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Girl Scouts Give Back



Girl Scouts Give Back: On May 18th, 2013, local Girl Scout Troops (#1121, #1147 & #3433) approximately 18 girls and 17 family members arrived at Steven's Ranch Girl Scout Camp (near Glen Rose, TX) to help clean and repair a three acre campsite. The girls and families worked for 6 hours on the 3 acre camp site clearing brush, cutting down tree limbs and hauling materials to a trailer for disposal. The Girl Scouts also helped carry gravel to the different sites where adults placed 17 railroad-tie steps for the safety of the future campers. This was a once in a lifetime team-building experience and will help the girls become great leaders in our community.

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

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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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

If you'd like to inform residents of a club, group, hobby, or interest, let us know - email vows.communications@gmail.com with the subject **ACTIVITIES**. Only residents who are current with VOWS HOA assessments may participate. All meetings below are at the Amenities Center unless otherwise noted. Please note that scheduled activities or details may change after The Woodland Word goes to print, but up-to-date info can be found at: www.woodlandspringshoa.com/community-events-calendar/

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 Jodie Rubley ja-

rubley@imagination.com, beachbodybrenda@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.

ZUMBA - Wednesdays 6:00pm and Thursdays 6:30pm. Fun, easy-to-follow, calorie burning, Latin-inspired dance fitness party. Email Christie McDevitt at cmcddevitt731@att.net for info.

HOMESCHOOL GROUP - VOWS residents who home-school children are invited to join the homeschool group, created to support each other. Please contact Sarah Rockhold 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."

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.

WOODLAND SPRINGS/ALLIANCE BUSINESS NETWORK - 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 10am-11:30am.

PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP FOR CHILDREN WITH DYSLLEXIA - This group will be a positive, supportive and informative group. Open to all VOWS residents (public school, private school or home school children). Group will be touching on: Screening and testing for dyslexia, accommodations at school, how Dyslexia affects the children outside of school, the laws on Dyslexia and other important information. There will be guest speakers from time to time as well. It will meet the first Tuesday of every month in the Amenities Center from 7:00pm-8:30pm. For more information contact robin.willits@fsresidential.com

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Damian Daniel (CPR Cert)	817-789-9178
Victoria Loudenback (CPR Cert)	817-938-0964
Kayla Brooks (CPR Cert)	817-205-3364

Young people who are VOWS residents and below the age of 21 may submit their contact information to robin.willits@fsresidential.com.

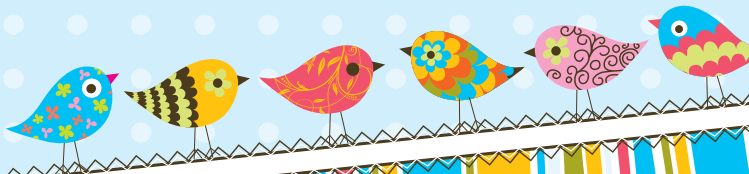
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Please register so that we can buy sufficient supplies at:
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New Online Registration for Northwest Independent School District!

Northwest Independent School District (NISD) has a new online registration for students new to the district (including Kindergarten students).

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We have also received complaints from owners who back up to the green spaces. These owners have wrought iron fencing. Some owners state that they have found dog feces in their back yards and they don't own a dog. The fence slats are far enough apart for a small dog to gain entrance to the back yards of these homes. Please be mindful when you are out with your pet and don't allow them to enter into another residents yard.

"He would pick up behind himself if he could, but he can't, so you must!"

- Put a Leash on your Dog - Please remember that there is a Leash Law in the City of Ft. Worth. When a dog is being walked or with its owner off its property, the dog must be on a leash and accompanied by the owner at all times. If the dog is without a leash or not accompanied by the owner, it is considered unrestrained and is in violation of the City of Ft. Worth restraint ordinance.
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In most cases, the quality of the pruning cut says a lot about the quality of the overall pruning job. Tree care companies that have trained their climbers to consistently perform proper pruning cuts have also usually trained their climbers in the other vital aspects of tree pruning.

There are three primary final cuts that can be made when removing a branch from a tree: A stub-cut leaves a branch stub that will result in a cavity as the exposed wood decays. It will also take a long time for the tree to callus-over the wound.

A flush-cut cuts too deeply into the trunk or parent stem, which results in a larger wound than needed, longer time before wound closure, and increased decay within the tree.

A collar-cut, as shown in the drawing, angles upward from just outside the branch collar to just outside the top of the branch-bark-ridge. Collar cuts tend to heal quickly and result in less internal decay than flush cuts.

So, when looking for a residential tree pruning

company, seek a company with staff that is certified by the International Society of Arboriculture. Also, look for a company that is fully insured – with both workers comp and liability insurance. TCIA (Tree Care Industry Association) accreditation is a plus. Lastly, ask for references that provide examples of the company's pruning work – and then drive by one or two sites and check-out their pruning cuts.

The cuts should be collar-cuts, and the trees should look natural and not over-pruned. Good pruning companies mainly use hand saws in trees – they rarely pull out chainsaws except to remove large branches.

There are an amazing number of companies around the DFW area that are providing poor quality pruning, so don't rely on the courteousness and clean-cut appearance of the sales staff or on the impressiveness of the yellow pages ad. Also, don't assume that ISA certification automatically means quality work. Check out the pruning cuts!!!

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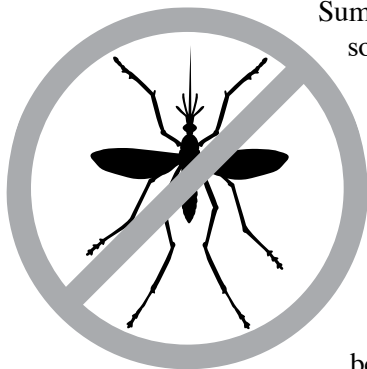
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Rosemary is an inexpensive and attractive way to repel mosquitoes. This hardy herb likes hot, dry weather which is perfect for north Texas. Simply take a few leaves, crush them in your hand and gently rub the oil essence on your skin (choose a small area to check for allergies). You will smell pleasing to all except the pesky mosquito. Having fresh rosemary growing is a delicious herb to use when preparing many recipes.

Another mosquito repelling plant is ordinary catnip. Several websites indicate that catnip is ten times more effective than DEET. Catnip is a perennial and is easily grown from seeds. You need to crush the leaves of catnip and apply to your skin the same as rosemary. Felines may find you intoxicating yet mosquitoes should not. And did you know, fresh catnip leaves make a soothing herb tea?

The popular garden herb basil has been used as an insect repellent either as a bouquet of stems arranged in a jar of water or as a potted plant. This plant has a penetrating aroma and is very flavorful in a wide range of recipes from Italian to Thai.

Does it seem that mosquitoes are more attracted to some people? An article on the Wilderness College website stated, 'Many outdoors-people have noticed that mosquitoes have a greater attraction to people that have been eating processed, sugary foods, and less attracted to people eating more of a natural diet such as whole grains, fruits, and vegetables. The processed food diet may make your odor and blood chemistry more attractive to mosquitoes. You can choose to eat less processed foods and sugars during the mosquito season. Additionally, diets high in garlic and onions have been noted to help reduce the attraction of mosquitoes.'

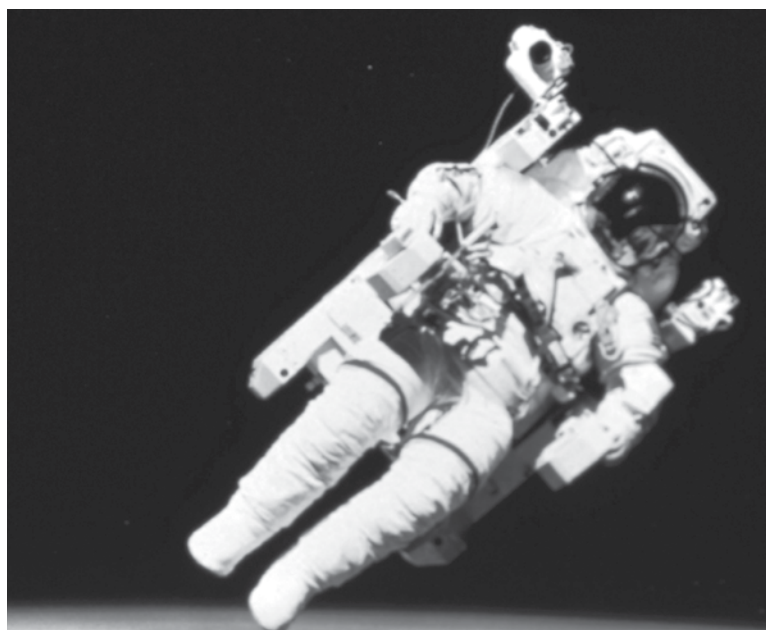
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Pet Adoptions

By Kelly Wills

Looking for a best friend? Is a pet adoption in your future? Have you ever consider rescuing a pet? Rescue is defined as to free or deliver from confinement, violence, danger, or evil and hundreds of animals need to be rescued in North Texas. There are several adoption and rescue locations in the Dallas area.

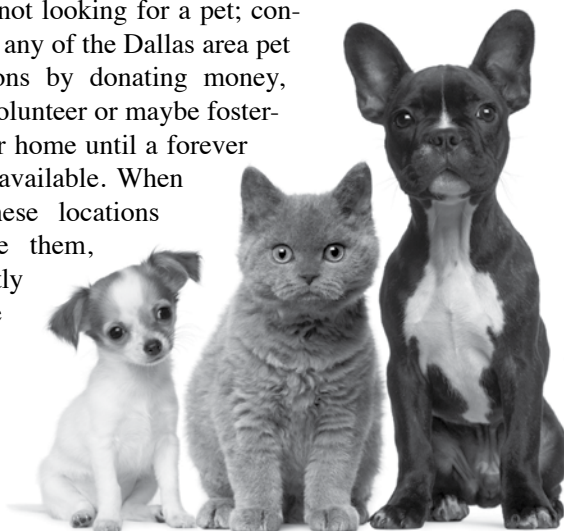
One such place is Paws in the City. Paws in the City, a no-kill organization, is committed to ending the overpopulation, abuse, and neglect of Dallas area dogs and cats. Their goal is that every adoptable dog and cat gets a loving home. Beginning in 2005, Paws in the City is an all-volunteer organization with no paid staff. Each of the animals is boarded at kennels or in foster homes. To find out more information go to their website www.pawsinthecity.org or send an email to info@pawsinthecity.org.

Another place is A Different Breed Animal Rescue which was established in 2004 to help save the lives of homeless dogs and cats in the Dallas area through adoption and education on the importance of spaying and neutering. A Different Breed has a passion for rehabilitating the animals, both physically and emotionally, and then finding them their perfect forever homes. Check out their website, <http://www.adifferentbreed.org>.

The Animal Shelter is a shelter for all stray and unwanted animals with a mission to provide an adoption program to responsible pet owners. A play area is proved so you can play with the animals before choosing your next best friend. Visit the City of Allen website for more information.

The Humane Society's mission is to provide assistance to dogs that have been abused, neglected and abandoned. They believe it is our community's responsibility to help give adequate care and attention to animals in need of permanent homes and veterinary assistance. To learn more, go to <http://humanesociety.org>.

Maybe you are not looking for a pet; consider supporting any of the Dallas area pet adoption locations by donating money, your time as a volunteer or maybe fostering a pet in your home until a forever home becomes available. When you support these locations and others like them, you are directly helping rescue animals which ultimately will benefit our community.



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Woodland Springs Homeowner's Association

The purpose of a homeowners association (HOA) is to maintain, enhance and protect the common areas and interests of the subdivision or neighborhood. Individual homeowners, as members of the association, pay periodic assessments support & utilize neighborhood amenities (pond, pools, parks, tennis courts, etc.). The assessments pay for community expenses such as entrance monuments, landscaping, amenities like clubhouses, tennis courts, or walking trails, insurance for commonly-owned structures and areas, an on-site management company, or any other item delineated in the governing documents or agreed to by the homeowners' association.

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 2013 Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday, August 27, 6:30pm At the Amenity Center

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – AUGUST 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 P90X 5:30 am Zumba 6:30pm Fitness Kickboxing 7:30pm	2 P90X 5:30 am	3 VOWS TEEN EVENT 1:00PM-4:00PM (AMENITIES CENTER)
4	5 P90X 5:30am Fit club 6:30pm Spanish 8:00pm	6 P90X 5:30am Homeschool 9:30am	7 P90X 5:30 am Zumba 6:00pm Soultainment 8:00pm	8 P90X 5:30 am Zumba 6:30pm Fitness Kickboxing 7:30pm	9 P90X 5:30am WOODLAND SPRINGS/ALLIANCE BUSINESS NETWORK 11:00AM	10
11	12 P90X 5:30am Fit club 6:30pm Spanish 8:00pm	13 P90X 5:30am Homeschool 9:30am Parents Support Group for Children with Dyslexia Meet and Greet 7:00pm-8:00pm (Amenities Center)	14 P90X 5:30 am Zumba 6:00pm Soultainment 8:00pm	15 P90X 5:30 am Zumba 6:30pm Fitness Kickboxing 7:30pm	16 P90X 5:30am Scrabooking 7:00pm	17
18	19 P90X 5:30am Fit club 6:30pm Spanish 8:00pm	20 P90X 5:30am Homeschool 9:30am	21 P90X 5:30 am Zumba 6:00pm Soultainment 8:00pm	22 P90X 5:30am Fitness Kickboxing 7:30pm	23 P90X 5:30am	24 SKILLS AND GAME FAIR/MOVIE NIGHT 6:30PM (SLIDE POOL)
25	26 P90X 5:30am Fit club 6:30pm Spanish 8:00pm	27 P90X 5:30am AC MEETING 6:30pm	28 P90X 5:30 am Zumba 6:00pm Soultainment 8:00pm	29 P90X 5:30am Fitness Kickboxing 7:30pm	30 P90X 5:30am	31



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