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Back to School Movie Night/ Skills Fair

Join us on Saturday, August 15th at 6:30pm at the Slide Pool. The Eagle Scouts will be sponsoring our Back to School Movie Night and Skills Fair again this year! The Scouts will be playing carnival games and demonstrating skills such as making rope, rope tying, making survival bracelets, and making donuts. We will have pizza for everyone and the movie will start at sundown.

Please register at:
<http://tinyurl.com/vows-fair-and-movie>



End of Summer Breakfast

Join us at the Amenity Center on August 8th for a good-old-fashioned breakfast. There will be two time slots available. The first one will be from 8:00am- 9:30am and the second one from 10:00am-11:30am. To register you and your family, please visit www.vowsbreakfast.com starting July 1st. The sooner the better, because unfortunately seating will be limited. There will be bounce houses for the kids, giveaways, and four grand prizes. Two lucky families from each breakfast will win \$250 towards back to school shopping, just in time for the tax free weekend.

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Going back to school is an exciting time for children as they look forward to entering the next grade level, seeing their friends and meeting new people. Yet it can also be a time of unforeseen dangers. By teaching children basic back to school rules and tips regarding their safety, they enter this exciting time with the knowledge and skills they need to stay safe while enjoying this special time and throughout the school year.

Safety Tips for Traveling To and From School

Whether your child walks to school, rides

Back to School Safety Tips

a bike, takes a bus or you drive them in a car, reviewing the following safety tips with them makes traveling to and from school a safer experience.

Walking to School - Tips for Parents

- If you feel your child does not have adequate pedestrian skills to walk to school, either walk with them until you are confident in their ability or make alternate arrangements for getting them to and from school.
- If a child is young or entering a new school, walk the child to school until you are comfortable with them walking by themselves.
- Practice the route with your child if they are young or new to the school.
- Make sure the route your child takes is safe and has a crossing guard at intersections.

Walking to School - Tips for Children

- Never take a short cut through a wooded area. Stay on the route you practiced with your parents.
- Walk to school with a friend or a group of friends.
- Wearing light or brightly colored clothing increases your visibility to drivers.

Traveling by School Bus

- Never step off the curb until the bus comes to a complete stop.
- Always use the seat belt if the bus is equipped with them.
- Do not move around in the bus. Stay sitting in your seat.
- When leaving the school bus stay in view of the driver and always cross the street in front of the bus.

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Back to School Safety Tips - continued

- Even though traffic should stop for a school bus, always check both ways before crossing the street.

Riding a Bike to School

- Always wear an approved helmet when riding a bicycle.
- Wearing clothing that is bright and colorful makes it easier for drivers to see you.
- Learn hand signals and use them.
- Ride a bike on the right hand side of the road traveling in the same direction as the traffic.
- Always stop for stop signs and follow the rules of traffic lights.
- Learn and follow the rules of the road.
- Do not listen to your iPod mp3 player or other music device. Always pay attention to the traffic.

Riding to School in a Car

- Whether you are driving your children or carpooling, make sure each child is securely strapped into their seatbelt.

Younger children need the appropriate car seat or booster seat for their age or size.

- Have each child exit the car using the door on the curbside so they are not stepping out of the car into traffic.
- Do not leave the school until your child, or all those in the carpool, are safely inside the school building.

Back Pack Safety

Backpacks have become a staple of back to school accessories. They are great for carrying books and other essential school items and are available in a wide variety of sizes, colors, designs and styles. Yet these useful bags are potentially harmful if not used correctly causing possible shoulder or neck injuries, back pain and muscle and joint strains. The following tips on backpack safety help reduce the chance of injury:

- When a backpack is fully loaded, it should not weigh more than 15 to 20 percent of the child's body weight.

- Never carry a backpack over one shoulder using only one strap. Always wear a backpack using both shoulder straps.
- If a backpack has a waist strap, use it.
- Choose a backpack with wide straps. The best choice is a backpack with a padded back and padded straps
- Use all of the compartments in the backpack to distribute the weight of the contents more evenly.

More Back to School Safety Tips

The following are a few general back to school safety tips:

- Talk to your children and reinforce the rules of stranger danger.
- Make sure not to pack foods for lunch or snacks that spoil quickly.
- Talk to your child about bullies and bullying. Explain to them what to do if a situation arises.

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The best way to end distracted driving is to educate all drivers about the danger it poses. If you don't think distracted driving is a safety issue, please take a moment to read these statistics:

- In 2013 3,154 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers and 424,000 were injured.
- 10% of drivers under the age of 20 in-

volved in fatal crashes were reported as distracted at the time of the crash. This age group has the largest proportion of drivers who were distracted.

- At any given daylight moment across America, approximately 660,000 drivers are using cell phones or manipulating electronic devices while driving.
- Engaging in visual-manual subtasks (such as reaching for a phone, dialing and texting) associated with the use of hand-held phones and other portable devices increased the risk of into a crash by three times.
- Five seconds is the average time your eyes are off the road while texting. When traveling at 55mph, that's enough time to cover the length of a football field blindfolded.
- A quarter of teens respond to a text message once or more every time they drive.

Distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task of driving. All distractions endanger the driver, passenger and bystanders safety. These types of distractions include:

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All day events: Group decides the night before what time they will meet. On-Site Office opens at 10am if you arrive before the group gets to the amenity center. Be sure and "join" the facebook page for more info on Craft Night. Search "VOWS Crafter's Corner"

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July 2015 - September 2015 Babysitter's List



The young people listed below have offered their services as babysitters in our community; the contacts are provided here for information only. Please interview any candidates and make your own decision as to the candidate's capabilities & qualifications to stay alone with your child.

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 Janae Helaire 817-996-8623
 Shayla Alexander 817-681-8347
 (License + Car, CPR & First Aid Cert, Experience with Special Needs children)

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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Thank you so much to those of you who came by last month! We hope to see all of you back in August along with some new faces!



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- **Training.** Always the first recommendation for any behavioral problem! Training not only helps your dog, but you'll be surprised by how much it helps you, too. You may obtain insight into what causes your dog to bark or what it is trying to communicate.
- **Citronella collars.** A more humane alternative to the electric-shock, antibarking collar that costs about the same and is widely available on the web and in pet stores.
- **Confinement.** Sometimes simply bringing an outspoken dog indoors to be with its' owners can drastically cut down on the disturbance caused to

neighbors. If you are getting a puppy, first familiarize yourself with the benefits of crate-training before adding a new pet. This is a proven technique that many trainers recommend with great success.

- **Reduce stimulus.** Close drapes or blinds to muffle street noise, or leave a radio on to mask it. Disconnect telephones and doorbells before leaving your home if they upset your dog or make it bark.
- **Companionship.** Most importantly, remember that dogs are pack animals. They need companionship – a cat, bird or ideally another dog. Consider a mid-day visit from a pet sitting service, or make arrangements to drop your pooch off at a friend's place or a day-care facility once or twice a week. You and your dog will be happier for it.

The DCC&R's state this about pets:

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VOWS BOOK CLUB - Meets the first Thursday of the month at 8:30pm. Books are nominated and voted on by members. Add yourself to the Facebook group "woodland springs book club" for more information.

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

P90X-BOOT CAMP - Workouts Mon. - Fri. 5:30am; all fit-

ness 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

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 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.

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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: robin.willits@fs-residential.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 Pauline pko@email.com for details.

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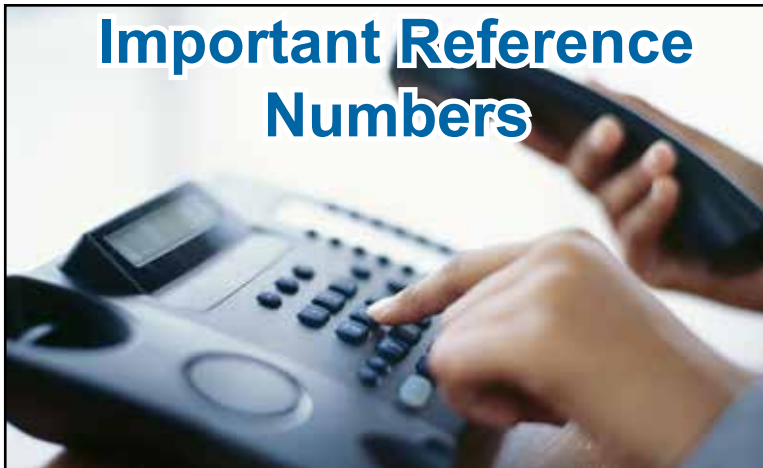


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Currently, the Advisory Committee, which is comprised of elected residents, is the intermediate group between the residents and the Board of Directors and Centurion American (VOWS developer). This will continue until full development of VOWS is completed.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

AUGUST 2015 Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday, August 25, 6:30pm At the Amenity Center

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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