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***5<sup>th</sup> Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Celebration***  
***Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> • 10 am at City Hall***

# Mayor's Message



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## Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,

June is the month when summer officially begins. Most schools are now on break. June is also the month of Father's Day. Celebrate this day set aside for dads. I lost mine several years ago. He is missed, but never forgotten. Enjoy the weather and go watch a Windcrest Little League game, walk the parks and go by the community pool. Windcrest has so many beautiful amenities. Please take advantage of them all. Also, please plan to be in Windcrest the morning of July 4th. We are planning to have another huge parade and celebration! The Parade and Celebration starts at 10 AM. Plan your patriotic outfit and get ready to have some fun! 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.**

**Council Meeting Time Change:** For the last several years, we had Council Meetings that started at 6:00 PM. After the most recent election this past November, it was decided to change the time to 7:00 PM. This was done to see if the citizens would be better accommodated. It was shown that attendance and participation remained at relatively at the same level. This later time did cost our employees and the folks doing business with our city more time away from their families and/or other activities. Thus, it was decided last month to switch the time now to 6:30 PM. So please note that Regular City Council Meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month (excluding when these Mondays fall on Holidays) and will now start at **6:30 PM**. Please make a note of this if you wish to attend. They are also shown live on the internet and archived. Please go to the city website for this service. If you have any questions, please contact City Secretary Kelly Rodriguez at 210-655-0022 or via email at [krodriquez@windcrest-tx.gov](mailto:krodriquez@windcrest-tx.gov).

**July 4th Parade and Celebration:** The Celebration, which was started by this administration, will start at 10:00 AM at City Hall and last until approximately 2:30 PM. The Parade sponsored by the American Legion, which has been held for decades (thanks American Legion and especially Col. Cooper) will start at 10:30 AM and go around the Windcrest Golf Course. Free food and drinks, as well as other goodies will be offered while supplies last. If you wish to volunteer or want to participate in the Parade, please contact Kelly Hamilton at [khamilton@windcrest-tx.gov](mailto:khamilton@windcrest-tx.gov). The last several years this event has grown to over 2000 people so come early. More information will be in the July Newsletter.

**Firefighter Picnic Re-cap:** The 3rd Annual Softball game between the Fire Department and the Police Department was another success, especially for the Fire Department as they won this year. It was entertaining and a fun event. Both days were successful, and the Picnic was fun for the whole family. It also was a successful fundraiser for our Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department. The food was a huge success. The WVFD received help from Windcrest residents who cooked and prepared the plates. They were a huge success and tasty too! It should be noted that the bar-b-que plates completely sold out!! A huge thank you goes out to the Volunteers and the Volunteer Fire Department.

**Save The Dates For Light-Up and Theme:** We wanted to share these dates again so that we can all start planning and budgeting our time to get ready for 2016 Light-Up. Deadline to enter the contest is Friday, December 2. Judging of the entries will be Tuesday, December 6, Light-Up Ceremony and Celebration at City Hall will be Saturday, December 10. The Awards Party will be Thursday, January 5th at the Takas Park Civic Center. This year's theme as chosen by the

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Windcrest Women's Club is: **HOLIDAY SAFARI**. We all look forward to another great Light-Up!!

**Mosquito Control:** With the recent rains, the city is doing what we can to battle these nasty bugs. We do this not only for comfort and quality of life, but for health reasons as well. We service all the ponds in the city routinely with mosquito killing materials and the ponds are stocked with fish that love to eat these bugs. The city also contracts and pays for mosquito fogging. You should have received a postcard notifying you of the dates when the fogging trucks drive down the alleys and through the city. **The dates are: May 13, May 27, June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22, August 5, August 19 and September 2.** If you have any questions, please contact Public Works Director Tom Garcia at 210-896-0098 or via email at [tgarcia@windcrest-tx.gov](mailto:tgarcia@windcrest-tx.gov).

**Windcrest Property Tax Rate:** Many citizens have asked the question – Are we going to see a reduction in the property tax rate again? I certainly hope so. For the fifth year in a row, I will ask and will work on the new Fiscal Year 2016/2017 City Budget that will call for a reduction in the property tax rate. Additionally, I will encourage the Council to vote to continue for next year the **\$5 residential permit fee and a 50% reduction of the residential garbage bill**. This is a testament to all the hard work by everyone on Team Windcrest.

**Code Compliance:** We have had some wacky weather lately. We were in a drought for several years and recently it appears this may have ended. We have had quite a bit of intermittent rain. It has made it hard to keep up. We realize some have planned to mow their yard, yet it rains again. Sometimes we mow and then it rains again, we mow and so on. It is easy to fall behind when we experience weather as such. Even many of the professionals and some residents have had trouble keeping up. We ask that everyone do the best they can to upkeep their lawn during this rainy spell.

**Autumn Sunset and Brook Falls Ponds/Park Areas:** This is another project of the Parks and Rec Commission. They are working hard to make the city even more beautiful, and are committed to improving the quality of life. A lot of the planned work is complete. New lights, walking paths, benches, receptacles are in place, as well as some improvements with drainage and with the ponds. There is still landscaping to do. Please pardon the dust. I am confident that once completed, it will be another great area to showcase and enjoy. A huge thank you to the Parks and Rec Commission.

**Street Repairs:** As promised, this administration is committed to systematically repairing and/or rebuilding all the streets in the Windcrest residential area over the next 3 – 4 years. At the time I am writing this article, the latest phase is almost complete. The Street Committee is meeting and the next phase will be commencing after the 2016 Light-Up. More information can be found on the Windcrest website.

**Winnbrook Estates Park:** This new park broke ground approximately two years ago. It was planned to be constructed in 3 phases. Phase One was completed last year. Phase Two will begin shortly this summer, so pardon the dust. New amenities and infrastructure will be added to improve this park. A big thank you goes out to the Parks and Recs Committee and to the Winnbrook Estates HOA. This is an amenity that the residents will be proud of and it will be enjoyed.

**YMCA Summer Camp:** The YMCA will be conducting a summer camp for children for eight weeks this summer. It will be held right here in Windcrest at the Takas Park Civic Center. Discounts will be extended to all Windcrest resident children and grandchildren. It has been well received and is almost full. Please call the Walzem YMCA at 210-656-5777 and ask for Andi Anderson.

**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. The swim team will be starting soon, so for the children interested – please sign up. It makes for a fun summer!

**Important Safety Information:** You may recall that in my May Newsletter article, I indicated that a large portion of my June article would be on this subject. After discussing this issue with some of the powers that be, it became apparent that a separate mail piece should be devoted to this subject. It is that critically important and quite a bit of information needs to be shared with the residents. We are working on this piece and it will be out to all the residents in the very near future - so be on the lookout. Some of the subjects that will be discussed: what to do in case of an emergency medical situation at home, what one should do to prepare, especially if they should live alone, how to contact the police when going out of town, who to leave important medical information with, who to leave an emergency contact list with, etc. This information is important and will save lives, and can reduce the effects of injuries and/or strokes.

**Windcrest Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Budget:** 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 also 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. I will encourage Council to have 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. In next month's Newsletter, we will publish when these meetings will be held. Also, always feel free 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.

**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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## From-Your-Mayor-Pro-Tem

**Pam Dodson** pdodson@windcrest-tx.gov

Occasionally, there are times of the year when things are "a bit of the ordinary". I thought it might be interesting to have a "Did you Know that?" column and see how well acquainted you are with City Code.



1. How many vehicles can you have parked in your drive?
2. How long can your vehicle be parked in the street without being moved?
3. When do you need to register your cat or dog?
4. Do you need to pick up after your dog when walking the neighborhood or parks?
5. What is the height you have to have your tree limbs that overhang the street?
6. Those weeds in your yard....at what height do they have to be cut?
7. Do you need a permit when you have a garage sale?
8. Do you need a liter permit when your dog has puppies?
9. Do you have to wear a bicycle helmet in Windcrest?
10. What is our speed limit....not what you usually drive... but our lawful speed limit?

So, how did you do? If you are not sure of your City Code and how it affects you, please follow these steps to get to the answers.

Google: City of Windcrest, Texas, Click on the official site, Click on the first box that has the "i" (first box of five), Scroll down to "see". There you will find "the code of Ordinances" That will take you to Municode and there you can do a search for the different questions. If this is too much bother, you can wait until next month when I give you the answers. I am sure the suspense will just get to ya!!!

hundred (100) foot electioneering free zone adjacent to the entry of the polling places. These signs may not exceed two(2) feet by two (2) feet in size. Yes, you may still have signs in your yard.

The first reading of the City of Windcrest Youth Curfew Ordinance was passed following a Public Hearing. Essentially it is unlawful for a minor under 17 years of age to be unsupervised in or upon any public place in the city of Windcrest between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6 a.m., also 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. OK, school is almost out, be safe and enjoy your summer.

Jim Shelton, Council Place 2

## Councilmember Matt Vandenberg

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Windcrest is a wonderful place to live because of the people who live here and their dedication to democratic and civic ideals. But those individuals alone can't guarantee a thriving community. Budget season is an annual reminder that there are a lot of things that Windcrest needs as well.

We need to make our sidewalks, roads, and alleys safe for those who use them. We need to allocate resources to ensure the efficient operation of government. And we definitely need to increase our reserve fund as part of a prudent strategy that plans for the worst while working for the best. I expect that there is a broad consensus regarding these budgetary priorities.

At the same time, we need to always have an eye toward improving the city rather than just maintaining infrastructure and savings. That's where we desperately need your help. Please let us know about what matters to you and your family and what your goals are for your community.

Whether you attend a meeting, send an e-mail, or make a phone call, please speak out to help the City Council prioritize discretionary spending. It's true that we won't be able to accommodate all requests, but I'm reminded of the immortal words of The Rolling Stones: "You can't always get what you want, but if you try sometimes, you just might find you get what you need." So please, please at least try, and we'll be next to you trying our hardest as well.

## Councilmember Jim Shelton

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In case you missed our May 2nd Regular City Council Meeting, there were a couple of items that may be of interest to you.

We passed an Ordinance amending the placement of signs on public property. The important change includes: "No permanent or temporary sign shall be placed or installed over public easements or on public property of the city, except:

- (a) Traffic or other governmental signs necessary for the public health and safety.
- (b) Temporary signs may be placed on the median of Windway
- (c) Temporary signs may be placed on the median of Eaglecrest between Bayou Bend and Balfour
- (d) Temporary signs may be placed on city owned property adjacent to city owned polling places on election days in compliance with state election laws in the fifty (50) foot area outside of the one



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# Councilmember

## Gerd E. Jacobi

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A couple of items need to be cleared up. It has come to my attention that someone had said the city of Windcrest only has jurisdiction over property the city owns. So the city of Windcrest cannot tell you what to do on your property. Well that is not correct. We have city codes and ordinances that we as Council members have voted to put into place to make sure that each of us follows the law. Yes codes and ordinances are laws. For instance, Webster Dictionary lists an ordinance as an authoritative rule of law. Also the same Dictionary states that codes are any systematic collection of the existing laws of a country or of laws relating to a particular subject. That is why we have a Police Force, animal control officer and a code enforcement officer. That is why we must get a permit when we do different improvements on OUR property, etc.

Now let's talk about our Windcrest Elementary School. I believe we have a very fine school, I do not believe that it is a merely acceptable school. Attendance at our school has always been shared by children from neighborhoods other than just Windcrest. Our population in general has grown bringing more children to our school. I had heard that the hard working parents bringing their children to our school are from UNDESIRABLE Neighborhoods and that THOSE Parents are also causing more traffic problems in Windcrest. Let me tell you just how low such a statement is. I for one, being a human being and an elected official in our city do not discriminate against any one. I also want to assure all those hard working parents who are helping their precious children, and yes every child is a precious child in my eyes, to obtain a better future thru education that I applaud them for bringing their children to our school from their quote "UNDESIRABLE" neighborhoods. Also, as a representative of the city of Windcrest, please be assured that not everyone in our city is so small minded. Thank you.

Anyone that wants to contact me can do so by e-mail at gjacobi@windcrest-tx.gov or call me at 210-657-9549. Thank you

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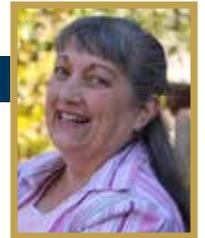
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# Councilmember

## Kimberly Wright

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Flag Day is June 14th. From my observations, many people are unaware of the following portions of the Flag Code:

"(d) The flag should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding, or drapery. It should never be festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds, but always allowed to fall free.

(g) The flag should never have placed upon it, nor on any part of it, nor attached to it any mark, insignia, letter, word, figure, design, picture, or drawing of any nature...

(i) The flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever. It should not be embroidered on such articles as cushions or handkerchiefs and the like, printed or otherwise impressed on paper napkins or boxes or anything that is designed for temporary use and discard. Advertising signs should not be fastened to a staff or halyard from which the flag is flown.

(j) No part of the flag should ever be used as a costume or athletic uniform. However, a flag patch may be affixed to the uniform of military personnel, firemen, policemen, and members of patriotic organizations. The flag represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing. Therefore, the lapel flag pin being a replica, should be worn on the left lapel near the heart."

Do you abide by all portions of the Flag Code? I do. If you have a worn flag to retire, please contact the American Legion or the Boy Scouts for the proper disposal. Happy Flag Day!

**City Secretary News,**  
**Kelly Rodriguez**  
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During the month of April the Mayor and Council passed no Ordinances or Resolutions. Starting June 6th Regular City Council Meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m.

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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

The members of the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank the community for their outstanding support during the 46th annual Firefighters Picnic Held May 14th 2016 at Takas Park!

The 3rd annual Softball game was a WIN for the Firefighters with a score of 14-9, but most importantly we all had a good time. A crowd filled set of stands cheering for both teams and some great vendors were out as well. Thank you to Dunkin Donuts for sponsoring the fire department's jerseys!

We started the morning off with the Second Annual "Supper Hero's" Pet Costume contest hosted by Texas We Act. We had costumes ranging from Wonder Woman to Police and Fire dogs as well as a special appearance by the Hound Dog (Elvis) himself. This was a great way to open up the picnic.

The National Anthem was sung by Ashton Folsom and if you missed her sing you truly missed out on a wonderful sound. Ashton sung the National Anthem acapella which made it that much more impressive.

We had a bit of a scare with the weather but it cleared up and made the day all that much nicer. We owe a special THANK YOU to the Women's Club and Texas we Act for all of their help with the cooking. The Fire Department returned to the "Old Days" of cooking all of the food and we had a special guest helping with the smoker's Steve Riggs an award winning pit master was working the four pits that we had. Thank you to Chief Tom Winn for the use of two of his pits and the wood to keep them going. We sold out of all of the food and are planning to have more next year.

Thank you to Texas Outdoor for the entertainment, we had a verity of music at the picnic including Tejano and Country music as well as a DJ. Thank you to the Roosevelt Patriots Dance Team and Shimmer in the Sand dance group for coming out to showcase each of your groups. We also had bouncy houses and a dunk tank for the young picnickers.

We would like to send out a special THANK YOU to the Women's Club, Dunkin Donuts, Arctic Ape, HEB, Texas We Act, Windcrest Police Department, Windcrest Public Works and to the MANY CITIZENS that came out to work and make this event a huge success.

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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. If you are a past member or know of one, please contact one of the team captains listed on the back of the Newsletter to share this information. We also would like to memorialize deceased volunteers.

As a reminder, when walking during the evening along our beautiful streets, please remember to wear reflective clothing as a safety precaution so oncoming vehicles can easily see you.

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together a "Get Home Bag or Emergency Bag". Keep it ready

I urge each of you to take responsibility for yourself  
and your family...Have a Plan! The Windcrest Police  
Department and Windcrest Emergency Management,  
along with the Windcrest C.E.R.T. (Community  
Emergency Response Team) will be hosting a City of  
Windcrest PrepareAthon Event in the near future. More  
information will be forthcoming about this community  
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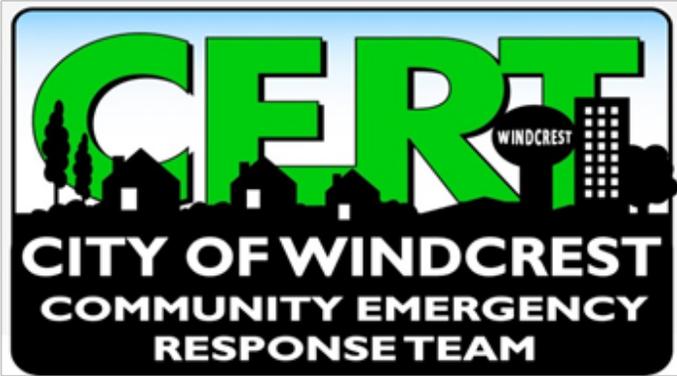


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*From the Desk of*

**TOM GARCIA**

Director of Public Works  
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The recent rains have been both a blessing and a trouble spot for public works.

Unfortunately, the rains brought along damaging hail and winds. It has been a nonstop effort by public works to return parks, alleys and streets to the great condition Windcrest normally enjoys. We continue the march.

We have also started an aggressive fogging program to battle mosquito population locally. This program started on May 13th. An information mailer was sent out to inform our community of the fogging and dates.

Water dunks have also been applied to our ponds and creeks to reassure we have done as much as we could to battle the Texas mosquitos.

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Summer is about to start and the heat will come with it. Protect yourself by staying hydrated while working outdoors. Remember to tell your children that playing in drainage ditches and tunnels is not only dangerous, but also a violation of city ordinance. Also, the alleys are only allowed to be used for ingress and egress from your properties. Playing in alleys or walking through the alleys could be cause for contact by the police due to this ordinance. When working on your property, please don't forget the alley area behind your fence. This area must be kept cut and clear for passage of police vehicles, fire vehicles in emergencies and waste trucks for normal operations.

Well maintained properties play an important role in keeping crime down; if anything else, it helps to increase your home appraisal value. If you have a poorly maintained home due to health or financial distress, there are options that may provide lower costs for maintenance. Please check the references on all contractors you use for repairs, always ask the contractor for a permit on major jobs. Contractors are required to register with the city and provide liability insurance before being issued a permit for most projects.

If you need 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.



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## NEWS FROM WINDCREST CUB PACK 669



The Windcrest Cub Pack 669 will assist the American Legion in the Annual 4th of July Flag Ceremony at City Hall. There will also be a "Retire the flag" ceremony immediately afterwards to properly dispose of any worn, torn or faded American flags. The Cubs will pick them up from your home or you can bring them with you to the Ceremony. For pickup please call 469-531-2700. All boys age 8 or above are welcome in Scouting. It is a great opportunity for boys to have fun and learn life skills. Pack 669 meets Wednesdays at 3:30. Please call Fran Hill, Cub Committee Chairman at the above number for more details.



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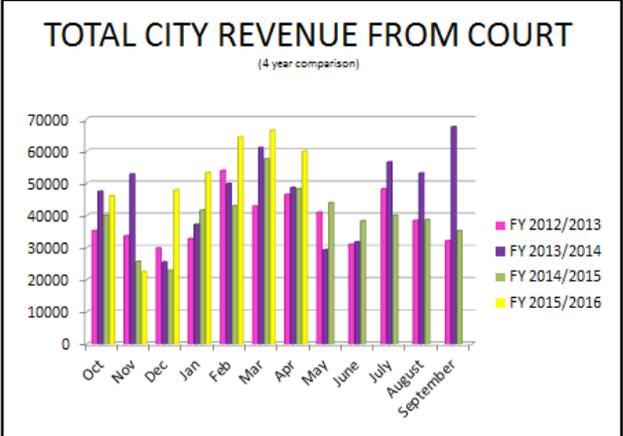
By Kelly Rodriguez, Municipal Court Clerk,  
 krodriiguez@windcrest-tx.gov  
 (210) 655-0022 ext 2250

## Defective Tail Lamp

Did you know that you can get pulled over for not having a tail lamp? The Texas Transportation Code reads as follows in Sec. 547.322. TAILLAMPS REQUIRED. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer, or vehicle that is towed at the end of a combination of vehicles shall be equipped with at least two tail lamps. (b) A passenger car or truck that was manufactured or assembled before the model year 1960 shall be equipped with at least one tail lamp. (c) Tail lamps shall be mounted on the rear of the vehicle: (1) at a height from 15 to 72 inches; and (2) at the same level and spaced as widely apart as practicable if a vehicle is equipped with more than one lamp. (d) A tail lamp shall emit a red light plainly visible at a distance of 1,000 feet from the rear of the vehicle. (e) If vehicles are traveling in combination, only the tail lamps on the rearmost vehicle are required to emit a light for the distance specified in Subsection (d). (f) A tail lamp or a separate lamp shall be constructed and mounted to emit a white light that: (1) illuminates the rear license plate; and (2) makes the plate clearly legible at a distance of 50 feet from the rear. (g) A tail lamp, including a separate lamp used to illuminate a rear license plate, must emit a light when a headlamp or auxiliary driving lamp is lighted.

## TOTAL CITY REVENUE FROM COURT

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# Women's Club News

Kathy Littlefield (210) 413-6018

Don't miss out! **Renew your membership or join for the first time. Club membership is open to all Windcrest ladies.** We meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month, August through May, usually at the Windcrest Civic Center from 10a.m. to 12p.m. Dues are \$20.00 per year. We promote CIVIC PRIDE through involvement in our community including hosting Windcrest Christmas Light-Up since 1960. The theme for this year's Light Up is HOLIDAY SAFARI!

**Windcrest's 56th Annual Light Up dates for 2016 are as follows:**

- Friday, December 2nd - Entry deadline for participating homes.
- Tuesday, December 6th - Judging for participating homes.
- Saturday, December 10th - Light Up Celebration at City Hall
- Thursday, January 5th - Light Up Award Ceremony



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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The new Club year starts Monday, 12 September 2016, and runs to May 2017. Garden Club membership is open to all men and women (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.

Monday, 2 May, the Windcrest Garden Club gathered together at Paloma Blanca to install their new Executive Board for the 2016-2017 Club year. The luncheon was an excellent opportunity to celebrate this year's success, congratulate the new board members, and share our plans for the summer.

Just because the Club's not meeting regularly, they will not be resting on their laurels' during the summer. The new board will be very busy planning events for next year: there are new horticultural areas to explore, things to learn and exciting trips to plan. Members will be working in their garden and propagating plants for next year's plant sales to fund our community service projects. 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.



**Windcrest Garden Club Executive Officers for 2016-2017 (L > R): Betty Riggs, President; Jamie Whitfield, Vice President; Linda Oliver, Secretary; and Barbara Barnett, Treasurer.**



**Garden Club incoming and outgoing board members joined up for a celebratory picture. (L > R) Marilyn Welch, Shirley Noll, Betty Riggs, Kathy Littlefield, Margie Gentet, Concha Garces, Pat Couch, Ann Lemelle, Lois Wooten, Marie Bourne, Rebecca McGinty, Annette Hoffman, Sondra Bump, Elaine Morrissey, (seated) Carolyn Freeman, Chris Krauss, Ada Storm**

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!

*Watch the newsletter and Club emails for more details as we get closer to these events.*

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## June NEISD School News

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# WINDCREST ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL UNIT

Officers A. Fuentes and M. Gonzales



The "Dog Days of Summer" are ahead! A lot of pet owners will be out and about with their pets or perhaps having backyard parties with family and friends. Remember how extremely important it is to have your pets properly vaccinated and protected from viruses. Pets can get easily overheated very quickly, so make sure you provide fresh water and a shady spot for them as well. Never leave a pet in your vehicle.

Many of you will be considering a pet adoption this summer. A good tip when adopting a pet is to conduct some research. Consider a few things about the pet. Will the pet be an indoor or an outdoor pet? Will they require a large yard or a small yard? Will they have specific food or other nutritional needs? What will be their size as an adult? Will you be able to manage the pet with your current physical skills? Will you be able to provide any necessary medical care for the pet? Owning a pet has great rewards, but a lot of responsibilities as well. Do your research and you will be able to make a positive decision that will not only be beneficial to you but to your new pet as well.

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 need any assistance with an animal control matter.

# WINDCREST ANIMAL CONTROL TASK FORCE

- Pam Dodson

TxWeACT



Flea preventative treatments are a year-round must-have for cats AND dogs! Not only are fleas a nuisance to you and your pets, they can carry diseases that can debilitate your furry friends (and in some cases even cause death). A simple way to test if your pet has fleas is to brush over your pet with a paper towel, or part the hair and look at their skin. If you don't find any adult fleas, you'll likely see their feces (also called "flea dirt") which look like small dark specks. Fleas ingested by your pet while grooming may result in tapeworms. (You may notice what looks like a piece of white rice moving on their bottom or in their stool. This is a sign of tapeworms, which can be treated with oral medication). Adult fleas only represent 5% of the flea population, so it's important to have a routine that addresses all the life stages (eggs, larvae, pupae). Monthly topical combo products (like Revolution or AdvantageMulti) can kill up to 98% of fleas in various life stages and also protect pets from ticks, heartworms (carried by mosquitoes), and some intestinal parasites (roundworms, hookworms) too! Indoor pets are also at risk! Some studies have shown that 1/3 of heartworm infections were in indoor-only pets! Keep your pets healthy and happy - talk to your vet for more info, or join the Windcrest Animal Task Force (TxWeACT) at our monthly meeting (last Tuesday of the month @ the Windcrest Golf Club @ 7pm).

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June and summer is when children are out of school, vacations are taken, and visits from family and friends occur. Our parks are an inviting destination but there are a few things that need to be understood about our parks and the wildlife within them.

In our city Code of Ordinances, Chapter 26, Parks and Open Areas, Section 26-63(a) is about the water fowl and states "No person shall engage in massive feeding of water fowl within the city parks, public areas within the city or on private property. Incidental feeding from ponds water's edge and within the sidewalks surrounding the ponds is not prohibited."

Conservationists say "don't feed ducks bread." The Animal & Plant Health Agency states: "Large amounts of bread and other human food stuffs can be harmful to wild fowl, leading to potentially fatal or disabling health conditions. Uneaten food can also cause changes to the chemical and bacteriological content of the water, increasing the risk of avian disease." Peter Birch, national environment manager for the Canal & River Trust said, "The aim is not to discourage people from interacting with wild life but to do it in a way that recognizes their particular needs. Vary what you give them and swap the white bread for healthier more natural treats like oats, corn or defrosted peas but exercise portion control." Birch also said feeding regularly in particular places makes the ducks habitually reliant on food from humans and leads to an accumulation of duck feces in the water, on paths and bridges." Foods not safe for ducks are: white bread, chips, crackers and biscuits, popcorn or any sugary foods or sweets.

We have people visiting our parks who do not live in Windcrest therefore not receiving the newsletter. If you encounter people feeding the ducks bread, inform them of the hazards they are creating to the ducks and the water by doing so.

Please remember these few things while enjoying our parks this summer so our water fowl and ponds remain as healthy as we can have them.

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## City Meetings in Windcrest City Hall Council Chambers

Planning & Zoning	June 2	6:00 p.m.	WEDC	June 9	6:00 p.m.
RCCM	June 6, 20	6:30 p.m.	Citizen Code Committee	June 15	6:00 p.m.
Municipal Court	June 7, 14, 21	4:00 p.m.	Water District	June 16	6:30 p.m.
Parks & Recreation	June 8	6:00 p.m.	Northeast Bridge Builders	June 23	6:00 p.m.
			Food Handlers	June 28	5:30 p.m.

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