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Mayor's Message



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Dear Windcrest Friends and Neighbors,

Please let this serve as the articles for Mayor, City Council, City Manager, Finance Director, and City Secretary.

We are pleased to present to you the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Annual Budget and Plan of Municipal Services. The City of Windcrest's Annual Budget and Plan of Municipal Services is the comprehensive budget and plan for municipal services for the coming year. This document continues the direction as established by our citizens and the City Council to meet the existing challenges and effectively plan for future needs. The City Council voted 4-1 and passed this budget. Councilperson Davis did not vote for this budget, but as per her request, we have included her article/response at the end of this article.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

The Fiscal Year 2011-12 Annual Budget and Plan of Municipal Services is an operational and financial plan for the programs and services provided by the City during the coming year. The proposed \$7.5 million budget includes funding for all services; including Sanitation, WCCPD, and EDC, as well as Capital Improvements. Of that amount, approximately \$6.6 million is for continued operations of all funds, as well as \$0.481 million for debt payments and \$0.368 million for Capital Improvement Projects. The Fiscal Year 2011-12 Annual Budget and Plan for Municipal Services is **approximately 16% lower** than the 2010-11 Budget.

Overall, on-going operating costs increased as a result of new programs to address council priorities, and other fixed operational expenses that are addressed in more detail in the budget summary section. There are many capital improvements budgeted; such as, the completion of Racker Road, improvements to the City's Civic Center and City Pool, improvements to the City's Alleys, and improvements to the Streets within the City of Windcrest.

GENERAL FUND

The primary operating fund of the City of Windcrest is called the General Fund. The majority of revenues collected to operate this fund are derived from various taxes. This fund is used to account for all financial resources not restricted to special or specific projects. As a general rule, in all funds, we budget revenues and expenditures conservatively to enhance sound financial management. To do otherwise could impair the City's ability to continue providing services to the citizens. In Fiscal Year 2011-12, the General Fund budget projects revenues to reach \$4,821,749. Significant revenues in the General Fund include revenues derived from property tax (ad valorem taxes), sales & use taxes, and franchise taxes. It should be noted that our sales tax revenue increased approximately 10% last year. Other revenues that provide resources within the General Fund include fees and charges, and other miscellaneous revenues. General Fund expenditures have been budgeted at \$4,525,331. This small increase is attributable to budgeting for increased operating and maintenance expenditures such as, stipends for City Employees, increase in the cost of fuel, utilities and increase in the cost of employee health insurance. **All this was able to be accomplished without raising taxes.** This year the City has budgeted \$100,000 for Civic Center repairs, \$29,000 in pool repairs, \$90,000 on alley repairs, \$20,000 for median upgrades, purchasing 2 new police cars, electronic ticket writers, and 3 new radar guns. Also in 2010/11 and 2011/12 the City will have invested over \$100,000 in new IT upgrades. We were able to complete all of this without raising taxes, and paying cash.

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Fund balance is considered excess funds that the City Council has available for appropriation. The City Council has requested a very stringent fund balance policy that limits the expenditure of these funds. This fund balance dictates that the major operating funds must carry a fund balance equivalent to over 3.6 months (or over 30%) of operating expenditures (ideal fund balance). Within 2 years, we have increased our fund balance from 23% to over 30%, plus we have created CIP funds. These CIP monies/funds are in excess of the fund balance/rainy day fund. These are listed below. This policy also provides guidelines to be followed when ideal fund balance has not been met within a particular fund. Beginning fund balance projected for fiscal year 2011-12 in the General Fund is \$1,951,565 which, after taking into account the effects of the projected revenues and adopted appropriations for each department, leaves an estimated ending fund balance of \$2,248,013.

Below is a list of how the fund balances are broken down.

Rainy Day Funds Over 30% or 3.6 months of operating expenditures	1,343,777.00
Street CIP Funds*	871,221.25
HOT CIP Projects*	123,448.57
General Fund CIP Projects*	429,236.00
General Fund EDC Projects*	175,000.00
Total CIP Funds*	1,598,905.80
Grand total of cash	2,942,682.80

*These funds can be used at the direction of Council for various capital improvement projects. Also, these funds do not include EDC, WCCPD, special revenue funds or the general fund balance set aside as "rainy day reserve" funds.

The ad valorem tax rate (property tax rate) for fiscal year 2011-12 is budgeted to stay the same at \$.436495 of taxable assessed valuation for **the third year in a row.**

The City Council has proposed a total of 74.5 employees in fiscal year 2011-12 at the City of Windcrest. This includes 54 full time employees, 3 part time employees, 16 seasonal employees, and 6 contract positions that is equal to 3 employees. This is a decrease of 1.5 positions. During Fiscal Year 2010-11, 3 full time positions were reduced to contractual part-time positions as a result of staff turnover. As population grows demands for services increases and economic growth continues, the amount of resources necessary to provide quality services also grows. However, the City Council and City Management will continue to monitor the growth in personnel to ensure that over-staffing does not occur.

CONCLUSION

The City of Windcrest is a growing community with ever increasing needs, The Fiscal Year 2011-12 Annual Budget and Plan of Municipal Services allocates resources to address priorities identified by the City Council during various Council workshops and addresses many of those needs. The budget continues the prudent fiscal and budgetary

policies implemented in the past two years and provides services to the community through new and expanded programs. Each program addressed within the budget has been evaluated to ensure value to the community and enhancement to the quality of life for our citizens.

With the continued support of the City Council and the City Staff, the City of Windcrest's Interest and Sinking (property tax supported) debt **will be paid off in 2014** (essentially meaning the City is debt free soon), or sooner if the Mayor and City Council desires. The City currently has \$1,335,000 in principle and \$94,230 in interest, with a grand total of \$1,429,230. This does not include the EDC's recent application and award of funds from Texas Leverage Fund Program for a grand total of \$1,700,000. **The EDC's repayment is from their portion of Sales Tax collected exclusively for Economic Development and not from property taxes.** However, being good stewards of the community, we are working towards receiving a bond rating from Standard & Poor's, Fitch, or Moody's by September 2012.

On behalf of the City Staff and myself, I want to thank the City Council and the citizens of Windcrest for their leadership, hard work, efforts and confidence in what we do. In the past two years, the City has progressively improved its financial condition while developing immediate and long-term priorities. The available resources never seem to meet all recognized needs and in fact never will. This presents an endless challenge for Civic City leaders. Although the demands never seem to cease, our successes and rewards do not either. The continued development of short-term and long-term goals is paramount to the future success of our community. Over the next fiscal year, City Staff looks forward to working with you in making decisions and developing plans that will positively impact our community.

Finally, we acknowledge the tremendous contributions and teamwork of all City staff in preparing the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Annual Budget and Plan of Municipal Services. The management team worked together to assist in achieving the goals set by Council. Each department worked to find savings in their operating budgets, and to make suggestions for program improvements.

Thank you for all that contributed to this article and the budget,

Your Mayor and humble servant,
Alan E. Baxter

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At last, our Budget preparation season has ended. I wanted you to know why I voted against it.

As most of you know, I have a reputation for being very cautious when it comes to saving and spending your tax money. And when it comes to borrowing, except for emergencies, I prefer to save and use only available funds. I have always promoted prudent spending by prioritizing the needs of the city first. One of those needs is an adequate "rainy day fund".

One only has to open a newspaper or watch TV to see how many cities are in crisis because of over-spending and not enough savings to carry them past the crisis. My opinion is 3.6 months of reserves, the amount finally decided by the other members of the Council, is not enough. I agree that there are many long overdue infrastructure projects which need to be addressed. But in my opinion, I believe some of them could be postponed until at least 5 months of savings is achieved. I also believe that any windfall monies owed to the City need to be put in the "rainy day fund" until that 5-month goal has been achieved.



Economic Development Corporation Member

Sue Alexander

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In order to participate, anyone (Windcrest resident or non-resident) can drop by Windcrest City Hall and pick up a Windcrest Bucks Card. When making a purchase at any participating business in Windcrest, show the Windcrest Bucks Card and get a discount on the purchase. Participating business are listed on the Windcrest official web site at www.windcrest.tx.gov. Simply type in "Windcrest Bucks" in the search area and click on "Buy Windcrest Bucks." At that site a list of participating business can be obtained.

There are currently 35 businesses in Windcrest who are participants. A few of the participating businesses are: Home Depot, Luby's, Marie Callender's (#237), River City Massage Therapy, Sand Dollar Pools, and Great Clips for Hair. A shopper can save money eating out, purchasing a mattress, or getting a manicure and much more by using the Windcrest Bucks Card. The Windcrest Economic Development Corporation plans to enlist many more Windcrest businesses into the Windcrest Bucks Program over the next year. The Windcrest Newsletter will be featuring several of the participating businesses each month.

Get your Windcrest Bucks Card now! Begin saving, and "Buy Windcrest."

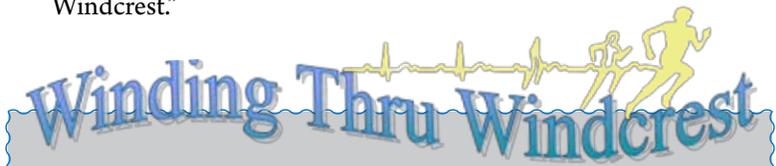
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From the Desk of Jacob Gonzalez, Code Compliance

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This month, I am highlighting one of our City Ordinances for Over Grown Trees/Limbs which block our roadways and are considered a violation of City Code 20.1402 Obstruction of Streets and Roadways. Our City Ordinance states an unobstructed passage space of twenty feet (20') in width and thirteen feet six inches (13'6") in height shall be maintained over and across all streets and roadways in the City. The owner or occupant of the property shall remove any overhanging trees, limbs, branches and shrubbery which obstruct a passage space. Your cooperation with this issue ensures emergency vehicles, such as Fire Trucks and Ambulances, are able to respond in a safe and expedient manner.

Please remember to conserve water usage.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Lt. Dale Clark

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Grandma, I'm In Trouble!

In Windcrest and the Bexar County area, some people are contacted by strangers pretending to be a relative in distress.

Known as the "It's me!" scam, the perpetrator calls up a person pretending to be a relative in distress in need of some quick cash, and asks that money be wired to them through a bank account. Many calls are from scam artists who ask that money be wired to them, usually in Mexico or a foreign country. The scammer will claim to have been arrested and in need of bail money, or having been involved in some sort of tragedy such as a vehicle accident.

Do not send any money in any form. Confirm with another known relative if there is in fact a relative in the country in question. If you do send money, and the incident turns out to be a scam, the money is gone. Local police do not have jurisdiction in foreign countries in order to investigate and the State Department of the U.S. Government normally will not get involved.



Congratulations are in order for Officer Daniel Hernandez. On October 11th Officer Hernandez was promoted by Chief Joe O'Brien to the rank of Patrol Corporal in the Patrol Division. Corporal Hernandez has been with the Windcrest Police Department since December 2007 and has been a police officer in Texas since 2004.

The Police Department would also like to introduce our newest employee, Douglas Cianchetta. Patrolman Cianchetta was hired October 10, 2011 and will be assigned to the Patrol Division as a Patrol Officer. Patrolman Cianchetta is a graduate of the Alamo Area Law Enforcement Academy, and comes to us after having honorably served in the United States Marine Corps. Patrolman Cianchetta earned the rank of Corporal (E-4). Patrolman Cianchetta is a decorated veteran of the War on Terror/Gulf War having served in the Middle East.



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ANNUAL SEWER AVERAGING BEGINS SOON. Your monthly sewer charge is based on an average of your water use between November 19th and February 22nd, i.e., in March, we average the consumption on your December through February bills and that becomes the basis for the sewer charge for the following twelve months. During the averaging period, you should minimize the use of water outside the home. Fortunately, outside use can be reduced because your lawn and shrubbery goes into a dormant stage during the winter months, so it needs little or no water. Make sure your home is water tight: fix leaky faucets and outside hose bibbs and toilets. Don't run the dishwasher or washing machine until you have a full load. Even little things like shortening the length of a shower or turning off the water while shaving and brushing your teeth can make a difference. It all adds up over a three month period.

THE DROUGHT OF 2011. By now, you are probably aware of the substantially higher critical period water rates the Board of Directors approved on September 15th. To be brief, water consumption has been steadily increasing, despite watering restrictions and Critical Period rates. The District has a finite allocation of water to pump for the year and as this is written, it is day-to-day whether we will exceed that allocation. The penalties for exceeding the allocation, both near and long term, are high, so immediate and decisive action was needed. The increase spared our conservative users, moderately increased the rates for our average users and doubled the rates for high users. The rationale is to make the 22% of our customers who are using 48% of the water aware of the consequences that will have to be shared by everyone.

WINDCREST VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (WVFD)

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Picnic Update

Last month we announced our new "Gala" as part of the Firefighter's picnic events this year – remember to keep the date – March 3rd, 2012 open – this will prove to be a groundbreaking event.

This month we are announcing an additional level of support for your Volunteer Fire Department. In addition to our traditional **Windcrest Gold** and **Elite**, we are adding a **Windcrest Elite Plus** level. This new level will include traditional gift, meal tickets and raffle tickets, but will also include two tickets to the Gala (valued at \$50 apiece).

We are continuing to iron out details, but expect this year's event to set a new standard.

From the Desk of Charles Lackey, Director of Public Works

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Pickleball coming to a park near you ... Public Work Crews are working to place a Pickleball court in Takas Park. For those of you asking what Pickleball is, it's a relatively new racquet sport which combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. The sport is played on a court with the same dimensions as a badminton court. The net is lower than most other racquet sports allowing for faster play.

Crews will continue to crack fill streets as long as weather permits. We will be working to improve our alleys by repairing as needed and removing wild grown trees, bushes and shrubs from the alley's so that garbage trucks can pass through.

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Friends of the Park provides a forum to promote ideas, volunteerism, and contributions to help ensure our existing park standards and the future of our parks, ponds, and greenspaces.

Windy Hollow Pond is a great example where volunteers made a positive impact. Drought had caused Windy Hollow Pond (across from Takas Park) to dry up, exposing many rocks that had once lined the banks of the pond. Over time the rocks had apparently been thrown in the pond for a splash. We spoke to Charles Lackey, Public Works Director, about the need to restore them to their rightful place. Boy Scout Troop 157, under the leadership of past Scout Master John DeBolt, came to the rescue. They hand carried all the rocks from the pond and placed them on the side where they belonged.

In recognition of their hard work we traveled to their Scout Hut on October 3, 2011, and presented them with our first annual Live Oak Award.

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Legislature Recognizes Municipal Courts

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ATTENTION ALL WINN BROOK ESTATES RESIDENTS

The Winn Brook Estates (WBE) HOA wishes to thank all City of Windcrest officials for allowing and assisting us to publish information to and for WBE residents via the monthly Windcrest Newsletter.

You HOA Board of Directors are providing its resident a website that is available for information pertaining to important issues that they might not be aware of. Visit the AMS website at www.ams-sa.com to view and/or download the Rules and Regulations, Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws or to retrieve an Improvement Request Form.

It’s important for all our residents to drive safely and obey the posted speed limit signs in our community. The death or injury to a child is not worth speeding through our community!!

The fence and column that everyone has been mentioning will be repaired within the next month as we now have a contractor scheduled to do the repairs.

Start making plans now to attend the 1st Annual WBE “Meet and Greet” to be held in April 2012. Stay tuned to the Windcrest Newsletter as we bring you more information regarding WBE and the “Meet and Greet”.

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by Jacquie Rothermel

The Lights of Windcrest Welcomes You Home

Have you ever wonder how Windcrest Light-Up was started? Think back to 1959 when our city was on the NE edge of San Antonio. We were really a country town several miles to the nearest San Antonio neighborhood and surrounded by fields. The question was how to interest people in this new little town. Mr. & Mrs. Murray A. Winn, Jr., decided that an annual Christmas Light

Up would be a great attention getter. They and the builders provided each new homeowner with a basic string of lights and encouraged folks to do more. As Texans do, a competition soon developed and the slightly “over the top” Windcrest style of Lighting Up developed. You might say that a marketing tool became a way of life for our city. Attention followed as our city’s lights attracted national television programs and beamed into space.

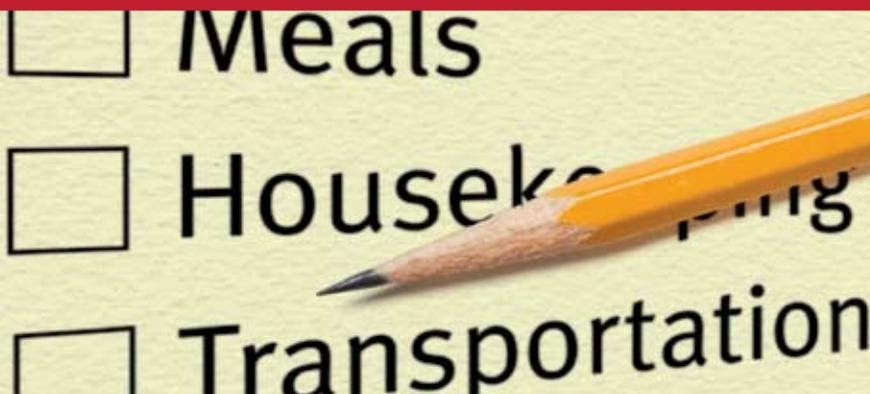
Generations of San Antonio area folks have come to see our fun and sometimes eccentric decorations. Keep them coming by doing your part. Even a single strand of lights (LED lights don’t cost that much to buy or to run) will help keep our tradition alive. Nothing is more noticeable than the single house on the block that is totally dark.

This year’s entry deadline is **Friday, December 9th and judging will be on Tuesday, December 12th**. The Light Up Ceremony will be held on Thursday, December 15th at 6:00pm at Windcrest City Hall, where we will light our official Christmas tree, enjoy a visit by Santa and listen to the sounds of the season while we enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. So, make plans now to join us for this annual fun community event!



PROJECT LIGHTS-UP HELP FOR

In conjunction with Windcrest’s Annual Holiday Light-Up Celebration, “Windcrest Lights-Up” is available for residents who want to decorate their homes but are unable to do so because of age, physical handicaps, etc. Through the Windcrest Optimist Club’s “Project Lights-Up,” Optimist Club members and Theodore Roosevelt High School students will come to Windcrest homes and help put up lights and other decorations—sorry, no climbing on roofs, trees, or bushes! Residents who need and want this help must telephone 657-4557 and give your name, address, and telephone number. Phone calls must be made by Wednesday, 30 November 2011! Roosevelt students and Optimists will begin putting up lights and decorations at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, 3 December 2011. The inclement weather make-up date will be Saturday, 10 December 2011, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Please have all lights untangled, working, or new. Repairs will not be made to lights and other decorations that do not work. There is no charge for this help/service, but residents who wish to donate to the Roosevelt students’ school organizations may do so.



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IMPORTANT DATES:

Application Deadline:	4:30 p.m. City Hall, December 9, 2011
Contest Judging:	6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., December 12, 2011
Official City Hall Ceremony:	6:00 p.m., December 15, 2011
Contest Winners Reception:	7:00 p.m., Windcrest City Hall (Council Chambers), January 14, 2012



JUDGING CATEGORIES (Select carefully / Select only ONE category)

Creative Lighting	Church / School / Business	Handcrafted
Religious	Entryway / Window	Mailbox
Joyful	Block / Cul-de-sac	Elegant Creations



One of the above winners will be awarded “Best of Theme.” This very special designation recipient will also receive a beautiful gift to commemorate the honor. Important Reminder: For contest judging on December 12th, please leave lights on until 11:00 p.m. to ensure that judges have enough time to view all of the entries. Thank you.

➤ [SEE ENTRY FORM ON PAGE 11](#)

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Applications must be submitted to City Hall, NO LATER THAN 4:30 p.m., Monday, December 9, 2011, to be eligible for contest judging.

Entrants who are honored by Placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in any category will be invited to the Winners' Reception on **January 14, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers** and receive cash awards.

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At 5:00 PM, you are invited to join the Post and guests for the annual Steak and Chicken Cookout at Takas Park. Reservations are required and a convenient reservation form is located below.

Dinner Reservation

Please cut out and mail form

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Veterans Day Cookout

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Windcrest Golf Club Burson's Pond

The Windcrest Golf Club and the Windcrest community have received a wonderful gift from a very special person. Mr. George Burson, one of the founding fathers of the Windcrest Golf Club, has generously donated all of the funding needed to rebuild #5 pond on his beloved golf course. All of the members at Windcrest Golf Club are so grateful for the incredible gift that George has left for them. George Burson has recently moved to Roseburg, Oregon, where the trees are taller and the temperature is a lot cooler. Before Mr. Burson departed, the membership at the Windcrest Golf Club had a get together to say thanks and to present Mr. Burson a metal plaque that will be erected next to the pond to honor his kindness and generosity. George Burson has been a member of Windcrest Golf Club since 1964 and was the first official President of the club. Many of our members had rolls in the rebuilding of the pond. Billy Cox, a member of Windcrest Golf Club since 2005, acted as our project supervisor, being present for every moment of the project. His passion and leadership through out this process was very important and needed. **A BIG THANKS TO YOU BILLY!**

Two other people we would like to thank for their roles in the project are residents Edwin Miles and Mike Brown.

The golf course is now **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

Tom Garcia, L.M.

GOLF CLUB



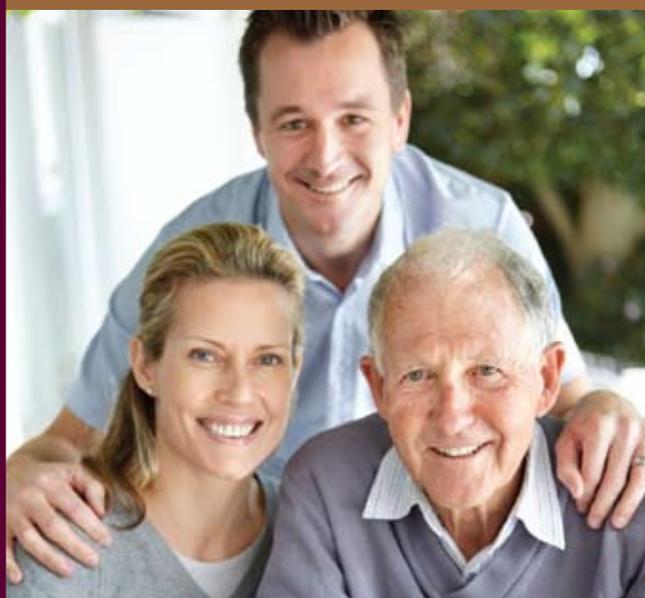
WHAT: TUESDAY GOLF CLUB GAMES NIGHT -

What kind of games? Anywhere from cards (poker, rummy, uno, – whatever you want), bunco, dominos, bingo, backgammon, board games and once in a while maybe black jack. No gambling money. No prizes. Just a lot of fun and an opportunity to meet your Windcrest neighbors.

WHEN: Every Tuesday from 6 to 8pm beginning Oct. 11

WHO: Open to all Windcrest citizens
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by Ryan and Jacob Dalglish

Kids Korner Friends,

Welcome once again to our little Korner of the world! We have been busy at school and working on our Eagle Scout goals. This summer has been very dry and our whole family has been working hard to keep our trees and landscape alive while conserving water.

One of the things we decided to do was to learn about using rain barrels to help us capture some of the runoff from our roof during the few rainy days we get. We are using some large garbage cans right now and want to work on getting real barrels with a spigot. We use a bucket to scoop up the water and then pour it around the trees. We enjoy running out in the rain and moving the containers under the roof line to catch the water once one of them is full. This article is about what we have learned so far.



Here is an example of a rain barrel

Rain Barrel Information from E How on-line

Through the centuries, people have often collected rain water using a variety of vessels--bowls, tubs and barrels, just to name a few. Rain barrels in the past couple of centuries were often made of recycled whiskey casks. Now rain barrels are more frequently made of heavy duty plastic, although you can still find wood rain barrels. However, plastic barrels have a big advantage over wood ones--they do not rot.

Size If you don't need a large barrel, you can buy small rain barrels that hold about 55 gallons of water. Most sold for residential use hold between 50 and 100 gallons. You can, however, find extra large rain barrels that can hold a few hundred gallons of water.

Features Whether made of wood or plastic, most rain barrels have an opening at the top, allowing rain to enter, and a spigot at the bottom. You can usually (especially with modern rain barrels) attach a hose to this spigot to divert water to your

lawn or garden. Many modern barrels have two spigots--one at the bottom and one at the top. Some barrels come with a screen or filter to keep insects and debris out of the barrel. Many have an overflow mechanism and attachments--usually sold separately--that allow you to connect several barrels together.

Benefits Use water collected in rain barrels for watering your lawn and garden or for washing your car. This can reduce your water bill and help conserve water. In many cases, pure rain water--as it has none of the chemical additives used for purification in treated water--may be better for your lawn and garden.

Price As of August 2009, 55-gallon plastic rain barrels ranged from around \$100 to \$200. Price will vary according to where you buy the barrel, the size and special features. Although these are not cheap, a rain barrel should save you money through time--by saving you money on your water bill.

Warning Unfiltered and untreated rain water from a rain barrel, although fine for watering the lawn and garden, is rarely suitable for drinking. Keep the lid securely in place at all times to prevent pets or kids from climbing inside (and accidentally drowning). Most, but not all, modern barrels are built to prevent such accidents.

Read more on-line by searching: [Rain Barrel Information](#)



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OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION

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Swim Team – Katherine Garcia
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210-590-6848
Golf Course – Tom Garcia
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All City Offices will be closed on the following days:

November 11th in observance of Veterans and November 24th and 25th for Thanksgiving

City Meetings in Windcrest City Hall Council Chambers

Special City Council Meeting	November 7	7:00 p.m.
Municipal Court	November 1, 8, 15	4:00 p.m.
Water District #10 Meeting	November 17	7:00 p.m.
Regular City Council Meeting	November 21	7:00 p.m.

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