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Egg Hunters were greeted by the Chick-fil-A cow and our neighborhood bunny. Music played to keep the kids jumping in the bounce houses. Kids petted goats, chickens, and llamas in the zoo before heading to the fields of colorful eggs.

170 runners signed up for the charity races benefiting the Community Storehouse and Christ's Haven for Children. Proceeds will be shared between the two charities.

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Thanks for making VOWS a beautiful place to live!

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

BABYSITTERS OF WOODLAND SPRINGS



April 2013 – June 2013

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.

Sarah Ritz (cpr cert)	817-741-1690
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Miranda Linton	682-333-8045
Kaylee Kramer	214-295-6781
Addison Cassady (cpr cert)	817-805-6005
Leslie Bauer	214-457-2230
Renee Garrett	817-201-1757

Young people who are VOWS residents and below the age of 21 may submit their contact information to robin.willits@premiercommunities.net. Also contact Robin if your name should be removed from the list for any reason.

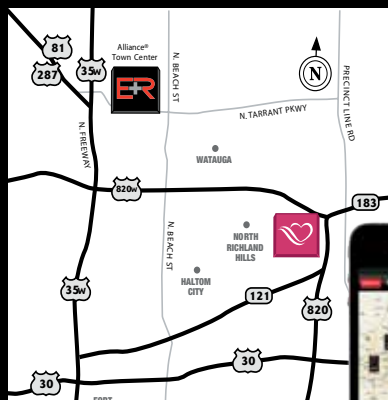


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Who owns the fence and who is responsible for the repair or replacement of it?

It is sometimes thought that if the poles are on your side of the fence, then you are responsible for the upkeep of that fence. That is not necessarily true. Most of the fences in The Villages of Woodland Springs are shared fences. Meaning, the fence is on the property line, therefore, both parties are responsible for the repair or replacement. If you have a shared fence that is in need of repair, please talk with your neighbor to make arrangements for its repair.

Please remember that all repairs or replacements must go through the Architectural Control Committee prior to any work begin done. There is a form you will need to fill out for this. You can get this form by visiting the on-site office on Timberland Blvd. or you can call the office and we can email the form to you.

Here is what the DCC&R's have to say about fences.

5.3.4 Fences & Walls. This Section is subject to the ACC's right to adopt additional or different specifications for construction or reconstruction of fences. Any fence or wall must be



constructed of masonry, brick, wood or other material approved by the Association. No chain link fences are permitted (except community athletic fields). No fence or wall shall be permitted to extend nearer to any street than five feet (5') from the front of any residence.

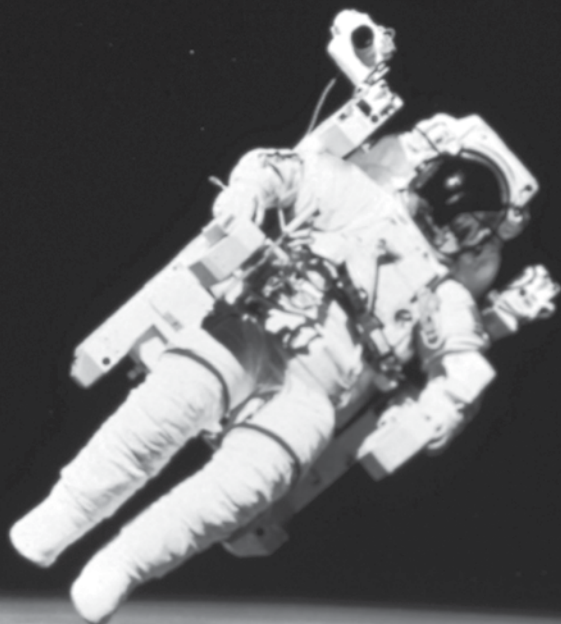
However, all side yard fencing on corner Lots shall run parallel to the curb and may be placed up to the side Lot line and shall not extend beyond a point of five feet (5') behind the front of the residence on that side. Any fence or portion thereof that faces a public street shall be so constructed so that all structural members and posts will be on the side of the fence away from the street so that they are not visible from any public right-of-way. No portion of any fence shall extend more than eight feet and one-half feet (8-1/2') in height. If Owner desires to stain the fence the approved stain color is medium brown. All other fence stain colors must have prior ACC approval. Retaining walls must be

constructed entirely with ACC-approved materials, however railroad ties may not be used for a retaining wall visible from a street. Fences may not be constructed between a dwelling's front building line and the street. Each owner, at owner's expense, must maintain the fence to a standard, and with the appearance that is commensurate with the neighborhood.

Specifically, each fence must not have:

- a. Rotting fence posts causing fence to lean
- b. Missing or broken fence panels or boards
- c. Boards that are not secured to main fence structure

5.3.5 Iron Fences. On Lots opening onto a public park, open space common area, or green belt, the owner is required to erect (excluding the utility easements) an iron fence on that portion of the lot that is contiguous and adjacent to the open space, public park, common area and/or greenbelt. The iron fence must be at least four (4) feet tall and may not exceed six (6) feet in height. The iron fence must be uniform throughout any particular Section of the subdivision and the detail for the iron fence must be approved in writing by the Architectural Control Committee.



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The Villages of Woodland Springs would like to invite the Moms and Sons to the Annual Mother & Son Field Day. This event will be held at Bray Birch Park, Saturday May 11th from 12-2. If it rains, this event will be held at the amenity center. Moms bring your son out to have lunch and enjoy the day with lots of crafts and games.

If you would like please bring your picnic blanket and chairs.

We welcome dads to volunteer for this event please email events.vows@gmail.com

To register for this event, visit:

<http://tinyurl.com/VOWS-MotherandSonFieldDay>

Look forward to seeing you there!

VOWS Events Committee



Did you know that VOWS has a Facebook page???

The number of users on our neighborhood Facebook page is growing! We find this to be a great tool to get the word out about everything from lost pets to community events and everything in between.



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It's important to note that the Facebook page is not monitored or endorsed by the Homeowner Association or Premier management. It was created by residents as a tool to help inform neighbors of things such as missing pets, items for sale and barter, small groups and events, and so much more.

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The Fort Worth Fire Dept and the Fort Worth Drowning Prevention Coalition are offering their inaugural, nationally- approved, Safe

Swim program for children and adults at The Villages of Woodland Springs Timberland Amenity Center Pool in May. While children and adults are in the pool learning to be comfortable in the water, float and tread water, family members may join members of the Fire Dept. to learn about water rescue, safety barriers and hands-only CPR.

This program of parent/caregiver education and water safety swim instruction is a 4 week program consisting of 8 classes designed to give you the skills and knowledge to be safe in and around water. The classes will meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings. You can choose between two time slots, either 6 PM or 7 PM. Cost is \$5 per student and in return for participation in all 8 classes you will be given a Coast Guard Approved life jacket.

Who Can Join? Anyone ages 3 to 103 who would like to learn how to be safe in and around water. This is a drowning prevention program, not a swim stroke clinic. All children must be accompanied by an adult parent or caregiver.

Dates: Tuesdays & Thursdays
May 14th, 16th, 21st, 23rd, 28th, 30th, and June 4th, 6th.

Times: 6:00pm & 7:00pm
Class duration: 45 mins week 1,
30 mins weeks 2-4.

Location: Woodland Springs
Timberland Amenity Center Pool
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Fort Worth, TX 76244

Registration: Pre-registration is required. Registration deadline is Friday, May 10. Please click here to register.

For More Information: Please contact Pam Cannell, pjcannell0701@gmail.com, or call 817.994.1984.

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Teams of north Texas residents will gather May 4 in Keller and northern Tarrant County for an overnight Relay For Life, the American Cancer Society's signature fight against cancer. This year's Relays For Life will be especially significant because 2013 will mark the American Cancer Society's 100th birthday.

"On May 22, the American Cancer Society will celebrate 100 years of saving lives from cancer and creating a world with more birthdays," said Scott Abbott, director of community develop-

ment for the American Cancer Society. "It's the progress we've made together as a community that has helped us reach this incredible milestone with tremendous success."

Relay For Life is a fun-filled event that mobilizes communities throughout the country to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones and raise money for the fight against cancer.

The event begins with a cancer survivors lap celebrating those who have survived cancer or who are currently battling cancer. Games, music, live entertainment encourage people all through the night. Some teams also hold creative fundraisers at their camp sites during Relay.

Relay For Life's Luminaria Ceremony takes place after sundown, honoring the community's cancer survivors and remembering those lost to the disease. Participants

will circle a track that is surrounded with glowing luminaria that bear the name of someone who has battled cancer. Luminaria may be purchased for \$10 by calling Sonja Barnes at 817-570-0637 or by visiting RelayForLife.org and search for an event near you.

Also a part of Relay For Life events is the "Fight Back Ceremony" in which a community leader will inspire Relay participants with his or her own commitment and will challenge them to take a personal pledge of action, such as stopping smoking or eating more healthy.

Relay For Life event contact:
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VOWS Community Activities

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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@premiercommunities.net 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 Jodie Rubley jarubley@imagination.com, beachbody-brenda@yahoo.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.

YOGA - Mondays 12:00 noon and Wednesday 7:00pm; Mondays contact yogawithjace@gmail.com and Wednesday Sara@sullivanfitness.com for info.

ZUMBA - Wednesdays 6:00pm. Fun, easy-to-follow, calorie burning, Latin-inspired dance fitness party. Email Christie McDevitt at cmcdevitt731@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 Sarah Rockhold by email at vowshomeschool@gmail.com with **HOME-SCHOOL** 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.

SOULTAINMENT - Wednesday 8:00pm; contact Paul Brough paul_brough@hotmail.com Soultainment helps kids build confidence, creativity and individuality through activities and acting.

SPANISH LANGUAGE CLASSES - Native Spanish speaker and tutor would like to start classes for learning & using Spanish. Contact Alejandra Rodriguez at ale_grl@hotmail.com.

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".

VOWS SINGLES - Enjoy dinner parties, game nights and socializing with other singles from the community? Contact vbolles@verizon.net for info.

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 pk0@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. VOWSPrayerGroup@verizon.net.

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Mowing Tips

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Mowing is often overlooked as one of the major factors in keeping laws healthy. Good mowing habits will keep your grass strong and healthy – and of course it will keep it looking good, too! Maintaining a well-cut lawn is also the best defense against weeds. Here you will read about mowing tips, mowing safety and the best way to mow for the type of grass in your yard.

Don't Cut the Grass Too Short!

Cutting your grass at higher points will help it grow in the healthiest way. Higher grass provides for a deeper root system and can prevent large weeds, particularly crabgrass, from invading. In fact, it is recommended to cut off no more than a third of the grass at any one cutting.



You can also set your mower to cut the grass to keep it at a level of three inches high.

Cutting grass too low can make it more susceptible to drought, insects and weeds because the root system will be much smaller, leaving room for weeds to grow. Remember that your grass

should be cut before it grows taller than 4.5 inches. If you find that your grass is growing too quickly for you to keep up, then you should consider watering it less often, since this will slow down its growth. It will also save you money, since you will be conserving water. Learn more about the best ways to water

your lawn efficiently. If you still can't keep up with mowing your fast-growing grass, consider hiring a professional landscaper to cut it for you.

Mowing Frequency

How often should you cut your grass? The answer depends on the time of year and the type of grass you have. During the warmest weather, you probably need to mow your lawn a couple of times a month. In the spring, grass may need cutting at least once a week. Here is a general guide for mowing frequency according to grass type:

- 3–7 Days: Common Bermudagrass, Hybrid Bermudagrass
- 5–7 Days: Kentucky Bluegrass, St. Augustine Grass, Texas Bluegrass (Reville), Zoysia Matrella (Fine-bladed Zoysia)

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- 7–10 Days: Zoysia Japonica or Coarse-Bladed Zoysia
- 7–14 Days: Buffalograss, Centipedegrass, Tall Fescue

If you are unsure about the type of grass in your yard, contact a professional landscaper to help you determine what type you have.

General Mowing Tips:

- Mow when the grass is dry.
- Leave the freshly cut grass clippings – they provide great nutrients for your grass. The clippings also can help your lawn retain water and cut down on the need for fertilizer. It's estimated that leaving clippings can also cut the amount of time you spend on lawn maintenance by 30 to 35 percent.
- Mow your lawn in a different

direction each time, especially with shorter grasses. Changing direction ensures a more even cut, since grass blades will grow more erect and less likely to develop into a set pattern.

- Keep up with regular mower maintenance, including sharpening of the blades and changing the oil.
- Avoid mowing in the dark.

Safe Mowing Tips:

Unfortunately, each year there are many mowing accidents, many of which result in serious injury and many of which involve children. Please note some of the following safety tips for mowing which will help keep you and your family safe:

The Center for Childhood Safety offers the following tips:

- Keep children and pets out of the yard while mowing.
- Do a walk-through of the area before you begin mowing. Clear the area of large sticks and other debris.
- Wear clothing that offers some protection, like sturdy shoes with non-slip soles to provide good traction. Wear eye protection, like glasses, sunglasses or goggles while mowing.
- Read the operating manual for your mower. Make sure you understand all of its safety features prior to use. Make sure your new power mower has a "deadman" control that stops the mower if you let go of the handle. Do not disable this or any other safety features of your mower.
- Do not cut the lawn when it's raining, lightning or when the grass is slippery.

- Adolescents should be at least 12 years of age before they operate lawn-mowing equipment. Discuss lawn mower safety with all of your children.
- Never allow young children to ride a mower alone.
- Warn adolescents who are operating lawn-mowing equipment to avoid placing their hands near power blades. Do not clean the grass exit with your hands.
- Do not push a lawn mower onto the pavement. The lawn keeps objects from being hurled at a high speed. On the pavement, there is no such protection.
- Make sure your mower is in good working condition at all times. Do not operate a mower when under the influence of alcohol or other drugs that impair judgment.

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Clean-Up Day - A Huge Success



We would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to all who came out to help with the Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 6th! It was a huge success! We collected 58 bags of trash and 5 tires!! Wow! We even had some unusual pieces of trash: An old fire extinguisher, a work boot, and a tabletop to name a few.

The city of Fort Worth stated that they do the Clean-Up day twice a year. We would like for VOWS to participate in this each time. So if you missed it this

time, be on the lookout for the next one. We would like to have more people to come out and help.

A special thanks to The Robbins Family, The Friar Family, The Haughton Family, The Rockhold Family, The Gajary Family, The Strain Family, Chanel, Cassidy, Jakson and Sam for helping out. We even had some volunteers from McKinney Bible Church that came out to help. If we missed anyone, please accept our thanks! You all ROCK!!!

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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.

May 2013 Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday, May 28th, 6:30pm at the Amenity Center

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