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# Mayor's Message



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**Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,**

September is yet another busy month for the City of Windcrest. We will be working on the City's Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget and have bid packages being prepared to publicize for our Street CIP Projects and for Parks and Rec Projects. Brush Pick up is also this month. We are also starting to prepare for National Night-Out, Trunk or Treat and Halloween at the City Hall and Fire Bay. Additionally, we are also starting to gear up for Light-Up. We are all looking forward continued improvement and development. 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.

**Community Pool: Re-Cap** Before this administration there were complaints about the Community Pool and calls for its closure because of low revenue and participation. This administration would not hear of such a thing. For the past four plus years, we have refined how we operate this facility. It is under the supervision of the Public Works Director Tom Garcia with the assistance of Facilities Manager Mac McNichols. The revenues have risen dramatically over the last 4 years under their guidance, and customer service continues to improve. Jonathan Hay returned this year to be the pool manager. Johnathan and his staff have done another outstanding job. I am pleased to announce that revenues and participation were up again this year. A huge thank you goes out to all the pool workers and to all of you to all that enjoyed the pool. We promise that next year will be even better!

**BUDGET MEETINGS:** The following dates are for Budget Meetings to finalize the 2015/2016 Fiscal Year Budget. We voted to have various start times to accommodate those with different schedules. We try to have at least one during the day and one in the evening. Please attend if you have time. Also, please email any Council Member or myself with any thoughts/comments/suggestions. The date and the start times for these meetings are as follows: September 17 at 2:00 p.m. (Public Hearing), September 21 at 7 p.m. (Public Hearing), September 24 at 9 a.m. and September 28 at 6 p.m. All meetings are held at Windcrest City Hall in the Council Chambers and broadcast live on the internet and archived in video format so that you can view at your leisure.

**TOWN HALL WITH THE MAYOR** - Wednesday, September 16 at 7 PM at Windcrest Golf Course: As promised in my article last month, I will be holding this Town Hall Meeting from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM to discuss next year's budget. It will be at the Windcrest Golf Course. The budget will not be finalized at this time, and thus, I would love to hear comments and field any questions that you may have in a relaxed environment. If you have a question(s) that you would like to discuss beforehand feel free to call me at 210-846-5507. That is my cell number. I would love to hear from you. I hope to see some of the citizens at this Town Hall. Food and Drinks will be provided while supplies last.

**2015/2016 Budget & Windcrest Property Tax Rate:** Many citizens have asked the question - Are we going to see a reduction in the property tax rate again? YES. This administration promised that we would run the city more efficiently and would encourage Economic Development. For the fourth year in a row, we will see a reduction in the City's Residential Property Tax Rate. It appears that escalating health insurance costs coupled with some investments needed this coming year with regard to long overdue and neglected amenities/assets will necessitate the property tax rate being reduced by a lesser amount than I would have liked, the Council voted for a reduction. The Council this year voted to REDUCE the Residential Property Tax Rate by 2%. I pushed for more, but we are still trending in the right direction. Additionally, this administration lowered most residential permit fees to just \$5. This was done to encourage homeowners to invest in their homes. This is in next year's budget and will be continued for another year. Finally, this administration began reducing the garbage bill by 25% for each year. We have included this as well. To summarize - a 2% reduction on the Residential Property Tax Rate, most residential permits to be \$5, and the garbage bill reduced by 25%. Please note that maintaining amenities/assets is less costly then repairing them when they have been over looked. This administration formulated a seven year plan when we took

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office approximately 4.5 years ago. We are systematically catching up on items that in the past were neglected. Thus, in the next 12 months with the balance in last year's budget combined with the upcoming year's budget, we are planning to spend over \$500,000 in cash on the parks/entrances/green spaces and \$1 million on the streets, while investing in Public Safety at unprecedented levels. This is being done all in cash, while incurring no debt. All of this is included in the proposed budget! This is a testament to all the hard work by everyone on Team Windcrest. This administration has taken the City's finances approximately four years ago from one that had bloated debt at an alarming rate when we took office to virtually zero debt at the present time. No city in Bexar County has come close to matching our fiscal record. Again, we have done all of this while still investing in our community, adding assets with regards to Public Safety – Police, Fire and First Responders, and maintaining, adding and improving our streets, parks and common areas.

**Economic Development:** First, we are proud to announce that Windcrest Economic Development Director Robert Colunga was recognized by the Whataburger Corporation with their - Make it Happen Award. They presented Robert with the making It Happen Plaque at the Whataburger University Grand Opening. They stated that rarely do they give this award to anyone outside of their employees, but they recognized Robert with this honor for his dedication and work ethic making Whataburger University come and be based in Windcrest. Thanks Robert. We can announce that next to In-N-Out Burger will be another restaurant - Pollo Tropical. Their plans have already been submitted. A special Economic Development Newsletter will be created and mailed to each resident within the next month. I will defer much more exciting news for this Newsletter. We have so much happening and the administration could not be more proud. Please be on the lookout for this Economic Development Special Edition Newsletter.

**Fall Brush Pick-Up:** Fall Brush Pick-Up is this month. By the time you receive this Newsletter, you should have already received a postcard with more details on the Brush Pick-Up. Haz Mat drop off will be in October. If there are any questions, please call City Hall.

**Autumn Sunset and Brook Falls Pond and Park Areas:** Originally, the efforts of renovating these areas were going to be divided into two phases - one per year. For economy of scale purposes, it was decided to do both areas at the same time. This new strategy will also make it easier ensure the renovations are consistent in appearance. Approximately \$300,000 in cash will be invested in these two areas to improve our ponds, park areas and green spaces. This area will also include the newly purchased property on the corner of Windrock and Montgomery. You will see fencing and landscaping being installed soon. This is yet another undertaking of our Parks and Rec Commission. As noted, this administration is committed to bettering our assets and community to improve the quality of life.

**Winnbrook Estates Park:** Phase Two and Three of the Park will commence this Fall. This is another area/amenity for our citizens. This is another park for all of Windcrest to enjoy, and is being developed with the combined efforts of the City, the Parks and Rec Commission and the Windbrook Estates HOA. Save the Dates: Please refer to the front of this Newsletter for important dates to circle on your calendar. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call City Hall.

**Volunteering and Participating:** We need more people on Windcrest Citizens' Patrol and Animal Task Force. Please call Kelly Hamilton at 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.

Remember that I welcome and answer every phone call and email. My cell phone number is 210-846-5507.

Your Mayor and humble servant,

*Alan E. Baxter*



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# FROM YOUR

Mayor Pro-Tem, Pam Dodson

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Please help us to continue to beautify our community by doing the necessary trimming, clipping, and mowing. As you may know, our homes have increased in value and are selling a lot faster. Part of that success is because you have gotten out there and improved the appearance of your home. I recently received an email requesting some information about the removal of waste created from all that hard work in your yard. Here is the code I found.



Sec. 28-113. - Definitions.

*Brush means leaves, lawn trimmings, grass cuttings, tree trimmings, weeds, flower stalks, and tree and tree limbs not to exceed three inches in diameter or five feet in length (cut).*

*That is what can be placed for your weekly pickup. You can place that waste in your trash cans, plastic bags, or even the big paper bags and the limbs (cut in five foot lengths) should be in small bundles tied with string. If you do extra work that needs special pickup (at an additional cost), just call Allied Waste... you can get their number from city staff.*

I hope by now you have come to the realization that the best government is one that is closely observed by the people so come on down to our meetings on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month.... we really are better than anything you can watch on TV and it is YOUR community!

Our City Charter states, The City Council shall have the power and is hereby authorized to create, establish, appoint, and abolish such other boards, commissions, and committees, as it deems necessary to carry out the functions of the City, and to prescribe the purpose, composition, functions, and tenure of each board, commission, or committee. Some of these are listed below.

The WCCPD Board of Directors is responsible for the oversight of the Windcrest Crime Control and Prevention District (WCCPD). Together with the Chief of Police, the Board of Directors establishes and funds projects to improve law enforcement efforts. The WCCPD was established under State law to allow the collection of \$0.0025 sales tax revenue to supplement the Windcrest Police Department. This board recommends to the City Council how the sales tax would be used for policing needs. The board meets as necessary-usually 2 or 3 times each year.

The Board of Adjustment's purpose is to hear appeals for variances from homeowners in the City of Windcrest, regarding building plans which do not comply with the City's building codes. There is a \$35 non-refundable fee for a variance request for residents and \$150 for commercial businesses. This board makes their recommendations to the city council, normally in a joint meeting. The seven-member Parks and Recreation Commission was formed in 2000 to foster development and enhancement of the City's parks and recreational areas. The Commission coordinates regulations for the use of public playgrounds, athletic fields, recreation centers, parks and other city owned recreational facilities. The commission makes facility and budget recommendations to the City Council.

The purpose of the Planning and Zoning Commission is to consider rezoning requests, subdivision layouts and planning requests brought before them. After deliberation, the commission recommendations to the City Council as to the disposition of these requests.

Windcrest Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Board of Directors is responsible for the oversight of the WEDC Budget. They also form policy and with the WEDC Director set projects for the purpose of stimulating economic growth and sustaining development in the City of Windcrest. The WEDC is a 503b corporation and all rights are covered within. The WEDC meets at city hall on the 2nd Thursday each month at 6PM.

Not later than every 5 years 7 Windcrest citizens are appointed by the city council to a Charter Review Commission. Through public meetings the commission may make recommendations for changes, additions, or deletions to our city charter. These recommendations are presented to the City Council, who will determine which ones may or may not go on the next election ballot. It has been asked why the City Council should even vote on recommendations of commissions or boards. Well, at all levels in government, whether it be city, county, state, or federal, there are advisors that make recommendations for the elected officials to decide (vote) on.

Thank you to all who serve on these committees, commissions, and boards. Your time and effort is appreciated.

# Councilmember

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# Councilmember

John Gretz

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Dear Neighbors,

As I tool around our great city on Citizen Patrol duty, walking the dogs, attending meetings, talking to neighbors, reviewing the mail...most everyone I chat with is very well pleased with the state of our civic affairs. Although 99% of what I hear is absolutely positive, I do hear a couple concerns.

The first may sound like minutiae, but many neighbors are upset that people still do not clean up after their dogs. As a reminder, it is Windcrest law that dog owners clean up after their dogs. Period. The city has done a superb job of providing "doggie stations" with bags to facilitate the process so please abide by our city law.

The second is litter. I fully understand that the majority of our litter problems are from "nonresidents" passing through Windcrest. I personally see a problem on Crestway and Eaglecrest and have noticed litter in our park areas, on the walking trails and on the streets off the main drags. Heck, down at Takas Park I see trash on the ground with trash cans within 10 feet! It is disrespectful.

I am very proud of our city and I ask every resident to be watchful. Again, I have no clue who resides in Windcrest or who are visitors that commit the aforementioned. Key point - If you see something strange, call police dispatch at 655-2666. Their response time is second-to-none!

Thanks, John

# Councilmember

Gerd E. Jacobi

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Let's move forward in our city to attract more businesses. With most of Eisenhower Road still available for Windcrest use, we need to move forward with attracting more businesses. This will help us meet our financial commitments to operate the city. Yes, Windcrest is now a bit larger and still growing.. Also be aware that our property values have gone up. Again, more and more families are moving to our city. People still want to live in a safe, secure and progressive environment. This administration, thanks to EDC, has brought in many new businesses to help us rebuild and bring us out of the red financially.

We are planning to freshen up our two ponds, Autumn Sunset and Brook Falls. I realize that very few of our residents ever utilize our ponds, enjoy the peace and quiet of the outdoors and see the different wild life that lives there. These ponds are part of our city and they must be maintained. These and other beautifications help our city to stand out among other cities.

We have a new Interim Fire Chief, Josh Brown, who is working diligently and is doing a wonderful job. I hope that everyone will support him in his efforts to provide safety and security for all of us.

Team work and positive vision will help to sustain our city.

# Councilmember

James McFall

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The budget for our next fiscal year is progressing very well. I am very proud of what the City Council has done to utilize our City's funds in a fiscally responsible manner. We have lowered our residents' property taxes, improved our roads, and strengthened the Windcrest Police Department, all without borrowing money. Overall, our City is in a great financial position that should serve us well in the future.

Additionally, as many of you know, the City recently hosted the inaugural meeting for the Windcrest/Northeast Bridge Builders, an organization comprised of local business leaders, community leaders, and committed citizens who share the common goal of ensuring that each and every student in our community, the "Theodore Roosevelt Community," strives for and achieves excellence in their academic, social, and professional endeavors. The meeting went extremely well, and many of our citizens, business and government leaders, as well as school officials, including NEISD Superintendent, Brian Gottardy, have committed to joining various sub-committees and lending their support. The next meeting for the Windcrest/Northeast Bridge Builders will take place at City Hall on Tuesday, September 29th at 6:00 p.m. I encourage all individuals interested in supporting the students in our community to attend this meeting. Please contact me ([jmcfall33@gmail.com](mailto:jmcfall33@gmail.com)) or WEDC member, Beckie Gergen ([rgergen@satx.rr.com](mailto:rgergen@satx.rr.com)), if you have any questions.

Let's continue to work together to better our wonderful City.

# City Secretary News, Kelly Rodriguez

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During the month of July the Mayor and Council passed a Resolution 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.

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Resolution No. 2015-544(R), authorizing the city manager to renew an annual contract with the City of San Antonio for police/fire department radio services for a fee of \$17,632.08.

Windcrest City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2015 in observance of Labor Day.

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# POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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

Recently, I have received complaints from a Windcrest citizen at Council Meetings, regarding "poor" clearance rates of criminal offenses by the Windcrest Police Department.

The Windcrest Police Department works diligently in the solving and clearing of all crimes, however, clearance rates can be greatly bound by circumstances in many ways. Investigative efficiency and effectiveness can always be improved, but only within limits created by the context of the criminal event in question.

*"Clearance rates are often used as measurements of police effectiveness. However, several problems with determination of these rates make them inaccurate gauges. There are several points at which inaccurate or biased data can be introduced into clearance rates. For example, many crimes go unreported and multiple crimes are often committed by the same individual who may be arrested for only one of them. Yet official crime and arrest statistics cannot take these unknown factors into account. Measuring the percentage of cleared crimes against the number of crimes committed in a given period and comparing them against statistics for a second period can be misleading since the number of crimes committed is not constant. Also, changes in the way statistics are tallied over the years make long-term comparisons difficult and unreliable. Furthermore, clearance rates for some types of crime (e.g., murder) are much higher than those for other types. Therefore, the ratios of types of crimes committed during the year can affect the clearance rates. Finally, the ability to clear crime depends greatly on the quality of information about the crime. If the victim is the reporter and reports in a timely manner, clearance is more likely than if a non-victim reports a discovered crime sometime after its occurrence". - Source - United States Department of Justice-National Criminal Justice Reference Service "Problem with Clearance Rates"*

An excellent example of this is the solvability of certain offenses such as the following examples: Example One - A resident reports their bicycle stolen from their front porch. There are no suspects

and/or witnesses. This case is listed as a theft and reported as a theft under the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) guidelines. There are no arrests and no suspect(s), therefore the case goes unsolved. Example Two - A business reports that an item was taken from a display by a subject identified only as a white male. The suspect fled in a blue vehicle with no license plates. The suspect is not located and there are no other witnesses or leads to follow up on. This case is listed as a theft and reported as a theft under the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) guidelines. There is no arrest and no suspect, therefore the case goes unsolved. Example Three - A victim reports that their vehicle, parked at a hotel overnight was burglarized. They report that their laptop was taken from the back seat. This case is listed as a Burglary-Vehicle and categorized as a theft under UCR reporting guidelines. There are no arrests, no evidence obtained and no suspect(s), therefore the case goes unsolved. These types of crimes happen routinely and adversely affect our clearance rates.



In addressing this subject further, I researched several other cities in the Bexar County area and confirmed what I already knew...our clearance rates are not only comparable to these other cities, but also confirmed that some of our clearance rates exceeded others. Although policing may be different from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, the same issues exist for each agency. The bottom line is quite simple; your Windcrest Police Department remains a very proactive police agency. It has been my solemn commitment as the Chief of Police, to ensure that we remain proactive and not reactive, thus reducing crime. Proactive policing works and we are consistently solving crimes and arresting criminals...daily! At the same time, we are also preventing crimes and sending a very strong message to criminals. Criticism is not necessarily a bad thing...sometimes it's needed, as there is always room for improvement. However, judging police performance based solely on clearance rates is certainly focusing on one very, very small part of the big picture and is a great disservice to a police agency, it's officers and staff that are committed to serving, protecting and putting lives on the line daily for the City and citizens it serves!

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September 26th is our First Annual America's Pre-parathon. This is a nationwide event to educate communities on preparing for disaster. Please mark your calendars and join us in the Wal Mart parking lot on Walzem Rd. from 9:00 to 1:00 to learn more about what to do in the event of a disaster. The Windcrest CERT Team and CERT Instructors will be available to answer questions about free training to join the CERT Team and/or to train and educate you on what you need to do not only to prepare, but in the event of a disaster, for you and your neighbors. Visit the Bexar County CERT Facebook page to read about upcoming events. The next Bexar County CERT class will be held at the San Antonio Fire Academy at HWY 151 and Callaghan Rd on Wednesday evenings from 6-10Pm on 7, 14, 21, 28 Oct and a final exercise on 4 November. The Point of Contact for this class is Bennie Marberry at (210) 207-5968.

For more information, please contact: Kathie Maloney, Windcrest CERT Team Program Manager @ 210-887-5069 or e-mail a@teamwindcrest@gmail.com For more information on CERT, visit: <http://www.fema.gov/community-emergency-response-teams> Keep up with our events, news and communications at: Windcrest City CERT Face Book page

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## From the Desk of Tom Garcia

Director of Public Works

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

### SCHOOL IS BACK IN -

Let's keep a sharp eye out for the young students heading back to school.

After a long summer the kids are really looking forward to school and reuniting with all their friends to share all the happenings they experienced during the vacation. Sometimes the excitement can have kids unfocused on traffic as they make their way to school. So, help them out and be focused on the road for both you and the student. Many Thanks.

HOT HOT HOT and dry has been the normal weather forecast for us lately. If you work outside like we do, please stay hydrated and we recommend a big hat with good ventilation. Do your outside work in the mornings to avoid harmful heat and sun rays.

Looks like we will have plenty of mulch material to go around. If you are in need of some FREE mulch material please help yourself to the pile at the area to the left before getting to Takas Park. We are doing a trim up of all the park trees close to walk ways so there should be plenty to go around this year.

Also, please mark your calendars for the Fall Hazardous material and curb side pick-up dates. A post card will be mailed out in advance as reminder.

For more information see page 12 of this month's newsletter.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT UNIT

Throughout the city, Code Enforcement has noticed a large amount of tree branches hanging low over the street and alley. The trimming of low hanging tree branches is the responsibility of the homeowner and not the City's. In order to determine if the tree branches belong to you, follow the tree branches to the base of the tree. If the tree is inside your property or the easement attached to your property, the tree belongs to you. A few trees have been addressed here and there, mainly the ones that are hanging way too low for our fire trucks or large trucks to pass safely. Please make sure you look at the alley area behind your fence as well. This is also the homeowner's area to maintain according to the ordinance in Section 28. Don't forget the bushes along both the alley and roadway, cut them back off the roadways and away from sidewalks. Sidewalks require a minimum of an 8 foot height clearance.

If you are planning on doing any property maintenance, take time to hydrate, wear protective clothing and take breaks under the shade. Promote great mental health for yourself and the community by maintaining your hard earned investment.

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

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# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Windcrest the GOOD NEWS keeps coming. The new Premier High School (Charter School) should be open now and we have a new dental office opening in the old CD Exchange called 'Celebrate Dentistry.' CD Exchange has just moved over a little bit about a block down Walzem and is still in Windcrest.

We have had three preliminary construction meetings for projects we hope to announce by the time the newsletter comes out with more to come. This summer has been booming for Windcrest we are seeing businesses coming into Windcrest and seeing businesses updating their businesses like Dunkin Donuts, Baskin Robbins & Taco Cabana.

The Economic Development Corporation will be sending out a "State of Windcrest Economic Development Corporation" newsletter concerning Windcrest's business growth. All citizens will be able to see what has occurred and the tremendous growth our city is experiencing. We want to thank all of the citizens for their continued support of our Windcrest businesses and we hope you will continue to support them and welcome the businesses as they come in.

Please if you have time visit our website [www.developwindcrest.org](http://www.developwindcrest.org) and visit our Facebook and Twitter pages for updates. If you have questions or suggestions please email Robert Colunga at [rcolunga@windcrest-tx.gov](mailto:rcolunga@windcrest-tx.gov) or call at 210-967-9381. Let's Keep Windcrest Growing.

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# MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT

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

### Pedestrian Responsibility

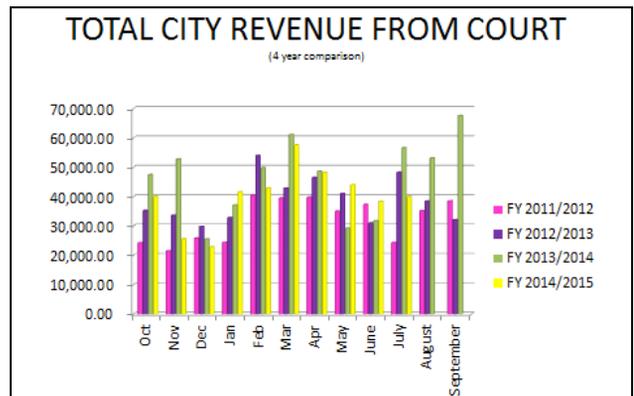
With school back in session and our children and grandchildren possibly walking to school it is important to remind them of their responsibility as a pedestrian. It's also a great reminder when taking a stroll in the city. Sec. 552.005 CROSSING AT POINT OTHER THAN CROSSWALK of the Texas Transportation Code gives clear direction that a pedestrian shall yield the right-of-way to a vehicle on the highway if crossing a roadway at a place: (a) (1) other than in a marked crosswalk or in an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection; or (2) where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided. (b) Between adjacent intersections at which traffic control signals are in operation, a pedestrian may cross only in a marked crosswalk. (c) A pedestrian may cross a roadway intersection diagonally only if and in the manner authorized by a traffic control device. Non-adherence to this law can result in a citation or worse, the loss of your life. So, to sum it up, use the crosswalks.

### Tips for the Road

You are the first person to come upon a two car wreck at an uncontrolled intersection. It looks very bad. There are no other cars in sight. You have no cell phone. You should secure the scene of the crash by placing flares or reflective triangles in all directions. Your first priority, apart from calling 911, is to ensure no one else crashes into these vehicles.

### TOTAL CITY REVENUE FROM COURT

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](mailto:krdriguez@windcrest-tx.gov).



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## GARDEN CLUB

Lois Wooten

The Windcrest Garden Club's first meeting is on 14 September at 11 a.m. in the Windcrest Civic Center. This is a pot-luck luncheon meeting, so bring a favorite dish to share.



To kick-off our special projects efforts we will hold a Silent Auction during the potluck. Local businesses have joined our community support efforts by providing great items for the auction. These supporters include Joe's Crab Shack, Fire Bowl Cafe, Amy's Ice Cream, Milbergers Nursery, Schulz Nursery, Rainbow Gardens Nursery, California Pizza, Red Lobster, Papa Dante's, Canyon Cafe, La Madeleine, Paloma Blanca Mexican Cuisine, Olive Garden, Applebee's, Crumpets Restaurant & Bakery, and Dawn Rhodes Salon. Be there and look for the bidding sheets. You will not want to miss out on getting at least one of these items, so bring cash or your checkbook.



Tuesday, 6 Oct 2015, we will travel to the San Antonio Botanical Garden where we will enjoy a guided tour by our own Master Gardner, Kathy Littlefield. Reservations are required and cost is \$8.00 senior, \$9.00 adults for entrance to the Garden. Plan on carpooling from the Windcrest Civic Center at 9:00a.m., and lunch at the Garden's is on your own. Don't forget this meeting is on TUESDAY, 6 October. Be sure to RSVP to Chris Krauss at 860-2823 so you won't miss out. This will be great fun!

Our next regular meeting is 14 September, so it's not too late to join! The Garden Club is open to ALL AREA MEN

AND WOMEN interested in gardening. Membership is only \$10.00. We meet September through May on the first Monday of the month at the Windcrest Civic Center.

You can join for the 2015-2016 Club year or renew your membership with the below form. Make check payable to Windcrest Garden Club & Mail to: Garden Club, 413 Zephyr Dr, Windcrest Tx 78239

2015-2016 WINDCREST GARDEN CLUB  
MEMBERSHIP FORM

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**Saturday, October 3, 2015**  
**11:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M.**

- Silent Auction
- Loteria /Bingo
- Children's Amusements
- Live Music with Los Reyes Band, 7:00P.M. to 10:00 PM
- Vendors
- Carnival
- Food and Dancing

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# Women's Club News

**Kathy Littlefield (210) 413-6018**

The Windcrest Women's Club is off to a wonderful start for our 2015-16 year. In August we learned what is going on in our city and what is planned for the future. On September, 23rd, 10 a.m. we will meet at the Windcrest Civic Center where Leigh Owens, Director of Development at the Tobin Center for Performing Arts will give us an update on the programs and activities planned for the Tobin. We hope that you are planning to join us on October 28th, 11:30 a.m. at the Petroleum Club for a wonderful lunch and Fashion Show presented by Graciela's at the Yard. Cost is \$25.00 and you can call Diane Stake at 946-7589 or Hazel Freeman at 655-3919 to make your reservation. Don't forget "Light Up" is taking place on December 12th with the theme of "Sleigh Bells & Cowboy Boots."

PLEASE come and join us for a wonderful year. You are guaranteed a good time. Dues are \$20 per year and membership is open to all Windcrest Ladies. Call Lu Nix at 653-2371 for more information so you don't miss a moment of fun.

Stay cool!

## *The Windcrest Women's Club*

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## FRIENDS OF THE PARK



Please have a look at our organization's web page: [windcrestfotp.org](http://windcrestfotp.org). Steve Kohn has single-handedly rebuilt the website, which remains a work in progress, but which should be much more current and informative than its predecessor! We are a relatively new organization; we are still evolving! Past and current projects can be found there, information about our

goals and about membership may be found there.

Our primary goal through the very hot summer was simply to keep things watered and to maintain the grasses and vines surrounding our signature Flower Towers, some of which were newly planted this June, as well as the newly-established Pollinator Garden – located west of Jim Seal in the general vicinity of the mulch pile. It has a colorful sign. Please take a short walk over to observe it!

As ever, we look for new members and new ideas: [windcrestfotp.org](http://windcrestfotp.org).

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# WINDCREST LIONS CLUB



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- provide free eye screening through our Lions Mobile Eye Screening Unit. If you missed our last screening at H.E.B., don't worry – we will be there again soon.
- provide free eye screening for infants and children 5 and under through our Lions KidSight program. Does your child/grandchild attend a local daycare or preschool? Call us to arrange a free eye screening event.
- support sight and hearing research and the Texas seeing-eye dog program
- sponsor the Roosevelt High School LEO club and provide scholarships to outstanding LEOs
- sponsor a Peace Poster Art Contest at Ed White Middle School and provide awards to outstanding entrants
- assist local teachers by providing free classroom supplies
- provide a camp experience for children with physical disabilities or diabetes at the Texas Lions Camp
- help fund and build PETs (Personal Energy Transport wheelchairs) The chairs are hand pedaled and provide personal transportation for handicapped people in

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undeveloped countries who would otherwise have no means of transportation.

Your generous support of our fundraisers allows us to provide these and many other services. Thank you!

Mark your calendar now for our CHILI & CORNBREAD DINNER on Saturday, November 7th. We have some great plans for this year's event so be sure to save the date!

Our HOLIDAY GREENERY SALE is coming! We know it is HOT but soon we will be taking orders for beautiful fresh Christmas greenery ... delivered fresh to your door in early December by a smiling LION. Watch for our signs and please order!

The Windcrest Lions Club meets on 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Community Center at Takas Park. Please stop by any meeting to learn more about the Windcrest Lions Club. For more information call Lion Don – 210-383-5782  
Windcrest Lions Clubs – We Serve.

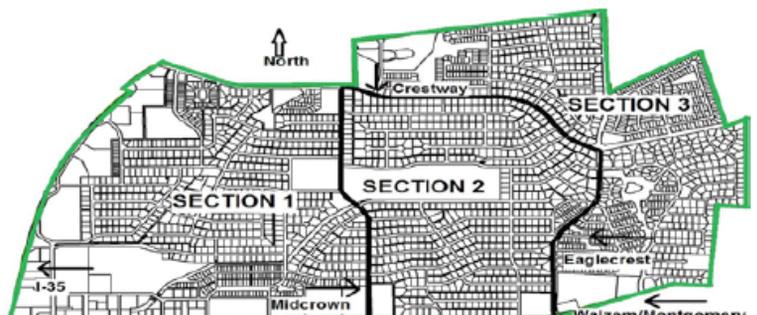
## Windcrest Fall Brush Curbside Pick Up

On Monday, Sept. 14 2015 the Fall Brush Pick up will begin. The Service will be available according to which section of the city your home is located. A map of the sections will be available at City Hall, on the City website and a postcard will be mailed out to make sure you understand which section your house is in.

Section 1: Curb service will begin Monday, Sept. 14 and run through Friday, Sept. 18. Everyone in section 1 must have their collectables out on the curb by Sunday, Sept.13 and no sooner than Friday, Sept. 11. Republic Services will go through each section once, if you are late putting your collection items out they will not return for additional service.

Section 2: Curb service will begin Monday, Sept. 21 and run through Friday, Sept. 25. Everyone in section 2 must have collectables out on curb by Sunday, Sept. 20 and no sooner than Friday, Sept. 18. Republic Services will go through only once and will not return for late collectable items.

Section 3: Curb service will begin Monday, Sept. 28 and run through Friday, Oct. 2. Everyone in section 2 must have collectables out on curb by Sunday, Sept. 27 and no sooner than Friday, Sept. 25. Republic Services will go through only once and will not return for late collectable items.



## WINDCREST ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL UNIT

Officers A. Fuentes and G. Bayer

### Poison Bait

The use of poisonous baits to control rodents has injured and killed thousands of wild animals and pets. Predatory and scavenging birds and mammals like owls, hawks, raccoons, skunks and feral cats that eat dead or dying rodents who have consumed these baits will be eating this poison. It will also impact their ability to care for their young, causing the babies to starve to death. When rats and mice eat d-CON, a potent anticoagulant poison, they don't die right away. Deterioration takes up to a week to become fatal, during which time the animal grows increasingly dazed and sluggish and more vulnerable to predators. Not only is the practice cruel, it poses a serious health risk for members of the public and their pets. Pets tend to eat dead or dying rodents and unprotected bait. The poison is potentially life-threatening for dogs and cats. Within three to five days after ingesting, small pets start to bleed into different body cavities. Without intensive care including a plasma transfusion, it is often fatal. If you find a mammal or bird that you believe has been poisoned, please do not touch it, as poisons can transfer through contact with skin. Instead, make a note of the location and call Animal control. Please spay, neuter, microchip, register and vaccinate your pets. And keep fresh cool water available 24 hours a day. When extreme temperatures rise, bring pets inside.

## WINDCREST ANIMAL CONTROL TASK FORCE

- Pam Dodson

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As you know, Windcrest does not have an animal shelter, so the City has to contract the boarding of the stray dogs. What is an exciting development is that Bexar County is moving forward with the building of a new facility in the community of Kirby and hope to have it up and running sometime in 2016. The City of Windcrest is hoping to participate in that development. We are waiting to hear what the cost may be and then break it down to cost per kennel. There was discussion at one of the City's budget meetings about a possibility of someone or some entity wanting to donate or sponsor one of those kennels. We are hoping to move forward with that idea, so watch for further information.

We are also starting a sponsorship for the care of our dogs. It will help to reduce the overall cost of animal control but yet allow every dog a chance to be adopted. A lot of folks can't be a foster, but want to help in some way. Through this program they will be able to identify a dog who they would like to help and then make a donation to its care. A number of our ladies are meeting to come up with the best plan for how we can accomplish this great idea so watch for updates.

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As the 2015-16 Academic year commences, we took a moment to talk with the Principals of Windcrest Elementary, Ed. White Middle School and Roosevelt High School about their anticipations for the coming year. Please make an effort to continue your support of these schools as they cater to the young minds of our local children.

**JENNIFER BARTON, PRINCIPAL, WINDCREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** - Windcrest ES is very excited to open the school year with state of the art construction nearly complete. With the input of retired Principal, Jeanie Weidenbach, and current Principal, Jennifer Barton, the design process for the project was intended to be a vibrant, one-of-a-kind addition for the Windcrest community. The new building, the new library, and the renovations in the existing building have added improved security and functionality for all spaces. Our students are going to benefit greatly from this beautiful and inviting learning environment. We would like to thank NEISD and the City of Windcrest for their support and patience in this large undertaking. Without their help, this project would not have been the success that it has turned out to be. Please look for information in late September about our first big event, our Windcrest ES Community Open House, where we will invite the Windcrest community, families and students to tour and visit our "new" school.



Dear Ed White Middle School Community, Students, Parents and Staff Members,

**CESAR URIBE, PRINCIPAL, ED. WHITE MIDDLE SCHOOL** - It is my privilege and honor to join the Ed. White Middle School community. As your new principal I am so excited to begin this new journey and I look forward to an exciting year of learning and growing with our students and working with our community members. My focus is to ensure that every student is provided the highest quality of education possible in a safe and supportive learning environment. Working together as a team we will be committed to helping each student achieve academic success. My 20 years of experience in education, 10 years as a teacher in both middle and high school, and 10 years as an administrator, most recently five years as middle school principal, has afforded me the background and experience to move to Ed. White Middle School and create a warm, safe, engaging learning atmosphere for our students. I believe that each and every student deserves the very best education, provided by committed teachers and advocates in order to develop successful and contributing young adults. Middle School is an important and critical time of transition. The year will be busy, exciting, and hopefully very rewarding for each of our students. We want you to join us in making this the very best experience for our students. So far I have met several students, parents, faculty and community members and it is evident how proud people are to be associated with this wonderful school. As community members and parents you are the most important person in the education of our students. It is critical that we work together to ensure their success and communicate how best to combine our efforts. I look forward to meeting you and talking about our students' success. My door is always open to you.

**MELVIN ECHARD, PRINCIPAL, THEODORE ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL** - As we approach the 2015-16 school year, things are in full bloom. Our students have been working very hard to prepare for the upcoming school year. Band, football and volleyball have been on campus preparing daily for successful seasons. Our DATA and ETA students have participated in summer camps. On Monday August 17th, our teachers returned and participated in a week long professional development in preparation for another outstanding school year. We want to celebrate our success and invite the community to join us by following us on Twitter.



See our full academic and events calendar at <http://www.neisd.net/roos/> for details on TRHS happenings. \*The full sports schedule is available on our website.



**ROOSEVELT ROUGHRIDERS**

**2015 Home Game Football Schedule**

**VARSITY**

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Fri.	Aug. 21	(H) Taft (Scrimmage)	TBD	FR/JV 5pm; V 6pm
Fri.	Aug. 28	(H) Warren	Comalander	7:30
Fri.	Sept. 11	(H) Judson	Heroes	7:30
Fri.	Sept. 25	*(H) Reagan(HC)	Heroes	7:30
Fri.	Oct. 2	Open		
Sat.	Oct. 17	*(H) Madison	Heroes	7:00
Fri.	Oct. 30	*(H) MacArthur(Senior Night)	Heroes	7:30

(HC) denotes Homecoming

**JUNIOR VARSITY**

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
				Blue / White
Thur.	Sept. 3	Clark	TR	5:00/ 6:30
Fri.	Sept 18	Stevens	TR	5:00/ 6:30
Thur.	Oct. 8	Johnson	TR	5:00/ 6:30
Fri.	Oct. 23	Churchill	TR	5:00/ 6:30
Thur.	Nov. 5	Lee	TR	4:30

**FRESHMEN**

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
				Blue / White
Thur.	Aug. 27	Warren	TR	4:30/6:00
Thur.	Sept. 10	Judson	TR	4:30/6:00
Thur.	Sept. 24	Reagan	TR	4:30/6:00
Fri.	Oct. 16	Madison	TR	4:30/6:00
Thur.	Oct. 29	MacArthur	TR	4:30/6:00



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## City Meetings in Windcrest City Hall Council Chambers

Planning & Zoning	Sept 2	6:00 p.m.
CITY HOLIDAY	Sept 7	CLOSED
Municipal Court	Sept 8, 15, 22	4:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation	Aug 19	6:00 p.m.
WEDC	Sept 10	6:00 p.m.

Citizen Code Committee	Sept 16	6:00 p.m.
Water District	Sept 17	6:30 p.m.
RCCM	Sept 21	5:15 p.m.
Windcrest/NE Bridge Builders	Sept 29	6:00 p.m.

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