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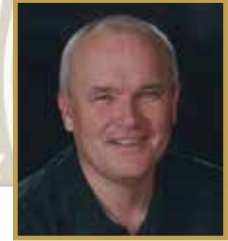
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Mayor's Message

Dan Reese

It is Football season again! We hope for a successful season for all our student athletes! We will light The Windcrest "Candle" to celebrate wins from our Roosevelt Rough Riders!

Budget – The budget is on the agenda to be finalized at the September 19th City Council meeting. The draft budget was on the agenda at every Council meeting after the draft was presented to allow for comment. We held a public hearing on the proposed budget and the Tax Rate on August 15th. This budget meets the needs of our department heads and even allowed for some much-needed Capital expenditures.

Property Tax – Your Council took several actions to keep your Property Tax bill lower. They reduced the tax rate from 0.404306 to 0.39000. In May, the Council voted on a 5% Homestead Exemption property value reduction. We already had a \$15,000 property value reduction for those over 65 years of age. Additionally, the Council continued to use a portion of sales tax to reduce property tax instead of going to the general fund. The sales tax offset reduced my Windcrest tax bill by \$245.83. Yours may be different because of your home's Bexar County Appraisal value.

Windcrest Elections – The deadline has passed to apply to run for a position on the City Council. Places 1 (Currently held by Councilmember Wes Manning) and Place 3 (Currently held by Councilmember Greg Turner) did not have opposition. You will be voting on Place 2, currently held by Councilmember Cindy Strzelecki. Belinda Hill-Herbst applied to run for Place 2 as well. You will also be voting on proposed changes to your Windcrest City Charter. Information regarding these proposed changes is on the City Website and you will get a mailer also. The closest polling place for both early and election day voting will be at our own Takas Park Civic Center at 9610 Jim Seal Dr. If you are qualified to vote by mail, you can apply now. Here are some important dates for the November elections:

- **October 24th** – First day of early voting in person
- **November 4th** – Last day of early voting in person
- **November 8th** – Election Day

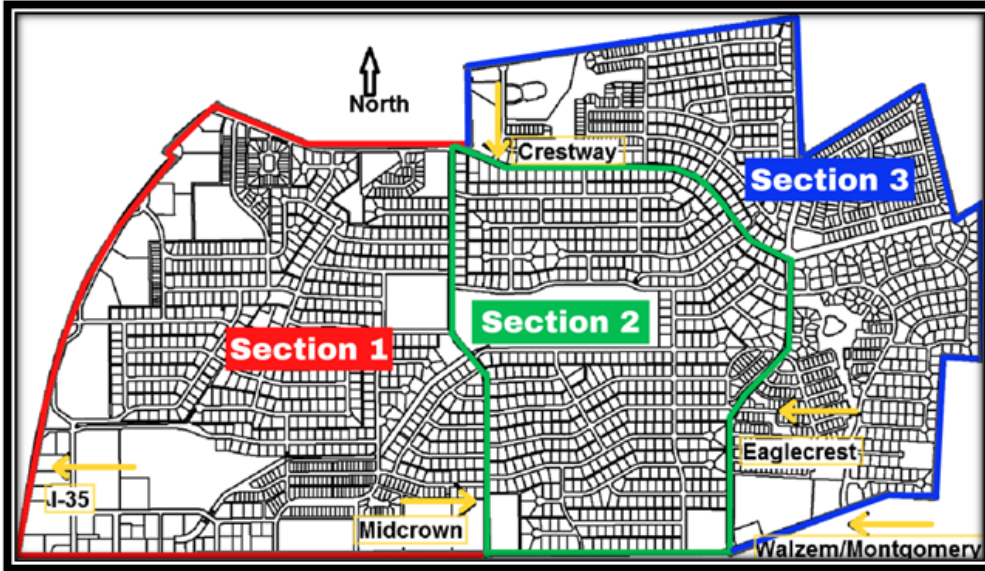
Congressional Elections – For those of you who may not know, your US Congressperson will change in November. Windcrest *was* in Congressional District 28 represented by Henry Cuellar. After Redistricting, the City is split. District 21 is to the West of Eaglecrest, and District 35 is to the East of Eaglecrest. District 21 race has Chip Roy (R) facing Claudia Zapata (D). District 35 race has Greg Casar (D) facing Dan McQueen (R). The District Maps on several web sites do not seem to be updated.



My "*Coffee with the Mayor*" continues to be extremely helpful for me and those who can participate. Because of an exposure to COVID, I had to cancel two coffees in August. If you have Facebook, I encourage you to visit my Mayor Dan Reese site. I will keep that updated. We begin at 8:30AM 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

Windcrest Fall Bulk and Brush Pick Up



THE CITY OF WINDCREST CURBSIDE BRUSH AND BULK PICK UP WILL RUN OCTOBER 3 through OCTOBER 21, 2022.

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

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

SECTION 1:

All homes located west of Midcrown are in Section 1. **Curbside service will begin on Monday, October 3, collecting through Friday, October 7.** ALL brush and bulk items to be collected **MUST** be placed out on the curb **NO EARLIER** than Friday, September 30, and **NO LATER** than Sunday, October 2. Collection will only be picked up once in each section. Republic Service **WILL NOT** return for additional pick-ups or missed pick-ups.

SECTION 2:

All homes located east of Midcrown, south of Crestway, and west of Eaglecrest are in Section 2. **Curbside service will begin on Monday, October 10, collecting through Friday, October 14.** ALL brush and bulk items to be collected **MUST** be placed out on the curb **NO EARLIER** than Friday, October 7, and **NO LATER** than Sunday, October 9. Collection will only be picked up once in each section. Republic Service **WILL NOT** return for additional collection or missed collections.

SECTION 3:

All homes located north of Crestway and east of Eaglecrest are in Section 3. **Curbside service will begin on Monday, October 17, collecting through Friday, October 21.** ALL brush and bulk items to be collected **MUST** be placed out on the curb **NO EARLIER** than Friday, October 14, and **NO LATER** than Sunday, October 16. Collection will only be picked up once in each section. Republic Service **WILL NOT** return for additional collection or missed collections.

Refer to the map above to confirm the section your collection will be picked up. **Each section will be serviced ONLY ONCE.** Your collection must be out on the curb by the prescribed date. If your items are not on the curb by your section deadline, your house will be **MISSED**. **THERE WILL NOT BE ANY RETURN VISITS FOR PICK UP.** Any materials placed out after your street has been serviced, the homeowner will be responsible for disposing of the materials at the Republic dumpsite and pay their dumping fees.

Need to know what are acceptable collections for this service? Refer to the guidelines listed below. If you have any questions regarding materials not listed below, please contact Republic Services directly at 210-304-2732.

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 alc 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.

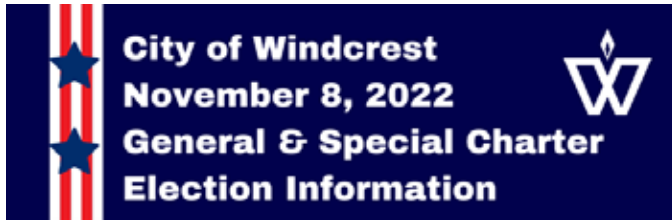
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Election time is here.

On November 8, 2022, the City of Windcrest will hold a General Election for City Councilmember Place 1, City Councilmember Place 2, 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. You may refer to the Elections webpage for the early voting calendar.

Additionally, the City of Windcrest is holding a Special Charter Election on proposed amendments to the 2019 City of Windcrest Charter. There is a total of twelve (12) proposed amendments for voter consideration. For a complete comprehensive review of the Propositions, please refer to the City's Election webpage at <https://www.windcrest-tx.gov/510/City-Elections>.

Be on the lookout for the 11.08.2022 Special Charter Election mailer.

November 2, 2022, Election Day Calendar

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 regarding the proposed charter amendments and election information. You may also call Bexar County Elections Department for information regarding vote center sites at 210-355-8683.



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PARKS AND RECREATION

By David Hook, Parks and Recreation Chair

Windcrest Light Up 1st Annual Holiday Cookie, Candy, and Tamale Competition

Do you make the best holiday cookies, candy, or tamale in Windcrest? Show us your skill at the Windcrest Light Up 1st Annual Holiday Cookie, Candy, and Tamale Competition on Thursday, November 10th at the Windcrest Civic Center. This is a free event to help kick off the upcoming seasons festivities. Winners will be selected in each category: 1) Homemade; 2) Professional/Restaurant. For contest rules, refer to the City's webpage for registration information, general rules, and sign-up form. Information will also be available on the City's social media pages. It is time to see who in the Windcrest community will walk away with bragging rights for 2022. We will see.

Takas Park Walking Trail Restoration Project

The restoration and repair of the Takas Park Walking Trail is 70 percent complete. Many thanks to the Windcrest Public Works team for making this project a priority on their already busy schedule. For the month of October, Public Works will be continuing their work on the trail and preparing the city for this year's Windcrest Light Up – Fiesta de Navidad festivities.

Commission Meeting Updates

At the August Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, citizens' comments were received concerning the size and deterioration of the park signs. It was also noted the fountains were not working at Brook Falls and Autumn Sunset Parks. The Commission will examine what can be done concerning the park signs with City staff. Regarding the foundations in the parks, Public Works is aware of the issues and pending the availability of the parts needed, the operation of the fountains will be addressed. The Public Works Department is actively working on the repair and replacement of the broken pumps.

Additional Parks and Recreation Events

In response to citizen comment from our last event, Parks and Recreation is planning to have another Kites in the Park event at Brook Falls Park this Fall. The date will be a Saturday in mid- to late October. City staff will be looking at how we can expand this event with additional recreational activities. With better temperatures expected to be around, it is time to get out and enjoy our parks. It is time to make memories!

1st Windcrest Dog Park

To stay updated on the progress of the new dog park, click on the Parks and Recreation block on the city's new webpage. It will take you directly to all the updates and happening in the parks! As well as the progress on the park.

See you in the parks!



Windcrest Golf

by Mary Wold

Some October happenings can scare the daylights out of you, but a fun Golf game can lift your Spirits! Please come join in the fun every Thursday – tee time is 9am. We welcome **all levels of lady golfers**, and we would love to meet you.

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



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chief Police Darrell Volz

Fall is here and things have finally started to cool down. This past summer was a hot one. October is a busy month for the police department. Several things that are happening this month, first is National Night Out then Trunk or Treat. This year we will be back at the Civic Center in Takas Park for National Night Out. It is always the 1st Tuesday of October and this year that falls on October 4th from 6:00 pm until 8:30 pm. Good times are always had at National Night Out. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Then on Halloween, which always falls on the last day of October, we will be holding our Trunk or Treat Event. Last year it was held at the Civic Center but this year we must move it back to city hall due to the early voting schedule. This year Halloween falls on Monday, October 31, 2022. The time for the event is 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. We enjoy the interaction with our citizens at this event and are amazed at the costumes of some of the kids and adults that attend wear. There will be loads of candy being distributed and from what the firefighters are telling me this will be the best haunted house they have ever hosted.

We will be hosting a training class for our female citizens on October 12, 2022, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. There will be no cost to the attendees, and we are limited as to the number of seats. As of this writing, there are still slots available. It will be highly informative and light snacks will be available. Some of the topics that will be covered are how to beware of your surroundings, how to avoid & escape conflicts and how to determine what criminals are looking for when they choose their victims.

Always be on the lookout for scammers. They are on the increase! If it sounds too good to be true, it is. As always, stay safe and watch out for scammers!

A Message From Fire Marshal Zelenak



With Halloween upon us, here are some trick-or-treat safety tips for you and your little monsters.

- When choosing a costume, stay away from long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so they can see out.
- Provide children with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- Keep all decorations away from open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs and heaters. Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper catch fire easily.
- Use a battery-operated candle or glow-stick in jack-o-lanterns. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Be sure to place lit pumpkins far away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways, and yards.
- Tell children to stay away from open flames and be sure they know how to stop, drop, and roll if their clothing catches fire.

Code Compliance & Enforcement

By Officer Selena Breland



As I travel through the city, I have seen some areas needing some work, specifically the back yards, alleys and tree branches that hang over our streets. Fall is here and leaves will soon start to fall. Remember, you may blow or sweep your leaves onto the street, just make sure you pick them up. Leaving them on the street is a violation under Section 14-2(b) and (c) / Littering. As we prepare for the holidays, make your properties safe for family and visitors. Help a neighbor clean, it can only help make your property look better.

Remember to lookup when you may put out items for brush-bulk pickup in October. Please visit the city website for more information. As we let go of the summer and work our way into the fall. Please make sure you are trimming your low hanging tree branches. 13'6" inches is the minimum height over all roadways.

Even in cooler weather you can still dehydrate, drink plenty of fluids, wear protective clothing and take breaks. While the weather is cooler, do some exterior home repairs by replacing materials or painting as needed. Check with our permits department to see if you need a permit for any repairs or replacements.

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.

PUBLIC WORKS

By Chris Gamboa

cgamboa@windcrest-tx.gov

Public Works Director

(210) 655-0022 ext. 2490

Public Works is working with NEISD on school safety by installing new signs and road markings.

Please use extreme caution while approaching school buses that are picking up and dropping off students and watch for First Responders and Public Works Department that are guiding students safely across the crosswalks.

Public Works will begin removal of dirt mounds from the CPS (City Public Service) property.

Come out on Halloween night as Fire, Police and Public Works departments will be giving out Halloween treats and make sure to stop by the Fire Bay to see Halloween ghosts and goblins.

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Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department

By Ivan Hernandez, Fire Chief

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Daylight savings time is fast approaching!

Clocks will fall back one hour on **November 6, 2022**. The Windcrest Fire Department is asking you to check your smoke alarms.

If you did not know:

- 60% of home fire deaths occur in homes without a working smoke alarm. Change the batteries on your smoke alarms when you change the clock.
- Smoke alarms with non-replaceable 10-year batteries are designed to remain effective for up to 10 years. If the alarm beeps, warning that the battery is low, replace the smoke alarm right away.
- Make sure to always replace your smoke alarm every 10 years. Do not see a date on the back? Replace it!
- Your fire department recommends you install a smoke alarm in every bedroom, outside of bathrooms, near stairwells and on each floor of your home.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, **first check for low batteries**. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.

If you need assistance with changing your smoke detector batteries the Windcrest Fire Department will be glad to assist you. Please call 210-655-0022 ext. 2320 or email firechief@windcrest-tx.gov to schedule an appointment. We also are available to assist with Home Safety Inspections.



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Animal Care & Control
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Maria Bernal & Natalie Burgett



Welcome October from your Windcrest Animal Care and Control

Fall cleaning is in full swing and we are seeing more animals out and about with and without their owners. We have a leash law. This is to protect your pet from being hit by cars, hurt by dogs dumped within our city limits, and to keep us from finding your pet in the back alleys in someone's trash.

Please keep an updated rabies tags on your dog/cat and updated chip. We want to get them back to you. This helps weed out the strays from the pets that are roaming the streets.

Also with the cooler temps cats are roaming more and kittens are as always being born under shed and in open garages. Windcrest offers a Trap-Neuter-Program. We can loan you a trap and once trapped, take the cat or at least 3lb kitten to get spayed/neutered. The cat will be returned back to that location. Even if you are not the one feeding cats in your area, someone is. We bring them back to their feeding area and help prevent the population from over expanding.

Reminder!!! We have dogs and sometimes cats to adopt or foster!!! If you are looking for a new walking partner or can donate your time to walk the dogs in the kennel, give us a call.

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By Karen K. Nelson, WEDC Coordinator

Continuous Improvement is the Goal for Windcrest Economic Development

On October 13th, the Windcrest Economic Development Corporation Board, the Mayor, City Council Members, and other leaders will come together for "Practicing Economic Development" training.

Led by the CEO of the Texas Economic Development Council, this training will focus on the importance of economic development and some of the inherent challenges. Continuous and constant effort utilizing all resources with engagement from leadership is necessary for our city to continue its success.

Carlton Schwab, President/CEO of the Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC), will cover many essential topics in this intense half-day session, including:

- The roles and responsibilities of the WEDC Board and City Council.
- The difference between economic activity and economic development.
- What is success for Windcrest?

Windcrest has changed dramatically from the days of Windsor Park Mall and reinventing ourselves is a continuous process. Our community leaders and WEDC Board understand that development should be driving our city's community, social, and economic priorities. New businesses which bring jobs and investment are essential. Also, the health and retention of existing businesses, increasing local purchases, and focusing on Walzem road as the front door to our city are critical.



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GARDEN CLUB

By: Alice Vargas Relkin

Windcrest Garden Club (WGC) Membership is open!!

Garden improvement projects, insightful speakers, and community service participation are a few benefits members can expect. Our next monthly meeting is **Monday, October 3, at 10am**, at Takas Park. Sir Oliver Smith, Master Gardener and Master Naturalist will present methods and means to create attractive landscapes using less water. Our first silent auction will also take place to raise funds for our school charity. Please bring an item with a suggested value attached. And as usual, refreshments will be served.

The Garden Club will have a Meet and Greet table at the **Annual Night Out on Tuesday, October 4**, also at Takas Park starting at 6 p.m. Stop by and say hi.

WGC's **Fall Plant Sale** will take place in conjunction with the United Methodist Church's Pumpkin Patch Sale and Bazaar on **Saturday, October 15**. Look for us by the pumpkins.

If every trip to a store has you checking out the gardening section, WGC is for you. Club dues are only \$20.00 per year. Renew or join us now. We will sign you up at any meeting or please send your name, address, phone number and a check to WGC 413 Zephyr Windcrest, TX 78239. We are a charity 501(c)3 club.

The San Antonio Herb Society welcomes WGC members to meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the San Antonio Botanical Center at 3310 North New Braunfels 78209. Each month they have a mini presentation on the "herb of the month" then a guest speaker reports on gardening or herb topics. A potluck social is held 6:30-7pm. Please check their website for details: www.sanantonioperbs.org



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Name: _____ Spouse Name: _____
(I'm renewing my membership: NO INFO CHANGE _____)

Mailing Address: _____

City & Zip: _____

House phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

E Email: _____



Our Yearbook is ready!

If you have not received your book yet, here are some dates for you to mark on your calendar.



National Night Out

October 4, 2022

6:00 – 8:30 PM

Windcrest Civic Center

The WWC will again be present at this event. For those of you planning to attend, look for us at Table 4. Jan and Lu will be passing out candies and goodies to the children and telling guests about our club. We hope to sign up some new members! Stop by our table and say “hello” to them!

It is Almost Here!

Our First Evening Meeting!

General Meeting

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

6:30 PM



Location: Las Palapas Restaurant (Meeting Room)

4802 Walzem Road, Windcrest, TX 78239

Note: Tea and coffee will be provided. Food is at your personal expense.

Program: EDC (Economic Development Corporation) Executive Director Mario Hernandez with Karen Nelson, EDC Coordinator

Round Table Discussion led by Patsy

We are so excited about this meeting! It is our hope that this positive change makes it easier for our working members to become involved with the club. If you need a ride to the meeting, please do not hesitate to call me and I will try to find someone in your area willing to give you a lift. (Patsy 907-290-0104)

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Teen Activities at Molly Pruitt Library for October: Please see the Molly Pruitt Library website at www.pruittlibrary.com for specific dates and times for programming.

Free Play Friday

Starts Friday, September 9th, 4:30–5:30pm, room L109. Every other Friday we will be providing a casual venue for musicians and music enthusiasts to bring their instruments, experiment with instruments from our collection, and discuss all things music.

Teen Anime Hour

It starts Wednesday, September 28th, 4:30–5:30pm, room L109. Come watch anime and discuss your favorites with other anime lovers! Occasional anime-themed crafts and activities will also be offered.

Dungeons and Dragons

It starts Thursday, October 6th, 4:30–5:30pm, room L109. Create a character, team up and set out to conquer treacherous challenges in a tabletop roleplay setting. This program requires that players register ahead of time, registration can be accessed through the QR code on the flyer.

Any questions about our teen programming can be emailed to Lauren Hime at Lhime@neisd.net.

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We have opened registration for Light Up for residents wanting to compete in this year's Light Up contest and for those who just want to decorate and want to be "put on map", windcrest-tx.gov. Application deadline is **November 23, 2022, at 5pm**.

Dates to Remember:

November 9, 2022, 6pm*, Light up of Dedication Tree at Corner of Crestway and Jim Seal Dr. This year the tree is dedicated to Windcrest Veterans. Entertainment and refreshments will be served.

November 16, 2022, 6pm*, Light Up of Candy Cane Lane (Windway Island). Entertainment and refreshments will be served.

November 25 and 26, 10am-2pm*, Christmas Market at Takas Park Civic Center. Vendors will be there for your shopping convenience.

December 3, 2022, 6pm*, City Hall Christmas Tree lighting and Celebration.

December 4, 2022. 6pm-11pm, through December 30, 2022, Fill the Boot and Christmas Light Drive-thru event for all to enjoy.

**Santa will be at these events*



Windcrest Animal Control Task Force

By Pam Dodson



TxWeACT meets on the **4th Tuesday of each month at 642 Moorside Dr at 7 pm**. Our members are still busy helping the animals in our community. TxWeACT is financially supporting our animal control department by helping with the cost of spaying and neutering the community/feral cats and occasionally we help with the need of a dog that is in the care of our city.

October the 16th is National Feral Cat Day. Take some time thinking about the benefits of having cats in our community. Not just the companionship they can provide but how they have helped reduce the population of rats that used to frequent our area.

We are again hosting "*Photos with Santa*" at Cross Roads Church on Midcrown on **Dec. 11th starting at 3pm**. Animal blessings will be available at times that will be listed in next month's article.

We are making every effort so that in January and February, TxWeACT will be helping to host low-cost immunization clinics the third Saturday of those months. We hope this will encourage pet owners to register or reregister their pets with the city.

Remember 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). An effortless 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 could see their feces (also called "flea dirt") which look like small dark specks.



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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 lights 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!



LIONS CLUB NEWS

By Lion Tim Flick

Get ready Windcrest, our awesome Chili / Cornbread dinner is back!! It was a victim of the pandemic the past 2 years, but this November we will all be gathering for chili, cornbread, and fellowship with our neighbors. Unfortunately, due to increased costs, we have had to also change our prices. Early bird tickets are \$8 each, or \$10 at the door. So be sure to contact one of your neighborhood Lions Club members and get your tickets early! As always, children under 10 (eating in) are free. We also have vegetarian chili. We cannot wait to see you there. Watch this space for more information or visit our website.



The Lions Club has recently had guest speakers visit us to talk about the Red Cross and DisabilitySA. Both speakers were highly informative. Remember that every is always welcome to attend one of our meetings, so watch our web page and Facebook page for updates on upcoming speakers! If you see one who interests you, please join us.

Early bird announcement: Christmas will be here before you know it. This year's decorating theme is "Fiesta de Navidad" so start thinking about how you will decorate for light up. The Lions Club will be selling greenery again this year. It is fresh cut, smells great and looks beautiful, so keep an eye out for updates one when you can order yours.



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!



The Fall Season is Upon Us!

By Sharon Reynolds, Neighborhood News Staff Writer

If you love nature and enjoy the quiet serenity of the outdoors, then you will enjoy reading this article. I, myself, relish any time I can spend in nature and all it entails. I can picture it now, walking on a trail with sunlight streaming through the trees, the sound of water flowing softly from a nearby brook, then 'Ouch!', a bug bite. Nature is beautiful, well, aside from those irritating bug bites. Way to ruin the moment.

Before your next adventure into the beautiful world of nature, try some of these home remedies to ward off those annoying bugs.

Citrus Oils. If you want to keep those mosquitoes away, try using natural oils such as citronella and limonene. These oils may also keep away fleas, kissing bugs, flies, and mites.

Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus. Not to be confused with lemon eucalyptus essential oil which does nothing to keep pests away, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus is a natural repellent approved by the CDC.

Lavender Oil. Typically used for sleep and relaxation, this oil may be just the thing to keep mosquitoes away while enjoying the outdoors.

Peppermint Oil. Use this oil to repel spiders and mosquitoes on your outdoor excursions. This oil has effectively killed mosquitoes in some studies, so it's a win/win in my book.

So, the next time you are in the mood for silent serenity and plan to venture out, try some of these home remedies to keep those bugs away so you can truly enjoy your time in nature.



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