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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.

September 2018 Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, October 23rd – 6:30pm
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VOWS Office email - vows.admin@fsresidential.com

The On-Site office is located at the Amenity Center at 12209 Timberland.

On-Site Hours: Monday- Friday 9am-6pm
Saturdays 10am-4pm

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On-Site Fax: 817-741-1720

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THE BONEYARD CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

What started off as a little boy's idea for fun has taken on a life of its own and grown to be an annual celebration of creativity, charity, and fright. The Boneyard is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, and we are excited about scaring our neighbors and friends!

The Boneyard started off humbly in 2009 in the side yard of my home with our neighbors on either side and my son's best friend participating as actors. Little did we know at the time how big it was going to get! The fun part about having it in such a small space was that we were able to control how scary it was based on our guest's preferences. They could choose scary or not-scary and the actors took the appropriate actions. It was as simple as having our gate-keeper yell a code word and we were good to go.

Fast forward to 2018 and my how we have grown! We now have 9 families that participate with us every year. We are no longer able to have our guests choose scary or not-scary because the Boneyard starts in our side yard and extends to our backyard. There is simply no way to communicate amongst all of the actors. So, this year we are having a not-scary preview on October 28th, and the scare-your-socks-off haunted house on October 31st. In continuing my son's idea, the cost of admission is a minimum 1 non-perishable food item. We are supporting Meals on Wheels this year.

We hope that you will come out and celebrate the spirit of creativity, charity, and fright with us! We will have a booth set up at the Fall Festival with flyers to remind everyone of the times and the requested donation for admission.



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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.

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. 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.

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 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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Fall FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20TH • 4-7 P.M

Events Committee will be holding our annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 20TH from 4-7 p.m. Come enjoy carnival games, a cupcake walk, bounce houses, barrel train, Trunk or Treat, and food trucks selling dinner. Please note your calendars, and this year it will be held at Bray Birch Park. If you are a local business that would like to participate in the Trunk Or Treat, email Events.VOWS@gmail.com for more information.

COVENANT CORNER

Board Meeting Participation for Homeowners

All meetings of the association board are open meetings. Residents are encouraged to observe meetings and read approved minutes. Residents who wish to address the board are welcome to do so during the homeowner forum conducted at the beginning of each business meeting.

Here are few tips for participating:

1. **Put it in writing.** You will get the best response if you put your question or opinions in writing prior to the meeting. Some issues may require a little research by the manager. Also, the board can serve you better if members have time to consider your concern.
2. **Plan your remarks to last no longer than three minutes.** Board members enjoy visiting with residents; however, the meeting agenda is always very full, and the three-minute limit ensures that all business gets conducted. This doesn't mean big issues can't be presented. If your concern requires more time, please summarize it in three minutes, and the board will add it to the agenda for the next meeting.
3. **Don't expect an immediate response.** Board members don't act independently. All issues require discussion and sometimes a vote. Sometimes an immediate answer is possible, but it's just as likely that you won't get a response until after the meeting.
4. **If you need information, call the manager.** The purpose of the Homeowner Forum is for residents to share opinions and concerns with the board. Residents seeking general information (like a status report on a project or the board's position on an issue) can get a more immediate answer from the manager.

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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The excitement of children and adults at this time of year can sometimes make them not as careful as they would normally be. Our site is filled with suggestions that can do a lot to stop tragedies from happening and help make the most of everyone's favorite holiday of the year... Halloween!

By keeping Halloween a fun, safe and happy holiday for you and your kids, you'll look forward to many happy years of Halloween fun! By keeping good memories for your kids, they'll be more likely to carry on the traditions that you have taught to them with their own families some day!

- Children should always go out trick or treating accompanied by a responsible adult. If you have a group of kids going, the parents should choose two or three of them to go along and keep an eye on things.
- Some towns set a curfew for trick or treating which makes it easier for townsfolk to know who's coming to their door. Make sure and stick to the curfew times and stick to subdivisions and areas with a lot of homes so your kids can get in as much trick or treating as possible in a few hours time.
- Plan a safe route so parents know where their older kids will be at all times. Set a time for their return home. Make sure that your child is old enough and responsible enough to go out by themselves. Make sure that they have a cell phone.
- Let your children know not to cut through back alleys and fields if they are out alone. Make sure they know to stay in populated areas and not to go off the beaten track. Let them know to stay in well lighted areas with lots of people around. Explain to them why it can be dangerous for kids not to do this. If they are going out alone, they are old enough to know what can happen to them in a bad situation and how to stop it from happening.
- Instruct your children not to eat any treats until they bring them home to be examined by you. This way you can check for any problem candy and get the pick of the best stuff!
- Instruct your child to never go into the home of a stranger or get into their car. Explain why this is not a good idea and what to do if someone approaches them and tries to talk to them.
- Make sure your child carries a flashlight, glow stick or has reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible to cars.
- Let them know that they should stay together as a group if going out to Trick or Treat without an adult.



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



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

VILLAGES OF WOODLAND SPRINGS

SAVE THE DATE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

National Night Out (NNO) is an annual event that encourages residents all across the country to get out in their communities, hold block parties and get to know their neighbors as a way to encourage crime prevention. Due to the heat, State of Texas has theirs the first Tuesday in October so ours will be Tuesday, October 2, 2018.

VOWS Safety/Security Committee is gathering interest of those who would like to host their own National Night Out block parties. Our VOWS HOA will reimburse each party up to \$200*. This will be on a first come, first approved, limited number. Fort Worth Police Department will have registration info in August for us to pass along for each participating host(s). If you and your neighbors would like to host a block/neighborhood party, please contact the VOWS Safety/Security Committee at safety.vows@gmail.com soon! Please put in email subject line 'Interested in hosting VOWS NNO'. Application from VOWS SSC will be sent to those who show interest. Deadline to submit your interest will be Wednesday, August 22, 2018 or will close earlier if our limit is reached. Those hosts chosen need to be able to attend an A-Z National Night Out information meeting on Thursday, Sept 6th hosted by Fort Worth North Division Crime Specialist, Rosalinda Mendoza.

This is a fun and purposeful event for the neighborhood!

*\$200 for each party will be used for food, non alcoholic beverages and table ware (disposable plates, cups, utensils) ONLY. Decorations, craft supplies, tables, chairs, etc, will not be included. Each host will need to keep track of receipts and submit them no later than October 9, 2018 for reimbursement from the VOWS HOA. Reimbursement could take up to two weeks.

VOWS SAFETY COMMITTEE

RUNNING FOR BOARD

If you're considering running for the board, we ask that you take a few moments to ask yourself the following three questions:

DO I HAVE THE TIME? As a board member, you will need to devote at least several hours of your time each month to association business. In addition to regular monthly board meetings, you will need to be active in email discussions and occasional special meetings. During special projects, you may need to spend a little extra time on association business. Some board members may also spend a little more time than others if they work with a committee.

CAN I MAKE TOUGH DECISIONS WHEN IT'S REQUIRED? The primary role of the board is to conduct the business of the association. This doesn't just mean approving the budget, but also developing and enforcing policies. Board members are required to step outside their immediate circle of family and neighbors and make decisions based on the greater good of the community.

CAN I DO ALL THIS AND HAVE FUN, TOO? It isn't all about policies and tough decisions. Our community is only as good as we make it, and establishing and maintaining a sense of community is a part of a board member's responsibility. Planning and attending functions such as our picnics and being a presence in the community are as important as any policy decisions you may make.

Being a board member can be frustrating at times, but it may also be one of the most rewarding ways you'll find to volunteer your time. If you're interested in running for the board or would like more details about board's responsibilities, please contact the manager or a current board member.

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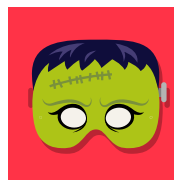
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HALLOWEEN COSTUME potluck

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When doing a search, notice how relatively light the crime is in our area. If crime is not reported to the police, these statis-



tics will always be low. That is why it is so important to report all crime whether something was taken or not. When the police dept. looks at the crime statistics, they determine what areas need more patrols due to heavier criminal activity.

When reporting crime, you can

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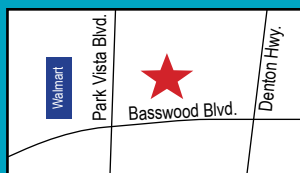
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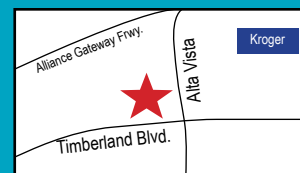


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Thinking of renting the Amenity Center for a party or event?

Please call the office today at (817) 741-1719 to reserve your spot.

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.

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.

MRS. FRANKY

HALLOWEEN CRAFT



SUPPLIES

- Styrofoam Head Girl
- Pipe Cleaners (Black chenille) 200-300
- Pipe Cleaners (White chenille) 100-150
- Acrylic paint – colors apple green, white, black
- Wooden plate or charger (optional)

(All supplies are readily available at local craft stores or online)

DIRECTIONS

First paint the head green. This will take two coats of paint to cover completely. After the green paint dries, paint white in eyes and let dry. Next apply the rest of her "makeup" You can get creative with it!

Now the hair! Take a small dowel stick or a standard pencil and twist ALL the pipe cleaners around leaving at least 2 inches straight at the bottom of each stick. (You will need this straight to insert into the head). Figure out the hairline on the front of the face first then begin inserting the pipe cleaners filling in all the hair working from front to back.

Optional last step is to glue the head onto a wood or plastic plate. A wooden plate works best and can be painted black in order to write 'Mrs. Franky' in white paint. As she will be quite top heavy, it stabilizes the head to be glued down. Now you can embellish your Mrs. Franky with jewelry, eye lashes...the sky is the limit!

EXTRA

Purchase a male Styrofoam head and make a mummy by wrapping it with distressed gauze and add doll eye-balls for a super spooky look! Or another possibility, you can purchase a Frankenstein Styrofoam head online to complete the family!

HAPPY HAUNTING!

THE MEANING BEHIND *Teal pumpkins*

It is pumpkin time again and Halloween is almost here! Children and adults look forward to dressing up in costumes, trick or treating and enjoying a night full of fun and festivities. Porches and lawns are lined with pumpkins, gourds and Halloween themed decorations.

You might have noticed a teal pumpkin added to Halloween decorations in the craft stores and in neighborhoods. These teal pumpkins have a special meaning and purpose. A few years ago, the Food Allergy Research & Education began a nationwide initiative to make Halloween more inclusive to children with food allergies by using a teal pumpkin to sig-

nify a safe trick or treat experience. Placing a teal pumpkin in your yard or on your porch signifies you offer a non-food treat such as small trinkets, toys, stickers, pencils, bouncy balls, bracelets or party favors as well as Halloween candy.

It is simple to participate in the teal pumpkin initiative, purchase a teal pumpkin from your local craft store or paint a real pumpkin the color teal, place it on your porch or in your yard and have non-food treats available to give children with allergies.



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October 2018 Upcoming Events:

October 2.....	National Night Out
October 5-7.....	Community Garage Sale
October 18-31.....	Elections
October 20.....	Fall Festival
October 20.....	NFWA Meeting
October 23.....	Board Meeting
October 24.....	OWLS Pot Luck Dinner

Important Reference Numbers

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Trash/ Recycle.....	817-392-1234
Water.....	817-392-4477
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VOWS (after hours).....	877-378-2388

top ten favorite Halloween Candy

Reese's Peanut Butter Cups with its
perfect blend of chocolate and peanut
butter, comes in at number **ONE**!

Number **TWO** is Snickers!

Twix, the cookie candy combo is
number **THREE**!

At number **FOUR** is the crunchy snappy Kit Kat.

M&Ms are a favorite at number **FIVE** in
plain, pretzel, peanut or caramel.

Nerds make it on the list at number **SIX**.

Chocolate, buttery and crunchy
Butterfinger is number **SEVEN**.

Sour Patch Kids win at number **EIGHT**.

The colorful chewy, sweet and sour
Skittles are number **NINE**.

And last but not least, number **TEN**
is the Hershey Bar.



POISON APPLES

2 cups granulated sugar
3/4 cups water
1/2 cup light corn syrup
Several drops black gel food coloring
Approximately six apples washed and dried.

Grease a piece of baking paper and place on a tray/baking sheet. Insert skewers or sticks into all the apples and set aside. In a medium pot, combine the sugar, water, corn syrup and food coloring and stir over medium heat until the sugar has dissolved. Allow the mixture to boil until it reaches the hard crack stage (310°F on a candy thermometer). Remove from heat and carefully dip the apples into the hot candy mixture, place on the baking paper to set and cool before serving.



HALLOWEEN DEVEILED EGGS

If you're having a party or just want something a little different and perhaps spooky to serve at dinner try making cracked finish deviled eggs. You can use any color or combination of colors and even dye the filling. Top with black sesame seeds, chia seeds or candy eyes for a spooktacular finish.

Boil your eggs and cool. Once cool roll the eggs on the counter to break the shells but leave the shells on! Prepare food coloring, gel or powder, black, red or green are excellent choices for this project. Place cracked eggs in colored water or waters and refrigerate overnight. Remove from colored water, rinse and peel. Add a few drops of food coloring to the filling also.



Things to Plant IN OCTOBER

FLOWER PLANTS: Ajuga, Alyssum, Bluebonnet, Butterfly Weed, Calendula, Candytuft, Carnation, Chinese Forget-Me-Not (*Cynoglossum amabile*), Clarkia (*Godetia*), Cornflower, Dianthus, Daisy (English and Painted), Euryops, Forget-Me-Not (*Myositis*), Gazania, Indian Blanket, Liatris, Nasturtium, Pansy, Penstemon, Petunia, Phlox (*divaricata* and *paniculata*), Obedient Plant (*Physostegia*), German Primrose (*Primula obconica*), Salvia *farinacea*, Sedum, Snapdragon, Stock.

FLOWER SEEDS: Alyssum, African Daisy (*Arctotis*), Bluebonnet, Calendula, Columbine, Coreopsis, Cornflower, Daisy, Delphinium, Hollyhock, Larkspur, Nasturtium, Pansy, Petunia, Phlox, Pinks, California Poppy, Scabiosa, Snapdragon, Stock, Sweet Pea, Viola, Wildflowers.

BULBS: Allium, Amarcrinum, Calla, Autumn Crocus (*Colchicum*), Cooperia, Daylily, Dietes, Hardy Cyclamen, Spider Lily (*Hymerocallis*), Liriope, Louisiana Iris, Ipheion, Lily, Lycoris, Oxalis, Monkey Grass, Rain Lily, Scilla, Watsonia. Purchase Tulip, Crocus, daffodil and hyacinth bulbs for chilling.

VEGETABLES: Early–Mid Month: Arugula, Broccoli, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Chinese Cabbage, Collard Greens, and Kohlrabi. Mid–Late Month: Carrot, Endive, Lettuce, Spinach, and Turnip. ALL Month: Beets, Chard, Garlic, Mustard, Multiplier Onion, and Radish. Dig sweet potatoes before first frost.

HERBS: Borage, Burnet, Caraway, Catnip, Celeriac, Chamomile, Chervil, Chives, Comfrey, Coriander, Cumin, Dill, Fennel, Fenugreek, Lemon Balm, Mexican Mint Marigold, Mint, Oregano, Parsley, Rosemary, Sage, Santolina, Winter Savory, Sorrel, Thyme, Yarrow.

THINGS TO DO IN OCTOBER

FERTILIZE: Fertilize existing beds of iris with well-rotted manure or balanced fertilizer. Reduce houseplant fertilizer by 1/2 for winter.

TRANSPLANT: Divide and transplant crowded perennials. Dig and store caladium bulbs. Dust with fungicide.

PREPARE SOIL: Mulch gingers and other tropicals that overwinter outdoors to retain warmth and moisture and to control weeds. Falling leaves make autumn a good time to start a compost pile. Shred (or mow) leaves to speed decomposition. Turn compost pile periodically and keep it moist.

LAWN CARE: Fertilize with 3-1-2-ratio fertilizer. In newly plugged lawns, sow 8 lbs. of ryegrass per 1000 sq. ft., to help hold soil. The seed grass will make a bright green carpet until spring, when hot weather will kill rye. Not recommended for established lawns. Mow every 5-7 days and leave the clippings on the lawn.

DISEASES/PESTS TO LOOK FOR: Check for cabbage loopers in the garden; spray with *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt). Make second treatment for brown patch on lawns with a history of the disease.

PRUNE: Prune shrubs as needed, but save major pruning for the winter. Remove dead and damaged wood from shrubs and trees. Make cuttings of tender plants before frost.

KEEP RATS AWAY FROM YOUR HOME

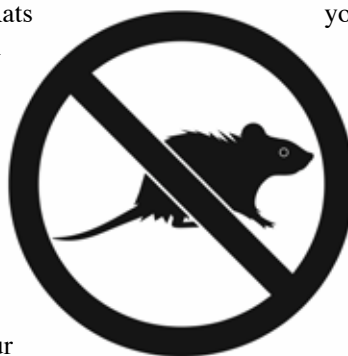
Rats live and build their nests near water and food sources such as parks, near ponds or land which isn't mowed often. Rats are drawn to bird feeders, pet food and gardens as a source of food. During warmer months, rats mostly build their nests in trees, bushes and woodpiles. Rats are also known to build nests in ornamental landscaping grasses in around the neighborhood or your yard. Some pest control professionals call these ornamental grasses 'rat condos.' One really good way to keep rats away from entering your home is to discourage them from visiting your yard. Here are a few tips to discourage rats from your yard:

- Feed your pets inside your house vs. in the backyard
- Store bird food in metal containers
- Keep your bushes trimmed up away from the ground
- Consider removing ornamental grasses or have them inspected by

a professional pest company

- Harvest any fruit or vegetables as soon as they ripen
- Keep your lawn mowed, trash in proper containers and woodpiles off the ground
- Repair any leaking water faucets

Rats prefer warm climates and as soon as the weather begins to get colder, they will look for a way to get inside your home. Rats find homes a great place to nest as well as shelter during the winter months. Rats can squeeze in through the tiniest holes in a roof, siding and around the foundation of your home. A hole the size of a quarter is all a rat needs to enter your home. Here are a few tips to protect your



home from rats.

- Inspect the foundation, roof and siding for any holes and seal the holes with steel wool or copper mesh
- Inspect pipes and wiring where they enter your home for any open spaces and use caulk to seal them
- Inspect the dryer vent making sure there's a screen covering the opening to prevent rats from entering

If you have seen a rat in your home, you have options of ridding rats yourself with snapping traps, rat poison or glue traps. However, these options will require you to remove the rat carcass and risk transmission of any disease. It is recommended you call a professional pest control company to effectively remove and rid your home of rats.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – OCTOBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 VOWS Homeschool Group 1-3:30pm	2 National Night Out	3 VOWS OWLS 10-11:30am	4 Cowtown Stackers 5-6pm	5 Community Garage Sale	6 Community Garage Sale
7 Community Garage Sale	8 VOWS Homeschool Group 1-3:30pm	9 Craft Day	10 VOWS OWLS 10-11:30am	11 Daytime Crafters Cowtown Stackers 5-6pm	12	13
14	15 VOWS Homeschool Group 1-3:30pm	16	17 VOWS OWLS 10-11:30am	18 Cowtown Stackers 5-6pm	19 Early Voting	20 NFWA Meeting 8-11am Fall Fest 4-7pm
21	22 Early Voting	23 Early Voting Board Meeting 6:30pm	24 Early Voting	25 Early Voting	26 Early Voting	27 Early Voting
28 Early Voting	29 Early Voting	30 Early Voting	31 Early Voting			

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