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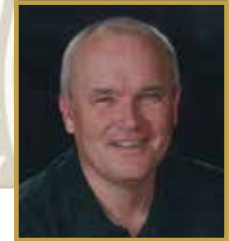
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Mayor's Message

Dan Reese

As I pen this newsletter article, I am aware that when it is published, the November elections will be behind us. We will have elected a Mayor and Council members for Places 4 and 5. Whatever the outcome, my prayer is that we accept the results and focus on what is best for Windcrest.

Win or lose, it has been an honor to serve as **Your Mayor**. If I am re-elected, I will have another two years to serve. If I am not re-elected, I will do whatever it takes to make the transition smooth.

In the last two years we have accomplished a lot:

- We focused on street repairs and used not only the Bond funding, but Sales Tax funds and nearly three quarters of a million dollars from our Economic Development Corporation (EDC). Our City Engineer told the Council that we have completed 28% of the road surfaces this year and we will complete 50% of the road repairs/resurface by next year. He estimates 100% completion within 5 to 10 years.
- Using the voter approved Bond funding for Fire Apparatus, we took delivery of a new Fire Engine and a new Ladder Truck. We celebrated delivery of these critical pieces of fire equipment with a "Push In" ceremony on October 9th.
- We renegotiated a new Master Economic Incentive Agreement (MEIA) with Rackspace that will go far in keeping Rackspace in Windcrest and help focus efforts to develop the commercial properties on the site.
- We were able to add additional Police Officer positions to the city. For the first time ever, we added 6 paid firefighters who will be supplemented by our outstanding Volunteer Fire Fighters.
- We accomplished the improvements to personnel and infrastructure without raising the property tax rate. Our Sales tax revenues have increased over 8% and our fund reserve remains over 30%!
- We completed two important plans to direct our future - the 2021 Strategic Plan and the 2021 Parks and Recreations Open Space Plan.

Windcrest Light Up

As I have written in the past, one of our homes was selected to compete in ABC's "Great Christmas Light Fight". John and Brenda Wilson, who live at 405 Waycrest Dr., were filmed and will be one of four families on an episode to be selected to win \$50,000! We will make sure citizens know when the episode will air and we may even make some arrangements for a "Watch Party". This year's theme is "a Kaleidoscope of Color/ 2021: A Christmas Odyssey". This publicity will certainly bring even more notice to our signature event, so we hope you all will consider "Lighting Up" for 2021!



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

PERMITS DEPARTMENT

Lindsey Walker

How do I pull a Permit?

The Windcrest Permit Division's new process is in full swing! Here is the permitting process, from applying to receiving a permit, broken down into six easy steps:



Step 1

Residents or contractors submit the permit application through the Self-Service Permitting Center provided by *MyGovernmentOnline (MGO)*.

Step 2

The permit application is processed, or reviewed by the Permit Clerk within 24 hours. This is to ensure that all required information is listed and any additional files have been included. Permit fees are then added.

Step 3

MGO generates an invoice and sends it to the homeowner and the contractor, if one has been hired. This will come from a no-reply email (no-reply@mygovernmentonline.org), as will any further correspondence from MGO.

Step 4

The resident or contractor may then pay for the permit through the Self-Service Permitting Center. Payment must be made prior to any further review. This obligates contractors to follow through when they submit an application, and ensures that they do a quality job.

Step 5

The applications are given a final review by the Building Inspector or City Staff. Smaller building projects may take up to 3-5 days to be reviewed by the inspector. Large projects, such as new construction or remodels may take up to 10 days.

Please take into account the review time when planning your next project, otherwise you will be charged the \$175 fee for expedited review.

Step 6

As soon as the Inspector or Permit Clerk has approved the application and plans, the permit is instantly issued via MGO's no-reply email! A copy of the permit will also be available in the permitting center. If you have any trouble navigating MGO along the way, clicking "Help" the top right corner of the homepage will take you to the Customer Support Guide. It covers creating an account to download the permit and more! Thanks to MGO, obtaining a permit is now easier than ever.

Updates to MGO will be coming soon – taking this Self-Service portal to the next level!

PUBLIC WORKS

By Chris Gamboa

Public Works Interim Director

Due to years of service, extended repairs need to be completed in order to put the Loader back in service. Once these are done, work on alley repairs and other projects will start up again.

Public Works has started to put out holiday decorations throughout the city which includes the upcoming events of Candy Cane Lane, Dedication Tree on Crestway Dr. recognizing First Responders and Front-Line Workers, and the City Hall Christmas Tree.

Due to the past inclement weather, there are other repairs and maintenance projects that still need to be completed. These projects will be scheduled around the holiday decorating of the city.

The Public Works crew wishes everyone a blessed and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

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DEPARTMENT NEWS
Chief Police Darrell Volz

2021... What a year. Our ugly friend COVID really has played havoc on our activities. This year we did move forward with our in-person activities. By the time you receive this we would have already held the National Night Out event, a "Coffee with Cops" event, as well as our Trunk or Treat event. We want to thank everyone that participated as well as those who attended. As we continue moving into our holiday season, we will be spending time with family and friends. Please do not get caught up in the "things" that cause you to rush through the season. Spend quality time with your family and friends. Life is short, too short.

During this season the scam artists come out. The most important thing to remember is **if it sounds too good to be true, it is**. Do not give any personal information out over the phone. These scam artists are pretty slick and can convince even the best of us that it is a legitimate call, when it's not. Another form of contact they will use is via social media. Always verify who you are interacting with on social media by picking up the phone and giving them a call. If someone is asking for something, chances are you will know them, so you should have their phone number. If you are not close enough to have their phone number, ignore them. Do



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not contact them via a phone number they provide to you and DO NOT give them your phone number.

Here are a few other things worthy of mentioning:

- Lock car doors at all times. Always take the keys.
- Don't leave your garage door opener in the car.
- Don't keep valuables in the car such as purses, wallets, lap tops and guns.
- Consider installing a motion sensor light and/or security cameras over the garage doors to light the driveway.
- Keep garage doors down when you are not outside or in your garage.
- If you think someone is following you home, don't go home! Call our dispatcher @ 210-655-2666 and advise them you think you are being followed. Ask them to have a police officer meet you at the station. Chances are, when you pull into the parking lot they will continue on. Still contact the officer and give them the information.

Also, if you ever want to visit, concerning anything, please reach out to me through Ms. La' Bria Lewis at 210-507-4313.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving and remember all those things you are thankful for. Until next month... Be Safe!



Animal Care & Control
By Animal Control Officers
Natalie Burgett & Maria Gonzalez

Fall is in the air and with the cooler temperatures more people are getting outside and enjoying the cooler weather.

Here at Animal Control are getting calls of farm animals enjoying the great outdoors with their owners. Reminder residents, Windcrest **does not allow** farm animals such as chickens, goats, large pigs, or mini-cows to reside in Windcrest City limits.

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Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department

By Chief Dan Kramer

As the Fire Chief of the Windcrest Fire Department, I have been able to see growth in all of our members and in our department as a whole. It has been an absolute pleasure seeing everyone develop their skills as firefighters and truly work to become masters of their craft. Through countless hours of training and access to the absolute best equipment, these firefighters have truly made the Windcrest Fire Department once of the best.

Throughout my career, I have seen poor leadership and poor management of departments lead to decreased morale and an increased rate in burnout in the responders. When I came to Windcrest, I made it my mission to ensure our firefighters were happy, healthy and dedicated to the city they serve. Windcrest is truly blessed to have the people they do serving this fine city. I could not have asked for a better bunch of people to work with while making the Windcrest Fire Department one of the best in the region. Thank you, to all of the firefighters for making my job so much easier through your dedication and your passion for the job.

When you come to a new city as a Fire Chief, you really never know what you are getting into. I can say that I happily came into a city that cares as much for one another as they do themselves. Windcrest is a truly special place that will always hold a special place in my heart. I want to thank all of the citizens for all of your support of the fire department, and of course city council for providing me with the opportunity to lead this great group of folks. I will truly miss my time here in Windcrest, but I look forward to the challenges I have ahead in my new role.

A Message From Fire Marshal Zelenak

For this month's safety tip, I would like to talk about cooking safety with all of the holidays upon us. Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment. The Kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving and kids love to help and be involved in the holiday preparations. With all the activity going on in your home on Thanksgiving here are a few safety tips: 1. Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food. 2. Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently. 3. Keep children away from the stove, the stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away. 4. Make sure kids stay away from hot foods and liquids, the steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns. 5. Be sure electric cords from electric knives, coffee makers, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.

The Windcrest Fire Marshal wishes everyone
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Windcrest Share the Lights Project – Christmas Light Exchange

It is that time of year again to Share the Lights!

For over 60 years Windcrest Residents have been decorating our homes with Christmas displays to the awe and wonder of residents and visitors from near and far. Sometimes over the years, residents have had lights that they no longer use in their displays. New residents may not have yet had the time to purchase lights to decorate their homes.

Three years ago, we started a project where citizens could donate working Christmas lights and residents that needed some lights could pick some up for use during Light-Up. It was a small beginning with the first year 10 residents donating and 8 families benefiting. Last year it grew to 15 residents donating and over 20 families benefiting.

You do not need to give lights to get lights. The lights donated do need to be working. They are given out 'as is', on a first come basis.

Do you have working Christmas lights in your garage or attic that you won't be using this year? Consider donating them to this year's Windcrest Share the Lights Project. Boxes will be at City Hall for your donations from **Thursday, October 14th through Wednesday, November 17th**. If you have lights but need them to be picked up at your home, call Cindy Strzelecki at 210-812-7500.

Donated Lights will be available from 10 am – 1 pm on two Saturdays, November 20st and 27th in the parking lot at City Hall. This is a great way to recycle working lights and have at least one set of lights on every home in Windcrest during our Light Up!

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Code Compliance & Enforcement

By Officer Selena Breland



Happy Thanksgiving Y'all! Nothing is more neighborly than extending a lending hand to a neighbor in need or a polite wave and a warm smile. In the fall I enjoy exchanging recipes with friends over a cup of coffee, a slice of pie and small conversation. I encourage all of you to do the same, try a new recipe, invite an old friend to dinner or deliver a plate to a person in need.

Did you know this time of year is known for the increase of theft and burglary? You can be proactive against crime by increasing your awareness to reduce the odds of becoming a victim, here are a few suggestions that can help: secure all doors to your home and lock your vehicles even when parked in the driveway, place a lock on a gated entrances will deter uninvited Individuals, ensure exterior lights are in good working condition and illuminating the intended area to increase visibility, install motion lights and additional lighting to increase visibility throughout your property as an inexpensive way to deter unwanted visitors. Replace the batteries in your exterior camera system and conduct an inspection of your current security system to help maintain your awareness and aid the police if our assistance is needed. If you have a current alarm system this would be an excellent time to update your alarm permit per **Ch. 10 Sec. 49 Alarm System Fees**. If you are considering installing a security system, you must obtain a permit with the city of Windcrest before installation per **Ch. 10 Sec. 48 Alarm System Permit Required**. Please review **Ch.10 Sec 51 Duties of a Permit Holder** if you are a current or new permit holder.

While you're shopping in our community, please remain vigilant by locking your car doors, removing items of value from view, parking in a well-lit area and checking your surroundings before exiting and entering your vehicles. Remember burglaries and thefts can happen during daylight hours, in plain view. As always stay safe, 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 or send me an email thru the link provided within code enforcement site located on my page.

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Facts about U.S. Animal Shelters:
The terms “humane society” and “SPCA” are generic, shelters using those names are not part of the ASPCA or The Humane Society of the United States. Currently, no government institution or animal organization is responsible for tabulating national statistics for the animal protection movement. These are national estimates, the figures may vary from state to state.

- Approximately 6.3 million companion animals enter U.S. animal shelters nationwide every year. Of those, approximately 3.1 million are dogs and 3.2 million are cats. We estimate that the number of dogs and cats entering U.S. shelters annually has declined from approximately 7.2 million in 2011. The biggest decline was in dogs (from 3.9 million to 3.1 million).
- Each year, approximately 920,000 shelter animals are euthanized (390,000 dogs and 530,000 cats). The number of dogs and cats euthanized in U.S. shelters annually has declined from approximately 2.6 million in 2011, This decline can be partially explained by an increase in the percentage of animals adopted and an increase in the number of stray animals successfully returned to their owners.
- Approximately 4.1 million shelter animals are adopted each year (2 million dogs and 2.1 million cats).
- Approximately 810,000 animals who enter shelters as strays are returned to their owners. Of those, 710,000 are dogs and 100,000 are cats.

These estimates are based in part on Shelter Animals Count data and other known and estimated sources, 2019.



Windcrest Golf

by Mary Wold

Turkeys make a great Thanksgiving meal, or a good score in bowling, but BIRDIES are really celebrated in Golf. Please join us and find out more at Windcrest Golf club. We play 9-hole games Every Thursday tee time 9am and Sunday Ladies Play day November 28 at 1pm.

We welcome all levels of lady golfers.

Questions and Information call Mary at 210-608-9645.



Windcrest Women's Club

By Jennifer Newman



Windcrest Mayor Dan Reese "State of the City"

At the September 22nd meeting, Mayor Dan Reese delivered these comments:

"The State of the City" is strong and getting stronger. Even in the face of the COVID pandemic, sales tax revenues are up an average of 8% from last year. The tax rate has stayed the same over the last three years, and property values have increased. Within 5-10 years, 100% of the City's roads will have been

resurfaced or repaired, and we will be constructing a traffic light at the intersection of Crestway Dr. and Eagle Crest Blvd by September 2022. The City Council approved additional police officer positions and six career firefighters to supplement our great Volunteer Fire Department heroes. City staff, council, and citizen volunteers worked together to produce the updated 2021 Strategic Plan, and the Parks and Recreation Commission approved their 2021 Open Space Plan."

Women's Club Elects Officers

Also, at the September 22nd meeting of the Women's Club, the following were elected:

Officers

- President: Liz Dick
- 1st Vice President: Joan Pedrotti
- 2nd Vice President: Lois Wooton
- Recording Secretary: Janet Roberts
- Corresponding Secretary: Jean Buchanan
- Treasurer: Rose Marie Caballero

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- Newsletter: Jennifer Newman
- Yearbook: Francie Reese

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GARDEN CLUB

By: Alice Vargas Relkin

Attention Participants: The next Windcrest Garden Club in-person meetings are planned for November 8, 2021, WGC membership extends to the San Antonio Herb Society which meets the second Thursdays monthly, and San Antonio Garden Club which meets on the first Wednesday monthly. Contact the San Antonio Garden Center on 3310 N. New Braunfels for scheduled events. In October, WGC were the host at the Botanical Gardens. A Hospitality chair is needed for WGC.

WGC Poinsettias: Sales of assorted, naturally aged, full flowered plants have been ordered from Peterson Brothers this year. Each beautifully flowered plant is delivered within Windcrest for only a \$15 donation for large, and \$6 for smaller plants. Poinsettias make excellent holiday gifts. WGC fundraisers support the donations made seasonally to Windcrest students. Contact Annette Hoffman.

Windcrest Gardeners: Interested participants must first become garden club members. WGC is creating a flexible schedule and issuing new aprons to members interested in gardening opportunities in our community. All levels of gardening knowledge welcomed.

If you like wildflowers; and you allow yourself to grow in all the places people thought you never would, 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.



Horticulturist Kathy Littlefield explains growing conditions for orchids. She reminded us now is the time to prepare plants for cooler weather and to plant a winter garden.

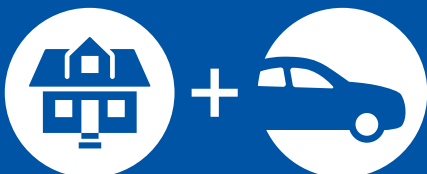
WGC Board meeting for September.



WGC members at the October meeting at the SA Botanical Gardens. Thank you for hosting.



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LIONS CLUB NEWS

By Lion Tim Flick



By Karen K. Nelson, Coordinator

WEDC YEAR IN REVIEW

The WEDC has had a whirlwind year during our Fiscal Year 2021 (ended in September 2021). We are celebrating one year at our new modern offices in the Global Windcrest Towers and still saved money compared to previous costs.

Walzem Partners 3, LLC is moving forward on developing a Chipotle restaurant featuring state of the art, "Chipotlane" where customers order through the app and have food delivered to their car. This business is projected to bring in \$30-\$40,000 in new sales tax revenue and approximately \$10,000 in property taxes for Windcrest annually.

A key focus for the Board has been on under-utilized real estate. As retail buildings have become vacant, WEDC focuses on finding a new use and new tenants. The old Walmart building along the access road was empty for many years, but we identified the Goodwill project due to our relationship with broker Jones Lang Lasalle. The building is now under new ownership, with renovations of over \$4 million currently in progress. It will bring 150 high-level jobs to Windcrest. Most importantly, we expect the project to help significantly with revitalizing that area along IH 35.

Another priority for this Board was to use the WEDC funds that had grown in reserves to improve our community. The Board committed to funding street projects as part of the City's Street improvement plan. We selected the segments that met the state law regarding economic development fund use and provided over \$750,000 in funding. The Board completed all street project payments to the city this year.

The Board has overhauled the organization by updating policies and procedures, including the Shared Services Agreement with the City, the Staff and Consultant evaluation process, job descriptions, and our records policy. The local Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) program is well-organized and remains a top priority. The tools are modern and hard-hitting, such as the website, social media, collateral material, and our online business list, which is our most popular tool.

We aggressively promote our tools, and this year, the Board approved four grants through our Store Front and Streetscape Program. This effective program encourages the redevelopment of existing buildings. The Board approved grants for Goodwill, Mrs. Kitchen, Professional Insurance Group LLC (Trutela Insurance), and FIT Tennis Academy. Approximately \$36,000 in grant funds leveraged millions of dollars in new investment in our community.

The Board is committed and involved, and attendance at our meetings is nearly 100%. No project or idea is out of bounds for consideration.

In March, Vice President George Alva volunteered to complete the Basic Economic Development Course (a one-week intensive course). President Jennifer Newman completed the Sales Tax for Economic Development training last month.

We believe the future is bright, and the WEDC can make a significant difference in our community and our citizens' quality of life.

There are still a few days left to get your greenery orders in. Orders must be submitted by November 5th for orders placed with a Lion member, or by November 7th from the mini-site our partner, Sherwood Forest Farms has set up for us. You can order in person, by phone or online at <https://sherwoodfundraiser.com/WindcrestLionsClub>.



You can also scan this QR code with your phone. It will take you straight to our website where you can find more information about our club and a link straight to the Greenery Fundraiser site. The greenery smells GREAT and really helps get you in the Christmas spirit! Orders should arrive the week after Thanksgiving, so order yours today! And don't forget to tell all your neighbors about it as well!



As I write this, it is a few days before the National Night Out event down at the Civic Center. I hope everyone was able to come out, visit with your neighbors and enjoy the festivities. I will give a more detailed update on the event in next month's newsletter.

We are currently working with our local elementary schools to get all the third graders and new fourth and fifth graders their dictionaries. More on this next month as well.

If you would like to learn more about joining the Lions Club, 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 at the Windcrest Civic Center, and you are welcome to join us!

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It's that time of year again - Light Up season is upon us! This year's theme is "**A Kaleidoscope of Color - 2021: A Christmas Odyssey.**" Time to get creative and colorful with our holiday decorations. Let's make it feel like our thousands of visitors have taken a trip through a kaleidoscope. Decorate with all colors of the rainbow, and more!

PUT ME ON THE MAP! - The City is putting EVERYONE who signs up before the deadline on the map.

We are continuing the People's Choice Award this year. Visitors will be given a form along with their map and they will vote for their favorite house overall.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Light Up will take place December 4-31, 2021.

Contest judging will take place Tuesday, November 30, 2021.

People's Choice judging will take place Saturday, December 4 through Wednesday, December 31, 2021.

All applications must be submitted by Tuesday, November 23, 2021 by 5:00 p.m.

LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.



Light Up Application

Complete this form and submit this portion to City Hall by Tuesday, November 23, 2020. **ALL FIELDS MUST BE COMPLETED.**

Applicant Information

Please print clearly.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____
Street

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Do you want to enter into the decoration contest

- Yes, I would like to compete.
- No, I want to decorate for fun.
 (PUT ME ON THE MAP)

****All entries will be placed on the map****

Select your Category:

Select **only** if you are **competing**. Please select only one.

- Religious/Joyful
- Nostalgic/Handcrafted
- Clark Griswold
- Martha Stewart would be Proud
- Cul-de-sac/Block
(only one form necessary per block)
- Charlie Browniest
- Church/School/Business

By submitting this application, you acknowledge that a representative from the City of Windcrest is allowed to photograph the decorated part of your property described in this application.


This year Light Up the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Association will have **three (3) Fill the Boot** locations where visitors can donate and receive a map of winner's homes and those who have decorated and just wanted to be on map but not compete. The three locations will be:

- Crestway Dr. just in front of Church of Latter-Day Saints
- Eagle Crest Blvd and Balfour Dr.
- Tradewinds Dr. and Fourwinds Dr. in front of Skateland East.
- Midcrown Dr and Windway Dr will have barricades to prevent left turns!!!
- Also, to ensure traffic flow down Windway Dr the two cul-de-sacs at Waycrest Dr and Dalecrest Dr will have barricades to make turn into the cul-de-sac mandatory.
- Please plan your routes home accordingly. We love living in "The City of Lights", even with the inconvenience of traffic in December. We are planning to have Placards for residents to display in their cars to help get through visitor traffic.
- Please remember to turn your lights off at 11:00 p.m.

Light Up Dates to Remember


- **November 10, 2021, 6pm-** Dedication Tree at Crestway Dr and Jim Seal Dr.
- **November 17, 2021, 6pm-** Candy Cane Lane on Windway Dr at Patriot Dr.
- **November 23, 2021, 5pm-** Last day to enter Light Up competition or get on Map.
- **November 30, 2021, 6pm-11pm,** Judging of Light Up competition (Please have your House lighted up if you entered.)
- **December 4, 2021, 6pm-** City Hall Light Up Celebration with lighting of Tree, Vendors, Hot Cocoa and Cookies, Santa will be here to throw light switch and be available for photos with all the kids and those of us who are kids at heart.
- **December 17, 18 & 19, 2021-** Christmas Market with Vendors and Civic Groups next to Dedication Tree at Crestway Dr and Jim Seal Dr.

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San Antonio Public Library Pruitt at Roosevelt Happenings

Expanded Operating Hours

San Antonio Public Library branches are now open every day. For operating hours at other branches, visit the SAPL website at <https://www.mysapl.org/Visit/Locations#188472014-a-z-library-locations-list>

Pruitt Library's specific hours are:

10:am-6:00pm Sun, Mon, Wed, Fri and Sat
12:00pm - 8:00pm Tue and Thu

TGIF Book Club

Join Pruitt Library staffers Paula Opiela and Catrina Grivich to discuss November's book choice, *Another Brooklyn*, by Jacqueline Woodson. Call (210) 650-1122 to register and pick up a copy of *Another Brooklyn* at the Pruitt Branch. We will meet in-person at 11:00am on Friday, November 19, in the Pruitt Conference Room. For virtual attendees, we will provide a link so you may attend via Zoom. Registration with a valid email is required in order for us to send meeting information. We hope to see you online or in-person!

Adult Book Club Selection

Another Brooklyn a Novel by Jacqueline Woodson

Resources For Employment

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<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xVwYWeqYlcrZOI2PhL8zqmAyfQPNoCY/view?usp=sharing>

Tween Activities

Page-Turners Book Club

Last Saturday of the Month

Join tweens ages 9-12 via Zoom to discuss this month's book selection. To reserve a copy of the book or register to receive the link to the meeting, please call (210) 650-1122 or email our Children's Librarian at Lhumph1@neisd.net.

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Coffee With the Colonel Tuesday, Nov 9, 6:00pm

In preparation for Veteran's Day, join us as we hear the story of Col Joseph Milligan, United States Air Force Retired, in his own words. Col Milligan was a prisoner of war at the infamous Hanoi Hilton during the Vietnam War. Due to the nature of POW experiences, this program may be better suited for teenaged to adults.

Personal Finance for Teens

Tuesdays Oct 19, Nov 9, Nov 30, and Dec 14 at 3:30pm

Teens ages 13-18 are invited to experience the relationship between today's financial decisions and future financial freedom. Topics that will be explored include employment, budgeting, and savings.

Teen Anime and Manga



Teen and Family Chess

4:30pm-5:30pm Teen Chess

6:00pm- 7:00pm Family Chess

Join us at Pruitt as Chess Master, Alex Weinberg, presents chess lessons via live stream. There are two sessions, one for teens and one for families. In the interest of COVID protocols, at the end of each session, chess player participants will be served a packaged meal to go, contingent upon supply.

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