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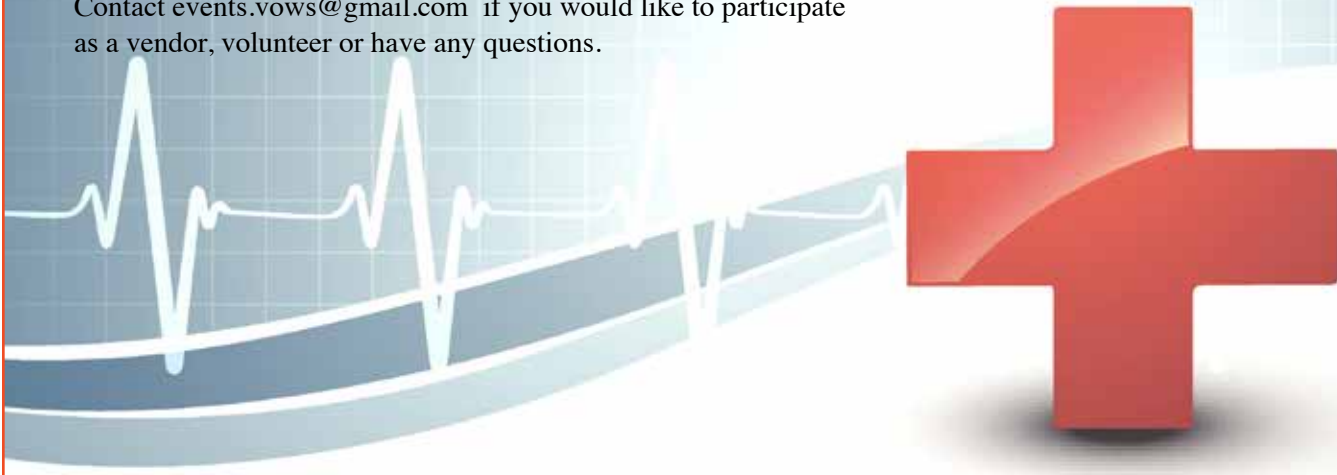
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VILLAGES OF WOODLAND SPRINGS WELLNESS & FUN FAIR

Please join us on September 12th from 10:00am-1:00pm for our second annual Wellness & Fun Fair to promote wellness activities offered in the neighborhood. During this event, residents will have an opportunity to participate in fun field activities, complete health screenings, learn from area businesses focused on wellness and visit with vendors for samples and information. There will be plenty of fun and games with raffle prizes, food and more! Carter Blood Care will also be here this year. Please plan to stop by their bus and give blood. This year we will hold the Fair at the Timberland Amenity Center (outside). Please register at: <http://tinyurl.com/vows-wellness-fair>

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You may obtain a copy of the VOWS ACC Request form by going to the community website at www.woodlandspringshoa.com and click the link for forms. You may also obtain one from our On-Site office located at 12209 Timberland Blvd.

Here is what the VOWS CC&R's have to say about Roof installations:

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COMING IN OCTOBER THE BONE YARD VII ON SHADYBROOK DRIVE

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Texas National Night Out is Tuesday October 6. If you would like to host a National Night Out block party, please contact: Rosalinda Mendoza Crime Prevention Specialist at 817 392-3538 or email Rosalinda.Mendoza@fortworthtexas.gov.

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If you would like to nominate someone for yard of the month, please email robin.willits@fsresidential.com

2015 Craft Night Dates



Amenity Center • 7:00pm-11:00pm

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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- October 7..... Resident Coffee & Donuts
- October 24..... Litter Stomp
- October 10..... Fall Festival
- November 4..... Resident Coffee & Donuts
- December 2..... Resident Coffee & Donuts
- December 5..... Breakfast with Santa

BABYSITTERS OF WOODLAND SPRINGS

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.

- Molly Robinson (CPR & First Aid Cert) 817-343-2752
- Austin Leath..... 817-372-6245
(Eagle Scout, CRP Cert, Babysitter Trained by American Red Cross)
- Sandrine Iradukunda 509-470-2168
- Anna Lorenzi (CPR Cert) 817-851-3945
- 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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Monarch Migration

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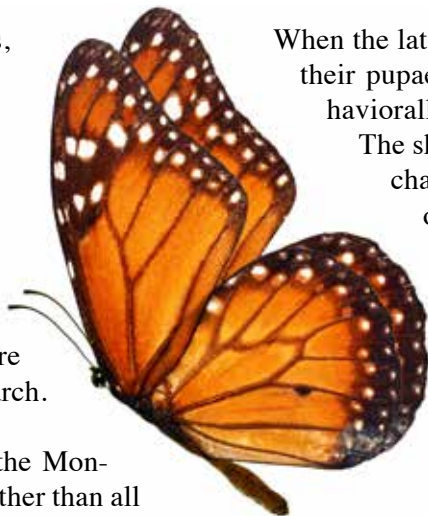
Unlike most other insects in temperate climates, Monarch butterflies cannot survive a long cold winter. Instead, they spend the winter in roosting spots. Monarchs west of the Rocky Mountains travel to small groves of trees along the California coast. Those east of the Rocky Mountains fly farther south to the forests high in the mountains of Mexico. The monarch's migration is driven by seasonal changes. Daylength and temperature changes influence the movement of the Monarch.

In all the world, no butterflies migrate like the Monarchs of North America. They travel much farther than all other tropical butterflies, up to three thousand miles. They are the only butterflies to make such a long, two way migration every year. Amazingly, they fly in masses to the same winter roosts, often to the exact same trees. Their migration is more the type we expect from birds or whales. However, unlike birds and whales, individuals only make the round-trip once. It is their children's grandchildren that return south the following fall.



Some other species of Lepidoptera (butterflies and moths) travel long distances, but they generally go in one direction only, often following food. This one-way movement is properly called emigration. In tropical lands, butterflies do migrate back and forth as the seasons change. At the beginning of the dry season, the food plants shrivel and the butterflies leave to find a moister climate.

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When the rains arrive, the food plants grow back and the butterflies return.

When the late summer and early fall Monarchs emerge from their pupae, or chrysalides, they are biologically and behaviorally different from those emerging in the summer.

The shorter days and cooler air of late summer trigger changes. In Minnesota this occurs around the end of August. Even though these butterflies look like summer adults, they won't mate or lay eggs until the following spring. Instead, their small bodies prepare for a strenuous flight. Otherwise solitary animals, they often cluster at night while moving ever southward. If they linger too long, they won't be able to make the journey; because they are cold-blooded, they are unable to fly in cold weather.

Fat, stored in the abdomen, is a critical element of their survival for the winter. This fat not only fuels their flight of one to three thousand miles, but must last until the next spring when they begin the flight back north. As they migrate southwards, Monarchs stop to nectar, and they actually gain weight during the trip! Some researchers think that Monarchs conserve their "fuel" in flight by gliding on air currents as they travel south. This is an area of great interest for researchers; there are many unanswered questions about how these small organisms are able to travel so far.

Another unsolved mystery is how Monarchs find the overwintering sites each year. Somehow they know their way, even though the butterflies returning to Mexico or California each fall are the great-great-grandchildren of the butterflies that left the previous spring. No one knows exactly how their homing system works; it is another of the many unanswered questions in the butterfly world.

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Permits shall be secured at least 72 hours prior to the sale and shall be prominently posted on the premises during the sale. One sign advertising the sale is allowed on the premises only, and must not exceed 2 square feet in size. All other signs, either on or off the premises, are prohibited.

No more than two sales on the same premises in any one calendar year.

Here are some tips for a successful garage sale:

- All items should be clean, polished, and in good repair. A little wear and tear is OK, but don't knowingly sell damaged items which could potentially injure the purchaser.
- Practical household goods, bicycles, children's toys and clothes, sports equipment, and garden tools are highly popular items. Clothes should be marked by size and hung on a temporary rack to allow shoppers to easily look at garments. Adult clothes are usually less appealing, so price them accordingly.
- Set up your items in a visually appealing, easily accessible manner. By neatly and attractively merchandising what you have for sale, the value of the items will appear enhanced.
- Cluster things in categories. Place the most desirable items in the back so browsers are urged to look at other merchandise on their way to the more exciting items.
- Locate any appliances where you have ready access to electrical power to allow potential buyers to try before they buy.
- If you have large, heavy items such as furniture, tires, etc., place them near the curb to make loading easier. If it's a hassle to get something out of your driveway and into a buyer's vehicle, a fickle shopper may decide it's not worth his or her time and move on.
- Have bags, boxes, newspaper, or bubble wrap on hand to wrap glass and fragile items.
- Post a notice that all sales are final. It's not advisable to accept personal checks – stick with cash. Get several rolls of coins and small bills in mixed denominations to make change. And keep your cash box in a protected location.
- If you're having a joint sale with several neighbors in one location, designate one person to manage the cash box, and another person to record sales in writing. This will help keep track of what items are sold, make it easier to distribute proceeds at the end of the sale, and avoid any disagreements.



Garage Sale



Simple Baking Tips

We found this list of simple baking tips to be quite genius!

- If you take 1 cup granulated sugar and 1 teaspoon cornstarch, put them in a food processor and blend until fine and powdery, finishing by sifting mixture through a fine-mesh strainer, you have powdered sugar!
- You can make cake flour by adding 2 tablespoons of cornstarch to 1 cup all-purpose flour.
- Need buttermilk? Stir together 1 cup milk with 1 tablespoon lemon juice or white vinegar and let it sit at room temperature for about 10 minutes until thick and slightly curdled.
- Bake your cookies in a muffin pan for evenly round, soft cookies.
- When adding blueberries to a recipe, use a dash of flour called for in the recipe to coat the blueberries before folding them into the batter! No more blueberries on the bottom, the flour helps them stick to the batter.
- Using honey, syrup or molasses? Spray cooking spray onto measuring utensil first and the sticky yumminess will drop easily into the batter.
- Test your baking powder by combining 1 teaspoon of baking powder and 1/3 cup hot water. Bubbles mean your baking powder is still good.
- How long have you had your baking soda in the pantry? To check your baking soda for freshness, drop 1 teaspoon into 2 tablespoons of white vinegar. Baking soda should fizz immediately.

From an article that originally appeared on Thrillist.com, by Perry Santanachote, <http://www.thrillist.com/recipe/nation/these-baking-hacks-will-raise-your-kitchen-iq>.

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

If you'd like to inform residents of a club, group, hobby, or interest, let us know - email the management office at robin.willits@fsresidential.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/

VOWS TWO-STEP CLUB - Wednesdays, 6:30pm-7:30pm. This group is for those interested in learning country dance at the Amenity Center. Everyone is welcome, with or without a partner. There will be no room for children who are not participating in the lesson. For more information visit

The Villages of Woodland Springs Two-Step Club Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1542475359355305/>

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 fitness lev-

els 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 home-school 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.com/woodland.springs](https://www.facebook.com/woodland.springs) and search "VOWS Playgroup in the search box for more information on this group.

INFORMAL TODDLER SOCCER PRACTICE/GAMES - Soccer for Toddlers, ages 3 ½ to 6 years old. The group will meet at the Bray Birch Park on Tuesdays from 6:30pm-7:15pm. For more information contact Colleen at 817-600-3945.

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@fsresidential.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 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. VOW-SPayerGroup@verizon.net

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.

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.

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By Kelly Wills

I was at a friend's house the other day for her son's first birthday party. On her coffee table were these square photos of the first year of her son's life. The simple beauty of the ivory textured, quality, paper had me hooked! She told me about an app for iPhone called Artifact Uprising which she uses to order prints.

If you are like me, you take hundreds of pictures on your phone and there they remain or

perhaps you may upload them to the cloud to view at a later date. With this stress-free app, you can share your stories in print; you can create a clip board calendar, hard and soft photo books, Instagram friendly photo books, and thank-you notes using your phone! (Artifact Uprising has a website that is super easy to use too!)

I downloaded the free Artifact Uprising app. Within minutes, I easily navigated through the app and placed my own order of twenty-five square prints. I used photos on my iPhone's camera as well as photos I had posted on Instagram. My order was sent the next day! A few days later, I received my square photos in the mail. The prints were gorgeous and I could tell you a story for every print.

There are other photo apps and websites but my friend prefers Artifact Uprising because of the quality of their products, the cost is affordable and for their commitment to products made from environmentally responsible paper, wood blocks and wood clip board calendars

from fallen trees in Colorado and a reduced foot print.

Now to decide what I should create next...a photo book or a clip board calendar! I love using this app and so will you!



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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.

SEPTEMBER 2015 Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday, September 22, 6:30pm At the Amenity Center

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 P90X 5:30am Homeschool 9:30am Dance 3:30pm	2 P90X 5:30am Teen Improv 8:00pm	3 P90X 5:30am Cowtown Stackers 5:00pm Vows Book Club 8:00pm	4 P90X 5:30am PiYo 9:00am Bingo 7:00pm	5
6	7 P90X 5:30am Fit Club 9:00am	8 P90X 5:30am Homeschool 9:30am Dance 3:30pm	9 P90X 5:30am Teen Improv 8:00pm	10 P90X 5:30am	11 P90X 5:30am PiYo 9:00am	12 HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR 10:00AM-1:00PM (AMENITY CENTER)
13	14 P90X 5:30am Fit Club 9:00am	15 P90X 5:30am Homeschool 9:30am Dance 3:30pm	16 P90X 5:30am Two-Step 6:30pm Teen Improv 8:00pm	17 P90X 5:30am Cowtown Stackers 5:00pm	18 P90X 5:30am PiYo 9:00am Craft Night 7:00pm- 11:00pm	19
20	21 P90X 5:30am Fit Club 9:00am	22 P90X 5:30am Homeschool 9:30am Dance 3:30pm	23 P90X 5:30am Two-Step 6:30pm Teen Improv 8:00pm	24 P90X 5:30am Cowtown Stackers 5:00pm	25 P90X 5:30am PiYo 9:00am	26
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