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The Villages of
Woodland Springs
 Homeowners' 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.

March 2018 Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, March 27th – 6:30pm
At the Amenity Center

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March 2018 Upcoming Events:

March 3rd	Bunny Hop Egg Hunt
March 8th.....	Craft Night
March 13th.....	Craft Day
March 14th.....	Firefighter Meet and Greet
March 15th.....	OWLS Pot Luck Dinner
March 17th.....	NFWA Meeting
March 26th.....	Neighbor Day
March 27th.....	Board Meeting

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*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.

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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”.

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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Want to work out but don't have anyone to watch your little kids? Come to Momma Fit Mondays and Thursdays from 8-9am 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.

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The success of this succulent garden is a sunny location and light watering.

A succulent garden is a great way to create a green table scape inside your home or outside on your patio. They are easy to maintain and require very little care. Succulents love sunny, dry environments and have shallow root systems perfect for shallow glass bowls or clay pots.

Here is a list of a few succulents you might want to try, Donkey Tail Burrito, Vera Higgins and Echeveria Dondo. Most garden centers carry several varieties of succulents, any will do. Find the ones you like best.

Choose a container such as a glass bubble bowl or shallow

pot. The best soil is equal parts of potting soil and pumice or perlite. Your garden center may carry a pre-mixed soil called Cactus Soil, which would be perfect for your succulent garden. You also need small pebbles and Sphagnum Moss for drainage.

To create a succulent garden, it is a good idea to begin by lining your container with small pebbles which will allow for good drainage and prevent root rot. Then layer the Sphagnum Moss on top of the pebbles creating a barrier to prevent the soil from settling into the pebbles. Finally fill the container with soil and tuck in the succulents. It is that easy!



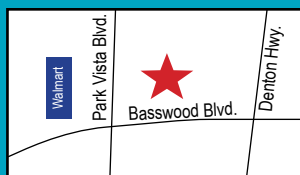
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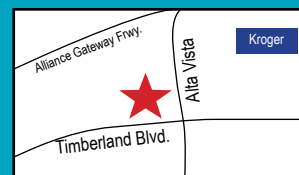


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to call OR not to call



Our basic instincts help us want to believe that what we see or hear is not something wrong or evil. We try to see the good in all. There will come a time, when we will have to decide to call the police about an incident that is happening. Unfortunately, some situations will present themselves in an urgent way where a split-second decision is necessary. No one chooses to be in an emergency situation, but, it happens.

Some of us are used to working under pressure. We are trained to work in a life and death situation. When a tense moment occurs, we jump into action, where-as others may tense-up and freeze.

How do we trust our senses when we see a situation that we aren't sure whether we should call the police? If there is time to decide, then chances are it isn't an emergency. Obviously, people screaming, running, gun shots, breaking glass, sirens or people with physical injuries are more of an emergency.

Here are some situations that could be considered suspicious that would warrant a call to the police. Someone:

- defacing property
- pulling handles on vehicles or looking inside with a flashlight
- scaling a wall or a fence
- injuring an animal
- from an unmarked vehicle entering a resident's backyard
- reaching in a resident's mailbox or removing a delivered package on the porch
- sitting in a vehicle on a street observing

If something looks suspicious, call the police. Most residents don't realize they may be helping to prevent a crime from occurring. If it isn't reported, the police will never know it happened. THE POLICE DO NOT READ FACEBOOK. Reporting crime on Facebook does nothing more than create drama. It does nothing to help the police rectify the situation. The only way the police know an episode is happening is by a written or verbal report. They can start an investigation as soon as a crime is reported.

Even if the call is a suspicious person, the police will come to the area and drive around looking for the suspect. If our VOWS Off Duty Officers are on duty (at the time of a call in VOWS) they will be the first to respond. Any police presence, deters crime.

For Non-Emergencies call: 817 392-4222

For Emergencies call: 911

For On Line Reporting (without police presence)
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If you have any questions our Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO) is Officer Barry Sawyer #3199
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120 Days late: Turned over to the Attorney for further collections



FIREFIGHTER MEET & GREET

Come join the fun as we meet local heroes at Bray Birch park March 14th from 3-4pm. Chips and drinks will be provided as we also celebrate National Potato Chip day.

VOWS

Bunny Hop Egg Hunt

Families can enjoy the annual egg hunt at Bray Birch park on **Saturday, March 3rd from 10 a.m. to noon.** The fun starts with inflatable hungry hippo, music by DJ Kam, petting zoo, vendor booths, ice cream truck and food truck. Rob Ballard with Keller-Williams Southlake will have a free paper-shredding truck. Tiger Rock Martial Arts will have bounce houses for the kids! Egg hunts will be in age groups, with an additional silent egg hunt. The silent egg hunt is open to everyone, but limited to those egg hunters that will not be participating in the Ready-Set-Go style egg hunt.

EGG HUNT SCHEDULE:

0-2 year olds at 11 a.m.
 3-5 year olds at 11:15 a.m.
 6-8 year olds at 11:30 a.m.
 9-12 year olds at 11:45 a.m.

Register for free to attend at tinyurl.com/vows-egg-hunt

VOWS Daddy Daughter Dance



VOWS Daddy Daughter Dance was a dancing fun night. Little ladies enjoyed dancing, music, pictures and pizza with their Daddy and Grandpas at the VOWS amenity center.

CLIMBING ROSES

Technically most rose bushes can become an elegant, fragrant covering for horizontal and vertical structures. Rose bushes will grow out of control if left alone, but you can train them to 'climb' a trellis, pergola, column or fence.

*Training roses to climb***Simple steps to follow when planting a rose bush**

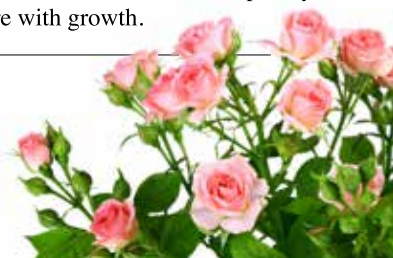
Spring is the best time to plant a rose bush because it gives them sufficient opportunity to establish sturdy roots. Roses prefer full sun, so you should choose a location that averages at least six hours of sun per day. Early morning sun is usually better for roses vs. hot afternoon sun. Roses require a lot of space and should be placed away from trees, shrubs and other plants.

Roses need light, well-drained, nutrient rich soil. Choose a high quality soil and if possible mix with compost. If you choose a bare root rose bush, you need to soak the plant in a bucket of lukewarm water for an hour before planting. Also be sure to prune any leaves or hips from the stems.

The rose bush should be approximately a foot away from a trellis, pergola, column or fence. The hole you dig to plant the rose bush should be large enough for roots to spread out, usually twice as wide as the actual rose bush and the hole should be about 12 inches deep. Many rose growers like to sprinkle rose fertilizer, nutrients or bone meal in the hole before planting the rose bush.

Once you have planted the rose bush, water thoroughly, filling the hole to the brim with water. Let the water soak in and repeat several times which will help the roots from drying out. Finally fill the hole with soil, pressing gently as you go with your hands, until the roots are completely covered and soil is level. Do not pack the soil which could interfere with growth.

It is not too difficult to train the rose bush to climb. Attach the stalks/canes of the rose bush to the trellis or fence loosely with stretchy cloth or plant ties from your local nursery or DIY store. Continue to repeat this step as new stalks/canes grow and you will have a beautiful climbing rose bush.



TOAD HOUSES

and why you need them

Most homeowners spend countless hours and money in order to have beautiful lawns. No matter how much you invest in plants, trees and grass, pesky bugs and insects can destroy it in no time if not dealt with. Don't use harmful harsh chemicals and pesticide instead let toads naturally rid your garden and yard of pests. Toads are the most natural form of pest control preying on insects, snails, slugs and mosquitos. Studies show that one toad can eat thousands of pests in a single summer.

If you haven't seen toads in your yard, you might need to entice them. You will need a toad house (like the one pictured from Amazon.com, most starting around \$20) or clay pot to provide toads an escape from predators and from curious pet cats or dogs. You should make sure to find a cool spot and soil that is slightly raised or mounded. Place a toad house on the soil. If you use a clay

pot bury it angled halfway in the soil leaving an opening just big enough for the toad to enter.

Toads are amphibians, living on both water and land needing moisture to survive. A clay pot saucer is an excellent choice for providing water for toads. Place both the house and water source close together near an area that is known to have bugs and insects. It isn't too difficult to attract toads to the garden if the right habitat is provided. Just like humans, toads want to live in a safe place and have plenty of food and water.

It is a fact that the number of amphibians is declining in the world today which may be due to agricultural and residential pesticides.

By creating a toad habitat, you could help save the toad population as well as rid your lawn and garden naturally of damaging pest.

Note: If you are currently using harsh chemicals or pesticides, your garden and lawn is too toxic for toads to survive. Even small amounts of chemicals can harm a toad. Before you entice toads to your lawn or garden, remove synthetic fertilizers, fungicides, and herbicides.



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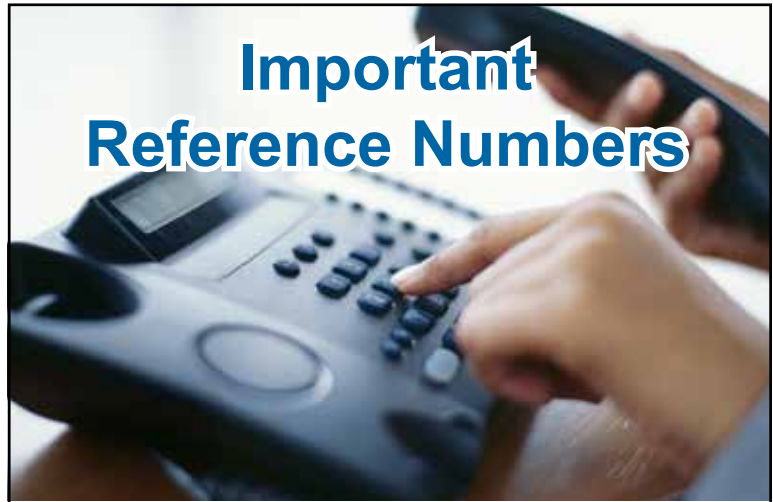
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When our community was developed, the developer filed with the state a series of documents designed to uphold the integrity of our community and spell out the duties of our association, and the responsibilities of each of us, the owners. Those documents are often referred to as the governing documents are made up of the *Articles of Incorporation*, the *Bylaws*, and the *CC&R's* (*Conditions, Covenants & Restrictions*).

The Articles of Incorporation are a one-page document that must be filed with the Secretary of State. It simply states that a non-profit corporation is being formed (our community association).

The Bylaws dictate the powers and duties of the Board of Directors (when meetings occur, how the Board is elected, etc.)

The CC&R's dictate the powers and duties of the corporation and regulate both the physical characteristics of our development and the lifestyles of our residents.

Of all of the governing documents, the CC&R's are often the least understood but inarguably the most important.

In order to close escrow on your home, you signed a series of papers, one of which stated that you had read the CC&R's and agree to abide by them. When escrow closed, you entered in to a contractual agreement with the other owners in our community to conform to the dictates of those CC&R's. This is where some owners get confused. The confusion, however, is easily cleared up once the CC&R's are read, or re-read as the case may be. After all, how many of you actually read and understood the CC&R's before closing escrow? Those that did are to be applauded. The rest of us have had to take a crash-course on the CC&R's through trial and error. Often we have found out that we are in non-compliance to the CC&R's or Rules & Regulations through correspondence received by our management company. So, we dust off that old copy of the CC&R's (it took me half a day to remember where it was) and, sure enough, there it is in black and white, the exact restriction that we completely forgot about. Being responsible owners we correct the situation and, armed with a newfound knowledge of our CC&R's, we continue with our lives, undisturbed

(that is, until we "forget" something else and have to go through the process once again).

Often we focus on the "pain in the neck" aspect of our CC&R's, but by doing so we miss the real beauty of their purpose. *The CC&R's provide a structural framework to help residents of different backgrounds, ideals, and perceptions to live together in harmony and by doing so, the community and our property values benefit.*

If we had no architectural controls (as spelled out in the CC&R's) or no ability to correct violations of the Rules & Regulations (also spelled out in the CC&R's), then there would be no harmony and ultimately our community and our property values would suffer. In other words, the CC&R's are good business...they help ensure that our property values are maintained and our investments protected.

Example: What would the impact on your property values be if your neighbor decided to repair automobiles in his parking area as a part-time job and decided to advertise with a big sign he nailed to the roof of his building? Furthermore, in order to attract attention to the sign, he painted his building bright red. This example may be a little over the top, but it applies equally to the neighbor who doesn't maintain his/her living area. The bottom line is that your property values would suffer. No one would want to buy your home and have to live next to such "chaos". Since market values are affected by the law of supply and demand, if the demand (or attractiveness) of your community is poor, then the supply (or cost) is reduced. When the demand is high (the community is aesthetically attractive) then the supply (or property values) are increased. The CC&R's promote conformity, which encourages harmony, which has a positive impact on the value of our community.

So, the next time you get a note from the management company explaining why you are in non-compliance with the CC&R's or the Rules & Regulations, take a moment to remember what the spirit of the CC&R's embrace (protection of your investment) and be thankful that our Board of Directors are taking their job seriously and are working to protect, preserve and enhance our property values.

VOWS OWLS

Older, Wiser, Lively Seniors



Every Wednesday
VOWS Amenity
Center
10 AM – 11:30 AM

Over 50? Meet with fun folks at our weekly event. Bingo, card games, exercise classes and potlucks are just a few of the activities planned. Our goal is to bring together senior residents in our neighborhood for fun activities. We plan to meet weekly on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM in the Amenity Center.

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

March 25th is Neighbor Day!

Whether you have lived in The Villages of Woodland Springs for years, or are new to the neighborhood, let's get together and meet our neighbors on **March 26th from 10-11:30am** in the Amenity Center located at 12209 Timberland Blvd. Refreshments will be provided as we get to know each other, and bring our community closer together.



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Researchers have tested and concluded that using a baking soda solution to be most effective at reducing pesticides on apples. They suggest allowing the apple to sit in a baking soda solution for 12-15 minutes for the best results. Washing apples in a baking soda solution will not remove all pesticides; however it is 80/90% more effective at reducing pesticides than soap and water.



BASIC BAKING SODA SOLUTION

dissolve 1g of baking soda in 100 mL distilled water



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



**Yard of the
Month is taking
a break.
See you next
Spring.**

Are you bothered by barking dogs?



Are you being barked up a tree? The City of Fort Worth has a noise ordinance that says animals causing "frequent or long-continued noise" disturbing "the comfort and repose of any person of ordinary sensibilities in the immediate vicinity" are prohibited. Owners of noisy animals may be subject to a fine up to \$500.

Barking dogs: how to make it stop

Step 1: File a complaint - Call Fort Worth Animal care and control at 817-392-3737, ext. 1834 to make a complaint. Residents should be ready to provide address and description of animal and time of incident, and other pertinent details about the complaint. You will be advised to maintain a complaint for 7 to 10 days beginning with the date that the complaint is filed. The information in the log must contain the date, time and duration of the noise nuisance.

Step 2: Pet Owner Notified - Once you file a complaint, the Fort Worth Animal Care and Control Division will send a notice to the animal owner. A letter sent to the animal owner, generally within 24 hours of receiving the complaint, or arrangement are made for an officer to stop by if there are other complaints beyond the noise complaint if the complainant is irate or difficult. Information to help the owner correct the problem is sent along with the letter. The date of the complaint is recorded on the Noise Complaint form. Owners are given 10 days from the date of complaint to correct the problem/comply with the ordinance.

Step 3: Second Complaint/Affidavit - If the pet owner has not responded to the letter from Fort Worth Animal Care and Control, and you have at least 7 days of documented dates and times of barking or other noise, you have the right to file an affidavit with the city swearing

to the dates and time of the disturbances. This is where a complaint log will be valuable. The affidavit with a list of the names and addresses of any persons who also observed the violation should be completely filled out, signed and notarized before being mailed or hand delivered to the Fort Worth Animal Care and Control Center. The Animal Care and Control Division will review the affidavit and, if it appears that an offence has occurred, the Division will issue a citation based on your notarized statement as a witness. You will be asked to appear in court to testify against the person who violated the law if the person requests a court hearing. The animal control officer who issued the citation may also be present but the officer cannot testify about the violation because the officer did not witness the violation. The body of the affidavit for animal noise or animal waste nuisance must contain: the name of the owner and/or give an accurate description of the owner, the address of the animal owner, and a description of the animal(s).

FOR NOISE COMPLAINTS: Must include the date(s) and times of the noise nuisance (for at least 7 days) and how long the noise continues.

FOR ANIMAL WASTE: Must include the date and time of the incident, and any other details about the situation.

Step 4 : Citation to Pet Owner - Upon receipt of an affidavit, an outreach Animal Care and Control officer will be assigned to the case, review the affidavit for issuing a citation. A citation is sent via certified mail or hand-delivered to the defendant. You will be notified of the citation number so that you can follow its status through the Municipal Court.

Questions? If there are any questions or concerns, please contact customer service at 817-392-3737 ext. 1834

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.



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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.

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Patio Paver Protection

Homeowners know to protect their investments. Stone, concrete or brick pavers on your patio are just such an **investment** which needs protecting.

Routine maintenance is the best protection on stone, concrete and brick pavers. Maintenance begins by regularly sweeping the pavers with a sturdy broom or stiff brush to eliminate debris and dust from accumulating in corners and around drains. If weeds are growing in between the pavers, remove the

weeds by hand or with a general-purpose or organic weed killer. It is best to use a watering can or pump-up garden type sprayer when applying weed killer to ensure the entire paver is covered. Weed killer can be applied in June then repeated in September if needed.

Also, look for any weaknesses in the patio area such as low, damp or north-facing sections which attracts algae and lichens (a moss or fungi like substance). Get rid of these substances by washing with a power washer being very careful that the pavers are secure before beginning. Sometimes it is well worth hiring a professional to power wash your patio. Power washing can also remove any unwanted stains.

Once the patio area is clean of dirt, debris and any algae, applying a sealer is the ultimate protection on your investment. There are coating surface sealers and impregnator sealers available. A coating sealer is exactly that a coat or film which does not penetrate deep into the stone instead remains mainly on the surface giving it a glossy, shiny sheen. A coating sealer can also create a slippery surface and must be considered before applying. An impregnator sealer is resistant to water, oils, mold, mildew, algae, dyes, dirt, lime deposits and soap scum. Impregnator sealers are less slippery and usually create a harder surface as well as preserve the natural look of the stone. Depending on the traffic, weather and sun on the patio area, sealers should last two to three years.

Maintaining your patio will help your pavers last longer, look better and are a good investment when and if you ever sell your home not to mention the enjoyment and satisfaction of having a beautiful patio!

Granite Countertop Maintenance

Granite is a porous stone and is prevalent on kitchen and bath countertops because of its durability and seemingly effortless care. Additionally, this gorgeous stone enhances the beauty and value of your home. However, granite countertops require routine maintenance and regular cleaning to safeguard against stains and water spots.

Good maintenance includes purchasing a few granite specific products such as a cleaner, polish or sealer. Non-granite specific products with harsh chemicals can damage the stone. It is also important to never use ammonia, vinegar or citrus on granite which can dull the finish. When using granite specific cleaner, spray or mist the countertops and let stand for one minute, then use a cotton or microfiber cloth to wipe away the cleaner.



If your granite countertops are dull, they may need to be polished. Using a granite polish, cover granite countertops evenly, let polish stand approximately 3 to 4 minutes, next remove the polish with soft cloth and gently hand buff with a cotton or microfiber cloth for a nice shine.

There is a quick and easy way to test whether the granite's finish needs to

be sealed or resealed. Drizzle a small amount of water on the countertop. Water beading on the countertops means you do not need to seal or reseal your granite but if the drizzled water seeps into the stone, a granite sealer is needed. A good granite sealer should be applied to dry clean granite. Follow the manufacturer's instructions when sealing your granite. Once your granite is sealed, use the water test again to make sure a good seal has been made. If water is still seeping into the granite, another coat of sealer may be needed.

To further protect granite countertops use coasters, trivets and cutting boards. Also clean spills and splashes as soon as possible. Granite countertops add value to your home so remember to routinely clean, polish and use the water test to check the seal of the stone.

CODE BLUE CONNECTION

FWPD Community Camera Program

As more and more residents secure their homes with video surveillance equipment, we must realize the full benefit to the entire community. To make Woodland Springs as secure as possible, we (the residents) must first complete these easy tasks.

1. We should report every criminal episode, no matter how small or trivial it may seem.
2. If we have surveillance equipment we should register it with the FWPD on-line registration.

These tasks can be performed by logging into www.fortworthpd.com. There are several reporting tools available:

- Report a hazardous driver
- File a police report
- Search a police report
- Search an accident report
- Register your video equipment
- You can even place a narcotic complaint under the tab, "Support & Specialized Services" (at the top of the page)

When a crime is reported, the police can see how many surrounding households may have video of the criminal episode. By placing a report, you are helping the police build a case and possibly stop a neighbor from becoming a victim. Of course you can always call the non-emergency number (817 392-4222) if you need police assistance to file a report or 911 for immediate help.

By registering your surveillance equipment, you may help the police capture vital information, that could help solve a crime and keep Woodland Springs a safer place to live. Some video cameras have the potential to read a license plate and record the time of the episode. Even though a crime may have happened blocks away, your video may show footage relating to the crime. By registering your equipment, you are NOT giving the FWPD access to your equipment or internet connection. All information is in confidence.

If you have any questions on the Community Camera Program please contact: Officer Barry Sawyer #3199 our North Division NPO at Barry.Sawyer@fortworthtexas.gov or 817 994-3453

Things to Plant IN MARCH

FLOWER PLANTS: Achillea (Yarrow), Ageratum*, Alyssum, Joseph's Coat* (Amaranthus), Summer Forget-Me-Not (Anchusa), African Daisy (Arctotis), Alpine Aster, Asclepias (Butterfly weed), Balloon Flower, Balsam*, Blue Daze*, Blue Cardinal Flower, Boltonia, Scarlet Bouvardia, Browallia*, Calliopsis, Candytuft, Chocolate Plant*, Chrysanthemum, Cigar Plant* (Cuphea ignea), Cleome*, Cockscomb*, Coleus*, Columbine, Copper Plant*, Coreopsis, Dahlia*, Dianthus, Daisy (Michaelmas, Shasta & Painted), Feverfew, Gaillardia, Geranium*, Gomphrena*, Hibiscus*, Hollyhock, Indian Blanket, Jacobinia*, Lamb's Ear (Stachys), Lantana*, Liatris, Edging Lobelia, Mexican Heather (Cuphea hyssopifolia), Nasturtium*, Nierembergia*, Penstemon, Pentas, Petunia*, Phlox Drummondii, Plumbago*, Oriental Poppy, Salvia* (farinacea, Greggii, leucantha, splendens), Sedum, Spiderwort (Tradescantia), Stokes' Aster, Sunflower* (Helianthus), Torenia (Wishbone Flower) Veronica.

**Plant after mid-month.*

FLOWER SEEDS: Ageratum, Balsam, Browallia (Amethyst Flower), Candytuft, Castor Bean, Cleome, Clitoria (Butterfly Pea), Cosmos, Dahlia, Echinacea, Feverfew, Impatiens, Ipomea alba (Moonflower), Ipomoea quamoclit (Cypress vine), Gomphrena, Helianthus (Sunflower), Nasturtium, Nicotiana (Flowering Tobacco), Pinks (Dianthus) Portulaca (Moss Rose), Sweet Sultan, Tagetes (Marigold), Tithonia, Torenia, Verbena.

BULBS: Achimenes, Acidanthera, Allium, Alstroemeria, Amarcrinum, Amaryllis, Bletilla (Ground Orchid), Caladium, Calla, Canna, Crinum, Crocosmia, Dahlia, Daylily, Dietes (Butterfly Iris), Ginger, Gladiolus, Gloriosa Lily, Hosta, Hymerocallis (Spider Lily), Hypoxis (Yellow Star Grass), Liriope, Monkey Grass, Rainlily, Society Garlic, Tigridia, Tuberose.

VEGETABLES: Early-Mid Month: Asparagus crowns, Collards, Parsley, Turnip. Mid-Late Month: Corn, Cucumber, Eggplant, Peppers, Pumpkin, Squash, and Watermelon. All Month: Beans, Lettuce, Mustard, Radish, and Tomato Plants

HERBS: Anise, Star Anise, Basil*, Bay, Borage, Bouncing Bet, Caraway, Catnip, Chives, Comfrey, Costmary, Cumin, Fennel, Fenugreek, Scented Geranium*, Germander, Horehound, Horseradish, Lamb's Ear, Lavender, Lemon Grass*, Lemon Verbena, Mexican Mint Marigold (a great substitute for French Tarragon), Monarda, Oregano, Perilla, Rosemary, Sage, Santolina, Summer Savory, Winter Savory, Sesame, Sorrel, Southernwood, Tansy, Tarragon, Thyme, Common Wormwood, Roman Wormwood, Yarrow.

**Plant after mid-month.*

FRUIT: Container grown fruit & nut trees, vines & bushes may be planted throughout the season.

THINGS TO DO IN MARCH

FERTILIZE: Begin monthly feedings of Hibiscus after pruning. Start a rose feeding schedule, spray and feed camellias. Begin fertilizing azaleas after they bloom. Fertilize established fruit and nut trees with 1 lb. 15-5-10 per inch of trunk diameter. Berry bushes should receive 1/3 cup per square yard of planting area.

DISEASES/PESTS TO LOOK FOR: Watch for aphids on new growth, spider mites on older leaves and cut worms on young transplants. Spray peach and plum trees for curculio when 3/4 petals have fallen (repeat three times at two week intervals). Call Extension Service 512-854-9600 for spray schedule for fruit and nut trees.

PRUNE: Hibiscus, also spring flowering shrubs and trees AFTER they bloom. Prune and train vines. Shape azaleas with light pruning after bloom. Allow bulb foliage to yellow and die before removing.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Early Voting	2	3 Bunny Hop
4	5 Momma Fit 8-9am VOWS Homeschool Group 1-4pm	6 General Election	7 VOWS Senior Group 10-11:30am	8 Momma Fit 8-9am Cowtown Stackers 5-6pm Daytime Crafters 10am-2pm Craft Night 6-10pm	9	10
11	12 Momma Fit 8-9am VOWS Homeschool Group 1-4pm	13 Craft Day	14 Vows Senior Group 10-11:30am Firefighter Meet and Greet	15 Momma Fit 8-9am Cowtown Stackers 5-6pm OWLS Pot Luck Dinner 6:30	16	17 NFWA Meeting 8-11am
18	19 Momma Fit 8-9am VOWS Homeschool Group 1-4pm	20	21 VOWS Senior Group 10-11:30am	22 Momma Fit 8-9am Cowtown Stackers 5-6pm	23	24
25	26 Momma Fit 8-9am Neighbor Day 10-11:30am VOWS Homeschool Group 1-4pm	27 Board Meeting 6:30pm	28 VOWS Senior Group 10-11am	29 Momma Fit 8-9am Cowtown Stackers 5-6pm	30	31

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