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The Villages of
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Homeowners' Association

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Thank you to all the volunteers who participated in this year's Cowtown Great American Cleanup by picking up trash on Saturday, March 30th. The parks look wonderful thanks to your efforts.

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May 2019 Upcoming Events:

May 9th.....Daytime Crafters
May 9th.....Scrapbook Night
May 10th.....Bingo
May 11th.....Mother-Son Social
May 11th.....Wellness Fair
May 18th.....NFWA Meeting



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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

VOWS OWLS

Over 50? Meet fun folks at our weekly event. Bingo, card games, exercise classes and potlucks are just a few of the future activities planned. Our goal is to bring together senior residents in our community for fun activities. Meets every Wednesday at 10:00 AM in the Amenity Center.

DAYTIME CRAFTERS

Crafters group that meets monthly at the Amenity Center. Open to anyone in the HOA. Bring any project you want to work on or just come and see what others are doing. Bring your own food and drink and feel free to come and go at any time. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors, share ideas and have fun. Email Janas Horner at janashorner@earthlink.net for more information.

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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 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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Mothers invite your sons to the Mother-Son Social on **May 11th** from **10:30-12:30** at the **Amenity Center**, 12209 Timberland Blvd.

Brunch will be served by Our Brunch Spot while boys can plant and paint a potted flower for their moms. Critter Man will be there with his furry friends educating children on local wildlife.

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Officer Barry Sawyer #3199

Officer Barry Sawyer is our (NPO) Neighborhood Police Officer. What does that mean to our community? It means he is the liaison between the community and the Fort Worth Police Department. Officer Sawyer's beat runs from Hwy 377 on the East to I 35 on the West side and from Hwy 170 to Keller Hicks Rd. going North and South. His beat consists of many residential neighborhoods, apartments, retail as well as industries along I 35 and Hwy 170.

Woodland Springs is the biggest neighborhood on the beat. Others include Saratoga, Steadman Farms, Harvest Ridge, Rolling Meadows, Timberland Estates, Vista Greens, and the Laotian Temple.

Officer Sawyer follows up on the reported crime on his beat, acts as the go-to person when residents contact a councilmember and is the Coordinator for the Off-Duty Officers in Woodland Springs. He is also responsible for the Citizens on Patrol volunteers on the beat. When he acts on crime trends, he communicates that information to his volunteers. It's



important for them to know which areas need more attention. It's also important that the volunteers are kept safe.

The NPO's find ways to present the Code Blue program to communities and provide training. Increasing the volunteer base, helps to keep the crime low. Training the volunteers is another important responsibility. The training consists of a four-hour class taught by the

NPO's and is offered when there are enough interested in the class.

The North Division Command Staff and NPO's hold monthly meetings with all the volunteers in the new Community Room at 8755 N. Riverside. The meetings consist of training, crime trends and a great time to get to know all the Officers and Command Staff.

Most NPO's hold a monthly Beat meeting with their volunteers as well. These meetings are used to talk about the crime on the Beat as well as training exercises to keep the volunteers safe. All volunteers stay very well informed.

Next time you see Officer Sawyer wave and tell him "Thank You" for all he does for our community. Officer Barry Sawyer makes himself available to the community Monday through Friday. His office phone is 817 392-3177 or email him at Barry.Sawyer@fortworthtexas.gov.

If you are interested in the Code Blue Citizen's On Patrol program, please contact Cindy Strause at Cindy.Strause@fortworthtexas.gov.



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DFWHS Pet of the Month

Meet Dozer and Tonka!

Let me tell you a bit about my brother Dozer and me. We are brothers-from-the- same mother! Seriously, we were born in the same litter and have been together all our lives. We are now 6 years old and still rely on each other, so we want to find a home together. You may be thinking, "How can I handle two German Shepherd mixes all at once?" Don't worry yourself with that. We are really chill dogs. We hang out together and play together and enjoy spending time with humans together. The only thing that you really need to know is that we need a home without any horses or chickens. That's not too much to ask is it? Also, when you come to see us, if I'm barking when you get to my kennel, don't let that stop you from asking to meet us. I get a bit overstimulated in the kennel and I like to look out for my brother. Once we're out in a yard, we just want to hang out and enjoy everyone's company! Let's meet — at DFW Humane Society (www.dfwhumane.com)

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CONNECT RESIDENT PORTAL

What is the Connect Resident Portal?

The Connect Resident Portal is a client-facing portal for residents living in communities managed by FirstService Residential. The portal allows residents to access pertinent community information and connect with other residents, board members and the management team. Residents and board members can access this powerful portal from their computers, smartphones or tablets.

How Do Residents Register?

Visit the portal, <https://thevillagesofwoodlandsprings.connectresident.com/>, to begin registration. Residents can register using an email address.

Residents Can:

- Download meeting minutes and financial documents
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Home owners 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

Late Fees on Past Due Assessments

Semi-annual assessments are due on January 1st and July 1st each year. Please pay the full amount due by January 30th and July 30th respectively, or late fees will occur. Payments can be made online at ClickPay.com, the online payment provider for FirstService Residential. Homeowners can make one-time payments or set up monthly payments through ClickPay. Payments can be made by e-check (ACH) for free, or by credit/debit card for a small processing fee. Get started by creating your account at www.ClickPay.com/FirstService. For help getting started, visit www.ClickPay.com/GetHelp or call 1-888-354-0135.



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5.3.16 Residential Use. The use of a lot is limited exclusively to residential purposes or any other use permitted by this Declaration. This residential restriction does not, however, prohibit a resident from using a dwelling for personal business or professional pursuits provided that: (1) the uses are incidental to the use of the dwelling as a residence; (2) the uses conform to applicable governmental ordinances; (3) there is no external evidence of the uses; (4) the uses do not entail visits to the lot by employees or the public in quantities that materially increase the number of vehicles parked on the street; and (5) the uses do not interfere with residents' use and enjoyment of neighboring Lots.

Free Little Library

Have you heard the great news? VOWS now has a Free Little Library located right outside the Amenity Center. Please bring books you would like to share, and borrow a new one as well. We are so thankful for the volunteer who built this amazing addition to our community.



Yippee! School's Out for Summer!!

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

YEAR AT A GLANCE

April 27th-29th
Community Garage Sale

May 11th
Mother Son Social

May 11th
Health Fair

June 8th
School's Out Luau

June 29th
4th of July Celebration

August 3rd
Back to School
Celebration

October 4th-6th
Community Garage Sale

October 12th
Fall Festival

October 26th
Goat Yoga

November 9th
BBQ Cookoff

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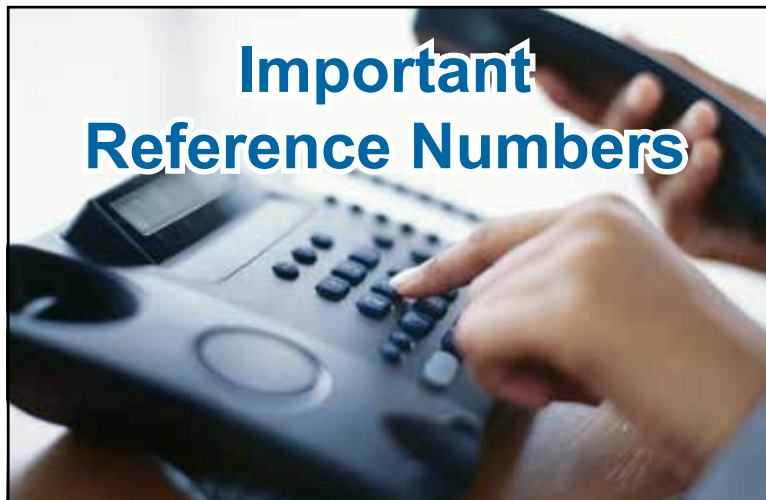
Yard of the Month



Congratulations to the homeowners at **3505 Elm Grove** for the Most Beautiful Yard in VOWS for March 2019. 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!

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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.

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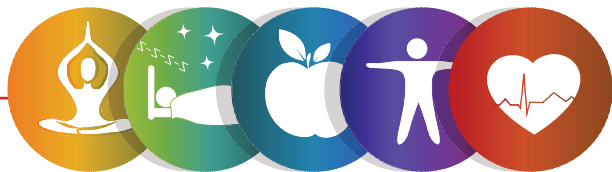
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Meet Lola Catron (1)

Diagnosis: Double Inlet Single Left Ventricle Hypoplastic Aortic Arch with an Atrial Septal Defect

Lola was born with CHD on October 4th 2016. Within the first 3 days of life she had her first Open Heart Surgery (OHS), the Norwood Procedure. The first 5 weeks of life were very tough and go for Lola, but she came out strong in the end. On Christmas day Lola's heart function started declining fast and she was hospitalized for the third time. On January 3rd Lola had her second OHS, the Glenn Procedure. Despite these invasive procedures Lola's CHD journey is far from over. She will have a third OHS the summer before her third birthday, and a Heart Transplant later in life. This is a disease Lola will face for the rest of her life. But with more awareness and better funding for research we can help children like Lola have a future.

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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, Amarcinum, 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, Germanium, 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.

LAWNCARE: 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.

SPRING UP YOUR FRONT DOOR



As seasons come and go, changing your front door decorations can be an easy way to spruce up and spring up the curb appeal of your home. You do not need a complete make over, simply changing a wreath, adding seasonal flowers, alternating little garden flags and replacing a worn out welcome mat can create a beautiful setting for the season.

Wreaths are the standard in door decorations! A grapevine wreath is one of the best bases as it can easily be updated and used over and over again. Tuck in a few colorful floral stems, bluebonnet stems or sunflower stems, and greenery then wrap ribbon around the wreath and hang it on your door. You can get as fancy and detailed in adding elements to your wreath as you want but even a just few sprigs of color on the wreath will spring up your front door. If you tuck and wrap vs. using a hot glue gun, the floral stems and ribbon can be removed and your wreath is ready for the next season of decorating.

Using real seasonal flowers placed

in pretty garden pots on your front porch adds color and warmth each season. Choose a flower that is best for the amount of sun and heat your front porch receives. Depending on how large your front porch, use several heights and sizes of garden pots mixed with vines and flowers to enhance and add depth to your front porch.

Front door mats have come a long way from just 'welcome'. There are clever mats with sayings, flower covered mats, personalized mats, and every kind of mat you can think of for each holiday and occasions. Changing and replacing your mat to match the season is a fun way to spring up your front door.

Garden flags are a really cute way to celebrate the seasons. The wire flag holder and flags can be purchased at any craft store or DIY store. The flags are endless in their designs for seasons, holidays, personalization, occasions and can be collected and used year after year.

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Gifts for Mom

Do you need gift ideas for Mother's Day?
Here are a few ideas for the moms in your life.

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A **Felt Letter Board** is a super fun mother's day gift for home, kitchen or office. These boards come in all colors, shapes and sizes. Moms can display inspirational quotes, silly

jokes, birthday celebrations, holiday sayings, and OH so much more. You can purchase felt letter boards on Amazon, Hobby Lobby and Michaels.

A **Jewelry Snug by Meggie** is a wonderful gift for every woman. The Jewelry Snug is the greatest way to protect and pack jewelry as well as keep necklaces and bracelets from tangling. Even if your mom doesn't travel the world, placing jewelry to and from the gym or if your mom is a woman on the go; Jewelry Snugs are perfect to carry in purses and bags. This product is made of clear vinyl sheets that cling together. Simply place jewelry in between the vinyl sheets, press together and your jewelry is snug, no tangles. These wonders can be purchased at Walmart and Amazon.



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Reversible tote bags are stylish and hip bags large enough to carry a laptop, books, clothing, files and endless other necessities a mom might need to go to the office, gym or shopping. These bags are usually a faux leather look and being reversible, it's like two bags in one. Reversible bags can be found at Neiman Marcus and Nordstrom but can also be found at Walmart and Target. Any mom would appreciate this bag and this gift might become her favorite gift ever!

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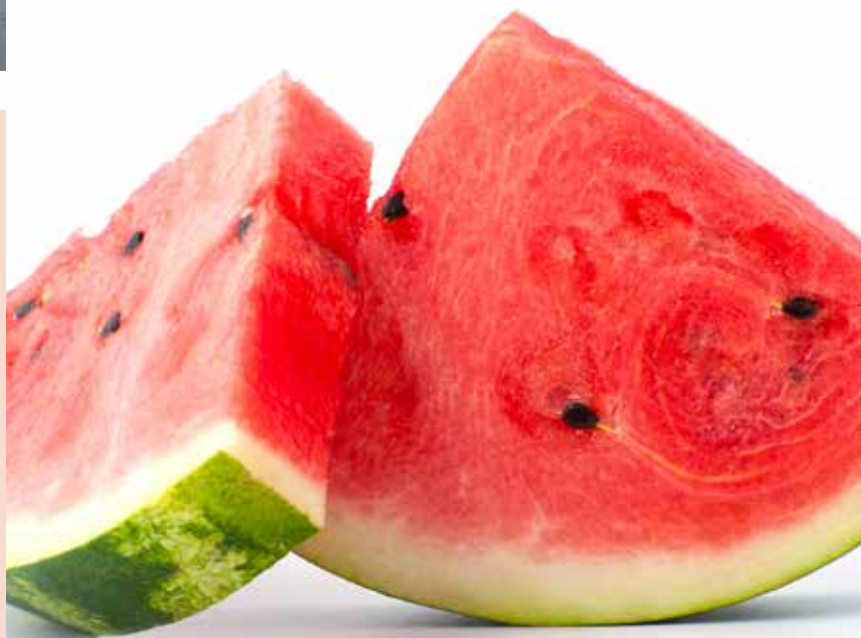
4 cups chopped seedless watermelon
2 tablespoons lime juice (one fresh lime)
1 tablespoon confectioners' sugar

Puree watermelon in a blender. Add sugar, lime juice and ice to watermelon, blend until smooth. Pour in glasses and add sprig of mint, watermelon wedge or orange slice for garnish.

WATERMELON TOMATO SALSA

1 cup chopped watermelon
1 cup chopped cantaloupe
¼ chopped fresh cilantro
1 ½ cups chopped red onion
1 tomato, seeded and chopped
1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and chopped
¼ cup lime juice

Mix all the ingredients in a large bowl, season with salt and paper. Refrigerate 4 hours. Serve cold.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MAY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Early Voting	2 Early Voting	3 Early Voting	4 Early Voting
5	6	7	8 VOWS OWLS 10-11:30am	9 Daytime Crafters 10am-2pm Cowtown Stackers 5-6pm Scrapbook Night 6-9pm	10 Bingo	11 Mother-Son Social 10:30am-12:30pm Wellness Fair 2-5pm
12	13	14	15 VOWS OWLS 10-11:30am	16 Cowtown Stackers 5-6pm	17	18 NFWA Meeting
19	20	21	22 VOWS OWLS 10-11:30am	23 Cowtown Stackers 5-6pm	24	25
26	27	28 Early Voting	29 Early Voting	30 Early Voting	31 Early Voting	



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