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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.

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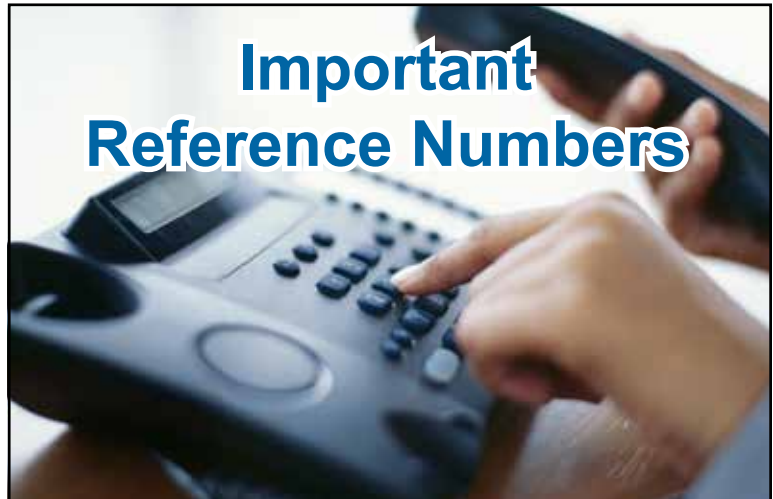


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January 2019 Upcoming Events:

January 1st..... New Year's Day
January 10th..... Daytime Crafters
January 10th..... Scrapbook Night
January 19th..... NFWA Meeting
January 22nd..... Board Meeting

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- Access appropriate association records.
- Prudent financial management of fees and other assessments.
- Live in a community where the property is maintained according to established standards.
- Fair treatment regarding financial and other association obligations, including the opportunity to discuss payment plans and options before the association takes any legal action, and the right to appeal decisions.
- Receive all rules and regulations governing the community association—if not prior to purchase and settlement, then upon joining the community.

You also have the responsibility to . . .

- Maintain your property according to established standards.
- Treat association leaders with honesty and respect.
- Read and comply with rules and regulations of the community and ensure that your tenants and guest do too.
- Vote in community elections and on other issues.
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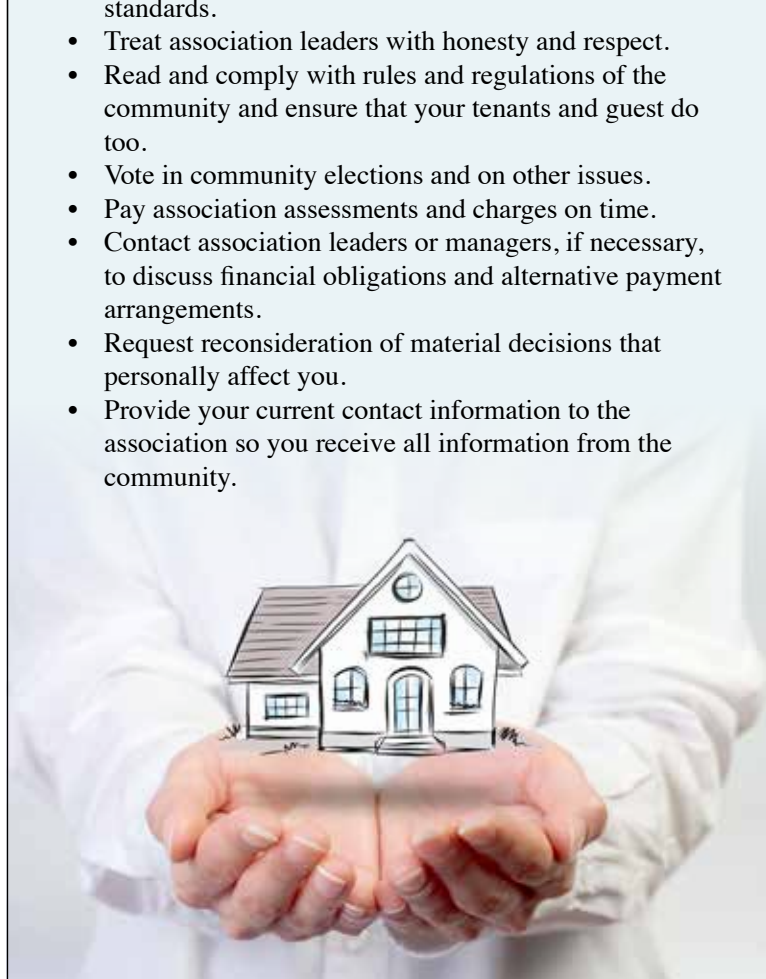
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Breakfast with Santa

Santa made a grand appearance in VOWS! Everyone enjoyed breakfast provided by Elote, crafts, and of course getting to meet Santa! Thank you to the many volunteers who made this event possible!



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

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Winter Pet Safety

We love our pets, so keeping them safe in the winter-time should be a top priority. See below for some friendly reminders detailing how you can ensure your pet stays warm, happy and out of harm's way even on the dreariest of winter days.

Beware of sidewalk salt and de-icer. Pets' paws are extremely sensitive, so prolonged exposure to sidewalk salt can be problematic. If you walk your dog regularly in areas where sidewalk salt is used during inclement weather, wipe the underside of paws with warm water and a clean towel when you go back inside. Doing so also eliminates risk of ingestion if your pup licks its paws often. Keep an eye on your pet's toe pads for severe dryness, cracking or bleeding.

Bring pets indoors. Just as in summer months when temperatures reach extreme highs, pets should be brought inside during extreme wintertime lows. This applies for daytime and nighttime temperatures, so check your local weather daily and limit your pup's outside time if the forecast is looking chilly. And remember—if you're uncomfortable with the outside air temperature, chances are your pet is too.

Bundle them up! When pets do go outside during the cold winter months, those with thinner fur coats may need extra warmth. Your local pet store should have an assortment of extra layers for your dog—even winter boots for pups who need extra paw protection from the cold and ice. Only add layers if your pet can truly benefit. If you're unsure, ask your veterinarian.



Keep your pet active and out of trouble. During inclement weather when you can't make it outside with your pup, set aside some extra time during the day to make sure they have some exercise—even 15 minutes of playtime helps. Paying attention to your pup keeps them engaged and happy, and ensures no bad behavior caused by boredom.

CODE BLUE CONNECTION

Teaching Our Children about the Police

Many of us adults learned about life lessons from our parents, school or maybe even Mr. Roger's. In today's world of video games, super heroes and make believe, a child may get a false impression of good and evil. As a parent we need to reinforce "Human Helpers" to our children. We all want our children to feel a comfort knowing their parents will provide and protect them. Outside of the home, a child needs to feel secure in their surroundings too. That's why it's important we teach our children that the police are protectors, human helpers who will keep them safe. They need to know the police officer wears a badge because they have taken a sworn oath to protect all people. The officer puts their own life on the line every day to protect all people from evil. We need to reinforce that the officer is their friend, a trusted person who will help them in a time of need.



Our children should also understand that people with authority should be respected. A child's attitude towards a police officer begins with a parent's attitude towards an officer. A parent's sarcasm or disregard toward law enforcement, produces a child's disrespect towards law enforcement. It's important to remember our children learn from us.

Our new North Division Police Station wants to reach out and engage the community. In the lobby is a small library that was created so children can learn about police officers. Everyone is invited to bring a child to read and learn. The community room can be reserved as a meeting area or a lecture room. The community is encouraged to stop by for a visit. The new North Division Police Station is located at 8755 N. Riverside Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76244.

Officer Barry Sawyer #3199 is our Neighborhood Police Officer. If you would like him to speak to your child or a group, please contact him at 817 392-3177 (Office) or barry.sawyer@fortworthtexas.gov.

Cindy Strause is the North Division Code Blue Coordinator. If you would like to know more about the Citizen's on Patrol program, please contact her at 817 392-3172 (Office) or cindy.strause@fortworthtexas.gov.



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Why Make New Year's Resolutions?

A New Year is an opportunity to improve yourself, your habits and your outlook perhaps making you a better, healthier and nicer self. Whether you join a gym, begin a new hobby, choose a better diet or decide to get rid of a bad habit, the New Year is a great place to start, a fresh beginning.

How few there are who have courage enough to own their faults, or resolution enough to mend them

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

It takes courage to make a resolution, to rise above your normal responses and actions, to make better decisions for better life outcomes. You should make New Year's resolutions to learn new skills, choose to be kind, think positive thoughts, get more exercise and improve yourself. By improving yourself, you improve your community and your city. Have courage and resolution to make changes this year.

What will your New Year's resolution be?

RECIPES from our cookbook NEW YEARS EVE party

CHIPPED BEEF CHEESE BALL

- 3 pkgs. of cream cheese**
- 3 pkgs. sliced beef lunch meat (chopped)**
- 2 bunches green onions (chopped)**
- Worcester sauce to taste**
- Salt to taste**

Mix together and form ball and chill. Can be formed into molds (lay down plastic wrap first).

HOLIDAY SANDWICH LOAF

- 2 lb. loaf bread (chilled)**

HAM FILLING

- 1 cup ground cooked ham**
- 1/3 cup sour cream**
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts**
- 1/4 cup pickle relish**

CHEESE FILLING

- 1 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese**
- 1/4 cup butter**
- 1/8 tsp. cayenne pepper**

CHICKEN FILLING

- 1 cup chopped chicken**
- 1 8 1/2 oz. crushed pineapple**
- 1/3 cup sour cream**
- 1/2 tsp celery salt**

FROSTING

- 2 8 oz. cream cheese**
- 1/2 cup sour cream**

Slice crust of bread length wise. Butter each side of bread that will have a filling against it (this keeps



CHIPPED BEEF
CHEESE BALL

the filling from seeping into bread). Put chilled fillings on bread and chill loaf until time to frost. Frost one hour before servings.

TORTILLA ROLLUPS

- 1 (8 oz.) pkgs. Cream Cheese**
- 1 (8 oz.) pkgs. Chive & Onion cream cheese**
- 1/2 tsp. Salt**
- 2 tbsp. El Fenix Hot Sauce**
- 2 tbsp. Pace Picante Sauce**
- 1 (10 ct.) pkg. Flour Burrito Tortillas**

Mix ingredients into cream cheese. Spread cream cheese mixture on tortillas and roll. Chill. Cut into inch sized sections and serve with picante sauce.

WHITE CHOCOLATE TRASH

- 3 cups Rice Chex Cereal**
- 3 cups Wheat Chex Cereal**
- 3 cups Cheerios Cereal**
- 1 1/2 bags White Chocolate Chips (3 cups)**
- 2 cups Honey Roasted Peanuts**
- 1 bag (1 lb) regular M&M's**
- 1 bag (1 lb) Peanut or Almond M&M's**
- 2 cups stick Pretzels**

In a LARGE bowl mix together all ingredients except the white chocolate chips. Melt the white chocolate chips and pour over mixture in bowl. Mix gently until all coated. Let set in bowl 30 minutes or so to dry. You can use

seasonally colored M&M's to make it look festive!

STUFFED MUSHROOMS (ELKES)

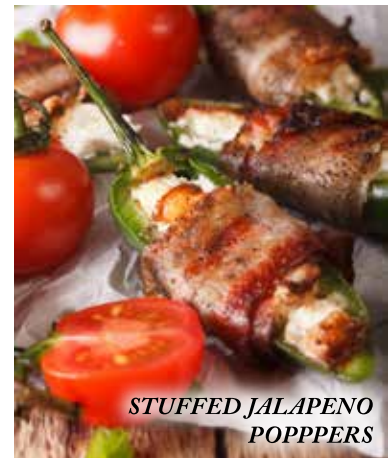
- 1 lb. Breakfast Sausage**
- 1 tsp. Crushed Red Pepper**
- 8 oz. Cream Cheese**
- 1 cup Monterrey Jack Cheese**
- 2 dz. Mushrooms (cleaned and trimmed)***
- *save trimmings and chop into sausage**

Cook sausage and mushroom trimmings with crushed red pepper and cool to room temperature. Fold in cream cheese and Monterrey jack cheese. Stuff mushrooms. Bake @ 350 for 15 minutes or until hot. Makes 2 dozen.

CHEESE LOG

- 1 pkg. Cream Cheese (8 oz.)**
- 2 lbs. Sharp Cheddar Cheese, finely grated**
- 1 cup finely chopped pecan pieces**
- 2 cloves of garlic (or 2 tsp. chopped)**
- Chili Powder (lots! Spice jar full!)**
- Wax Paper and Foil**

1. Blend together (you can use a food processor if you have one). Add a couple of shakes of chili powder too.
2. Divide in half and mix thoroughly with hands to blend all together smoothly. Divide into 4 equal quarters and roll each



STUFFED JALAPENO
POPPERS

quarter into a 2 inch diameter log (about the size of a Ritz cracker). On a sheet of wax paper coat the out side if each log totally in chili powder. Wrap in wax paper and over wrap with foil tucking ends over to seal. Keep refrigerated.
3. Slice and place on crackers and serve! Will keep for a little over a week but never more than two weeks!

STUFFED JALAPENO POPPERS

- 1 lb. ground sausage**
- 1 pkg. taco seasoning**
- 1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened**
- 1 pkg. bacon (thin sliced)**
- 1 lb. large fresh jalapeno peppers**

1. Place sausage in a skillet over medium heat, and cook until brown. Drain grease and mix in the taco seasoning. In a bowl, mix the sausage and cream cheese. Slice your peppers in half; Make sure you remove the seeds and ribs from the pepper. (You may want to wear gloves while handling the peppers so you don't end up getting the juices in your eyes later on!) Spoon about 1 tablespoon sausage mixture into each jalapeno half.
2. Wrap thin sliced bacon around each stuffed pepper and secure with a soaked wooden toothpick. Wrap a slice of bacon around each pepper. Secure the bacon with a wooden toothpick. (You may want to soak wooden toothpicks in water before you begin to prevent burning.)
3. Grill or broil the poppers until the bacon is cooked.



TORTILLA ROLLUPS
(see previous page)

B-L-T POPPERS

- 16** cherry tomatoes
- 1** lb. bacon, cooked & crumbled
- ½** cup mayonnaise
- ⅓** cup green onion, finely chopped
- 3** tbsp. parmesan cheese, finely grated
- 2** tbsp. parsley, finely chopped

1. Cut a thin slice off the top of each tomato. Scoop out and discard pulp.
2. Turn tomatoes upside down on a paper towel to drain. In a small bowl, combine the remaining ingredients and mix well.
3. Spoon filling into tomatoes, mounding slightly.
4. Cover and chill in the refrigerator for at least 2 hours.

Tip: I use a metal 1/4 tsp measuring spoon to scoop out the tomatoes.

LONE STAR CAVIAR

- 1** 2 oz. jar diced pimentos, drained
- 1** cup red onion, chopped
- 1** cup celery, chopped
- 1** red bell pepper, chopped
- 3** cans black eyed peas, drained & rinsed
- 1** 4 oz. can chopped green chili peppers, drained

Mix all ingredients together.

DRESSING

- ⅔** cup vinegar
- ⅔** cup sugar

- ½** cup oil
- 1** tsp. seasoned salt
- ½** tsp. black pepper
- 1** tsp. minced fresh garlic

Mix all ingredients together in a large bowl. Pour dressing mixture over salad and mix. Chill over night. Serve as a side salad or use as a dip. Enjoy!

CHEESY SAUSAGE BALLS

(Cooks.com or yummlly.com)

Family Size Recipe (makes 24)

- 3** cups Bisquick
- 1** lbs. breakfast sausage
- 4** cups cheddar cheese
- ½** cup grated parmesan
- 4** green onions, chopped
- ¾** tsp. crushed red pepper
- 1** cup water

Party Size Recipe (makes 48)

- 6** cups Bisquick
- 2** lbs. breakfast sausage
- 8** cups cheddar cheese
- 1** cup grated parmesan
- 8** green onions chopped
- 1 ½** tsp. crushed red pepper
- 2** cups water

Mix together, drop by teaspoon and form balls and bake for 15 -20 minutes at 275 degrees. Spray Baking Pan or Foil with Pam Spray!!! Spray even when reheating! Make ahead of time because they reheat wonderfully! Freezes well too! To reheat, loosely cover in foil to keep from drying out and reheat in 350 degree oven.



CHEESY SAUSAGE BALLS

TWO-PEPPER TOMATO RELISH

(Better Homes & Gardens)

- 1** cup red bell pepper, chopped
- 1** cup tomato, seeded & chopped
- ½** cup red onion, finely chopped
- ¾** serrano pepper, seeded & chopped
- 2** tbsp. balsamic vinegar
- ¼** tsp salt

Combine all ingredients in a medium bowl. Cover and chill in the refrigerator for 2 hours. Great for hamburgers, hot dogs and brats. Yields 2 ½ cups (20 servings).

SAUSAGE BREAD

Andrea Immer Robison
(Pairings with Andrea)

- 12** oz pork or turkey sausage
- 3** cloves garlic, mashed and minced
- 1 ½** cups grated mozzarella cheese

- ½** cup freshly grated parmesan cheese
- 1** can refrigerated pizza dough
- 1** large egg, beaten
- 1** tbsp. oregano

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Over medium heat, add sausage, 2. garlic and oregano to heated skillet, Cook, stirring until sausage is browned. Remove from heat and spoon sausage onto paper towel-lined plate to drain.
3. On lightly flowered surface, roll pizza crust dough into and 8 x 12 inch rectangle. Spread sausage along center of dough, then top with cheeses. Fold long sides of dough over sausage and cheese mixture, overlapping. Fold ends over slightly.
4. Transfer to baking sheet sprayed with cooking spray, seams side down. Brush top and sides with beaten egg.
5. Bake for 20-25 minutes until golden brown. Remove from oven and cool on baking rack.
6. Cut into one-inch thick slices and serve. Yields 6 servings.

AMENITY CENTER RULES & REGULATIONS

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.



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Reduce Your Carbon Footprint

There are many small changes you can make to your outdoor—and indoor—surroundings to adopt environmentally conscious habits that could reduce your carbon footprint. Luckily, making careful choices can be easy with the right tools and information. Check out the following advice for taking a few small steps to a more sustainable living space. Remember to check the association's CC&Rs for guidelines and possible restrictions prior to beginning any projects.

Try composting. Compost is a natural way to enrich planting and gardening soil with nutrients from kitchen waste like apple cores, banana peels and coffee grounds mixed with plant matter like yard clippings and fallen leaves. The keys to successful compost are time, ventilation and heat. You can start with a medium-sized container and a lid that includes ventilation holes placed in direct sunlight, if possible. Remember to be mindful of where you place the compost on your property to decrease the likelihood of offensive odors seeping into your neighbor's living space.

Grow your own herbs and garden veggies. Even if you don't have an outdoor gardening space, you still can grow herbs and vegetables indoors in small containers. Herbs like oregano, rosemary and mint require little maintenance and can thrive if placed near a bright or sunny window. Vegetables like tomatoes and carrots also can be grown indoors with the proper care. Check your local home improvement store for seed packets and guides for getting started. And, don't forget to use your compost to enrich that soil!

Consider using drip irrigation. Drip irrigation uses a slow-drip watering method to hydrate your lawn and garden on an ongoing basis instead of running a sprinkler system or hose for several intermittent periods. Running drip irrigation often can be both a cost-efficient and environmentally responsible alternative to traditional watering methods, but be sure to consult a landscape professional to learn about which plants and foliage benefit most.

Use solar-friendly outdoor lights. Several products on the market now employ the use of small solar sensors or panels to help reduce the amount of electricity used for outdoor lighting accessories. Semi solar-powered lantern lights, walkway illuminators and attached light fixtures are available at many home improvement stores. Opt for energy efficient light bulbs to go with your solar-friendly outdoor lighting accessories whenever possible.



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VOWS OWLS

Older, Wiser, Lively Seniors



Every Wednesday
VOWS Amenity
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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.




NOTARY ON SITE

Notary Public services are now at the VOWS HOA office. Services are provided by appointment only.

Please call or send an email to claudia.lindsey@fsresidential.com to schedule and appointment.

Services are free to VOWS residents.



Thank you!

handwritten THANK YOU NOTES

It may seem old fashioned to hand write thank you notes, but it is the right thing to do. An emoji, a post on a social media site or text from your phone can be cute and fun but should not take precedent over a hand written note. By writing a thank you note for Christmas gifts, birthday gifts or an act of kindness, you are expressing your personal gratitude to the giver and reaching within yourself, exploring exactly how you feel. Having gratitude is good for you. A study was conducted with a group of people that were asked to write short simple gratitude notes and after the study was concluded their brains continued to feel thankful for months. The more you practice gratitude the more your body benefits.

It might take a little longer to sit down, pick up a pen and actually write a note, but the receiver of the note will appreciate you even more. Hand written notes and letters were the only way of communicating for centuries and continue to be warm and personal today. Set yourself apart, write a thank you note and make someone's day.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

*If you'd like to inform residents of a club, group, hobby, or interest, let us know - email the management office at vows.admin@fsresidential.com with the subject **ACTIVITIES**. Only residents who are current with VOWS HOA assessments may participate. All meetings below are at the Amenity Center unless otherwise noted. Please note that scheduled activities or details may change after The Woodland Word goes to print, but up-to-date info can be found at: www.woodlandspringshoa.com/community-events-calendar/*

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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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COVENANT CORNER

A quorum is the minimum number of owners who must be at a meeting before business can be transacted. State law tells us what that minimum number is for our association. Achieving quorum is a common problem in many associations.

Meetings that don't have a quorum must be adjourned and re-scheduled at a later date. This costs the association money and creates more work. And, achieving a quorum at a second meeting—if we couldn't get one the first time—is even harder.

So, why bother to try again? Because the board is legally obligated to conduct an annual meeting. It's an important part of conducting association business. During the annual meeting, new board members are elected and the coming year's budget is presented to the homeowners for approval. No quorum—no election, no budget. This means the current directors will have to continue serving until an election can be conducted. It also means that last year's budget will remain in effect until a valid meeting (one with a quorum) can be held to approve a new budget.

Good news: You can be "at" a meeting and across the country at the same time by signing a proxy! That's how you assign your vote, in writing, to another person. Proxies count toward the quorum, so they're very important to the association.

We ask you to complete a proxy form, even if you plan to attend the meeting. That's just in case something comes up that prevents you from attending. And, when you do attend the meeting, your proxy will be returned to you.

Good Winter Practices

- ✓ Keep your water bottle filled, even in the cold weather. Your body loses approximately eight cups of water each day even when you do not sweat as much. Be sure to replenish your body with at least eight cups of water a day.
- ✓ Winter can leave your skin vulnerable to dryness. Keep your skin hydrated with moisturizing lotions and soothing oils. A humidifier also helps to keep your skin less dry and protected from winter's harshness.
- ✓ Despite the winter temperatures, keep active. Go for a brisk walk or try to balance on an exercise ball (working on your core) while watching television. Keeping active during winter can keep you healthy and keep the winter blues away.
- ✓ Shorter days during winter can affect your sleep cycle. Keep track of your sleep making sure you get seven to eight hours of sleep.



Snowflake Cookies

2 c. sugar	2 t. vanilla extract
½ c. vegetable oil	2 cups flour
4 (1-oz.) squares unsweetened chocolate (melted)	2 t. baking powder
4 eggs (not 3)	½ t. salt
	¾ c. sifted powdered sugar

Combine first 3 ingredients in large bowl; beat at medium speed of mixer until blended. Add eggs and vanilla and mix well. Combine flour, baking powder, and salt. Add about ¼ of dry mixture at a time to chocolate mixture, mixing after each addition. Cover and chill for at least 2 hours. Shape into 1-inch balls and roll in powdered sugar. Place 2-inches apart on greased sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes. Don't overbake! Make 8 dozen.



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SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR WINTER

Headtrip

Preparedness is paramount when it comes to road trips year-round, and hitting the road for a long drive during winter months is no exception. With an increased risk of potential driving hazards like sleet, snow, strong winds and frigid temperatures, it's a good idea to think about ways to ensure you'll travel safely.

Consider the following tips when preparing for your winter road trip:

- **Invest in an emergency kit for your vehicle.** Available at most major retailers, these kits are relatively inexpensive and contain items like flares, booster cables, flashlights, ponchos and first aid supplies for minor injuries.
- **Develop a contingency plan.** Create a strategy for dealing with a flat tire, vehicle accident, dead battery or other potential travel delays. Keep a hard-copy list of people or businesses to contact for help should you need it.
- **Stay in touch.** Check in with a designated contact during your journey with updates on your location, delays encountered or unexpected situations that require longer travel time. When driving, remember always to pull off the road before using your cell phone.
- **Check the local weather report before heading out.** Winter weather can be tricky and forecasts aren't always accurate. You can double check your destination's weather history on a variety of websites to determine typical conditions to expect in that area during your travels.
- **Store warm clothes and blankets in your vehicle.** Be prepared to stay warm if you're stuck for extended periods by keeping a blanket or two in your car. Also, pack a small travel case with snow boots, socks, gloves, a scarf, hat and heavy sweater in case you need to leave your vehicle.
- **Review your travel route without GPS.** Read through detailed driving directions, including alternate routes, so you know your options. Also consider keeping a map handy in case your navigation system is compromised during your trip.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – JANUARY 2019

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

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