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Mayor's Message



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Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,

July is one of my favorite months. My mother's birthday is this month (no, she will not let me tell her age) and the 4th of July is one of my favorite holidays. This year the city is trying to increase participation and improve our Annual 4th of July Parade and Celebration. The new start time is 10:45 AM and there will be free hot dogs, apple pie, ice cream and refreshments after the parade at City Hall! We look forward seeing you there and providing us feedback on the event. We hope everyone that can participate will do so. Next year's fiscal budget (Oct 2012 – Sep 2013) planning cycle is upon us. Much of this month will be spent getting all of the inputs ready for your review. 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 you don't move, you cannot improve.

July 4th Parade and Celebration: This year the parade will kick-off at 10:45 AM at City Hall. The start time was set later in hopes of increasing participation both in the parade and in parade viewership. Additionally, in keeping with our plans to have at least one free community function per month, we want to encourage everyone to participate in the after parade celebration. We will all gather at City Hall immediately following the parade. There will be music, hot dogs, apple pie, ice cream and refreshments. All of this will be provided free while supplies last. Plan to join in on the fun and meet new friends.

Finance: Our monthly finances continue to improve. As of May 31st, we have exceeded the prior Sales Tax collection every month compared to the prior year. Our Sales Tax revenue, just for the months of Jan – May 2012, has increased approximately 27%. This amounts to approximately \$382,500 more in revenue than the same time last year. Our budgeted expenditures are under our projected figures. In plain speak, we are making more than we thought and spending less than we planned. This is a great position. We are honoring our pledge to run the city like a business and to be fiscally conservative and responsible. Another bright note! City Public Service (CPS) is giving the City of Windcrest a little more than \$200,000 over the course of the next year. This is coming from their Community Infrastructure and Economic Development Fund (CEID) for cities. The city is allowed to use these funds as we wish. Thanks CPS!!

Speeding Issues: We continue to keep this issue on the front burner. Our traffic count has doubled over the last two years alone. We continue to explore all options, but we will take our time so that we may report back on all the findings and give our citizens a complete and comprehensive analysis. All options are being considered to alleviate most problem areas. Additionally, we have retained the services of Raba-Kistner Engineers to do a traffic study to include the analysis of adding stop signs and the probabilities of lowering the speed limit within all the residential area to a uniform 20 MPH. They will give us their opinion on how this will affect traffic flow and what results we should expect when coupled with all the other data being compiled. A citizen task force has been added that is headed by Col. Henry Berman. These citizens were trained on how to use a radar gun. These citizens are going in their own vehicles and monitoring traffic as well as speed levels. We will have the report back in about a month. We all look forward to seeing the data. If you are interested in being a part of the task force, please call Assistant Police Chief Joe O'Brien at 210-655-0022 at ext 2670.

Code Compliance Ordinances: As some of you may have already heard, Jacob Gonzalez is leaving the city to pursue opportunities outside of the State of Texas. We will miss him and wish him well. Windcrest Police Officer Rosales will be taking Jacob's place. Officer Rosales will be able to issue both warnings and tickets. Additionally, while he is out there patrolling the residential and business areas for code issues, he will also be able to monitor and issue speeding tickets or assist with preventing other criminal violations. In effect, this will be an extra police officer in the neighborhood to protect us. The Police Department will hire a new patrol officer to move into Officer Rosales' prior position. Thus, the Police force which is already at its highest staffing level in our history, will grow one more officer. The promise and commitment we have with the citizens to provide the best police and to increase the patrol of the residential area is being kept and improved.

Firefighter Picnic: We would love to hear from anyone who has comments – good or bad – regarding the most recent Firefighter's Picnic. We need to continue to improve, so we need and are thankful for your input.

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Streets: Our streets are our most valuable infrastructure asset in terms of dollars and cents. The Council approved the plan that calls for spending approximately \$3 million in cash, spread out over a 3 year period on street repairs. There will not be an assumption of any debt. The city has Requests for Qualification (RFQ) posted to choose an engineer/project manager. Once this process is complete and an engineer selected, it will be "full steam ahead." A big thank you to Street Committee members – Jim Shelton, Gerd Jacobi, Bill Lambrides, Elita Mote and Henry Berman.

Administration and Courts: This administration instituted a new policy aimed at improving customer service. We now answer the phones LIVE. You will not be frustrated by hearing those prompts to push a number for someone. You will now talk to a live person! Whereas this is what is called "old school," it is the best school for customer service's sake. We hope you appreciate the change. It was yet another record month for the courts when compared to prior years. This month the court grossed approximately \$32,000! The fourth warrant round up under this administration was conducted June 21st and 22nd. The results of this effort will be reported in the August Newsletter as the July Newsletter goes to print before the results are tabulated. Last but not least, some of you may have noticed Lisa Scott, the Fire Department assistant at the front office. This is because our Court Administrator/Assistant City Secretary Kelly Rodriguez has been out for an extended period of time. This coupled with the impending extended absence of City Secretary Heather Weidenbach, she is going to be a mama for the third time any day now, and thus, the administration department needed some assistance from the rest of the Windcrest team to help out for this temporary situation. Well, Lisa Scott and the Fire Department stepped up to assist. A HUGE thank you goes out to Lisa. Also, thank you to Claudia, Jennifer, Mike and Dawn for taking on more duties and stepping up as well.

City Hall Campus, Parks, Pool and Common Areas: This administration was determined to enhance and beautify all common areas. Our City Hall is in the center of our residential area, and a place where we can congregate as a community for many events. It is a real jewel. We are making improvements, and it is our desire to create a campus and town square look and feel to this part of the city. Please come by and check out the new landscaping that is under way. Thank you to Ms. Anderson for purchasing the beautiful red pots you will see outside the side entrance. There is much more work planned. The community pool will also see improvements. A huge thank you goes out to long time Windcrest resident, Parks and Recreation member and landscaper extraordinaire Dennis Dooley for donating his time to design and oversee much of this work. He says he is going to tackle the medians next with the Parks and Recreation Commission. You might notice that we are cleaning them out in anticipation of their plans. The Parks and Recreation Commission is getting closer to presenting their master plan to Council. Once this plan is presented and approved by Council, you will see major improvements and a substantial financial investment made towards bringing these long neglected areas back to the pristine condition they were in when I grew up in the city. I know I ask for your comments many times in my articles, but it is important to make sure the citizens are getting what they want and are paying for. Please let me hear from you. I need to know what you think.

We are not close to being finished, but I am confident you will see some changes for the better, and by emailing and calling, you will have a voice in these continued improvements.

Volunteering and Participating: Remember? When you elected us, we promised to have an open, participatory and transparent government. We continue to hold up our end and it is evidenced by the unprecedented number of Town Hall meetings, New Committees formed that include concerned residents: Police Chief Search, Public Works Department Head Search, Streets and Alley Improvements, Newsletter. We have sent out postcards to remind the citizens of meetings and also election information. Additionally, we had a great Flag Party, Kids Valentine Day Party, Firefighter Gala, Father's Day Party, 4th of July Parade, improved the Firefighter Picnic, improved the Newsletter, held a Car Show, improved the Light – up maps, raised more money for the WVFD than ever before. The website is more comprehensive than ever before so that any concerned citizen can review the ordinances and look at all the financial data. These are only a few improvements that you helped make happen. Thank you so very much! There are still places of service within the City. No citizen that wants to participate or volunteer will ever be turned away. Give me a call or email me to get involved.

Windcrest Elementary: On May 25th, the 2012 5th grade graduation class had a party at the Windcrest Pool. They celebrated their last day as elementary school students together as they head to middle school. Our finest, the Windcrest Police Department, grilled hamburgers, sausages and provided other goodies for the kids. A big thank you goes out to the Police Department and the entire staff at Windcrest Elementary that made this event a huge success.

BCWCID #10 (Water Board): On March 21st, the Water Board moved to empower their General Manager, Richard Frenzel and their attorney, Trey Wilson to finalize the new, five year lease and interlocal agreements between the City of Windcrest and the Water District. On May 3rd, I sent an email to Mr. Frenzel stating in summary that the city was ready to have a joint meeting to execute these said agreements. Mr. Frenzel responded to me on May 4th: "Mayor Baxter, this is good news! I will coordinate with our Board and keep you informed." After the election that was held on May 12th, the newly elected Board voted to purchase a building for new offices?? Remember, this administration had warned the District that spending over \$800,000 on a building "as is" and one that is on the tax rolls for under \$680,000 was not prudent. We also warned them that it will cost millions to actually make this structure into a new office. We feel the Board has seen the error of their ways, this coupled with ratepayers concerns, it looks like they are back on track to execute the lease and interlocal agreements that were negotiated between the parties to keep the Water District conveniently located at City Hall. Additionally by following our advice, the District can use this money to not only keep our water rates low, but on much needed infrastructure improvements. It is this administration's hope that these new, five year agreements will be executed by the end of June. We will keep you informed.

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

Your Mayor and humble servant,

Alan E. Baxter



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FROM YOUR

Mayor Pro-Tem, Pam Dodson



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I wanted to give you an update about the new group that was formed earlier this year. The Windcrest Animal Control Task Force has had a number of meetings and even had a booth at the Firemen's Picnic in May. We have already received some financial donations, which the City is matching. We have rescued some Community Cats and their kittens, so be watching the Animal Control board and the City website (our website too: www.windcrestcitizen.com.) for the kitten's pictures and for information on when they are ready to be adopted. Talk about cute!!!! We also plan to be walking with our pets in the 4th of July parade so hop in and join us.....a dog would be nice, but not required.

We want to start to collect data about the number of community cats we have and how many have been sterilized so we will need your help. **Contact us if you are feeding any cats in the neighborhood or a surrounding area.** The more we know about where the cats eat and spend their time, the more successful we'll be at trapping and sterilizing. Cats choose to reside in locations for two reasons: there is a food source (intended or not) and shelter. When cats are removed from a location, new cats move in and others continue to breed. Remember, if you own a pet cat, it **MUST** be sterilized and wearing a collar with tags or microchipped if you plan to let it out of your home.

We plan on having a number of events to promote the spaying and neutering of dogs and cats, as well as getting the proper immunization. And THEN, just as important as that rabies shot, we will offer additional opportunities to register your pets with the City. This will make everyone more comfortable about our four legged, furry friends if we know they have been properly immunized.

So come on out and be part of a growing group who are excited about being part of a solution. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at City Hall at 7pm!

See you there!

Contact #: 590-8436

Ps: Check out our website and look at our Facebook page! Also, make sure to look for us at the 4th of July Parade!

Councilmember

Gerd E. Jacobi

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THE HEAT

Yes summer is here. If you are an outdoor person like me, you need to get up before nine in the morning to go on a walk or do your work outside around your house. I walk around Autumn Pond at least twice a day, with my dog Mausi, of course. Lately her only interest seems to be hunting for squirrels!

Make sure to try to stay out of the afternoon heat as much as possible! I made a big mistake a couple of days ago by cutting and trimming my grass and bushes in the afternoon, and of course forgot to wear a hat. Anyway, after almost three hours of hard work I started feeling cold. I went inside the house and had chills late into the night. Don't do what I did!

The following day I was driving around Windcrest and I could see that at least 96% of my fellow residents are taking care of their property. Their yards are looking good. Not to be negative, but as we get more rain everything grows faster and the next thing to trim will be our trees and that, unfortunately, will cost us a lot more than having our grass cut. However, that is all part of home ownership. Our city is looking more beautiful and well-kept every day. This of course will make residents from our neighboring cities more envious.

I wanted to give praise to Sherry Mosier, EDC Director and all the hard working EDC people, for so many great future business plans! If only half of these plans come to fruition, our city will be in "High Cotton." The EDC has so many great ideas to bring in more business, which will bring in more residents, extra taxes and more growth for our city. I just think this is wonderful and it will, or should increase our property values.



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We are indeed fortunate to have had forefathers who gave us the freedoms, the Constitution, and the Declaration of Independence. Many of these people fought, lost life, limb, and fortunes to gain these freedoms, and consequently the freedoms that we enjoy today.

I dare say that most of those reading this article have also fought to preserve these rights, or have had Fathers, Mothers, Spouses, Brothers, Sisters, or other family members, that have also defended these United States.

Knowing our Windcrest Citizens, it does not seem that a history lesson is needed; however, I want to share some basics as we ponder the meaning of our Independence.

From the Declaration of Independence... "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator, with certain unalienable rights, that among these are, Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness"...

Benjamin Franklin wrote "only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters."

Celebrate the 4th of July, YES, YES INDEED, enjoy the freedoms that we have, but remember, how, as a country we got here today. A mighty price has been paid...

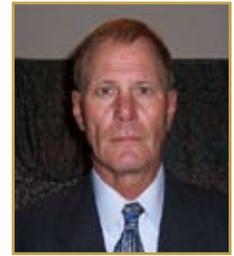
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"The Pen is Mighty Thankful to the Sword"



Councilmember John Gretz

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Dear Friends,

First and foremost, I'd like to take a moment to honor a long time friend and neighbor, Vickie Sommers, who passed away on Mother's Day. She and her wonderful husband Gordy were truly great friends since we moved to Windcrest in 1995. Vickie was an early LPGA professional golfer and a long time teaching professional. In fact, that is how she met Gordy...he took lessons from her at Lackland AFB and it was love at first sight! God bless them both!

As far as Windcrest business goes, we are in great hands from Mayor Alan Baxter on down. Based on fellow citizen attendance at city council meetings, many of you simply rely on the good faith efforts of our city leadership, our city staff, and the outstanding group of citizen volunteers that keep Windcrest in superb order on a day-to-day basis. Trust me, without the tremendous effort of our dedicated citizen volunteers, Windcrest would have long lost its luster as being a truly great place to live and raise a family after it became a city in 1959! I encourage each and every citizen to get involved as we move forward! It's a total team thing!

Financially, Windcrest is in great shape thanks to the "businessman" philosophy of Alan Baxter. He does this kind of stuff to earn a living and deserves great credit! Organizationally, Windcrest is in great shape under the leadership of our city manager, Rafael Castillo. He and his crew give us 110% each and every day! Notwithstanding is the exemplary performance of our many citizen volunteers, without their involvement in virtually every facet of our city operations...Windcrest wouldn't be Windcrest period! I thank them dearly!

However, the most important ingredient of the Windcrest recipe for success rests on the shoulders of each and every citizen period! Take care of your homes, take care of your yards, and take care of your neighbors! I know I heard it somewhere..."it takes a village." Thanks for your support!



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Councilmember

Rita Davis

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If you missed my pearls of wisdom in the May Newsletter, it was because I was on vacation. *I tried to get some rest on the 7 days at sea on the Atlantic crossing, but I was so wound up from all the hustle and bustle of the city and my family obligations, I couldn't settle down. I guess I wasn't built to take it easy.*

I hit the ground running when I came back, and am busy helping to organize the 2nd Annual WINDING THRU WINDCREST 5K (and possibly 10K). Once again we will co-sponsor the event with the YMCA. It's just in the talking stage right now, but we're thinking about a Costume Run. That means that we'll have competition in the run and for best costumes. Yes, that means that the participants will be asked to run in their costumes! This is the first running event that we know of, that includes costumes, in San Antonio. We're tentatively looking at Saturday, October 27. This event is for the whole community and beyond our borders and will have events for runners, non-runners, walkers, handicapped and children. Something for everybody. Our first Run was a great success last November.

As the Mayor has reported, we're excited about having a late morning 4th of July Parade followed by hot dogs/apple pie/ice cream. I'm encouraging EVERYONE to come out and watch. Line up your lawn chairs and shade umbrellas across the perimeter of the golf course, and enjoy the fun!



FROM LIONS

EYE GLASSES AND HEARING AIDS COLLECTION A CONTINUING PROJECT!!

The Windcrest Lions Club would like to thank the many Windcrest and area residents who continue to donate used eye glasses and hearing aids. Please continue to drop those items in the white mailbox located in the Windcrest City Hall parking lot. Recently the Lions Club sent over 2,400 pairs of eye glasses to the Lions eye glass center, where the glasses are measured and then distributed mainly to people in Central American countries. Let's keep up the good work!

City Secretary News

Heather Weidenbach,

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Summer is in full swing, which means hot summer days and nights, summer camps for the kids, barbeques and family vacations. As most of you may be enjoying these wonderful moments with your families, my family and I are preparing for an amazing wonderful moment. We are expecting a baby in August!!!! We are overjoyed with this new addition to our family. I will be going on maternity late July early August and will be out of the office for a while. During my absence Michael McAlear, Post Office/Records Clerk will be serving as the Interim City Secretary and will have the assistance of Kelly Rodriguez, Court Clerk/Assistant City Secretary upon her return.

If you are still looking for something to do with the kids... remember the Windcrest Swimming Pool is open Tuesday – Saturday from 12 noon to 8:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., the pool is closed every Monday, except for Labor Day. The daily pool rate is \$3.00 per person; children under 3 years of age are free. The Windcrest Swimming Pool offers swim lessons to Windcrest residents for \$40.00 per student for 1-hour daily session that last two weeks. Swim lessons are held Tuesday through Friday from 11:00 – 11:50 a.m. Don't forget pool memberships are available to Windcrest residents. Rates start at \$60.00 for a single person, \$90.00 for a couple and \$130.00 for a family of 3 plus \$10.00 per each additional family member. Pool memberships and swim lessons can be purchased at the Windcrest Swimming Pool during normal business hours.

Remember to Save the Date for some family summer fun... July 4th Parade and Celebration at City Hall starting at 10:45 a.m. On July 15th you and your family are invited to Takas Park for a BBQ and Water Games from Noon -3p.m.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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

I want to personally express my thanks and gratitude to my Command Staff, our officers and our support staff including Josephine Rodriguez, Communications Manager and Doris Arnold, Records Manager, for all of their work and support with the Windcrest Police Department Memorial Ceremony that was held on May 15, 2012. Although our outdoor plans had to be adjusted due to rain, we had "Plan B", and thanks to Chief Dan Reese and the Fire Department for the use of their fire bays. The ceremony was very memorable, honoring our fallen officers and honoring our officers that are here today protecting and serving this community. A very special thank you to Senator Wentworth, Captain Pat Murnin and the Roosevelt High School ROTC and Choir. For their support, I want to also thank our Mayor, Alan Baxter, Council Members, Jim Shelton, Jake Jacobi, Pam Dodson, John Gretz and Rita Davis, our City Manager, Rafael Castillo, WEDC Director, Sherry Mosier, Mr. Robert Colunga, Government Relations, Katy Brought, Public Affairs & Marketing Director, Heather Weidenbach, City Secretary and Public Works Interim Director Chris Gamboa and his staff. I also want to recognize my Daughter, Alexandria for her photography skills as our Official Photographer of the Day, she captured some amazing moments throughout the ceremony...look for those soon on our website.

At the ceremony I had the honor of meeting two individuals that were instrumental in helping to make the Windcrest Police Department what it is today, a very professional Department. The first Chief of Police (1964) for the Windcrest Police Department, Bill Roberts (photo below, from the left) and former Chief of Police, Cliff Grumbles (photo below, center) from (1973-1989). Thank you both for your dedicated service to the City of Windcrest and the Windcrest Police Department.



To the Citizens of Windcrest, on behalf of me and your Windcrest Police Department, we thank each of you for your continued support.

From the Desk of Officer J. D. Rosales, Code Enforcement

210-655-2666

The Code Compliance office has experienced a title change to Code Enforcement. I, Officer J.D. Rosales will be your new Code Enforcement Officer and I come from within the Windcrest Police Department where I was assigned as a Patrol Officer. I would like to remind our citizens to please maintain their property in compliance with the Windcrest City Code. For those who have, I commend and appreciate all your efforts. Keep up the good work!

My goal is to make sure Windcrest is a city all are envious of and wish they could live in. I want people to drive thru Windcrest and utter the words, "This is a nice neighborhood, and I wish I lived here." So please, help your city and help your property value by maintaining your properties. Speak with your neighbor if necessary and help them out. They may be in need of your assistance due to a certain circumstance.



Members and Residents: Thanks to all members and residents who came to the May Membership Gathering. We had a good meeting and established some very good workable goals for the coming year(s). Some of these goals were conveyed to our City Parks and Recreation Committee later that evening at a Public Hearing on the proposed Five Year Master Plan. We asked the Committee to look at drought tolerant planting and offered to plant both a sun and shade demonstration garden near Takas Center for residents to use as a guide for planting. We ask members and residents to collect wild flower seeds for selected planting areas in the City. We petitioned to be the sponsor of the Forest of Angels.

We are happy to announce that Jake Walsh, who will be a Senior at Design and Technology Academy (DATA) on the Roosevelt Campus, has accepted the position of Project Director for the Inventory of our Parks, Ponds & Greenspaces. Jake is now assembling the team to start working on this project. We believe this inventory will help our City plan for the future.

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Marketing and Events Katie Brought

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Summer is here in Windcrest! The Father's Day event was a ton of fun! Thank you to everyone who came out and a big Thank You to Home Depot for coming out and showing us how to build tool boxes! Our second warrant round-up of the year was another huge success in June! The court clerks and police officers did a great job as always!

The summer momentum is not slowing down for July! For starters, there are some important changes in the 4th of July parade this year; the opening ceremony, led by the American Legion, will start at 10:45a.m. and the parade will begin at 11a.m. Afterwards, there will be a Celebration in front of City Hall, there will be hot dogs, apple pie, ice cream and lemonade for everyone (while supplies last)! The Parade is also full of new participants this year, such as Miss Fiesta! Your old favorites will be there as well! This event is free so make sure to bring out your friends and family! After the Parade & Celebration, go cool off at the Windcrest Pool and enjoy ½ off prices!

Also, don't forget the Family BBQ and Water Games event on the 15th from 12noon-3pm at Takas Park! There will be good food, water guns and much more! Just another way Windcrest is striving to be a fun filled City for the whole family!

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Dan Reese

Thank you Windcrest for your continued support!! Each year on the third Saturday in May the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Association holds a picnic. This year we thought outside the box and it paid off. The "profit" from this year's picnic was over \$68,000 – an increase of about \$22,000 from last year.

The first ever "Gala" in April served as a precursor to the traditional Picnic activities. The Gala proved to be a great hit and something to remember. The traditional Picnic activities were expanded to two days and we added a Carnival!

We received unprecedented support from some of our corporate partners; "Chief" among them was Rackspace who became as sponsoring partner. We have always enjoyed support from the City Staff, including a great deal of personal time and efforts from Mayor Baxter who brought a wealth of knowledge on promoting the event this year as well as years in the future. The Newsletter committee was also a great help in getting donation and helping in many other ways.

We are always looking for ways to improve this event so we hope that you will come by, call or e-mail us comments.

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The Picnic is the main fundraising event held by the Fire Department. The proceeds from the picnic go toward training and equipment.

We are proud of our equipment and people. Even though we are a volunteer Fire Department, we have chosen to seek and maintain a certification from the Texas Commission on Fire Protection – the agency that regulates paid Fire Departments. With one exception, all of our Fire Officers are career firefighters with local Fire Departments and volunteer with us. The remaining Fire Officer holds the highest classification on as a Volunteer, which is equivalent to certification as a paid firefighter.

Our response times are among the best in the County and we put more firefighters (average between 7 to 10) on our fire scenes than a paid department.

The Fire Association and the Fire Department deeply appreciate the time and efforts given by many of our citizens and friends that make this event possible. We clearly could not do it without your support.

Stop by sometime and take a tour of just one of the fruits of our (your) efforts – we'd be happy to see you! Thank You Windcrest – we are proud to be serving you.

Municipal Court Report

By Kelly Rodriguez, Municipal Court Clerk,
krodriguez@windcrest-tx.gov (210) 655-0022 ext 2250

Our Municipal Court Clerk, Kelly Rodriguez, has been out of the office ill for a few weeks now. Let us all hope for a speedy recovery and that she returns to work soon. Kelly has been the Municipal Court Clerk for two years and has done a wonderful job! When she returns, let us all welcome her back with open arms. The City's second Warrant Round-Up took place on June 21-22! Stay tuned to August's newsletter for results of the event!

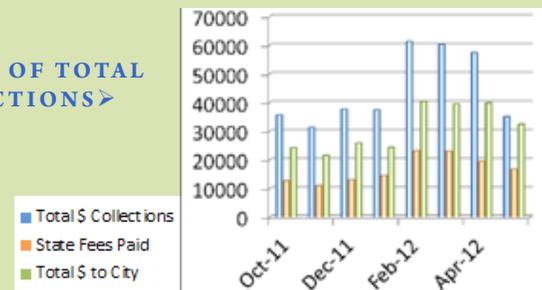
Tips for the Road

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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 us at the Municipal Court at (210)655-0022 or drobles@windcrest-tx.gov

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Director of Windcrest Economic Development Corporation

Sherry Mosier

Summer is in the Air! So is Renovation! The City of Windcrest continues on a path of renovation with Rackspace leading the troops. The new road section behind Benny's restaurant is now about 95% complete. By the time this newsletter hits your mailbox, Windsor Drive between Builder's Mark and EZ Pawn should be completed and reopened, Applebee's Drive located between Applebee's and Olive Garden should be closed and construction commenced, and Conn's renovation efforts should be complete or in the final stages.

On the north side of Walzem Road, the Windsor Park Center, a Whitestone REIT Community, located at 8400 Fourwinds Drive continues with its renovation and expansion efforts. Sketcher's opened its doors on Friday, May 25th just in time for Memorial Weekend... welcome to the Windcrest Family Sketchers! Ross Dress For Less will be having their Grand Opening on July 14th and Mattress Firm should be in its new location and ready for its reopening to occur before summer's end. Renovations for Red Lobster are in the final stages but they also have a new GM. Speaking of GM's, IHOP and Olive Garden likewise have new GM's so please stop by and give them a big warm welcome.

Further down Walzem, Luby's has caught the "Renovation Fever" too! They will soon begin repair and replacement of the exterior lighting and will undergo a makeover to freshen up the appearance of the entire strip center.

Please visit the City's Facebook and Twitter pages for updates as to the projects mentioned above and for information on new projects coming to town. We welcome your ideas for new projects for EDC funding consideration, please stop by the EDC office trailer behind City Hall or give us a call at 967-9381.

Also, look for your EDC board at the 4th of July Parade!

SUMMER HAS ARRIVED!

My name is Jonathan Hay and I am the new manager at the Windcrest Pool. The weather is looking HOT! Therefore I urge you to come out and visit with the Lifeguards and myself for some much needed fun in the sun. All are welcome! Admission is \$3.00 per person and we are open from 12:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 1:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. on Sundays. We are closed on Mondays. We offer Swim lessons classes Tuesdays through Fridays from 11:00a.m. to 11:50a.m. for two weeks sessions; the minimum age is 3 years old. There are four Levels which we teach: Toddlers, Pre-beginners, Beginners and Advanced. The sessions are as follows:

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Windcrest Optimist Club

At the 'Respect For Law Program' held on May 23, the Windcrest Optimist Club President Andy Biancardi presented the John Paul Frisco 'Respect For Law Award' to Corporal Ben T. Shepherd of the Windcrest Police Department. Corporal Shepherd was recognized for his achievements as Patrol Shift Supervisor and participation in the Field Training Program during a critical period of training for new officers. The John Paul Frisco Award was established in 1986 by the Windcrest Optimist Club and has been presented annually as part of the Optimist International Respect For Law Program.

May Student Recognition Program was conducted at the May 8th meeting of the Windcrest Optimist Club. The following NEISD students were presented plaques by Club President Andy Biancardi: East Terrell Hills Elementary - **Jesus Berlanga**; Montgomery Elementary - **Maelani Flores**; Walzem Elementary - **Guadalupe Gomez**; Windcrest Elementary - **Cesar Garza**; Krueger Middle School - **Cesar Medrano**; White Middle School - **Cyndi J. Lawhon**; and Roosevelt High School - **Karen DeLeon** and **Elaine Gonzales**. Students were selected for this award based on their conduct, citizenship, scholastic success, and optimistic attitude. Optimist congratulations go to these future leaders of our community.

Our next meeting will be held at the Civic Center at 7:00 AM on Tuesday morning, July 10th. Make sure to look for us in the 4th of July Parade & Celebration!



**Jan Leaders,
Chairperson**

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I would like to thank all the citizens who came out and made the Town Hall Meeting such a great success! There were a good number of exciting suggestions. We are collaborating with the city manager and city council to put some of the suggestions into action just as soon as funds can be identified. Other of the suggestions will have to be put into a longer range plan for execution.

The children's playground area at Takas Park will be closed for a short period of time for the installation of canvas covers to provide shade in the play area during our hot Texas summers. There will be a posting in the playground area when the construction begins to keep everyone away from the area for safety reasons. I'm certain once the structures are in place there will be many hours of pleasure enjoyed by our younger citizens.

Budget planning meetings will be conducted in the near future and I plan to present a 3-5 year plan for the Parks & Recreation so we can have allocated funds to carry out some of our larger projects. Please continue to bring your good ideas to the Commission and we will do our best to consider them for adoption.

Have a great 4th of July! Make sure to come out and see us in the 4th of July Parade & Celebration!

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UPDATE ON AGREEMENT BETWEEN DISTRICT AND CITY. As many of you are aware, there have been ongoing discussions between the District and the City on an interlocal and lease agreement. One initiative that the District started was to find another location for the District's offices and maintenance complex. Those efforts had reached a point where the District had a contract to purchase the building at 4952 Windsor Hill. A reasonable price had been negotiated and the District was prepared to proceed with the purchase pending completion of a comprehensive building inspection and an appraisal. The results of the building inspection were disappointing, to say the least. Significant deficiencies were found in virtually every system in the building (roof, structural, plumbing, air conditioning, electrical, etc.). The seller refused to fix the problems or negotiate a reduction in the selling price when presented with the report and that was a deal breaker. The Board of Directors made a decision at a special board meeting on June 5, 2012, not to purchase the building and to resume negotiations with the City for space within City Hall and the maintenance complex adjacent to Takas Park.

ELECTION RESULTS: Mr. Ed Chevalier and Mr. Mark Perry were elected to the Board of Directors during the May 12, 2012 election. Mr. Chevalier was an incumbent. Mr. Perry replaces Mrs. Inge Geiger who chose not to run. Welcome to Ed and Mark! And to Inge: Thank You for the time you spent on the Board. Dare I say this in this day and age, but you added a feminine touch to Board. But more than that, your wisdom and unparalleled drive to continue the District's legacy of providing high quality service at a very affordable price was your greatest contribution. Thank You and Thank You, Clair, for letting us steal some of her valuable time! All done in the best tradition of Windcrest.

WATERING RESTRICTIONS: Despite the great rains we received in May, we remain in Stage II watering restrictions. The Edwards Aquifer quickly

recovered to 662.7 feet (no restriction territory) and just as quickly dropped back below the Stage II trigger level of 650 feet. The Edwards Aquifer Authority quickly learned in the early days of watering restrictions (1997-1998) that everybody was confused when they tried to base the restrictions on the daily rise and fall of the aquifer. To reduce the confusion, they implemented the thirty day waiting period once the Aquifer rose above a trigger level. The trigger levels were further refined in 2007 with the implementation of the ten day rolling average of the aquifer level which based the restrictions on an emerging trend versus a one day event. The result of those actions is that it is now much easier to manage the impact of ups and downs of the Aquifer. Undoubtedly there will be other changes as time passes. We will do our best to keep you informed of events as they develop. If you have questions, please don't hesitate contacting us to get the latest information.

WATER STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH: The average household used approximately 8525 gallons of water (11.4 ccf) during the April-May billing cycle. That's about 117 gallons per person per day. Consumption during this billing period ranged from zero to 69 ccf (51,620 gallons).

During the April-May billing period, we pumped a total of 26.7 million gallons. During the same period last year this time, we pumped almost 37.7 million gallons. As I reported last month, last year we didn't get any rain, this year we have had timely rains in early April and throughout May. That doesn't mean we are out of the woods, but we have certainly benefited and it carries us into the dog days of summer in pretty good shape.

RAINFALL. We received 7.57 inches of rainfall in May and a total of 19.82 inches for 2012. That is still above average for the year. Go to <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/productview.php?pil=DGTEWX> for a comprehensive drought status report.

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Women's Club News

Pamela Dodson



Glorious Summer! The heat is here and your summer activities have begun.

I am sure you are anxious to hear about the upcoming year's events and next month I will be able to give you a teaser or two about how we will be spending our time together. But let's talk about the different activities you can participate in when you belong to the Women's Club. We

have Arts & Crafts that meet on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday, Bridge on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday, Gourmet the 3rd Thursday, and Gourmet the 2nd Thursday. Unfortunately these groups do not meet during the summer but please sign up for Women's Club and then you can enjoy these activities this fall when we start meeting again.

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11:00a.m. - Parade Starts

Parade After Party-Approx. 11:45a.m.

After the parade, at City Hall, there will be a Celebration with **FREE** hot dogs, apple pie, ice cream and lemonade (While Supplies Last!)

This event is **FREE**, so make sure to bring out friends and family!

We have some great parade participants so far! Katie Rivera, Miss Fiesta, will be joining us this year along with many of your favorites! Want to have your committee/organization in the parade? It's not too late to join up! Contact Katye Brought at kbrought@windcrest-tx.gov to sign up or for additional information!

Parade participants will line up on Faircrest Drive

between Windcrest Elementary and City Hall around 10a.m. 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. And after the Celebration is over, make sure to go enjoy the Windcrest pool for 50% prices ALL day!

This is going to be a great event for the whole family, and one that we hope to carry on for many years! Looking forward to seeing you there!



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City Meetings in Windcrest City Hall Council Chambers

Special City Council Meeting	July 2	7:00 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting	July 16	7:00 p.m.
Municipal Court	July 3, 10, 17	4:00 p.m.	Water District Meeting	July 19	7:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation	July 11	6:00 p.m.	Special City Council - Budget Workshop Tentatively Scheduled	July 31	TBD
WEDC Meeting	July 12, 26	6:00 p.m.			

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