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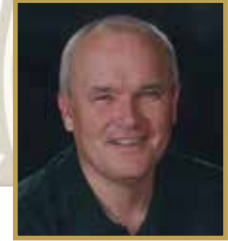
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Mayor's Message

Dan Reese

Happy Independence Day! Once again, we will host an evening parade and celebration – hope to see you all!

Congressional Representative – CORRECTION: For those who read my April article regarding your Congressional representation, I was in error. I thought all Windcrest was moving to Congressional District 21, I was wrong. With the redistricting, the City of Windcrest will be split between two Congressional Districts, 21 and 35. Everyone on the West side of Eaglecrest will be in District 21, those on the East Side of Eaglecrest are in a new Congressional District 35. The district 21 race will be between Chip Roy and Claudia Zapata. The district 35 race will be between Greg Casar and Dan McQueen.

Windcrest Elections: In addition to the National and County elections, Windcrest Citizens will be voting on Places 1, 2 and 3 on our City Council and proposed changes to our City Charter. Our Charter Commission has reviewed the City Charter and will make recommendations to the City Council for consideration in November. Special City Council meetings and public hearings will be scheduled for late July and early August. If you are qualified to vote by mail, you can apply now. Here are some important dates for the November elections:

- **Monday, July 25th** – First Day to file for a position on the City Council
- **Monday, August 22nd @ 5pm** – Last Day to file for a position on the City Council
- **Tuesday, October 11th** – Last day to register to vote for the November election
- **Friday, August 26th @ 5pm** – Last day for a citizen to file as a write-in candidate
- **Monday, October 24th** – First day of early voting for personal appearance
- **Friday, November 4th** – Last day of early voting for personal appearance
- **Tuesday, November 8th** – Election Day

Windcrest Pool: With the defeat of the Bond election for an Aquatic Center, a decision needs to be made regarding that property. We are working with the City Engineer to properly fill in the pool. We have asked our Parks and Recreations Commission to look at options for that land and provide their recommendations to the City Council.

Budget: The City Council did not meet in June, but we will be busy in July getting the budget finalized. We have scheduled Special City Council Budget Workshops for July 13th, 14th, and 15th. These are all open meetings, and we encourage Citizens to participate. The budget process will continue through July. We will publish the tax rate, hold public hearings, and finalize the budget in the month of August.

Roads: In addition to some repairs on interior streets, I hope you have noticed the flashing lights at our school intersections. The project to construct a traffic light at the intersection of Eaglecrest and Crestway is ongoing and should be completed in the August/September time frame.

I am continuing my “*Coffee with the Mayor*” every Saturday that I am in town. At the request of some of the participants, I am going to invite some special guests to be with us. Please see my Facebook page (Dan Reese, Mayor, City of Windcrest) for updates. We begin at 8:30 at Las Palapas on Walzem. You are welcome to come and go as you please and have coffee on me!

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

CITY SECRETARY

Rachel Dominguez
City Secretary



It is time to share how We Rise Up for Parks and Recreation! We are celebrating Park and Recreation Month this July by highlighting the ways communities are stronger, more vibrant, and more resilient because of parks and recreation. The services that park and recreation professionals provide are vital for our community — from protecting open space and natural resources to helping fight obesity and providing activities and resources for all people.

The City and Parks and Recreation Commission have been working together scheduling activities throughout the month of July. Mark your calendars with the following events to come and enjoy our parks.

Saturday, July 9 @ 9am: Kite Flying in the Park @ Brook Falls Pond Open Space – Bring your own kites or be one of the one of the first fifty (50) participants to receive a free kite.

Saturday, July 16: Disc Golf in the Park @ Brook Falls Pond Open Space - First twenty (20) participants will receive a free disc.

Saturday, July 30 and Sunday, July 31 @ 9am: Pickleball 101 @ the Takas Park Pickleball Courts: Come out and learn how to play pickleball. See what the rave is all about! The first twenty-five (25) registrants on each day will receive a free paddle and ball. Refer to the City's website for registration information.

Fitness in the Park: Fitness classes will be available beginning the second week of July. The classes offered will range from Yoga in the Park to Gladiator Fitness. Refer to the city website for the specific schedule. Each class will be held at the Takas Park Civic Center.

Park and Recreation Month encourages everyone to reflect on the exponential value parks and recreation professionals bring to communities. Come out and join us for these major events. Stay connected by signing up for "Notify Me" on our website. All events will be posted on our social media Facebook and Instagram pages. See you in the PARKS!

CITY CODE HIGHLIGHTS

On May 16, 2022, the City Council discussed and approved the first reading of Ordinance 2022-013(O), to provide additional property tax relief to homeowners as allowed by law. Due to the increasing property values throughout Bexar County, the Council felt it was in the best interest of the citizens of Windcrest to adopt the said homestead exemption.

On May 23, 2022, City Council approved Ordinance 2022-013(O), an ordinance authorizing a percentage-based exemption from ad valorem taxes on the appraised value of a residence homestead in the amount of five percent (5%) of the appraised value of the individual's residence homestead or a minimum of \$5,000, to be effective for the tax year beginning on January 1, 2022.

Sec. 14-8 Construction Waste Disposal and Receptacles

(a) Whenever remodeling, demolition, construction, or other activity on a property generates construction waste, the owner is responsible and has the duty to ensure construction waste is properly disposed with no impact from the waste on the property or surrounding properties.

(b) Whenever the volume of construction waste requires a receptacle for disposal, including a dumpster, disposal bin, or other container required for removal of the waste, the owner shall obtain a permit from the city for such receptacle. Each construction waste receptacle permit shall be limited to an individual property and limited in duration.

For the complete code, please visit https://library.municode.com/tx/windcrest/codes/code_of_ordinances.

Permit applications are available online through the City's website – DEPARTMENTS – BUILDING SERVICES. Applications, inspections, business registration, and payments are now processed through www.mygovernmentonline.org. Click on Permits & Licensing – Apply Online and Create New Account. Make sure you identify the jurisdiction as WINDCREST.



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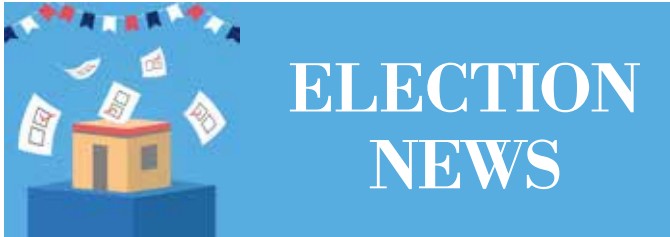
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ELECTION NEWS

On November 8, 2022 the City of Windcrest will hold a General Election for City Councilmember Place 1, City Councilmember Place 3, and City Councilmember Place 3. Registered voters will be able to vote early and on voting day at 9310 Jim Seal Dr. at the Takas Park Civic Center.

Mark Your Calendars

Monday, July 25 – Monday, August 22 @ 5 pm: Period to file an application for place on general election ballot.

Sunday, August 28 – Thursday, September 1: Recommended period to conduct drawing for order on names on ballot.

Monday, August 29 @ 5 pm: Last day for ballot or write-in candidate in general election to submit a certificate of withdrawal. (SOS Form 2-33)

Tuesday, October 11: Last day for submitting voter registration application in time to vote at the election or for requesting transfer of registration in time to vote in new precinct not in the same county and territory.

Monday, October 24: First Day for early voting by personal appearance.

Friday, November 4: Last day for early voting by personal appearance.

Refer to the City of Windcrest Elections Page for additional information, forms, and candidate packets for the November 8, 2022 General Election.

PUBLIC WORKS

By **Chris Gamboa**

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Public Works Director

(210) 655-0022 ext. 2490

Happy Independence Day! Alley maintenance and repairs continue. Takas Park improvements projects will be ongoing throughout the summer. Friendly reminder, Public Works Department can be reached by phone, or email for questions or concerns. Public Works extends a safe and sane 4th of July to all.



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chief Police Darrell Volz

Did you know? We have a camera registration program. The mission of the camera registration program is to work in partnership with the community to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Windcrest. Find out more about this at <https://www.windcrest-tx.gov/602/Business-and-Residential-Camera-Registra>

Are you ready for another parade? It has been a while. Don't forget the 4th of July Parade. This year it will be an evening parade. Keep your eye on the city's web page for all the details. Hope to see you there.

The horrible tragedy that took place in Uvalde will be on our minds for a long time. The Uvalde Police Department was overwhelmed by everything, and they requested assistance from other departments, both police officers and dispatchers. The Windcrest Police Department asked for volunteers and our officers and dispatchers stepped up to the plate. We began assisting only days after the incident took place.

We have been in contact with all four schools in Windcrest and plans are being made to visit each campus and train with them on active shooter responses prior to the beginning of the next school year.

The Citizens' Patrol Unit is looking for new members. We only request two (2) hours of your time a month devoted to driving around town. You can drive alone or grab a CP partner to ride along with you. We would love to have you join our team. If you are interested in this program, feel free to contact one of the four team captains for Citizens' Patrol (Jill Vogel, Elvie Ortiz, Mike Magallanez or Joe Regan).

If your neighborhood has any block meetings or meets on a regular basis, please let us know. We would love to attend and visit. It will be an exciting time to talk about what is important to you from your police department and how we can accomplish that.

Follow us on Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/WindcrestPD/>. It is a wonderful way to keep up with what is going on with the police department.

Until next month, be safe.

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Code Compliance & Enforcement

By Officer Selena Breland



We started the summer with decent rain and noticed this past month most property owners have been keeping up with property maintenance; we appreciate all your efforts, keep up the excellent work. While working outside, please remember to hydrate and take frequent breaks. I always say a well-maintained property is an important part of a healthy lifestyle. I highly recommend you check the references on all contractors you use for repairs and make sure you review their permits before they start any project. We have come across contractors without permits and had to stop their work, please check with our city staff if a permit is required. Also, please keep up with the maintenance of your swimming pools, report any violations you see. Inspect your homes and replace or repair rotting wood, broken boards/panels, gutters, fences, and correct rusted metals by painting/treating exposed areas that need painting, protect your investment.

REMINDER: Residential garbage, waste, and refuse placed outside for pickup shall be contained in a durable metal or hardened rubber container, make sure it is a tightly sealed insect and animal proof lid. Trash bags left out can only be used for disposal of leaves, grass trimmings or other items, no food-based products please.

If you need any assistance or want to report a violation of the Windcrest City Code, please contact your Code Enforcement Officers via the Windcrest Police Department Dispatcher at 210-655-2666 or send us an email thru the link provided within the code enforcement website.

A Message From Fire Marshal Zelenak

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. This month I would like to share a few safety points about Pool Safety. There is nothing better than taking a jump in the swimming pool to cool off from the brutal Texas heat. A carefree swim in the pool can turn deadly extremely fast. Please make sure your children are always supervised while in and around the swimming pool. If you have a swimming pool in your backyard it is a great idea to have a fence around the pool with a locking gate to keep your children out of the area when you cannot keep your eyes on them. Installing an alarm on your back door or a door that leads to your pool can alert you when they go outside.



Swimming lessons are a great start to keeping your little swimmer safe, if children are not strong swimmers or young children are playing with older children in the pool. A life jacket is always a smart choice. In the event of a drowning, Knowing CPR and dialing 911 to get Emergency Service Responding are going to be your best chance for survival. Please be safe when you or your family are playing in or around water. It only takes 6 inches of water for a child to drown.

PREVENTING OAK WILT

ORDINANCE 2019-713(O)



The City of Windcrest



WHAT IS OAK WILT?

Oak wilt is a highly infectious disease caused by a fungus. This fungus damages water-conducting system (or the xylem), meaning the trees cannot get the water and nutrients it needs. It is spread by beetles that carry the fungus spores, and through interconnected roots underground.

KNOW WHEN TO TRIM/PRUNE

You may only trim or prune your oak trees during the months of **JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, AND JANUARY**. This time period is when transmission of the disease is least likely to spread.



DOING IT RIGHT

Before you trim, review Windcrest City Ordinance No. 2019-713(O).

- **Permits must be pulled for any oak tree trimming/maintenance.**
- Use clean/sterilized tools EVERY TIME
- Only cut sections NO LONGER THAN 4ft in length
- Paint all the wounds on the trees immediately with a latex-based paint
- Dispose of all the trimmings immediately

PROPER DISPOSAL

Unpainted wounds and the trimmed branches can spread oak wilt. If you hired someone to trim your oak trees, they **MUST** haul off the trimmed branches. Either grind or chip the trimmed branches, or take the branches to an approved disposal site outside of Windcrest city limits. If you trim or cut down any oak tree on your property, the trimmings must be disposed of properly. No trimming can be left on any City owned property or in the right-of-way. It is important to dispose of the trimming properly to prevent infections.



LEARN MORE ABOUT OAK WILT AT TEXASOAKWILT.ORG

Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department

By Robert Weidenbach,
Interim Fire Chief

EMS Certifications

One of the questions people ask us is the difference in patches on our uniforms. In Texas, there are five distinct types of EMS certifications, and a medical director patch. The first is the Emergency Care Attendant. An Emergency Care Attendant, or ECA for short, is the lowest level of medical certification. This training is designed for first responders that will only be providing basic first aid measures when responding to a call. The next certification is an Emergency Medical Technician or EMT. This level of provider is the most common. It is the entry-level medical training that most firefighters undergo as part of obtaining their certification. In Texas, every career firefighter is required to obtain their medical certification. While there are still a few ECA's around, the majority of firefighters are EMT's. The Advanced Emergency Medical Technician or AEMT undergoes more education and can perform more invasive skills, such as IV's and intubations. The Paramedic and Licensed Paramedic are both capable of performing all the same skills. This level of provider is going to be able to administer pharmacology, perform IV's, perform intubations, combat several different cardiac issues, and more. The only difference between a Paramedic and a Licensed Paramedic is that the Licensed Paramedic has either an associate degree in Paramedicine or similar or holds a bachelor's degree in any discipline. All the EMS practitioners work under the license of a Physician who provides the criteria for what skills can be performed and by whom. A medical director is a Physician who is specialized in Emergency Medicine and has undergone a fellowship as an EMS Medical Director. Here in Windcrest, our Medical Director is Doctor Craig Manifold, DO. Doctor Manifold is also a retired Brigadier General from the US Air Force.



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Reminder, please chip or keep a collar with a **up-to-date** rabies tag and Windcrest registration on your pet so that your dog or cat, if lost, can get back to you. Many times, a gate is left open, or a hungry cat finds its way to someone else's porch. New residents to Windcrest, please update your microchip information. Many times, a dog without a collar, but chipped is returned if the phone number and address is current.

Lastly, it is HOT! Keep cool water available for your pets. Watch out for the wild animals that are looking for a water source. Consider a fence around your pool or a ramp for them to escape from a watery death. Children and animals are most at risk of an accident in the water when it is hot.

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Available Properties

Location, location, location is a common mantra in real estate. While that is excellent advice, do you know what that means?

Choosing a business location is not something that is done on a whim—it is a crucial step in every business plan. The business location you choose will depend on the type of business you operate. Business parks, shopping malls, strip malls, professional buildings, and others are designed to meet the specific needs of various kinds of companies. For example, if you are expanding from online-only to online and brick-and-mortar, your needs will be much different from an accountant looking to grow your firm and bring in new clients.

Key factors to consider when choosing a location can be:

- Property Features
- Rental Rates
- Parking Details
- Accessibility
- Appearance
- Available Amenities in the Community
- Workforce
- Demographics
- Community Culture
- Economic Incentives

Businesses are often in flux depending on their growth, employees, and various needs. Some are looking to expand, some to build, and some want to downsize. The WEDC has added to an online list of available Windcrest properties featured on our website. Ask us about real estate in Windcrest! Windcrest is a great market for retail businesses along Walzem Road and office users can also find great space in our community.

Scan this code to go directly to the list of available Windcrest properties:



Flea preventative treatments are a year-round must-have for cats AND dogs! Not only are fleas a nuisance to you and your pets, but they can also carry diseases that can debilitate your furry friends (and in some cases even cause death). A simple way to test if your pet has fleas is to brush over your pet with a paper towel, or part the hair and look at their skin. If you do not find any adult fleas, you will see their feces (also called "flea dirt") which look like small dark specks. Fleas ingested by your pet while grooming may result in tapeworms (You may notice what looks like a piece of white rice moving on their bottom or in their stool. This is a sign of tapeworms, which can be treated with oral medication). Adult fleas only represent 5% of the flea population, so it is important to have a routine that addresses all the life stages (eggs, larvae, pupae). Monthly topical combo products (like Revolution or AdvantageMulti) can kill up to 98% of fleas in various life stages and protect pets from ticks, heartworms (carried by mosquitoes), and some intestinal parasites (roundworms, hookworms) too!

Indoor pets are also at risk! Some studies have shown that 1/3 of heartworm infections were in indoor-only pets! Keep your pets healthy and happy - talk to your vet for more info. And remember to spay or neuter your pets!!!!

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Windcrest Women's Club

By Jennifer Newman

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LIONS CLUB NEWS

By Lion Tim Flick

Happy Summer Windcrest Residents!

Do not forget to come out for the Fourth of July festivities on Monday the 4th at City Hall at 6 PM for fun activities and a parade around the golf course.

Later this month we have the Health Fair, hosted by Grace Pavilion. Come to the Civic Center at Takas Park on July 23rd from 10AM – 2PM. There will be free health and eye screenings, mammograms, vaccinations, a backpack giveaway with school supplies for the kids. There will be plenty of fun, games, and prizes. I hope to see you all there!

The Lions Club proudly sponsors the Roosevelt High School LEO Club. Every year we honor our graduating LEOs, outgoing club officers, and our LEO of the Year. This year Sarah Pulido was selected by LEO Club members as the award recipient. Congratulations Sarah! We hope the Lions Club scholarship will help with your educational plans. Mayor Dan Reese, his lovely wife Francie, and Lions Kelly, Marlene and Jack were on hand to honor Sarah.



Every year, Lion Sherilyn Flick helps organize the citizens participation during National Police Appreciation Week. The Lions Club and Lion/Councilman Wes Manning hosted lunch from Bill Miller for our police officer to show them how much we appreciate them.



Lion Sherilyn Flick with Chief Volz (top left), Councilman / Lion Wes Manning (top right) & Lion President Marlene Patton (bottom) kick off Windcrest Police Appreciation Week.

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Windcrest Golf by Mary Wold

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Flag Etiquette

With the 4th of July upon us it is important to remember some key flag etiquette.

- The Flag should not be dipped to any other
- Never Fly the flag upside down
- The Flag should never touch the ground
- The Flag should never be used for apparel
- The Flag should not be flown damaged
- The Flag should not be used to advertise
- Finally, when the Flag is in such a condition it is no longer fit to be presented it should be retired in a dignified way, preferably burning



Eagles Everywhere

One thing to keep in mind is if you do not feel comfortable disposing of an American Flag in a dignified way the scouts of Troop and Pack 157 can help. To that end Life Scout Freeman Johnson just completed his Eagle Project which is a flag disposal unit now stored at the fire station.

Residents who would like to see their flag correctly retired with dignity can drop it off and troop personnel will collect them routinely.

We want to thank Freeman for seeing this need and using his gifts to fill it in our community.



Meeting Days

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



Want more information on Scouting at any level in Windcrest contact Justin Buckner at Buckj64@gmail.com or 210.744.7296.

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Special Events

By Liz Dick



2022 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.

For four years Windcrest has had a project where residents can donate working Christmas lights and other residents that needed lights can pick them up for use during Windcrest Light-Up. It was a small beginning. The first year ten residents donated lights and eight families benefited. Last year another ten residents donated and over twenty-five families benefited.

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

Do you have working Christmas lights in your garage or attic that you will not 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 **Friday, October 14th through Wednesday, November 16th**. If you have lights but need them picked up at your home, call Cindy Strzelecki on 210-812-7500.

Donated Lights will be available from 10 am – 1 pm on two Saturdays, November 19th and the 26th in the parking lot at City Hall. This is a wonderful way to recycle working lights and have at least one set of lights on every home in Windcrest during our Light Up!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!



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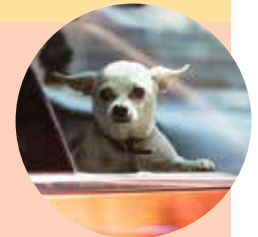


Don't risk your child's life by leaving them in the car alone during hot weather. A child's body can heat up five times faster than an adult's, and even in cooler weather, cars can heat up to dangerous temperatures very quickly. On a mild day, the temperature inside a car can rise 20 degrees above the

outside temperature in just 10 minutes or less! Here are tips to help keep your child safe this summer:

- Make a habit of checking your vehicle before leaving it. **Look before you lock!**
- Keep a stuffed animal or other objects next to you in the car as a reminder that your child is with you.
- If you ever see a child left alone in a car, **call 9-1-1 immediately!**

Pets can get dehydrated quickly. Make sure you take precautions to keep your pet safe.



- Give your pet plenty of water when it's hot outdoors. Make sure to fill their water bowl before you leave.
- Make sure they have a shady place to get out of the sun.
- Be careful not to over-exercise your pet. Too much playtime in the hot sun is dangerous for them.
- Hot asphalt and tar can burn sensitive paw pads, walk your pet on grass or dirt when possible.
- Keep your pet indoors when it's extremely hot outside.
- **Never leave your pet in a car!** Pets can overheat in minutes so don't put them at risk! Leave them home during hot weather.



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Summer At SAPL

Summer chess programs will continue on Thursdays in July. If you are interested in attending Pruitt Chess programs online, be sure to monitor the SAPL events calendar at <https://www.mysapl.org/Events-News/Events-Calendar> for sign up information. You may also call (210) 650-1122 with questions.

Pruitt Library Adult Book Clubs TGIF Book Club Selection

Join Pruitt Library staffers Paula Opiela and Catrina Grivich to discuss the July book choice, *Anxious People*, by Fredrik Bacman. Call (210) 650-1122 to register and pick up a copy at the Pruitt Branch. We will meet in-person at 11:00am on Friday, July 29, 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 for us to send meeting information. We hope to see you online or in-person!

Saturday Adult Book Club Selection

The Saturday Adult Book Club selection for July is *How Not to Die Alone*, Richard Roper. We will meet in-person at 11:00am on Saturday, July 16, in the Pruitt Conference Room. For virtual attendees, we will provide a link so you may attend via Zoom. Call (210) 650-1122 to register. Registration with a valid email is required for us to send meeting information. We hope to see you online or in-person!

Varied Voices Book Club Selection

For those who choose Sundays to celebrate books by diverse authors, the selection for July is *You'll Never Believe What Happened to Lacey*, by Amber Ruffin & Lacey Lamar. Call (210) 650-1122 to register and reserve a copy at the Pruitt Branch. We will meet in-person at 3:00pm, on Sunday, July 24. For virtual attendees, we will provide a link so you may attend via Zoom. Registration with a valid email is required for us to send meeting information. We hope to see you online or in-person!

Activities for Kids

Summer STEAM

Explore and create on Sunday afternoons with Ms. Lucy. There is a different fun-filled activity each week.



Matinee Monday for Kids

Stop by for family fun at 3:00pm in the afternoon on Mondays. Recommended for school-aged children.



Tween Activities

Tweens Create

3:00pm July 11 and July 25

Join tweens ages 9-12 to explore and create with Ms. Lucy.

Teen Summer Activities

Teen Chess

Chess Master Alex Weinberg will live stream a chess lesson or highlight a strategy during this interactive chess meeting for teens ages 13-18. After the lesson, teens may stay and play chess with each other. Those wishing to attend virtually may call (210) 650-1122 and register with a valid email address to receive the zoom link.

Tuesday Teen Time

Hang out, meet new friends and chill at this weekly teen event. Activities include gaming, crafting, movies, and anime. Recommended for ages 13-18.



Teen We Game Wednesday

Pop in and Play Gaming for Teens. Hang out, meet new friends, and chill weekly while gaming at your leisure. Recommended for ages 13-18.

Teen Fiddle on Friday Music Exploration

A venue for the discussion, sharing, and playing of music. Whether you are a musician, a patron of the arts, or simply curious as to what we have in store. Drop by and check it out. Feel free to bring an instrument. Ages 13-18.

Adult Activities

Special Needs Adult Programming (SNAP)

1:15pm, Wednesday June 27

This monthly program features a story, crafts, and snacks for adults with special needs. If you know or are a special needs adult who might enjoy this program, please call Pruitt Library at (210) 650-1122 to RSVP. Staff members Ms. Paula and Ms. Catrina look forward to seeing you!

The Best Music You Never Heard

2:00pm, Saturday, July 23

Join us to listen, or, if you like, bring a little-known favorite to share on CD or Spotify list. (No explicit lyrics, please.) Registration required; visit mysapl.org/events to sign up. We will listen together and may find new artists and styles to love!

Lip Scrub Making for Adults

10:30 am, Saturday, July 30

Join us as we mix, make, and concoct to create a lip scrub guaranteed to please. Call Pruitt Library at (210) 650-1122 to RSVP. Staffers Ms. Paula and Ms. Catrina look forward to seeing you! Recommended Audience: Adults





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