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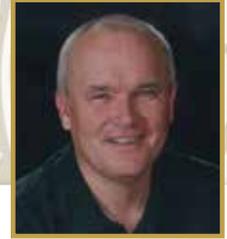
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As I pen this newsletter article, I am aware that when it is published, the November elections will be behind us. We will have elected a Mayor and Council members for Places 1 and 4. Whatever the outcome, my prayer is that we accept the results and focus on what is best for Windcrest.

Win or lose, it has been an honor to serve as your Mayor. If I am re-elected, I will have another two years to serve. If I am not re-elected, I will do whatever it takes to make the transition smooth.

In the last two years we have accomplished a lot:

- We focused on street repairs and used not only the Bond funding, but Sales Tax funds and nearly three quarters of a million dollars from our Economic Development Corporation (EDC). The street committee we formed, along with our City Engineer, evaluated all of our streets and we used that priority list to make decisions on which streets to fix.
- Using the Bond funding for Fire Apparatus, we ordered a new Ladder Truck and a new Fire Engine-thus bringing critical fire equipment to our Fire Department
- We made much needed changes to our City Charter after we suffered through the largest voter fraud, identify theft scheme in the history of Windcrest.
- We focused on Economic Development, and along with initiatives from our EDC, we focused on our future in commercial properties. In particular, we are reviewing the Master Economic Incentive Agreement (MEIA) with Rackspace to bring more tax funding to our City. QuikTrip will be opening in January. Our discussions on the Windcrest Senior Living Village are ongoing and while it is early, there are some exciting opportunities here.
- We focused on Windcrest as a hometown by initiating new projects such as Movies in the Park and Windcrest ArtVibes. These initiatives are designed to bring our community together.

Thank you, Windcrest, for having confidence in me.

I am honored to be in service to Windcrest.

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

— Chip Ingram





THE 2020 CENSUS IS ALMOST HERE! CAN WE COUNT YOU IN?

The 2020 Census provides an opportunity for everyone to be counted. Local governments, community-based organizations, faith-based groups, schools, businesses, the media and others play a key role in developing partners to educate and motivate residents to participate in the 2020 Census.

When community members are informed, they are more likely to respond to the census. Through collaborative partnerships, the U.S. Census Bureau and community partners can reach the shared goal of counting EVERYONE in 2020.

The City of Windcrest Complete Count Committee will utilize their local knowledge, influence, and resources to educate our community and promote the census through locally based, targeted outreach efforts.

Training for the Committee will begin in November. The committee will recommend how best to reach out of our community for a successful 2020 Census. The Committee will be working as “Census Ambassadors,” providing census information for our community newsletter, social media posts, mailings, and public meeting and events.

The Census helps to provide an accurate and fair representation of our community; directly impacting federal funding that local governments will receive over the next decade. The census provides the most reliable and complete data for research, decision making and planning—both for the public and private sectors.

If you are interested in joining the City of Windcrest Complete Count Committee, please contact the Office of the City Secretary at rdominguez@windcrest-tx.gov or (210) 655-0022.

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Maxine Martin was recognized on September 11, 2019 as one of the most exceptional volunteers in the City of Windcrest. The Windcrest Economic Development Corporation Board presented her with the Gold President's Volunteer Service Award in recognition of over 1,000 hours of service performed while updating not only the WEDC's website, but also recovering and updating the WEDC's Face Book page. The benefit to the WEDC and the City of Windcrest is immeasurable. In Economic Development today, a website is the equivalent to a business card in creating a first impression of not only the WEDC, but also the City itself. A website that is easily navigated, intuitive and up-to-date makes a great first impression and that is what we now have, thanks to Maxine's tireless efforts and exceptional skills.

In 2003, the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation founded the President's Volunteer Service Award to recognize the important role of volunteers in America's strength and national identity. This award honors individuals whose service positively impacts communities in every corner of the nation and inspires those around them to take action, too.

The PVSA has continued under each administration, honoring the volunteers who are using their time and talents to solve some of the toughest challenges facing our nation. The President's Volunteer Service Award's website specifies eligible service as “unpaid acts of volunteer service benefitting others.”

Led by the Corporation for National and Community Service and managed in partnership with Points of Light, this program allows Certifying Organizations to recognize their most exceptional volunteers.

REMEMBER to like us on Facebook “wedcwindcresttx” and sign up to receive calendar reminders and notifications on grand openings, ground-breaking ceremonies and other WEDC events at https://windcrest-txedc.com

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FACEBOOK IS NOW LIVE!!!! LET'S GET SOCIAL



Page name
WEDC Windcrest TX

URL
<https://www.facebook.com/wedcwindcresttx/>

The excitement at the Windcrest Economic Development Corporation has been at an all-time high recently. First we launched our official website and now we are ready to connect with you on Facebook!!!

We invite you "Like" AND "Share" our new Facebook page and watch out for special promotional coupons and discounts for some of our local businesses as well as some Buy One Get One Free (BOGO) specials offered by our newest businesses. How could things get any better?!

Just a reminder, if you haven't signed up for WEDC notifications, please view our site at <https://windcrest-txedc.com> and sign up to receive calendar reminders and News Flash Notifications to keep up to date on grand openings, ground breaking ceremonies and other WEDC events.

PUBLIC WORKS

Tom Garcia

Windcrest Public Works Director



Holidays are around the corner and the Crew from Public Works send their best holiday wishes.



This year we have seen record heat which makes for perfect mosquito breeding environment. Please continue to dump out things around your house that may collect water and could develop into a mosquito nursery. The fogging has come to an end therefore we don't have that extra help to battle the mosquitos. Thanks for your continued help.

Our new road surface has been completed on Crestway. What a pleasure to drive on new roads. Midcrown and Eaglecrest are slated to be done next. Please make sure to be aware of the construction people on the road. They had a close call that could have ended badly. Thanks!

Hope to see lots of our community come out for the Christmas tree dedication at the corner of Jim Seal Dr. and Crestway. This will be the second annual for this event. The event is held in the early evening and is approx. a week before the official light up at City Hall. The Windcrest Women's Club is the organization that puts this on. Music, cookies, coffee and hot chocolate are part of the event. (Recipient of this year's honor has not been determined yet). Looking forward to a great holiday season.



**POLICE
DEPARTMENT
NEWS**
Chief Police Darrell Volz

I cannot believe how fast this year is passing us by. We recently held the National Night Out event and, when you get this, we would have already had our Trunk or Treat. We want to thank everyone that participated in both as well those who attended. As we continue moving into our holiday season we will be spending time with family and friends. Please do not rush through the season, and do take the time out to spend with your family. Life is short, too short.

During this season the scam artists come out. The most important thing to remember is **if it sounds too good to be true, it is**. Do not give any personal information out over the phone. These scam artists are pretty slick and can convince even the best of us that it is a legitimate call, when it's not. Another form of contact they will use is via social media. For instance, if you have a Face Book account you have seen many of your friends being hacked. Those individuals that have hacked an account will reach out to the FB friends of the hacked account and attempt scamming people that way. If you start receiving FB messages (or other social media messages) from a friend, rather than trust it is them, pick up the phone and give them a call.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving and remember all those things you are thankful for. Until next month... Be Safe!

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Code Compliance & Enforcement

By Officer Leija



November is the month to remind us to be thankful for the many positive things. I would like to thank the Windcrest residents for keeping up with your property. Windcrest is looking wonderful for the visitors coming into the city for the holidays. I hope everyone took advantage of the fall brush pickup. Keep in mind that streets are **for public use and can be used by anyone** that needs a parking spot.

Please be aware if you own a golf cart: New regulations states 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. However, **DPS DOES NOT HAVE PLATES AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.** Check our Facebook Page for updates.

Also, a reminder: Residential garbage, waste, and refuse placed outside for pickup shall be stored in a durable metal or hardened rubber container with a tightly sealed insect-proof and animal-proof lid. Please pickup any trash left behind after each trash day.

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.

Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department

By Chief Dan Kramer

Our New Firetrucks – Part II

Since we were able to cover the topic of our new ladder truck last month, I wanted to talk more about the pumper truck we have just ordered! This pumper truck is a Pierce Enforcer cab that is customized to meet the needs of the Windcrest Fire Department. The tank on the truck is capable of carrying 750 gallons of water, and the pump is capable of pumping up to 2000 gallons per minute. The layout of the truck will allow us to carry all of the hand tools, fire hose and water needed to make an initial attack on our fire, while awaiting the arrival of our mutual aid partners or other Windcrest Fire Department units. The truck will hold five people in the cab and has a top-mounted pump panel that gives the pump operator the ability to see the whole fire scene and ensure the safety of the crews inside the structure. This new engine will be a great asset to the fire department and the citizens of Windcrest, and we are looking forward to its arrival. The estimated delivery date is February of 2020!

D.A. DESIGNS

THANKSGIVING IS COMING AND IT'S TIME FOR ALL OF US TO BE THANKFUL FOR OUR BLESSINGS. WE WANT TO WISH ALL OF YOU A SAFE AND BLESSED THANKSGIVING, AND TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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Animal Care & Control

By Animal Control Officers
Officer Fuentes & Officer Gonzales

WINTER WEATHER TIPS

While Texas weather can be warm during the day and nights can be cool, you should bring your pets inside for the winter if at all possible. If bringing your pets inside for the season is not possible, your pets must have a warm and windproof shelter.

Dry, clean bedding is important to keeping them warm. Straw or bedding need to be clean and kept dry.

Water and food can easily freeze when left outside. Be cautious and check daily.

Outdoor dogs will burn more calories and need extra food. Make sure that you are increasing additional rations during cold temperatures.

Puppies, senior dogs, and dogs with certain disease conditions are more susceptible to cold weather. Temperature related illnesses require immediate removal to warm and dry environment, and sometimes medical attention.

Remember to renew all your pets' registration for the coming year 2020.

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COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

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By Kathy Maloney

Uncontrolled bleeding is a major cause of preventable deaths. Approximately 40% of trauma-related deaths worldwide are due to bleeding or its consequences, establishing hemorrhage as the most common cause of preventable death in trauma. It can change the outcome of a life if someone applies a tourniquet prior to arrival of Emergency Crews.

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For questions or more information about Stop the Bleed or to be added to an e-mail list to be notified when CERT and surrounding agencies will host this class, contact: Kathie Maloney 210-887-5069 or teamwindcrest@gmail.com



Windcrest Animal Control Task Force

By Pam Dodson

**TxWeACT meets the 4th Tuesday of the month
Cross Roads Church (corner of Walzem and Midcrown)
at 7:00 p.m.**

We are offering another San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition class on Trap, Neuter, and Return (TNR) at the Takas civic center on November 9th at 10 a.m. If you are feeding a cat or kitten that has wandered into your yard and adopted you, City code requires you to take this class. We are only talking about an hour and a half of your time. This class has lots of good information about how TNR works and why it is the best program for our community cats.



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 8 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. There also will be a time set aside for an animal blessing by some of our favorite local ministers.

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

TxWeACT also would like to encourage residents to be fosters for either dogs or cats. Since our city does not have their own facility to house our stray population, we are in constant need of folks who would be willing to house a dog or cat for a period of time while the city looks for a new home for them. You get all the joy of loving on an animal without the long term commitment of owning one. Let TxWeACT know or you can contact an animal control officer at City Hall.



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GARDEN CLUB

By: Alice Relkin

Quick recap of the fall season includes our first meeting held September 7, 2019. There was a wonderful turn out of our enthusiastic members. The silent auction and potluck always creates excitement for the fall season. Special Thank You to all who provided Windcrest Elementary with a surplus of school supplies.

Around the city, artistic WGC members created a special display at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens. The annual Scarecrow Trail exhibit and contest has proven to be a creative expression of Windcrest gardening. Scarecrows are part of a contest and folks can vote for their favorites. Our scarecrows, Wilber & Winnie, are located at Water Saver Lane. The exhibit is open from September 28 through November 10. More information can be found at www.sabot.org/event/scarecrow-trail-exhibit-2/

You are invited: The next Windcrest Garden Club meeting will be on **Monday, November 4, 2019 at 10 a.m.** inside the Windcrest Civic Center. The fall Plant Auction will help in fundraising efforts.

Save the Date: **December 9th** will be the HOLIDAY POTLUCK and PAST PRESIDENT RECOGNITION LUNCHEON at the Cross Roads church at 11a.m. A very special silent auction will support our holiday project of winter coats for children in need at Windcrest Elementary. Make plans to fill your holiday gift list while making an impact in our community with your contributions.

The Windcrest Garden Club is open to men and women. Participants do not need to live in Windcrest to be a member. Renew or complete a new membership now. Just fill out the form below and mail it to Windcrest Garden Club, 6311 Bay Meadows, Converse TX 78244. We meet September through May and dues are only \$15.00 for the year. We are a 501(3)c organization.



Windcrest Garden Club Membership Form

Name _____

Spouse Name _____

For renewals: Info change? YES / NO (circle one)

Mailing Address _____

City & Zip _____

Phone: Home _____

Cell _____

Email: _____

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Windcrest Women's Club

By: Sherilyn 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 join us on **Wednesday, Nov. 20th from 10 a.m – 1 p.m.** at the Civic Center. Windcrest Fire Chief Dan Kramer will talk to us about fire safety. Do you have someone in your home that is a fall risk? Chief Kramer will also share tips to help prevent falls.

Big Announcement

The Windcrest Women's Club has voted to amend our bylaws to include new sponsored members who live outside Windcrest. This is a historic decision to include more special women from our area. Contact Lu Nix at 210-653-2371 for more information.



The Women's Club President, Joan Pedrotti welcomed guest speaker Gloria Martinez with Zapatos, Inc.

Zapatos' mission is to serve all school age boys and girls in the poorest communities and situations by providing footwear to those children who are in need. Zapatos, Inc. is an approved 501 c(3), Non-Profit organization.

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.

**Complete and mail to:
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Windcrest Women's Club**

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Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Dues are only \$20.00 for a year of fun and friendship with ladies who are proud to promote Windcrest City pride. All Windcrest ladies are invited to join!



The Windcrest Women's Club is selling large red Christmas bows, perfect to adorn your table, front door or mailbox. The price is \$3 each or 2 for \$5. To purchase, contact Liz Dick at 210-383-4301.

Our Christmas Bows were a big hit at the National Night Out Celebration.



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Don't forget that our annual Christmas light judging will be the evening of December 3rd.

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LIONS CLUB NEWS

By Jill Vogel

We hope you will join us for our annual Chili and Cornbread Dinner on **November 9, 2019, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** at the Windcrest Civic Center at Takas Park. Tickets are \$7.00 pre-sale (ask any Windcrest Lion) and \$8.00 at the door. Children under 10 eat in for free. This is one of our major fundraisers, which helps us perform all our services in our great community.

Speaking of major fundraisers, a roaring “thank you” to Windcrest Mayor Pro Tem Joan Pedrotti and her husband, Spencer Stubbs, for their very generous donation to the Windcrest Lions Club! Our community’s support means a lot to us and those we help.



Interested in learning more? The Windcrest Lions Club meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Windcrest Civic Center at Takas Park. Guests are always welcome. Lions. We serve.

CHILI & CORNBREAD DINNER



Please join us for this delicious Lions Club Fundraiser.

**Saturday, November 9th
5:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

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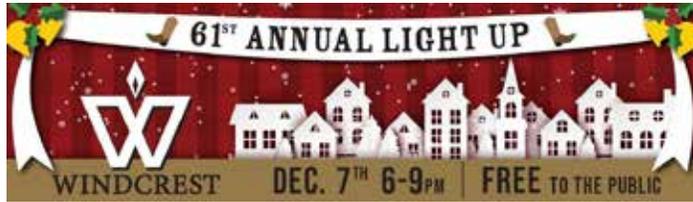
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Light Up Celebration Announcement

By Lindsey Walker



Windcrest is hosting its annual Light Up Celebration on **Saturday, December 7, 2019**, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Join us for hot cocoa and carols as we celebrate 61 years of lighting up the City! Santa will be waiting in the fire bay for pictures and to hear what you would like for Christmas. This year we will be playing "The Polar Express" in the parking lot!

This will be the biggest and greatest Light Up yet; you don't want to miss out!

Enjoy a holiday classic with your hot cocoa at the City of Windcrest's 61st annual Light Up Celebration!

WHEN: Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 6-9 p.m.

WHERE: Windcrest City Hall parking lot

PRICE: Free!

Happy Holidays from the City of Windcrest!



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Greetings, Salutations, and a warm Holiday Season welcome to ... November! Halloween has howled and the witches have cast their spells and we all survived Halloween, so now it is time to kick it into Christmas High Gear. Light Up judging is just a few weeks away on December 3.

If you are not an official Extreme Lighting Fanatic (ELF) who has already started decorating, now is the time to do it. If you need help getting your home ready for this year's holiday spectacular, be sure to contact the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department today. They can assist in hanging lights on the outside of your home. You can contact them by calling City Hall. Please contact them as soon as you can, so that they can get you scheduled.

If you want to enter the competition or be included on the map, you must either turn in your application at City Hall by close of business on November 29 or online by 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 1. **Late applications will not be accepted.**

If you need lights, there will be a lighting exchange on Saturday, November 16. You can donate your working but surplus lights so someone who needs them can use them. This is much better than keeping boxes of working lights sitting in the garage or attic unused.

The Christmas Season will get underway here in Windcrest on Thursday, November 21 with the lighting of the Memorial Tree on Crestway.

Then Light Up judging will be on Tuesday, December 3 starting at 6pm. Please make sure and leave your lights on till at least 11 p.m. for judging. The Women's Club has put together a great panel of judges this year!

Finally, on Saturday, December 7, the city of Windcrest will kick off Light Up with the Christmas Tree lighting at City Hall and the arrival of Santa Claus. (We all know Santa makes his summer home here in Windcrest, so he knows us all very well)

The Volunteer Firefighters will begin distributing the maps that night at two locations: City Hall and on Windway along the large island. **Even if you are not in the lighting competition, you can have your house placed on the map.** Just fill out the application for Light Up and mark it PUT ME ON THE MAP.

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, remember to share the Christmas spirit with a bow on every mailbox and a string of lights on every house!

Important Dates for 2019

- Light Up Light Exchange.....Saturday, November 16
- Barbie Winn Memorial Tree Lighting Thursday, November 21
- Deadline to turn in Application.....Friday, November 29
- Online Registration DeadlineSunday, December 1, 4:30 p.m.
- Light Up judging..... Tuesday, December 3
- Light Up celebration at City HallSaturday, December 7
- Winner Dinner..... Thursday, January 9, 2020

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!*

Share the Lights - Christmas Light Exchange

For over 60 years we have been decorating our Windcrest homes with Christmas displays to the awe and wonder of citizens and visitors from near and far. Sometimes over the years, residents have had lights that they no longer use in their displays. New residents may not have had the time to purchase lights yet to decorate their homes. Last year we started a project where citizens could donate working Christmas lights and those that needed them could pick some up for use during Light Up, in an effort to help all residents participate. It was a small beginning but about 10 residents donated and 8 families benefited.

Do you have working Christmas lights in your garage or attic that you won't be using? Consider donating them to this year's **Windcrest's Share the Lights Project**. Boxes will be at City Hall for your donations from July 15th through October 25th. Those donated will be available to residents on Saturday morning, November 2nd in the parking lot at City Hall. This is a great way to get at least one set of lights on every home during our Light Up.

Mini Masters Gallery at Chili Dinner

By Carol Hobaugh

On Saturday, November 9, the Lions Club is partnering with artVibes to present the MiniMasters Gallery as part of their Annual Chili Dinner at Takas Park. Presented will be Mid-Century inspired artwork created by young artists who created their work during the artWalk event held on October 19 at the Windcrest Golf Club. The City of Windcrest is awarding \$50.00 artist stipends to ten of these participants by a random drawing at the MiniMasters Gallery.

The artVibes committee owes many thank you's: City of Windcrest for sponsoring these young artist stipends; the Lions Club for sharing this event with us; Stacey Morrison at Ed White Middle School for guiding the young artists in the creations of their pieces, and Office Depot for helping to offset the cost of art supplies.

The organization, artVibes, is a volunteer group established in 2019 to foster art and culture in Windcrest. Check Facebook for upcoming events and check our website for details.

Citizen Highlight

By Carol Hobaugh

We have a winner!

James "Jim" Madison crossed the finish line with an official time of 00:30:47 in the handcycling event of the 2019 Valor Games Southwest Cycling Games....and he blew away all his competition. Jim's nearest competitor in that event came in at 00:37:55. Moreover, Jim's time was the fastest of all events in all categories of the entire day except for a cyclist in the upright category that scored a time of 00:29:43. For those of us not into racing, this is beyond phenomenal. Competitors to these Valor Games came from as far as Fort Walton Beach and Cape Canaveral, Florida; North Las Vegas, Nevada; Temecula, California; Alexandria, Louisiana; many Texas cities:



Killeen, Stockbridge, Temple, Deming, Cibolo, San Antonio, Copperas Cove, Harker Heights, and Stone Mountain... and the winner: Jim Madison, the only one from Windcrest.

He is our neighbor. Jim grew up in a small town in Rhode Island and enlisted in the Army in his junior year of high school. He was in the 76th Reserve Infantry Training Division and went to boot camp at Ft Benning, Ga in 1985. However, Jim says he decided he wanted to be a firefighter and because the Army wouldn't let him, he changed over to the Air Force. After his initial assignment at Davis Monthan AFB, James was transferred to Kunsan AB in South Korea and he indeed began a firefighting career. A roof fell on him while he was fighting a fire off base and was subsequently hospitalized for back and neck injuries he sustained. During this time James also met his wife, Chon who was a nurse at the local hospital, and she has not only blessed his life for 28 years, Jim also credits her with bringing Christ to his life as well.

Jim's assignments have taken him to Plattsburgh AFB, NY; back to Kunsan, Korea; Columbus AB, MS; and in civilian firefighter capacity to Naval Station Newport, RI and Parris Island, SC; where he moved to the Army National Guard in 2007. All the while he continued to work as a volunteer firefighter wherever he lived, and all the while it seemed, he continued to survive falling roofs, ceilings, walls, and endure injuries, most of which he calls "minor;" however, he acknowledges one last roof fall that caused serious damage to his neck and lower spine. In 2007 Jim retired from the military with 21 years of service, and in 2009 he observes he was retired with nine years of federal service as well.

There was yet another move for Jim. In 2012, he was diagnosed with cancer and because the VA in Charleston, SC told him there was a year-long waiting list for treatment, he and Chon decided to sell everything they had and move to San Antonio. They rented a house, sight unseen and moved to Converse. They quickly found the All Nations Church, a Korean American church, one they found to be a good fit. Jim started to teach Sunday School to high school boys as he went through his treatment at the VA and within a year, he was cancer free. And he remains so today!

But Jim was not doing much else during the rest of his retirement except sitting and gaining weight since he had lost much use of his legs. At some point however he must have found he still had competitive fire in his belly because he allowed himself to be guilted or encouraged to participate in a 5K race in The Salute to Service Members 5K held in Schertz. He talks freely of being helped greatly by Operation Comfort, which told him about handcycling. He had little luck with a racing wheelchair, and moreover his health was at risk. He shares that he weighed 325 pounds, his triglycerides were over 1,100, and his diabetes was out of control. The folks at the Operation Comfort worked with Jim, lending him a handcycle and going out with him once a week. As he progressed, he was riding three times a week. Three years ago, Jim competed in this first valor Games taking the Silver; last year he easily won Gold, lapping the winner of the Silver twice. This year's winner of the Gold again, Jim Madison weighs 235 pounds, his triglycerides are normal and his diabetes is well under control. More importantly he feels God has blessed him with Operation Comfort and good people in his life.

Jim and Chon moved to Windcrest four years ago. What do they like about it? It's safe it's friendly and it has sidewalks. It's a nice quiet little town that's conveniently located. It includes many of the good people in their life.

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Election Day	Nov 5	
Municipal Court	Nov 5, 12, 19	4:00 p.m.
WEDC	Nov 13	5:30 p.m.
RCCM	Nov 18	5:00 p.m.
Water District	Nov 21	6:00 p.m.

**Meeting dates are subject to change at any time. Please check the city website for any changes.*

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