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## Light Up Awards Dinner

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at Takas Civic Center

# Mayor's Message



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**Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,**

January rings in the New Year – 2016!! For those of you who celebrate Christmas, I hope you had a very Merry Christmas and for those citizens that do not, I hope you had a very Merry Holiday Season. By the time you receive this Newsletter, January 1 will have passed, so a belated Happy New Year to all. I am going to make some New Year's resolutions. I hope I can achieve them. A huge thank you goes out to the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department. They worked so hard over the Christmas/Holiday Season to raise money and to keep us safe. They did triple duty. We are fortunate to have these brave volunteers. Please come to the Light-Up Awards party on January 7th at Takas Park Civic Center to cheer the winners of the Light-Up contest on a job well done. 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.**

**LIGHT UP AWARDS PARTY – CEREMONY, Thursday, January 7, 2016:** There will be the Awards Party for all those that won a Light-Up Award. It will be held at the Takas Park Civic Center on Thursday, January 7th. It starts at 7 PM. All the citizens are invited to cheer on and applaud the winners. Free food and beverages will be available to those that attend – while supplies last. The dates for next year's Light-Up will be announced and every winner will receive a plaque. Please take the time to come to this event. Bring the whole family. We hope to see you there. **More information is located on page 14 in this Newsletter.**

**Light-Up Contest:** This year we had a record number of entries into the contest. I believe it was the best ever. Our city is known throughout as the "City of Lights." We show our pride and this showcases our city. It is the biggest economic generator for our charitable organizations. The city has received millions of dollars in media attention from the National to the local level regarding this event we hold every year. The traffic count is also up over last year, so that means more people are driving through our community and seeing the beautiful houses. They also get to witness how beautiful our other amenities are like our parks, ponds and the walkability of our fine city. Several bike clubs organized rides throughout our city. I have seen tour organizations passing through as well. We should all take pride in how our city looks and the sense of pride and community that is reflected with all the well maintained houses and common areas. This administration is confident that all see the great value in all this attention. We are a premier place to live.

**Decorate the House (Re-cap):** Once again, the Firefighters assisted with putting up decorations and taking them down. Many residents called in and received help. The WVFD received much needed donations for these efforts. My family has used this service and they do an incredible job. Also, on a side note, please contact the Fire Department to check on your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. They will do this service free and we do not need seasoned residents climbing ladders. Please call the Fire Department if this service is needed.

**Light-Up Maps/Fill the Boot:** Light-Up maps were available Friday afternoon, December 11th at City Hall. The WVFD passed out maps and asked for donations in exchange for the maps throughout the Holiday Season. They

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also included other organizations to share in the fun. We also need to say thanks to the many sponsors of the maps. Frost Bank came back this year as the title sponsor of the maps. A huge thank you to EDC Director Robert Colunga for bringing in this account once again! Many other companies also sponsored. Please review the map. These sponsors are too numerous to mention in this article, but are critically important in helping raise much needed funds for our Volunteer Fire Department and also helping to underwrite many of the costs of the Light-Up events. We are lucky to have such great corporate citizens.

**Light-Up Ceremony (Re-cap):** This year it was on Saturday, December 12th at City Hall. The longer term residents have seen this event grow from a hundred or so people to an event that draws thousands. This year we had threatening weather. This fact coupled with it being the first year of Event Specialist/Marketing and Public relations coordinator Kelly Hamilton, Fire Administrator Courtney Tipton and Fire Chief Josh Brown first time overseeing this event could have been cause for concern. All doubts were quickly erased. They all worked together with Public Works and the Police Department, along with the vendors and the many volunteers, and created a new event footprint so that the forecast of inclement and uncooperative weather would not put too much of a damper on this event. They all did an incredible job. Additionally, many had their photos taken with Santa Claus. Mrs. Claus was in attendance as well. Thank you to Windcrest Residents Mr. and Mrs. Flinn for “calling” Santa and Mrs. Claus and having them attend this year. That is the highlight of the evening.

**Windcrest Women’s Club:** Citizens, we all owe many thank you’s to the Windcrest Women’s Club. They do so much for our community with regard to Light-Up. They have been the main sponsor from day one – over fifty years. Many people do not realize how much work goes into this event. Arguably, the most important aspect is the judging. Whereas sometimes we do not agree with the results, let me state that all the voting is done using volunteers from outside the city. The Women’s Club strives to make this process unbiased and keep the integrity of the results at the top of the list. Many hours are spent with this process. Thank you Women’s Club and special thank you to Jacqui Rothermel, Chairperson of Light-Up for the Women’s Club.

**Economic Development:** To recap some of the latest great news – more Economic Development has been approved in the annexed area of Windcrest. This is the land south of Walzem Road. More Light Industrial Warehouse space will be added. If you have a chance, please go down Eisenhower and view all the construction. Additionally, we will soon see the Pollo Tropical Restaurant ground breaking. This casual dining

restaurant will be built next to the IN-N-Out BURGER. Behind these two establishments, we will soon see the ground breaking of the new Holiday Inn Express Hotel. There will be an announcement soon regarding what will be built on the land where the old Pear Tree Inn used to reside. At the time I am writing this article, the demolition and clearing of this land is almost complete along with the owner’s request for it to be re-platted. It is very encouraging that we receive all the inquiries that we do with regard to our business opportunities in Windcrest. We are poised to have a great 2016!

**Street Repairs:** The Council passed to approve the bid for the next phase of street repairs. Thus, this Phase will begin in the Spring. We did not want to interrupt Light-Up, so we suspended work until after the Holiday Season. Rest assured, this administration is committed to continuing to improve our infrastructure and amenities. As you know, we are systematically improving all the streets in Windcrest over the next several years. If you would like to serve on the Street Committee please email me at [abaxter@windcrest-tx.gov](mailto:abaxter@windcrest-tx.gov) and/or call my cell at **210-846-5507**, and I will ask that you be included. This is a very important Committee.

**FAREWELL:** Unfortunately, we lose great folks every month. December was especially hard for me and the city as two dear and trusted citizens/friends/mentors/residents passed. Both of these fine men did so much to help bring Windcrest back to life. They volunteered their time to help make the city a much better and improved place. Col. Roy E. Wratlslaw and Dr. Ed Ramos were two of the nicest and smartest men that I have ever known. You will be missed, but never forgotten. Rest in peace, and I believe we will see each other again one day. Thank you for your wisdom, love and support.

**Volunteering and Participating:** We need more people on the Newsletter Committee, 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.

Your Mayor and humble servant,

*Alan E. Baxter*

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## From Your Mayor Pro-Tem

**Jim Shelton**

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During the City Council meeting held on December 7, 2015 the Mayor asked the Council to select me as the Mayor Pro Tempore. As an elected Councilmember since May 2010 I have had many responsibilities, some by designation and many required by the City Charter. I take these responsibilities seriously, and try to serve ALL citizens to the best of my ability. I full well know that all votes and decisions are seldom agreed upon by everyone. We have several citizens who attend most meetings and their voices are heard and appreciated. There are always many more citizens who NEVER attend council meetings, but they still have opinions, ideas and desires. With the Mayor Pro Tempore comes even more requirements. To quote directly from our Windcrest Home Rule Charter:



### Section 3.11 Mayor Pro Tempore

The City Council shall elect one of its members as Mayor Pro Tempore, who shall perform the duties of the Mayor in the case of the absence or inability of the Mayor to perform the duties of office, and who shall, during that time, be vested with all the powers belonging to the Mayor.

My wish for each of you is that 2016 will be a GREAT YEAR!

## Councilmember Gerd E. Jacobi

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The last five years, our city has prospered and our property values have gone up. Also our city is taking care of beautifying our parks, and more and more families are moving here.

Part of what makes our city flourish is new businesses and the sales taxes paid to the city. One person who contributes mightily to new business coming to the Windcrest area is Mr. EDC, Robert Colunga and his hard working board members. This includes going to Las Vegas for an Annual International business convention to make the business connections. You cannot make money if you don't invest any. The city does not make money for profit. The money is re-invested into our city. I expect that our new council members will continue to look toward the future of our city. Remember our city had won the State Platinum award for Transparency. Let's move forward positively and show the rest of the cities in Texas that "yes," Windcrest is the place to live and enjoy a safe and peaceful life.

To all residents, a prosperous NEW YEAR and a healthy one.

## Councilmember Matt Vandenberg

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Happy New Year!

I am humbled to have joined the ranks of the many Windcrest residents who have shared their time and talents on the City Council.

During one evening of early voting, I had an encounter with a new Windcrest resident. A refugee from Afghanistan, he asked about the election and remarked how calm the voting site was. Immediately my perspective changed. While Windcrest, like most other communities, has its fair share of political squabbling, it remains a wonderful place to live. Even so, the freedom and peace that we enjoy (and for which I give thanks to God and those who have served our country) should motivate us to always aspire for something better and to avoid the tendency to return to petty behaviors.

The Council must rely upon facts to make good policy decisions. This will mean, hopefully, that there is thorough discussion at city council meetings; occasionally, it may also mean that decisions will be made more slowly or that meetings will be longer. Please do not mistake vigorous (though respectful) discussion for contention, or the slower pace as inaction. Open deliberations in which many perspectives are considered will always lead to better outcomes, so long as the debate is focused on supporting ideas with facts.

Please help by contacting me with your suggestions, concerns, compliments or complaints at mvandenberg@windcrest-tx.gov or 210-602-7804. While it may not be immediate, you will always receive a response. I am honored to serve you.

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Now is the time that people look forward to being more involved in their community.... I encourage you to do so. As you consider, look at the back page of your Newsletter and select an organization you think you would enjoy... then go to a meeting. The really good thing about involvement here in the city is that you will get to meet one of your neighbors.

I also encourage you to attend any of your council meetings or a meeting of one our committees or boards. It is much more likely that the decisions that are made are to your liking if you provide your input. You should be the oil that greases the squeaky wheel. If we have a problem or an issue, it will be your suggestions that help find a solution. So come....be part of the process! I think I can say that the meetings are usually better than anything you can find on television!!

During the month of November the Mayor and Council passed some Ordinances & 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 11.16.15

[http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=8&clip\\_id=1613](http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1613)

2015-738(O), an ordinance canvassing the returns of the election held on the 3rd day of November, 2015, to elect a Mayor and two Councilpersons for Places 4 and 5 for a two-year term, and declaring the results of said election.

2015-739(O), an ordinance canvassing the returns and declaring the results of a special election held in the City of Windcrest, Texas on November 3, 2015 and declaring an immediate effective date for the seven (7) charter amendment propositions approved by the voters; authorizing the Mayor of the City to cause an order to be entered into the records of the City of Windcrest declaring the amendments adopted and directing the Mayor to certify the results of the election to the Texas Secretary of State.

**RESOLUTIONS**

SCCM 11.05.15

[http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=8&clip\\_id=1608](http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1608)

2015-563(R), a resolution accepting the proposal of SpawGlass Building Services for the removal and installation of new concrete sidewalks at Brook Falls park in the amount of \$123,533.16.

2015-564(R), a resolution accepting the proposal of SpawGlass building services for the removal and installation of new concrete sidewalks at Autumn Sunset park in the amount of \$137,866.08.

2015-565(R), a resolution approving the purchase of portable XG-75 police radios and required radio accessories.

2015-567(R) approving the purchase of benches and trash containers.

City Hall will be closed January 1, 2016 in observance of the New Year celebration.

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# FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chief Joshua Brown, [jbrown@windcrest-tx.gov](mailto:jbrown@windcrest-tx.gov)

Happiest New Year, and thank you Windcrest!

Our annual Fill the Boot campaign could not have been what it was without each of you! Our Fire Fighters were out from December 12th – 24th, as well as the 26th-30th collecting donations and passing out Light-Up maps. Thank you! All donations collected benefited our Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department, the Windcrest Angel Tree, Windcrest Little League, and Texas We Act. We would like to extend our warmest and most heartfelt “thank you” to everyone who donated food and goodies to us during the Holiday season!

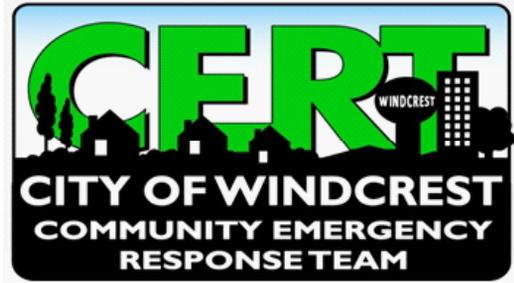
We had a merry time with Santa in his workshop during our 57th Annual Light-Up Ceremony. We were lucky enough to have Santa Claus come to town twice in December! Each one of our Engines, full of every Fire Fighter paraded Santa around town in our Annual Santa Parade on the 20th .

This year we assisted over 20 resident’s getting in the spirit and putting up their lights for them. We would like to thank those who graciously donated to our Department for this service!

Save the Date! Saturday, March 5th we will host our 5th Annual Firemen’s Gala. We will be mailing out all information soon for our fun filled evening.

Winter is here, please give your Fire Department a call on the non-emergency number @ (210)599-6007 and let us check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Courtney Tipton  
Fire Department Admin.



The Windcrest CERT Team is excited to announce that we are in the process of obtaining our 501C3 status. Our official association name is “Windcrest Disaster Preparedness and Response Team”. The name we chose explains exactly what we are about, disaster readiness through training of team members and individuals to be able to respond safely and effectively, in the event of an emergency, evacuation or search and rescue. Trained teams and individuals provide support to emergency response agencies and assistance to neighborhoods and workplaces, by taking an active role in emergency preparedness projects, during disasters and hazardous conditions affecting the community.

CERT is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens will be initially on their own and their actions can make a difference. Through the IS-317 training, participants will learn how to manage utilities, fire safety and cribbing, triage and treatment of medical emergencies until advanced medical crews arrive on scene, light search and rescue, disaster preparedness, incident command system and terrorism.

Our next scheduled, FREE training will be held at the Windcrest Civic Center from Friday, Feb. 19th 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 20th 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday Feb. 21st 8:30 to 3:30. No previous experienced required. Please contact Kathie Maloney, 210-887-5069 or [teamwindcrest@gmail.com](mailto:teamwindcrest@gmail.com) to register. Visit CERT’s website, <http://www.citizen corps.gov/cert/certination/index.shtm> for more info. & FAQ.

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## FROM THE DESK OF TOM GARCIA

Director of Public Works  
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Happy New Year to everyone. Hoping 2016 brings prosperity and good health to all our great Windcrest residents.

Public Works once again would like mention that our recycling service no longer recycles glass items. When there is glass in the recycling bins the Republic employees will not pick up the bin. This stipulation has been in place for some time now. Please pass on this info to a neighbor just in case they are not aware. Thanks

I would like to thank the Windcrest Fire Dept. for their assistance with cleaning the drain culverts in our city. Cleaning drain culverts is very important to minimize flooding in our city. Chief Brown was more than willing to help with this project. A huge thanks goes out to WFD.

Continuing to provide service to Windcrest is always a team effort. Please contact Public Works for issues in our city. Will be happy to investigate the problem in hopes we can help.

Once again, HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our citizens.

Tom and the Public Works team.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT UNIT

Now that the holidays are behind us, please make plans for the next big event, The Spring Clean! Reminder, city ordinance requires you to use a hardened container with a lid for trash disposal. You cannot place plain plastic bags out for disposal; the only exception is for leaves and brush. Please review your lawn maintenance plan with whoever maintains your property. The first violation notice will be to remind you that your property requires maintenance. The second violation notice is a summons to appear in court and so on thereafter for every violation throughout the year. You only get one warning to start with and then you must continue to maintain your property all year long. Let's start the year on a good note and prepare a plan. Make sure you have a backup plan just in case your maintenance person cannot complete the task.

Even though there are a few stubborn locations, please work with your neighbors and maybe help encourage that one particular neighbor to participate in helping to maintain quality of life in the city. Remember we will be having a spring brush pickup soon, so please prepare and take advantage of using this service to clean up your property.

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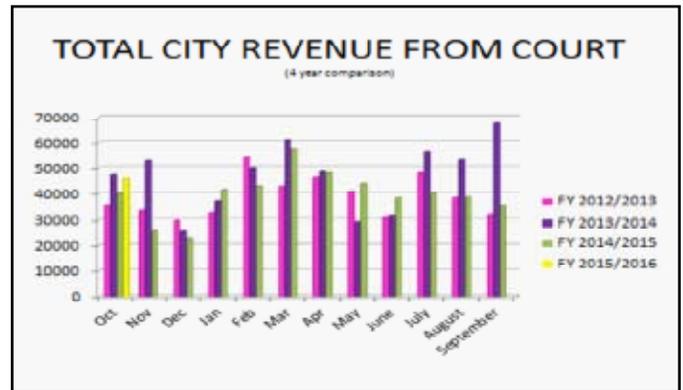
By Kelly Rodriguez, Municipal Court Clerk,  
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## Unsafe Lane Change

What is considered an unsafe lane change? Section 545.060(b) says that if a roadway is divided into three lanes and provides for two-way movement of traffic, an operator on the roadway may not drive in the center lane except: (1) if passing another vehicle and the center lane is clear of traffic within a safe distance; (2) in preparing to make a left turn; or (3) where the center lane is designated by an official traffic-control device for movement in the direction in which the operator is moving. Anything other

### TOTAL CITY REVENUE FROM COURT

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# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

This month's EDC content is dedicated in memory of Col. Roy Wratlslaw. Below are tributes from EDC Board President, Tim Maloney and EDC Board members Col. Sue Alexander, Ms. Lisa Pepi and Mr. Leonard Neeper



### Col. Roy Wratlslaw

"When I first came on the EDC Board approximately 4 ½ years ago, it was readily apparent that my politics may not be in line with the other members. Most were ex-military or had served in some function of the government.

When I first met Roy Wratlslaw, he said to me that the most important thing is the work, and that ethic has stuck with me throughout my entire tenure as President of EDC. Roy never once commented on politics, or made any harsh comments about a government, or the President or those people in Congress.

What he did was look after the citizens of Windcrest the best he could. He truly believed that he was doing important work. He believed that the shame that had been brought to the City, had to be eradicated, that we had a special mission and that was to restore integrity, fairness and balance to the community. Roy worked tirelessly in that regard no

matter how ill he was, no matter how badly his health failed, he never once shied away from the work.

His passion was rooted in a fundamental concept that is all too rare these days. - Fairness.

When we took over the EDC, it was, quite frankly, in shambles; millions of dollars in debt, several lawsuits, complete distrust from the business community and many issues dealing with Windcrest's most prominent business citizen, Rackspace.

Fix the mess and do the work. What we have accomplished on the EDC in the past four (4) years, is quite frankly nothing short of a small miracle. We have restored economic sense to that runaway train.

The person primarily responsible for many of our accomplishments was Roy Wratlslaw. His experience, integrity, and all around decency, kept the ship pointed in the right direction. I will miss Roy. I will miss his prayers at the start of our sessions, his counsel, his kindness, and most importantly his decency." - EDC Board President, **Tim Maloney**

"Roy knew what it meant to serve and he did. He served his country, his fellow soldiers, and his community. He proudly served over 25 years in the US Army; he served his wounded and sick comrades as a volunteer at SAMMC; and he served his Windcrest community as a WEDC Board member as well as regularly attending City Council Meetings and other Windcrest civic meetings to give valuable input. He was a friend, advisor, and great member of his community. COL Roy Wratlslaw will be greatly missed." - **COL. Sue Alexander**

"It truly was a great honor and pleasure to serve on the Windcrest EDC Board with Col. Wratlslaw. His contributions during his tenure on the EDC Board are an example of the good that still exists in public servants. I appreciate the prayers and thoughtfulness that he contributed to our Board meetings. I will miss Roy and I am grateful for having had the opportunity to work alongside him towards our common goal of improving our City." - **Ms. Lisa Pepi**

"It was my honor to serve on the EDC Board with Col. Roy Wratlslaw for over 4 years. During his tenure on the Board he worked fervently toward the betterment of the City of Windcrest. Roy will be sorely missed for his dedication to just causes and to those with whom he served." - **Mr. Leonard Neeper**

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## Women's Club News

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We had such a busy time preparing for Thanksgiving and Christmas with family and friends it is difficult to think about 2016! Light up was a great success with many entrees. It was such a pleasure to drive around and enjoy the lights! Ladies were all dressed up for the Christmas Party and the men looked handsome. After New Year's it will be time to get back to our regular schedules. Our first meeting on January 27, 2016 will be a coffee at the Civic Center, 10:00 AM to 1:00PM. The program will be "WOMEN WITH AMAZING COURAGE", with Sonia Vasquez, WWII POW in Nazi Germany and Col. Charlotte Phillips, USA (Ret). Don't miss this opportunity to meet and hear these strong, brave ladies. On February 24, 2016, we will have our ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP TEA, honoring our Founder, Mrs. Barbee Winn and all Past Presidents. This will be an afternoon tea, so put on your hat and come enjoy the event from 2 PM to 4 PM. Our SPRING SOCIAL will be March 17, 2016 in the Civic Center on Jim Seal Dr. We will enjoy a casual evening of Fun, Wine, Music and Delicious food. RSVP is required, so mark your calendar and plan to join us.

All ladies of Windcrest are invited to join our club. Cost is \$20 per year and Membership Chair is Lu Nix. Give her a call and join our group of lovely ladies. Her number is 653-2371.

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# Windcrest

## GARDEN CLUB

Lois Wooten

**The annual Windcrest Garden Club Christmas Potluck was a roaring success.** The turnout was amazing with a good number of friends and visitors, along with huge selection of tasty food, helped make it great celebration. The Civic Center looked beautifully festive thanks to our hostesses Marie Bourne, Elaine Morrissey, Annette Hoffman and Ann Lamelle. Attendees took advantage of the silent auction and went home with lovely items. Our speaker from the Texas Department of Agriculture shared very interesting information about their range of responsibilities and how they protect our state's plant and agriculture life.

**Monday, 4 January, at 10a.m.** will find us getting great tips, tricks & useful information from our own Master Gardeners. To become certified Master Gardeners, they completed an Intern training course, pass an examination administered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, and volunteered a minimum of 50 hours within one year. So, bring your questions for the "Circle of Gardeners" to the Windcrest Civic Center. This is a real opportunity to get advice and encouragement from true GARDENERS. Our hostesses will be Judy Barta, Kelly Kennedy, Jeannie Douglas, Chris Krauss, Phil Douglas, and Barbara Horvath.

**You can be sure 2016, will not find the Garden Club resting on its laurels.  
SAVE THESE DATES!**



**Monday, 1 February, at 10a.m.** we'll meet at the Windcrest Civic Center to hear Sir Oliver Smith, a Master Naturalist and Master Gardener, share great ideas and uses for native plants to bring color and beauty into our landscapes. His knowledge of native plants which require little water or care, led him to transform his own yard into a great xeriscape example.

This meeting will also be another opportunity donate those plants you've been coaxing along to help build our Community Service funds. Our hostesses will be Elaine Trembley, Lyn Cook, Diane Stake, Rosalinda Messer, Sue Jackson, and Mari Gentet.

**Monday, 7 March, at 10a.m.** well do a "make & take" at the Windcrest Civic Center. The very talented Betty Riggs will walk us through making your very own terrarium garden. If you want to make one to take home, bring a glass container. Soil, charcoal, and pebbles will be provided. Hostesses will be Joan Vanacek, Rebecca McGinty, Sondra Bump, Kathy Littlefield, Myrna Waters, and Linda Oliver.



**It's never too late to join the Windcrest Garden Club.** Membership is open to area *men and women and you do not have to live in Windcrest.* Dues are \$10.00 for the September 2015 to May 2016 season's membership. Just come to a meeting or see any member for more info.

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Happy New Year! Lions International celebrates 100 years of service in 2016 and we're looking forward to a great year. We welcome new members! If you are interesting in learning more about the Lions and what we do, please call 210-455-3662 for more information.

In December, we sponsored a Peace Poster contest for students at Ed White Middle School. We were excited to see so many talented young artists submit their work. We held an award ceremony and pizza party at the school. Congratulations to the winners: First place Vincent Rangel, second place Angel Adelsberger and third place Nicole Betancourt. Each was awarded a certificate and gift card.

The first place winner, Vincent Rangel, is congratulated by Ed White Middle School Principal, Cesar Uribe (right), Art Teacher Anne Jones (left) and Lion Jack Leonhardt. Vincent's poster was submitted to Lion's District 2A-2 for the next level of judging. We also presented Dr. Jones with a Lion wreath and a gift card for art supplies.



## WINDCREST ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL UNIT

Officers A. Fuentes and M. Gonzales

### Winter Weather Tips for your Pets!

While Texas weather can be warm during the day, nights can be cold. You should bring your pets inside for the winter if at all possible, if bringing your pets inside for the season is not possible, your pets must have a warm and windproof shelter. Dry, clean bedding is important to keeping them warm and remember that straw or bedding materials need to be checked daily to ensure that they remain clean and dry.



Water and food can easily freeze when left outside, so be cautious and check both of these daily as well. Outdoor dogs will burn more calories and require extra food, make sure that you provide additional rations during these cold temperatures. Puppies, senior dogs and dogs with certain disease conditions are more susceptible to cold weather. Temperature related illnesses require immediate removal to a warm and dry environment and sometimes require medical attention.

2016 is here...don't forget to renew your pets' registration for this New Year.

## Shweiki

# WINDCREST ANIMAL CONTROL TASK FORCE

- Pam Dodson

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A reminder again that we are having immunization and registration clinics on Saturday, January the 16th, 2016 from 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm and again on Saturday, February the 20th, 2016 from 9 am – 11 am in the City Hall parking lot. This will allow residents to get their pets' vaccinations up to date and then register or re-register their pets with the city. (A yearly requirement) No appointment necessary...you just show up, meet your neighbors and be patient. On these days, registration will be free. Here is what you would normally have to pay:

- Dog or cat sterilized (no microchip) \$5
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- Sterilized with a microchip FREE

Registration of a new pet with the City can be done at any time of the year. When it is time to reregister your pets (which should be done each year) then we are asking you to do that in January and February. It is important that you register your pet even if it is not an outdoor animal. Pictures may be taken to be included with the registration description or just bring one of yours along. This helps our animal control officer know who he is looking for if your pet was to get away from home. So come, make your furry friend a legal resident of Windcrest!



# CLUB SCOUT PACK 157

Thank you Windcrest Residents for Keeping the Campfire of Cub Scouting Alive

Cub Scout Pack 157 started its annual popcorn sale on September 12, 2015 in Windcrest with a goal of selling \$2,820.00 of popcorn.

This fundraiser provides an opportunity for our Scouts to demonstrate a spirit of teamwork and also develop their self-confidence.

We are delighted to report that Pack 157 exceeded this goal by more than \$500.00!

We hope you witnessed the teamwork and enthusiasm of our Scouts as they made their presentations at your door.

We hope you recognized the commitment of our Scouts in earning money to pay for their uniforms and activities.

Lastly, we hope you realize that our Scouts and their parents genuinely appreciate your support for keeping the Campfire of Cub Scouting Alive!

We wish you and your family a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year.

Pack 157 is sponsored by the Windcrest United Methodist Church. If you are interested in the Cub Scout program please contact Al Cortez, Cubmaster, 210-967-7369 or aacortez@earthlink.net

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### 2015 Light Up Recap, Winners & Awards Dinner

The 57th Annual Windcrest Light Up is coming to a close, but first, we get to celebrate the 2015 winners. Be sure to congratulate all the winners for their hard work in making this year's Celebration a great one. Thank you to EVERYONE who participated in Light Up and came together to make the event a success. We had at least 1,500 people attend the Light Up Ceremony. A special thank you goes to the Women's Club for the festive theme of "Sleighbells & Cowboy Boots." The theme for Light Up 2016 will be announced mid-Summer, so stay tuned to your newsletter and social media for updates!

The Newsletter Committee tirelessly volunteers their time and resources for every event. This year they collaborated for the 5th year and purchased 26 pairs of underwear for the Windcrest Elementary Angel Tree project. No event would be what it is without the assistance of Public Works. These are the behind the scenes folks who do the heavy lifting and are always available. In spite of the forecasted inclement weather on the evening of Light Up, everyone came together to celebrate the 40-ft Christmas tree lighting, have their photos taken with Santa, enjoy multiple children's choirs, Christmas movies and an abundance of hot chocolate and sweet treats.

### The culmination of Light Up is the Awards Party to be held on Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup> from 7pm-9pm at Takas Civic Center

Come ring in the New Year with your neighbors and enjoy a catered buffet of hot hors d'oeuvres, drinks, music from DJ Ronny Tee, dancing and fun for everyone! If you have not picked up a 2015 map of participants, we will have them at the Awards dinner. Make sure to drive around and view the homes that participated this year. These folks put a lot of time and effort into their designs! Winners will be awarded their plaques or trophy and check for all to see and of course we will hang the Best of Theme plaque in City Hall next to previous year's winners. Come wearing your biggest congratulatory smile and be sure to get a photo with a 2015 Winner!

We are excited about celebrating the Light Up Awards with you all, so mark your calendars now to join us on Thursday, January 7th at 7 p.m.

The New Year always brings a new schedule of City events so stay tuned for information on the Valentine's Day children's party held at the Windcrest YMCA and the Firefighter's Gala in March and Fiesta Especial 5k and parade in April. Stay tuned for more details on 2016 Spring Windcrest events.

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Jean Thompson

**2nd Place**  
442 Cloudmont/5602 Cleardrift  
Hall-Davis-Valdes-Turley

**3rd Place**  
409 Waycrest  
Judy Ahern

**Honorable Mention**  
413 Candleglo  
Jeanie Weidenbach

### CREATIVE LIGHTING

**1st Place**  
413 Fenwick Dr.  
Scott Peck

**2nd Place**  
410 Candleglo Dr.  
Jeff & Cindy Strzeleck

**3rd Place**  
710 Mooreside Dr.  
Rico & Nancy Sardelli

**Honorable Mention**  
1105 Magellan  
Rosana Brooks

### ELEGANT CREATIONS

**1st Place**  
6318 Hidden Hollow  
Larry Dey & Joyce Howell

**2nd Place**  
613 Crestway  
Eric & Sherice Beeson

**3rd Place**  
625 Fenwick  
The Morrison Family

### HANDCRAFTED

**1st Place**  
621 Weatherly  
John & Karen Dante

**2nd Place**  
626 Balfour  
J.W. & Charlotte Martin

**3rd Place**  
505 Sunhaven Dr.  
Peter & Ellie Jiminez

**Honorable Mention**  
410 Tidecrest  
Oliver & Rosemary Evancho

### JOYFUL

**1st Place**  
6303 Mallard Point  
Ron, Cathy & "The Bunch"

**2nd Place**  
8629 Windway Dr.  
Ann & John White

**3rd Place**  
9155 Windgarden Circle  
Steve & Laura

**Honorable Mention**  
309 Cloudmont  
Ray McCurdy & Brian Chun

### MAILBOX

**1st Place**  
601 Weatherly Dr.  
Brian, Raquel & Sandy Pelton

**2nd Place**  
5219 Metcalf  
Pat Ridenour

**3rd Place**  
6307 Mallard Pt.  
Eileen Neuhaus

**Honorable Mention**  
433 Cloudmont Dr.  
Velma Fahn

### RELIGIOUS

**1st Place**  
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Gwen Wilson & Theresa Grant

**2nd Place**  
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**3rd Place**  
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**Honorable Mention**  
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Dolores Wright

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## City Meetings in Windcrest City Hall Council Chambers

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Municipal Court	Jan 5, 12, 19	4:00 p.m.	City Holiday	Jan 18	CLOSED
Planning & Zoning	Jan 7	6:00 p.m.	Citizen Code Committee	Jan 20	6:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation	Jan 13	6:00 p.m.	Water District	Jan 21	6:30 p.m.

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