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The association makes every effort to maintain a secure environment in our community, but there is only so much we're authorized to do. Unfortunately, illegal entries into homes in our area—and others—happen from time to time. Residents can do more to protect themselves and their property than the association can do. Here are a few common-sense suggestions for reducing your chances of being the target of burglary.

- Install double-cylinder, dead-bolt locks on your outside doors and include a rein-

forced strike plate to strengthen the door-frame.

- Lock all doors and windows no matter how briefly you'll be out of the house.
- Install bars or lock pins on sliding doors and windows. These are available at local hardware or discount stores. Some mechanisms allow you to lock a sliding window or door in a partially-open position so you can enjoy fresh air securely while you're at home. However, if you go out, close the window and lock it.
- That old trick of hiding a key somewhere outside your home is a bad idea. Burglars—or anyone who may have seen you hiding the key—will know where to find it. Instead, give a key to a neighbor.
- "John, I've gone to pick up your sister. I'll be home at 3:30.—Mom" This note also means, "Burglar, this house will be unoccupied for 45 minutes. Help yourself." Don't ever leave notes like this.
- If you're going to be out of the house for a short time, leave a television or radio on to create a sense of activity and presence.
- If you're going to be away for a longer time, such as a vacation, take a few simple precautions to keep your home from look-

ing empty. Ask a neighbor to collect your mail and keep the door and porch clear of delivery notices, newspapers and fliers. Pick up several electric timers at the local discount store, and use them to turn lights, a television or radios on and off at various times during the day and evening. Let your neighbors know how to reach you in case there's an emergency.

- Marking your valuable personal property won't prevent it from being stolen, but it will help you get it back if it is. Engrave your driver's license number on items in a hidden area. Check with the local fire department, police station or library to borrow an engraver. They're also available at large discount stores and are worth the investment if you have many items to mark. Photographing the item (and the engraved marking, if possible) will make it easier to retrieve your items from the police if they are recovered, and will aid in making an insurance claim if they aren't.

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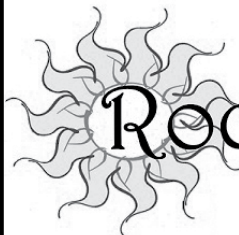
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Did you notice the beautiful American Flags around VOWS on September 11? Thank you to Boy Scout Troop 336 for putting the flags up and taking them down. Troop 336 has 70 Scouts in the Troop and 16 of them live here in The Villages of Woodland Springs. Many of the Cub Scout groups in VOWS crossover into this

Troop as well.

Troop 336 will be placing flags at many of our major entrances throughout the year. The dates the flags will be displayed are as follows:

- President's Day (February)
- Memorial Day (May)

- Flag Day (June)
- Independence Day (July)
- September 11
- Labor Day (September)
- Veteran's Day (November)
- December 7

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Congratulations to the homeowners at 3009 Thicket Bend Court for the most beautiful yard in VOWS for November 2013. The homeowners will receive a \$40 gift card courtesy of The Flower Ranch, a yard sign designating them Yard of the Month, and of course, bragging rights!

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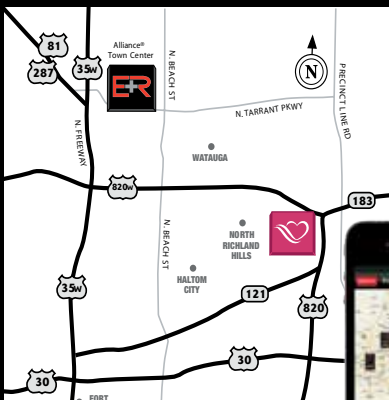


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First session: 8:30am to 9:30am

Second Session: 10:00am-11:00am

Both of these sessions will have breakfast.

Third Session: 11:00am-12:30pm is for photos only.

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## Indoor Winterizing

- Examine doors and replace weather-stripping as needed.
- Examine window caulking and reseal where needed.
- Examine and repair vents where needed.
- Clean chimneys and flues.
- Remove items near heat vents.
- Place nonskid runners or door mats outside to help keep water, sand and salt out of the house.

## Outdoor Winterizing

- Cut back tree branches and shrubs that hide signs or block light.
- Examine outdoor handrails and tighten if needed.
- Turn off electrical breakers for outdoor equipment.
- Close hose bibs.
- Clean out gutters and downspouts.
- Clear yard drains.
- Spray outdoor locks and hinges with lubricant.

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# BABYSITTERS OF WOODLAND SPRINGS



## October 2013 – December 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.

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Alyssa Wright.....	817-431-5507
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Robyn Stadler.....	817-231-1561
Mia Hanlon (American Red Cross Babysitting) .....	817-470-9145
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(CPR Cert: Adult, Infant, Child; American Red Cross Babysitting)	

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

Also contact Robin if your name should be removed from the list for any reason.

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# Pumpkin Icebox Pie



## INGREDIENTS FOR THE CRUST

- 16 cinnamon graham crackers, broken into large pieces
- 1 tablespoon dark-brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon coarse salt
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, melted and cooled

## FOR THE FILLING AND TOPPING

- 3 teaspoons unflavored powdered gelatin (from 2 packets)
- 1 can (29 ounces) pure pumpkin puree
- 4 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 can (12 ounces) evaporated milk
- 1 cup packed dark-brown sugar
- 3/4 to 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground or freshly grated nutmeg plus more for garnish
- 3/4 teaspoon coarse salt
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 tablespoon confectioners' sugar

## DIRECTIONS

### 1. STEP 1

Make crust: Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In a food processor, combine graham crackers, sugar, and salt; process until fine crumbs form. With machine running, slowly pour butter through feed tube and process until mixture resembles wet sand. Press crumbs in bottom and up sides of a 9-inch square baking dish. Bake until crust

is deep golden brown and fragrant, 20 minutes. Let cool completely in baking dish on a wire rack.

### 2. STEP 2

Meanwhile, make filling: Place 1/4 cup cold water in a small bowl. Sprinkle gelatin on top and let stand 5 minutes. In a large bowl, whisk together pumpkin puree and cream cheese until smooth. In a small saucepan, combine evaporated milk, brown sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, and salt; bring to a simmer over medium. Add gelatin mixture and stir until completely dissolved. Pour milk mixture into pumpkin mixture and whisk until completely smooth.

### 3. STEP 3

Pour filling into cooled crust and refrigerate until chilled and completely set, about 3 hours (or wrap tightly with plastic and refrigerate, up to 2 days). To serve, whip cream with confectioners' sugar until soft peaks form. Top pie with whipped cream and sprinkle with nutmeg.

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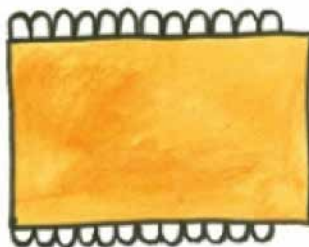
Ages preschooler

These colorful table setting decorations really capture the flavor of the holiday -- and make a fun project for kids to work on a day or two before the big day.

## What you'll need

- Felt
- Popsicle sticks
- Tacky glue
- Small paintbrush
- Buttons in assorted colors (you can buy them by the bag in many craft stores)

## How to make it



1. For each napkin ring, cut a 4- by 5 1/2-inch piece of felt. Starting at one short end of the rectangle, glue on 12 Popsicle sticks (it's less messy if you use a small paintbrush to spread the glue), lining them up side by side. You should end up with a

margin of uncovered felt at the end.



2. Once the glue dries, form a ring by gluing the overlapped felt together  
3. Now comes the fun part: glue on rows of buttons, alternating the colors to resemble an ear of Indian corn. Let the glue dry completely.

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By Kelly Wills

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boot for being professional and elegant at the same time. You will turn heads as you wear this style of boots!

Consider the chunky sole, sleek leather boot which is versatile for an outdoor event like selecting the perfect Christmas tree, watching your child's soccer or football game or heading to the grocery store. The chunky boot is the right boot to be practical, comfortable and still fashionable.

Finally, every Texas woman needs cowboy boots! This is the right boot that makes a southern statement! The cowboy boot looks playful with flirty dresses and confident with all types of jeans! A southern, playful and confident Texas woman wears her cowboy boots proudly!

The tall, elegant leather boot is for dresses as well as jeans or slacks and goes from the office to the club. This style is the right

Which type of boot are you wearing this season? Maybe, all of them!



Don't forget to

## "FALL BACK!"

**Sunday, November 3rd (2am)**

Reset your clocks back an hour Saturday night before you go to bed, and enjoy that extra hour of sleep!

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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](mailto: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 Amenity 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/](http://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](mailto: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 at [jarubley@imagination.com](mailto:jarubley@imagination.com) or Brenda Munden at [brenda@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

**ZUMBA** - Wednesdays 6:00pm. Fun, easy-to-follow, calorie burning, Latin-inspired dance fitness party. Email Christie McDevitt at [cmcdevitt731@att.net](mailto:cmcdevitt731@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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:paul_brough@hotmail.com) Soultainment 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](mailto: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](mailto:vbolles@verizon.net) for info.

**LUNCH BUNCH** - Empty nesters 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](mailto: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. [VOWSPrayerGroup@verizon.net](mailto:VOWSPrayerGroup@verizon.net).

**ALLIANCE BUSINESS CONTACTS** - 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 11:00am-12:30pm.

**PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP FOR CHILDREN WITH DYSLEXIA** - 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](mailto:robin.willits@fsresidential.com)

**FITNESS KICKBOXING** - Fitness kickboxing are high-intensity classes which are a great full body workout, incorporating a broad range of athletic drills (jabs, hooks, uppercuts and kicks), balance, coordination and strength building moves, designed to get you on your way to a leaner body and healthier state of mind. It will meet every Thursday in the Amenities Center from 7:30pm-8:30pm. For more information contact Ania at [ania.najda@yahoo.com](mailto:ania.najda@yahoo.com).

**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.

**DANCE CLASS** - Ages 4-12. Class is full



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# COVENANT'S CORNER - Trees

We are finally having some cooler temperatures here in VOWS! What a great time to be outside and what a great time to plant a new tree or work on that landscaping in your yard. Did you know that The Villages of Woodland Springs DCC&R's require each home to have at least one tree in the front yard? There's even an approved tree list so you will know what type of tree you need to be within the requirements. Now is a great time to plant a tree to make sure you are in compliance. You might be able to find some trees on sale at local nurseries.

Here's what the DCC&R's have to say about yard maintenance and specifically about trees:

5.3.3 Yard Maintenance. Each owner/resident, at their own expense, must maintain the yards on his lot with an appearance that is commensurate with the existing

standards of the neighborhood.

## Specifically, each owner must:

a. Maintain an attractive ground cover of grass or sod on all yards visible from a street. Xeriscape or ground cover other than grass or sod shall be permitted with prior ACC approval.

b. Maintain a minimum of one (1) tree in the front yard. The following trees have been approved for installation. (Alternate types of trees submitted to the Architectural Rules Committee will be considered for approval.)

1. Ash, Texas
2. Elm, Cedar
3. Cedar, Eastern Red
4. Cypress, Bald
5. Magnolia, Bay
6. Maple, Caddo
7. Oak, Bur
8. Oak, Evergreen
9. Oak, Southern Red
10. Pear, Aristocrat
11. Pear, Bradford

12. Pear, Callery
13. Pecan, Native
14. Pine, Austrian
15. Plum, Mexican
16. Walnut, Black

c. Maintain in good working condition all lawn irrigation systems.  
d. Edge the street curbs, sidewalks and driveways at regular intervals.  
e. Mow the lawns and grounds at regular intervals.

f. Prevent lawn weeds or grass from exceeding 6 inches in height.  
g. Not plant vegetable gardens that are visible from a street.

Please spend some time in your yard making sure you are in compliance. No weeds, grass cut, yard edged, bushes trimmed and make sure you have at least one approved tree in the front yard of your home.

Your HOA Compliance Liaison will be out soon looking for these things. We don't want you to get a



letter for a messy yard or no trees. Thank you for your help in making VOWS a more beautiful place to live for you and your neighbors.



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## Woodland Springs Homeowner's Association

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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.

### December 2013 Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday, December 10, 6:30pm At the Amenity Center No Meeting in November

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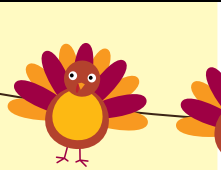
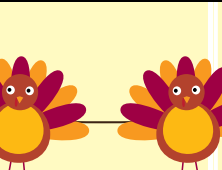
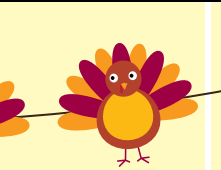
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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