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January Fun Facts

Birthstone: The garnet which represents constancy.

Zodiac Sign – Capricorn:

December 22-January 19

Aquarius: January 20-February 18

Flower: Dianthus Caryophyllus or Galanthus

Holidays in January:

- New Year's Day – January 1
- Independence Day in Haiti – January 1
- Handsel Monday in Scotland and northern England – First Monday
- Three Wise Men Day in Latin America – January 6
- Russian and Ukrainian Christmas Eve, also known as Svyat Vechir – January 6
- Coptic and Russian Orthodox Church



Christmas – January 7

- Plough Sunday in Scotland and northern England – Sunday after January 6
- National Human Trafficking Awareness Day in the United States – January 11
- Feast of the Santo Nino in the Philippines – Third Sunday
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in the United States – Third Monday
- Republic Day in India – January 26
- Australia Day in Australia – January 26
- Makara Sankranti (Festival of Harvest) in India – January 15
- Auckland Anniversary in Auckland,

New Zealand – Monday closest to January 29

- Burns night in Scotland – January 25
- The uniting of Moldavia and Wallachia under the same ruler in 1859, Romania – January 24

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National Hobby Month
National Soup Month
National Staying Healthy Month
National Thank You Month
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A Letter from your Board of Directors

The current economic times continue to mandate that all corporations carefully evaluate their annual operating budgets in effort to ensure that revenues are relative to expenditures. The Homeowners Association is no exception to these conditions. As The Villages of Woodland Springs community continues to grow, it is experiencing the same challenges faced by both individuals and businesses in today's marketplace. The Board of Directors and FirstService Residential are committed to acting in a conservative manner as stewards of the community, as we serve to protect and preserve property values.

Please be advised that by Resolution of the Board of Directors, The Villages of Wood-

land Springs Homeowners Association assessment for 2015 has been set at \$490 annually, payable in two semi-annual installments of \$245 each. This adjustment will become effective with the January 2015 assessment billing cycle. The additional \$35 amount annually (\$2.92 monthly) equates to approximately an 8% increase over the prior year, as permitted within 8.3 Control for Assessment Increases of the governing documents for The Villages of Woodland Springs Homeowners Association, Inc.

Reasons for the necessity to increase the annual assessment include, but are not limited to:

- Assessments have not been increased since January 2009. Over the past 6 years, Association expenses and contracts have increased substantially.
- The rising demands on the community and amenities to meet the needs of our residents directly impact the annual operating budget.
- As the community grows, so must the Association Reserves, in order to maintain Association assets.

A complete overview of the 2015 Annual Operating Budget will be presented at the Annual Association Meeting, which will be held in February 2015.

Should you have any questions regarding the Homeowners Association, or how assessments are allocated, please contact the Association Manager, Justin Lahue by phone at 817.741.1719 or email justin.lahue@fsresidential.com.

If you have any questions regarding your individual homeowner account, please contact our Account Services Department at 877.378.2388 or visit the FirstService Residential website at www.fsresidential.com.

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made a pledge? A pledge is the fulfillment of an obligation. A pledge is the fulfillment of a goal.

Our commitment for the Woodland Springs Citizen's on Patrol group is to help fight crime and keep our crime low. It's unrealistic to pledge to keep crime low because this is an obligation we can't fulfill. There will always be crime.

However, as a resident, just like you, I have made a pledge to never attract crime. I would like to believe that I have achieved that goal. However, I am not perfect and have occasionally left my garage door open. By making this pledge it has become easier not to attract crime, and over time it becomes a habit.

You can help us fight crime by taking the "Pledge to Not Attract Crime".

- Remove your personal belongings from your vehicles

- Lock your doors and keep your garage door shut
- Keep your property well lit
- Don't leave bikes or toys on the front lawn

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1. Since 2012 we have seen an overall 11.2% increase in home values. However, as many of you know, many residents have seen up to a 20% increase in that same time period. The great news is that everyone is benefiting!
2. The average days on market has decreased from 78 in 2012, 44 in 2013, to 33 in 2014!

As a VOWS homeowner myself, and THE TOP SELLING VOWS AGENT IN 2014, I am thrilled by these numbers and very excited for what 2015 is going to bring. If you want to know the current value of your home, thinking of selling, or looking into buying, feel free to call or email me today.



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2015	4/17/15	7/17/15	10/16/15
1/16/15	4/18/15	7/18/15	11/20/15
2/20/15	5/15/15	8/21/15	12/18/15
3/20/15	6/19/15	9/18/15	

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Seasonal Decorations... Do you still have holiday lights up?

While we all love the holiday lights that are put up each year on houses and in yards, they are just that, Holiday lights. So when the holidays are over, it’s time to take them down. I know it’s sad to see them go. They are pretty but the DCC&R’s override our thoughts on that.

Here is what your DCC&R’s state about seasonal decorations:

5.3.20 Seasonal Decorations. Seasonal decorations may be installed no more than one month prior to the holiday and must be removed within two weeks after the holiday.

So remember the decorations need to come down no later than January 13, 2015. Your HOA Compliance Liaison will be doing property drives to ensure everyone is in compliance with the DCC&R’s. Please make sure you are not in violation by getting those holiday decorations packed away.

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If you would like to nominate someone for yard of the month, please email vows.communications@gmail.com.

Holiday Hours for On-Site Office

On-Site Office Closed for New Year's Day

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Wednesday, January 7, 2015 • 9:30am-10:30am

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Stop by the Amenity Center at
12209 Timberland Blvd and enjoy coffee, donuts and juice!!

If you are a new resident, owner or renter this will be an opportunity for you to ask any question you may have about the community. You will be able to pick up a pool card (homeowners will be given the card that morning. Renters will be given a form that they will need to give to their landlord to fill out.).

This will also give you a chance to meet new neighbors!

Hope to see you there!!

Thank you so much to those that attended the Coffee and Donuts in November!

We hope to see you in January. Tell your neighbors!

Thank you to Anna with TreasuryLand Photography for taking the November pictures





The Villages of Woodland Springs

Daddy Daughter Dance

We will have two dances this year!

Saturday February 7th

1st Dance: 4:30pm-6:30pm

2nd Dance: 7:00pm-9:00pm

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In the event that you have do not receive your January 2015 HOA Assessment Billing Statement by January 1, 2015, please contact the VOWS onsite management office at 817.741.1719 or via email at Catherine.mcgrath@fsresidential.com for assistance.

If you would prefer to receive future HOA Assessment Billing Statements via your email, please visit <https://secure.uhlig.com/es-statements/mg/pc> and follow the instructions provided.

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Ashlynn Barton	308-520-4823
.....	308-520-3087
Tylr Coffelt	214-552-9668
Logan Thomas.....	817-228-8166
Lauren Sparger.....	817-975-6222
Camryn Grant	682-465-3188

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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March 21: Bunny Hop

March 28: Cowtown Clean-Up

May 1 – 3: Spring Garage Sale

May 16: Mother Son Social

June 13: School's Out Luau

June 27: 4th of July Celebration

July 25: Date Night Movie Night

August 15: Back to School/Skills Fair

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October 10: Fall Festival

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VOWS BOOK CLUB - Meets the first Thursday of the month at 8pm. Books are nominated and voted on by members. Add yourself to the Facebook group "woodland springs book club" for more information.

CREATIVE CIRCLE - Tuesdays, 7:00pm-9:00pm and Fridays, 11:00am-1:00pm
We are a knitting/crocheting/sewing/quilting circle all rolled into one! Bring one of the listed creative hobbies of choice and a snack to share at the Amenities Center. Please see the calendar on the back of The Woodland Word for exact dates each month. For more informa-

tion contact, Jennifer McAfee at ajamcafee@gmail.com

PiYo - Fri. 9:00am-10:00am. Come get a great strength, cardio, and flexibility workout using your own body weight. PiYo is for all fitness levels and very easy on the body. Great music too! Bring your yoga mat. (PiYo is a combination of yoga and Pilates but more fast-paced than traditional yoga.) For more info contact: Eileen at kekorsgaard@gmail.com

MOM & POP RUNNERS - Monday thru Friday at 5:45am. Meet at the Amenity Center (12209 Timberland Blvd). Get your run in before the kids wake up for school. All levels are welcome. Feel free to wear your headphones. No strollers please. Contact Ruth Baltazar-Zamora at rthbltzr@yahoo.com or 817-226-5336 for more information.

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 9:00am. Workout to PiYo, T25, Body Combat, 21 Day Fix and other Beachbody DVDs. For more info contact: Eileen at kekorsgaard@gmail.com

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.

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

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

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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.

CRAFT NIGHT - VOWS hosts a craft 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 "CRAFT NIGHT".

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 Karen at bnordbeck2@veizon.net for details.

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

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 charge to play, all for fun.

BINGO - Bingo will meet the first Friday of every month from 7pm to 9 p.m. Ages 5 and up welcome. We are asking for a \$5 donation prize item for a kid or teen. Adults play for a chance to win sponsored or donated prizes. Contact Tammy Melendez at 817-680-7766 or TammyM0415@yahoo.com or Joni Baldwin at 817-602-1194 or Joni.Baldwin@pruworldwiderealtors.com if you have any questions. ****Bingo will resume on March 6, 2015.**

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 TheHerstoryWriter@gmail.com.

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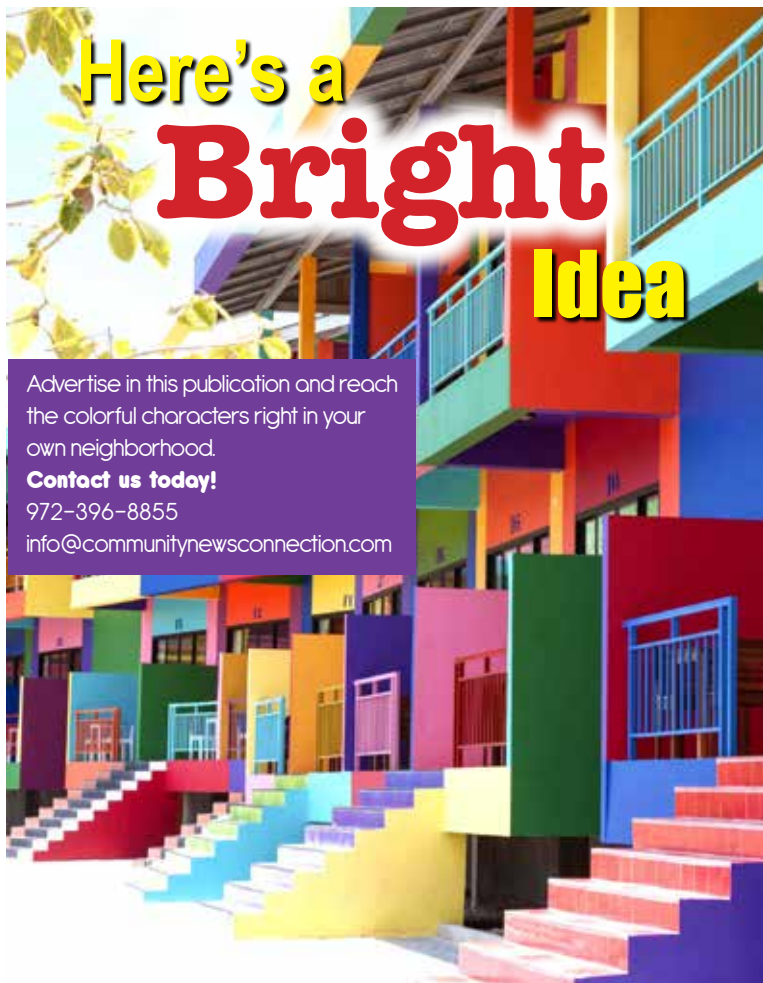
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Currently, the Advisory Committee, which is comprised of elected residents, is the intermediate group between the residents and the Board of Directors and Centurion American (VOWS developer). This will continue until full development of VOWS is completed. 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.

January 2015 Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday, January 27, 6:30pm At the Amenity Center

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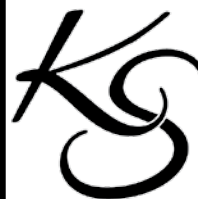
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