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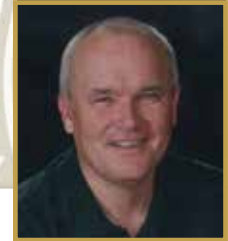
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Mayor's Message

Dan Reese



Way to Go Windcrest – we survived “Snowmageddon” in the midst of COVID

In February, I wrote about how great it is to live in Windcrest and I listed our great services and clear pride in our wonderful City and neighbors. Nowhere was this more evident than during the snow event we had in late February! When this snow/cold emergency happened, I heard multiple stories of citizens reaching out to their neighbors to check on them and to offer assistance. Many of our homes became makeshift hotels for people in need.

From the City Government side, your staff worked day and night to support our citizens. Early in the event, we became aware of a power issue in approximately 400 homes. It was caused by a downed power line and we had no indication from CPS when it might be fixed (based on the enormous number of calls CPS had). I officially declared a state of Emergency and we activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). We called in additional Police, Fire and Public Works staff. Your EOC team directed the effort to make contact with those homes and make sure they were cared for. We secured 50 + local hotel rooms to provide refuge for those who might not be able to stay in their home. Because the power outage included City Hall, we published alternate phone numbers (including mine) to give citizens communication capability with us. Luckily, the major power failure was corrected Monday before nightfall. We experienced at least one more major power outage that caused us to again send Police and Fire to check an area of Windcrest. Of course, we were not able to knock on every door in Windcrest, we were aware there were some of the “rolling blackouts” occurring throughout the City. Your Public Works Team was proactive in making sure the roads were as safe as possible. Our award-winning Water District ensured the water towers were full and we had sufficient pressure. Their foresight allowed us to avoid the issues that our neighboring cities had. There was no need for Windcrest to boil water.

Windcrest Neighbors Program

Of course, as I mentioned earlier, many of our citizens were active in reaching out to neighbors to find out if they had any needs. Some time ago, I was given the idea to establish a system to formalize the needs of those around us. Like many ideas, COVID delayed implementation. Now is the time to initiate the plan. The concept will be to establish small areas (15-20 homes) where we identify a person responsible for checking on their neighbors. This lead person (sometimes called “Block Captain”) would identify needs and communicate the needs to the appropriate person (like a relative or City Services). The first steps will be for us to identify the small area (15-20 homes) then solicit a person willing to act as the “Block Captain”. I will have more information to follow soon. We have set up a unique e-mail address to send your thoughts or if you would like to serve as a “Block Captain”. The e-mail address is windcrest-neighbor@windcrest-tx.gov. You may also send me an e-mail or phone me with questions: dreese@windcrest-tx.gov, 210-419-0099.

COVID

As more Vaccinations become available, I hope many of you have been able to obtain the vaccine. I can assure you we are making every attempt to get a vaccination site in Windcrest to make it easier. I look forward to the end of this pandemic.

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

*“The credibility of the message is intrinsically tied to the integrity of the messenger”
-Chip Ingram*

CITY SECRETARY

Rachel Dominguez

City Secretary

Strategic Planning Development

February marked the kick-off the City's strategic planning process. City Council, City Department Heads, along with Chairs and Vice Chairs of the City Board and Commission met with an independent consultant for a half-day work session. After several open discussions, initiatives and ideas were formulated for the Strategic Planning Committee to continue to work on.

Strategic planning is more than developing "wish lists" of favorite projects; it is about making choices and setting priorities. It is important to listen to each other and strive to understand points of view that may be different from our own. Strategic planning offers both responsibility and opportunity to create a shared vision for the future of our city.

The success of strategic planning requires the whole community to be engaged. The Strategic Planning Committee urges all of you to join in the process. If you have not been able to attend a Focus Group meeting, join us Monday, April 12 for the last meeting. Refer to the communication in this newsletter for more information. In addition to the Focus Group meetings, we need everyone to complete the online survey launched in late March. Links to the survey can be located on the City's webpage and Facebook account. If you would like to survey link emailed to you, please email city-secretary@windcrest-tx.gov.

Help us create a vision for the city you want.

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FINAL OPPORTUNITY!

COME BE A PART OF OUR STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS AS WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE OF OUR CITY.

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WINDCREST, TX 78239

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PUBLIC WORKS

By Chris Gamboa

Public Works Interim Director

Curbside brush and bulk pickup will start soon, April 12 through April 30, 2021. Maps will be available on the City website and posted on City's Facebook Page.

Please do not put out the following items:

Household Trash, Construction Debris, Glass (such as doors or Windows), Hazardous Materials (paints, household cleaners), Compressed Gas Tanks, Tires, Televisions, Computers, Waste Oil, Medical Waste, Appliances with refrigerant that has not been removed and certified.

We also ask that these items not be dropped off at the maintenance yard.

Hazmat collection will be scheduled on a later date.

Welcome Jecory Wells, Mr. Wells is a new employee to the Public Works department. Mr. Wells is also interested in becoming a volunteer fire fighter and an EMT as well. We look forward to having Jecory on our team.

Easter is here and we all wish you a safe and blessed holiday.

Please keep safe and stay positive.



Windcrest Golf

by Mary Wold

April can be foolish for some, but there is no fooling around with good fun at Windcrest Golf. WWGA plays every Thursdays at 9am. Sunday Ladies Play Day is April 25 at 1pm. We Welcome all levels of Lady golfers.

For information or questions, please call Mary at 210-608-9645.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chief Police Darrell Volz

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April 11 – 17, 2021 is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Every year during the second week of April, the telecommunications personnel in the public safety community, are honored. This week-long event is a time to celebrate and thank those who dedicate their lives to serving the public. It is a week that should be set aside so everyone can be made aware of their hard work and dedication. The Windcrest Police Officers appreciate our dispatchers very much! They are a major portion of the support we need to perform our jobs as effectively and efficiently as possible. THANK YOU, Communications Unit, for all you do.

We continue to hear about the different scams that are taking place where the scammers are attempting to get our residents hard earned money. Several important things to remember... if someone wants

you to purchase gift cards and have you read the numbers off the back or take pictures of the cards and send them to you, it is a scam. Never give personal information to anyone over the phone. Banks and credit card companies will already have that information. You can't always trust messages that come across social media sites. Social media accounts are continually being hacked. If you get a message, pick up the phone and initiate contact with the person you think is contacting you. Call the phone number you have for them. Be leery of those selling expensive things on line. Reserve those expensive purchases to in person sales. Remember we do have a "Safe Zone" here at the Police Department. The area is marked at the post office entrance. This zone is video recorded so that we may go back a view what may have taken place. The most important thing to keep in mind, and it's something we have heard numerous times in the past, if it's too good to be true, it usually is. If you are approached by someone, whether in person or on the phone and you are unsure of something, feel free to reach out to your police department for advice.

Stay safe!

A Message From Fire Marshal Zelenak

The Windcrest Fire Department has teamed up with the University of Houston School of Pharmacy, to offer a free prescription drug disposal program.

- Stop by the Windcrest Fire Department and pick up a disposal kit.
- Place all of your unused medications in the envelope. To maximize space in the envelope, take the medications out of the prescription bottle, except for liquids they should left in the bottle for shipping.
- Seal the envelope and place in your mail box. The envelope has prepaid shipping included.
- No personal information is needed for you to dispose of your medications.
- Non-prescription medications can also be placed in the envelope for disposal.

If you have any questions about the program please feel free to contact Fire Marshal Tim Zelenak at (210) 655-0022 or tzelenak@windcrest-tx.gov.

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Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department

By Chief Dan Kramer

What Has Your Fire Department Been Up To?

The Windcrest Fire Department prides itself on being prepared for virtually every situation that we could see in the field. Over the past couple of months, we have been investing a lot of training time and money into making our Fire Department one of the best prepared departments in the region. We have had four of our members attend a Ropes I course and an additional 5 attend and complete a Swiftwater Rescue class.

The firefighters in Windcrest are not always called upon to serve the citizens of Windcrest, but can be utilized anywhere in Bexar County, due to mutual aid agreements in place. The biggest benefit for us in being available to assist other departments, is they are also available to assist us when the time comes, and they have on several occasions.

The firefighters are striving to make Windcrest one of the premier Fire and EMS providers in the region and have taken steps on the medical side to accomplish this as well. The EMS Captain, Captain Lilia Ayala, worked closely with the Office of Medical Direction to develop a course to credential all of our EMT-Basics in the skills of Intravenous fluid administration (IV's) and Intraosseous fluid administration (IO's). These two skills are typically reserved for advanced providers, such as Advanced EMT's or Paramedics. However, because of this course, the medical director has given his confidence in our EMT's to perform the procedures. In addition, four of our members have become instructors for CPR for Basic Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, and Pediatric Advanced Life Support through the American Heart Association. Because of this, we have been able to qualify many of our members in these areas and look forward to adding more in the future.



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Parks and Recreation Commission

Parks and Recreation Commission has been working diligently identifying additional recreational amenities for the community to enjoy. In 2020 the Parks and Recreation Commission developed a list of initiatives to proactively work on for the FY21/22 budget season. One of the initiatives discussed was the development of a dog park in Windcrest. The Parks and Recreation Commission concluded input from the community was important and launched a community survey in February.

At the March 3, 2021, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, City staff reported the results of the survey received. The following highlighted results were shared:

- 124 responses were received of which 51.61% represented the age group of 35-54, 88.71% homeowners, representing a household of 1 -2 residents.
- 91.6% own a dog with 84.07% owning 1 to 2 dogs.
- 82.93% of the respondents favored the development of a fenced in off-leash dog park.
- The top four locations identified were Brook Falls Parks, North Crestwind Dr. near Fourwinds Dr., Jim Seal & Crestway Dr. property, and 5200 Crestway Dr.

In an effort to receive more feedback, Parks and Recreation Commission asked City staff to keep the survey open through mid-April. Feedback from the community is important toward planning, development, and support of recreational and healthy activities. Visit the City's website "News Flash" stories to find the link to the survey. You can also use the QR code below with your phone or iPad and click on the link to open the survey.

On behalf of the entire Parks and Recreation Commission, thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the City of Windcrest. We look forward to sharing the final results in the June newsletter.



STEP 1: Open the camera from your device's Home Screen or Lock Screen.

STEP 2: Hold your device over the QR code so it appears in the viewfinder. You will see a notification pop up with a link.

STEP 3: Click on the notification to open the link to the Windcrest Dog Park Community survey.



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By Officer Breland



Welcome April! There is nothing more beautiful than someone who goes out of their way to make life beautiful for others. Please reach out a helping hand to a neighbor in need of yard work. Remember to clean up your own backyard to prevent clutter. Now is a good time to design the ultimate backyard oasis you have been wanting.

Remember, it shall be unlawful for any owner, lessee, occupant, or any person in charge of any premises occupied or used for residential, business or pleasure purposes in the City of Windcrest, Texas, to allow the same to be kept in an unsanitary condition. Following are examples of unsanitary conditions, provided, however, the following list of unsanitary conditions is not intended to be an exhaustive list of unsanitary conditions:

Also, if you are installing or have installed an alarm system in your home and/or business please contact the permits department. Sec. 10-48 requires that all alarm systems be registered with the City of Windcrest on an annual basis.

If you need any assistance or want to report a violation of the Windcrest City ordinances please contact your new Code Enforcement Officer, Selena Breland, via email sbreland@windcrest-tx.gov or the Windcrest Police Department Dispatcher at 210-655-0022, ext 2670.

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While Texas weather can be warm during the day and nights can be cold, you should bring your pets inside from the cold if at all possible. If you are unable to bring your pets inside, provide them a warm and windproof shelter. February was extremely cold with record breaking temperatures. March should not be as cold but we still have some cold days. Provide dry, clean bedding to keep your pets warm. The bedding needs to be clean and dried daily. Water and food need to be checked daily.



Outdoor dogs will burn more calories and need extra food, make sure that you are dispensing

additional rations during cold temperatures. Puppies, senior dogs and dogs with certain medical conditions are more susceptible to cold weather. Temperature related illnesses require immediate removal to warm and dry environment, and sometime medical attention. Remember to renew all your pet's registration for the coming year 2021.

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Windcrest Women's Club

By Sherillyn Flick

Happy Spring! Despite covid restrictions, you can't keep good women down! Our Club members are always finding ways to help our community. We cordially invite you to join our club. **We are now accepting members from outside Windcrest with a Sponsor!** For more information contact Lu Nix at 210-653-2371 or email our club president Joan Pedrotti at j_pedrotti@yahoo.com.

The Windcrest Women's Club was asked to help Roosevelt HS students during an extremely hard time. This is a quote from the Roosevelt HS Family Specialist, Melissa Mendiola, as part of her "thank you" acknowledgment posted at the school.

"A HUGE Rough Rider Thank you to Windcrest Women's Club for their generous donation to Roosevelt High School to help needy students. The ladies are very generous when it comes to the needs of the students and have shown true commitment in supporting the students and families of Roosevelt High School. Windcrest Women's Club are a true example of the meaning of community."

In February, our City of Windcrest was literally frozen over by a freak polar blast! The police and fire departments ran non-stop calls for several days. With all the restaurants closed, they had little or nothing to eat. Several members of the Women's Club provided hot, home cooked meals to our first responders. We checked on residents in need, providing as much help as possible to get through those frigid days when many residents no electricity or water. This is what community is all about!



COVID-19 has not stopped Roosevelt High School or the Windcrest Women's Club! Preparations are already underway for graduation 2021 and the Club was proud to present a check for \$1000 to the school to help defer costs for caps and gowns. Shown above are (L>R) Mr. Bryan Norwood, Principal; Lois Wooton, WWC Community Service Chair; Ms Mellissa Mendiola, RHS Family Specialist; and Nikkii Walker and Lu Nix, WWC Community Service Committee members.

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Windcrest

GARDEN CLUB

By: Alice Vargas Relkin

Windcrest Garden Club, WGC, will host our **Spring Plant Sale** on **Saturday, April 16, 2021**. Come purchase beautiful plants at the Windcrest United Methodist Church front parking lot. 8101 Midcrown Dr.

Members are encouraged to bring donations early. Keep in mind our Spring Plant sale is a large portion of the annual donations to the club. Thank You to all participants and those who stay to help.

WGC has several board and committee vacancies including: door prizes and hospitality chair. If you are interested, please call 210-725-9088.

SAVE THE DATE: The Windcrest Civic Center has been reserved, and WGC scheduled an in-person meeting April 5, 2021. Guest welcomed! **Installation Luncheon** scheduled May 3rd.



Winter storm pictures one of our member's small orchard covered in white blanket of snow.

Windcrest Gardeners: A new committee is forming and creating a new flexible 2021 schedule. We're issuing new aprons to members interested in gardening opportunities in our community. No experience necessary.

If you like April showers because of May flowers, join today to enjoy knowledgeable speakers, creative garden improvement designs, and community service projects.

Mail payment for \$20.00 addressed to **Windcrest Garden Club, 413 Zephyr Dr, Windcrest TX 78239**. We are a 501(3)c organization.



Judging will take place the **LAST** week of the month for the upcoming month.

April 24th – 30th for **May** 2021 Yard Award

May 25th – 31st for **June** 2021 Yard Award

June 24th – 30th for **July** 2021 Yard Award

Yard Award Winners are published in the Windcrest Newsletter the following month.

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There are seven separate sections that are judged. Sections one, two, five and six have garden homes that are judged in addition to homes with full sized yards.

Yard Award Criteria

Appearance/Neatness	2 points
Grass/Ground Cover-Living	2 points
<input type="checkbox"/> Mowed/Trimmed Edged	
Ground Cover-Mulch/Gravel/Stone	2 points
<input type="checkbox"/> Color/Contrasting Color	
Healthy Shrubs/Trees	2 points
Appropriate to Size of Lot	1 point
Harmonious with House	1 point
Total Possible Points	10 points



Along with boasting rights, the "Yard of the Month" yard sign displayed in your yard for a month, a certificate and recognition in the

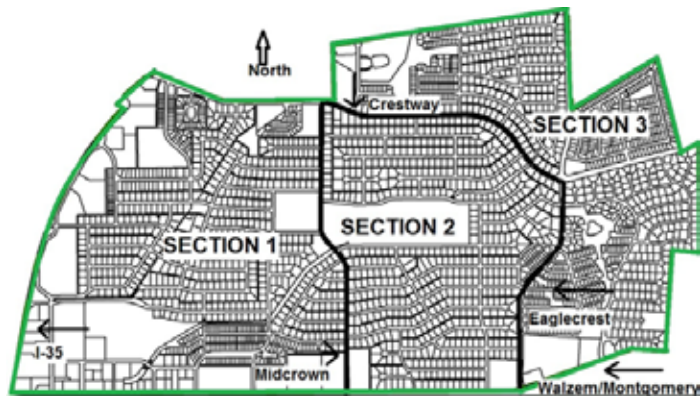
Windcrest monthly newsletter, each winner whom is not already a member of the Windcrest Garden Club, will receive a complimentary one-year membership. If you have any questions you may contact Linda-Kaye Bush at interesting-1@outlook.com. We hope that all residents will participate and help make Windcrest even more beautiful!

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City of Windcrest SPRING CURB SIDE BRUSH & BULK PICK UP



THE CITY OF WINDCREST CURBSIDE BRUSH AND BULK PICK UP WILL RUN APRIL 12, 2021 TO APRIL 30, 2021.

This service is for **WINDCREST RESIDENTS ONLY**. Brush and bulk collection will be picked up in sections throughout the city. For your reference, please refer to the guidelines below to identify the section your collection will occur.

Our Spring bulk and brush collection will begin in SECTION 1.

SECTION 1: All homes located west of Midcrown are located in Section 1. Curb side service will begin on Monday, April 12, collecting through Friday, April 16. ALL brush and bulk items to be collected **MUST** be placed out on the curb **NO EARLIER** than Friday, April 9, and **NO LATER** than Sunday, April 11. Collection will only be picked up once in each section. Republic Service **WILL NOT** return for additional pick-ups or missed pick-ups due to collection not being placed out by Sunday, April 11.

SECTION 2: All homes located east of Midcrown, south of Crestway, and west of Eaglecrest are located in Section 2. Curb side service will begin on Monday, April 19, collecting through Friday, April 23. ALL brush and bulk items to be collected **MUST** be placed out on the curb **NO EARLIER** than Friday, April 16, and **NO LATER** than Sunday, April 18. Collection will only be picked up once in each section. Republic Service **WILL NOT** return for additional collection or missed collections due to items not being placed out by Sunday, April 21.

SECTION 3: All homes located north of Crestway and east of Eaglecrest are located in Section 3. Curb side service will begin on Monday, April 26, collecting through Friday, April 30. ALL brush and bulk items to be collected **MUST** be placed out on the curb **NO EARLIER** than Friday, April 23, and **NO LATER** than Sunday, April 25. Collection will only be picked up once in each section. Republic Service **WILL NOT** return for additional collection or missed collections due to items not being placed out by Sunday, April 25.

Please refer to the map above to confirm the section your collection will be picked up. Each section will be serviced **ONCE**. Make sure your collection is out on the curb by the prescribed date, otherwise you will miss out on the Fall collection service. Do not place material at the curb after crews have passed by your house.

Need to know what are acceptable collection for this service? Refer to the guidelines listed below. If you have questions on items not identified below, please call City Hall at 210-655-0022.

Brush/Bulky Guidelines:

- Limit your brush pile to five (5) cubic yards
- To determine the cubic yards, take the Length x Width x Height of the pile and divide by 27. (this will equal the cubic yards for example 5ft long by 5ft Wide by 5ft High = 125 divided by 27 equals 4.63 cubic yards.
- Brush must be placed within eight (8) feet of the curb.
- Do not place brush piles in front of parked cars, near fences, trees, mailboxes, beneath overhead wires, low-hanging tree limbs, or on top of gas/water meters.
- **Accepted Materials:** Shrubs, Tree Branches, Woody Vines, Other herbaceous and woody plants, BBQ grills (without compressed gas tanks), Carpeting, Fencing, Furniture, Mattresses, Toilets, Water heaters, Appliances

Refrigerators, freezers, and a/c window units will be collected only if refrigerant has been removed and the appliance is tagged and certified, indicating removal of refrigerant.

Materials Not Accepted:

Household Trash, Construction Debris, Glass (such as doors or Windows), Hazardous Materials (paints, household cleaners), Compressed Gas Tanks, Tires, Televisions, Computers, Waste Oil, Medical Waste, Appliances with refrigerant that has not been removed and certified.

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THE WEDC IS EXPANDING OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

In an attempt to create a larger social network presence, the WEDC has created new Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn pages because we understand that many citizens use a variety of social media platforms to stay informed. We are also asking the public and businesses to leave us a review on Google which will help our visibility on Google searches.

Google Reviews <https://g.page/r/CeSkTHwyOgW0EAU/review>

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3. To improve the visibility of your business on Google.

Please consider giving the WEDC a Google review. We would appreciate it!

Twitter <https://twitter.com/EdcWindcrest>

The great thing about this social media site is that it has a strong emphasis on real-time information. In February we posted 6 tweets but had over 2,321 tweet impressions. What is a tweet impression? It's the number of times someone has seen the tweet or it has appeared in a search.

Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/windcrestdc/>

This is a photo and video sharing social media app. Since we created the page in December of 2020, we have 47 followers and have posted 54 times.

LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/company/windcrest-economic-development-corporation/>

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Linked In is a professional social media site. This is where many business leaders share content and network with one another. We created the page in December 2020 and since that time, we have 18 page views and have 61 followers.

Windcrest Northeast Bridge Builders



Since our founding, we have hosted numerous events that have brought people from all segments of our community together, and donated thousands of dollars directly to students, schools, and teachers flowing into Roosevelt High School. W/NE Bridge Builders is focused on collecting funds for striving High School seniors. Please consider a donation to Windcrest Northeast Bridge Builders Scholarship Fund. Donations can be made on the link on our website or in person by contacting Alice Vargas Relkin at 210-792-1354.

Windcrest Northeast Bridge Builders is a registered Section 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation operated by local community leaders, business leaders, and concerned citizens who share the goal of ensuring that Windcrest students attending public school get the support needed for success. For more information or to donate, please use the link below:

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LIONS CLUB NEWS

By Lion Tim Flick

We would like to offer a huge thank you to everyone who came out for our big Windcrest Community Garage Sale / Fundraiser at the end of March! A great time was had by all, and your generosity will help us with our many community projects!

If you didn't make it out, you can still help. We kicked off our spring raffle during the yard sale. Contact any Lion member to purchase a raffle ticket. We have some great prizes to award. **Grand Prize is a 4-Burner Gas Grill made by Cuisinart!** Some of the other prizes include two \$50 gift cards for Kiolbassa Sausage, a Bionic Powerhouse Bluetooth speaker, Special Gift Baskets created by our members, and more! The drawing will be **Saturday, May 15th**. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. The more tickets you buy, the better your chance of winning!



Don't forget, Windcrest residents, when you shop at [Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), you can support your Windcrest Lions. When you shop at <https://smile.amazon.com>, Amazon will donate to our club. Just set your preferred charity to San Antonio Windcrest Lions Club. Every dollar counts!

The Windcrest Lions Club would like to invite civic-minded men and women to join us in making a difference. If you would like to learn more, you can contact us at 210-951-9463, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WindcrestLions or on our website at www.windcrestlionsclub.org. We are currently meeting online with Zoom, and you are welcome to join us!



TRAP: Humane traps
NEUTER: Take the cats in their traps to a veterinarian or clinic to be spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and ear-tipped.
RETURN: After the cats have recovered from surgery, return them to their outdoor homes where they were trapped.

Trap-Neuter-Return is the humane and effective approach for community (abandoned) and feral cats. Now in practice for decades in the US, after being proven in Europe, scientific studies show that Trap-Neuter-Return improves the lives of feral/community cats, improves their relationships with the people who live near them, and decreases the size of colonies over time. That's why the number of municipalities that officially endorse this approach increased tenfold between 2003 and 2013. Grounded in science, TNR stops the breeding cycle of cats and therefore improves their lives. It is a fact that the removal and killing of outdoor cats is not effective. Since feral cats are not adoptable, they are killed in pounds and shelters. Windcrest adopted the TNR program in 2009. Since then, more and more people have stepped up to be a part of that solution

by offering to be cat caregivers. That means monitoring the group of cats by making sure they have food and proper care. It is spending time and resources to trap, having animal control transporting the cat to a clinic for the sterilization & rabies shot and then providing the care necessary while the cat recovers. After recovery, the cat returns to its area where trapped.

If you are interested in participating in the TNR here in Windcrest, please contact animal control or call 210-562-0299. If you are just feeding the cats in your area, please contact that number to make sure the cats are sterilized. That is being part of the solution!

San Antonio Public Library Pruitt at Roosevelt Happenings

By Sheri Watkins, Molly Pruitt Librarian

Virtual Events at the Library: In celebration of Women's History Month, join the San Antonio Public Library in learning special strategies for uncovering the sometimes "hidden" lives of women in your family tree. This is an online event presented via Zoom. To register go to <https://eventactions.com/eareg.aspx?ea=Rsvp>.

Adult Events: Relax and unwind at this online event. Registration is required. Go to: <https://eventactions.com/eareg.aspx?ea=Rsvp>

TGIF Virtual Book Club: March's book choice is *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern. Join Pruitt library staff Paula Opiela and Catrina Grivich to discuss this book. Call us to register, pick up a copy of *The Night Circus* at the Pruitt Branch, then meet online through Zoom. Registration with a valid email is required, so that we can send you an invitation link to the Zoom meeting. We hope to see you there!

Tween Events: The Pruitt Page-turners Tween Book Club meets the last Saturday of the month. We will have meaningful, insightful, and lighthearted discussions about our current book selection. The meetings are virtually via Zoom. Call (210) 650-1122 for sign up information. To see more children and tween events, visit our website at <https://pruittlibrary.com/kids/#events>.

Teen Events: Join us on Friday, March 19, at 4:30 for Teen Manga and Anime. We will discuss characters, share opinions, and create anime/manga themed arts and craft activities. This is an online event. Please register at: <https://forms.gle/tmeAhWTbhVxvofGK6>

Craft Making Kits: Free crafting kits events for all age groups. Please call 210-650-1122 to receive one for you or a family member.

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA™

By Alice Vargas Relkin

Windcrest Scouts 157 celebrated their leadership: The Pack's assistant Cubmaster, the Troops Treasurer, and the Venture Crew's committee member was awarded the Commissioner of the Year for Alamo BSA Coyote district. This dedication to scouting is from one determined individual who is enabling the legacy to grow in Windcrest. He is celebrated for his dedication to supporting the progress of young scouts, Lion Cub Scout, until young adult Venture crew members. He has lived in Windcrest since 1990. He has served and retired from the Windcrest VFD. This member of our community plans to enjoy his retirement working with youth developing their "scout-abilities." Although Scoutmaster Buckner thinks he's forgetting, and continues to return three nights a week. All kidding aside, our program appreciates the dedication of Bill Volpenhein. Blue and Gold is scheduled for April 2021. Check email for details.

Community News: Troop 157 appreciates the aluminum cans that Windcrest residents drop off at the Scout Hut. While recycling has changed, the troop certainly want to thank Windcrest for their efforts. Thank you!

Fiesta Ticket sales will be saved for next year. Tickets to parade seats can be reserved by texting (210) 792-1354.

Due to new COVID-19 safety measures, Alamo BSA Scouting has required limiting attendance to small groups and virtual meetings. scouts meet at the Scout Hut located on the south campus of Windcrest United Methodists Church, 8101 Midcrown Dr. 78239.

Meetings Days:

- Troop 157 – Monday @ 7pm
- Pack 157 – Tuesday @ 6:30pm
- Venture Crew 157 – 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday @ 5pm

If you're interested in learning more about Scouting, join us online. Information can be found online at <https://www.scouting.org>. For more details or to support service projects please contact Scoutmaster Buckner at (210) 744-7296.



Bill Volpenhein is awarded Commissioner of the Year for Coyote District 2020.



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