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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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Stay Safe in the Water

Swimming is one of the many joys of summer, and we hope you're able to make good use of the association's pool. While we want to make sure all our residents and guests have fun in and around the water, our top priority is safety. Please take note of the association pool rules, and follow them to help keep everyone safe.

Pool rules promote safety, but safety is largely up to you: it's important to take precautions and be prepared for emergencies.

- Make sure you, your family and your guests know how to swim properly. If you don't, there are plenty of swimming classes for people of all ages.
- Always supervise children while they're around the pool, no matter how well they can swim. It only takes one misstep for someone to get hurt.
- Take note where the reach pole, emergency phone and life preservers are located in the pool area.
- Most importantly, consider learning CPR if you haven't already. This simple life-saving technique could save a life should an accident occur.

There's plenty of fun to be had at the pool, and knowing how to stay safe in the water will help make this a great summer. For more safety tips, go to www.poolsafely.gov.



EASY FOURTH OF JULY DECORATIONS

Red, white and blue napkins

Use red, white and blue bandanas as napkins for an inexpensive and fun splash of color. Tuck spoons, forks and knives in a bandana, tie with string.

Flowers

Place white flowers in three clear vases, then use red food coloring to tint the water red in one vase, blue food coloring in another vase for blue water, leave the remaining vase with only water for a vivid table setting.

Patriotic Mason jars

Layer red, white and blue rice in Mason jars and top with tea light. Place long grain rice in plastic bags, add drops of dye and shake to desired colors of red and blue. Fill a Mason jar with third each of red rice, white rice and blue rice then place a tea light gently in the top layer of rice.

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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. Now offering citizenship classes.

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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4th Job July

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YEAR AT A GLANCE

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

December 7th
Breakfast with Santa



Yard of the Month



Congratulations to the homeowners at **11728 Wild Pear Ln.** for the Most Beautiful Yard in VOWS for April 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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Thinking of renting the Amenity Center for a party or event?

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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.

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.



LANDSCAPING

Landscaping is a significant expense for our association; but, it's also a major factor in curb appeal. Our board considers it a long-term investment in the community. Consider the value of landscaping to our community.

- Landscaping saves money. Replacing turf for perennial or drought-tolerant ground cover reduces maintenance and water use.
- Landscaping can screen unsightly utility boxes or antennae, reduce noise and provide privacy.
- A well-planned landscaping scheme will provide color throughout the year.
- Properly placed landscaping directs common-area pedestrian traffic.
- Landscaping can correct or stabilize steep slopes, wetlands and other challenging areas.
- Landscaping provides visual interest, especially when it incorporates elements like fountains, arbors or decorative walls or fences.

VOWS OWLS

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Every Wednesday
VOWS Amenity
Center

10 AM – 11:30 AM

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

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A byproduct of burning fuels such as gasoline, propane, kerosene, natural gas, oil, wood or coal, carbon monoxide is emitted from internal combustion made by engines, like those that power lawn mowers, portable generators, cars, power washers and many household appliances such as furnaces, ranges, fireplaces, water heaters and room heaters. To prevent CO poisoning in your home, be sure to take the following precautions:

- Educate your family about the causes of CO poisoning and how to prevent exposure to this deadly gas.
- Do not use portable generators indoors, including in garages, carports, storage sheds and the like, even with doors and windows open. CO can quickly build to lethal levels in even partially enclosed spaces.
- Do not place pressure washer engines indoors, and, when using pressure washers outdoors, keep engines away from open windows, doors or vents during use, as CO can seep inside through the openings.
- Hire qualified professionals to install new furnaces and appliances and to inspect and service your HVAC system, chimneys and flues.
- Never service fuel-burning appliances without proper knowledge, skills and tools. Always refer to the owners' manual when performing minor adjustments or performing maintenance on fuel-burning equipment.
- Never use portable fuel-burning camping equipment or burn charcoal indoors.
- Never leave a car running in a garage, even with the garage door open.
- Never use your gas oven or clothes dryer to heat your home.
- Never operate unvented fuel-burning appliances in any room where people are sleeping.
- Do not cover the bottom of natural gas or propane ovens with aluminum foil. Doing so blocks the air flow through the appliance and can produce CO.
- Install CO detectors throughout your home, especially in hallways near sleeping areas, and follow the manufacturers' instructions for testing and replacing. Keep detectors unobstructed by furniture or draperies.

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.



Late fee schedule as follows:

30 Days late: \$270.00 Dues + \$25.00 1st Late fee + \$15.00 Reminder Notice = \$310

60 Days late: \$310 Balance + \$25.00 2nd Late fee + \$15.00 Second Notice = \$350

90 Days late: \$350 Balance+ \$25.00 3rd Late fee + \$80.00 Demand Letter = \$455

A late fee of \$25.00 will be applied each month until the balance exceeds \$800.00. Once the balance exceeds \$800.00, the account will be transferred to the attorney for collection and homeowner will incur substantial additional legal expenses.



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)

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



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
- View or pay their account balance
- Sign up for text and voice community alerts
- Manage their emergency contact information
- View a calendar of community events
- View or download community forms and documents
- Contact the 24/7 Customer Care Center



COMMUNITY POOL RULES

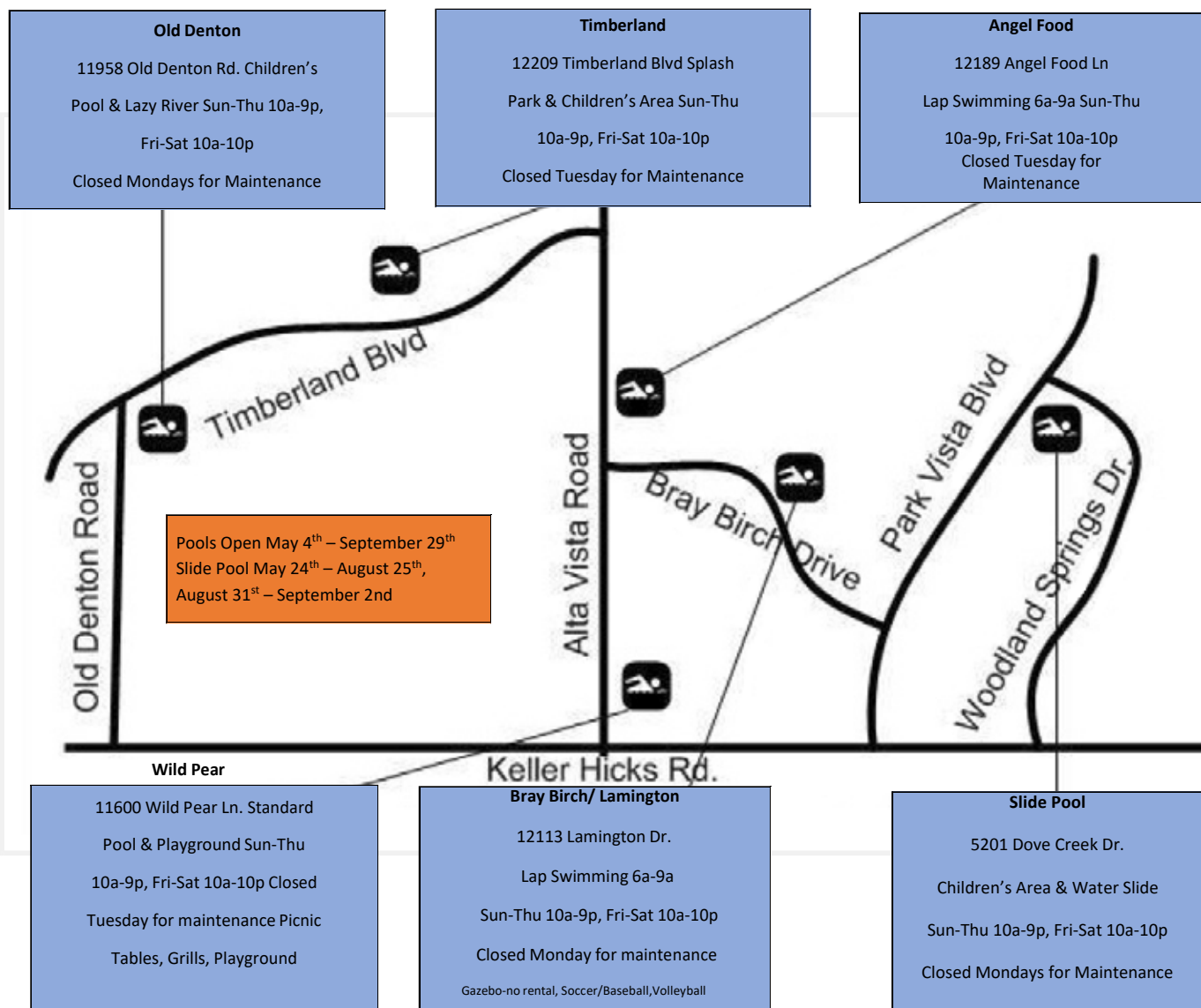
1. There is no lifeguard on duty. Swim at your own risk.
2. Entry is allowed to residents ages 16 and older with a pool card and photo ID. Children 15 and under are not required to present an ID.
3. Children ages 15 and under must be accompanied by a resident, 18 years or older, possessing a valid pool card and photo ID.
4. Four (4) guests allowed per residence.
5. Proper swimwear is required. Plastic pants must be worn over swim diapers.
6. Glass containers, alcohol, pets, and smoking are not permitted, coolers are subject to inspection.
7. No running, threatening behavior, foul language and/or general activity that may endanger the safety of others.
8. No music in the pool area.
9. No bikes, scooters, roller blades, skateboards etc. in the pool area.
10. No diving.
11. No water wings allowed.
12. No trespassing after pool hours or during pool closures.
13. No unauthorized use of pool restrooms.
14. Emergency equipment is to be used for emergencies only.
15. Access to the equipment room is restricted.
16. For the health and safety of all guests, persons with skin diseases, open wounds, inflamed eyes, nasal or ear infections, or any communicable diseases are not allowed to use the pool.
17. Vandalism will not be tolerated. To report vandalism, call the police immediately, and then notify the management company.

In case of emergency, call 911.

The Villages of Woodland Springs or the management company are not responsible for accidents, injuries, or theft.

In case of contamination during business hours please call 817-741-1719, after hours call 877.378.2388

Violation of pool rules may lead to revoking of pool privileges and/or criminal prosecution.



CODE BLUE CONNECTION

DISTRACTED DRIVING

PARENTS PLEASE SHOW THIS TO YOUR TEENS

Distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task of driving. All distractions endanger the driver, passenger and bystanders safety. These types of distractions include:

- Texting
- Using a cell phone or smartphone
- Eating and drinking
- Talking to passengers/children/pets
- Grooming
- Reading, including maps
- Using a navigation system
- Watching a video
- Adjusting a radio or CD player

But, because text messaging requires visual, manual and cognitive attention from the driver, it is by far the most alarming distraction.

The best way to end distracted driving is to educate all drivers about the danger it poses. If you don't think distracted driving is a safety issue, please take a moment to read these statistics:

- Every day, 9 people die from distracted drivers.
- Drunk driving claims 29 lives per day, more than 10,000 per year
- 391,000 drivers were injured in distracted driving crashes in 2017
- 82% of American teenagers own a



cell phone. 52% of these, talk on the phone while driving and 32% text on the road.

- 25% of teens respond to at least one text while driving, every single day.
- When polled, 77% of adults and 55% of teenage drivers say that they can easily manage texting while driving.
- 48% of kids in their younger teenage years have been in a vehicle while the driver was texting. Over 1600 children in the same age group are killed each year because of crashes involving texters.
- When teens text while they drive, they veer off lane 10% of their total drive time.
- Teen drivers have a 400% higher chance of being in a car crash when

texting while driving, than adults.

- Of all the teenagers ever involved in fatal accidents every year, 21% were using a cell phone at the time of the accident.
- 94% of teenagers understand the consequences of texting and driving but 35% of them admitted that they do it anyway.
- A study at the University of Utah found out that the reaction time for a teen using a cell phone is the same as that of a 70-year-old who isn't using one.
- 10% of adults and 20% of teenagers have admitted that they have entire conversations over text message platforms while driving.
- The chances of a crash (because of any reason) is increased by 23 times when you are texting. Even if the crash is another driver's fault, you probably could have been able to avoid it if you had been looking at the road, instead of the phone.

The Citizens on Patrol are volunteers. We are trained by the FWPD to help keep our neighborhood safe. For more information on the Citizen on Patrol Program, please contact Cindy Strause at Cindy.strause@fortworthtexas.gov.

Save the Date!

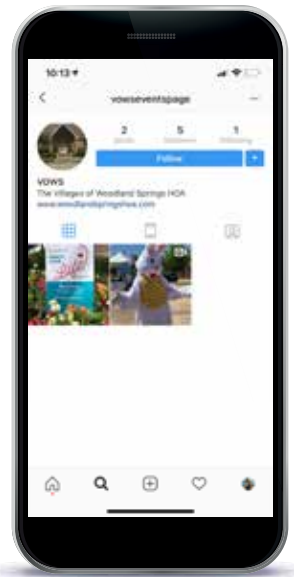
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July 2019 Upcoming Events:

July 11th Daytime Crafters
July 23rd Board Meeting

The Villages of Woodland Springs is on Instagram!

Follow @VOWSEventsPage for event updates and featured volunteers! If you see someone doing a good deed in the neighborhood please be sure to tag the new page!



NEIGHBOR TIC TAC TOE

The Villages of Woodland Springs HOA would like to encourage you to spark relationships with your neighbors, and maybe even mend old wounds. Knowing your neighbors can be beneficial in many ways. Meet your neighbors to the side, front, diagonal and even behind your home, write down a fun fact about them, a contact number, and the names of their pets if they have any and return the form to the on-site office located at 12209 Timberland Blvd. before National Night Out, Tuesday, October 1st, and be entered into a drawing for a gift card!

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If the fence in question is on a property line between your property and your neighbors, both parties have a responsibility for its maintenance and replacement. Discuss with your neighbor what you consider to be the needs and steps to take for the repair before you begin the process. Make a plan that is agreeable to both parties. For example...you could both work on it, or hire a contractor and split the costs. All arrangements and costs should be understood beforehand. Remember, after you have repaired or replaced the fence, it's too late to ask your neighbor to share the costs since you proceeded on your own. Avoid trouble by talking to your neighbor and making joint decisions.



NOTARY ON SITE

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

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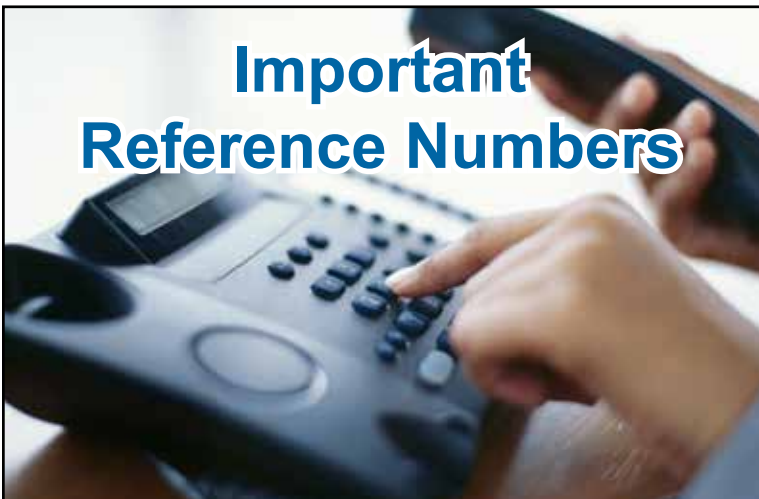
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YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

As a resident of VOWS you are the most important piece of the puzzle!

We want to hear from you! What are your passions, interests and hobbies? How can the association best fit your needs and social interests? We are actively seeking new ways to enrich the lives of each resident. Please reach out to Claudia Lindsey at Claudia.Lindsey@fsresidential.com with your dreams for the future of VOWS. You may share a hobby or interest with many residents within the neighborhood. We would love to provide an opportunity for you to get to know your neighbors while enjoying the things you love.



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DFWHS Pet of the Month

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WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE GOLD CREEK POND?

Many residents may be wondering why are there a bunch of bags on the edge of the Gold Creek pond.

Over the past 18 years the Gold Creek pond has been filling with sediment. Last year the center of the pond was only 5 inches deep. Due to the hot summer weather and sediment build up, the pond filled with algae and turned into a swamp. The Board decided to take action and dredge the pond. When the dredging is completed, the pond will be 6 feet deep in the center. The increased water depth will prevent algae build up and assist wildlife. Please see the information below about pond dredging.

What is Dredging?

Dredging removes accumulated sediment from the bottom and sides of a pond. You can think of a dredge as a boat with a big vacuum cleaner attached to it.

Once out on the water, the dredge will lower their equipment into the water where it will suck up and pump out unwanted sediment and debris. If this sediment is allowed to accumulate, it will eventually fill in and clog the body of water, turning it into a muddy, mucky, swamp.

How Do Ponds Fill up with Sediment?

Man-made bodies of water such as golf courses and HOA ponds are continually trying to reclaim the land that is now underwater. Various biological processes can contribute and even speed up the land reclamation.

The wind blows leaves, grass, and other organic debris onto the water surface where they sink to the deepest part of the pond. This area is known as a dead-zone. Beneficial bacteria which would normally break down the organic debris cannot live in this low-oxygen part of the water.

As such, sediment starts to accumulate over time. This, in turn, releases enormous quantities of nutrients which feed nuisance algae or weed growth. As time goes by, the sediment starts to accumulate until the entire pond has been turned into a smelly swamp.

Dredging avoids this by removing the nutrient-rich sediment that can lead to algae outbreaks and decreased water depths. The natural balance of the ecosystem is soon restored after a pond has been dredged.

How Does Dredging Keep a Pond Healthy?

If your pond resides in an area that is prone to flooding, dredging can help prevent this by removing excess sediment. This can help protect against a catastrophic loss of plant and aquatic life in the event of a flood or heavy rain event.

Dredging can also help increase the size of the pond. As the mud, weeds, and trash are removed, the pond can now support more aquatic wildlife. This holds true for ponds that double as a fishing hole (such as an HOA pond). Removal of sediment will allow for a healthier ecosystem which in turn will support the well-being of the fish and aquatic life.

Property values will also be increased. Nobody likes a smelly, algae-ridden pond. The curb appeal of a house that has an ugly pond



in the backyard isn't very good. By dredging your HOA pond, you'll find that local wildlife such as birds and fauna will return to the area and make it more beautiful.

What Are Some Other Dredging Benefits?

The muck, mud, and sediment that are removed by a dredge contain vast amounts of nutrients. Instead of taking it to the local landfill, many people (and HOA communities) use it as an organic fertilizer. The material can be added to flower beds, or in areas where the grass is having a hard time growing.

Dredging can also remove various trash from the waterways. This trash is usually in the form of non-biodegradable plastics which are unsightly and bad for the environment. As time goes by, the plastics will break down into microbeads, which can be ingested by fish and birds.

If your pond suffers from foul odors, dredging can also help mitigate the offensive smells. This will also help get rid of nuisance algae and weed outbreaks that can clog a waterway and make it look unsightly.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – JULY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 VOWS OWLS 10-11:30am Making Friends Club 2-3:30pm	4 Cowtown Stackers 5-6pm	5	6
7	8	9 Scrapbook Club	10 VOWS OWLS 10-11:30am Making Friends Club 2-3:30pm	11 Daytime Crafters 10am – 2pm Cowtown Stackers 5-6pm	12	13 School's Out Luau
14	15	16	17 VOWS OWLS 10-11:30am Making Friends Club 2-3:30pm	18 Cowtown Stackers 5-6pm	19	20 NFWA Meeting
21	22 Board Meeting 6:30pm	23	24 VOWS OWLS 10-11:30am Making Friends Club 2-3:30pm	25 Cowtown Stackers 5-6pm	26	27
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