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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Santa came to town for breakfast with neighbors! Elote Mexican Kitchen provided breakfast burritos beside the fruit and cereal bar. Crafts and coloring were enjoyed before pictures were taken Santa. Thank you to the Girl Scouts and volunteers for decorating and managing the event!



GOOD HABITS FOR COUPLES

Habits can be good and bad. Creating good habits is challenging but well worth it, like eating healthy, getting exercise and taking time to rest. A habit is a behavior or practice that is often followed until it has become almost involuntary.

Couples need good habits like spending time together, calendaring date nights, planning family vacations and weekends away. A couple that practices good habits can improve communication, rekindle romance, and reinforce your friendship together. It is never too late to begin good habits. This guideline can help you and your spouse begin good habits this year.

WEEKLY

- One date night with just you and your spouse
- One double date with friends or relatives
- Alone time for self – reading, fantasy football, hobby or video games

MONTHLY

- Party at your house or night out with group of friends
- Girl's night out / Guy's night out

YEARLY

- Take a proper vacation with your family



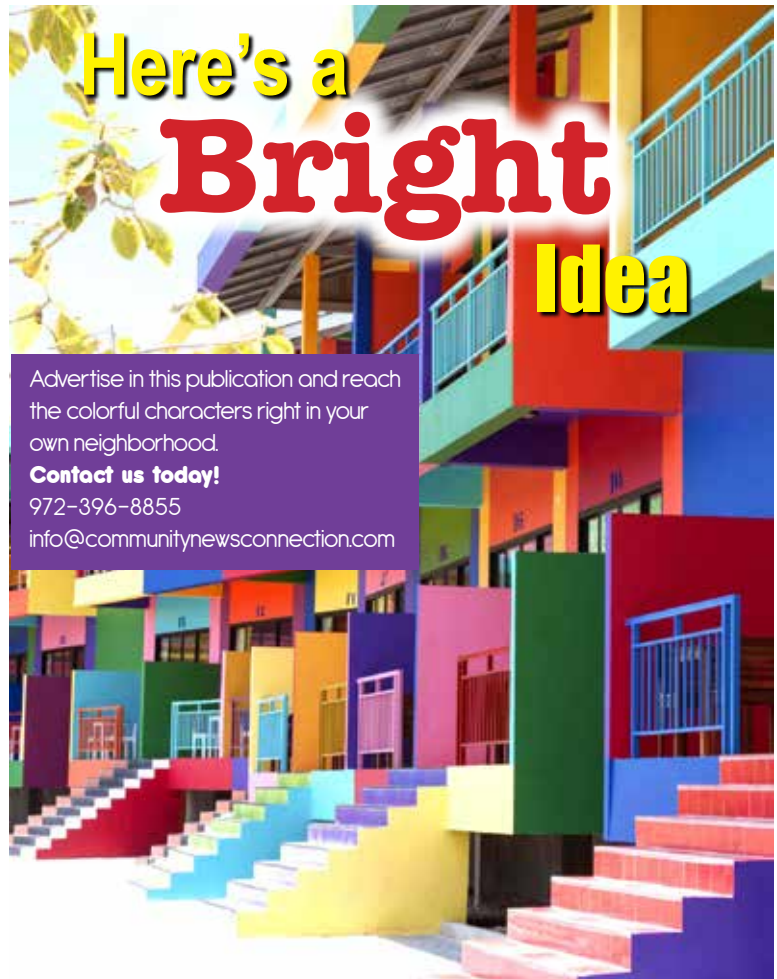
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NOTARY ON SITE

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Saturday February 3rd

1st Dance: 4:30 - 6:30 pm

2nd Dance: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

VOWS Amenity Center

12209 Timberland Blvd.

Spots are limited.

Please register at

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VOWS Daddy Daughter Dance
will be a dancing fun night.

Little ladies will enjoy dancing,
music, pictures and pizza with
their Daddy or Grandpa at the
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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 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.

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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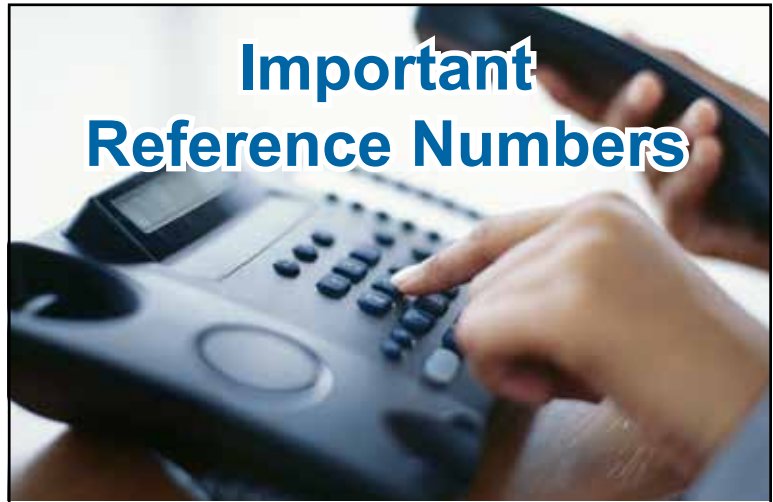
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Dogs left alone all day get bored and restless, and many find relief in barking. Some respond noisily to any and all activity. But, nothing is as annoying as incessant barking—even for dog lovers. If your dog is a yapper or a yowler, please consider some of these bark-abatement ideas to keep the noise down in your area. Your neighbors will thank you!

- **Training.** Always the first recommendation for any behavioral problem! Help is as close as the Yellow Pages. Training not only helps your dog, you'll be surprised how much it helps you, too. You may get some insight into why your dog barks so much, or what it is trying to communicate.
- **Citronella collars.** A humane alternative to the electric-shock, anti-barking collar and costs about the same. Available on the web and in pet stores.
- **Confinement.** Sometimes simply bringing an outspoken dog indoors or confining it to a crate can cut down on the disturbance to neighbors.
- **Reduce stimulus.** Close drapes to help muffle street noise, or leave a radio on to mask it. Disconnect telephones and doorbells before leaving your home if they upset your dog or make it bark.
- **Companionship.** Dogs are pack animals; they need companionship—a cat, bird, or another dog. Consider a mid-day visit from a pet-sitting service, or drop your pooch off at a friend's place or a day-care facility once or twice a week.



Save the Date!



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

February 2018 Upcoming Events:

February 3rd Daddy Daughter Dance
February 8th Craft Night
February 17th NFWA Meeting
February 20-28th Early Voting

CONTROLLING RATS & RODENTS



The roof rat is the major problem species in Texas. This agile rat is slender with the tail longer than the head and body. Roof rats frequently enter buildings and move about neighborhoods by using utility lines and fences as runways. The roof rats prefer to feed on many of the fruits, nuts, ivy, and pet food commonly found in residential backyards.

Rats and their fleas are capable of transmitting a variety of human diseases. Among the diseases transmitted by rats, bubonic plague is perhaps the most serious. Marine typhus is another rat-borne disease that exists in certain areas of Southern California. This disease, like plague, can be transmitted by rat fleas.

Roof rat survival and prosperity are dependent upon the existence of these three basic environmental conditions:

- abundance of food
- available source of water
- access to suitable harborage

Good environmental management practices supplemented by the wise use of rodenticides are the most effective approaches to roof rat control program. The homeowner can help control rat populations by doing the following:

- Harvest oranges, avocados, peaches, apricots, plums, walnuts, and tangerines as soon as they ripen. Pick up all fallen fruit.
- Never leave uneaten food outside overnight.
- Keep pet food in sealed metal containers if stored in the garage or other outbuildings.
- Keep palm trees and yucca plants well trimmed. Algerian ivy, oleander, bougainvillea, and other thickly matted plants should be periodically thinned and trimmed well away from roofs, walls, fences, utility poles, and trees.
- Store wood and lumber piles on racks at least 18 inches above the ground and 12 inches away from walls. Storage boxes housed in utility sheds should be stacked close together and in an orderly fashion. Clean up debris piles.
- Repair leaky faucets and eliminate any other unnecessary standing water.

Roof rats can enter a home through small exterior openings of less than one inch in diameter. Important steps a homeowner can take to exclude rats are inspecting and repairing:

- windows and ventilation ports
- attic vents and louvers
- gaps between roof and chimney
- vent pipes and shafts
- tile roofs along the eaves

All access openings should be screened with 1/4 inch galvanized hardware cloth and inspected at least once a year for condition. Gaps around pipes and electrical conduit should be sealed, and cracks around doors and windows should be weatherproofed. Tree limbs should be kept away from eaves, roofs and exterior walls of the house.

Things to Plant IN FEBRUARY



FLOWER PLANTS: African Daisy (Arctotis), Alyssum, Anchusa (Summer Forget-Me-Not), Antirrhinum (Snapdragon), Bellis (English Daisy), Balloon Flower, Butterfly Weed, Calendula, Candytuft, Cornflower, Chrysanthemum, Cornflower, Delphinium, Dianthus, Daisy (African, Michaelmas & Painted), Feverfew, Gaillardia, Larkspur, Liatris, Edging Lobelia, Lobelia (Cardinal Flower), Mimulus (Monkey Flower), Nasturtium, Penstemon, Ornamental Cabbage and Kale, Pansy, Phlox (Drummondii and paniculata), Stock, Viola (Johnny-Jump-Up & Pansy).

FLOWER SEEDS: Alyssum, Calendula, Candytuft, Cosmos, Flowering Tobacco (Nicotiana), Four O'clock, Gayfeather, Larkspur, Linaria, Marigold, Monkey Flower, Nasturtium, Penstemon, Petunia, Phlox (Drummond), Salvia, Stock (Dwarf), Verbena, Sweet Pea, Sweet William (Dianthus).

BULBS: Agapanthus, Amaryllis (in containers), Allium, Alstroemeria, Amarcinum, Calla, Canna, Crinum, Dahlia, Daylily, Gladiolus, Hymerocallis (Spider Lily), Liriope, Monkey Grass, Mondo Grass, Rainlily, Society Garlic, Tigridia, Tulip.

VEGETABLES: Early–Mid Month: Asparagus crowns, Broccoli plants, Cabbage plants, Cauliflower plants, Carrots, Chard, Onion bulbs, English and edible pod Peas, Potato (Irish) Spinach. Mid–Late Month: Mustard. All Month: Beets, Collards, Kohlrabi, Lettuce, Radish, and Turnip.

HERBS: Dill, Fennel, Garlic chives, Horseradish, Lemon Balm, Mint, Parsley, Rosemary, Summer Savory.

FRUIT: Bare root or container grown Pecans, Fruit trees, Grapes and Berry bushes.



The Responsibility of Neighbors and a Fence

The responsibility of neighbors regarding fences may vary by local statutes, personal arrangements, and HOA rules. You want to be on good terms with your neighbor, but sometimes tensions arise when mutual fence issues are viewed differently by each neighbor. When conflicting viewpoints come up, work to find a mutually satisfactory compromise. If a mutual compromise cannot be found, look at the legal ramifications involved to see what your rights and responsibilities are.

If the fence in question is on a property line between your property and your neighbors, both parties have a responsibility for its maintenance and replacement. Discuss with your neighbor what you consider to be the needs and steps to take for the repair before you begin the process. Make a plan that is agreeable to both parties. For example... you could both work on it, or hire a contractor and split the costs. All arrangements and costs should be understood beforehand. Remember, after you have repaired or replaced the fence, it's too late to ask your neighbor to share the costs since you proceeded on your own. Avoid trouble by talking to your neighbor and making joint decisions.

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Successful people are confident about the work they do. Someone's opinion should not steal your confidence.

Successful people are grateful and make the most of their time. Find solutions, tackle your problems, stop complaining, be grateful and move on.

Successful people are fully present in knowing the past is the past and anxiety cannot change the future. Make peace with the past, see how far you have come and accept the future is uncertain and uncontrollable.

Successful people are focused on ways to improve their lives and the world around them. Think of something you can do every day to create an improved you, neighborhood and community. Small purposeful steps can lead to a successful happier you.

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It's very important to have copies of the governing documents because you'll be expected to know and comply with all rules and regulations of the community. You'll also want to stay informed by reading all materials provided by the association.

It's our responsibility to make these documents—the bylaws and the covenants, conditions, and restrictions—as understandable as possible, so if there's anything you don't understand, please let us know. We'll be glad to clarify any confusing language or give you other materials that answer your questions.

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- 1 cup celery (chopped)
- 1 red bell pepper (chopped)
- 3 cans black eyed peas (drained & rinsed)
- 1 - 4oz can chopped green chili peppers (drained)

Mix all ingredients together.

DRESSING:

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 2/3 cup vinegar | 1 tsp seasoned salt |
| 2/3 cup sugar | 1/2 tsp black pepper |
| 1/2 cup oil | 1 tsp minced fresh garlic |

Mix all ingredients together in a large bowl. Pour dressing mixture over salad and mix. Chill overnight, serve with tortilla chips.

B-L-T BITES

- 16 cherry tomatoes
- 1lb bacon, cooked & crumbled
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/3 cup green onion, finely chopped
- 3 tbsp Parmesan cheese, finely grated
- 2 tbsp fresh parsley, finely chopped

Cut tops off each tomato. Scoop out and discard pulp, drain. In a small bowl, combine the remaining ingredients. Spoon filling into tomatoes, cover and chill.

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Spring CLEANING



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- **Location.** Put your smoke alarms in every bedroom, in hallway close to sleeping areas, and in busy rooms like your living room, family room, but not in the kitchen where non-threatening cooking smoke (or burnt toast) can too easily set it off.

So go ahead, put a finger on it! Test all your smoke alarms once a month and save lives!

CHIMNEY

Cleaning your chimney on a regular basis prevents a smoke filled room and prevents fires and sparks which are fire hazards. Birds and other animals may nest in unmaintained chimneys. Call a Chimney Sweep service for help.

CLEANING DRYER VENTS

Dryer vents, hoses, and screens should be cleaned on a regular basis throughout the year. If your dryer vents through the roof of your home a chimney sweep can assist as well as your appliance repair company.

HVAC SYSTEMS

Air conditioners are equipped with a drain that is clearly visible when changing the filter. This condensation drain should be cleaned on a regular basis. Not cleaning the condensation drain can result in clogs which can result in damage to your or a neighbor's home.

WATER HEATERS

Check your water heater! The calcium content of central Texas water can cause the water heater to fill up with calcium. Contact your appliance service company to schedule a clean out of your hot water heater. It will extend the life of the appliance and increase efficiency.



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!

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



Simple Valentine's Day Gift

- Small canning jars with lids - washed and dried (as many as you want to make)
- Decorative cupcake liners
- Decorative craft string
- Pink or red construction
- Hole punch
- Candy of your choice wrapped or unwrapped

Fill canning jars with candy, top with cupcake liners, place lid on top and seal. Cut hearts out of pink and red construction paper and punch holes. Label the paper heart with teacher, neighbor or friends name and attach hearts with string to the canning jar! Happy giving!



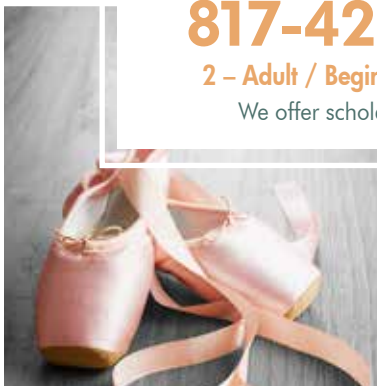
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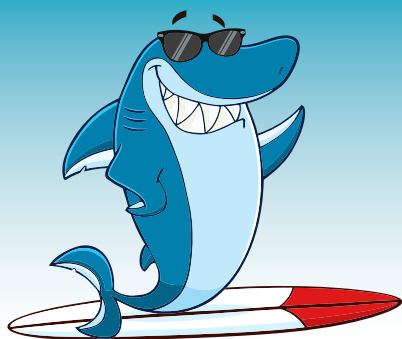
EMERGENCY SERVICE AVAILABLE

Manufacturers recommend two (2) preventative tune-ups per year. This is the minimum required to keep your Air Conditioning and Heating equipment operating safely and efficiently.

Heat Pump & IAQ Specialists

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Cowtown Stackers 5-6pm	2	3 Daddy Daughter Dance 4:30-9pm
4	5 VOWS Homeschool Group 1-4pm	6	7 VOWS Senior Club 10-11:30am	8 Cowtown Stackers 5-6pm Daytime Crafters 10am-2pm Craft Night 6-10pm	9	10
11	12 VOWS Homeschool Group 1-4pm	13	14 Vows Senior Club 10-11:30am	15 Cowtown Stackers 5-6pm OWLS Pot Luck Dinner 6:30-7:30pm	16 Bingo Night 6:00pm	17 NFWA Meeting 8-11am
18	19 VOWS Homeschool Group 1-4pm	20 Early Voting	21 Early Voting	22 Early Voting	23 Early Voting	24 Early Voting
25 Early Voting	26 Early Voting	27 Early Voting	28 Early Voting			30



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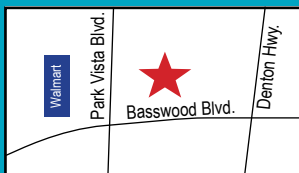
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