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(See page 9 for details)

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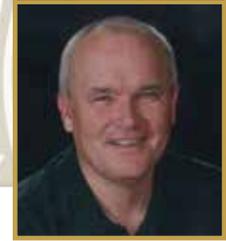
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Mayor's Message

Dan Reese

Francie and I love living in Windcrest for a variety of reasons – not the least of which is our hometown kindness. Just a few weeks ago, I asked for some help with a citizen who was not able to cut some brush in the back of her home. Within a day of asking on Facebook I had 10 or so citizens who stepped up to help. In a different incident, we had a neighbor who needed some help with some trees and before we could help, a neighbor stepped in. Thank you Windcrest for being who you are!

Windcrest Home Town Initiatives. We are committed to keeping the small hometown feel for our great City. We had our first “Movie in the Park” on September 1. We met at Takas Park with chairs and blankets to enjoy the movie “A Dog’s Journey”. Refreshments were offered by our local Windcrest Elementary Parent Teachers Association (PTA) group. If you missed it, don’t worry, we are planning more – stay tuned to our Windcrest Facebook page as well as our City website.

Windcrest “artWALK”. I am excited for the 60th Anniversary celebration of the City scheduled for October 19 from 4-8 p.m. The artWALK at the golf course, co-sponsored by the City and the volunteer artVibes group, will be a free family art festival highlighting art from the mid-century era. There will be artists, performers, children’s activities, food and drinks for all to enjoy.

FY 2019/2020 Budget. The Council finished its deliberations on the budget at the September 9th Council Meeting and completed the budget on time. The Council kept the tax rate for Maintenance and Operations the same as last year (.327469). In addition to the M&O, the citizens approved Bonds for Streets and Fire Equipment (.096075), which brought the rate to .434509 per \$100. The result will be approximately \$15/\$100,000 home evaluation. Thank you, Council and citizens, for your hard work and dedication.

Road Construction. You have obviously noticed the work on Crestway. This is “Phase 1” of the voter approved 2019A Street Bond Project. We have the road projects listed on the City website. Phase 1 will include Crestway and part of Midcrown. Remember, this is just Phase One of three phases. Windcrest will be using the citizen approved Street Bonds, City funds and Economic Development Corporation (EDC) funding to repair our streets. In addition to the voter approved bond money, our own EDC approved nearly \$750,000 to repair commercial streets. This is the first time that our EDC has partnered with the City for street repairs.

Bond Funded Fire Engines. I reported on the progress of the voter approved replacement ladder truck in previous editions of the newsletter. The Ladder truck is on track to be delivered in April or May. You may have also seen a posting for the beginning production of a replacement Fire Engine (Pumper Truck). I was asked to be a part of the team of firefighters to help complete the specifications and approval. Aside from my experience in the fire service, I was part of the team that completed the specifications and approval for the Fire Engine that was delivered in 2008. The build time on the new Fire Engine will be 5 to 6 months.

Census 2020. Looking to support the Census 2020? The Council authorized the creation of a Census 2020 Complete Count Committee. This Committee is designed to record an accurate accounting of the complete population in the upcoming Census 2020. You can find more information on the City website and you are encouraged to participate.

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“The credibility of the message is intrinsically tied to the integrity of the messenger.”

— Chip Ingram

"Mayor's Message" continued from page 2

November Elections. On November 5th, 2019 we will elect four positions: Mayor; Place 4 (currently held by Frank Archuleta); and Place 1 (currently held by Arthur James "Jim" Flinn). Joan Pedrotti (Mayor Pro-Tem), Place 5 will be on the ballot and is unopposed. The selection of Mayor, Place 4 and Place 5 are on a regular two-year cycle. Place 1 will be a special election and that seat will be for only a one-year term to get back on a regular schedule. Here are some important dates to remember:

- Last day to register to vote: October 7th
- Last day to apply for a ballot by mail: October 25th
- Early voting: October 21st through October 30th (times vary – check online!)
- Election Day: Tuesday, November 5th

Early voting and Election day voting will take place at Takas Park Civic Center. We will be using the new voting machines that include a paper ballot. If you voted in the last election you saw an example of one of the new machines at our polling site. If you need more information, come by City Hall and visit our website.

Coffee with the Mayor: As many of you know, I provide coffee and a chat at our Starbucks each Saturday at 8:30. This has been very helpful for me to meet the citizens who want to talk about what is going on in Windcrest. All are welcome and I hope you will drop by. I would love to meet you! If I can't be there, I will post on the City Web site and on our Facebook page. If you want to call me, my phone is 210-419-0099.

I am honored to be in service to Windcrest.

CITY SECRETARY

Rachel Dominguez

City Secretary

Be in the Know...

New Golf Cart Regulation effective October 1, 2019

On July 1, 2019, the Windcrest City Council unanimously passed Ordinance 2019-695, aligning the Windcrest Code of Ordinance with the Texas Transportation Code Chapter 551. Keeping public safety, a top priority in the city, the passage of Ordinance 2109-695 regulates and controls the operation of motorized carts within the City's legal boundaries and Windcrest public streets. Here are a few important highlights of the new ordinance.

- No person may operate a golf cart upon any public street or highway within the corporate boundaries of the City of Windcrest unless said golf cart displays a license plate issued by the State of Texas pursuant to Texas Transportation Code § 551.402.
- No person may operate a golf cart or Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV) without a valid Texas – or other stated issues operator permit and/or driver license.
- Golf carts and NEVs must move to the right and yield the right-of-way to faster moving vehicles while on any public street or highway.
- All golf carts and NEVs must be equipped with operational

headlamps, tail lamps, reflectors, parking brakes, rearview mirrors, seatbelts and a slow-moving vehicle emblem as required by Chapter 551 of the Texas Transportation Code when operated on any public street or highway.

- No person may ride in the lap of the driver or any other occupant of a golf cart or NEV while operated on any public street or highway.
- These regulations and licenses are valid only within the corporate limits of the City of Windcrest and do not address operation outside of the City's jurisdiction.

Although House Bill 1548 become effective on September 1, 2019; City Council recognized time was needed for owners to make the required modifications to their golf cart or NEV. Windcrest Police has been informing residents of the new regulations which become effective on October 1, 2019. While the state has not begun the issuance of registrations and license plates for the golf carts and NEVs, all other requirements of the ordinance will be enforced.

Please refer to the City Secretary's webpage to read Ordinance 2019-695. It is important to know the new regulations to ensure a safe community.

PUBLIC WORKS

Tom Garcia

Windcrest Public Works Director

The month of August and part of September were super dry. I hope your grass, plants, and your pets made it through healthily.

The road project is well under way. The construction crew out there is working as hard and as fast as they can. If at all possible, please avoid Crestway and the intersection of Crestway and Eaglecrest for a little while. Traffic is well backed up in the mornings.

We would like to say thanks to Windcrest PD for keeping the traffic flowing and people safe.

Looking forward to some cooler weather.

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Code Compliance & Enforcement

By Officer Leija



Great Job to all our Windcrest residents for keeping your properties looking beautiful. This is a great time to reach out and help an elderly neighbor with yard work needed. Also, if you have



not yet cut/trimmed your trees obstructing the street please make the time. Remember our city street sweepers drive fairly close to the curb. Please trim around the street signs if your tree is hanging low obstructing the street signs.

It is your responsibility to maintain your alley please refer to **Sec. 28-115. - Responsibility for alley maintenance.** The owner and the resident of property adjacent to an alley are jointly responsible for maintaining the necessary clearances of alleys and keeping alleys in a passable, sightly, and sanitary condition.

Please keep in mind before remodeling your home call our permits department. The following types of construction work are specifically identified as requiring permits issued by the City. New residential building, including mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fence work, and all types of roofing, including the replacement of shingles, requires permits.

If you need any assistance or want to report a violation of the Windcrest City Code, please contact your Code Enforcement Officer via the Windcrest Police Department Dispatcher at 210-655-2666 or send an email at ileija@windcrest-tx.gov or through the link provided within code enforcement page.

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By Animal Control Officers
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WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR AROUND YOUR HOME THIS WINTER

Winter is a period of transition for urban wildlife. Many food sources become unavailable or hard to find and raccoons, squirrels, rats, mice, and skunks will rely on the fat they put on during fall to survive. Of course, the urban landscape does continue to provide animals with much-needed winter nourishment in the form of food waste. This means that critters will remain active to some degree, even during the coldest parts of the year.

This makes your home's attic and walls, as well as the spaces below additions, sheds, decks, and porches that much more appealing. Tiny gaps and cracks in your home's exterior leak warm air that animals easily detect with sensitive whiskers. It can take an expert eye to identify every entry point. One of the most important steps of control is identifying how they are getting in the home.

When living indoors, animals are capable of reproducing throughout the year. If you have stocks of stored food, mice will become bolder, leaving the protection of wall voids and attics and entering a living space in search of nourishment. Now is the time to inspect your home.



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Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department

By Chief Dan Kramer

Our New Firetrucks

As many of you have probably heard, the Windcrest Fire Department has placed an order for two brand new custom firetrucks! One of these new trucks is an E-One 95' ladder truck. This truck will be capable of carrying 300 gallons of water with an onboard water tank. This truck also comes with a pump capable of pumping 1,750 gallons per minute, which officially makes it a "Quint" in fire lingo. Since it has water together with a pump the truck is capable of acting as a pumper when necessary, although that is not its first role. The main role of the ladder truck is obviously...the ladder! This is a 95' mid-mounted ladder that we picked specifically because of its ability to fit in our current fire bays. This ladder can be utilized to rescue a person trapped in a building, as an elevated water stream, or in cases where quick access to the roof is needed. The ladder can also aid in reaching the top of one of the many commercial buildings we have in the district. We are excited to add this truck to our fleet and its unit number will officially be Truck 145. Next month, we will cover the pumper truck in greater detail!



Windcrest Fire and Police Kickball Game

On Saturday, October 12th at 9am, Windcrest Police and Fire Department will be hosting a Heroes Kickball Game, at Takas Park. Admission is free to the public and concessions will be available. Have a fun outing with the family and meet the people that help make our community safer. Local resident Liz Dick has been asked to "throw" the first pitch.




COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

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Just a reminder to review your family's action plans and make any necessary changes. A comprehensive emergency kit can help you and your family remain self-sufficient during a disaster. While putting a kit together can seem daunting, you can make it easier on yourself by assembling the kit in small, achievable steps. Use the "Supplies and Task Calendar" to check off your supplies and complete your weekly "to-do" list. Visit - <https://www.ohsu.edu/sites/default/files/2019-01/EmergencySupplies-16Weeks.pdf> to see complete 16-week list.

For questions or more information about Disaster Preparedness, contact Kathie Maloney at 210-887-5069 or teamwindcrest@gmail.com.



Windcrest Golf

by Mary Wold

Growing weary of the pumpkin spice smells everywhere? Cut grass and warm fresh air can be had on our Gem of Windcrest golf course. We play 9-hole games on Thursday at 9 a.m. We also play a 9-hole tournament on Sunday October 27 at 1 p.m. Please wear pink for Breast Cancer awareness on Sunday October 27. We welcome all levels of lady golfers. Please join in the fun. Questions and information call Mary at 210-608-9645.

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LIONS CLUB NEWS

By Jill Vogel



It's finally Fall and time for chili! The Windcrest Lions Club's Chili and Cornbread dinner will be **Saturday, November 9, 2019, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.** at the Windcrest Civic Center at Takas Park. Early bird tickets

are available for \$7.00 from any Windcrest Lion (or contact Lion Jennifer Newman at 309-236-3200). Tickets at the door are \$8.00. Children ten and under (eating in) are free! Vegetarian? We'll have chili for you, too. See you there!

Please also join us for our free "Lions Lectures" on a variety of topics of interest to our community: On October 8, 2019, at 6:30: Windcrest Mayor Dan Reese will discuss the state of our city. On October 22, 2019, at 6:30: Trinidad Parada will discuss Medicare basics and how to choose the best plan for your health care needs. Both of these events will be at the Windcrest Civic Center at Takas Park.

Accidents will happen! Windcrest Lions recently donated clothes for local preschoolers who may not always have a set of clean clothes available. We are also gearing up to donate dictionaries and thesauruses to third graders at Camelot, Walzem, Windcrest, Royal Ridge and Montgomery Elementary Schools. All of this is made possible through your generous support of the Windcrest Lions Club and we thank you.

The Windcrest Lions Club meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Windcrest Civic Center, 9310 Jim Seal Drive. Lions. We serve.



Windcrest Animal Control Task Force

By Pam Dodson



TxWeACT will be down at Takas Park on **Tuesday, October 1**, for the Windcrest National Night Out event sponsored by the Police Department. We will have some interesting information so be sure to stop by our table.



October the 16th is Global Cat Day. Take some time thinking about the benefits of having cats in our community. Not just the companionship they can provide but also how they have helped reduce the population of rats that used to frequent our area.

We are offering another San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition class on Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) down at the Takas Civic Center on **November 9th** at 10 a.m.

We are also holding our "Dog Photos with Santa" at the Cross Roads Church at the corner of Midcrown and Walzem. The date is **December the 8th** and starts at 3 p.m. Come and enjoy our hot chocolate and cookies too. Be sure to come with your dogs dressed (or not) for the event.

Don't forget that in January and February TxWeACT helps the city host low cost immunization clinics on the third Saturday of these months. We hope this will encourage pet owners to register or reregister their pets with the city.

TxWeACT meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at Cross Roads Church (corner of Walzem and Midcrown) 7 p.m.

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GARDEN CLUB

By: Lois Wooton

Membership is open! Insightful speakers, garden improvement projects, and community service participation are a few benefits members can expect. Our next meeting is on **Monday, October 7, 2019**. This meetup is a Field Trip to Rainbow Nursery, 2585 Thousand Oaks, in San Antonio. Call Marilyn Welch (210-654-1500) or Marji Gentet (210-313-6659) to RSVP and get transportation information.

Windcrest Garden Club is currently working on constructing a fierce scarecrow for the annual Botanical Garden's Scarecrow contest. Crafty members interested in this project, can join us this fall as we help support Windcrest Fall themed efforts. Contact Debbie Dunlap (224-707-7146) for more information. Also, visit the Botanical Garden in October and vote for our Scarecrow "Wilber".

Windcrest Garden Club's Member Spotlight

October member of the month: Jamie Whitfield

Current role in WGC: President

How long member has been "tending the garden": Jamie joined the club right after moving to Texas 4 years ago.

Seeds sown (Favorite part of membership): "Aside from learning something new at each meeting, my favorite part of being a member of the club is being around all the other members. We have such a wonderful group of ladies." she said.

Our, **Monday, November 4, 2019**, meeting will resume at 10 a.m. in the Windcrest Civic Center. There will be a special speaker and a plant auction. You'll not want to miss



it! Hostesses are Chris Kraus, Betty Riggs, Judy Barta, Joan Vanacek, Faye Eberling, and Julie Gimesky.

The Windcrest Garden Club is also active in the San Antonio Herb Society and San Antonio Garden Club which meets in the first Wednesday monthly. There is something for everyone, so come join us. If you are interested in joining this WGC, dues are \$15 annually. Renew or make a new membership now! Just fill out the form below and **mail it with a check for \$15.00 to Windcrest Garden Club, 413 Zephyr Dr, Windcrest TX 78239**. We are a 501(3)c organization.

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Windcrest Women's Club

By: Sherillyn Flick

The Windcrest Women's Club is a dynamic, fun group of informed ladies. Have you considered joining the Women's Club? You are cordially invited to our October meeting on **Wednesday, October 23rd**. We are having lunch at the Gristmill and spending the day in Gruene, TX! If you would like to join us, contact Lu Nix at 210-653-2371.

The Windcrest Women's Club enjoyed a special presentation by City Officials and members of City Staff. Liz Dick kicked off the meeting by introducing City Manager Rafael Castillo, Police Chief Volz, Finance Director Don Hakala, Deputy Court Clerk Claudia Carrera Lopez, City Secretary Rachel Dominguez and Tom Garcia with Public Works.

Our City Manager assured is that Windcrest is "in good hand..." We learned that the city is financially stable, has a good bond rating, new firetrucks are on order and street improvements are underway.

Chief Darrell Volz is very community oriented and encouraged everyone to attend National Night Out at Takas Park and another popular community event, Halloween Trunk-or-Treat, to be held at City Hall.

We voted for Jill Vogel to chair a committee to examine our bylaws.

Welcome to our new members: Sherry Harper, Constance Ball, Jeannette Kurtz, JoAnne Cole-Higgins and Rose Marie Evancho.

Introducing our New President!

Joan Pedrotti was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas. She attended Providence HS and graduated from St. Mary's University. She received her degrees in Political Science and Public Administration. She began her career in public service with the United States Commission on Civil Rights in 1982. She then worked for the state of Texas at the University of Texas Health Science Center. She retired from Bexar County where she worked in court administration and Budget and Finance. She has lived in Windcrest for almost 20 years with her husband, Spencer Stubbs. Joan is always delighted with the opportunity to serve her neighbors and is dedicated to community service.



Want to join the fun and make a difference in our community? Windcrest Women's Club is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. All donations are tax exempt.

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ARTWALK

City of Windcrest 60th Anniversary

By Susie Hamilton

“artWalk,” Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the City

“artVibes” and the City of Windcrest are sponsoring a unique artWalk to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the City of Windcrest. This free, family friendly art festival will take place at the Windcrest Golf Club on October 19, 2019 from 4-8 pm and will highlight and provide education about the styles and influence of all disciplines of art during the mid-century era during which our city was born.

Founded in 2019, artVibes is a volunteer group established to foster art and culture in Windcrest. The group has a shared goal of crafting a suburban cultural destination through

art, and in June of 2019 it proposed the idea of this celebratory artWalk to the City Council. The City Council subsequently passed the proposal at their June 17, 2019 meeting, and the City agreed to co-present the event with artVibes.

After a month-long artist search, eight artists have been selected to feature their various mediums of art at individual stations along the Windcrest Golf Club pathway. Guests are invited to stroll the grounds at their own pace to take in the art and atmosphere, and converse with the artists themselves about their history and techniques. Because of sponsorships and City of Windcrest contributions, this event will be offered with free admission and entertainment while still ensuring that artists are compensated for their talent.

The spirit of endowment extends to child attendees who will have the option to create a Picasso-inspired piece and enter their name into a drawing for ten \$50 gift cards. Prizes will be awarded by the City of Windcrest on November 9, 2019 at Takas Park during artVibes second event, the “miniMasters Art Exhibition,” which will display the artwork the children created at the artWalk. The miniMasters event will occur concurrently with the Lion’s Club Chili Dinner, so please save that date to enjoy dinner and artwork without leaving our city limits.

“artWalk” will also feature a curated offering of food trucks, live performances by both Magik Children’s Theatre and Morgan’s Wonderland from 4-6 p.m., a retro dance party from 6-8 p.m., and drink service for adults inside the Windcrest Golf Club. Remote parking and shuttle service will be available from the parking lots at Windcrest United Methodist Church, 8102 Midcrown Drive and Crossroads Church, 8101 Midcrown Drive.

The celebration will include artists, performers, children’s activities, food and drink, all while enjoying the beautiful surroundings of the golf course! If you would like to volunteer on the day of the event, or if your family or business would like to become a sponsor, please visit www.artvibeswindcrest.com for information. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates on artists and additional events.



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Light Up 2019

By Scott Lee-Ross

Greetings, salutations, and a hometown welcome to ... October! The pumpkins are out and about and a few witches have been seen in the moonlight. That can mean only one thing...Christmas is almost here.

Now is the time to finalize your decorating plans and start getting everything ready for Light Up 2019. If you have not yet filled out your application for Light Up, make sure and get it done. You can do it online at the city website or fill out the paper version. Just make sure you get it submitted by November 29 (if paper) or December 1 (if online). Fill it out if you want to enter the contest or if you just want your house to be listed on the map.

If you need help with getting your lights hung, the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department can help. Just give them a call and you can schedule for them to come.

For those that have been concerned about the traffic that Light Up brings to our City, everyone involved has been working on plans to help alleviate the worst traffic. One of the additions this year will be an additional spot to pick up maps on Candy Cane Lane (known as Windway the rest of the year). This, along with some suggested routes on the maps, should help to spread out the traffic across the city.

We are also working out a plan to work with the carriage rides to ensure the minimal impact on our residents. Stay tuned for more information on the horse front!

This is my Christmas Crazy Person Tip for October. Make your plans and shop early for lights. While the big box stores carry lots of lights, if you want a specific color, they run out first. Many people like to start decorating Thanksgiving weekend and the lights start to run out then. If you have to resort to ordering Christmas lights online, they can end up costing more.

If you have a Light Up or Christmas tip, just drop me an email at Scott.M.Ross66@Gmail.com. Or if you are interested in meeting up for a pre-Christmas get-together to share tips, just email me as well. If there is enough interest, we can make it a fun time for all.

Till next month, enjoy the cooler weather and remember to stay on Santa's good list!

Important Dates for 2019

Deadline to turn in Application	Friday, November 29 4:30 p.m.
Online Registration Deadline	Sunday, December 1 4:30 p.m.
Light Up 2019	December 7-31
Light Up judging	Tuesday, December 3
Light Up celebration at City Hall	Saturday, December 7
Winner Dinner	Thursday, January 9



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61st Annual City of Windcrest Light Up A Hometown Christmas

The annual Windcrest Light Up is a decades old tradition, started by Barbee Winn in 1959, in which residents decorate their homes with elaborate displays of holiday lights. A contest is held to pick the most beautifully decorated homes in various judging categories and the public is invited to drive along neighborhood streets to view the brightly lit displays. This year the City is adding to the tradition by including residents who want to decorate but not compete with their neighbors.

PUT ME ON THE MAP! Some residents enjoy decorating their houses, but their hard work and creativity may not be seen by the thousands of visitors who flood the streets of Windcrest every December. Now it's their time to SHINE! The City is putting EVERYONE who signs up on the map, not just the winners of the contest.

This year's theme is "A Hometown Christmas." We love Windcrest and our traditions, but we want to know what your hometown looks like. This year we will hand out "Hometown Bingo" cards to visitors, so be sure to tell us where you're from.

Please email events@windcrest-tx.gov or contact Liz Dick, the Women's Club Light Up Chair, if you have any questions.

Category	Description
A Hometown Christmas	What does your hometown look like?
Religious/Joyful	Best display with a religious theme
Nostalgic/Handcrafted	Most old-fashioned, best reminds me of my childhood display
Clark Griswold	Over the top use of outdoor lighting and decorations...in a good way!
Martha Stewart Would Be Proud	Creative/Elegant
Cul-de-sac/Block	Show us who gets along with their neighbors the best!
Charlie Browniest	This category is for the best decorations on an entrance/door/mailbox/dog house, anything other than your whole house
Church/School/Business	Best decorated church/school/business

Please fill out and return to City Hall by Friday, November 29, 2019. Late Applications will not be accepted. Please call 210-655-0022 ext. 2440 or email events@windcrest-tx.gov if you have any questions.

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Do you want to enter into the decoration contest?

- Yes, I would like to compete.
- No, I want to decorate for fun. (PUT ME ON THE MAP!)

Pick your category

(Please only select one.)

- Religious/Joyful
- Nostalgic/Handcrafted
- Clark Griswold
- Martha Stewart Would Be Proud
- Cul de sac/Block
- Charlie Browniest
- Church/School/Business

In addition to your category of choice, will you be decorating according to your Hometown?

- Yes
- No

If you selected yes, please tell us your hometown.

[City, State] *This will be used for our Hometown Bingo!*

Local School News

Teachers See Green at Red, White, and Blue

On August 21, 2019, during the annual Roosevelt High School Red, White and Blue Revue, the Windcrest/Northeast Bridge Builders honored three area teachers for their outstanding work with students from our community. These educators were the recipients of 2018-2019 Teacher of the Year Awards from their respective campuses. W/NBB presented each teacher with an engraved plaque and a \$1000 check in appreciation of their efforts. The teachers were Jenny Taylor (Roosevelt HS), Amy Worman (Ed White MS) and Rachel Conger (Windcrest ES). Additionally, W/NBB handed out free school supplies to approximately 100 people at the conclusion of the Roosevelt event.

W/NBB is always recruiting volunteers and mentors for schools in the TR Cluster. Anyone interested should register at www.neisd.net/volunteers for the required Criminal Background Check. Contact any W/NBB board member for more information and/or to be added to our list. In the near future, W/NBB will hold a meeting to update everyone on the group's activities.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

October

- 5 Roughrider Marching Contest
- 11 Early Release ES, MS and HS
- 12 TR Homecoming Dance..... 8 p.m. - 12 a.m.
- 14 Student Holiday
- 15 TR Orchestra Concert 6:30 p.m.
- White Fall Choir Concert 6:00 p.m.
- 17 TR Choir Concert..... 6:30 p.m.
- 18 End 1st 9 Weeks
- 19 Patriots Little Girls Clinic 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- UIL Marching Band Contest @ Heroes Stadium
- 21 Start 2nd 9 Weeks
- 23-31 Red Ribbon Week
- 23 Windcrest ES Early Release Day
- 24 Windcrest ES Early Release Day
- TR Theater Fall Show..... 7:00 p.m.
- AVID Parent Night 5:30 p.m.
- 28-Nov 1 White College Spirit Week
- 29-30 TR Senior Portraits
- 30 NEISD College Night @ Blossom.. 6:00 p.m.

November

- 8 TR Student Portraits
- 25-29 Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL

Check campus websites for additional school activities

Rachel Conger, Teacher of the Year for Windcrest Elementary School 2018-2019, is back on the job

By Anne Powell



Rachel Conger began teaching at Windcrest Elementary School as a student teacher from Texas A&M University in 1996. She has been part of the school and the community for over 20 years. During her time at Windcrest, Rachel has taught both second grade and fourth grade, and she has been the Gifted and Talented program teacher since 2007. She enjoys challenging her students and providing them with opportunities to stretch their problem-solving and creativity. Rachel is also a sponsor for the school's Chess Club and Robotics Club.

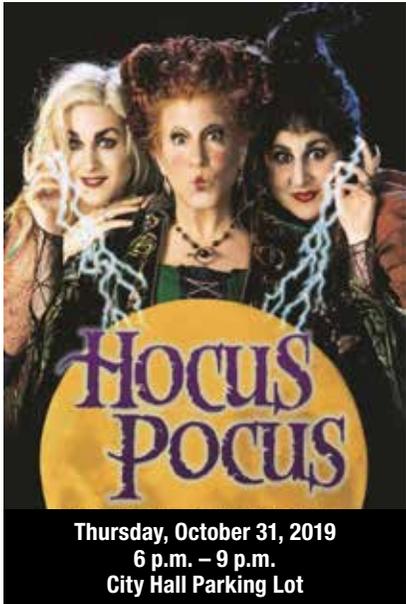
Movie Night in Takas Park

By Lindsey Walker

No Labor Day Weekend is complete without at least one outdoor activity. On Sunday, September 1, 2019, the City of Windcrest hosted its first "Movie in the Park," and it was a success! Our first feature was "A Dog's Journey," and it was enjoyed by both those with two legs and four. The Windcrest Elementary School PTA sold hot dogs, pretzels, Frito pie, and many more tasty treats at the concession stand. As sunset approached, the air cooled and some light drizzling occurred, but that didn't stop the roughly 70 people who showed up. Residents and their dogs came out and met neighbors and even a few guests from both the Drury Inn and Holiday Inn Express!

Labor Day Weekend was the beginning of many more Movie Nights in the Park for Windcrest. This fun and free community event provides more opportunities for residents to come together and enjoy each other's company over a family-friendly film. Be sure to keep an eye out for more Movie Nights in both the newsletter and on the official City of Windcrest Facebook page!

Up Next:



Thursday, October 31, 2019
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
City Hall Parking Lot



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Family Chess Night at the Molly Pruitt Library Every Thursday Evening

By Anne Powell

Family Chess Night Dinner and Chess! Come and play chess with family and friends. Chess players can enjoy a delicious catered dinner provided by Rackspace.

Address	5110 Walzem Road San Antonio, TX 78218
Phone	210 650-1122
Branch Location	Molly Pruitt Library
Event Type	Community
Staff Contact Name	Cynthia Saenz
Staff Contact Number/ Email	210-650-1122
Audience	All Ages
Additional Information	An advanced chess lesson with Alex, a nationally-ranked chess master, commences at 6:30 p.m.

Molly Pruitt Library Teen Events

5110 Walzem Rd. San Antonio, TX 78218

Teen Chess at Pruitt

Thursdays, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Receive first-class instruction from internationally ranked Chess Master, Alex Weinberg. After the lesson is complete, participants will then enjoy free pizza from Domino's.

Teen Hojalata

Tuesday, October 15, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

One of the most beautiful expressions of Mexican folk art is "Hojalata" or tin artwork. Come and join us as we experience creative cultural exchanges through art.

Pruitt Teen Yoga

2nd Wednesday of every month, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Relax and unwind, literally with a little library yoga. Bring your buddies along to learn how to destress and build balance. There is no charge for this event. Yoga mats are provided.

Teen Time Halloween Hangout

Wednesday, October 30, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Hang out with us in the library after school on Halloween. Listen to a scary story and have a good time.

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SCCM	Oct. 7	6 p.m.
Municipal Court	Oct. 1, 8, 15	4 p.m.
WEDC	Oct. 9	5:30 p.m.
RCCM	Oct. 21	5 p.m.
Water District	Oct. 17	6 p.m.

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