



EVENT LISTING

2nd Annual Windcrest 4th of July Parade and Celebration

- ★ American Legion Opening Ceremony at **10:45AM!**
- ★ Parade starts at **11AM!**
- ★ Afterwards, join us for **FREE** food & refreshments in front of City Hall!

ALL of Windcrest invited!

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LAUNCH PARTY

**Thursday, July 25th from 6-9PM at
Rackspace International Headquarters in Windcrest**

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Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,

July is a busy month in Windcrest. Our **4th of July Parade, Thursday July 4th starts at 10:45 AM in front of City Hall** will be bigger and better than ever. The **Website and Phone App Launch Party, Thursday July 25th at Rackspace Headquarters in Windcrest, free and open to ALL residents** will be a lot of fun and informative to all that attend as we will be discussing the future plans for economic development. In the mid to the later part of this month will be a series of Council Meetings devoted to formulating the budget for Fiscal Year October 2013- September 2014. We encourage you to remain active and involved, and we promise that we will continue to modify, change and refine how we do business. As we all know: **If we stay the same, we cannot improve.**

July 4th Parade: The opening ceremony will be conducted by the Windcrest American Legion at 10:45 AM at City Hall. The parade follows, with a start time of 11:00 AM. There will be free food and refreshments to enjoy while supplies last, as well as other activities. As is the case with past events, this administration wants to continue to add to these wonderful community events. We hope to see everyone at the parade and enjoy the additions. Remember, July 4th is on a Thursday this year. There is more information about the parade in this Newsletter on page 9.

Websites and Phone App Launch Party: *NEW TIME AND PLACE* – Thursday, July 25th at Rackspace Headquarters in Windcrest from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Due to the interest we received, we moved this event to Rackspace in order to accommodate the citizens. We needed more space! At 6:00 PM, Rackspace will be conducting tours of their facility to those citizens wishing to see all the changes and improvements. At 7:00 PM, the presentations and launch of GoWindcrest.com/DevelopWindcrest.com and the Windcrest Windfall app will be unveiled. These websites and the phone app (both for Android and Apple platforms) are going to be great resources to market the City of Windcrest. Additionally, there will be presentations regarding all that is being planned for Windcrest's business areas. We have several guest speakers committed to this event. We hope you can come as there are many exciting plans being developed. We have also invited Rackers and the Windcrest business community to participate. ONE BIG TEAM! We are celebrating in style. Please join us on Thursday, July 25th at Rackspace from 6-9 PM for the Official Launch Party. FREE T-SHIRTS will be given away to the first 200 citizens. There will be a DJ, hot and cold appetizers, and much more. **This is a FREE event and open to everyone!** Read the article on page 11 for more information. We hope to see you there!!!!

Takas Park Pond: The bids were opened. The lowest bidder was accepted. Work should begin no later than the first part of July. It will take approximately 100 days to complete this project. The Parks and Rec Commission deserve a big thank you for tackling this project. It is something that I promised to do

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when I campaigned. This pond will be brought back to its grandeur of the past and this whole area, as well as Windcrest as a whole, will see the benefits to our quality of life with this major investment approved by our Council. I hope we will continue to receive the support necessary to invest in our city to continue to make the parks, common areas, amenities and Civic Center the best in Texas.

Public Works: I know Public Works appreciates all the comments they receive. They are very proactive, and are working hard in this heat and humidity. Landscaping and beautifying our city is at the top of their list. You will be pleased to note that with the recent rains, they have attempted to get ahead of a potential mosquito problem. Please see page 9 of this Newsletter for more detail. Thanks Public Works!

Community Pool: The pool is OPEN!! Come enjoy the pool. It is a lot of fun.

Economic Development: First of all, congratulations to Robert Colunga being named Interim Economic Development Director. He is doing a fantastic job! More exciting news, virtually every day, we have inquiries/discussions from businesses wanting to locate to Windcrest. We should all feel proud of the reputation that Windcrest has garnered with the business community over the last several years. There will be more information in following Newsletters, as well as a mail piece which will go out to all residents within the next 60 days. Additionally, please come to the Website and phone App Launch Party on Thursday, July 25th at Rackspace. Myself and others will be giving a presentation on some of the exciting plans for the future.

Budget and Taxes: During July, we will be having meetings to go over the proposed budget for the next fiscal year. We will announce those dates at the June 17th Council Meeting. That is after this Newsletter goes to print. Please check the website and marquee at City Hall for the dates and times of these meetings. As announced in last month's Newsletter, I am recommending another reduction in property taxes. Additionally, we are going to increase money in the Rainy Day Fund, General CIP Fund and Street Fund. You may have noticed that property values went up in Windcrest at an un-

precedented rate! As a city, we are in fine shape. We have come a long way in the last three years.

Council Meeting Times: As discussed in prior Newsletters, the Council Meeting time was changed from 7 PM to 6 PM. This was done to accommodate staff and presenters. It has saved the city money. Remember that we do broadcast meetings live on the web, PLUS they are archived and can be viewed on the website beginning approximately 24 hours after the meeting. We want to make sure that this 6 PM time is acceptable to the citizens. I have asked for comments, and to date, I have only received three comments to change the time back to 7 PM. I have received many that state that 6 PM is fine. With such an overwhelming number stating that 6 PM is acceptable, there does not seem like a need for a survey. I look forward to hearing or receiving any comments with regard to this issue. The most important is what is best for the citizens.

Volunteering and Participating: We need more people on the Newsletter Committee, Windcrest Citizens' Patrol and Animal Task Force. Please call Katy Brought at City Hall if you volunteer some time. Mr. Steve Kohn reached out to me and he was placed on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Thank you for volunteering! Remember that there are still places of service within the City. If you want to participate or volunteer in an area of the City, you won't be turned away. Give me a call or email me to get involved.

Please email me if you wish me to add something to my article. We hope to see you at the **4th of July Parade, starting at 10:45 AM** and at the **Launch Party, Thursday, July 25 at Rackspace from 6 – 9 PM**. Both events are free for Windcrest residents. Come enjoy a great time! When you visit City Hall, please stop in and say hello.

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

Your Mayor and humble servant,

Alan E. Baxter

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Mayor Pro-Tem, Pam Dodson



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I guess my questions were a little harder to find the answer to than I thought. I need to use our website more often so I would know how difficult it can be to find information. I am sorry for any frustrations I may have caused by my suggestion you go to our website and look for information you would find helpful. After some searching of the code, I was able to find the answers I am sure you were looking for.

Here are the answers to the questions I posed to you last month.

1. How many vehicles can you have parked in your drive? **Sec. 20.1202 PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND BOATS** In a residential district of the City,....**one for every licensed driver residing in a residence, plus one** additional motor vehicle or boat.
2. How long can your vehicle be parked in the street without being moved? **Sec. 20.105 PARKING VEHICLES ON STREETS** No person shall park or allow a vehicle to remain permanently parked on a street, highway or other public property.... for more than **twenty-four (24) hours** in the same general location shall be presumed to be permanently parked there.
3. When do you need to register your cat or dog? **Sec. 3.101 LICENSE AND REGISTRATION** The owner of any dog or cat over four (4) months of age shall license and register such dog or cat **within 60 days of residency or acquisition** of this pet. **Renewal registration** shall be in January or February of **every year.**
4. Do you need to pick up after your dog when walking the neighborhood or parks? **Subchapter 3.600 ANIMAL WASTE DISPOSAL** 1. It shall be **unlawful** for the owner of any animal to allow his animal's **waste to be deposited** and remain upon any private property, public street, roadway, sidewalk, easement, alleyway, recreational area, or drainage ditch within the corporate limits of the City.
5. What is the height you have to have your tree limbs that overhang the street? **Sec. 20.1402 OBSTRUCTION OF STREETS AND ROADWAYS** 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 of Windcrest.
6. Those weeds in your yard....at what height do they have to be cut? **Sec. 12.802 NUISANCES** 5.Weeds, Grass and Other Vegetation. All lots and premises zoned R-1 and /or R-2 shall be kept free of weeds, grass and other vegetation, except trees and shrubbery, in excess of **10"** including 15' of any public right-of-way adjacent or contiguous to said lots or premises.
7. Do you need a permit when you have a garage sale? What about an estate sale? **Section 15305 PERMITS** It shall be **unlawful** for any person to operate or participate in the operation of a garage sale or estate sale **without first obtaining a proper permit** from the City Secretary or designated appointee

8. Do you need a liter permit when your dog has puppies? **Sec. 3.101 LICENSE AND REGISTRATION** 2. Any person whose female dog or cat has a litter shall **obtain a litter permit** prior to or within ten (10) business days of the litter's birth. The issuance of a permit authorizes the whelping of no more than one (1) litter per female dog or cat in any 12-month period.
9. Do you have to wear a bicycle helmet in Windcrest? **No** ordinance and no State law requiring bike helmets
10. What is our speed limit.....not what you usually drive...but our lawful speed limit? **Sec. 20.601 STREETS WITH 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT ZONES** The maximum prima facie safe, reasonable and prudent speed limit shall be **twenty (20) miles per hour** on all streets and thoroughfares within the corporate limits of the City of Windcrest, except those specified in Section 20.602, Section 20.603, and Section 20.604 hereof and those specified hereafter.

Councilmember

Jim Shelton

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The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) committee continues to move forward. On June 4th the Roadway Committee met with the engineering firms of IDS and Raba Kistner and the City Manager, at which time we came to an agreement on the 30% review of our package 2. This is essentially an additional \$1 Million street project for our city.

In May, I attended RECON, The Global Retail Real Estate Convention in Las Vegas along with the Mayor and representatives of our Economic Development Corporation (EDC). Rackspace also sent Jamie Waltman, their Corporate Event Manager, Real Estate to represent and promote Windcrest. While there, we had the opportunity to make many contacts with people representing various businesses. I believe good things will develop from this convention. As I said when I first ran for the City Council, I want economic growth that we can be proud of.

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Councilmember

Gerd E. Jacobi

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Yes summer is here and it will be hot. Let's talk about our beloved pets. Those of us that are pet owners know that the heat is not always good for our animals. Take for instance my dog Mausie, a black and brown long haired Dachshund; she does not like the heat. If I go more than a half mile with her in the summer she will lie down and start panting. What I am trying to say is be aware of your animal's limitations. Go for a walk either in the morning or late in the evening but not in the middle of the day. Carry a bottle of water and a small container to put the water in for your pet. You may also carry a towel with you to rub down your dog's fur to cool the dog down and always look for shade. Those of you that go running with your dog remember your dog is good for short distance runs but long runs will wear your dog down and is bad for its paws and joints. I take care of Mausie because she is part of my family; I hope that your animal is looked upon the same way.

Now let's talk about all the fun we will have at this year's 4th of July parade. It will be even bigger and better than last year because we will be better prepared for it. Last year we did not anticipate the many people that attended. This year we are ready for all the visitors that will come to our wonderful city. There will be plenty of food and refreshments for all. We will have of course, the wonderful music by our own DJ Tom Garcia. All the great help from countless volunteers which is always priceless, as well as many colorful decorated carts and the disbursement of candy for the children along our parade route. The parade of many classic cars will again be presented. Let's not forget the help by our Windcrest employees and the Volunteer Firefighters because without them our 4th of July parade would not be the same. And let us not forget the generosity of all our sponsors, especially HEB, who donate so much for our Windcrest 4th of July.



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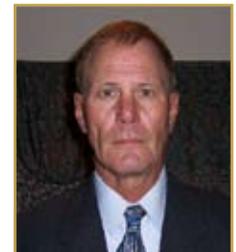
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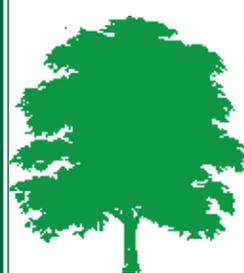
I usually pass issues and concerns of friends and neighbors that are voiced to me as I cruise the hood. Yes, I do get feedback, both positive and negative. That is life...that is politics... that is simply human nature...and all of that is OK. We voice our concerns and move on.

My only concern this month is Windcrest! I am involved, I see what's going on, I know the past, I know the present, and I look toward the future of our great city. What do I see? Windcrest is strong and we are going no place but up! Windcrest is in the best financial shape it's ever been and the trend is on the upslope! We have a great team of city employees and volunteers that make me proud to live here. Our whole team cares about Windcrest, Texas! That makes my day, period!

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City Secretary News, Kelly Rodriguez

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During the month of May the Mayor and Council passed some resolutions that you may be interested in.

RESOLUTIONS

SCCM 05.06.13

2013-437(R), a resolution amending Resolution No. 2013-430(R) adopted on March 18, 2013 by authorizing dismissal of the City's Claims in Cause No. 2009-CI-15428 in the 408TH District Court of Bexar County, Texas with prejudice instead of without prejudice.

2013-438(R), a resolution approving a new Windcrest Little League lease commencing January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2016 and authorizing the City Manager to execute said lease on behalf of the City.

ORDINANCES

SCCM 05.06.13

2013-689(O), an ordinance amending Chapter 4, Billboards and Signs, of the Code of Ordinances by repealing existing section 4.702 and adopting a new section 4.702 pertaining to small signs in R-1 Zoning Districts and transferring subchapter 15.300 garage sales from chapter 15 to a new chapter entitled "Garage Sales".

2013-691(O), an ordinance amending Ordinance 2012-676 which established a schedule of fees for various permits and services, by amending certain fees for Civic Center Uses and by eliminating fees for Notary Services.

RCCM 05.13.13

2013-692(O), an ordinance approving and adopting an amendment to the budget of the City of Windcrest to reflect increased revenues of \$192,022.90, and approving and adopting an amendment to the City of Windcrest budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2012 and ending on September 30, 2013 for the expenditure of \$56,158.15 for all departments, and adopting an amendment to the City of Windcrest budget said fiscal year using \$44,693.90 from CIP fund balance on engineering services and electronic equipment in the council chambers; and establishing a savings clause and an effective date.

WEBSITE / ORDINANCES

This Mayor and City Council appreciated the need for the website to be updated, making it easier for citizens to review our Code of Ordinances online. After a request from me and a presentation from MUNICODE, City Council on Jan. 7, 2013 unanimously passed Resolution No. 2013-418(R), a resolution approving a contract with Municipal Code Corporation for codification of the City's Code of Ordinances and for supplemental services and authorizing the City Manager to execute said contract. The review of ordinances to the website are currently in effect. Upon the passing of the resolution, the Code of Ordinances have been sent to MUNICODE for legal review as are newly passed ordinances for codification. This was stated that it will be a year long process and the estimated completion date will be Feb. 2014. Until this process is completed, please refer to the newsletter articles from me to keep updated on the NEW ordinances or please contact me. Your patience is appreciated as administration is making every effort to provide better customer service to the community by maintaining transparency and being up to date with all public records.

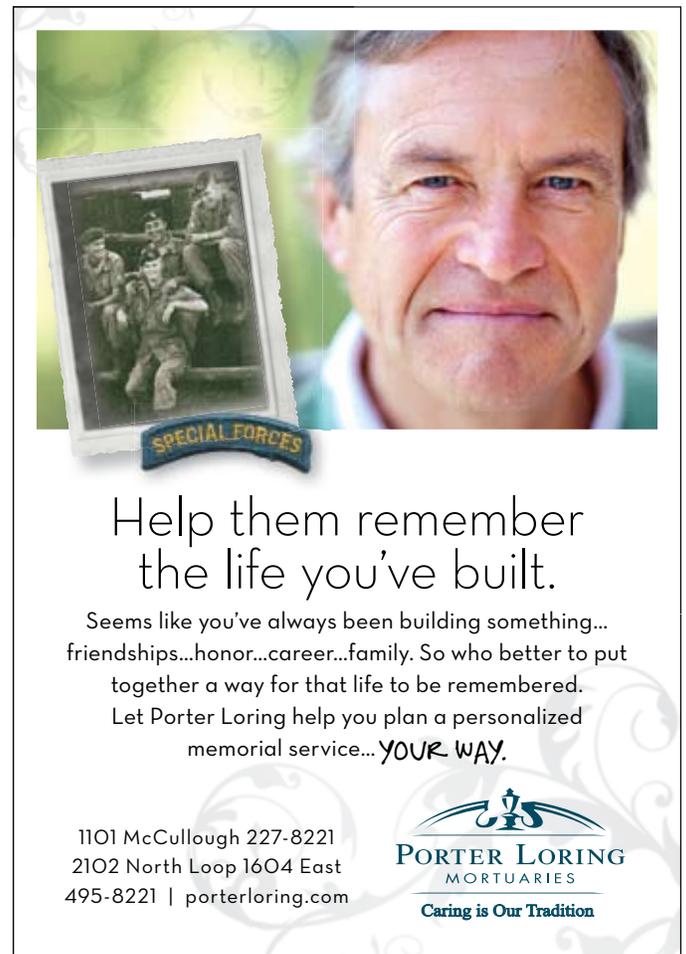
Code Enforcement, Jose Rosales

We are well into the summer and there are a few things we need to address in the city. First off, I would like to thank everyone for maintaining their properties, great job! We may be expecting more rain this year, which means the grass will grow quickly; please keep up as best as you can. Mosquito and pest control are important too. So please keep all containers empty of water and get rid of any junk which may harbor snakes and rodents. Besides, a healthy looking property is a good way to promote good mental health. Please make sure you take the time to clean your swimming pools as well. Make the effort to protect your family and neighbors from mosquito bites.

Start looking at your trees overhanging the street and sidewalks; I have addressed a few low branches throughout the city requiring some attention. Take a look at yours and help your neighbor if needed. If you have any summer property improvement projects, check with city hall for permit requirements before you start. It is cheaper to ask than it is to stop a contractor or dismantle a project.

Please maintain your alleys behind your fence. Cut the grass; trim the trees and remove or trim back bushes to your fence line. Stay hydrated when doing yard work!!

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.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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

Light-Up is not just for December!



Each year... throughout the month of December, Windcrest residents and businesses light up their properties in celebration of the holiday season, but what about January through November? I certainly don't mean that you need to keep your holiday lights up throughout the year, but you do need to turn on your exterior lights to help prevent crime! As I drive thru our City during the late night, I see so many dark neighborhoods and businesses. Lighting up your property does have a positive influence on fighting criminal activity. For about 10 hours a night, it costs about 12 cents or less to illuminate your front porch with a 100 watt light bulb! There are a lot of lighting options on the market that are even cheaper... LED, fluorescent, etc.

Despite anything you may have heard before, let me be very clear about one thing... criminals utilize the cover of darkness. Shine some light on your front porch, on your driveway and maybe your back patio. By doing this, you help yourself, you help your neighbors and you help the police. If you light up your home, could you still be a victim of crime? Yes, you could be, but you really improve your chances of not being a victim. Criminals do not want to be seen... they want to break into your vehicle or your home and leave without being seen and without any problems.

Lighting up your home or business exterior, sends a strong message to potential criminals..."Go Away, The City of Windcrest is not for you"!

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FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Dan Reese

The Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department Firefighters would like to thank everyone who either volunteered or participated in this year's picnic. We had a great couple of days and raised a lot of money to support the Volunteer Fire Department. This year we began with a 70's and 80's dance outside with food being cooked by the Firefighters. That turned out to be a great night out.



On Saturday we continued the great tradition of a community wide day at the Park. We had something for everyone, food, entertainment, rides and some firefighter demonstrations.

We had a great new sponsor this year – Head County Barbecue – they brought two big cookers and cooked ALL the chicken and sausage on site! The owner of the company, Danny Head even flew in from their headquarters in Oklahoma just for this event. He is pictured here on the left with Chief Reese and Head Cook Tom Rennie. We had nothing but praises for the fine job they did and the Barbeque Sauce they provided

As always, we thank our all of our Corporate Sponsors, especially Rackspace Hosting for their generous donations.

To our Windcrest Gold and Elite members; please accept our sincere gratitude for your continuous support. Most of these members have supported the fire department from the beginning. Without your continued support this picnic would not be a success.



A special thanks to the city of Windcrest police department and public works department; for the manpower they provide before, during and after the picnic.

We raffled off the first fire truck – a 1970 Chevy Pickup Truck. A Windcrest resident won it!

Winners of our Raffle

- First Prize:** 42" HD TV – Melroy Brant
- Second Prize:** iPad – Majie Takas
- Third Prize:** \$500 VISA gift Card - Mike Valdez

Winner of our Windcrest Gold/Elite – DVD player - Gerald Sinclair

Thanks again Windcrest for making this another great Picnic!

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Municipal Court Report

By Kelly Rodriguez, Municipal Court Clerk,
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Online Payments

The court has made arrangements for citations to be paid online or on the phone through TrafficPayments.com. This will make it more convenient for defendants to pay online as well as limit the number of people who have to come in to pay their citations.

Tips for the Road

Night time driving becomes more difficult as we age. To see clearly what a 21 year old sees, a 60 year old needs up to **SIX** times the illumination.

TOTAL CITY REVENUE

Here is a 4 year comparison chart of the money collected from fines and fees. For more information please contact Kelly Rodriguez, Assistant Court Administrator at (210)655-0022 ext 2150 or krodriguez@windcrest-tx.gov.



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Our website is www.bexarcountywcid10.com.

REBATE PROGRAMS. Many of our residents still aren't aware of our rebate programs and experience has shown that every time I write about them, we get numerous requests for rebates.

The District offers several rebates. The most popular is the ultra low flow toilet (ULFT) program. We will apply a \$75 credit to your account for each toilet you replace, limit three. Any toilet installed after 1992 is a low flow toilet and does not qualify. We only pay this rebate once, so if there are ULFTs installed, they do not qualify. If our records show that you or a previous owner received a rebate, we will not pay it again. We pay a \$100 rebate if you purchase and install a Tier 3 high efficiency washing machine. Your salesman will know what you are talking about if you ask. We only pay the rebate once, so if you move within the City, you don't qualify for a second rebate. We offer a \$50-100 rebate for point-of-use hot water heaters. Before you make the final decision of making that change, give us a call. These systems can be water savers, but they have drawbacks you should be aware of. And finally, we have plumbing retrofit kits available free of charge. They include high efficiency shower heads, faucet aerators and a handful of water saving literature. Just drop by and ask.



We're still looking for new WCP drivers, so I began to wonder what made current members decide to join our ranks. Here are a few words from a team #4 volunteer ~

"I was surprised during a recent meeting of the four teams of Windcrest Citizen Patrol, to get a 10-yr. service pin. That crept up on me without warning. My wife & I moved to a bright garden home here in 2002, after downsizing when our kids took flight. Although self-employed then, & still at work now, I appreciated this energized start in our new community, and I felt like carving out time for the privilege of becoming part of Windcrest, where folks will wave and say hello.

I owe my urge to contribute to wanting to help maintain the blessing of safe surroundings, a place where someone has your back, and delightful to live in. Now I surely know my inspiration to serve isn't exceptional, so I suspect if you, after reading this article are motivated the way I was, it would take no time at all to fill the gaps in our rosters.

If we're making a community, we're in this together, one hand reaching out to another's. Give it some thought."

You know, Windcrest is a safe haven, kept that way by a "thin blue line". If you can spare 2 hours per month, or simply want more information, please contact any WCP Team Captain listed on the back of this newsletter. Thank-you! Helma ~ helma57@sbcglobal.net

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From the Desk of Tom Garcia, Director of Public Works

tgarcia@windcrest-tx.gov

The City and Public Works Dept. have taken an aggressive approach about Mosquitos this year. With recent rains and sunny days this proves to be a very friendly environment for the mosquito. We have taken extra precaution by treating all water areas in Windcrest. Takas Park Pond, the Creek at Takas Park, Both Autumn Sunset and Brookfalls Ponds, drainage areas, and some resident swimming pools that have not been kept up in some time. The City and P.W. dept. have also stocked the Autumn Sunset pond and Brookfalls pond with over 5,000 fish in each. Over half the fish that were put into the ponds are the Mosquito eating variety, battling the mosquitos right at the source. Our efforts are only as good as our resident participation. What that means is that all residents should check all their area and dump out access water from trash cans, buckets, cans of any kind and anything that can hold water because this is where mosquitos can breed. Please take the time to do preventive work so that Windcrest can be as Mosquito free as possible. Many thanks for all your support and help...



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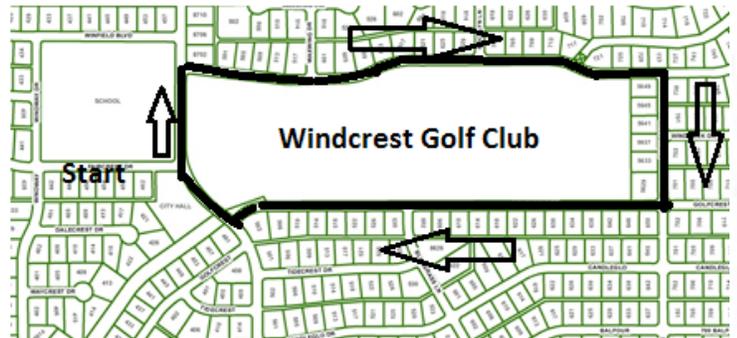
11:00am-Parade Starts

Celebration will begin immediately after the parade
(approx. 11:45am)

After the parade, in the City Hall parking lot, join us for a Celebration to remember! There will be FREE hot dogs, chips, ice cream and lemonade! (While Supplies Last!) There will be music, a dunking booth and much more!

Want to have your committee/organization in the parade? It's not too late to join! Contact Katye Brought at kbrought@windcrest-tx.gov to sign up or for more information.

Parade participants will line up on Faircrest Drive between Windcrest Elementary and City Hall around 10am. The parade route will circle the Windcrest Golf Club like last year and end in front of City Hall where the Celebration will take place.



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Women's Club News

Pamela Dodson



WINDCREST WOMEN'S CLUB INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

On May 22, the Windcrest Women's Club installed new officers for the 2013-2014 year in a ceremony officiated by Jaquie Rothermel at the Pompeii Restaurant. New officers are (left to right) Patty Robles, President; Gini Newton, 2nd Vice President; Lois Wooton, Recording Secretary; Jaquie Rothermel, installation MC; Pat Kendrick, Recording Secretary; and Garlene Bach, Treasurer (Not shown: Lea Fagin, 1st Vice President)

The Women's Club meets August to May and is open to all Windcrest women. We meet on the 4th Wednesday each month, usually at the Windcrest Civic Center. Our programs include a fashion show, guest speakers, and field trips. It's a great place to meet your neighbors and have fun. **To join just send your name and address and phone number, along with a check for \$20.00 (payable to Windcrest Women's Club),**

Our next meeting is 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 28 August at the Windcrest Civic Center. Or for more information, call Lois Wooton

Founded in 1960, the club in truly part of Windcrest's historical roots. We are charged with promoting civic pride and, as such, have sponsored the Windcrest

Light-Up and Christmas Decorating Contest since its founding. Our Light-Up programs have brought national attention to Windcrest and have made our city a destination for generations of San Antonians during the holidays. Truly this project makes for a fun and exciting Holiday season. Additionally, we have many special interest groups including Arts & Crafts, Gourmet I (cooking), and Gourmet II (dining out). There is something for everyone!



Windcrest Lions Club

Windcresttx.lionwap.org

The Windcrest Lions Club presented its annual LEO of the Year scholarship to Roosevelt High School senior, Lynn Duong, at a dinner at the Olive Garden. The event was attended by about 25 LEO Club members from Roosevelt High School, their faculty advisor, Lisa Alanis, and members of the Lions Club. Ms. Duong was selected as the LEO of the Year by a vote of the LEO Club members.



LEO of the Year, Lynn Duong is congratulated by RHS faculty advisor Lisa Alanis and Lions Jack Le-onhardt and Ann Friday.

The Windcrest Lions Club meets on 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Community Center at Takas Park. If you would like to attend a meeting to get to know us, please call Lion Marlene or contact any Lion. We will be happy to treat you to dinner and introduce you to our Lions Club!

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The GoWindcrest / DevelopWindcrest / Windcrest Windfall App Launch Party has already outgrown itself! The interest is so great for this event, that we can no longer have it at the Takas Park Civic Center! It will now take place at the Rackspace International Headquarters here in Windcrest. The first **200** Windcrest residents who check in will receive an official Launch Party t-shirt.

The event will kick off at 6:00PM with the tour of Rackspace. Following the tour, there will be hors d'oeuvres and refreshments for a chance to mingle with fellow residents and businesses.

The launch party will begin at 7:00PM with special guest speakers to show us through the new websites and walk us through the Windcrest Windfall phone app. Windcrest Mayor Alan E. Baxter will give a state of economic development and affairs address on all the exciting happenings in Windcrest and Rackspace Hosting will be revealing some exciting news. You cannot miss it!

After the launch there will be a business mixer with realtors, Windcrest

businesses and more! There will be music, food trucks and drinks! This is a great opportunity for all to see the great things happening in Windcrest, meet potential clients and businesses and to socialize with your neighbors and the City Administration.

GoWindcrest.com is a crucial marketing tool to get prospective families to move into Windcrest. It highlights the wonderful amenities of the City of Windcrest and will be updated consistently. DevelopWindcrest.com is a similar tool on the economic development side. It is a source for prospective businesses to use in order to see the wonderful environment Windcrest provides for businesses to thrive. The Windcrest Windfall app is a great tool for all Windcrest residents. It will contain coupons and deals to Windcrest businesses! It is FREE to use and available for iPhone and Android.

Join us **Thursday, July 25th from 6-9 PM** at Rackspace International Headquarters for the official launch party! **It is free to everyone**, so tell your neighbors! This event is going to be huge; you do not want to miss it!



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Windcrest Garden Club

****Windcrest Garden Club Yard Awards
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A yard may win only once per year & Special Feature awards may be given as determined by the Yard Award Chairman & Judges.

The Windcrest Garden Club always welcomes new members! We meet 1st Monday of the month from September - May (due to Labor Day, first meeting of the year will be on 9/9/13) dues are still only \$10 per year. Contact Membership Chair Pauline Fay

Helma Ann Martinez

Windcrest Animal Control Task Force



By Beverly Cunningham

One of the most wonderful things about our canine friends is their innate love for us. Most of them will do ANYTHING to please us! It is up to us humans to keep in mind their limitations. If you want to walk or run with your dog on pavement, sand, or dirt, you should first **HOLD YOUR BARE HAND OR FOOT ON THE SURFACE FOR 5-10 SECONDS**. If it's too hot for you, it's too hot for your dog. Their pads can burn and blister.

NEVER LEAVE A DOG IN A PARKED CAR. On a mild 73 degrees Fahrenheit day, the temperature inside a car can reach 120 degrees F in 30 minutes. On a 90 degrees F day, the interior of a car can reach 160 degrees F in just minutes. Yes...even with the windows open while parked in the shade. Don't risk it!!!

Remember that it is up to us humans to make sure our pets are happy, healthy, and cared for.

We also want you to be aware of a new sign code which allows you to get a free permit from the City allowing you to place up to six signs notifying your neighbors that you have a lost pet or have found one. Come by City Hall and check this sign ordinance out with the City staff.

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neighbors. CERT is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens will be initially on their own and their actions can make a difference. Through training, citizens can manage utilities and put out small fires; treat the three killers by opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating for shock; provide basic medical aid; search for and rescue victims safely; and organize themselves and spontaneous volunteers to be effective.

Think you are too old or physically unable? There are many jobs within CERT for someone who wants to be involved and help. Following a disaster, CERT members also needed for documentation, comforting others, logistics, communication skills through HAM Radio, use of the Incident Command System etc. Non-disaster related team activities may include keeping databases, developing a website, writing a newsletter, planning activities, helping with special community events and organizing exercises and activities. If this volunteer opportunity is not what you are looking for at this time but you would like to learn how to be prepared for a disaster and assist your neighbors, this training is for you.

We have scheduled an information night for those of you who are interested in learning about the Windcrest CERT Team and training, to be held at Learn CPR First Aid and Safety facility located at 5313 Walzem Road Suite A (Next to Luby's Cafeteria) **on July 18th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.**

R.S.V.P. to the Windcrest CERT Team Coordinator, Kathie Maloney [redacted] e-mail at teamwindcrest@gmail.com

WINDCREST OPTIMISTS *Present* RESPECT FOR LAW AWARD



At the annual Respect For Law Program held on May 22, the 2013 Windcrest Optimist John P. Frisco Respect For Law Award was presented to Col. Henry Berman by Club President Herb Strait.

Col. Berman received this award for his service to the Windcrest community as Captain of Team #1 and overall Coordinator for the Citizen's Patrol Division of the Windcrest Police Department for the last 2 ½ years. His efforts contributed greatly to the ongoing safety and security of the citizens of Windcrest.

Lt. John P. Frisco, a member of the Windcrest Police Department, was killed while working an off duty security job on December 13, 1985. In his memory, the Windcrest Optimist Club Board of Directors in 1986 established the John P. Frisco Award to be presented annually as part of the Optimist International Respect For Law Program.



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WINDCREST AMERICAN LEGION POST 612 INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

On Thursday, May 23, 2013, the Windcrest American Legion Post 612 installed officers for the 2013-14 year at a ceremony at the Army Residence Community. Installed as new officers were:



Commander Jack Leonhardt, 1st Vice Commander Buddie Cooper, Adjutant Jim Shelton, Finance Officer Ed LeFebvre, Sergeant-At-Arms Calvin Scott, Information Officer Odel Couch, Judge Advocate Jessie Brewer, Chaplain James Taylor, Service Officer Bill Manning, and Executive Committee Members Irven Cooper III, Tom Duffy and Pete Montera. The installation ceremony was conducted by Lloyd Buckmaster, Commander, 20th District, American Legion Department of Texas. In his Commander comments, Jack Leonhardt gave thanks to all the outgoing officers and in particular to Pete Montera, who had served as commander for two terms (2011-2013). Commander Leonhardt also laid out three objectives for the coming year: (1) membership participation in American Legion programs, which include Boys State, oratorical, 4th of July parade, student Americanism awards, and Roosevelt High School JROTC and rifle team; (2) meeting attendance including the annual Veterans Day Dinner and informative presentations; and (3) publicity via newsletters and newspapers telling area residents who the American Legion is and what they do for service members and the community. Post 612 has monthly meetings (except June/July) on the fourth Thursday at 5:15 p.m. at the Army Residence Community; all military veterans are invited to join the American Legion organization. Area residents are encouraged to attend the Windcrest 4th of July parade and the annual Veterans Day Dinner on November 10, 2013 at the Windcrest Civic Center.

FRIENDS OF THE PARK

By the time you read this article, sixteen Interns (almost double the number from last year) from The Design and Technology Academy (DATA) will have started work on the 2013 summer program with the agreement of the City and assistance of Rackspace, which will provide space for their base of operations for the construction phase. They will build features and plant appropriate native plants for the following:

Submitted plans to, and authorization by, the Parks and Recreation Committee and City Council, the Interns will build and install three new Park Sentinels showing the configuration of each park, noting appropriate land marks in each park; replace the two Sentinels that display the Club Badges at City entrances and build three twelve-foot towers for climbing flowering plants; arbor one picnic table with climbing flowering vines; provide input for the Five-Year Master Plan for our parks and green spaces; re-check the Tree Inventory for changes; identify twenty-five trees for the City to remove, or plant nearby as needed. The Interns will also update our Web Page and design a Web Page for the Garden Club. A documentary of this year's project will be produced by the Interns.

This is the first of many annual improvement projects we will work toward to be known as "The Native Botanical Gardens of Windcrest" with the cooperation and approval of the City.

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Special City Council Mtg	July 1	6:00 p.m.	WEDC	July 11, 25	6:00 p.m.
Municipal Court	July 2, 9, 16	4:00 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting	July 15	5:15 p.m.
Planning & Zoning	TBA	6:00 p.m.	Water District Meeting	July 18	7:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation	July 10	6:00 p.m.			

