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#### Fall Festival

Join your neighbors for VOWS annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 7th from 4-7 p.m. at the Amenity Center. You can wear your costume to enjoy the petting zoo, bounce houses, rock wall, barrel train, cupcake walk, carnival games, photo booth, pumpkin painting, and trunk or treat. A silent auction benefiting the Community Storehouse will be held inside. Crown Catering Mexican and Islanders Food Trucks will be selling dinner.

#### Register for free at: http://tinyurl.com/vows-fall-festival

Parking will be across the street at Caprock Elementary. For safety, please do not stop on Timberland to unload passengers.

Volunteers are needed to help with the event from 3-8 p.m. Sign up to help at events.vows@gmail.com.

Businesses are welcomed to donate to the silent charity auction and may participate in the Trunk Or Treat by emailing events.vows@gmail.com for forms and more information.







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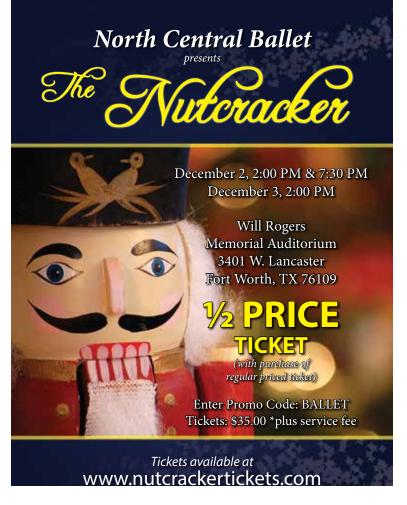
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#### 2017 Upcoming Events:

October 1st	VOWS Garage Sale
October 2nd	VOWS Cooking Class
October 7th	Fall Festival
October 20th	Craft Night
October 21st	NFWA Meeting
October 21st	VOWS Craft Day
October 23rd – 31st	Early Voting

# Uard of the Month

Congratulations to the homeowners at 2637 Sandcherry Drive for the Most Beautiful Yard in VOWS for September 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!

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





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#### PAIRING Monday, October 2nd 6:30 – 8:30 PM

NEW LATER STARTING TIME

Villages of Woodland Springs residents, have you ever wondered what to pair with a Pinot? What to serve with a Shiraz? Join us as we discuss some great everyday food and wine pairings as well as learn about the simplicities and complexities of the many wines. This class will be discussion style. Instruction and food tasting will be provided. Due to the VOWS regulations, wine will not be served.

Advanced registration is required. \$28 per person. http://tinyurl.com/OCTVOWSCOOK

# Santa is coming to VOWS!



Enjoy breakfast and have your picture taken with Santa at the Amenity Center on Saturday, December 2nd. Elote Mexican Kitchen will be providing breakfast burritos, and fruit and cereal boxes will be available too. Residents can attend either a breakfast session at 8:30 or 10 a.m., or the photo only session at 11 a.m. Registration is required and opens at www.vowsbreakfast.athlete360.com at 7 a.m. on November 6th.



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# Halloween Safety Tips

As Halloween approaches we need to be reminded of safety precautions to have a fun-filled, safe event. There are many alternatives to going door to door throughout the area. Fall Festivals, Trunk or Treat and many church, sponsored events are offered in Woodland Springs, Keller and other nearby cities. As your Neighborhood Police Officer, I would like to make the following suggestions for a safe Halloween. If you choose to go door to door, here are some precautions to take:

- Never let your child go out alone
- If your child is older, have them go out with a group of friends
- Use Apps such as a "GPS Tracker" that will track your child's path
- Only travel on well-lit streets and be aware of your surroundings
- Wear some reflective clothing or shoes
- Carry a flashlight for crossing roads and a whistle to signal for help
- Never enter a stranger's home
- Be selective when sorting your candy. Throw away candy that is opened, out of the wrapper or appears to be tampered with
- Check out Familywatchdog.us for the sex offenders list. Stay away from those addresses.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.
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#### **Easy Halloween Marshmallows**

#### Need:

Treat Sticks or Twigs from your yard, washed
Orange and Yellow Candy Melts
Chocolate Candy Melts
Halloween Candy Sprinkles
Jumbo Marshmallows
Ribbon

Follow directions for Candy Melts. Place melted chocolate, orange and yellow candy in separate bowls. Place sprinkles in a separate bowl. Hand dip marshmallows in candy melts then sprinkles, set marshmallow on a plate to cool. Before serving, place the sticks in the marshmallows and tie with ribbon.



### Apollo Reserve Dog of the Month

Knight is a super sweet boy. He loves everyone! It is rare to find him without a toy in his mouth. He is house trained and crate trained. He used to live with a family of his own until hospice split them apart and they could no longer care for him. He loves attention and loves to go on long walks



exploring. He likes kids and other dogs but does not get along well with cats. Knight was born January of 2014. Included with adoption: Age-appropriate vaccinations, heartworm preventative, heartworm test if over 6 months, insurance for 30 days, one free veterinary visit, microchip with registration, and spayed or neutered- if not already, a voucher is provided. House trained • Spayed/Neutered • Current on vaccinations • Prefers a home without: Cats

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If interested in meeting Knight, please email: inquire@apollosupportandrescue.org

#### Apollo Support & Rescue Adoption Center

1170 Dove Hill Rd., Justin TX 76247 Open 9-5 Monday-Sunday



#### VOWS Back to School Event

Back to school, got my shoes tied tight, and my backpack on! Neighbors enjoyed water slides, a dunk tank, water shooters, pizza, rock painting, and sno cones compliments of Kiddie Academy. Sweet Frog came to pass out free coupons. Berkshire Hathaway's Tammy Melendez passed out popcorn before the movie showing of Lego Batman. Thank you Boy and Eagle Scouts and other volunteers for helping with the event.

















The Boneyard began 10 years ago because of my oldest son, Ben. He was 11 years old at the time. We had gone trick-or-treating through our neighborhood and went into a haunted house that someone had set up in their garage - that sparked the idea. On the way home that night, he began asking me if we could have one the next Halloween. I said no, I thought going trick-or-treating would be more fun and if we had a haunted house that meant no candy for him on Halloween. Plus, to be honest, I did not know the first thing about them. However, he didn't mind the thought of lost candy and was very persistent; he nagged me for about 7 months until I finally gave in the following May.

Then the excitement began, along with years of irreplaceable memories and support for needy families.

Knowing nothing about how to do a haunted house, we let our creative juices flow and had a wonderful time our first year. It was small, only taking up the side yard at my house. The original cast included me, my son, his best friend, and two of our neighbors. There was no advertising, just a small sign on the corner

of our cul-de-sac. The second year, we added 2 other families to the mix and had a couple of planning meetings ahead of time. If you are going to scare people, you have to plan ahead! When the night came, we doubled our attendance from the previous year - no advertising, just word of mouth.

People from other neighborhoods started coming. We began being told we should charge admission. That just didn't feel right. Why pay \$30 - \$50 for admission to a haunted house when you could come to ours for free? More families joined us, which meant more children participating. No one earned money or got candy by volunteering to help out; they simply got the joy of participating in a tradition that is not only special to the families that participate but also to the community in which we live. We have families that have come every year, and they spread the word.

It was three years ago that Ben came up with the idea of collecting canned goods for our community. We were still being told that we should charge admission; a light went on, and the decision to collect canned goods began. Last year, a producer for our local ABC affiliate who lives in our neighborhood chose to feature us on Good Morning, Texas for the charitable work we do. We wound up collecting 800 pounds of food that we donated to the Community Storehouse food bank – our best year so far. Being able to provide an enormous amount of food for needy families in our neighborhood is very rewarding.

We will have a booth at the fall festival this year, which is October 7th from 4 pm to 7 pm. Additionally, we have decided to have a family-friendly preview for children and parents who would prefer not to be scared. The preview will be Sunday, October 29th, from 7 pm - 9 pm. Admission is one canned good per person. The original, and still scary Boneyard, will be open from 7 pm – 10pm on Halloween. Admission is one canned good per person. We do our best to make it as terrifying as possible; we strongly suggest parents use their judgment in choosing whether or not to bring their children on Halloween night. We have had people so frightened they had to leave without making it all the way through; we have had people wet their pants - we take our jobs very seriously.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone this year – don't forget the food!

Located at 12004 Shadybrook Dr.

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While we all love the holiday lights that are put up each year on houses and in yards, they are just that, Holiday lights. So when the holidays are over, it's time to take them down. I know it's sad to see them go. They are pretty but the DCC&R's override our thoughts on that. Here is what your DCC&R's state about seasonal decorations:

5.3.20 Seasonal Decorations. Seasonal decorations may be installed no more than one month prior to the holiday and must be removed within two weeks after the holiday.



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!

Off Duty Officers that VOWS hires will come by and check on the house, NOT just drive by. They will check the door, etc.

Just email: Police4VOWS@gmail.com





#### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

If you'd like to inform residents of a club, group, hobby, or interest, let us know - email the management office at vows.admin@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 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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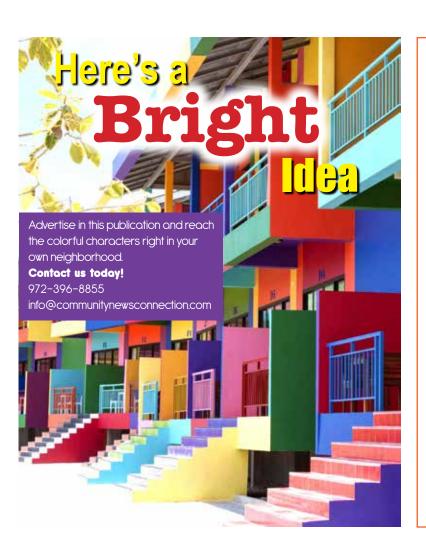
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As the summer ends, traveling is slowing down and some are in need of room to store recreational vehicles such as boats, and trailers. This is what our governing documents have to say about vehicle storage:

5.3.18 Vehicles. All vehicles on the Property, whether owned or operated by the residents or their families and guests, are subject to this Section and Rules adopted by the Board. The Board may adopt, amend, and repeal rules regulating the types, sizes, numbers, conditions, uses, appearances, and locations of vehicles on the Property. Without prior written Board approval, the following types of vehicles and vehicular equipment - mobile or otherwise -- may not be kept, parked, or stored anywhere on the Property if the vehicle is visible from a street or from another lot: mobile homes, motor homes, buses, trailers, boats, aircraft, inoperable vehicles, commercial truck cabs, trucks with tonnage over one ton, vehicles which are not customary personal passenger vehicles, and any vehicle which the Board deems to be a nuisance, unsightly, or inappropriate. This restriction includes overnight parking on streets, driveways, and alleys.

This restriction does not apply to vehicles and equipment temporarily on the Property in connection with the

construction or maintenance of a dwelling. Vehicles that transport inflammatory or explosive cargo are prohibited from the Property at all times. The Association may effect the removal of any vehicle in violation of this Section or the Rules without liability to the owner or operator of the vehicle. All vehicles parked on any Lot within the view of the public shall be in good operating condition, shall have current license plates, inspection stickers {00010512 4} 23 and registrations and shall be in daily use as motor vehicles on the streets and highways of the State of Texas.



#### **VOWS OWLS**

Older, Wiser, Lively Seniors



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

#### Some Helpful Tips For Reducing Stress





- 1. Before going to bed, set out breakfast items and lay out everything you'll need for work or school so you simply pick-up-'n-go in the morning.
- 2. Get up 20 minutes earlier so you can have a non-rushed breakfast. (if you need an alarm clock to wake you up in the morning, you aren't going to bed on time, say sleep experts).
- 3. Walk whenever possible (take the stairs instead of the elevator, hand-deliver work papers, etc.)
- 4. Plan grocery shopping, banking, and post office visits so you hit the non-chaotic times (e.g. don't grocery shop on Saturday afternoon, don't go to the bank on Friday afternoon, and don't try to mail a package on Monday morning).
- 5. Go to the bathroom before leaving home or work (simple, but amazing stress reducer).
- 6. Look for the humor in every situation. Humor allows you to jump out of the picture so you can get a grip on things.
- 7. Get an answering machine so you can accept phone calls on your schedule, not other people's.

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#### **VOWS Safety/Security Committee**

In a fire, seconds count. Seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy. That's why this year's Fire Prevention theme: "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" is so important. It reinforces why everyone needs to have an escape plan.

- Draw a map of your home with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.



## 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 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 6:30pm 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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#### **Important Reference Numbers**

Animal Control	817-392-1234
Code Enforcement	817-392-1234
Fire (non-emergency)	817-922-3000
Graffiti	817-212-2700
Police (non-emergency)	817-392-4222
Trash/ Recycle	817-392-1234
Water	817-871-8210
VOWS (onsite office)	817-741-1719
<b>VOWS</b> (after hours)	877-378-2388

#### 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 – OCTOBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
1 VOWS Garage Sale	VOWS Cooking Class 6:30-8:30pm	3	VOWS Senior Club 10 AM – 1 PM	Momma Fit 8 – 9 AM Cowtown Stackers 5 – 6 PM Community Bible Study 7 – 10 PM	6	VOWS Fall Fest 4 PM		
8	9	10	VOWS Senior Club 9 AM – 1 PM	Momma Fit 8 – 9 AM Daytime Crafters 10 AM – 2 PM Cowtown Stackers 5 – 6 PM	13	14		
15	16	17	VOWS Senior Club 10AM – 1PM	Momma Fit 8 – 9AM Cowtown Stackers 5 – 6PM	VOWS Craft Night 7:00 – 11:00PM	North Fort Worth Alliance Meeting 8 – 11AM		
22	Early Voting 7am – 7PM	Early Voting 7am – 7PM	Early Voting 7am – 7PM	Early Voting 7am – 7PM	Early Voting 7am – 7PM	Early Voting 7am – 7PM		
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