of summer are both a memory and a still-distant occurrence, dormant trees are budding, perennials show renewed life, and gardeners become excited to plant!

We have planting projects for the month of April! We will primarily be focusing on two projects: planting native grasses and flowering vines at the new Flower Towers installed in November and creating Designated Monarch Butterfly Habitat Pathways and Gardens in carefully selected small areas in the city. Friends of the Park applied for a Texas grant for this project; spearheading efforts are FOTP member Arlene Hart and City Councilman John Gretz. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find an article



written by Scott Gorton, FOTP President: "Butterfly Values". The article is illuminating in explaining the impact of preserving this potentially endangered species; preservation has impact far beyond the Monarchs. Soon you should be seeing a couple of small "no mow" areas with signage indicating the area is for the Monarch project.

You can always find us at www.windcrestfotp.org. Our new website has many photographs and articles about our activities – past, present, and

future. As ever, we welcome new members at any time. You need not feel you must dig in the dirt to be a member; support comes in a variety of packages, all appreciated! FOTP contact information is on the website as well as on the back cover of this publication.



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CONTACT THE WINDCREST POLICE DEPARTMENT ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL UNIT AT (210)655-0022, EXT. 2680 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Windcrest Animal Control Task Force

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– Pam Dodson

The City of Windcrest is a beautiful and vibrant community that cares not only about its citizens, businesses and quality of life, but also about its animals, both domesticated and wild.

With such a diversity of wildlife in our area, occasionally, animals such as Raccoons, Opossums, Skunks, Squirrels, Foxes, and even Coyotes to name a few, traverse through our City and our neighborhoods. It is certainly not uncommon to see some of these types of wildlife in your own backyard. These animals are not domesticated but can make your backyard their temporary home. It is very important to know that there are options available other than killing, wounding or cruelly treating these animals.

In the City of Windcrest, there is Zero Tolerance for the mistreatment of any animal...domestic or wild.

The first and best approach to dealing with any wildlife is to practice tolerance; Understanding and acceptance of the natural patterns of animal life and having a respect and appreciation for wild animals. Most wildlife are wanderers, and if you see one in your yard, he or she is probably just passing through. The only long-term, permanent means of coping with troublesome wildlife is to exclude them from areas where you do not want them. Be sure to secure trash containers with tight-fitting lids and to bring in your pets food and water dishes each evening. Securely close the areas around decks, hot tubs and sheds. There are non-poisonous products available at area home improvement stores that can act as a deterrent to wild animals and will not harm domesticated pets. We can all live together, in a City that stands out above the rest... taking care of its citizens and also its animals! Please let's make a difference... maintaining a "Quality of Life" in the City of Windcrest, which truly surpasses the norm and shines as an example to others. Excerpts from a letter written by the Chief of Windcrest Police.

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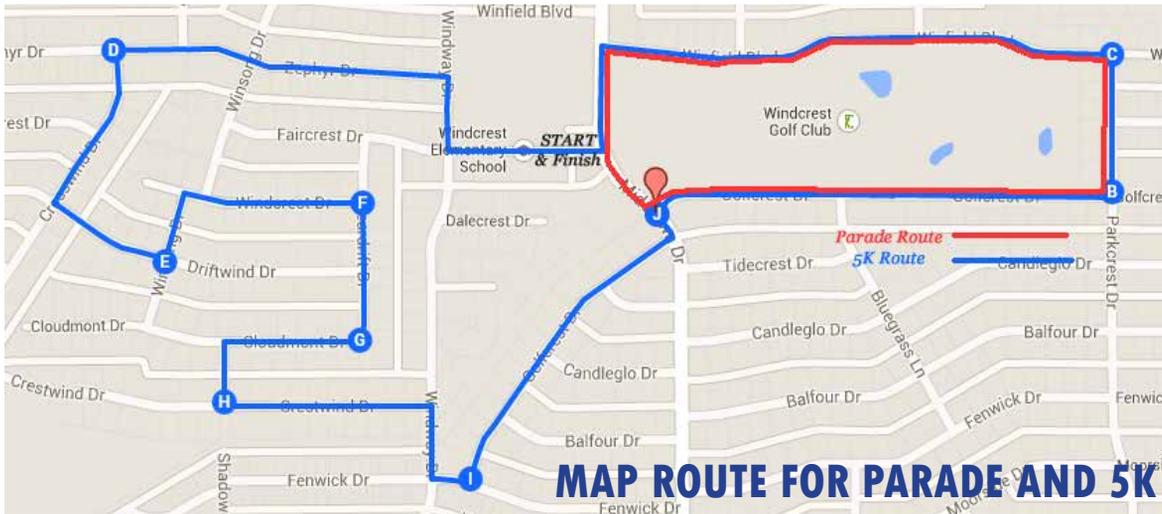
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Homes around the parade route, noted in red on the route map, are encouraged to participate in the "Fiesta® Spirit" contest which will score houses based on 1) Fiesta yard décor, 2) # of People watching the parade from your yard and obviously, 3) your Fiesta® Spirit! Cheer on the Fiesta Especial® Parade floats and marchers as they bring the delights of the season to your door. The prize package accompanying the "Fiesta® Spirit" award includes gifts certificates to Paesano's (\$50), Sushi Zushi (\$25) and Subway (\$25) along with 2 Large Fiesta Especial® T-Shirts and 2 Fiesta Especial® Medals. Will the winner be you??? Invite all your friends over for the parade and cheer really loud for your chance to win.

The Fiesta Especial® Fiesta® Spirit Award will be presented to the winning household following the conclusion of the parade.

The estimated start time for the parade is 9:30am. Volunteers with Reaching Maximum Independence, Inc. will be out in the neighborhoods posting street closure notices on the homes located around the Parade and 5K routes. Street closures will begin at 7:30am and will last through approximately 11:30am. Visit Fiesta Especial® online for more details.

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County Store is back... we will be accepting homemade baked goods on Saturday, May 16th at the Civic Center starting at 9am. If you are unable to deliver your items to the

civic center on Saturday, you can bring your donations by the Fire Department on Friday, May 15th between 8am-1pm.

You will receive more information by mail in April on how you can donate, purchase raffle and meal tickets. If you donated during the Firefighter's Gala we will be delivering your raffle and meal tickets late April early May.

We are need of extra volunteers from the public to help make this event a great success! If you would like to volunteer or would like more information regarding picnic, please contact Heather Weidenbach at 599.6007 or email at hweidenbach@windcrest-tx.gov

Stay tuned to the May Newsletter for the full schedule of events for Friday, May 15th and Saturday May 16th.



New to Friday night activities will be the first ever **"Super Hero Pet" costume contest.** The best dressed "Super Hero Pet" will receive a gift basket of pet goods and a gift card. We are still finalizing participation rules and registration form. Pets must be on a leash at all times and must be current on vaccinations in order to participate in the contest.

Saturday, May 16, 2015 will be filled with carnival, rides, petting zoo, pony rides, entertainment, silent auction, raffle and a bar-b-que dinner. This year Gary Glenn and the 20X Band will perform on Saturday evening from 7pm-11pm.



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City Meetings in Windcrest City Hall Council Chambers

P&Z	April 2	6:00 p.m.	Parks & Recreation	6:00 p.m.
SCCM	April 6	6:00 p.m.	WEDC	6:00 p.m.
Municipal Court	April 7,14,21	4:00 p.m.	Citizen Code Committee	6:00 p.m.

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