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VOWS Neighborhood Clean Up!!

We would like to invite VOWS Residents to once again participate in the **Cowtown Great American Cleanup on Saturday, March 22, 2014**. This will be the second year VOWS has participated in this cleanup with the City of Ft Worth. We are very excited to be doing it again this year!

When: Saturday, March 22, 2014

Time: 9:30am-11:30am

Where: We will meet at 9:30am at the VOWS Amenity Center at 12209 Timberland Blvd.

Neighborhood Cleanup Locations: Our cleanup area will focus on areas within our community; community ponds, drainage areas, parkways, easements, and/or additional areas identified by VOWS Residents.

Cleanup items and bagged trash may be placed in predetermined drop off areas within our Neighborhood Cleanup Locations. The first 30 participants will receive a Fort Worth Cowtown Great American Cleanup t-shirt. The Homeowners Association will provide bags and gloves to VOWS volunteers.

Please register with the VOWS Onsite Management office at 817-741-1719 or by email at Catherine.mcgrath@fsresidential.com for participation in the VOWS Neighborhood Cleanup Day.

Volunteers the morning of March 22nd are encouraged and welcomed!!!

After the VOWS Cleanup, head over to Fort Worth and enjoy the Earth Party in Sundance!

For further information and a full list of the Cowtown Great American Cleanup activities and cleanup locations visit the Keep Fort Worth Beautiful website at www.fortworthtexas.gov/CowtownCleanup.

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Please join us for our 5th Annual Bunny Hop!!

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Please register in advance for the Egg Hunt, by going to:
<http://tinyurl.com/2014-vows-egg-hunt>

Please register in advance for the run, by going to:
<http://bunnyhop.athlete360.com/>

Proceeds from the run/walk will go to The Community Storehouse and Christ's Haven for Children. We will also have vendors, bounce houses and performances! So come on out and have fun!!

Don't forget to bring your Easter Baskets!



Volunteers Needed

**We are looking for Volunteers to help at our
Bunny Hop 5k Charity Run and Egg Hunt
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Springtime Check!

Warm weather will be coming sooner than you think. That means the grass will begin to turn green and the shrubs will start growing again. This also means those pesky weeds will begin to pop up. Now's the time to do a little maintenance to your yard to make the rest of the warm weather season go smoother.

Here are a few tips from Brickman Landscape:

Turf Grass Maintenance throughout the Season
March through May

Fertilizing – Apply ½ to 1 lb. of slow release fertilizer or 16-4-10 slow release. This can be found at any home improvement store. Apply to the entire yard and then water it.

Weed Control – Apply a pre-emergent herbicide to control summer annual weeds to prevent their growth. Apply a post-emergent herbicide in May to control summer annual broad-leaved weeds that are present. Make sure the products used are labeled for Bermuda grass or St. Augustine grass.

Begin irrigation late March – Water 2 to 3 times per week or as local water restrictions allow.



Don't forget to cutback ornamental grasses and perennials, prune trees and roses, put pre and post emergent on the turf and do an irrigation system check.

A good healthy stand of Bermuda grass or St.

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you're home, on the street or in your car. I've included a portion of what she talked about here for those of you that were not able to attend.

"On the street~

When walking, jogging invest in a loud whistle or mace....and do not be afraid to use it. If alone select a time frame when other joggers are out, walk/jog in a group. Be alert, do not use headphones to listen to music or talk on your cell, and always select well lit paths. Avoid trails late at night or those with heavy shrubbery creating a hiding space for would be criminals. Immediately cross the street and walk in the opposite direction, if a suspicious person is walking towards you. If the suspicious person crosses the street then run to the nearest business and let them know you are being followed and call the police. Always have your whistle or mace ready to use. Let the would-be criminal know that you are prepared to do whatever is necessary to protect yourself. When coming out of a mall, grocery store, or gym always look both ways to see if anyone is hanging either around or near your vehicle. Have your keys in your hand so that you do not have to look for them as you approach your

vehicle. If available call the mall/store/gym security and have them escort you to your vehicle and wait until you have entered your vehicle. Lock your doors once inside. When parking in a garage late at night drive around the garage and familiarize where exit and entrance lanes are located. Is there a security guard at the entrance/exit area? Is the garage well lit, is there anyone walking aimlessly around parked vehicles? If at all possible avoid using elevators or stairways. If you have to use the elevator or stairways keep mace or whistle ready to use and be alert to surroundings. Especially to anyone who is walking towards you. Never be embarrassed blowing the whistle or stating out loud that you are armed and that you will use whatever means is necessary to protect yourself. An honest person will understand and stay at a distant ... the criminal will also understand and stay at a distant. Remember to always walk tall with confidence and remain alert. Criminals look for people who seem weak, timid and unable to defend themselves."

This was Mrs. Mendoza's closing statement to the group:

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Camryn Grant.....	682-465-3188
Carissa Mitchell (CPR Cert)	817-933-7111
Lauren Sparger.....	817-975-6222
Logan Low	817-228-8166
Taylor Coffelt.....	214-552-9351

Young people who are VOWS residents and below the age of 21 may submit their contact information to robin.willits@fsresidential.com. Also contact Robin if your name should be removed from the list for any reason. The list is run quarterly. We will remove your name at the end of each quarter and start a new list. If you want your name added to the next quarters list, you will need to contact the office again to let us know.

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chocolate chips for topping
green food coloring

Prepare cake mix following the package directions. Add 1 teaspoon of peppermint extract to the batter. Pour into greased 2-9inch layer cake pans. Bake as directed on box. Cool completely. Stir together the Cool Whip, powdered sugar, 1/2 teaspoon of peppermint extract and the desired number of green food coloring drops. Spread a 1/3 of the topping between the cake layers. Spread the rest of the topping on the top and sides of the cake. Drop chocolate chips over the top.

Submitted By: VOWS homeowner Laura Schlauderaff

Paper Plate Mardi Gras Mask



Craft items you will need:

- Paper plate
- Glitter paint
- Stars, sequins, feathers and rhinestones
- Craft stick
- Glue

Craft instructions:

Have the children cut a paper plate in half. Next, have children draw and cut out 2 eyes from their paper plate. Then, using glitter paint, have the children paint the paper plate and craft stick. Feel free to sprinkle more glitter paint on the mask. Let dry. When dry, have the children decorate their Mardi Gras Mask with feathers, stars, sequins and any other fun embellishments you can find at a craft or dollar store.

Lastly, have the children glue the craft stick to the back of the Mardi Gras Mask, on the left hand side. And, voila! The children have now made an easy paper plate Mardi Gras mask craft! What a sparkly and festive Mardi Gras craft activity for preschoolers and kindergarten children. <http://kiboomukidssongs.com/paper-plate-mardi-gras-mask-craft/>



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A History of Mardi Gras Masks

Mardi Gras Masks

When Fat Tuesday has finally come, there is no better place to be than Bourbon street and no better item to wear than a mask. Gold, purple, and green masks embody the colors, the spirit, the pride, and the true feeling of Mardi Gras. Masks are sure to be a hit not only on Bourbon street but on your street, too. Masking at your party imitates all of the fun and festivities of Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

Why Mask?

It is traditional to wear a mask on Mardi Gras Day. Wear one instead of a costume, or with a costume. For one day you can be anonymous. Many hollywood celebrities come to New Orleans and mask because for one day because they can be truly be free. Masks can express your inner secretive personality or your alter ego.

Did you ever want to be someone else? You can live out a fantasy. How about walking through a crowd of people and not one person knowing who you are? That kind of freedom is why people come to Mardi Gras — to let out their alter ego.

Masks (and costumes) are also used at the pa-

rades and in the French Quarter to get attention from the float riders and the balcony revelers, so they will throw more stuff if they like your costume. Couples often color coordinate or deliberately contrast. Groups of friends can all wear the same mask. Men dress as women and women dress as men. It is a blast!

Fun with Masks

Masks are made out of feathers, sequins, glitter, and even plaster. Sometimes people wear a stickmask, or a zorro type mask. The idea on Fat Tuesday in New Orleans is to wear a mask, any kind of mask or costume. It is part of the fun and festivities that make Mardi Gras such an unusual holiday.

If you are having a party, what better way to break the ice and start many new conversations with costumed masked guest. Everyone will not know who everyone else is and it is so much fun to discover who is behind the costume. It is also fun to see people get creative with their costumes and masks.

History of Masks

Imagine walking through a true masquerade ball of olden day New Orleans. Men dressed



in their finest tuxedos and women in magnificent ball gowns. Everyone dons a mask leaving much to the imagination. Elaborate stick masks entice others at the ball with only seductive eyes and sensuous lips exposed. The mystery behind a mask lives today in New Orleans for one magical day, Mardi Gras.

Masks have been worn in New Orleans during masked balls for centuries. Masking originated with secretive organizations (carnival crews) and the secret upper class. No one knew who they were and they could stay anonymous. The concept of wearing masks moved to the street where everyone would wear a mask and have a big celebration on the street.

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P90X-BOOT CAMP - Workouts Mon. - Fri. 5:30am; all fitness levels are invited. Must be 18 or older; register online at <http://tinyurl.com/VOWSBootCamp>. Contact robin.willits@fsresidential.com with questions.

FIT CLUB - Monday at 6:30pm. Workout to Turbo Fire, Insanity, P90X, and other Beachbody DVDs. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/VOWS-Fit-Club>. For more info: contact Brenda Munden at beachbodybrenda@

yahoo.com or Jodie Rubley at jarubley@imagination.com

WALKERS/RUNNERS/BIKERS/TRI-ATHLETES - Saturdays 6:30am; meet at Bray Birch Park to go for a walk, run, or bike ride. Walkers/Runners are diverse in experience.

ZUMBA - Monday at 10:00am and Wednesday at 6:00pm. Fun, easy-to-follow, calorie burning, Latin inspired dance fitness party. Monday's class: Email Patricia at zumbapatricia1@gmail.com for info. Wednesday's class: Email Christie McDewitt at cmcdewitt731@att.net for info.

HOMESCHOOL GROUP - VOWS residents who homeschool children are invited to join the homeschool group, created to support each other. Please contact Amanda Jones by email at vowshomeschool@gmail.com with **HOMESCHOOL** in the subject line.

PLAYGROUP - Bray Birch park after school 3:00pm. Everyone is welcome!


TODDLER PLAYGROUP - Playgroup for preschool age children. Please go to the VOWS Facebook page at facebook.com/woodland.springs and search "VOWS Playgroup" in the search box for more information on this group.

TEEN IMPROV GROUP - Wednesday 8:00pm; contact Paul Brough paul_brough@hotmail.com This group helps kids build confidence, creativity and individuality through activities and acting.

SCRAPBOOKING - VOWS hosts a scrapbooking night each month - see calendar for date. Admission is an item to share for the potluck meal; please bring your own drink. (No alcohol) For more info: events.vows@gmail.com with the subject "SCRAPBOOK".



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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

LUNCH BUNCH - Empty nester with extra time on your hands, like to try to get to know some of your VOWS neighbors, and do a monthly lunch out with others? This group meets the third Wednesday of each month Contact to Pauline at pko@email.com for details.

NEIGHBORHOOD PRAYER FELLOWSHIP GROUP - This group meets rain or shine every Saturday 6:30am-7:30am at Bray Birch & Lamington Dr. VOWSPray-erGroup@verizon.net .

VOWS DIRECT SALES NETWORKING GROUP - This is a time for businesses to come together and share marketing ideas and resources. It meets the first Friday of every month in the Amenities Center from 10:00am-11:30am.

INFORMAL TODDLER SOCCER PRACTICE/GAMES - Soccer for Toddlers, ages 3 and 4. The group will meet at the Bray Birch Park on Tuesdays at 6:30pm. For more information contact Colleen at 817-

600-3945.

THE COWTOWN STACKERS CUP STACKING CLUB - this group meets Thursdays from 5:00pm-6:00pm at the VOWS amenity center on Timberland Blvd. Stackers from ages 5-95 with skill levels from beginner to expert are invited to attend. **Cost is free but please bring your own cups, timer, and stack mat.** For more information, contact Jimmy and Carmen Griffith at jcgx4@sbcglobal.net.

BUNCO - Bunco is an easy dice game that anyone can learn quickly. Our hope is to get to know our neighbors through monthly meetings! Please email hopeaconda@gmail.com to get up to date information and sign up. This game works best with a certain number of people participating, so please email/RSVP. Spots are filling up quickly but we will have a list of subs too. The game is usually maxed out at 16 players (otherwise it would take all night to play!) There is no

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BINGO - Bingo will meet the first Friday of every month starting March 7th from 7pm to 9 p.m. Ages 7 and up welcome. Each family will donate a \$3-\$5 prize. Contact Tammy Melendez at 817-680-7766 or TammyM0415@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

VOWS WriteNow - This is a writing group exclusively for residents of Villages of Woodland Springs. We come together every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month from 7:45pm to 9:15pm to discuss our writing challenges, feedbacks, do writing exercises, and explore the full world of writing. (This is not a how-to-get-published group.) To join, please send an email to TheHerstory-Writer@gmail.com.

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Currently, the Advisory Committee, which is comprised of elected residents, is the intermediate group between the residents and the Board of Directors and Centurion American (VOWS developer). This will continue until full development of VOWS is completed. The sub-committees report to the Advisory Committee. All residents are invited to attend Advisory Committee meetings which are normally held the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Amenity Center on Timberland.

March 2014 Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday, March 25, 6:30pm At the Amenity Center

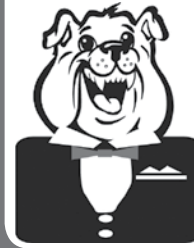
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