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# may day BASKET

Many years ago, people took part in the practice of celebrating May flowers after April Showers and the coming of warmer weather by hanging May Day Baskets on doorknobs of friends, neighbors and loved ones. The containers were filled with treats, flowers or small gifts.

*Keep this tradition*  
going and deliver a May Day surprise to the special people in your life this spring.



Custom suggests a May Day Basket was delivered the night before May 1st in secret to show admiration for someone. Some websites also say the giver of a May Day Basket would deliver the basket, ring the doorbell and run. If the giver was caught, a kiss ensued. Today it would not be a good idea to ring the doorbell and run but the gesture of giving a gift, celebrating spring IS a good idea.

Fill a handled basket with small treats or flowers. Use a small Mason jar or clay pot, fill it with potting soil, place a small flowering plant in the soil and attach a pretty ribbon. Another idea is to decorate a tin can or use a watering can, fill it with water and fresh flowers. A paper lunch bag or a paper cone filled with seed packets, tied with ribbon and a fresh flower sprig would make a beautiful container. Or simply gather flowers from your garden bundled with ribbon or string. May Day containers can be hung on doorknobs or simply be left by the front door with a handwritten note.



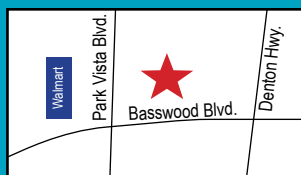
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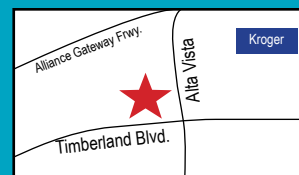


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# Yard of the Month



Congratulations to the homeowners at 12313 Langley Hill Drive for the Most Beautiful Yard in VOWS for April 2018.

The homeowners received a \$30 gift card courtesy of The Flower Ranch @ 901 S. Pearson Lane, Keller, 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](mailto:vows.admin@fsresidential.com)

## Preventing late fees on HOA dues

To prevent late fees on HOA dues, please pay your dues before January 31. A late fee will incur on February 1 and every month after until it is paid in full. Payments can be made online at ClickPay! The new online payment provider.

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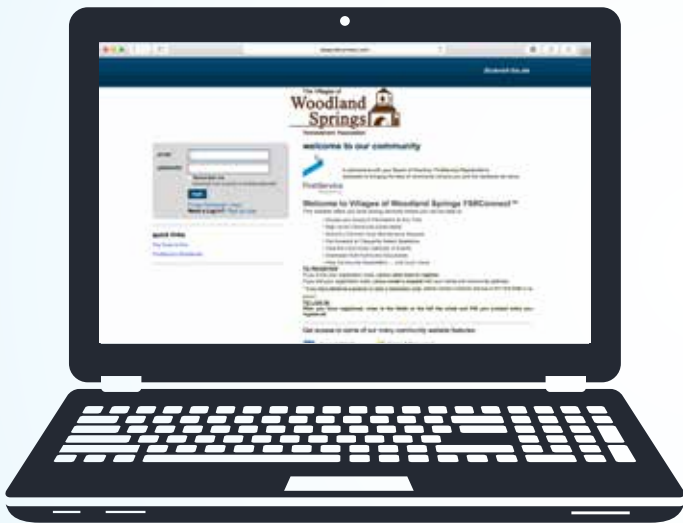
**60 Days late:** \$288.68 Balance + \$25.00 2nd Late fee + \$4.33 Interest %15 + \$36.00 Notice fee = \$354.01

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You will also be automatically added to our email distribution list that is used for community announcements and event reminders.

**TO REGISTER FOR CONNECT ACCESS** - send an email to [vows.admin@fsresidential.com](mailto:vows.admin@fsresidential.com) and include your name, address, phone number and email address (your email address will be your log-in). We will send you an email with your temporary password.



Mayfest, at Trinity Park's 33 acres in Ft. Worth, you can enjoy carnival rides, live music, performing arts, pet adoptions, an Art and Gift market, free children's activities, delicious food and more. On three stages, experience live music for everyone's entertainment including Pop, Rock, Jazz, Country and Bluegrass. This four-day festival in Ft. Worth at Trinity Park is a family oriented fun, music packed weekend dedicated to raising money to enhance the Trinity River, surrounding parks and community programs. Thursday, May 3, 2018, admission is free to all patrons!



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*\*Being a mom and/or having little kids at home is not required to come work out with us!*



## MORE UPCOMING MOVIES NOT TO MISS

"**Ocean's 8**" comes to theaters in June. This female focused cast is a sequel to the Ocean's Eleven film series with Sandra Bullock playing Debbie, the estranged sister to Danny Ocean. Debbie endeavors to pull off an impossible heist at the Met Gala, a prestigious and prominent event in New Year City. Debbie must first assembly her crew which includes actors Kate Blanchett, Anne Hathaway, Mindy Kaling and even singer Rhianna will play a role in this action thriller.

Remember Winnie the Pooh, Piglet and Christopher Robin? In August a live action movie "**Christopher Robin**" will be in

theaters. It seems Christopher has grown up, lost his sense of imagination and forgotten the adventures he once experienced with his childhood friends from the Hundred Acre Wood. Winnie the Pooh and friends come to life in the real world to encourage Christopher to find his way back to who he once was.

Although the "**Mary Poppins Returns**" movie won't be in theaters until December, put this on your list of movies not to miss. The original musical "Mary Poppins" appeared in theaters 54 years ago and delighted

children around the world. "Mary Poppins Returns," stars Emily Blunt as the beloved Mary Poppins in this enchanting musical sequel set in 1930's London with brother and sister, Jane and Michael Banks now grown up. After experiencing great loss, Jane, Michael and his children will rediscover wonder and joy when the charmed Mary Poppins once again steps into the lives of the Banks family.



## 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.

## Save the Date!



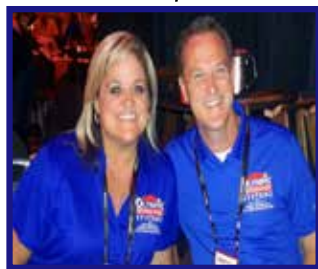
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May 4th ..... Bingo  
May 5th ..... Mother Son Social  
May 22nd ..... Board of Directors Meeting



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The new “catch phrase” in our society is “See Something, Say Something”. This phrase was adopted by Homeland Security to bring awareness to suspicious observations, behavior, objects or social media communications. This is not just Terrorism-related crime, this applies to suspicions within a community as well. The U.S. Homeland Security Force has partnered with state, local and private sectors within communities. This will help reach the public across the nation by displaying campaign messages as Public Service Announcements.

There are questions that remain with authorities like, “Why are people hesitant to get involved?” “Why are people afraid to call the police?” That is why this campaign and Community Policing were created. To make the general-public aware that even an innocent observation can help solve a crime. It’s ok to get involved. Don’t be afraid to call the authorities.

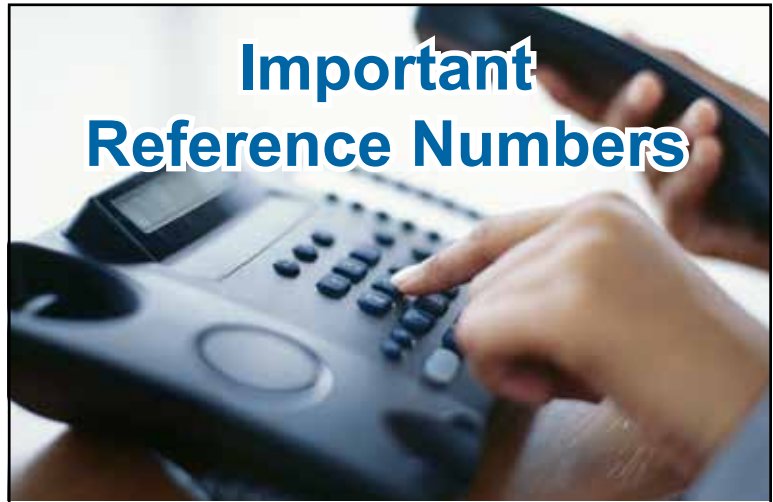
More residents are purchasing video surveillance cameras for their property because they are becoming much more affordable. The police are utilizing cameras at intersections with high traffic volumes to monitor traffic, crime or for public safety. If you own equipment, you should register it with the Fort Worth Police Camera Program. If crime is reported in your area, the police will contact you to view your video. To register, they only need your name, address and contact number. Nothing is connected to your system or internet connection. Your video could help the police solve a crime. Contact: [Fortworthpd.com](http://Fortworthpd.com) to register your cameras.

Community policing is a big contributor in keeping local communities safe. Woodland Springs has an active Citizens on Patrol Group who are trained to be the eyes and ears for the FWPD. We take our direction from Officer Barry Sawyer who is our (NPO) Neighborhood Police Officer. There are many opportunities to become involved in our Citizens on Patrol Group, not only driving around. The program is ideal for retirees or stay at home individuals. The City even covers our fuel reimbursement through issuing members gift cards that drive their neighborhoods.

If you would like to become involved in the Citizens on Patrol Program, please contact our new North Division Coordinator Cindy Strause at [Cindy.Strause@fortworthtexas.gov](mailto:Cindy.Strause@fortworthtexas.gov). If you have questions for Officer Barry Sawyer you can contact him at [Barry.Sawyer@fortworthtexas.gov](mailto:Barry.Sawyer@fortworthtexas.gov).

We are very fortunate to have a beautiful, brand new North Division Police Station at 8755 N. Riverside where community volunteers will meet and be offered training, close to home.

## Important Reference Numbers



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<b>Code Enforcement.....</b>	<b>817-392-1234</b>
<b>Fire (non-emergency).....</b>	<b>817-922-3000</b>
<b>Graffiti .....</b>	<b>817-212-2700</b>
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<b>VOWS (onsite office) .....</b>	<b>817-741-1719</b>
<b>VOWS (after hours).....</b>	<b>877-378-2388</b>



## We Want a "Waste-Free" Community!

It doesn't take much to remember that we have pets in our community. In fact, if you don't watch your step, your liable to step in one such reminder! Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of our children who play in the community and other pets. One of the most common forms of disease transmission between dogs is through fecal matter. When walking your dog in our community, remember that it should be leashed. **Also, it is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet.** Take along a baggie with you to pick up waste with and then dispose of it properly. By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can contribute not only to the beautification of our community, but also towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances in our community. Thank you for your cooperation!

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# HOA Assessments

Since the HOA was turned over to the homeowners, the Board of Directors has been investigating in depth the Accounts Receivable situation. In the past, the collections procedure has not been emphasized and acted upon within the full extent of the law. With the turnover, the Board is now in the position to rectify this situation.

Here are several tips to take to heart concerning the assessments billed to each homeowner twice a year:

1. Pay your assessment as soon as you get it so you don't forget about it! That means before December 30 and June 30 each year. The amounts added to your bill for sending you reminders along with penalties and interest (all legal and appropriate) will quickly increase the amount due. In fact, in a matter of months the original amount due will double! Most of this increase is due to what the HOA has to pay TO SEND YOU REMINDERS and other notices!

2. It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY alone to make sure your payment is received BEFORE the due date. Mailing it or transferring it on the last day usually is not sufficient time to get it to the proper place to record receipt as being on time.

3. For homeowner accounts that have become delinquent, Late Fees and Late Fee Interest charges (soft costs to the HOA) may be waived if requested by the homeowner and approved by the Board on a ONE TIME ONLY per account basis. The hard costs (assessments and what the HOA has had to pay out because the payment was late) will not be waived. The other homeowners in the community should not have to support the costs of your late payment!

4. Payment plans are available for delinquent balances – at an additional cost for setup. But remember, if you do not pay even one payment or are late on it, the whole situation reverts back to what it was.

5. If you want to pay monthly (deducted from your bank account), you must be current on your account in order to do this. This actually is paying in advance for the next assessment to be billed.

6. Yes, we will file liens, and we will foreclose. It simply is not right or fair to the other homeowners who pay on time, as you all agreed to when you signed the documents when you closed on your house, to do otherwise.

Follow these tips and pay your assessment before it becomes a much bigger problem than you may be able to handle. Folks, this is your home we are talking about.

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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.

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# Things to Plant IN MAY

**FLOWER PLANTS:** Ageratum, Ajuga, Joseph's Coat (Amaranthus), Balsam, Wax Begonia, Blue Daze, Blue Cardinal Flower, Boltonia, Scarlet Bouvardia, Calico Plant, Chocolate Plant, Cigar Plant (Cuphea Ignea), Cockscomb, Coleus, Columbine, Copper Plant, Coreopsis, Cosmos sulphureus, Dahlia, Shasta Daisy, Feverfew, Geranium, Gomphrena, Hibiscus, Hollyhock, Impatiens, Jacobinia, Lantana, Marigold (African, French and Mexican Mint), Nierembergia, Pentas, Periwinkle, Persian Shield, Plumbago, Phlox Drummondii, Portulaca, Purslane, Purple Coneflower (Echinacea), Rudbeckia Hirta, Salvia, Sedum, Stokes' Aster, Sunflower (helianthus), Torenia (Wishbone Flower), Yarrow, Zinnia.

**FLOWER SEEDS:** Ageratum, Balsam, Castor Bean, Celosia, Cleome, Cockscomb, Coleus, Coral Vine, Cosmos, Cypress Vine, Dahlia (Dwarf), Echinacea, Feverfew, Four-o'clock, Globe Amaranth, Gourd, Impatiens, Linaria, Nasturtium, Marigold, Moonflower, Morning Glory, Periwinkle, Petunia, Pinks, Portulaca, Scabiosa, Sunflower, Sweet Pea (Perennial), Tithonia, Torenia, Vinca, Zinnia.

**BULBS:** Acidanthera, Amarcrinum, Amaryllis, Aspidistra, Caladium, Canna, Ginger, Daylily, Gladiolus, Liriope, Monkey Grass, and Neomarica.

**VEGETABLES:** ALL Month: Amaranth, Jerusalem Artichoke (Sunchoke), Jicama, Malabar Spinach, Okra, Southern Pea, Peanut, Pumpkin, Sweet Potato, Tomatillo, Water Spinach, Watermelon.

**HERBS:** Anise, Star Anise, Basil, Bay, Borage, Bouncing Bet, Caraway, Catnip, Chives, Comfrey, Costmary, Cumin, Fennel, Fenugreek, Scented Geranium, Germanier, 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.

**FRUIT:** Container-grown plants can go in the ground.

## THINGS TO DO IN MAY

**FERTILIZE:** Feed azaleas a third time and all spring-blooming shrubs after they have bloomed. Lightly fertilize camellias a second time. Feed amaryllis after they bloom. Feed and mulch Louisiana iris. Feed crape myrtle with 1/2 cup/sq. yd. of complete fertilizer beneath the branch spread.

**WATER:** Water annuals and other dry soil areas as needed. Mulch all bare soil to retain moisture.

**TRANSPLANT:** Container-grown plants (almost any kind) can go into the ground now.

**LAWN CARE:** Mow every 5-7 days, leaving the clippings on the lawn. Keep St. Augustine grass at 2 1/2 to 3" height. Apply 1" of water per week in one or two applications. Water deeply.

**DISEASES/PESTS TO LOOK FOR:** Check for aphids and spider mites. Spray camellias for tea scale, if needed. Look for tobacco hornworms, spider mites and stink bugs, especially in vegetable gardens. Spray peach and plum trees for curculio. Spray roses with fungicide every 7-10 days or as needed to prevent blackspot.

**PRUNE:** Spring-flowering shrubs and trees after they bloom. Prune climbing roses and other "once bloomers" as soon as they finish flowering. Divide chrysanthemums and pinch tips for bushier growth. Pinch back leggy annuals to encourage branching. Deadhead plants to encourage blooming. Prune frost-damaged trees and shrubs. Remove sucker shoots from tomato plants to get earlier, larger fruit.

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The Amenity Center can be rented by VOWS homeowners for their personal use. However, in the interest of maintaining the Center, avoiding extra work for the on-site staff, avoiding potential damages and keeping the Center in good condition, rules and regulations have been established for its use. A few rules are as follows: No Alcohol, no pets, and no fog machines. For a complete list of rules visit our website at [www.woodlandspringshoa.com](http://www.woodlandspringshoa.com).

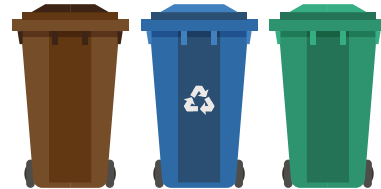
When each homeowner rents the Amenity Center, a contract must be signed signifying their understanding, acceptance, an agreement to follow the rules and regulations regarding the rental. Violation of any of these rental conditions is cause for denial of future rentals.

A deposit of \$500 is also required. This deposit will be returned in full after the event if the Amenity Center is cleaned, put in order, and determined to be damage-free. A list of the charges that will be deducted from the deposit for non-compliance is provided each renter at the time the rental contract is signed.

Each renter should take pictures and provide them to the office staff to verify the condition of the Amenity Center when the rental is started in order to avoid potential deductions from the deposit amount.

## City of Fort Worth Trash Pickup

Fort Worth provides residential curbside garbage pickup one time per week in the residents choice of three brown cart sizes. The city also offers weekly collection of recycling in the blue carts and yard waste in the green carts. All weekly collections take place on the same day.



For items that are too large, heavy or bulky to fit into the brown garbage cart, curbside collection is made monthly.

- All garbage must be contained in garbage bags within the brown cart.
- The lid must be completely closed.
- Overstuffed carts will not be picked up.
- Bags left outside the cart will not be picked up (except city-issued Pay Bags).
- The cart must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on your pickup day.
- You may set out your cart after 6 p.m. the night before your pickup day.
- Place cart so that the handle faces your house and the serial number faces the street.
- Place cart a few inches from the curb or edge of the street; do not place cart in street.
- Retrieve cart from curb by midnight on your pickup day.
- City ordinance requires residents to store carts so they can't be seen from a public street while standing in front of the house.

**Missed Pickup?** Garbage, recycling and yard waste missed collections must be reported within 24 hours after your pickup day. Call the customer call center at 817-392-1234.

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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.

**May 2018 Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, May 22nd – 6:30pm  
At the Amenity Center**

#### Board Members

President.....	Shirley Gansser
Vice President .....	Tony DeVito
Treasurer/Secretary .....	Frank Friar
Member .....	Lora Fulmer
Member .....	Frank McArthur
Member .....	Charles Stark
Member .....	Jim Houston



## COVENANT CORNER

### Calling Our Management Company After-Hours

After regular business hours, our management company has a very efficient emergency response system in place in order to respond to appropriate emergencies, which are situations that can cause the damage of property.

Our management company can do little about your neighbor's dog barking at 3:00 a.m., but a call to the neighbor or, as a last resort, to the local police about the disturbance may help get immediate attention. The best way for this kind of a situation to be handled in the long term, is for you and your other affected neighbors to report it in writing to the Board of Directors in care of management.

Prowlers and vandals are best handled by the local law enforcement officials. That is not to say that the Board or management does not want to know about this activity. They do, in order to monitor the community, but the quickest, most effective response and enforcement will come from the Police or Sheriff's Department.

However, if a broken common area sprinkler or irrigation timer is threatening property, the management company should be notified so that the landscape contractor can be called to solve the problem. A rule of thumb to remember when determining whether or not to call the management company after-hours is that if the property threatening situation can be addressed by one of the Association's contractors, and if not reported immediately will cause personal or property damage, then call. After hours on-call personnel will be notified and the situation addressed.

Remember, our Board of Directors and management depend upon the eyes and ears of the community to make sure that all of the community's needs are met. Please don't hesitate to contact management during normal business hours with any questions you may have about the after-hours policy.

## May the 4th be with you!

On May 4th the Firefighters will be visiting again at Bray Birch Park at 3pm. Foam light sabers will be given to the first 30 kids who arrive. Sno cones will also be provided.

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## NOTARY ON SITE

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has a positive physical and mental influence on the mind.

Trading your Apple product (or other technological device) for planting an apple tree could be one of the best things you can do for yourself. Gardening gets you outside, gets you moving and gets your blood flowing. The repetitive action of digging, weeding, planting and pruning can be as good for you as low impact exercising. And most gardeners stick with this exercise and do it often.

If you do not have space in your yard for a proper vegetable garden or lots of room for flowers in your yard, you can still reap the benefits of gardening. Simply start with a medium container, an herb or flower, soil and dig in!



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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](mailto: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/](http://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](mailto:janashorner@earthlink.net) for more information.

### ADULT INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS ENGLISH CLASSES

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### VOWS BOOK CLUB

Meets the second Thursday of the month at 8:00 pm. 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](mailto: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](https://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](mailto: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](mailto:jcgx4@sbcglobal.net).

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Early Voting	2 VOWS Owls 10-11:30am	3 Momma Fit 8-9am Cowtown Stackers 5-6pm Community Bible Study 7-10pm	4 Sno Cones with Fire Fighters Bingo Night	5 Mother Son Social 11am-1pm
6	7 Momma Fit 8-9am	8	9 VOWS OWLS 10-11:30am	10 Momma Fit 8-9am Cowtown Stackers 5-6pm	11	12
13	14 Early Voting	15 Early Voting	16 Early Voting	17 Early Voting	18 Early Voting	19
20	21 Momma Fit 8-9am	22 Board of Directors Meeting 6:30	23 VOWS OWLS 10-11:30am	24 Momma Fit 8-9am Cowtown Stackers 5-6pm	25	26
27	28 Momma Fit 8-9am	29	30	31		

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