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City of Windcrest Christmas Light-up 2020

"Let Freedom Ring"

A Tribute to Our Military

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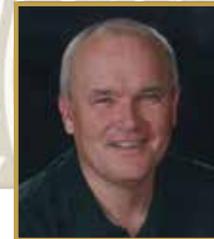
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Mayor's Message

Dan Reese



The Windcrest Candle remains lit as a sign of strength and hope in our great City



(photo courtesy of Spencer Stubbs)

Unfortunately, we had to make the tough decision to cancel the advertised July 4th Parade because of the resurgence of cases of COVID-19. Because of the efforts of one of our citizens, Daphne Prochnow, the Commemorative Air Force made a flyover of Windcrest on July 4th (they actually made two passes). Thank you Daphne for your efforts, it was certainly very inspirational!

Keeping our Government going. With the resurgence of COVID cases, we had to reassess our City Hall hours. In late June we needed to again restrict contact. We will ease them as we are able. Here are the changes:

- Masks are required inside City Hall.
- City Hall will be open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays ONLY – 8 AM to 5 PM.
- The Post Office will remain open, 8 am - 4 pm. It can only be accessed through the Faircrest entrance.
- Windcrest Municipal Pool will not open for the 2020 season.
- City Parks are open, but park equipment is not open for use.
- City Council will meet in person and allow limited in-person attendance. Online access will continue to be available.

Budget

As I noted in the last newsletter, the Council is currently considering next year's budget. Here are some important dates:

- August 25th – Public Hearing on Budget
- August 31st – Public Hearing on Tax Rate
- September 3rd – Adopt Budget

The City Council is committed to making sure all Citizens have the opportunity to engage with us on the budget.

November Elections

Along with the National, State and County elections, Windcrest will be holding elections for three Council positions. Council Position 1 (Incumbent-Wes Manning), Position 2 (Incumbent-Cindy Strzelecki) and Position 3 (Incumbent-Greg Turner)

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

— Chip Ingram

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will be decided. As always, we encourage citizens to participate in this important process. Here are some important dates:

- Last Day to File: August 17
- Last Day to Register to vote: Monday, October 5th
- First Day of Early Voting: Monday, October 19th (Voting at Takas Park)
- Election Day: Tuesday, November 3rd (Voting at Takas Park)

If you are not registered to vote you have until October 5th complete a registration. We have voter registration cards available for you at City Hall. We have a dedicated page on our website that includes important information. You can see it by going to our Homepage, then "Government", then "City Administration & Management" and then to "Elections".

If you wish to participate by mail in ballot here are the current requirements:

- Going to be away from your county on Election Day and during early voting
- Sick or disabled
- 65 years of age or older on Election Day
- Confined in jail, but eligible to vote

The application for mail-in ballot is available through Bexar County Elections and is required to be delivered to Bexar County Elections no later than 11 days prior to the election. Completed ballots must be at Bexar County by 7PM on election day. For more information call Bexar County Elections at 210-335-0362.

Road Construction

We continue our efforts to keep our streets in great condition. We completed the first half of Midcrown in the last Phase. The next phase will focus on completing Midcrown and moving to Eaglecrest. Work on the streets is scheduled to begin on July 13th with the second half of Midcrown to be finished in November. For those of you who travel, you are aware that Eaglecrest will be more of a challenge based on its condition. The Eaglecrest portion will probably be completed in January or February 2021. The team is well aware of the importance of "Light Up", so we will ensure the traffic is taken into account.

Thanks to our First Responders

An important part of what the City Government is responsible for is to keep you safe. During these challenging times we need to be intentional about thanking those on the front line. Our Police and Fire Departments make me proud every day. Police are out there every day keeping Community Policing important as they keep us safe from those who would do us harm. Our Fire Department makes calls every day for fire and medical emergencies. Both of these departments don't have the luxury of "social distancing" in all of their interactions. Remember to thank our Police and Fire Department professionals when you see them, they are on duty 24/7, 365 days a year (actually 366 days this year since it's a Leap Year!)

I look forward to continuing our weekly "Coffee with the Mayor" sessions as soon as I can. Until then, I pray you are well and that you stay safe.

Thank you, Windcrest, for having confidence in me to continue as your Mayor. I am honored to be in service to you.



GOLF CART REGISTRATION

PER WINDCREST CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2019-695(O), "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 * (CHAPTER 32, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 32-207D)

REGISTER TODAY!

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IMPORTANT 2020 ELECTION DATES

Contact the City Secretary or Assistant Secretary for information at citysecretary@windcrest-tx.gov or call 210-455-0022 ext. 2150 (or ext. 2290)

JULY 15, 2020

LAST DAY for timely filing of semi-annual report of contributions and expenditures

Please turn in your reports to the City Secretary by 5:00 p.m.

AUGUST 17, 2020

Last day to file for a place on the General Election Ballot

Places up for election in Windcrest:
City Council Place 1
City Council Place 2
City Council Place 3

OCTOBER 19-30, 2020

Early Voting

Early voting will be held October 19, 2020 through October 30, 2020 at the Windcrest Civic Center located at 9310 Jim Seal Drive

NOVEMBER 3, 2020

General Election
Last day to receive ballot by mail

JULY 18, 2020

First day to file for a place on the General Election Ballot

Election packets will be available on the City of Windcrest Elections page. Note: July 18 is a Saturday. You may file on the next business day. Monday, July 20, 2020.

OCTOBER 5, 2020

First report of campaign contributions and expenditures due
Last day to register to vote

Please turn in your reports to the City Secretary by 5:00 p.m. or by midnight if submitted electronically.

OCTOBER 26, 2020

Second report of campaign contributions and expenditures due

Please turn in your reports to the City Secretary by 5:00 p.m. or by midnight if submitted electronically.

VOTING WILL BE HELD AT THE
WINDCREST CIVIC CENTER
9310 JIM SEAL DRIVE



Animal Care & Control

By Animal Control Officers
Officer Fuentes & Officer Gonzales

HOT WEATHER



Pets can get dehydrated quickly, so give them plenty of fresh, clean water when it's hot outdoors. Make sure your pets have a shady place to get out of the sun, be careful to not over-exercise them, and keep them indoors when it's extremely hot.

Symptoms of overheating in pets include excessive panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate, drooling, mild weakness, stupor or even collapse. They can also include seizures, bloody diarrhea and vomit along with an elevated body temperature of over 104 degrees." Animals with flat faces, like Pugs and Persian cats, are more susceptible to heat stroke since they cannot pant as effectively. These pets, along with the elderly, the overweight, and those with heart or lung diseases, should be kept cool in air-conditioned rooms as much as possible.

Never leave your pet in a parked car can become a furnace in no time-even with the windows open-which could lead to fatal heat stroke.



Windcrest Golf

by Mary Wold

Discover a GEM in your neighborhood – the Windcrest Golf Course is a special treasure. We play 9-hole games on Thursdays at 8:30am and have a Sunday Ladies Play day August 30 at 1pm. We welcome all levels of lady golfers. Questions and Information, call Mary at 210-608-9645.



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PUBLIC WORKS

Tom Garcia

Windcrest Public Works Director



Hope your summer months have been pleasant and full of fun.

Mosquito fogging continues. Please continue to make sure you dump out containers and other items that may hold water. This will help decrease mosquito population.

Here are a few things you can do to help reduce breeding mosquitoes:

1. Clear clogged roof gutters.
2. Change water in bird baths and fountains at least once a week.
3. Empty plastic swimming pools when not in use.
4. Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers that are kept outdoors.
5. Keep the lawn mowed low.

Here are a couple of things to do to avoid getting bitten:

1. Check and repair all screens and screen doors.
2. Minimize outdoor activities between sunset and sunrise when mosquitoes are most active.
3. Consider spraying clothing with repellents containing permethrin, since mosquitos may bite through thin clothing.
4. On exposed skin, consider applying a repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus.

More information on other products can be found at CDC Mosquito Repellant Recs. 2005

Please continue social distancing and always wear a mask when around other people. You are protecting yourself and them.

Code Compliance & Enforcement

By Officer Leija



It's summer time! Enjoy the outdoors and warm days. Keeping your swimming pool clean is the best way to keep your family safe. Remember poor maintenance can cause a danger to health. Unsanitary condition likely to attract or harbor mosquitoes, rodents, vermin, or disease-carrying pests.

Residential advertising signs placed outside your yard require a permit. If a contractor is doing any work at your residence please contact the permits department to verify the company has already paid for the permit. Also, please place the permit on your front window for code compliance and city inspector to see. Permits department can also be reached at Permits@windcrest-tx.gov.

Don't forget to cut/trim your trees obstructing the streets/alley. This is a good time to trim your oak tree. Please prevent oak wilt by treating each limb after each trimming. Accumulating and disposing of cut branches in your yard/alley is prohibited. 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 me an email thru the link provided within the code enforcement site located on my page.

Windcrest Neighborhood Produce Market



Saturday, June 27, 2020
10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Saturday, July 25, 2020
2-4 p.m.

Saturday, Aug 22, 2020
10 a.m.-12 p.m.

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Now what do I do? Here are the steps that you can follow here in Windcrest.

1. Call Police Dispatch at 655-2666 and let them know your dog is loose. Give a good description of your dog and if possible, provide a photo. That way dispatch can let the animal control officer know exactly what kind of dog he is looking for. The Windcrest police officers will also keep an eye open for your dog.
2. If you want your neighbors to know about your missing dog, you can go to City Hall and get a free permit allowing you to put out 6 stand-alone signs for two-weeks letting everyone know you are looking for your dog. You can get another two-week extension if needed.
3. You can even put your dog's photo up at the entrance to the City Hall Post Office in the enclosed bulletin boards. The TxWeACT will be glad to post those photos on their Facebook page.
4. A dog can travel as far as seven miles while loose so call all the local cities around us to see if they have picked up your dog or at least seen it.
5. Look for your dog on Petfinder, Adopt-a-Pet, LostdogsSanAntonio, Animal Defense League, San Antonio Animal Care Services, and the Humane Society websites or even Craig's List.



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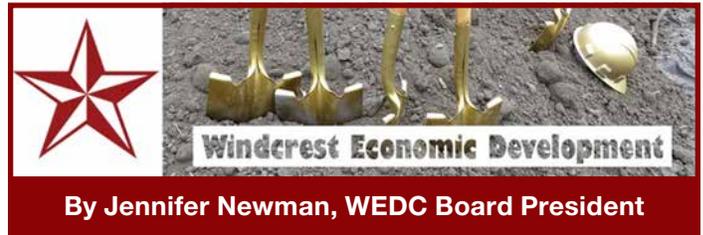
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What is Business Retention & Expansion?

Business Retention & Expansion (BRE) is an economic development strategy of proactively connecting with new and existing businesses. These programs are time and labor intensive and require building and maintaining a good relationship with local businesses.

A BRE Program has three main components:

- Growth/expansion of existing businesses
- Creation of new businesses
- Retention of existing businesses

Meeting directly with businesses provides the information needed to gauge their status and to provide any needed assistance. By visiting local businesses, we can identify at-risk businesses or those that are considering closing or relocating. Visits are generally conducted with the business owner or lead staff to gather specific data during the "interview process". Afterwards a report is prepared, and the information gathered is used to identify possible issues and update records with the WEDC and the City of Windcrest.

It makes little sense to invest time and resources to recruit new businesses while losing others due to lack of attention to changing needs or emerging obstacles. Effective retention and expansion programs are based on accurate knowledge of the business community and requires constant communication.

The Windcrest Economic Development Corporation's number one goal is to grow the economy and facilitate the creation of jobs. By making visits to our local businesses, we can listen to their needs, help connect them with outside resources and deliver support when needed.

The information that we obtain from our BRE visits also help us update and maintain our Business directory on our website which you can visit at <https://windcrest-txedc.com/BusinessDirectoryII.aspx>





Windcrest

GARDEN CLUB

By: Alice Relkin

Over the summer Windcrest Gardeners have been actively adding color and style to highly trafficked locations. On Saturday, June 13th outside of City Hall volunteers added bright flowers into the planting pots close to the mailbox. On Wednesday July 1st, the Windcrest Gardeners planted the big pots opposite the Fireman's house on Midcrown Rd. Efforts to add color and beauty to the neighborhood will continue. If you have a project or suggested location, email me at alicerelkin@yahoo.com.



Potters include president Linda, Concha, Majie, Jamie, Annette.



SAVE THE DATE: Monday September 14, 2020 the WGC will resume meetings at the Windcrest Civic Center due to Labor Day. Our Windcrest Elementary collection of school supplies will be collected.

Membership is open! If you like it, put a ring in it. Enjoy knowledgeable speakers, creative garden improvement projects, and community service participation as benefits to membership. Members are always in our thoughts and prayers. If you are interested, consider membership today.

Windcrest Garden Club Membership Form

Name _____

Spouse Name _____

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

Mailing Address _____

City & Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

Email: _____

Join OR renew membership by sending this form with dues of \$20.00 (make checks payable to WGC) and mail to: **WINDCREST GARDEN CLUB, 413 ZEPHYR DR, WINDCREST, TX 78239**

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Windcrest Women's Club

By: Sherilyn Flick

Although we are still weathering the effects of the COVID-19 shutdown, many members of the Windcrest Women's Club still managed to stay active and involved in community service. Would you like to be part of a fun group of ladies and make some new friends this year? We cordially invite you to join our club. **We are now accepting members from outside Windcrest with a Sponsor!** For more information contact Lu Nix at 210-653-2371 or email our club president Joan Pedrotti at j_pedrotti@yahoo.com.

Is it ever too soon to start talking about Christmas in Windcrest? We just finished celebrating our 4th of July, but before you pack away your decorations, consider what your plans are for this year's Christmas theme. Break out the Red, White and Blue! The Windcrest Women's Club is proud to announce that the theme for Christmas 2020 will be **"Let Freedom Ring"**, a Tribute to our Military. Everyone get those creative juices flowing and let's make this a spectacular Christmas to remember!



Later the Kendrick's stopped by club member Linda Oliver's house to admire her Windcrest Garden Club Yard Award.



Pat Kendrick, Club President Joan Pedrotti, and Rick Kendrick Celebrate the 4th of July in front of City Hall



Club member Kathy Littlefield is so Pretty in Pink!

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

Full Name: _____

Spouse Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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LIONS CLUB NEWS

By Linda-Kaye Bush



We are honored to introduce Mr. Raymond Barraza, our 2020 scholarship recipient and the Roosevelt High School LEO OF THE YEAR! Congratulations Raymond and thank you for your outstanding contribution to our Lions Club, the LEOs, your school and community. We know you will continue to be a leader in any endeavor you pursue. Caps off to you, Graduate!

We can't end our Roosevelt High School LEO Club's year without a shout out to Mrs. Brenda Blanchard and Mrs. Jennifer Contreras! These extraordinary teachers are long-time faculty advisors for our LEO Club! They put in so many hours supporting their LEO members. One or both of them attends at every meeting and event! And they don't just attend, they work alongside the LEOs and Lions serving chili, flipping pancakes, making and distributing treat and necessity bags for the homeless, building personal transportation devices for handicapped in impoverished countries, collecting eyeglasses, providing a valentine party for local children, supporting Fiesta Especial, and much more. There would be no LEO Club without the dedication and commitment shown by Mrs. Contreras and Mrs. Blanchard. Our Lions Club is extremely grateful to them! Their dedication was especially obvious last month when they stood in the heat & sun of the RHS parking lot to honor the LEO Club graduating officers with certificates. They also made sure every LEO graduating senior was given our thanks and a Dunkin Donut gift card. This pandemic didn't stop them from being there for their LEOs! ROAR!



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Have you noticed the new street signs that went up in early July? They are beautiful and meet all the new State Requirements for street signs. The Public Works Department worked tirelessly to get this done with the usual expertise and professionalism. Thanks for your hard work guys! Also, if you are interested in getting one of the old green signs as a collector's item, they are available for a donation to Windcrest Volunteer Fire Association (WVFA). If you are interested, please email Liz at edick@windcrest-tx.gov and let her know what sign you want. Remember, this is on a first come basis.

Wear a Face Covering Help Protect Texans



Your face covering protects **others**
Their face covering protects **you**

The Texas Department of State Health Services recommends Texans wear face coverings in public places to stop COVID-19 from spreading.

Those who cannot take off a face covering by themselves or have trouble breathing should not wear a face covering.

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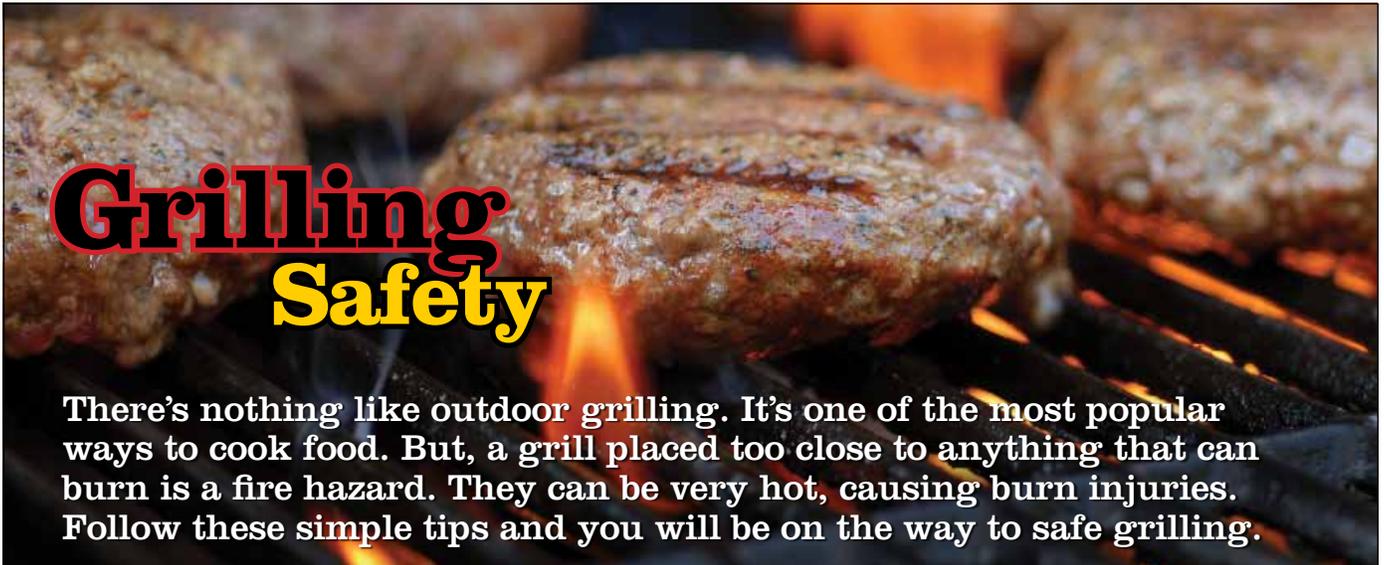
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Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

SAFETY TIPS

- »» Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- »» The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- »» Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- »» Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- »» Never leave your grill unattended.
- »» Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- »» There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- »» If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- »» Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- »» There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- »» When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

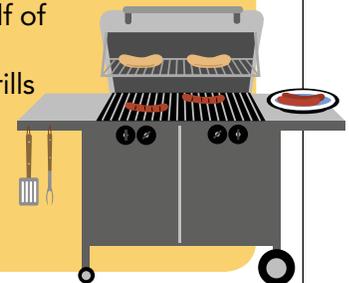
PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

FACTS

- ! July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ! Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



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Rethink Pool Safety

Drowning is preventable because much of the battle to protect children around water happens in your own mind. Here are some mental shifts to make (and old habits to break) in order to keep your children safe around pools.

It Can Happen to You

Tragically, many of the parents who lose children to drownings never considered that their child could be at risk. They weren't negligent; they just failed to realize how close the danger was.

Don't Pass the Buck

Be sure to take ownership of your child's safety. Don't count on responsible behavior from your children, or every adult. Try to be with your child when they are in the water, and know who is watching them when you can't be there.

Not the Time to Multitask

Train yourself to view pool time with your kids as an exclusive activity. Pools make poor baby sitters. It's tempting to send your kids to the pool so you can catch up on emails or yard work. Supervising your children means your eyes are on them, and it requires your full attention.

Supervision Fails

Don't trust in your ability to monitor your children 100% of the time. Eventually, your supervision will break down. Set up secondary barriers to keep your kids safe that don't rely on your constant attention, like fences, pool coverings, alarms, and lifejackets for non-swimmers.

Let's Get Vigilant About Doors

Develop a habit of keeping doors and gates that lead to water closed and locked. It's easy to get lackadaisical over time, but they are your last line of defense. Create a routine for yourself of shutting and locking doors behind you, then checking them frequently.

Know Yourself, and Prevent Distraction

If you know the pull of a good novel or smart phone is strong enough to distract you, choose to leave them behind when you take the children to the pool. The best-case scenario is for you to get in the water with your children so that you can always be within arm's reach and attuned to their safety.

Visualize Your Emergency Response in Advance

Prepare yourself mentally for emergencies. Plan what steps to take and practice them.

Don't Stop at Your Pool

Even if you've done everything you can to safeguard your own pool, don't stop there. Every pool your child might visit has the potential to be dangerous. Make sure other pool owners and parents in your neighborhood know how to keep children safe around pools.

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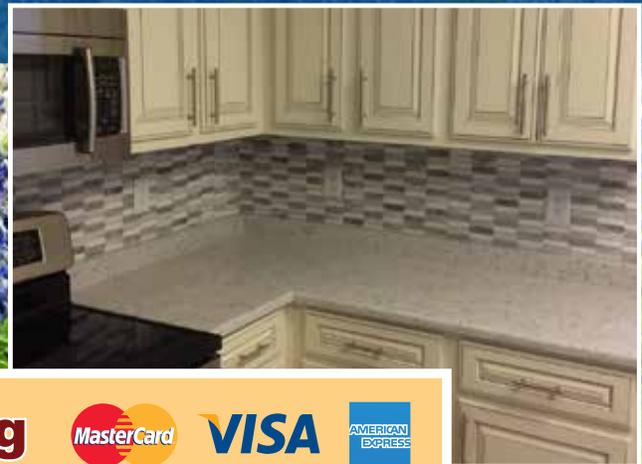
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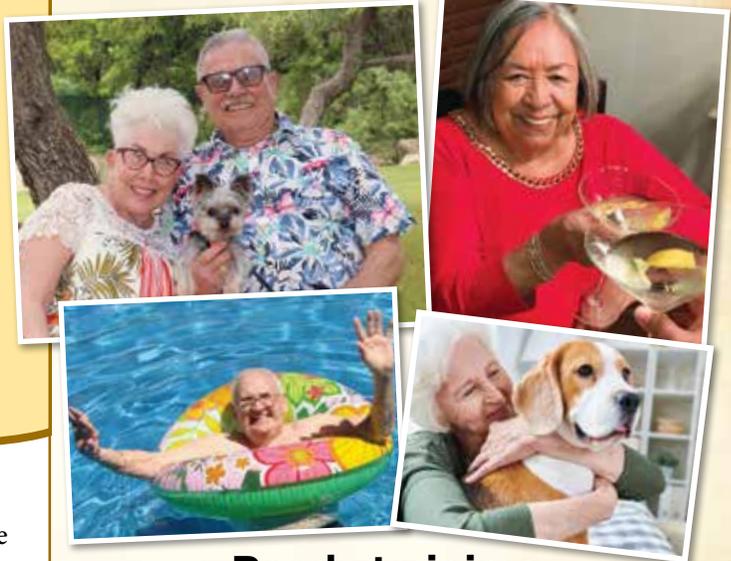


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