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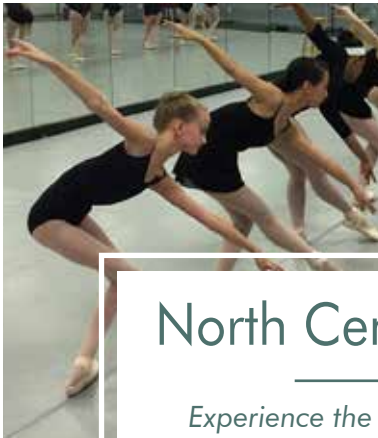
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VOWS Events Committee is holding the annual
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on Saturday, October 7th from 4-7 p.m.

The event will be at the Amenity Center, 12209 Timberland Blvd., with parking available across the street at Caprock Elementary School. Food trucks, cupcake walk, barrel train, bounce houses, carnival games, petting zoo, and a trunk or treat will be celebrated that night!

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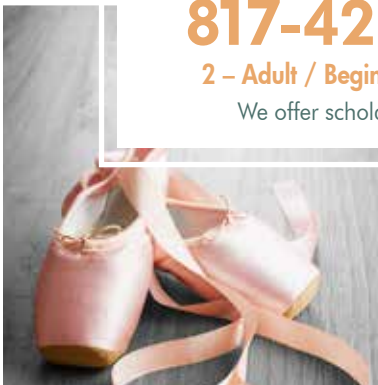
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Please be on the lookout for more details in the Woodland Word as well as email blasts that will be sent out from the HOA office.

If you are not currently receiving emails from the HOA, please email us so that we can add you to the list: vows.admin@fsresidential.com

2017 Upcoming Events:

September 4th	VOWS Cooking Class
September 7th	Community Bible Study
September 9th	Wellness Fair
September 14th	Daytime Crafters
September 15th	Craft Night
September 16th	NFWA Meeting
September 22nd	Advisory Committee Meeting
September 29th - Oct. 1st	VOWS Garage Sale

Yard of the Month



Congratulations to the homeowners at 12044 Gold Creek Dr Drive for the Most Beautiful Yard in VOWS for August 2017. The homeowners received a \$30 gift card courtesy of The Flower Ranch, a yard sign designating them Yard of the Month, and of course, bragging rights! Thanks for making VOWS a beautiful place to live!
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VOWS COOKING CLASS

SIMPLE EASY MEALS

Monday, September 4th

6:30 – 8:30 PM

NEW LATER STARTING TIME

Villages of Woodland Springs residents, now that you're back in the swing of things, let's get those kids in the kitchen to help (it's true, they can do it!). Learn some great recipes approved by parents and kids alike. This class is great for parents with picky eaters to encourage them to try new recipes and ingredients. This class is hands-on. All ingredients will be provided.

Advanced registration is required. \$28 per person.
<http://tinyurl.com/SEPTVOWSCOOKS>



VOWS Safety/Security Committee: VACATION HOUSE CHECKS

Planning to be out of town? Even with a neighbor or a friend watching the house, it's a good idea to contact the VOWS Off Duty Officers to come do a Vacation House Check. (available year round)

Homeowners just need to email them a week in advance, please include the details of the attached sheet, you'll get a response it was received. They really need at least a week to hear from you in case more info needed, so don't wait until the last minute to email them!

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VOWS Garage Sale

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By the time this article comes out all the Officers will be hired or assigned to the new 6th Division. Even though the physical location will not be complete until early 2018, the officers will be assigned to the new division starting Saturday August 19. The Officers will use the N. Main location as their sector until the new building is complete. What does this mean for us? With more officers assigned to the area, our response times should greatly improve. The new division will have two Neighborhood Policing Districts (NPD's), named Edward and Frank. Edward will have 5 Beats and Frank will have 7 Beats. Initially there will be 9 Neighborhood Police Officers (NPO's) covering 12 Beats. Three NPO's will service 2 Beats each. Our NPO, Officer Barry Sawyer will have one Beat and will continue to be our Neighborhood Police Officer. Our Beat will become Frank 11. Even though this sounds confusing, it makes more sense when viewing the new Division Map.

The new Facility will be located at 8755 North Riverside. It will encompass 12 acres and house 100 Officers. A new community room will be used for neighborhood and Citizens on Patrol meetings.

We need the Citizen's on Patrol and Crime Watch programs (all apart of community policing) to continue to grow with the growing population. It will take our partnership with the FWPD to keep our neighborhoods safe. We can also do our part by locking our vehicles and keeping our belongings out of sight. The latest crime stats since January show that 87 firearms have been stolen (just in North Division) out of unlocked vehicles and 5 unlocked vehicles have been stolen with the keys left inside!

This month I would like to recognize the residents of Vienna Apple on the North side of Bray Birch for keeping their street well lit. It's great to drive down a street when porches and streets are light and bright. If you have questions about the Citizen's on Patrol program, please contact Brenda Fitts the North Division Coordinator at Brenda.Fitts@fortworthtexas.gov.

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National Night Out (NNO) is an annual event that encourages residents all across the country to get out in their communities, hold block parties and get to know their neighbors as a way to encourage crime prevention. Due to the heat, state of Texas has theirs the first Tuesday in October so VOWS NNO will be Tuesday, October 3, 2017.

VOWS Safety/Security Committee is gathering interest of those who would like to host their own National Night Out block parties. Our VOWS HOA will reimburse each party up to \$200*. This will be on a first come, first approved, limited number! If you and your neighbors would like to host a block party, please contact the VOWS Safety/Security Committee at safety.vows@gmail.com soon! Application from VOWS SSC will be sent to those who show interest. Deadline to submit your interest will be Thursday, September 7, 2017 or will close earlier if our limit is reached. VOWS NNO Informational Meeting will announced later for those approved hosts along with the list of police, fire, EMT, city, community, state leaders/entities that will be available to come make an appearance at your block party.

This is a fun and purposeful event for the neighborhood! Let's encourage residents to put down the electronics, get out behind the screens, come meet your neighbors and those who work hard to make it better & safer!

* \$200 for each party will be used for food, non-alcoholic beverages and table ware (disposable plates/bowls, cups, napkins/paper towels, utensils) ONLY. Purchase of decorations, craft supplies, games, tables, chairs, etc., will not be included in the reimbursement. Each host will need to keep track of receipts and submit them no later than October 10, 2017 for reimbursement from the VOWS HOA. Reimbursement could take up to two weeks.



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VOWS 2nd Annual BBQ

VOWS Residents had a wonderful time cooking up friendly competition at this year's 2nd Annual BBQ Cook-Off. Neighbors enjoyed a caricature artist, great music, and watched the movie Hidden Figures under the stars. We look forward to next year's competition.



Things to Plant in *September*

FLOWER PLANTS: Ajuga, Alpine Aster, Wax Begonia, Boltonia, Butterfly Weed, Calico Plant, Candytuft, Chinese Forget-Me-Not (*Cynoglossum amabile*), Cockscomb, Cornflower, Dianthus, Daisy (English, Shasta and Painted), Euryops, Impatiens, Larkspur, Liatris, Lobelia, Petunia, Phlox (*divaricata* and *paniculata*), Obedient Plant (*Physostegia*), Salvia (perennial types), Sedum, Stock, Stokes' Aster.

FLOWER SEEDS: Alyssum, African Daisy (*Arctotis*), Balsam, Bluebell, Bluebonnet, Calendula, Castor Bean, Cockscomb, Columbine, Cornflower, Cosmos, Daisy, Delphinium, Four-o'clock, Hollyhock, Larkspur, Liatris, Marigold (French), Poppy, Snapdragon, Stock, Sunflower.

BULBS: Allium, Amarcinum, Calla, Autumn Crocus (*Colchicum*), Cooperia, Daylily, Dietes, Hardy Cyclamen, Spider Lily (*Hymenocallis*), Liriope, Louisiana Iris, Ipheion, Lily, Lycoris, Oxalis, Monkey Grass, Rain Lily, Scilla, Watsonia. Purchase tulip, crocus, hyacinth and daffodil bulbs to pre-chill.

VEGETABLES:

Early—Mid Month: Beans, Peas (English & edible pod), and Summer Squash.

Mid—Late Month: Broccoli, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Chinese Cabbage, Collards, Garlic, and Kohlrabi.

FRUIT: Prepare soil now for winter fruit tree planting.

Things to Do in September

FERTILIZE: Feed chrysanthemums every 2-3 weeks until buds appear, then weekly until buds show color. Fertilize roses, gardenias and magnolias.

WATER: Water trees and shrubs deeply and slowly.

DIVIDE: Transplant after dividing: Amaryllises, Callas, Cannas, Daylilies, Irises, Liriope, Wood Ferns.

SOIL: Test soil every 3 years to help plan fertilizer applications. Start a compost pile with fall leaves and yard debris; shred with lawnmower. Replenish mulch in beds.

LAWN CARE: Watch for brown patch in St. Augustine turf as temperatures cool. Lawns with a history of the disease should be sprayed in late month and again in 3 weeks with Terraclor or Daconil. Early morning is the best time to water lawns. Mow every 5-7 days, leaving the clippings on the lawn.

DISEASES/PESTS TO LOOK FOR: Watch roses for blackspot and mildew. Fall webworms are easiest to control when treated early with *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt).


PRUNE: Remove dead and damaged wood from shrubs and trees. Lightly prune pyracanthas so berries will show.

Other Things to Do in September

Trick Poinsettias into blooming for the Holidays Beginning on the fall equinox (September 21/22) make sure potted plants get 14 hours of darkness every 24-hour period. Use water-soluble fertilizer diluted to 1/4 strength with every watering. Plants should show color around Thanksgiving. At that point, restore them to bright, indirect sunlight and cut back on fertilizer.

September is the perfect time to divide and transplant daylilies, bearded iris, Shasta daisies, violets, wood ferns and cannas. Share extras with friends and neighbors.

Time to groom and tidy up pot plants that have been outside in preparation for bringing inside before the first freeze. Check for insect problems and fertilize before bringing inside.



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VOWS OWLS – Over 50? Meet fun folks at our weekly event. Bingo, card games, exercise classes and potlucks are just a few of the future activities planned. Our goal is to bring together senior residents in our community for fun activities. Meets every Wednesday at 10:00 AM in the Amenity Center.

DAYTIME CRAFTERS- Crafters group that meets monthly at the Amenity Center. Open to anyone in the HOA. Bring any project you want to work on or just come and see what others are doing. Bring your own food and drink and feel free to come and go at any time. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors, share ideas and have fun. Email Janas Horner at janashorner@earthlink.net for more information.

Adult International Friends English Classes – Meet new friends as you learn English! Classes are available at beginning, advanced beginning, and intermediate levels. Focus is on vocabulary, grammar, and conversation as well as on learning everyday tasks like banking, shopping, making appointments, and completing job applications. Students from varied backgrounds and language groups are welcome. The Fall session meets Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. from September 7, 2017 through December 7, 2017. Contact Dorothy O'Grady (817.337.7458) or Lawrence Duhon (817.431.2545) to register. Location: First Baptist Church of Keller, 225 Keller Parkway, Keller, TX 76248, Room 224. Fee: \$5 total for class book and workbook.

MOMMA FIT - Want to work out but don't have anyone to watch your little kids? Come to Momma Fit Thursdays from 8 am - 9 am at the amenity center. One part playgroup, one part workout, with all fitness levels (and physical restrictions) welcome. Bring some toys for the kids to share while we work out together. A mat and weights are strongly

recommended, but not required. *being a mom and/or having little kids at home not required to come work out with us!

VOWS BOOK CLUB - Meets the second Thursday of the month at 8:00pm. Books are nominated and voted on by members. Add yourself to the Facebook group "woodland springs book club" for more information.

WALKERS/RUNNERS/BIKERS/TRI-ATHLETES - Saturdays 6:30 am; 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 3:00 pm. 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.

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: dikes1@aol.com with the subject "CRAFT NIGHT".

NEIGHBORHOOD PRAYER FELLOWSHIP GROUP– This group meets rain or shine every Saturday 6:30 am - 7:30 am at Bray Birch & Lamington Dr. VOWSPrayerGroup@verizon.net.

THE COWTOWN STACKERS CUP STACKING CLUB – This group meets Thursdays from 5:00 pm -6:00 pm 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.

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Even if you have cats, or are just a cat-lover, there may be a lot of stray cats in your neighborhood. This could be a problem if a stray tom cat has been sneaking into your yard and spraying. After all of this; you end up spending weeks cleaning up after someone else's mess. Wouldn't it be good if you could keep cats out of your yard?

Some common remedies can be poisonous to cats or just downright mean and should be avoided. These include traps and mothballs;

which can cause liver damage to both the cats and your family.

Here are some recipes for homemade cat repellent to help keep your flower in great shape.

1. Mix together Vinegar, liquid hand soap and water, in equal parts. Spray it liberally on your lawn.
2. Cats seem to run from Rosemary Essential Oil. Mix a little of rosemary with water and spray it onto areas that are problematic.
3. Another cat repellent that they seem to hate is a little crushed garlic, cayenne pepper, sugar, water, lemon and cinnamon.
4. Plant a bush called Coleus Canina, also known as Scardy Cat. It grows in almost any kind of soil, has grey/green foliage with little blue flowers and when crushed releases a horrible odor. Most cats seem to not be able to stand this plant at all.
5. Try mixing 5 tablespoons each of flour, powdered mustard, cayenne pepper and chili powder with 2 quarts of warm water. Mix these together and spray the perimeter of your yard or garden.
6. You could also try mixing together 20 drops of lemon oil, 10 drops capsicum (liquid cayenne pepper), 20 drops of eucalyptus oil and 1 quart of water. Mix and shake well.

Spray on furniture, carpet, upholstery and around your plants.

7. Add the juice from the greenest orange you can find to a little warm water and spray the areas you want to cats out of.
8. Place citrus rinds and used coffee grounds in your flower beds or garden to keep most critters out.
9. Add some herbs to your beds. Add to your garden some citronella, rue, lavender, rosemary or garlic and chives. These are attractive plants but are a natural cat repellent.
10. Rub a sliced onion around fence posts or deck chairs and spread the slices around your garden areas.

Remember, when you make your own natural cat repellent that cats have a strong sense of smell. Use this to your advantage as they find some smells less pleasing than others. Try one or all of these recipes and have yourself a beautiful garden!

Here is what the CC&R's have to say about pets: Pets must be kept in a manner that does not disturb the peaceful enjoyment of residents of other Lots.

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If you are an existing subscriber or member of a city email list, we have transferred your email to this new program. Visit the subscriber preference pages at the link below to manage your subscription, sign up for new topics and tell us how often you want to receive updates so you continue to receive important community news.

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Where and when do you use your phone or tablet? Are you polite and courteous? Here are a few pointers for being polite and courteous to the people around you while using your device.

Check the volume – speak softly, keep ringtone sounds low, use vibrate, and watch your language.

Location, location, location – movies, restaurants, restrooms, driving, at a meeting, at work, or any public area everyone can hear you.

People – family, friends, coworkers, waiters, and cashiers might consider it rude and might feel unimportant if you are using your phone, tablet or laptop instead of actually interacting in person.

Details – personal information, personal problems, relationship details or family issues shared out loud or on social media may lead to more complicated and disastrous endings.

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**For more information, please contact the HOA office at
817-741-1719.**

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 (ponds, pools, parks, tennis courts, etc.). The assessments pay for community expenses such as entrance monuments, landscaping, amenities like club-houses, 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 6:30pm at the Amenity Center on Timberland.

September 2017 Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 26th – 6:30 PM
VOWS Amenity Center
12209 Timberland Blvd

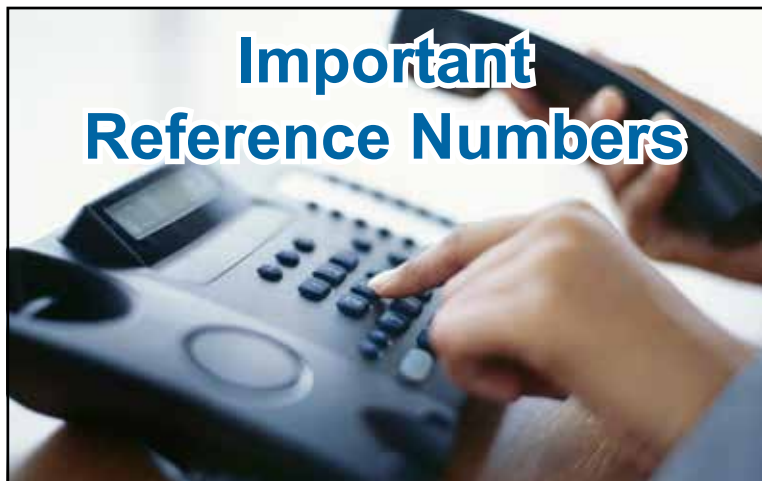
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VOWS (onsite office)817-741-1719
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Did you know that VOWS has a Facebook page???

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.



Visit
facebook.com/woodland.springs
today!

It's important to note that the Facebook page is not monitored or endorsed by the Homeowner Association or FirstService Residential. 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 VOWS Cooking Class 6:30-8:30pm	5	6 VOWS OWLS 10am	7 Momma Fit 8am Cowtown Stackers 5pm Community Bible Study 7pm	8	9
10	11	12	13 VOWS OWLS 10am	14 Momma Fit 8:00am Daytime Crafters 10am – 2pm Cowtown Stackers 5:00pm	15 VOWS Craft Night 7:00 – 11:00pm	16 NFWA Meeting 9:00am – 10:30am
17	18	19	20 VOWS OWLS 10am	21 Momma Fit 8:00am Cowtown Stackers 5:00pm	22	23
24	25	26 Advisory Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	27 VOWS OWLS 10am	28	29 VOWS Garage Sale	30 VOWS Garage Sale

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