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Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,

Employee morale has never been higher. Our government operation has never been more efficient and productive. Financially, the city has never been better. As promised, we will keep pursuing all avenues to make our quality of life better. This administration is making sure that every dollar is used wisely. We promised that we would be good stewards of your money, and we will continue to do so - it is this administration's duty and constant challenge. We promise that we will continue to modify, change and refine how we do business. As we all know: If you stay the same, you cannot improve.

Firefighter Gala: It was a huge success, both financially and as an "event." It was first class all the way. It made money, and it gave an opportunity to all those who attended to meet our great firefighters, bond with your neighbors and it instilled pride in all of us that we are TEAM WINDCREST. We are already planning next year's Gala. Do not forget, the 42nd Annual Firefighter's Picnic will be two days this year – Friday, May 18th and Saturday, May 19th.

Fiesta: The first official Fiesta event will be held in our city on April 20th and 21st. Please take time to go by the carnival on the Rackspace grounds and attend the parade. Our very own, gold medal winning Special Olympics winner J'nine Gretz is the Grand Marshall. Let's show our support so we can make this an annual event.

Windcrest Little League: Opening day was March 24th. The volunteers have done a tremendous job. Please go down to the park and thank them for all their efforts. Please support the Little League. It is the best entertainment value in town!

EDC/Economic Development: Whitestone REIT has now invested over \$6 million into this mall. Soon it will be over 90% leased. Racker Road is ahead of schedule. Stratford Land is working with the city and EDC on development plans/strategies for the 111 acres in the annexed area. The EDC has hired two people. Sherry Mosier is the EDC Director and Robert Colunga is business development and government relations. Take a minute and come and meet these new members of the team.

Court: This month the court set a record – over \$40,000 in collections. This is more than \$7,000 over the previous high. Our courts are making sure our laws are respected. The prosecutor, Mr. Hrcir and Judge Takas go the extra mile for our city. We are lucky to have these two dedicated team members. Words cannot describe how hard Claudia, Jennifer, Dawn and Kelly work for the betterment of all of us.

Police: The promise that this administration was going to place safety at the forefront is evidenced by the Police Department being fully staffed. This means we have more police officers than at any time in our history. New Police Chief Al Ballew, along with the entire police force, has developed a new strategy to combat speeders. Stay tuned for some exciting changes.

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CIP Funds: We have held three Town Hall meetings regarding capital improvements. We will be developing plans after the meetings and listening to what you – the citizens want to have done. Always feel free to contact any Council member to voice your opinion. We are all looking forward to improving the city.

Open & Participatory Government: The City Council has held Town Hall meetings; we have Committees that include not just elected officials or employees, but citizens who want to be involved. We empowered the Parks and Recreation Commission with budgets to improve the civic center, as well as the parks, medians and entrances. Please ask to be involved. No one will be turned away. We want and encourage every citizen to help.

Civic Center: WOW. Please go by and see for yourselves. The Parks and Rec Commission did an outstanding job. It is not finished yet, but we are confident that you will be happy with the improvements.

Finance: This is the time of year when we start looking at our revenues and expenditures, and start projecting our year end numbers. We are excited to say that the Building Permit Fees are already at 94.70% of our budget and we expect to exceed our annual budget of \$74,000 by the end of the March. Also with our year to date Expenditures, we are currently at 37.67% of our budget (we are 41.67% through the year, thus under our expenditure budget by approximately 4%) and that includes the Civic Center renovations, upgrades and repairs. Each department is within budget and holding the line. Our profit year to date is approximately \$1,285,937!! Our sales tax revenue has increased by over 10% which accounts for approximately \$320,000 total City, EDC, WCCPD and the Street Fund! We are the envy of most cities. This administration will continue to stress efficiency and getting the most for our hard earned monies.

Bexar County Water Control and Improvement District #10 (Water Board): We want to update you on the latest news. Unfortunately, at the time I am writing this article there is still no deal with the Water Board. They are planning to spend over \$800,000 of our/ratepayers money to move out of the city hall campus and into new offices. It is our opinion that this is not a good use of our money. They have passed a resolution to take on over \$500,000 in debt in the form of revenue notes which require a 3 year payout. Who is going to pay for all of this? We are. For the last five years, the district has not increased in size, yet the Water Board feels it is necessary to get more office space? We feel this money should be used to fix and improve our infrastructure. Do not worry, at this time the Council is attempting everything to not let this happen. The city has offered the EDC office building at no rent to the Water Board. Instead of accepting this offer, they are moving forward with taking on this huge liability. Our options are to put this to a vote of the ratepayers or have the Council dissolve the Board. We will explore every option and keep you informed. We are also asking for your input. If nothing is resolved, we plan on calling a special election. Some good has already come from all of these negotiations. The Water Board has agreed to conduct their meetings in the open, in the Council Chambers where it can be recorded both audio and visually. They advertised their election and there are 4 candidates for 2 openings. I cannot remember when the last election was held for these critically important positions. They have conducted Town Hall meetings to inform the ratepayers. Again, I cannot remember this happening before. They have recently started a website. Thus, they listened to us and are operating much more transparently. After 50 years, they have started a Newsletter. This is welcome; however, I am disappointed that it does not mention the upcoming election. I am disturbed that they spent almost the entire Newsletter attacking myself and not discussing the issues. It was also disturbing that there are quite a few inaccuracies in this Newsletter. I hope they spend our rate payer money informing us of the issues and the latest news. I WILL BE SENDING OUT A RESPONSE AND A DETAILED LETTER REGARDING THE WATER BOARD WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. PLEASE KEEP YOUR EYES OUT FOR IT. IT IS TOO MUCH FOR MY ARTICLE IN THE NEWSLETTER, SO I AM PREPARING AN INFORMATIONAL MAIL OUT TO GO TO ALL THE CITIZENS.

Remember that I welcome and answer every phone call and email.

Your Mayor and humble servant,

Alan E. Bexter



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Mayor Pro-Tem, Pam Dodson

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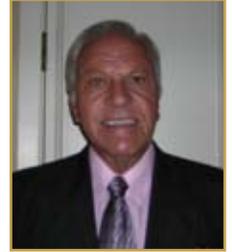
Spring is definitely here! As I look out my window typing this article, I see the trees budding, the spring flowers blooming and the grass turning green from all the rain. But wait, what else do I see? WEEDS! I drive for Citizens' Patrol and I must say, we are having a bountiful year of WEEDS! I am encouraging all residents to get out there and tackle

that problem of WEEDS! Mow, pull them out or do whatever is necessary to get those WEEDS out of Windcrest. We have a number of homes for sale so we need to dress up our yards so that our neighbor gets the best value for his home. Works for you too since that means your home is worth more. Please, we all need to step up to the curb and do our part in getting the WEEDS under control. These next few weeks will be ideal temperatures so that you can spend some time outside and not be overwhelmed with the heat. Please do that for our community. We need to put on our best spring dress so that we look the part of a fine community. That means getting those WEEDS under control. It should not take code compliance coming to your door to tell you about your WEEDS. We can do this! Come on residents, lets band together to make this a WEED free community. And then we all can drive, walk, ride bikes and roller blade in a community that makes us feel good about where we live. (You must remember that these articles are written a month in advance, so this is what I see when I look out my window in March. Hopefully by the time you read this, the WEEDS are gone!)

Councilmember

Gerd E. Jacobi

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The Gala Ball was one of the nicest, successful social events that we have had here in our city in a long time. If you did not or could not make the event you really missed out. The coordination for this event was very well planned. The decorations were tastefully put together. It brought our citizens together. The young people from Roosevelt High School did a wonderful job taking care of us. Also, let's not forget the young Firemen that catered our food and beverages throughout the evening. The Takas Park Civic Center really looks great, thanks to everyone involved in the renovation. Good food, good company, a great evening.

Let me not stop, however, on this note. Let's get into the entertainment of the dance party. After our food and prize raffle, many people were ready to shake a leg or two on the dance floor. Between the band and our wonderful DJ, this portion of the ball was fabulous. We danced all night; the Mayor danced, the Judge and his wife danced and my whole family danced the night away. As the tempo of the music picked up everyone, including all of our Firemen, hit the dance floor. People you never expected to see swing a leg were dancing to the twist and rock and roll music. It was just wonderful to see everyone have a good time and enjoying themselves. I am sure during this evening all of our differences had vanished. We were all Windcrest citizens enjoying each other's company. I am also sure that this wonderful event will stay in our memory for a long time to come. Just to let everyone know I did have to take a couple of Ibuprofen tablets the next day!

P.S. I just want to let everyone know that I am running for City Council place one, thank you.



Blood Drive, May 11th 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. in front of City Hall. Those interested in giving blood will receive a meal ticket and raffle sheet for the Firemen's Picnic. To schedule an appointment, please contact the Fire Department at 599-6007 or for more information, please visit wvfd@windcrest-tx.gov

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WELCOME RACKERS

Do you know that we have more than 40 employees of Rackspace Hosting who are lovingly known as “RACKERS” currently living in Windcrest? I am sure that number will continue to grow. It is definitely an asset to have professional employees from not only Windcrest’s largest employer, but the largest employer anywhere in the area.

Along with other city officials, I had the opportunity to have lunch last month with these “Rackers” that live in Windcrest, along with Mr. Graham Weston, who sponsored this event. It was great to meet and get to know many of our new citizen neighbors. They are most interested in seeing our community thrive.

Oh, spring is here, it’s that time to “spruce up” our yards and homes. Getting and keeping the grass cut and trimmed is a great start. We need to maintain the “curb appeal” for ourselves and our neighbors. Some day we may all be sellers or buyers. Let’s all do our part to keep Windcrest beautiful, and show pride in the place where we live.

Councilmember

John Gretz

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Last month I mentioned that we have a dog named Megan. My daughter, J’Nine, and I walk her 6-8 times each day and she is a very happy camper. We found Megan at the Seguin animal shelter about 6 years ago when they had found her at a dump site. Megan still shivers at the sound of large trucks and wants to immediately go the other way...and I understand that. We go the other way in a hurry and I don’t mind. There are times when we walk and there are no loud trucks around and she still wants to go a different way. She will stop and jump up on me and virtually say “Let’s go this way.” In other words, she wants a long walk. If I don’t have anything on the agenda, we go for a long walk and I don’t mind. However, if I have things to do and places go, Megan and I need to compromise... and we do! Such is life, but we do compromise and get on with business. Megan actually understands when we talk!

As a city council member, I often need to use the same skills regarding compromise. I had to use that skill in my military career and my teaching career on a daily basis. I would bet that you and your loved ones compromise all the time. The Mayor, the city manager, and fellow council members don’t always see eye to eye on all issues... nor do some of our integral city functions. However, we always need to be able to compromise to do what is best for Windcrest. When we have city council meetings and citizens voice their concerns regarding issues, we may not always agree either. That is good and that is healthy. The key is it gets us all involved in the process and ensures our elected city leadership hears each and every point of view. In essence, compromise is a fact of life. If we can’t compromise on issues and learn to work as a team, we all lose! Please, let’s all be involved in “Team Windcrest.”

Councilmember

Rita Davis

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The Election season has begun, and I encourage you to educate yourself on the candidates and how they stand on your most important issues.

You may have heard that I attempted to run for a seat on the Bexar County Water Control and Improvement District #10 Board of Directors. I wanted you to know why I will not be on the ballot.

My application was rejected by the General Manager of the Water District. He told me that he based his decision on advice from the Water Board lawyer who based his advice on an Attorney General decision in 1992 which ruled that a person may not hold two elected offices concurrently. Then I reminded him that the situations and circumstances may not be an exact match, and that the only way to be sure was to litigate this matter. I asked him for a statement declaring that he would not accept my application, but he declined pending advice of his lawyer. His lawyer’s advice was to get a ruling from the Bexar County Elections Dept. They ruled that I could run for office.

If I were elected, the Attorney General’s office would then decide whether or not I could hold that office based on the exact circumstances. With much prayer and reflection, I decided it would be better for the current candidates if I were to put this aside. Working for a seat on the Water District Board of Directors may have eventually been in vain, and it would have prevented a good candidate from serving.

My reason for attempting to run for the Water District Board of Directors was to serve the rate-payers of our community. As a City Council member, I am currently serving the citizens by setting policy and priorities and budgets that meet the needs of the citizens. I would have liked to have been a part of setting appropriate water rates and reasonable restrictions during critical needs periods and setting policies acceptable to the community in other areas such as a Capital Improvement Program.

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City Secretary News Heather Weidenbach, hweidenbach@windcrest-tx.gov

During the regular city council meeting on March 19th, City Council passed Ordinance No. 2012-660, an ordinance declaring unopposed candidates in the May 12, 2012, General Election, elected to office; canceling the election; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective on its first reading. On March 20th, 2012 during a special city council meeting, City Council had a second reading on Ordinance No. 2012-660 and made a motion to accept this ordinance canceling the City of Windcrest May General Election and passed unanimously. This ordinance only applies to the City of Windcrest election and not Bexar County Water Control & Improvement District #10 election.

As a reminder Early Voting will take place at Takas Park Civic Center beginning May 2, 2011 through May 10, 2011. Below is a schedule for Early Voting:
May 2, 2011 through May 6, 2011 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.
May 7, 2011..... 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.
May 9, 2011 through May 10, 2011 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Election Day is May 12, 2011 from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. and will be conducted at Windcrest Elementary located at 465 Faircrest.

1st Annual FIREFIGHTER'S GALA

The 1st Annual Firefighter's Gala was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who attended, the turn out and success of the Gala was greater than we anticipated. The Firefighter's had a great time and enjoyed meeting all of the Windcrest residents who attended. Mr. Graham Weston and Mr. Ken Villano from Rackspace Hosting were honored as "Men of the Year" for their support of the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department. Thank you to all our Donors for the great donations! Special thanks to Mayor Baxter, Mrs. Ellis, the Newsletter Committee, and all the City employees who helped us make this a great event. We look forward to next year's Gala!

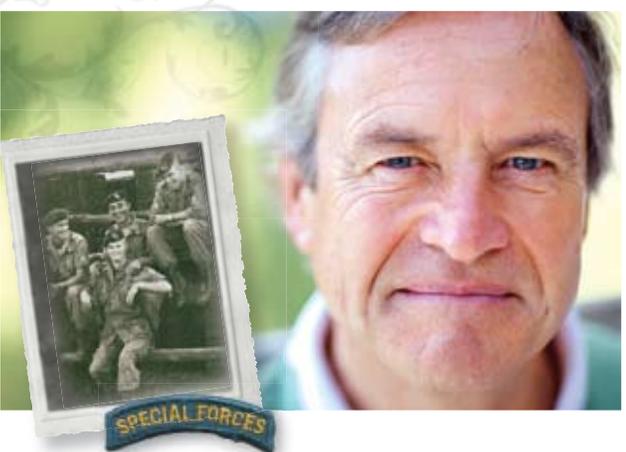
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The Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department's 42nd Firefighter's Picnic is right around the corner. This year our picnic will be two days long, beginning on **Friday at 4 p.m. till 11 p.m.** and will continue on Saturday, 9 a.m. till 11 p.m. We will have rides, petting zoo, games, food, music and lots of fun! The Windcrest Elementary School will be fund raising at the Firefighter's picnic this year, make sure to stop by and play their games; they will also be selling Taco Cabana Tacos from 9 a.m. till 11 a.m. Picnic agenda coming soon! Please check the City website and the WVFD Association website www.windcrestfire.org for updates.

Calling all vendors! If you are interested in buying a vending spot at the picnic please call Lisa Scott [redacted] (We will supply vending booths, cost is \$50)

As always, if you are interested in Volunteering we are always looking for volunteers to help with the picnic. If you are interested in helping your Volunteer Fire Department please call Lisa Scott [redacted]



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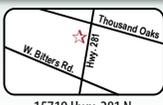
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From the Desk of Jacob Gonzalez, Code Compliance

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If you see something that you feel may be violating one of Windcrest City Codes, please don't hesitate to contact Code Compliance by phone at 655-0022 ext. 2210 or stopping by City Hall.

From the Desk of Chris Gamboa Interim Director of Public Works

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The street sweeper will continue to run throughout the leaf fall season from 6 A.M. to 8P.M. Monday through Friday. Alley repairs will continue between jobs as permitted. All other major repairs will be considered as a priority. If there are any questions or concerns regarding your alleys, or other public works issues, please contact me at cgamboa@windcrest-tx.gov.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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

As your new Chief of Police, I am very excited to be a part of the City of Windcrest and leading the Windcrest Police Department into the future. This is a lifelong dream come true and I look forward with great aspirations of further building upon a very strong relationship between the department and the Windcrest Community, as well as providing exceptional police protection and professional response to the citizens and businesses of Windcrest and I will not accept less! Windcrest Police is staffed with an exceptional group of highly trained and professional command officers, and support staff.

I began my law enforcement career with the San Antonio Police Department in August of 1983 after graduating from Texas State University with a Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice - Minor in Sociology. Prior to retiring from SAPD in August of 2006 with 23 years of service, I was assigned to various positions including, Patrol, Field Training Officer, Traffic, Special Operations, Gang Unit, Street Crime Arrest Team, Training Academy and Public Information Officer. In August, 2006, I continued my career in law enforcement as a Sergeant with the San Antonio Park Police and prior to retiring from the SAPPD in September of 2011; I commanded the Covert Operations Unit, the Community Operations-Resource Education Unit and Environmental Crimes. I am blessed with a wonderful family; my beautiful wife of 26 years and our two amazing and wonderful children.

As your Police Chief, my door is open. The Windcrest Police Department is here to protect and serve the Windcrest Community. I promise to each of you that we WILL strive daily to exceed all expectations. We are Second to None.

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Chief of Police



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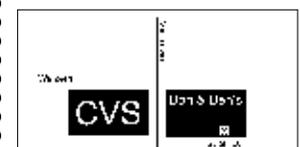
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Municipal Court Wins Traffic Safety Award

Recently the Windcrest Municipal Court Municipal Court was selected to be honored as a 2012 Traffic Safety Award Recipient at the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center's (TMCEC) Municipal Traffic Safety Initiatives Conference in Addison on March 20-21, 2012.

Applicants were judged on the basis of what their court is doing in terms of public outreach in traffic safety in an effort to reduce automobile crashes, traffic fatalities, driving under the influence, child safety seat offenses, red light running, and other-traffic related offenses. The Windcrest Municipal Court collaborated with Windcrest Elementary school to sponsor a "Seat Belts Save Lives" poster drawing contest. Third and fourth graders submitted poster illustrating the importance of wearing a seat belt. During Municipal Court week these posters were on display in the halls of the court. Windcrest for the first time is trying to reach out to their community to promote traffic safety awareness.

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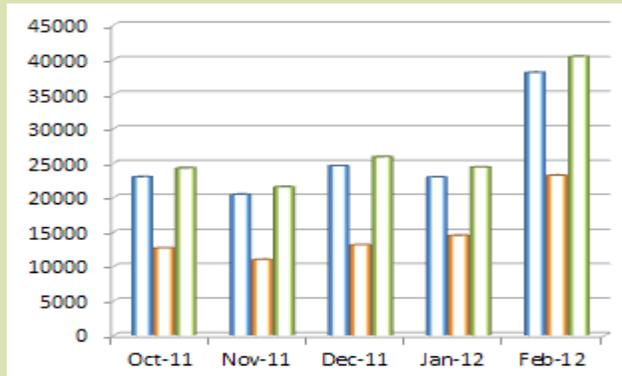
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Where Does The Money Go?

Here is a chart of the money collected from fines and fees, what goes to the state and what the City actually gets from it. This is a report for the FY 2011-2012. For more information please contact Kelly Rodriguez, Court Clerk at (210)655-0022 ext 2250 or krodriguez@windcrest-tx.gov.



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Windcrest Economic Development Corporation

The Windcrest Economic Development Corporation is pleased to announce the addition of Sherry Mosier, Director of Economic Development and Robert Colunga who will be assisting with Government Relations and Business Development.

Sherry's Bio:

Sherry is a longtime resident of the San Antonio region, a graduate of Douglass MacArthur High School and the University of Texas at San Antonio, and is a Certified Paralegal since 1995 through the National Association of Legal Assistants. She has been involved in the real estate, land entitlement and economic development industries for over 15 years. She is directly responsible for the creation of eleven tax increment reinvestment zones in south central Texas and was on the design team for Morgan's Wonderland. Sherry has been involved with several regional non-profit organizations such as Mission Road Ministries, AccessAbility Fest, and The Arc of the Hill Country where she was a founding board member. Additionally, she currently sits on the board of directors for the City of San Antonio's Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 15 also known as "North East Crossing" and is a member of the Comal ISD C.A.R.E. (Communication, Advocacy, Resource and Education) Group.

Sherry is married to Greg Mosier her husband of 18 years and they have a son Aaron who is 17 and a daughter Lauren who is 9.

Robert's Bio:

Mr. Colunga is a native of San Antonio, a graduate of Clark High School and the University of Texas and a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He has been a local business owner and investor. He has been involved with charities such as the Archdiocese of San Antonio, Rape Crisis Center and Texas A&M San Antonio foundation. He has been on the finance board for Governor Perry and Senator Cornyn. His company has worked in business development for his clients throughout the state as well as in Government Relations, Crisis Management and Media Relations. Robert has served on a variety of boards and was also President of his home owners association for 3 years.

Robert is married to Tram Colunga his wife of 11 years and they have a daughter Rebecca who is 10 and a son Robert who is 9.

The Windcrest Economic Development Corporation is excited about the future of Windcrest and we would like all Windcrest citizens to know that we have an open door policy so stop by and see us soon... we welcome your comments and ideas!



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ANNUAL SEWER AVERAGING HAS BEEN COMPLETED. Great news! The majority of you will see a smaller sewer bill despite the rate increase recently approved by the Board. Last year, the system average (total water consumed by all customers divided by number of customers) was 9 ccf (6733 gallons). This year, the average is 7 ccf (5237 gallons). You should be receiving your bill reflecting your new average about the same time you get this Newsletter. If you have questions about the charge, don't hesitate giving us a call. If you had a plumbing problem, we can probably reduce the charge a bit.

BOARD ELECTION: There are two vacancies on the Board of Directors that will be decided in the May 12 general election. Don't underestimate the value of your vote; it could be decisive in the direction this District will take over the next few years. If you don't know who the candidates are, please contact us at (210) 655-2888. Get out and vote for the candidates of your choice. It is one of the few rights that you can count on these days.

CRITICAL PERIOD/DROUGHT MANAGEMENT. As this article is being finalized, we noted that the waiting period has expired and all stages can be lifted. We had remained in Stage II because of problems with one of our wells due to power problems with City Public Service-Energy. Although we haven't resolved all of the issues, we have installed additional control equipment on the well that we believe will protect it if the problems reoccur. We will recommend to the City that all stages be lifted.

However, the Aquifer is setting only 2 feet above Stage I and has dropped two feet in the last week. Stay tuned for further developments. The experts continue to predict dry weather through at least May or June.

WATER STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH: The average household used approximately 5,062 gallons of water (6.77 ccf) during the January-February billing cycle. That's about 70 gallons per person per day. Consumption during this billing period ranged from zero to 58 ccf (43,389 gallons). What is interesting about that statistic is that it approximates "core usage". Core usage is basic domestic, hygiene, health and safety needs; consumption above that level is typically used for irrigation, pools, and other discretionary uses.

During the January-February billing period we pumped a total of 19,617,000 gallons. That was the lowest since 1991 and the second lowest (by a very small amount) in 28 years. Last year this time, we pumped almost 23 million gallons. The difference is last year we received about 0.59 inches of rain and this year we received almost four inches

RAINFALL. We received 3.92 inches of rainfall in February and a total of 8.01 inches for 2012. Although that is well above average for this period, the Aquifer has not recovered as would be expected. This is probably due to the drought of 2011. Go to <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/productview.php?pil=DGTEWX> for a comprehensive report.

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Marketing & Events Katye Brought

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Hello! My name is Katye Brought and I am the new Public Affairs/PR/Marketing/Events Specialist for the City of Windcrest. I am sure as the new person in town, everyone wants to know what I am doing to help market this great city. The first thing I did was get the social media back up and running! Please like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/TheCityofWindcrest and follow us on Twitter: www.twitter.com/CityofWindcrest. These social media tools are great ways to let people know urgent news quickly, and a great outreach to potential residents!

I am compiling a list of all the representatives for any Windcrest clubs, organizations and volunteer committees for my records. Please email me contact information.

I am also excited to announce a project we have going on called Go Windcrest! Go Windcrest is a marketing event that will entail a brand new website, direct mail campaign and a marketing event. Our goal is to attract prospective residents, raise awareness on what Windcrest has to offer, and to continue to be the best city in Texas! Make sure to check the facebook and twitter pages, and of course the newsletter, for more information about the many great marketing events happening in Windcrest! And please send me any ideas you might have!

FIESTA April 19-29, 2012



Windcrest is getting ready for the Fiesta® 2012 celebration, April 19-29, 2012. The City will unveil its first 2012 limited edition Mayor's Commemorative Fiesta® medal. The medal design will replicate the newly voted City Flag.

The medal replicates the city flag with the Windcrest logo, bright blue and red colors, each color on your custom medal is held in place by a thin gold metal line, with a shimmering red and gold banner.

The medals will be on sale starting Wednesday, March 7, 2012 for \$5.00 at the Windcrest City Hall. The net proceeds from these sales will go to benefit the Windcrest Little League.

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Fiesta Especial

Fiesta® is coming to the City of Windcrest and we know the citizens will welcome a two day event called Fiesta Especial® with open arms. Plan to attend some of the festivities being hosted by our fair city on Friday, April 20th and Saturday, April 21st.

Fiesta Especial® was created in 2003 for children and adults with disabilities. This event has selected Rackspace, in the City of Windcrest, for the 2012 festivities providing a family-friendly, alcohol and tobacco free official Fiesta® event for everyone of all abilities.

You can enjoy simulated and virtual reality experiences, games, food crafts and a vast array of live entertainment on the Fiesta Especial® event grounds located on the parking lot of Rackspace in the City of Windcrest. The grounds will be open Friday and Saturday from 10am to 10pm. On Saturday, grab your lawn chair and make your way to the heart of the city and soak in the sights, sounds and excitement of Fiesta® at the Fiesta Especial Promenade and Parade! You'll watch as hundreds of people run through the streets in a 2.5 Mile Fun Run that will kick off the parade. The runners will be followed by a parade of amusements, bands, Fiesta® Royalty and numerous organizations creating awareness for individuals with disabilities.

A great deal of coverage has already occurred for this event. You may have spotted Express News, WOAI or Herald coverage of the Fiesta Especial® Royal Court already, but we're expecting so much more. KABB will be have a live remote at the event on Friday, April 21st and be sure to watch the morning shows on KENS5 (March 26), KABB (April 9th) and WOAI (April 17th) to catch a glimpse of the excitement Fiesta Especial's will bring our city. On March 26th, Yo-lar will release a special deal for the event and another will come out on March 29th for Living Social. We may even get to see the Royal Court make a few royal visits a couple of school this month!

Please expect delays as we anticipate the same type of traffic we receive for our Christmas display of Lights. Please mark your calendars now and together, we can show Fiesta Especial® the warmest and most enthusiastic welcome our city has ever seen!

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Friday, April 20th

10am-10pm: Fiesta Especial® (held in the Rackspace parking lot)– featuring simulated and virtual reality games and rides, entertainment, food, games, crafts and much, much more.

11am: Shoebox Parade – local school children and day program participants with parade through the grounds of Fiesta Especial showcasing their handcrafted shoebox floats in a very unique parade on the grounds of the event.

4pm: Now and Ten – looking at a slot on America’s Got Talent, this group plays classic rock.

5pm: Elora & Gasoline Alley - one of San Antonio’s top rock/pop bands. Elora's has earned her a place on ReverbNation’s 2012 Top 10 Pop Chart for San Antonio at #2 making her the youngest artists to be ranked in the top 100.

8pm-10pm: The Ruben V Band – a tight three piece band that can take you from Texas Blues to New Orleans funk, and then dish out straight up rock and roll.

Saturday, April 21st

9am-11am: Fiesta Especial Promenade & Parade (see parade route below) – a **2.5 Mile Fun Run/Walk** (\$10 Registration) followed by a **Parade** featuring bands, floats, royal court, amusements and more! ***Some temporary street closures will be in effect along the parade route.*** Spectators may gather at City Hall or you can grab a curb side seat on your own front lawn along the route. More spectator locations to be determined. Check the website frequently for updates.

10am-10pm: Fiesta Especial (held in the Rackspace parking lot)– featuring simulated and virtual reality games and rides, entertainment, food, games, crafts and much, much more. **More Live Entertainment to be announced soon!**

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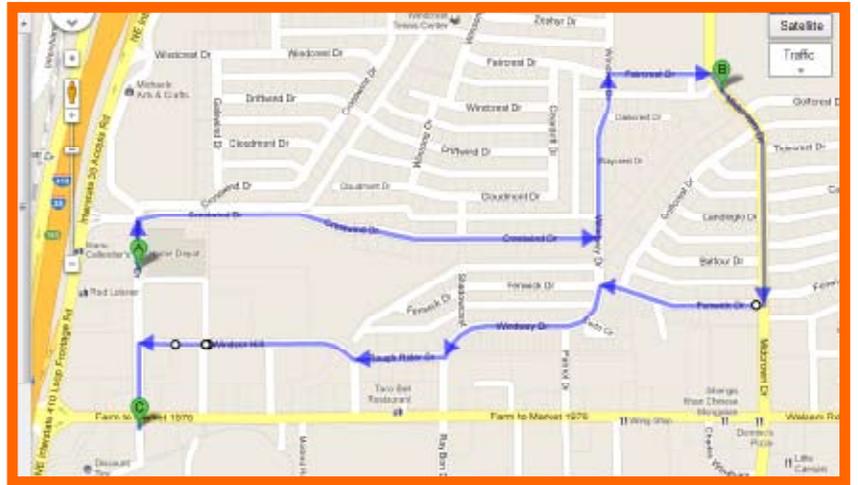
Members and Residents:

Our last letter to you was before the January 25th membership gathering in our City Chambers. We have been in business as of March 29, 2011. Since then we have formed a Charter Board, prepared and presented By-Laws for adoption, elected officials, made presentations to all but two of our City civic clubs or organizations, held two Park Parties, and reported our progress to the City Parks & Recreation Committee and City Council. We now have 40 memberships, sixty plus members, since incorporating. We thank the members and residents that attended and spoke at our last meeting with all their suggestions.

We are proceeding with a very exciting three-part project for 2012 which includes the design and implementation of a Web Page; an inventory of trees and plants in our parks and greenspaces; and, suggestions for our City to further enhance and protect our parks, ponds, and greenspaces. We are working with the Design and Technology Academy (DATA) at Roosevelt High School to initiate and complete this project for presentation to the City. The scope of this project will allow students in computer science, video, history, art, fabrication, communications, public relations and many other areas to not only provide valuable information for our City, but to help prepare themselves for their future. We and DATA are very excited about this project.

If you are not a member PLEASE JOIN US....BECOME A MEMBER. email us @ fotpwindcrest@gmail.com. for more information.

We will keep you informed.



Fiesta Parade Route Map

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Swim: The swim will be a 200 meter snake style swim. The start will be a time trial start with an athlete leaving every 15 seconds.

Run: The 2mile run is a 1 loop run around the Golf Course on Pavement.

Bike: The 10 mile bike course is a 2 loop course on quiet neighborhood roads. Drafting is illegal and will not be tolerated. Be aware that the roads are open to traffic – use caution and stay to the right. You must follow all regular traffic laws.

Parking: Information will be sent out before the event.

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From the desk of Katye Brought:

The 1st Annual Firefighter's Gala was March 3, and it was met with more success than anyone could have asked for! The firefighters had a great time, everyone danced and the civic center was transformed into a fairy tale. But behind every fairy tale is a godmother making the magic happen, and ours happens to be Windcrest's very own Mary Lou Ellis.

Mrs. Ellis spent countless hours planning and designing the decorations for the Gala, and her efforts were the driving force behind the event's success. Everyone had nothing but compliments on the decorations, and the evening could not have taken place without her. From the Firefighters to the Newsletter Committee, thanks cannot be said enough to Mrs. Ellis.

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Windcrest Garden Club

As Spring blows in "like a lion", I'm enjoying writing my article at the park with the laughter of children all around.

Tuesday, April 3rd, our Garden Club will meet at the Civic Center parking lot at 9:30 a.m. for a brief meeting. Then we'll carpool to the Audubon Center at Mitchell Lake for our 11:00 a.m. guided tour learning more about the 325 species of birds and natural wildlife. Dining with friends will follow. Please join us!

Our members enjoyed our question and answer session with our Master Gardeners at the March 5th meeting. We also enjoyed hearing from our new Windcrest Chief of Police. Carol Bueche Minard, a fifth generation of the Bueche family, showed her appreciation for the roses we planted around the cross at the Bueche Cemetery by providing refreshments for our Club Members.

We hope to see many of you at our Annual Plant and Bake Sale being held on Saturday, April 21st, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Windcrest United Methodist Church parking lot on the corner of Midcrown and Walzem Rd. Please come early to browse through the many choices of plants, jams, baked goods, and gardening books. We'd love to see you!

"We can complain that rose bushes have thorns, or we can rejoice that thorn bushes have roses!"...Abraham Lincoln

Upcoming Events

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, April 30th, 10:00 a.m.

Hazel Freeman, Hostess

Installation Luncheon at Pappadeaux

Monday, May 7th, 11:00 a.m.

Carolyn Freeman

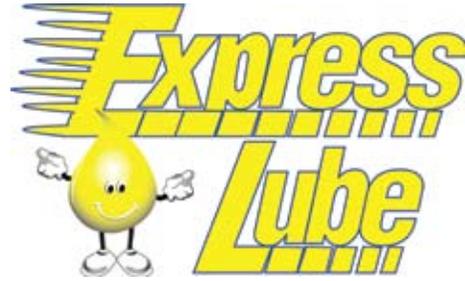
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Women's Club News

Pamela Dodson

I am sure all of us enjoyed the opportunities we had to get together in March. Good wine, cheeses and a chance to remember our heritage!

On **April 25th**, from **10am to 12pm at the Civic Center**, we will have **Leila Meacham** who is the author of *Roses & Tumbleweeds*. If you love to read like I do, you won't want to miss an opportunity to talk with an author and see how they develop their story line. I am sure she can give us some good insights to the writing of a book. There should be lots of good discussion about her books and a chance to hear how you might decide to write your own. Please come!

On **May 23rd**, we are having our **Installation Luncheon** from **11:30am to 2pm**.

Come support and applaud the ladies that have stepped forward to fulfill the duties of the different positions that make our club run. Not an easy task in this hurry, hurry hubbub society. It will be a great meal and some good laughs. In the May newsletter, we will have the location and cost but plan on being there.

We encourage all the ladies of Windcrest to get involved in the community. Please come on down to see what we are up to and how you can be a part of a community club. It is a really nice way to meet other women in the neighborhood and make some new friends.



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If you would like to join our team, applications are available at the Police Department each week day. Anytime that you are at city hall please take a few minutes to visit the Windcrest Citizens' Patrol's wall display listing the names of members who may be your friends and neighbors. More information about the program can be obtained by calling team captain, Coordinator Henry Berman .

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Windcrest Golf Club



Windcrest Golf Club recently dedicated one of our cart barns to Joseph “Lew” Lewandoski. Lew, as most people knew him by, was a long time member at the club starting back in the 60’s. While he was a member, Lew made many friends and was a big part of the growth of Windcrest Golf Club. Unfortunately we recently lost our good friend and miss him terribly. His lovely wife Helen Lewandoski, who is still a member at the club, made a generous donation to the club in honor of Lew to purchase new golf carts. There is a plaque mounted on the rock wall in the front part of the first cart barn. We invite everyone to come by and see the great words that were written about our wonderful friend. In the opinion of our members this honor was well deserved!

For more Golfing news, Windcrest Golf Club has just entered into an agreement with 3 other golf courses to reciprocate membership privileges. The Hawk, Canyon Lake and Woodlake golf courses are all a part of the new deal. Members of each Golf Course can go to the other and play their course for **free** green fees. The only cost to members visiting the

other courses would be a **mandatory** cart fee. So, for being a member here at Windcrest Golf Club you now have a total of 4 golf courses you can play. We still have room for new members at the club and would welcome those who choose to join. Our golf course is in **Great** shape and we are still the **Best Value** for golf in San Antonio. Please contact Tom Garcia G.M.  for more information.



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by Ryan and Jacob Dalglish

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American Legion - Buddy Cooper

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Citizen's Patrol Team 4 Captain - Helma Ann Martinez

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Melroy Brandt
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City Meetings in Windcrest City Hall Council Chambers

Special City Council Meeting	April 2	7:00 p.m.
Municipal Court	April 3, 10, 17	4:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation	April 11	6:00 p.m.

WEDC Meeting	April 12 & 26	6:00 p.m. (tentative)
Regular City Council Meeting	April 16	7:00 p.m.
Water District Meeting	April 19	7:00 p.m.

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