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# Mayor's Message



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## Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,

July is a busy month for the City of Windcrest. We have the American Legion 4th of July Parade and Celebration on Monday, July 4th, as well as the city working on the budget for FY 2016-2017. The pool is open and being enjoyed by many. Most schools are now on break, and thus many are able to spend more time with their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Windcrest has so many beautiful amenities to share with loved ones. Please take advantage of them all. 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 Annual 4th of July Parade and Celebration:** While the Parade has been going on for several decades, five years ago this administration changed the time to a later morning hour and started to have a Celebration immediately after the Parade. It has grown from less than 200 in attendance to over 2500. This year the Parade should be bigger and better. There will be give-aways thrown into the crowd, and 1000 hot dogs to be passed out - all free. There will be complimentary water and other goodies while supplies last. A Special thanks goes to Windcrest resident Col. Irv Gerrow for donating the buns, HEB for donating the hot dogs and other food products, Whataburger for other goodies, and Taco Cabana for supplying the trailer and help to prepare the hot dogs. Other important sponsors who are crucial in making this event a success are: HEB, Arctic Ape, Dunkin Donuts and Walzem McDonald's. There are many others. Thanks to them all. I know I have forgotten some, so please excuse me. I will have a full list in next month's Newsletter. The Parade starts at 10:30 am so plan to get there early. The Parade goes around the Windcrest Golf Course. After the Parade is the Celebration. The Celebration is at City Hall. We will have music, tents and the food giveaways, as well as products and activities. There are some goodies that will be free (while supplies last) and others will be for sale. Please go to page 12 in this Newsletter for more information. I hope to see you there having fun.

**Regular City Council Meetings in July (Update):** As you know, we typically have two Regular City Council Meetings per month. They are on the first and third Mondays and start at 6:30 PM at City Hall in the Council Chambers. They are also available to watch live online. Because July 4th falls on the first Monday this year, there will not be a Council Meeting on that day. There will be only one Regular Council Meeting for July. It will be July 18th same time and same place. We anticipate scheduling additional Council Meetings to work on the 2016-2017 Budget. We will be sending out postcards with those dates and times once they are set so that you can attend or watch. Please do not wait though for any comments and/or opinions. Please reach out to anyone on Council with your thoughts. We would love to hear from you.

**Upcoming Windcrest Elections:** This November there are three Council Positions in the upcoming election. They are Council Place 1, Council Place 2 and Council Place 3. If you have a desire to run, please come by City Hall to pick up an informational packet with the needed forms should you decide to run. They should be available starting July 15th. The first day to file to run is July 23rd and the deadline to file is August 26th. Additionally, the Water District will have two positions in the upcoming election. The date to file to run for one of those positions is the same as for the Council.

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**Mosquito Fogging:** There have been some questions regarding the city's paying for mosquito fogging in Windcrest. We do this for many reasons: quality of life, safety, etc. Some citizens have expressed some concerns. The Council has decided to conduct a Town Hall Meeting to afford the citizenry an opportunity to ask questions. At the time I am writing this article, the date has not been set. We are coordinating a time hold this Meeting in July if at all possible. A postcard will be sent out with the date and time. If you have questions and/or concerns, please try to attend this meeting.

**New Municipal Finance Officer:** This month, after a lengthy search, the Council has hired a new MFO. We are fortunate that he is also a Windcrest citizen. He is Mr. Don Hakala, CPA. We all look forward to working with him. By the time you receive this Newsletter, he would have been on the job for approximately two weeks.

**Economic Development:** For the last several years, the City of Windcrest and the Windcrest Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) has sent representation to the International Conference of Shopping Centers (ICSC). This was actually started prior to this current administration. Many cities attend this conference, several from the surrounding area. This has proven to be a great investment of our time and resources as we have seen a great return on this said investment. This year was no different, as many meetings were held and the response was very positive. We are poised to close some deals in the very near future that will result in our sales tax revenue and Hotel and Motel Tax revenue (HOT Tax) grow. Also remember that when we close these deals, it also helps raise the value in the property and homes, as well as providing more amenities for our residents. By the time you receive this Newsletter, **Pollo Tropical Restaurant**, next to the In-N-Out Burger, should be open. It was scheduled for a June 24th Grand Opening. Another restaurant should be announced within the next 60 days.

**Windcrest Property Tax Rate:** Many citizens have asked the question – Are we going to see a reduction in the property tax rate again? Yes – I hope so. The last four years, the Council has voted to reduce the City's Property Tax Rate. For the fifth year, **I will propose a 5% reduction in the City of Windcrest Property Tax Rate for this coming year.** Additionally, I will encourage the Council to vote to continue for next year the **\$5 residential permit fee** and a **reduction of the garbage bill for residential accounts.** This is a testament to all the hard work by everyone on Team Windcrest.

**Windcrest Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Budget Workshops/Meetings:** The city's fiscal year runs from October 1 through September 30. The process of formulating this budget has begun. This administration would love to hear citizen comments regarding issues where the city spends the tax dollars. We plan to hold several meetings in the month of July and August to review budget suggestions from the staff. We will be sending out a postcard with

the dates and times for these meetings. All will be held at City Hall in the Council Chambers and will be able to be viewed online. We would love for citizens to attend these meetings to discuss their concerns and hear from our most prized asset and the people we serve – the citizens. We will plan these meetings at various times and days of the week to try to accommodate the schedules of the citizens. One great aspect of living in a small city is participating in how your tax dollars are spent. Please participate if you so desire. Please never hesitate to email me or any of the Council people with any thoughts and/or ideas that you may have. We want to be responsive to your needs.

**Theft of Mail (Update):** It has come to the attention of this administration and our Police Department that we, as well as all of Bexar County are experiencing the theft of mail from private citizens' mailboxes. From what has been reported in Windcrest, there several instances of mail being stolen where the homeowner has put outgoing mail in their mailbox the night before pick-up, and put the flag up on the mailbox. Many cities are experiencing this same issue as these thieves look for the flags and steal the mail hoping to get checks and bill statements that we place in our box to be picked up by the mailman. Identity theft is a huge problem in these times. It is a shame this is happening. Please try to put this outgoing mail in your mailbox the day of pick up. Also, please note that we have a mailbox located in the City Hall parking lot. Know that the Windcrest Police Department is actively trying to catch these law breakers. Please report any crimes to the Windcrest Police.

**Community Pool:** It is open for business. Hours of Operation: Tuesday - Saturday Noon – 8:00 PM, Sunday 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM, and it is closed on Mondays. Admission is \$3.00 per person. We also offer group and season passes. For more information drop by the pool or call Pool Manager Jonathan Hayes at 210-454-6883. We encourage you to drop by and enjoy.

**Volunteering and Participating:** We need more people on the, 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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# Councilmember

## Pam Dodson

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### Reduce mosquito breeding areas around your home

You can help reduce the risk of West Nile Virus. Eliminate stagnant water where mosquitoes lay their eggs. Mosquito larvae can develop in water that has been standing for more than four days. Follow these tips around your home.

**Keep your yard clean**

- remove discarded tires and clean up junk piles that collect water
- cover containers or use lids to prevent water from collecting in the bottom of garbage cans
- use screen or fine mesh to cover rain barrel
- clean pet food and water bowls and store indoors when not in use

**Always inspect swimming or wading pools and ponds**

- remove water that collects on pool covers
- make sure the pool's pump is circulating water
- turn over wading pools when not in use
- use a pump to circulate water in your pond

**Clean out screens, gutters and drains**

- clear leaves, twigs and debris from eaves, gutters, storm and roof gutters throughout the summer
- make sure drainage ditch is not clogged
- check flat roofs frequently for standing water

**Eliminate stagnant water**

- clean up and empty water in toys, birdbaths, tires, flowerpots, wheelbarrows and other garden objects
- drill holes in the bottoms of containers so water can't collect
- change water in birdbath frequently

**Maintain ponds and lawns**

- fill in low depressions in lawn areas
- eliminate standing water in gutters or storm drains to prevent small ponds
- install screens over catch basins
- grass clippings, leaves or other decaying debris, such as apples or berries that fall from trees should be mulched to prevent organic matter from going into catch basins or storm sewers as food source for mosquito larvae
- turn over compost frequently

**Fix faucets and hoses**

- repair any leaks to faucets and hoses to prevent possible breeding sites
- prevent water from pooling around downspouts and air conditioners

**Repair window screens and screen doors**

- check window and door screens and repair any holes
- ensure screens fit tightly into window or door frames to prevent mosquitoes from getting inside
- if you don't have screens, try and keep windows closed between dusk and dawn
- install screens on crawl spaces and attic vents

For any questions or concerns, please call Windcrest City Hall at 655-0022.

# Councilmember

## Jim Shelton

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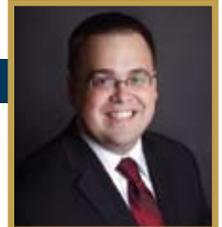
Here it is July already, how the time does fly. I hope that each of you have a happy 4th of July, and will take time to remember the reason we celebrate this day. I extend a THANK YOU to all military members who currently serve, and the Veterans who have served our country. I share the pride with you when we see and salute our flag.

Have you seen the new Citizen's Patrol cars? Yes? 2 of them. They really look sharp. This is another program that provides an extra set of eyes for our uniformed police force. With the two cars, the Citizen's Patrol can always use more volunteers. It is a great way to see all of our city and provide a valuable service. If time is a consideration, could you spare a couple of hours each month. Come join our Citizen's Patrol Team.

# Councilmember

## Matt Vandenberg

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Have you ever realized that something that seems commonplace to you was actually extraordinary? An example might be someone who travels the globe for work and begins to see trips to far-flung locales as a burden, but who is reminded that many people in the world will never fly on an airplane and that the travel, even with its inconveniences, is a special opportunity.

Recently I had such an experience. During a closed session of a City Council meeting, there was a lively discussion about an issue of significance to the city. Suddenly, I looked around and felt tremendously privileged to be in a room with public officials and employees who spend so much time and energy working to better the city. I wasn't in the middle of an argument; I was part of democracy in action.

In the media, conflict drives the headlines. However, today, in this article, my only agenda is one of gratitude. I am grateful to our city employees and elected officials for all they do. Even though I am often engaged in a tussle of ideas and perspectives with other members of the Council, it is an honor to serve with them. I have zero doubt that they have Windcrest's best interests in mind.

If you have the opportunity to volunteer or serve as an elected official and be part of this amazing democratic and civic process, I strongly recommend it. Please let me know if I can help you learn about opportunities. Happy Independence Day!

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# Councilmember

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Most Windcrest citizens have perhaps already forgotten about the other part of our city along Eisenhower road and the IH 35 corridor. The East Group, a multi-billion dollar company is investing in that area by building large warehouses and hopefully some retail stores on the corner of Eisenhower and IH 35. These developments will bring additional tax dollars to our city and help us to pay for all our current services and employees.

In the last few years our economic growth has been phenomenal. Our city is moving in the right direction. Let's not work to bring our city down but let's work hard to continue our prospected growth.

Now let's talk about this years 4th of July event. I hope that everyone in your family can attend. Tell your friends to come, whether they live in Windcrest or one of the outside communities around our city, everyone is welcome here and should be able to join in all festivities. We will have a parade starting at the City Hall parking lot. The parade will go around the Windcrest Golf course and end up at the City Hall parking area again. In the parade there will be classic cars, golf carts filled with local dignitaries and children passing out candy and small token items to all attendees along the parade route. Bring an American flag if you can. After all, it is the symbol of our Nation.

After the parade in the City Hall parking area there will be FREE hot dogs, chips, ice cream and water for everyone. Music will be played and other activities will be available. There will be a lot of fun so please make it a point to come and attend.

# Mayor Pro-Tem

## Kimberly Wright

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Happy Independence Day! The birth of our country! Traditionally, from the very first celebration in 1777, we have always had parades, food, and fireworks.

Another tradition our family has observed during the 4th of July holiday is watching the movie, The Patriot, starring Mel Gibson. It shows a very true to life depiction of what our forefathers endured to give us freedom from tyranny. The movie presents the emotional aspect of what the colonists endured to gain their freedom. It resonated with me, unlike all the lackluster history classes I had in public school, which just recited the historical facts without the emotion. Mel Gibson's character, Benjamin Martin, states, 'Mark my words; this war will be fought not on the frontier or on some distant battlefield, but amongst us, among our homes. Our children will learn of it with their own eyes and the innocent will die with the rest of us.'

After a long, brutal war, 1776 to 1783, a Constitutional Convention was held between May and September 1787 in Philadelphia to create the first Constitution. When the convention concluded, a Mrs. Powel asked Benjamin Franklin, "Well, Doctor, what have we got, a republic or a monarchy?" Without any hesitation, he replied, "A republic – if you can keep it."

While the Republic seems to have slipped a little since our country's founding, we the people have the ability to restore it. Let freedom ring!

## City Secretary News, Kelly Rodriguez

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### Ordinances

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2016-742(O), amending Chapter 109, Signs, Section 109-3, Purpose, Section 109-8, Building Permits for Signs, Section 109-9, Easements or Public Property, and Section 109-19, Political Signs and Temporary Signs for church and nonprofit organization events, by repealing references and authorization for political and temporary signs on public property.

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2016-618C(O), amending Ordinance No. 2016-618B(O) enacted on February 1, 2016 by limiting the time available for "presentations" during a meeting agenda.

2016-618D(O), amending Ordinance No. 2016-618B(O) enacted on February 1, 2016 by changing the commencement time of regular city council meetings to 6:30 p.m.

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2016-743(O), amending Chapter 24, Offenses and Miscellaneous provisions, Article IV, Minors, by repealing existing Article IV and adopting a new article IV.

2016-744(O), regulating the use of city property during early voting periods and on election day during official elections at Takas Park.

**Resolutions**

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2016-580(R), a resolution approving the purchase of playstructures, swings, a tube slide, playground mulch and other playground equipment for the Winnbrook Estates Park from Heartland Park & Recreation, LLC.

2016-581(R), a resolution designating the start time of Regular City Council meetings.

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2016-583(R), a resolution electing a Mayor Pro Tempore.

City Hall will be closed July 4, 2016 for the observance of Independence Day. The Regular City Council meeting scheduled for that day has been cancelled.

The first day to file for a place on the ballot for the November 8th election is July 23rd.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS**

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



On Friday, June 3rd, I hosted an unveiling ceremony of the new Citizens' Patrol vehicles. This has been an ongoing project and with much determination and work, the Windcrest Police Department Citizens' Patrol finally has new rides!

Although not entirely new, these two vehicles were repurposed from Patrol Operations having previously served as Windcrest Police vehicles. From bumper to bumper, these two vehicles have been completely detailed and look like they just came from the showroom. New upholstery, lights, light bar, paint, graphics, consoles, tires, wheels, engine and mechanical tune-ups...these vehicles look incredible and very professional. Thanks to Col. Henry Berman, Citizens' Patrol Coordinator, Citizens' Patrol Captains and Members for their patience with this project. Special thanks to Carlos Gonzalez, City of Windcrest Public Works Department, for all of his hard work. Thanks also to Gerald Garcia for his detailing expertise, XICO Graphics for the incredible vehicle graphics and Lt. Williams. . If you are interested in joining the Windcrest Police Department Citizens' Patrol, please contact Lt. Williams at 210.655.0022, extension 2360.



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Founded in 1976, the Windcrest Citizens Patrol will be celebrating its historic 40th anniversary of service to the community. The organization would like to create a roster of past volunteers along with their present addresses and phone numbers. We appreciate the time and talent they dedicated to the organization and to the community as well as the commitment they evidenced by their participation.



This month the CERT Team would like to share an app that is free, that will give you the ability to communicate your GPS location and alert status to 3 family members and friends via any e-mail address during, after or just prior to a disaster striking. Your friends/family will know your GPS location and be able to call authorities with the info and tell them the GPS coordinates and to look for the illuminated signal coming from the phone. For more information, search your phone's app store for Visual 911+ By Southwest Synergistic Solutions LLC. We will continue to educate our community with tools not only to "Be Prepared", but to help make the emergency crews jobs easier.

Thank You, Kathie Maloney 210-887-5069 Windcrest CERT Team Program Coordinator



*From the Desk of*  
**T O M G A R C I A**  
Director of Public Works  
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Incredible rain in May and June has nicely greened up Windcrest. Of course, we could have done without all the hail that came with some of those showers. We hope the hail storms didn't damage too much of your property.

With the rains came other issues as well. Standing water in alleys easily become mosquito breeding grounds. Public Works (PW) and our City Manager took direct action with this issue. PW rode through every alley in the city and hand applied a chemical that is presently used in our ponds to kill mosquito larva so to decrease the mosquito population. We hope our community has felt some relief from this nuisance.

Please help us fight the mosquitos off by making sure you have emptied any containers that may store water around your house. The more we do this the better we can fight the Mosquito.

Don't forget our community Pool is now open. Enjoy !

## ★ ★ ★ ★ CODE ★ ★ ★ ★ ENFORCEMENT UNIT



Despite all the rain we have had, a big thanks goes out to all the property owners for diligent efforts in maintaining their properties. Reminder, all residents are responsible for maintaining the alley behind their respective fence line by cutting back all bushes, tree branches, grass and weeds. Trees are growing too and there are quite a few tree limbs hanging over the roadway and alleys lower than 13'6". This is the minimum height required in order for Fire, delivery, trash trucks and RV's to pass thru without striking any branches or damaging these vehicles. Residents are responsible for these areas and could be liable for any damages. Regarding contractors, please make sure you check references and check their permits before they start working. This process is in place to protect our residents. Most permits are assigned a building inspector who checks your contractors work to make sure the work is done according to code. Call our permits clerk to verify if a

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If you require any assistance or want to report a violation of the Windcrest City Code, please contact the Code Compliance & Enforcement Unit by calling the Windcrest Police Department Dispatcher at 210-655-2666 or you can send an email thru the link provided on the Code Enforcement site.

# MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT

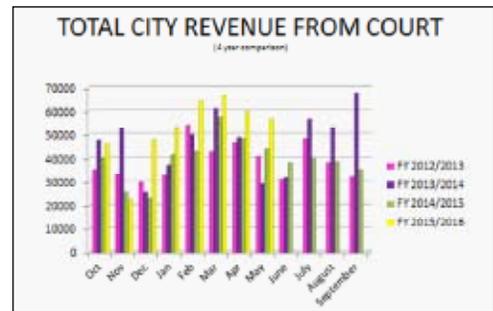
By Kelly Rodriguez, Municipal Court Clerk,  
krodriguez@windcrest-tx.gov  
(210) 655-0022 ext 2250

**Teen Curfew**

Did you know that the City of Windcrest has a daytime and night time curfew for teens under the age of 17? The City of Windcrest by law has to update its ordinance regarding the Teen Curfew. The City Council did this with Ordinance 2016-743(O) on May 16, 2016. Section 24-90 in the Codes of Ordinances states that (a) It shall be unlawful for any minor to purposefully remain, walk, run, stand, drive, or ride about in or upon any public place in the city between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. (b) It shall be unlawful for any minor to purposefully remain, walk, run, stand, drive or ride about in or upon any public place in the city between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday while school is in session. (c) It shall be unlawful for the parent having legal custody of a minor to knowingly allow or permit the minor to be in violation of the curfew imposed in subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

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



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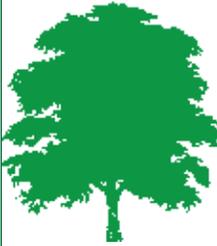
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# Women's Club News

Kathy Littlefield (210) 413-6018



Gini Newton, Liz Dick, Nikki Walker, Jaquae Rothermel and Lois Wooten

We have had so much fun during the year from August, 2015 through May, 2016 it is a let down to know that we are on our own for the next three months until our first meeting in August, 2016.

President Lois Wooten and First Vice President Jaquie Rothermel are already working on some great programs for our new year. Interesting speakers, trips to new places and "Special Events" for our pleasure. If you have not had the pleasure of sharing in our activities, now is the time to join. Get your application in as soon as possible so you will be included on our roster. Those ladies that have moved out of Windcrest are encouraged to continue your membership and friendships. Our dues are \$20.00 per year. Please fill out the Membership Application Form and return to Chairman, Lu Nix at 549 Crestway, or give her a call at 653-2371. You will be glad you did! We are a great group of ladies supporting our community, our Firemen and our Schools. We want to make a difference and you can help us do that by joining and helping to make this an outstanding place to live.

Complete and mail to: Windcrest Women's Club, 549 Crestway Dr, Windcrest TX 78239

Make checks payable to: Windcrest Women's Club

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Windcrest GARDEN CLUB

— LOIS W OOTEN —



Windcrest Women's Club and the Windcrest Garden Club members joined in on the fun preparing food for the Fireman's Picnic. Here they prep veggies for the potato salad served at the picnic on 14 May. Keeping everyone in line is Chief Brown, Windcrest Fire Department, and Cindy Merriman of the Fireman's Auxiliary.

Just because the Club's not meeting regularly, they will not be resting on their laurels' during the summer. Club members joined other community volunteers to help prepare food for the annual Windcrest Fireman's Picnic on 14 May. Lots of fun and great food were had by all!

The new board is very busy planning events for next year: there are new horticultural areas to explore, things to learn and exciting trips. Members will be working in their garden and propagating plants for next year's plant sales to fund important community service projects.

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**It's never too late to join in on the fun with the Windcrest Garden Club.** So take a minute, become a new member or renew your Windcrest Garden Club membership.

Complete the form below and send a check for \$15.00 (payable to WGC) to Windcrest Garden Club, 5930 Winding Ridge Dr., Windcrest TX 78239. *Happy Gardening!*

### WINDCREST GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Mail to: Windcrest Garden Club, 5930 Winding Ridge Dr,  
 Windcrest TX 78239

*The new Club year starts Monday, 12 September 2016, and runs to May 2017. Garden Club membership is open to all men and women and you do not have to live in Windcrest. Most meetings are held in Windcrest Civic Center, 9310 Jim Seal Drive, Windcrest, TX, on the first Monday each month.*

*Watch the newsletter and Club emails for more fun info.*



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# Windcrest Yard Awards for June

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Dennis Polasck, 5618 Cleardrift

**Area 3**

Bruce and Teresa Campos, 401 Goldcrest Dr

**Area 4**

DiAnne and Don Hakala, 638 Weatherly

**Area 5**

Maureen Guerrero, 5833 Winding Ridge Dr  
Bill and Hangcha Jones, 5914 Wildwind

**Area 6**

John Patterson, 6314 Mallard Point  
Bob and Beatrice Quirks, 5907 Windy Cove

**Area 7**

Anna Reyna, 1912 Ponce de Leon

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John Hayward, one of our newest Windcrest residents, has located an open Toastmasters club currently meeting in Universal City, at 6:30 pm every Thursday; he will be glad to answer any questions you may have; feel free to call him at 281-221-9379.

The best way to explore Toastmasters is to attend a meeting. As my guest, you will not be picked on – just sit back and witness a powerfully structured meeting format.



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## Community Involvement



### Monday, July 4th Celebration and Parade

Join us for the City of Windcrest's 5th Annual Independence Day Celebration. The festivities begin at 10 am with opening remarks from Mayor Baxter. Parade participants MUST be on site by 9am and lined up along Faircrest between the Elementary School and City Hall parking lot. The parade will begin at 10:30 am immediately followed by hot dogs, fajita tacos, ice cream, pies and other goodies from local vendors. The event is free to the public. Be on time to enjoy the music, food and give-aways offered by the City.

### Walzem Road Revitalization

Walzem Road Area Revitalization Annual Community Meeting July 9, 2016 9 AM to 11 AM at John Calvin Presbyterian Church WRAR Neighborhood's Committee will meet at 11:15 AM - 8102 MIDCROWN, WINDCREST, TX, 78239

### Neighbor 4 Neighbor (N4N)

A group of local neighbors has formed with the mission of assisting neighbors that are in need of help. On the third Saturday of the month we will gather to assist our neighbors in need. This help will be in the nature of minor repairs, yard work, or some other assistance

that could be accomplished in one to four hours. The target group will be those in our community who are not able to complete some tasks around their home. We have no funding so these would be low cost projects and we may require the person helped to fund the project. If you are someone who would like to participate as a helper or you are a person in need please contact us. We plan to begin our projects on Saturday, July 16. Contact Dan Reese 210-381-5775 or [neigh.4.neigh@gmail.com](mailto:neigh.4.neigh@gmail.com)

### Women's Club

Join the Women's Club on the 4th Wednesday of each month, August through May. For more information contact Kathy Littlefield 210-413-6018

### Garden Club

Garden Club meets the first Monday of each month. The new Club year runs from September 12, 2016 through May 2017. Contact Lois Wooten for more information 210-827-4357.

Please contact Kelly Hamilton [khamilton@windcrest-tx.gov](mailto:khamilton@windcrest-tx.gov) if you have an event to share with the Windcrest Community.

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Summer is upon us! With the amount of rain we have had as well as the heat, it makes for very humid conditions. Remember, standing water in puddles or containers around your home is an open invitation for mosquitoes. Make absolutely sure that your pet(s) are up to date on vaccines as well as their monthly heartworm medication for their protection.

Don't forget about those fleas and ticks! They carry diseases and they are back! While you are having your pet treated, don't forget about your home and yard. A flea and tick free yard will help to ensure that your pet(s) have a very happy and safe summer. Very important reminder... have your pet(s) microchipped. It is very helpful in the event they get loose or escape from your house. It makes it easier to locate owners and reunite them with their best friends. In the event that your pet does get loose and we find them, we post them on the official City of Windcrest website as well as on the Community Bulletin Board by the Post Office entrance door at City Hall.

Have a safe and happy summer and please contact your Animal Care and Control Unit through the Windcrest Police Department Communications Center at 210.655.2666, should you require any assistance with an animal control matter.

## General Summer Safety Concerns

Hot weather can make anyone feel uncomfortable, and your dog is no exception. Here are some safety concerns for responsible dog owners:

- Never leave your dog unattended in direct sunlight or in a closed vehicle. Heatstroke can occur and lead to brain damage or death. Signs of heatstroke are panting, drooling, rapid pulse and fever. Immediately immerse the dog in cool water and seek emergency veterinary assistance.
- Never leave your dog unattended in a hot, parked car. When it's only 80 degrees outside, the inside of a car can heat up to more than 120 degrees in just minutes. Leaving the windows partially rolled down WILL NOT help. Your dog is susceptible to heat stroke and possible death in these conditions.
- Always make sure your dog has access to fresh water. Prevent dehydration by providing your dog with unrestricted access to fresh and cool water both indoors and outside. Ice cubes and frozen chicken or beef broth encourage your dog to take in more fluids and help keep it cool. You can also feed your dog wet dog food during the summer to increase its fluid intake.
- Try to avoid strenuous exercise with your dog on extremely hot days and refrain from physical activity when the sun's heat is most intense. Be careful walking your dog. When it's hot outside, it's a good idea to walk

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your dog either in the morning or in the evening, when temperatures are lower. You should refrain from walking your dog during the heat of the day. Not only is it possible for you and your dog to become hot and dehydrated, the hot concrete can burn your dog's sensitive paws. Press your hand onto surfaces for 30 seconds to test them before allowing your dog to walk on them. If it is painful for you, it will be painful for your dog.

- Ticks, fleas, mosquitoes, flies, and other insects are at their peak during the summer months. Talk to your veterinarian about appropriate protection such as collars, sprays, shampoos, dips, and other products.
- Standing water, such as puddles, can also be dangerous for dogs to drink due to the presence of antifreeze or other chemicals. Provide your dog with fresh water to drink.
- White, light-colored, and thinly coated dogs have an increased risk of sunburn. Sunburn causes pain, itching, peeling, and other problems.



## Windcrest Lions Club



Our club sponsors the Roosevelt High School LEO Club, an exceptional group of motivated high school students. The LEOs volunteer at school, at many Windcrest events, and throughout the community. They help at Lion events but also generously volunteer time at SAMC's Christmas party for pediatric oncology patients and their families; they help construct all terrain wheelchairs for amputees in distressed area; they bring goodies and joy to local nursing homes; they donate items make Easter bags for the homeless; they've helped prepare and serve dinner to homeless and food-insecure individuals and families; the list goes on and on.



We were delighted to honor the 2016 LEO of the Year, Victor Rodriguez,

with a scholarship at an award dinner at the Olive Garden. It was our pleasure to recognize the officers who served so enthusiastically and the welcome the newly elected club officers. Special thanks go to Mrs. Brenda Blanchard and Mrs. Jennifer Contreras, the amazing teachers who put in so many before and after school hours to sponsor the LEO Club and make it such a success!

The Windcrest Lions meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Windcrest Community Center at Takas Park. Please stop by any meeting or call Lion Marlene at 210-455-3662 for more information about the Lions or the LEO Club.



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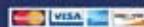
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## OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION

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210-599-8583  
Garden Club - Carolyn Freeman - 655-5816  
Friends of the Park - Evelyn Eanes (President)  
210-764-1214 \*[eeanes@eanes-polk.com](mailto:eeanes@eanes-polk.com)  
CERT - Kathy Maloney - 210-887-5069  
[teamwindcrest@gmail.com](mailto:teamwindcrest@gmail.com)  
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\*MEETING DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANYTIME



## City Meetings in Windcrest City Hall Council Chambers

City Holiday	July 1	CLOSED	WEDC	July 14	6:00 p.m.
Municipal Court	July 5, 12, 19	4:00 p.m.	RCCM / Public Hearing	July 18	6:30 p.m.
Planning & Zoning / Public Hearing	July 7	6:00 p.m.	Citizen Code Committee	July 20	6:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation	July 13	6:00 p.m.	Water District	July 21	6:30 p.m.
			Northeast Bridge Builders	July 28	6:00 p.m.

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