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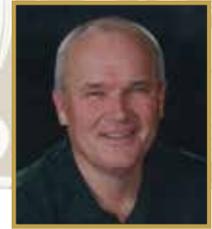
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Mayor's Message

Dan Reese



By the time this is printed, our elections will be decided. Since Councilpersons Jacobi, McFall and Shelton did not to seek re-election, we are welcoming three new members. I look forward to working with the new members of Council as we seek the best for our great city! We will be deciding on a new Mayor Pro-Tem and I look forward to working with him/her. I expect the new Council to hit the ground running. I will place several items on the agenda at our first meeting for consideration to include:

- **Meetings-** Setting a special meeting between the regularly scheduled meetings. This was the practice until November of last year. I believe it will help run the city more efficiently.
- **Ethics policy-** Council member Joan Pedrotti worked with a group of citizens to provide much needed updates to our current policy and those updates need to be considered.
- **City Charter-** I have a goal to put on the May ballot a revised City Charter for citizen's vote. We will need to establish a Charter Commission to complete that process.
- **Roads-** By this publication, the citizens will have decided on Proposition A (the bond for \$7.4 M for street repair). If it passed, we will begin the process to proceed with roads. If it failed, we will need to consider the next steps to make much needed repairs on our streets.
- **Fire Department Equipment-** As with the bond issue on roads, the Citizens will have decided on Proposition B - \$2.0 Million for Fire Department Trucks and Capital Equipment. If it passes, we will begin the process to purchase a much needed replacement for our 100' Ladder truck we retired. If it fails, we need to begin discussions on how to proceed to fund a replacement by some other means.
- **Fire Association-** We have had decades of a positive relationship with the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department. The Association is designated by city ordinance to provide recruiting for fire fighters and fund-raising efforts to support for our Fire Department. It has become clear that a better, more defined agreement is needed. An agreement has been drafted and needs to be considered by the new Council so we can clearly define roles and mitigate liabilities.

As many of you know, we instituted a volunteer form for anyone wanting to be considered for positions on Committees and Boards. This form will be used to identify a pool of citizens who want to serve. When we have a need to replace people on our Boards or Committees, we will go to that list first to see who has already volunteered. It is important to give all citizens the opportunity to serve and for the Council to select the best people in all open positions.

When I began my term as Mayor, I instituted a weekly event – "Coffee with the Mayor". This event is very beneficial to me as it helps me keep up with the pulse of our city. I normally review previous and upcoming City Council Agendas to answer any questions. I also hear about issues that are on the minds of the citizens. Several good ideas have come from these meetings to include adding a specific item on our agenda that answers questions from previous "Citizens to be Heard" portions from the last City Council meeting. We meet every Saturday at 8:30 AM at Starbucks on Walzem. Starbucks has graciously allowed us to use their employee conference room to convene. Come by, visit and enjoy coffee on me.

It continues to be an honor to serve you as Mayor and look forward to our bright future together!

"The credibility of the message is intrinsically tied to the integrity of the messenger" ~ Chip Ingram



The Economic Development Corporation has a new Facebook page!

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How do you find us?

Type in @EDCWindcrestTX in the search box! SEE YOU SOON! Keep your eyes out for events happening in the city like grand openings, National Night Out, and so much more!

CITY SECRETARY NEWS

Kelly Rodriguez - krodriguez@windcrest-tx.gov

During the month of September the Mayor and Council passed some Resolutions and Ordinances you may be interested in. For online readers, click the links provided to see the video recording and official minutes of the subject if follows. The ordinances and resolutions below were all passed and approved at the September 12, 2018 SCCM.

http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=2098

Ordinances

2018-771(O), approving and adopting a budget for operating the municipal government of the City of Windcrest for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending on September 30, 2019.

2018-772(O), adopting the tax rate and levying a tax upon all property subject to taxation within the City of Windcrest, Texas, for the 2018 tax year for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Windcrest for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending on September 30, 2019.

2018-773(O), setting fees for various city services and consolidating those fees for convenience; amending various city ordinances; and containing a severability clause and an effective date.

2018-774(O), an ordinance adopting an organizational chart and departmental classifications.

Resolution

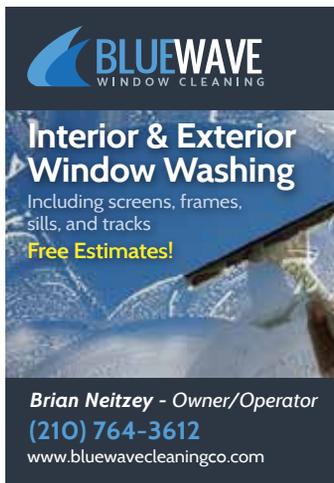
2018-675(R), a resolution ratifying the recently adopted budget.

- Voting Day is Tuesday, November 6, 2018 and will be held at the Windcrest Civic Center located at 9310 Jim Seal Dr.

This will be for the purpose of electing three Council Members to City Council Place One, City Council Place Two, and City Council Place Three. It will also be for the purpose of authorizing the issuance of bonds to finance (I) the construction and improvement of streets, sidewalks and related drainage improvements in the City, and (II) the acquisition of equipment for the Fire Department.

- Volunteers to Serve are needed for the following Boards and Commissions:

Board of Adjustment, Parks & Recreation, Planning & Zoning, Windcrest Crime Control and Prevention District



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Public Works Newsletter

The rains from the past couple of months were a welcome sight. The much-needed rain for our grass and plants will have Windcrest looking green and healthy very quickly. Please take extra time to search out and dump empty anything that may hold water in and around your yard. The extra effort will help decrease the mosquito population and keep us all much healthier.

Public Works will continue to Crack Seal the streets when weather allows. The effort Public Works makes on this project will increase life of our streets.

I want to thank the Windcrest Garden Club for their continued support and efforts toward keeping Windcrest looking fantastic. This club has taken the responsibility of planting and maintaining gardens, monuments and potted plants at the Civic Center and City Hall. They bring a touch of class and beauty to everything they touch. THANK YOU!

Please continue to reach out to us to report issues that we can help with.

Thank you, Windcrest.

Tom Garcia
Public Works Director

Can you patch asphalt in the rain?

Asphalt paving cannot be completed while it is **raining**. ... These oils repel water, and laying **asphalt** while it is actively **raining** will cause unintended results that affect the quality of the project. The repelling of oil from water means that cracks or holes may form in **asphalt** that is laid during **rainy** weather.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chief A.O. "AI" Ballew

The Holiday Season is quickly approaching! Holiday crime can be prevented! The Windcrest Police Department will be kicking off "Operation Grinch" the day after Thanksgiving and will continue patrolling throughout the City in marked vehicles, on bikes and undercover, throughout the Holiday Season. We operate on a "Zero Tolerance" philosophy and we want to send a strong and clear message to all Criminals...You're not welcome in the City of Windcrest!

Please report all suspicious activity to the Windcrest Police Department at 210-655-2666, you are never wasting our time and your call can make the difference!



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- *Park in well-lit areas*
- *Don't carry cash, use your debit card instead*
- *Never go out to your vehicle and leave packages and then return to the store*
- *Beware of strangers approaching you for anything*
- *Have a Plan...Be Prepared!*

Don't Let Criminals Steal Your Holiday Joy!

ZERO TOLERANCE
FOR ALL CRIMINAL ACTIVITY!

Code Compliance and Enforcement

By Officer Leija



Thanks to residents for trimming your trees and keeping up with your alley. I hope everyone took advantage of the fall brush pickup. The holidays are here and we must start thinking of the visitors that will be visiting our city. Please keep in mind that streets are for public use and can be used by anyone that needs a parking spot. Please continue to maintain your yard to keep the City of Lights looking wonderful!

As a reminder, residential garbage, waste, and refuse placed outside for pickup shall be stored in a durable metal or hardened rubber container with a tightly sealed insect-proof and animal-proof lid. Please pick up any trash left behind after each trash day. Remember to remove all political signs within 48 hours after the election and return to the owners.

If you need any assistance or want to report a violation of the Windcrest City Code, please contact your Code Enforcement Officer via email at ileija@windcrest-tx.gov, or through the link provided within Code Compliance and Enforcement Unit page on the City of Windcrest website or the Windcrest Police Department Communications Center at 210-655-2666.



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Happy Thanksgiving to all our Windcrest residents!



It is that time of year when families will be gathering together to celebrate and give thanks. During this holiday season, please keep in mind the safety of the pets in your home. Consider a temporary sign on your doors, reminding everyone to

close and secure all exits. It only takes a second for your pet to run out and most often without anyone noticing. This will leave your pet in an unsafe situation that can result in a tragedy. Another important reminder during this busy holiday season...never leave any kind of food outside, as this will most certainly entice wildlife, feral cats, and rodents to make themselves at home.

Here are some additional tips to keep your pet(s) safe during the holiday season:

- Keep the feast on the table! Keep people food out of the reach of your pet, and ask your guests to do the same.
- No pie or other desserts! Make sure your pet doesn't have any access to treats, especially those containing chocolate, xylitol, grapes/raisins, or other toxic foods. Yeast dough can also cause problems for your pet.
- Secure all trash where your pet cannot gain access.
- Don't leave your pet alone in the room with lit candles, or potpourri.
- Keep holiday plants (especially holly, mistletoe, and poinsettias) out of reach of pets.
- Visitors can unintentionally upset pets! Provide a safe place for your pet to escape the excitement (such as a kennel, crate, perching place, scratching post shelf or hiding place), if you're entertaining guests. If your pet is excitable or scared, consider putting your pet in another room with some toys and a comfortable bed.

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Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department

It was great meeting all of the wonderful residents of Windcrest during National Night Out. The Fire Department and Allegiance Ambulance enjoyed showing the citizens our equipment and handing out fire prevention stuff to the kids.

This months safety tip I would like to talk about cooking safety with all of the holidays upon us. Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment. The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving and kids love to help and be involved in the holiday preparations. With all the activity going on in your home on Thanksgiving here was a few safety tips:

1. Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
2. Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
3. Keep children away from the stove, the stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
4. Make sure kids stay away from hot foods and liquids, the steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
5. Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.

The Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department wishes everyone **A SAFE AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!**



Municipal Court Report

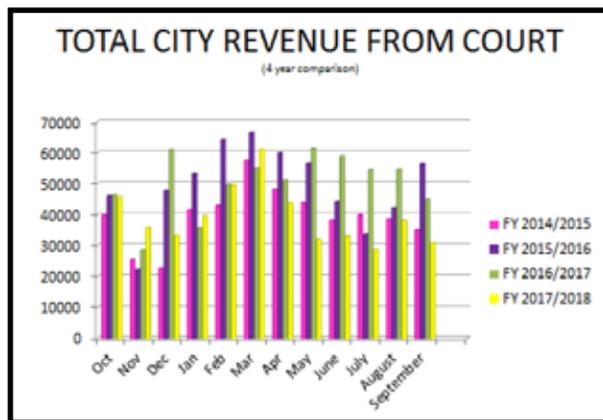
Municipal Court Week, November 5 – 9, 2018

At the October 15, 2018 regular City Council meeting, Mayor Dan Reese proclaimed “Now, therefore be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Windcrest, Texas that the week of November 5-9, 2018 is hereby recognized as municipal court week in recognition of the fair and impartial justice offered to our citizens by the municipal court of Windcrest”.

The proclamation recognizes that the City of Windcrest is committed to the notion that our legal system is based on the principle that an independent, fair, and competent judiciary will interpret and apply the laws that govern us and that Judge Stephen Takas, court personnel Prosecutor Darrell Dulnig, Court Administrator Rafael Castillo, Jr., Assistant Court Administrator Kelly Rodriguez, Court Clerk (Certified Level 1) Claudia Carrera, Deputy Court Clerk Dusty Dehoyos, Warrant Clerk Ninfa Guerra, Warrant Officer Samantha Flores and Bailiff Irene Leija comply with the law and act in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary. During the week of November 5-9, 2018, stop by and tell them what a great job they are doing.

TOTAL CITY REVENUE FROM COURT

Here is a 4 year comparison chart of the money collected from fines and fees. For more information please contact Kelly Rodriguez, Assistant Court Administrator at (210)655-0022 ext 2150 or krodriquez@windcrest-tx.gov.





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60th Annual City of Windcrest Light Up Celebration

Windcrest is hosting its annual Light Up on **Saturday, December 8th from 6:00-9:00 PM** at City Hall. Join us for hot cocoa and carols as we celebrate 60 years of lighting up the city! Santa will be waiting in the fire bay for pictures and to hear what you want for Christmas. You don't want to miss out!

This year's theme is "Bows and Lights: a Tribute to Barbee Winn." If you are interested in participating in the decorating contest, please fill out the attached form and return it to City Hall. **The deadline for submitting your application is December 1st!** Judging will take place on Tuesday, December 4th. Participants must leave their lights on until 11:00 PM that night. More information regarding the Winner Dinner will be included in the December newsletter.

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Pedrotti, the Women's Club Light Up Chair. You can also email Lindsey Walker at lwalker@windcrest-tx.gov for information about the celebration.

Let's remind everyone why we're called the City of Lights!



Windcrest Light Up 2018 Bows and Lights: a Tribute to Barbee Winn

Application for Light Up Contest 2018

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

Judging Categories – Select only one Category

Selection	Category	Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	RELIGIOUS/JOYFUL	Best display with a religious theme
<input type="checkbox"/>	NOSTALGIC/HANDCRAFTED	Most old-fashioned, best reminds-me-of-my-childhood display
<input type="checkbox"/>	CLARK GRISWOLD	Over the top use of outdoor lighting and decorations ... in a good way!
<input type="checkbox"/>	MARTHA STEWART WOULD BE PROUD	Creative/Elegant
<input type="checkbox"/>	CUL DE SAC/BLOCK	Show us who gets along with their neighbors the best
<input type="checkbox"/>	CHARLIE BROWNIEST	This category is for the best decorations on an entrance/door/mailbox/dog house, anything other than your whole house
<input type="checkbox"/>	CHURCH/SCHOOL/BUSINESS	Best decorated church, school, or business



LIONS CLUB NEWS

Thank you to all who came out to enjoy our Chili and Cornbread Dinner, it was great to visit with our neighbors while helping to raise funds for community projects.

The Windcrest Lions are currently taking orders for our fresh Christmas greenery that you can enjoy decorating your home with for the holidays. These stunning and delightfully fragrant wreaths and garlands make lovely traditional gifts to give to family, friends, clients, employees, caregivers or anyone you would like to say a special thank you to.

LOCALLY DELIVERED TO YOUR HOME - Items pictured above can be delivered locally: 22" Noble Fir Wreath - \$25; Western Cedar Garland (1 section at 10') - \$25; Cedar, Noble Fir, Pine,

and Berried Juniper Arranged Centerpiece - \$23; Noble Fir Swag - \$22; Holiday Reindeer Set - \$20; 22" Mixed Evergreen Wreath - \$25; 28" Mixed Evergreen Wreath - \$35; Holiday Cones - \$9; Glass Votive Set; - \$21; Red & Gold Snowflake Bow - \$4

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GARDEN CLUB

By: Lois Wooton

Monday, 5 November at 10a.m. will find us at the Windcrest Civic Center having a wonderful presentation about the NEW Schulz Nursery in Marion TX. The new owners, Chuck Hildebrand, a Master Naturalist, and Zachary Norton are excited to share their vision for the nursery and use of native plants & landscaping.



Don't miss out on the fun, rewarding community service and time with friends. The Club is open to men and women and you do not need to live in Windcrest to be a member. Renew or make a new membership now. Just fill out the form below **and mail it to Windcrest Garden Club, 6311 Bay Meadows, Converse TX 78244.** We meet September through May and dues are only \$15.00 for the year. We are a 501(3)c organization.



CONGRATULATIONS to Shirley Noll who won the Birdhouse Decorating Contest. Thanks again to C.J. Custom Cabinets and Pecos Fence for their support in making the houses. This was a fun and very successful fundraiser!



You're invited: December 3rd HOLIDAY POTLUCK and PAST PRESIDENT RECOGNITION LUNCHEON at the Civic Center at 11a.m. Also a very special silent auction will support our big holiday project of winter coats for children in need at Windcrest Elementary. Make plans to fill your holiday gift list. Friends, fun, food and service, can't beat that for a great afternoon!



On 2 October the Windcrest Garden Club traveled to Spring Creek Gardens in Spring Creek TX. In addition to a wonderful tour of the gardens and shopping, we received an excellent presentations by Andria Baine & Andrea Clark about getting our gardens ready for winter. Key tasks were to cut back, feed, and replace mulch, then cover when needed. Following our visit we had an excellent lunch at Copalli Café. WGC ladies shown above are Marie Bourne, Annette Hoffman, Judy Barta, Mary Howard, Conca Garces, Marilyn Welch and Carolyn Freeman.

WINDCREST GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

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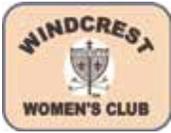
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Windcrest Women's Club

By: Lois Wooton



Wednesday, November 14, 2018 the Windcrest Women's Club will leave the Civic Center at 10a.m. to carpool to the Outlet Malls in San Marcus for some "heavy duty" CHRISTMAS SHOPPING. To join the group, please call Dorothy (210-656-1625) and let her know you're going and if you can drive. Be sure to call as this will be lots of fun.

The Club's Christmas Party on Thursday, 6 December is open to everyone, so be sure to make your reservations. We'll have the Civic Center tree decorated and kick off the Holiday fun. Cost is \$10.00 per person. For more information or to RSVP call Dorothy (210-656-1625).



At the January 23, Coffee at the Civic Center, 10a.m. to 1p.m. we'll learn about "Personal & Internet Security". In today's world of cyber information collection this is a timely and important topic: so save the date!



During our 24 October coffee, Judge Oscar Kazen presented an excellent presentation about his experience and changes made during the nine years he anchored Bexar County's mental-health docket as an associate probate-court judge. During that time changes were made across the state to better ensure humane and compassionate treatment. (Clockwise are Majie Takas, Nikki Walker, Pat Kendrick, Sue Baker, Judge Kazen, and Vivian Cochran.)

Join the fun and make a difference in your community too. Just fill out the form below and send to: Windcrest Women's Club, 549 Crestway, Windcrest TX 78239 along with a check for \$20 or bring it to any meeting. Windcrest Women's Club is a 501c3 Non-Profit organization and your donations are tax exempt?



October door prize winners are (back row: L>R) Becky Warthan, Diane Stake, Dr. Rhonda Rowland, Pam Dodson and front row (L>R) Alice Relkin & Ceci, Liz Dick. Congratulations ladies!

Complete and mail to: Windcrest Women's Club, 549 Crestway Dr, Windcrest TX 78239
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Local School News

Performances, Food Shine at National Night Out

by Natalie Chairez

About 2500 people came to National Night Out Oct. 2, from 6-8 p.m. in the Roosevelt High School courtyard.

National Night Out has been around on campus for about eight years and Family Specialist Francisco Martinez has been given the responsibility to take over National Night Out here at Roosevelt High School for about four years.



Roosevelt’s culinary students made sausage wraps, fruit cups, and gave out water; everything was free for the community event.

“Without the culinary teacher, Ms. Coleman, along with her students, National Night Out would not be possible,” Martinez said.

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National Night Out was made for the community to become involved and to meet new people.

Martinez said that there is a list of groups that are invited and they can RSVP to show up and he said about 70 different booths come every National Night Out.

“[My favorite part was] seeing our students perform such as dance, ROTC, and cheer because I love showing



the community what Roosevelt is capable of, and also I love seeing all of the kids having fun and being able to get everyone together,” Martinez said.

All of the elementary and middle schools in our cluster had fliers to give to all of the kids so that they can be involved in our school event and just enjoy all of the food, music, activities, games and of course the performances.

“It was good because I got to see my friends and also being able to participate in a school activity was fun,” sophomore dancer Angelina Longoria said.

NOVEMBER School Calendar



2	Football: TR vs. Lee (Senior Night)	7:30-9:30 pm. @Heroes Stadium
3	SAT Testing	7a.m.-1 p.m. @TR
9	Veterans Day Ceremonies	8a.m. @Windcrest 9a.m. @White
9	Football: TR vs. Churchill	7:30-9:30p.m. @Heroes Stadium
12	Theater Fall Production	6-8p.m. @White
15	Theater Fall Showcase	7-8p.m. @TR
19-23	Thanksgiving Holiday	No school!
30	Data Steam Carnival	6-8 p.m. @TR Courtyard

** Check school websites for more events.

Keeping Your Home and Family Safe from Break-ins

From the Desk of Willie Ng,
Chief Criminal Investigator for the Bexar County District Attorney's Office



One of the most common crimes committed is burglary. In fact, in the U.S. there's a burglary committed every 15 seconds. If it happens at your home, you lose more than a few possessions. A break-in, even when you're not there, has a major impact on you and your family's sense of safety and well-being.

There are a lot of things you can do to boost home security and make your house more burglary-resistant. Here are some tips you can use to help you keep your home safe.

Never advertise that you are not home.

- If you are on vacation or working late, you may want to use automatic light timers that simulate your normal patterns. Using timers that have more than one on-off cycle can create the illusion of movement from room to room.
- Instead of stopping your mail and newspaper delivery, ask a neighbor to pick them up and hold them for you. Seeing deliveries being made makes a burglar think someone is at home.
- In the interest of home security, never leave notes on the door. They just say to a burglar, "Come on in."

Don't make it easy on the Burglars

- Never leave doors or windows unlocked or hide a key to your house outside.
- Using at least one long screw in attaching each door hinge and on deadbolt plates will help to secure the door against forced entry.
- Use a metal or wooden rod in the track on sliding glass patio doors to prevent them from sliding open.

- Never leave a ladder that can be used to access the roof or a second story window outside or in an unlocked shed.

Garage doors are traditionally weak links in Home Security

- Be sure to lock it up! It sounds like common sense, but many burglaries happen by simply walking through an unlocked garage door.
- Leaving your garage door open can allow anyone driving or walking by a full view of all of your possessions. A burglar just needs a couple of minutes to take what they need.
- Install a bright light or motion sensor lights near your garage. Be sure to install lighting out of reach from a burglar.
- Engraving your name on all of your high value items in your garage can save you. Burglars have a hard time pawning items with someone else's name on it. Also, if your items are ever stolen and found later on, it's a good way for the police to get your things back to you.

Install a Home Security System and Video Surveillance

- Home security alarms and Video Surveillance are not a guarantee that burglars will not enter your home. But they do make it more difficult by increasing the risk that the burglar will be seen and caught. Also, if it's obvious your house is alarmed, the burglar may look for an easier target.



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Tips to Help Keep Your Packages Safe This Holiday Season

- 1. Don't leave your packages sitting.** Monitor when your packages are expected to arrive. Leaving your packages on your porch for a long period of time or in your mailbox overnight is an open invitation to thieves.
- 2. Talk to your neighbors.** If you have neighbors who are home during the day, consider asking them to collect your packages on the delivery date. More than likely, they'll be willing to help which can eliminate some holiday stress for you.
- 3. Consider an alternate destination.** When placing your order online, consider sending the package to your workplace or to a family member or friend who is home during the day to accept delivery. If sending to your workplace, please check with your employer to make sure this is allowed.
- 4. Ship to the store.** Some retailers allow you ship to a store near you. While this isn't as convenient, it does provide security and helps avoid long lines at the register. Some stores even have special parking or waiting areas for online pick-ups only.
- 5. Leave a note.** A note left with a mail carrier alerting them to leave packages at the post office has also been recommended by postal officials.
- 6. Install security cameras.** Security cameras pointing at your front door or driveway is better than no camera at all. A security camera serves as a great deterrent for criminals and helps prevent package theft.
- 7. Install a smart lockbox.** If you have deliveries showing up daily you may want to consider installing a lockbox. These boxes can be bolted to your front porch. Once installed, share your code with your delivery service and you should be good to go.
- 8. Request signature on delivery.** Consider having your packages delivered only when someone is available to sign for them.
- 9. Insure your holiday packages.** Because package theft increases around the holidays, it may be wise to insure your packages this time of year. This way, if your package is stolen, you can be reimbursed for your loss.
- 10. Ship to your local pack and ship store.** If you have a UPS, FedEx, or other locally owned packing and shipping store nearby, consider sending your packages there.

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Thanksgiving Safety

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.



- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

Did you know?



Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment.

Have activities that keep **kids out of the kitchen** during this busy time. Games, puzzles or books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done **outside** the kitchen.



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NOVEMBER 2018 Marquee Meeting Dates & Times

Municipal Court	Nov 6, 13, 20	4:00 p.m.
WEDC	Nov 8	5:00 p.m.
Water District	Nov 15	6:30 p.m.
RCCM	Nov 19	5:00 p.m.
City Holiday	Nov 22, 23	Closed

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