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## Mayor's Message Dan Reese

Welcome to the beginning of summer! In May, we will celebrate Cinco de Mayo (5th of course), Mother's Day (12th) and Memorial Day (27th). But did you know that May 3rd is "National Two Different Shoes" day? I have inadvertently celebrated that several times in my life!

**Windcrest International Business Park.** I encourage you to read the article in this month's newsletter detailing the transition from Rackspace to Windcrest International Business Park on the property originally developed as Windsor Park Mall. I would echo my personal excitement regarding the potential for the entire property beyond just the currently existing 1.2 million square foot building. Industrial Commercial Properties (ICP), the company that purchased the property, mentioned on several occasions that it was the willingness of the City of Windcrest leadership and the Windcrest Economic Development team to work with them that made their decision to make this their first acquisition in Texas.

**Looking Forward** – During the Budget Goal Setting Workshop on March 20th, the Council expressed a desire to develop a Master Plan for Windcrest. In 2021, we developed a Strategic Plan and outlined strategies and goals for 3-4 years. We are now working with the Windcrest Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) to develop a more comprehensive Master Plan. On the commercial side, this is very timely with the new Windcrest International Business Park and the potential for that property, as well as all of Walzem Road. As a side note, we were informed that Walzem Road is scheduled for a much-needed resurfacing. We will have more details in the next month.



**Text 911** - In a recent visit to the Metro 911 Regional Operations Center with a group of Mayors, I learned about a system in place that I was not aware of. I was not the only one who did not know about this feature, but it has been available for over 5 years! If you are not able to talk on the phone but you need emergency assistance, you can text 911. I can think of some situations, including when you just want to remain quiet, where this might be a good alternative. Just know that since it is texting, the information exchange will take extra time.

**New Look to the Firefighter's Picnic** – The Windcrest Volunteer Fire Alliance (WVFA) will hold the Firefighter's Picnic on Saturday, June 1st from 4PM to 8PM at Takas Park. They have changed the focus from food to demonstrations of the skills required of firefighters. There will be food trucks, raffles and of course, the opportunity to support our firefighters with donations that will help support training and equipment. Hope to see you there!

Need Help or Know Someone who does? If you, or someone you know, has a neighbor who is in need of some minor job around their home, we have a group of "Windcrest Volunteers" who are ready to help! You can. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator Anita Luna-Caulk at [volunteer@windcrest-tx.gov](mailto:volunteer@windcrest-tx.gov). She can help you decide if the project fits in with the scope of our team.

"Coffee with the Mayor" happens every Saturday that I am in town. 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 anytime you wish and leave as you choose to. Coffee is on me!

*Dan Reese*



"The credibility of the message is intrinsically tied to the integrity of the messenger."



~Chip Ingram



By Karen K. Nelson, WEDC Coordinator

## The Anatomy of an Economic Development Project The Windcrest International Business Park.

The entire process of recruitment and locating Industrial Commercial Properties (ICP) as the new owner of the Rack-space property took over a year. The story started in October 2022 when Mayor Dan Reese received a call from a Rack-space executive telling him they would be moving to a location in North San Antonio and selling the property known as the Castle.

The news was a huge blow; at one time, Rackspace employed over 3,000 at the headquarters and had grown their Texas sales to generate over \$1 million per year in sales tax revenue for Windcrest. The prospect of having an empty building (mall) of 1.2 million square feet was a daunting challenge.

The leadership of Windcrest, led by the Mayor and WEDC Board President Jennifer Newman, immediately addressed the problem. The following two months were spent working with Rackspace leaders and their real estate firm to develop a plan, including possible incentives and preferred uses.

After a nationwide search, in January 2023, six viable offers were received. After weeks of review, analysis, and meetings, it was determined that two proposals were best for Windcrest. While Rackspace could sell to anyone, they were very conscious of the impact on the community. After continued discussions it was evident the ICP was the best choice.

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For the next few months, the team worked on endless details, including a new Master Economic Incentive Agreement, an incentive package, a ground lease, an economic impact analysis, WEDC and city resolutions, collaborating with Bexar County as a partner, and even working with a local bank (Frost) to participate in the ICP financing.

Finally, the project was nearly complete by the end of January 2024. It would be another two months before the closing could occur. On March 22, 2024, some 17 months after receiving the bad news, ICP's Windcrest International Business Park was a reality. The mixed-use commercial/industrial project will bring over 1,200 jobs and expand the regional sales and payrolls by over \$178 million annually. This is truly a world-class win for Windcrest and Bexar County.



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**When trimming your lawn or pruning your trees and plants, be sure to properly bag and dispose of all loose clippings.**



**Excess leaves and debris left in our City Streets can clog up the City Sweeper's brushes causing the sweeper to breakdown.**



**Avoid blowing, sweeping or hosing into the street where they can enter storm drains.**



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**All water drained from the swimming pool must be emptied into the sewer inlet.**

**It is prohibited to drain pool water into the alley way, street, or public way.**



**Anyone looking to drain water from a swimming pool, not into a sewer inlet, must get a permit and guidance from the city office before.**



**Thank you for your help in this matter  
- City of Windcrest Public Works**



**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**News**



By Ivan Hernandez

Windcrest Fire Chief

Shhh... do you hear

that? It's the fire siren! What does it mean? Why is it needed?

The fire station siren is used to notify the community and firefighters of an emergency. These emergencies can range from fire-related emergencies to threats of severe weather to any type of attack, such as an air raid. When you hear the siren, you should seek shelter immediately and tune in to your local radio or television station for further information. To maintain functionality and provide familiarity in case of a real emergency, the Windcrest Fire Department will test the siren every Monday at noon, for approximately one minute. If you hear the siren and have any questions, please refer to the City of Windcrest website, the City of Windcrest Facebook page, or contact the Windcrest Fire Department at 210-655-0022, ext 2320.

**A Message From  
Fire Inspector Zelenak**

**Hotel and Motel Safety**

Vacations and business travel often make hotels and motels our home away from home. It is just as important to be prepared and know what to do in a hotel/motel emergency as it is in your own home.

**BE SAFE WHEN TRAVELING!**

- Choose a hotel/motel that is equipped with both smoke alarms and a fire sprinkler system.
- When you enter your room, review the escape plan posted in your room.
- Take the time to locate the exits and count the number of doors between your room and the nearest exit.
- If the fire alarm sounds, leave right away, closing all doors behind you. Use the stairs; never use elevators during a fire.
- If you must escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to the nearest exit.

**IF YOU CAN'T ESCAPE...**

**SHUT** off fans and air conditioners.

**STUFF** wet towels in the cracks around the doors.

**CALL** the Fire Department and let them know your location.

**WAIT** at the window and signal with a flashlight or light-colored cloth.

# POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

By Jim Cole, Police Chief



## COMMUNITY FIRST

Wearing the Windcrest Badge

Highlighting Badge 124

We have exciting news! The Windcrest Police Department has received 4 brand new 2024 Tahoes that we ordered last year. Did you know that when they arrive, they are still in need of all the outfitting! They in our possession and are currently being outfitting with lights, decals, docking stations, prisoner cages, etc., the whole 9 yards! The entire department is very excited about these new arrivals.

Also, in May, we will honor all of our officers during National Police Week from May 9 to May 18, 2024. Watch our social media for all the fun! We love serving our community and always feel appreciated by our wonderful citizens.

Please don't forget (and tell your neighbors too!) that we have a business and residential camera registration program. Come over to the Windcrest Police Department window at City Hall and we can give you the registration form.

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. Identifying businesses and residences with video surveillance systems that may have captured police-related incidents in publicly viewable areas around their businesses and homes will help us solve and deter crime. Police investigators may contact you to inquire if evidence has been recorded on your system. Police may request a copy of the recording. You are not obligated to turn over any recording and may decline to do so. Participation in the registration program is strictly voluntary and without remuneration and may be withdrawn at any time.

### ***PROTECT & SERVE COMMUNITY FIRST***



Officer Nicolas Zapata wears Windcrest Police Department Badge 124.

Officer Zapata has been a member of the Windcrest Police Department since July 2023.

He became a Texas Peace Officer through the San Antonio College of Law Enforcement.

He was Officer of the Year in 2023, Traffic Enforcer of the Year in 2023, as well as Officer of the 4th Quarter in 2023. He enjoys running traffic immensely and constantly being vigilant in Windcrest. In his spare time, he loves to BBQ with the family, camping, and riding his motorcycle at safe speeds.



Meals on Wheels San Antonio could use your help delivering more than a meal! You are providing moments of personal connection and much-needed wellness checks for our seniors.

Your support enables almost 200 seniors in the City of Windcrest to age independently and safely in the comfort of their own homes. Meal delivery volunteers can pick up meals from Cross Roads Church on Midcrown daily, Monday through Friday from 11:00 to 11:30 AM, and each meal delivery route will take an hour.

Please visit <https://www.mowsatx.org/volunteer> to learn and submit a volunteer application.

ARIANA BARBOUR, Director of Marketing and Communications

### *Chinese Food!*

**Windcrest Community Kitchen** is serving our city. Members can enjoy a 30% discount; Delivery available. TV coverage of sporting events and bar service. Private Reservation Room for up to 10 people with minimum \$100 consumption. Excellent 2nd floor party room. 30-100 people rent \$100/hour booking with Chinese Buffet \$10/person. Opening Hours 8am - 11pm. 8600 Midcrown Dr. Windcrest TX 78239  
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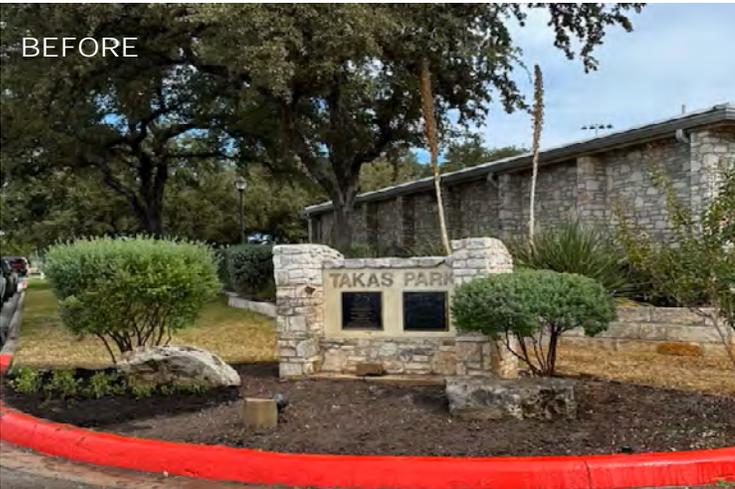
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BEFORE



AFTER

A beautification project organized by chair gardener Elizabeth and team

April was a busy month for the Windcrest Garden Club (WGC). Takas Park's entrance was replanted in a beautification project initiated by Chair Gardener Elizabeth and carried out by her team.

New officers were elected on April 10: Rose Ward - President, John Miranda - Vice-President, Virginia Guzman- Secretary, Mary David and Annette Hoffman - Co-Treasurers.

The annual Field Trip was held at the "Do Re Mi" Lavendar Farm, an hour south of San Antonio off of IH35 South. Members dined on a meal of quiche and fresh vegetables, toured the farm, and were shown how products are made. Fields of lavender were in bloom along with wildflowers.

*Remember to participate in the WGC yard awards contest. It's a great way to win a free membership. We meet from September-May, dues are only \$20.00 a year.*



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# CITY SECRETARY

By Rachel C. Dominguez

City Secretary

Building an accessory building in the City of Windcrest comes with specific code regulations and requirements that must be followed to ensure the safety and integrity of the structure. Accessory buildings, also known as secondary structures, include detached garages, sheds, and workshops. Additionally accessory buildings and use means a subordinate building or a portion of the main building, the use of which is incidental to that of the main building or to the main use of the premises. An accessory use is one which is incidental to the main use of the premises.

In Windcrest, the size restrictions for accessory buildings are restricted to 144 square feet and 9 ft in height. The total height of the structure is measured from the grade (ground) to the highest point of elevation. The only exception to the square footage restriction is masonry buildings (Chapter 103 Section 103-58(b)(12e).

When constructing an accessory building in Windcrest, it is important to adhere to the City of Windcrest Building Code requirements. The code outlines the minimum standards for building design, construction, and maintenance to safeguard the health, and safety. Some key requirements of the building code for accessory buildings include proper foundation design, framing, and electrical wiring if applicable.

Before starting construction on an accessory building in Windcrest, it is essential to obtain a building permit from the City of Windcrest Building Department. The permit application process typically involves submitting detailed plans and specifications of the proposed accessory building, including the size, materials, and location on the property. There are also permit fees associated with obtaining the permit.

Once the building permit is issued, construction can commence following the approved plans and meeting all code requirements. Inspections by the City of Windcrest Building Department are required at various stages of construction to ensure compliance with the code regulations and permit conditions.

In summary, building an accessory building in the City of Windcrest requires adherence to size restrictions, Building Code (Chapter 103 and Chapter 113 - Zoning) requirements, and obtaining a building permit from the City of Windcrest Building Department. By following these regulations and requirements, property owners can ensure a safe and compliant accessory building that enhances their property.

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The last general meeting for this club year is the installation of 2024-2025 officers on Wednesday, 22 of May, at the beautiful Petroleum Club, 8620 N New Braunfels Ste 700, San Antonio, 78217-6363. All new, renewed, & member's guests are invited. It's a wonderful time with a mix of ceremony, camaradery, and of course, wonderful food. RSVP and pay online at [WindcrestWomensClub.com](http://WindcrestWomensClub.com) or to Connie Ball, 210-656-3035 with cash or check. Save the date and make your reservation!

The new Executive Board elected at the April meeting, along with committee chairs and special committees, will be working hard during the summer to ensure we continue as a strong organization, provide excellent community service, and schedule programs for the new 2024/2025 Club year. Our next general meeting will be 28 August at the Windcrest Civic Center. See you there!

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# LIONS CLUB NEWS

By Lion Tim Flick

The Windcrest Lions had a great time at the recent Stride for Sight 5K run/walk. Thanks to everyone that donated, walked, ran, sleepwalked, and cheered us on! Thanks to you, we raised funds for Lions Sight Research Foundation. We're also proud that our Windcrest Lions won the best club fundraising award.



It is always our pleasure to respond to a need at Windcrest Elementary School. The Lions delivered 400 bottles of water in preparation for STARR testing. Go Shining Stars! Special shoutout to Mrs. Carmona, Family Specialist, for always looking out for students and families!

We recently attended the Windcrest Little League opening night ceremonies! It was great to meet the players and coaches of the team we sponsor -- the Windcrest Lions. They look great in their new uniforms! We will be cheering them on all season! The teams walked the bases, recited the Pledge of Allegiance, sang our National Anthem, and said the Little League pledge. Come out and help us cheer on all the little league teams this season!



Roary the Lion made a special guest appearance at our Pancake Breakfast!

Your Windcrest Lions Club is a community service-oriented organization and makes a real and positive difference in people's lives. If you would like to be a part of the goodness, we would love to have you join us! You can reach out to our membership chair at [tkflick@gmail.com](mailto:tkflick@gmail.com)

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](https://www.facebook.com/WindcrestLions) or on our website [www.windcrestlionsclub.org](http://www.windcrestlionsclub.org). We are currently meeting at the Windcrest Civic Center, you are welcome to join us!

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# CODE COMPLIANCE

By Agent Daniel Fox

There is a saying that goes, “May is the gateway to summer,” and we understand this well here in Windcrest. Now is the time to get those big projects done before the sun becomes more...aggressive, shall we say! Before it gets “too hot” let’s concentrate on our backyards and alleyways!

Per city code, residents are responsible for alley maintenance. This means no protrusions into the alleyway, no storage of brush, or loose garbage.

“The owner and the resident of property adjacent to an alley are jointly responsible for maintaining the necessary clearances of alleys and keeping alleys in a passable, sightly and sanitary condition. “(Code 1986, § 24.202; Ord. No. 315, 10-20-1997)

Remember, backyards follow the same guidelines as front yards, they must be mowed to below 10 inches.

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 email [dfox@windcrest-tx.gov](mailto:dfox@windcrest-tx.gov).



**Windcrest GOLF**  
by Mary Wold

Windcrest Women's Golf Association

May the 4th be with you in this stellar month-and on other days of the month too! Please join in the good times where your skills can blossom and your friendships bloom. Ladies play every Thursday, tee time is 9am. We welcome all levels of lady golfers. For information or questions please call Mary 210-608-9645



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# PUBLIC WORKS

## Happy Mother’s Day from the Public Works Department.

Please be patient with CPS as they are repairing the gas service lines connecting to the residents’ homes. These upgraded maintenance repairs are required due to years of services provided to residents.

Once this service has been completed, Public Works will be scraping and repairing the ruts in the alleys as needed.

Resident pool services are an important part of pool maintenance. All pool water with chlorine must be dumped into your residential sewer drain as required under the Texas Administrative Code. Please be advised of this when you are backwashing or draining your pool. For more information, attached is the link to Texas Administrative Code: <https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us>.

Thank you,  
Christopher Gamboa  
Director of Public Works



**Happy Mother's Day** **Word Search**

W	H	A	P	P	Y	W	G	N	I	R	A	C	O	H
S	N	S	R	E	H	T	O	M	D	N	A	R	G	L
P	V	T	H	O	U	G	H	T	F	U	L	D	N	K
G	A	E	N	H	N	E	N	E	N	H	H	Y	V	L
N	C	R	C	G	G	O	C	R	C	G	R	A	N	A
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I	O	N	O	Y	S	C	O	H	A	P	O	H	A	S
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C	K	M	K	Q	Q	M	K	M	K	Q	Q	O	I	Q
B	U	D	U	S	P	R	I	N	G	A	M	B	L	A
J	A	E	T	A	R	E	D	I	S	N	O	C	Y	Z
Y	H	H	S	R	E	H	T	O	M	V	V	M	J	P

See how many of these newspaper related words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

1. Mothers	6. Holiday	11. Respect	16. Giving
2. Day	7. Loving	12. Thoughtful	17. Special
3. Moms	8. Caring	13. Family	18. Happy
4. Kids	9. Children	14. Considerate	19. May
5. Parent	10. Grandmother	15. Honor	20. Spring



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City Hall  
Council Chambers



**7**  
Free Fitness Class  
Yoga  
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
Takas Civic Center



**15**  
Free Fitness Class  
Sit and Be Fit  
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
Takas Civic Center



**5**  
  
Cinco De Mayo



**7**  
Animal Services  
Advisory  
Committee Mtg.  
5:30 PM  
City Hall Council  
Chambers



**20**  
City Council Mtg. w/  
Dept. Head Reports  
5:00 PM  
Council Chambers



**6**  
City Council Mtg.  
6:00 PM  
City Hall  
Council Chambers



**8**  
WEDC Meeting  
5:30 PM  
Council Chambers



**27**  
  
Memorial Day  
City Holiday  
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**6**  
Free Fitness Class  
Dance  
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
Takas Civic Center



**30**  
Parks & Rec Meeting  
6 PM - 7:30 PM  
City Hall  
Council Chambers

Meeting Dates, Times, and Locations are subject to change. Refer to the City Calendar on [www.windcrest-tx.gov](http://www.windcrest-tx.gov) for updated information.

## United Way Help Line: Dial 2-1-1



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**TxWeACT, an animal non-profit**  
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 210-562-0299

**Superhero Dog Costumes Contest** June 1, 2024, 6:00 pm Takas Park at the Gazebo

All dogs need to be sterilized, current on immunizations, and on a leash. For more information, call TxWeACT at 210-562-0299. Participant forms will be available at the check-in table. There is no fee to participate; however, a \$10 donation would be appreciated. Funds raised will benefit TxWeACT, a Windcrest animal 501c3 non-profit.

Just so you know, we really have had good times at our previous dog costume contests and hope you and your dog will participate or at least come down to the picnic to be part of the fun. We are a community with lots of dog lovers, so let's get together for a few laughs.

We are still holding our "Meet & Greet" opportunities at our Windcrest PetSmart on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 1 – 4pm. We have three dogs that would like to meet you and show how much love you are missing out on. Come on down and visit!!!

Before you start that walk with your dog in the afternoons, place your hands on the streets and see how warm it is.... that is how warm it will be to your dog's paw.



**May 28, 2024 Joint Primary Election Information**

The upcoming May 28, 2024 election in Bexar County is fast approaching, and residents are gearing up to cast their votes in the Joint Primary Runoff. Early voting will be available from Monday, May 20, 2024 to Friday, May 24, 2024, giving registered voters a chance to have their voices heard before Election Day.

Several locations have been designated across Bexar County for early voting, making it convenient for residents to participate in the electoral process. The early voting locations include:

1. Bexar County Elections Department - 1103 S Frio St, Suite 100, San Antonio, TX 78207
2. Wonderland of the Americas - 4522 Fredericksburg Rd, Suite B-7, San Antonio, TX 78201
3. Lions Field - 2809 Broadway St, San Antonio, TX 78209
4. South Park Mall - 2310 SW Military Dr, Suite 115, San Antonio, TX 78224

Refer to the City's website for additional information on voting locations and Takas Park Civic Center hours.

These locations will be open from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM during the early voting period, giving voters plenty of opportunities to cast their ballots at a time that is convenient for them. It is important for residents to take advantage of early voting to avoid long lines and ensure their voices are heard in this crucial election.

The May 28, 2024 election will play a significant role in shaping the future of Bexar County, with important races on the ballot. It is essential for residents to research the candidates and issues before heading to the polls, so they can make informed decisions that reflect their values and priorities.

So mark your calendars and make a plan to participate in the upcoming election by taking advantage of early voting in Bexar County. Your vote is your voice – make it count! For additional ballot information, please refer to <https://www.bexar.org/1568/Elections-Department>.



**ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL**

By Lt. Daniel Hernandez

Its been a busy and bustling SPRING! We had three adoption events in March and three in April and more to come in May! Dogs are kept 7 business days for owner pick-up and if an owner is not found, it becomes adoptable. We do not take in cats but will try to help to contact the owner if chipped or help you find a foster for misplaced cats. May 20 is National Rescue Dog Day! Please consider fostering or adopting one of our amazing dogs. They are spayed/neutered and have had their initial vaccinations. Watch our Facebook and webpage as they are updated daily. Please do not forget to register your pet with us! It's free in most situations, and it's the law! Contact us at 210-655-2666 to report a lost or found pet, to register your pet or to apply to foster or adopt. If your pet becomes lost, we want to help it find its way home! Please watch our Facebook page to see if we have posted any lost pets and reshare to help us spread the word.

## Windcrest History: Did you know?

On June 27, 2016, Resolution 2016-586 (R) the City of Windcrest, located in Bexar County, Texas, was officially designated as a Purple Heart City by the Military Order of the Purple Heart. This designation honors and recognizes the sacrifices made by members of the Armed Forces who have been wounded or killed in combat.

To receive a Purple Heart City designation, a municipality must meet certain criteria established by the Military Order of the Purple Heart. These requirements typically include passing a resolution or ordinance declaring the city as a Purple Heart City, displaying Purple Heart City signs or banners, and participating in Purple Heart recognition ceremonies and events.

The Purple Heart City designation serves as a way for communities to show their support and appreciation for veterans who have been injured or killed in combat. It also helps to raise awareness about the sacrifices made by military members and their families.

Across the state of Texas, there are currently over 100 cities that have received the Purple Heart City designation. In the United States as a whole, there are more than 1,200 cities that have been designated as Purple Heart Cities. This widespread recognition highlights the

widespread appreciation and support for the men and women who have served in the military and made significant sacrifices for their country.

The City of Windcrest joins a growing list of communities across the country that have received the Purple Heart City designation. This honor serves as a symbol of the city's commitment to honoring and supporting veterans who have been wounded or killed in combat. It also serves as a reminder to all residents of the sacrifices that have been made by military members throughout the history of the United States.



Overall, the designation of Windcrest as a Purple Heart City is a testament to the city's dedication to supporting and honoring the men and women who have served in the military. It serves as a reminder of the sacrifices that have been made in defense of freedom and democracy, and as a symbol of gratitude for the courage and bravery of those who have served in the Armed Forces.



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 FIT High-Performance Tennis Academy & Pickleball Center - 210-405-3781 - [www.fithptennisacademy.com](http://www.fithptennisacademy.com)  
 GRASP Transit: 210-658-6351 - [grasp211.org/windcrest-shuttle/](http://grasp211.org/windcrest-shuttle/)  
 Lion's Club - Timothy Flick - 210-951-9463 - [tkflick@gmail.com](mailto:tkflick@gmail.com)  
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 Windcrest Garden Club - Kity Mulkey - 210-780-1037  
 Windcrest Golf Course - 210-655-1421  
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 Windcrest Volunteers - Anita Luna-Caulk - [volunteers@windcrest-tx.gov](mailto:volunteers@windcrest-tx.gov)  
 Windcrest Women's Club - Lois Wooten - 210-827-4357  
 Windcrest Citizen's Patrol:

- Team 1 Captain - James Senseney - 210-823-1726
- Team 2 Captain - Joe Regan - 210-655-2355
- Team 3 Captain - Mike Magallanez - 210-267-8390
- Team 4 Captain - Elvie Ortiz - 210-861-5558

### BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

Refer to the City of Windcrest Board and Commission web page for a current list of vacancies. Applications accepted year-round.

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**DEADLINE**

## CUTOFF DATES FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER NOTICES TO CITY HALL:

To provide timely information in the next *Newsletter*, **notices must be in the Administration Office by noon on February 29th**, and announce activities occurring after Mar. 31st only. Please email articles to [newsletter@windcrest-tx.gov](mailto:newsletter@windcrest-tx.gov) in 'Word' documents **only** so articles can be edited for misspellings, etc. which cannot be done in PDF or any other format. Also, please provide a contact name & phone number for City Hall.

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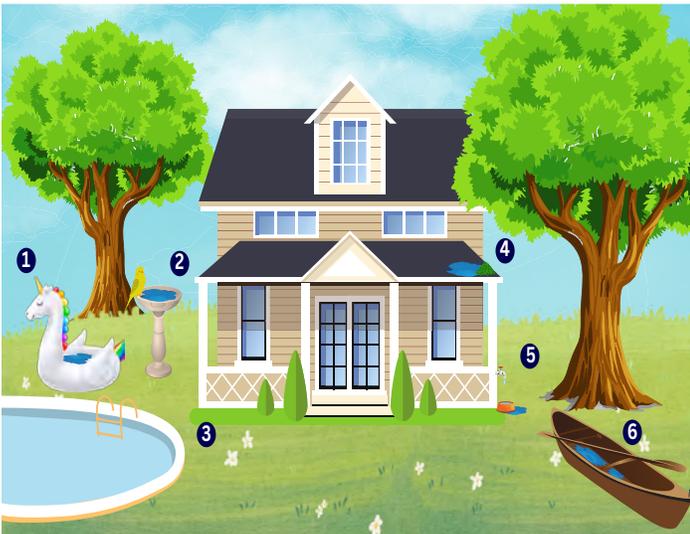


Refer to the City Website [windcrest-tx.gov](http://windcrest-tx.gov) and city hall Marquee for City Council and Board & Commission meeting dates.

# MOSQUITO PREVENTION

Standing water can become a mosquito breeding ground after 5+ days. Reduce the mosquito population around your home by removing potential mosquito habitats.

- 1 Unused inflated pool floats can retain water.
- 2 Birdbaths without water filters should be changed weekly.
- 3 Neglected pools, Pool covers, and kiddie pools.



- 4 Unclog your rain gutters.
- 5 Change your pets' water bowls daily. Mosquitos can cause heartworms.
- 6 Uncovered boats, toys, and garden equipment can hold water.

May & June Fogging Dates: 05/29, 06/12, 06/26



## Master Gardener Guide

Spring fever has set in. Use the following Master Gardener guide to plan your spring vegetable garden. (Information provided by Comal Master Gardener Association's Vegetable and Herb Gardening Guide) The last average freeze date for the Hill Country has passed. Happy planting!!

- Beans, Lima Bush ..... April through mid-May
- Beans, Lima Pole ..... April through mid-May
- Beans, Snap Bush ..... mid-March through mid-May
- Beans, Snap Pole ..... mid-March through mid-May
- Beets ..... March
- Cantaloupe ..... April through mid-June
- Chard, Swiss ..... March through mid-May
- Corn, Sweet ..... mid-March through mid-May
- Cucumber ..... mid-March through April
- Eggplant ..... April
- Okra ..... April through June
- Peas, Southern ..... April through mid-June
- Peppers ..... mid-March through mid-May
- Potato, Sweet (Slips) ..... mid-April through June
- Pumpkin ..... mid-April through June
- Radish ..... March
- Squash, Summer ..... mid-March through early April
- Squash, Winter ..... mid-March through mid-June
- Tomato ..... late March through mid-May
- Turnip ..... March through mid-April
- Watermelon ..... April through May

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