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The Villages of
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Homeowners' Association

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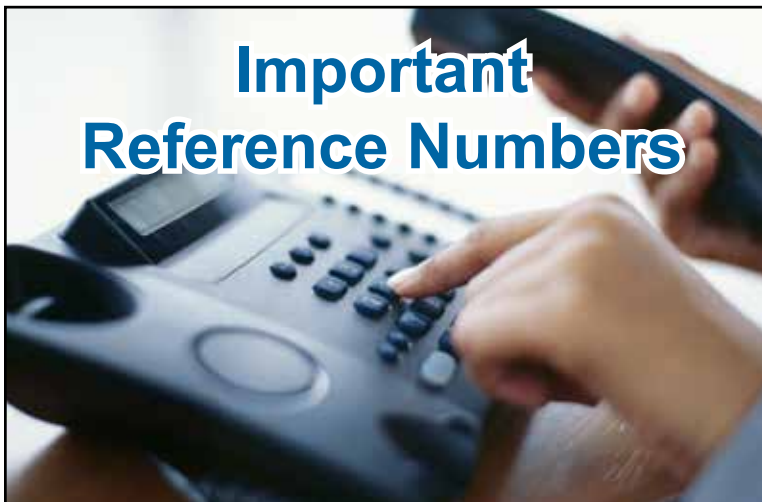
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Important Reference Numbers



Important Reference Numbers

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CODE BLUE CONNECTION

Citizen's on Patrol

Getting involved takes commitment. Anyone seeking to volunteer their time should find something they believe in. Something that creates a passion, joy, fulfillment, a reward and a desire to make a difference. Joining the FWPD Citizen on Patrol program is not just helping deter crime, it's creating a bond with the police department, the officers, making new friends, and becoming a part of the Fort Worth community spirit. The Citizen's on Patrol "Code Blue" program lets you choose the level of involvement. The volunteer can participate by walking, biking, driving, helping with police events or by staying in the comfort of their home to become a radio base operator.

The program requires a four-hour training class, a ride-in with an on-duty Fort Worth Patrol Officer and some hands-on training before going solo. You must be fingerprinted, pass a background check and be at least 18 years of age to become a certified volunteer. Once the patroller is completely trained, they will be issued shirts, jackets, hats, vehicle signs and a police radio and charger.

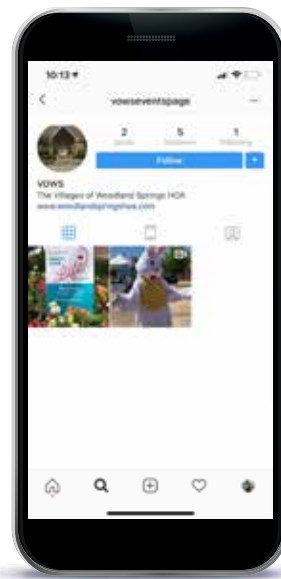
This program is unique in that it reimburses the volunteer (for gas and mileage) by issuing gift cards for the hours of patrolling in their vehicle. The gift cards can be used anywhere they accept VISA gift cards.

The FWPD engage the citizen volunteers by having monthly meetings, training sessions, Beat meetings with the Neighborhood Patrol Officer (NPO), search and undercover special details. The police even use the volunteers to help train the recruit cadets at the Police Academy. The volunteer can participate in as much or as little as they like. The opportunities are endless.

If you would like to learn more about the Citizen's on Patrol program, please contact Cindy Strause, the North Division Coordinator at Cindy.Strause@fortworthtexas.gov.

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!





Summer Time Energy Conservation Tips

Summer can quickly become an expensive season, but being mindful of energy conservation can help reduce your electricity bills—and your carbon footprint. Take a look at the following suggestions to increase your energy conservation efforts and beat the heat without breaking the bank.

- **Cook dinner outside.** Save electricity by using a charcoal or gas grill to cook your favorite summertime meals.
- **Open the windows.** Instead of cranking the air conditioning on summer evenings, opt for fresh air instead. Invest in an inexpensive electric fan to circulate the air.
- **Light candles.** Since longer summer days afford more daylight, reconsider turning on the lights and use candles instead or as a supplement. Be sure not to leave burning candles unattended, especially around pets and children.
- **Modify the AC when you're not home.** Adjusting the thermostat—even by a few degrees—when you're not home can conserve a significant amount of electricity.
- **Turn off the electronics.** Power down the television and computer to spend time with friends and family outdoors. Splash around in your community pool or have a potluck barbecue in your backyard.
- **Take a walk.** If possible, choose to walk to nearby stores and restaurants instead of driving. Early mornings and evenings are prime times for a stroll, especially in areas with hot climates.
- **Take a cool shower or bath.** For a refreshing alternative to a hot shower, reduce your hot water heater usage by bathing in cooler water a few times a week.
- **Limit water consumption.** Water the lawn every other day at off-peak times, use environmentally-friendly, disposable plate ware and utensils instead of running the dishwasher and spend a little less time in the shower.

Yard of the Month



Congratulations to the homeowners at **11836 Indian Pony Way** for the Most Beautiful Yard in VOWS for June 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!

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

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Pet Rules for HOA Harmony

Our association is proud to be pet-friendly, and we're happy your four-legged family members are part of our community. Of course, like any good neighbor, it's important that these pets don't create an unpleasant environment for everyone else. To avoid unnecessary disputes and potential rule violations, here are some guidelines owners should follow to ensure their furry friends continue to be a welcome addition to the neighborhood.

Read the Rules: While we welcome pets in our association, we have a few rules and requirements. Please check our website or the association's governing documents for more information.

Service animals are exempt from the association's pet requirements. However, please contact the board or manager to ask for an accommodation to keep a service animal. Proof of the service animal's training or a doctor's certification may be required.

Keep it Clean: No one wants to see, smell or accidentally step in the "gift" your dog left on the grassy common area. So when your dog needs to go, be sure to properly dispose of it, preferably in a pet waste disposal can. Not only will this keep our community looking better, but it will help keep ground water clean and help prevent the spread of fecal-borne diseases.

Quiet Down: Pets will be noisy from time to time. However, when loud barking or meowing becomes annoying to neighbors, it's time to help your pet become less talkative. First, try to find out what causes your pets to get vocal: Do they get noisy when they've been alone and bored all day and need some playtime? Have they gone through a stressful change in environment recently? Are they suffering from health issues? Do they simply like saying "hello" to every squirrel, person or car that passes by? When you've identified the cause, take remedial actions such as confining them to an area where they feel calm while you're away, removing or blocking as many stimuli as possible, exercising them more and spending more time with them. You can also take them to a professional or search online for tips on how to train your pets not to get too noisy.

No Wandering: For the safety of your pets as well as all residents, please do not allow your pets to roam unattended outside. Along with helping protect your pets, leashing your dog is the law.

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 such as 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!

If you live on a greenbelt or a corner home you may go the extra mile and travel a little further to meet your neighbors, or meet some further down the street.

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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.

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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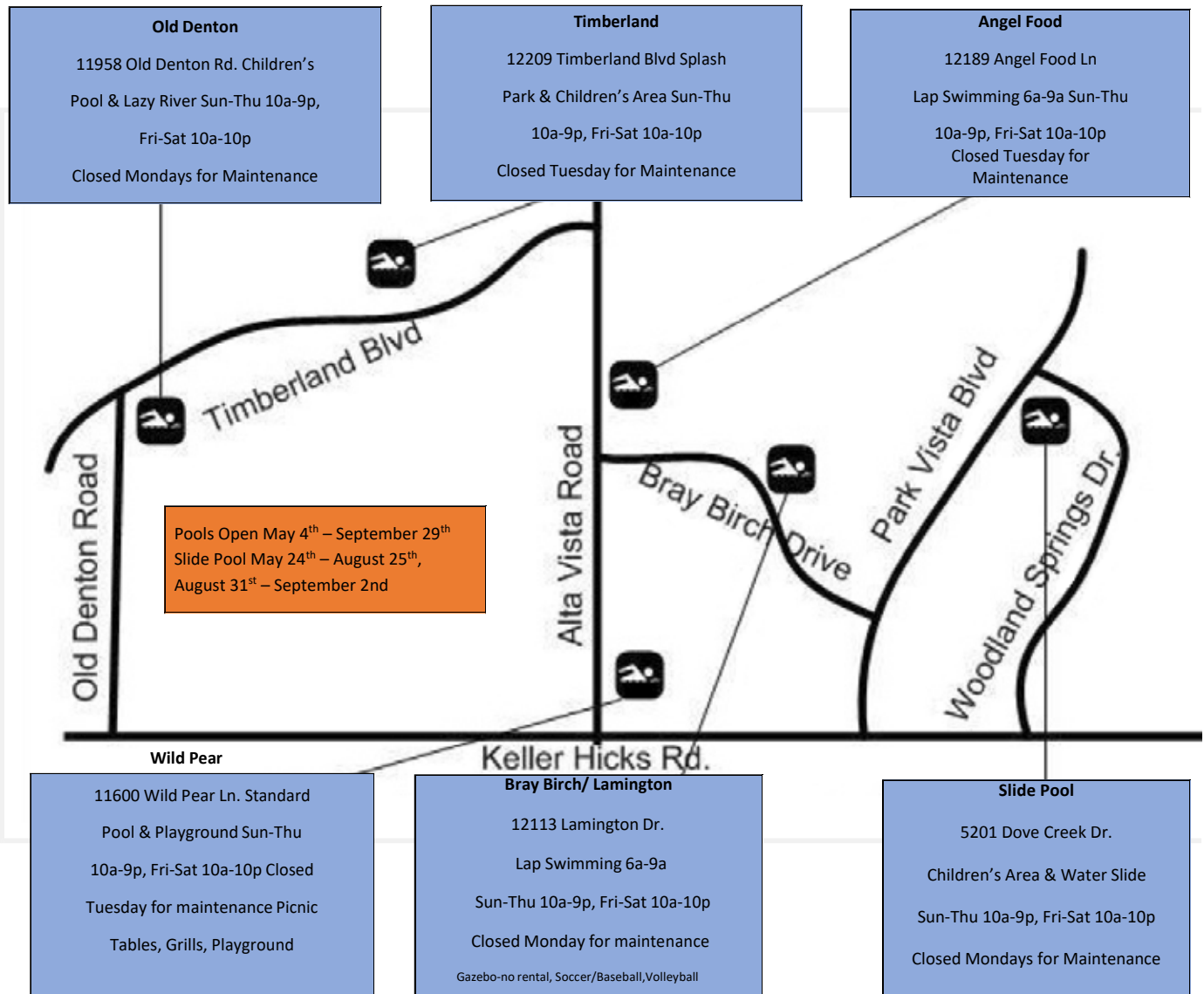
1. There is no lifeguard on duty. Swim at your own risk.
2. Entry is allowed to residents ages 16 and older with a pool card and photo ID. Children 15 and under are not required to present an ID.
3. Children ages 15 and under must be accompanied by a resident, 18 years or older, possessing a valid pool 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.



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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!

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To reduce the risk of fire or explosion, consumers should routinely perform the following safety checks:

- Check the tubes that lead into the burner for any blockage from insects, spiders, or food grease. Use a pipe cleaner or wire to clear blockage and push it through to the main part of the burner.
- Check grill hoses for cracking, brittleness, holes, and leaks. Make sure there are no sharp bends in the hose or tubing.
- Move gas hoses as far away as possible from hot surfaces and dripping hot grease. If you can't move the hoses, install a heat shield to protect them.
- Replace scratched or nicked connectors, which can eventually leak gas.
- Check for gas leaks, following the manufacturer's instructions, if you smell gas or when you reconnect the grill to the LP gas container. If you detect a leak, immediately turn off the gas and don't attempt to light the grill until the leak is fixed.
- Keep lighted cigarettes, matches and open flames away from a leaking grill.
- Never use a grill indoors. Use the grill at least 10 feet away from your house or any building. Do not use the grill in a garage, breezeway, carport, porch or under a surface that can catch fire.
- Do not attempt to repair the tank valve or the appliance yourself. See an LP gas dealer or a qualified appliance repair person.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions that accompany the grill and when connecting or disconnecting LP gas containers.
- Consumers should use caution when storing LP gas containers. Always keep containers upright. Never store a spare gas container under or near the grill or indoors. Never store or use flammable liquids, like gasoline, near the grill.

To avoid accidents while transporting LP gas containers, transport the container in a secure, upright position. Never keep a filled container in a hot car or car trunk. Heat will cause the gas pressure to increase, which may open the relief valve and allow gas to escape.

Charcoal Grills

Charcoal produces carbon monoxide when burned. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that can accumulate to toxic levels in closed environments. Each year about 30 people die and 100 are injured as a result of carbon monoxide fumes from charcoal grills and hibachis used indoors.

To reduce carbon monoxide poisonings, never burn charcoal indoors, in vehicles, tents or campers, even if ventilated. Since charcoal produces carbon monoxide fumes until the charcoal is completely extinguished, do not store the grill indoors with freshly used coals.

For more information, visit the CPSC website at www.cpsc.gov.



BACK to SCHOOL Celebration

Saturday, August 3rd • 11am – 2pm
5201 Dove Creek Dr.

Neighbors enjoy some fun at the VOWS Back to School event. There will be a free Buy Nothing garage sale in the parking lot. Bring your garage sale items to donate, and pick from other donations for items to take home for free! Enjoy free lunch, sno cones, vendor booths, bounce houses and more! Volunteers will be needed to make this fun possible, please email Claudia.lindsey@gmail.com to sign up.

YEAR AT A GLANCE

August 3rd
Back to School
Celebration

October 4th-6th
Community
Garage Sale

October 12th
Fall Festival

October 26th
Goat Yoga

November 9th
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December 7th
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August 2019 Upcoming Events:

August 3rd Back to School Celebration

August 8th Daytime Crafters

August 27th Board Meeting



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Every Wednesday
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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.

Citizen's on Patrol 2019

Appreciation Luncheon



On June 22, 2019 the Fort Worth Police Department hosted the Citizen's on Patrol 2019 Appreciation Luncheon. The annual event is held at the Cendera Center in Southwest Fort Worth. The Fort Worth Police take this time to show their appreciation to all the citizen volunteers in the program. A Hawaiian theme was chosen for this year's event. The room was beautifully decorated in bright floral colors, complete with lei's and some grass skirts. The luncheon was catered with a Hawaiian theme meal.

Along with all the Neighborhood Police Officers (NPO's), were the police command staff, Lieutenants, Captains and Sergeants. The program was emceed by Captain Linda Stuart and Officer Brad Perez. Scheduled speakers included, Acting Chief Ed Kraus, Acting Deputy Chief Joe Sparrow and Mayor Betsy Price (who was unable to attend).

This event acknowledges the citizens volunteers as well as the NPO's who have been nominated by the volunteers who have gone above and beyond in their communities. The awards include:

- COP of the Year
- Chuck Silcox "Bulldog" Award
- Thomas Windham NPO of the Year Award

The afternoon is highlighted with raffle prizes for each division (North, South, Central, East, West and Northwest). Prizes included a 55-inch TV and a grand prize of a \$500. VISA Gift Card.

Fort Worth is the 13th largest city in the country and continues to have one of the lowest crime rates. The Fort Worth Citizen on Patrol Program represents the largest group of volunteers in the state with over 500 members and possibly the country. It's the most successful volunteer program in Fort Worth.

The Fort Worth Police are proud of this program and their volunteers. This event is a "Thank You" to all the volunteers who help fight crime in their neighborhoods.

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.

DFWHS Pet of the Month

Meet Brownie!

For any of you concerned about your diet, I'm a Brownie that doesn't come with the guilt! I'm big and beautiful as well as playful and energetic. I love toys and running and water and playing and fetching and loving. I could go on, but I have to save some mystery for when you come to meet me. I am a friendly 3-year-old gal. I am best suited as your only fur baby due to my size and energetic personality. I like a lot of attention. I will be a loyal companion. Let's meet— at DFW Humane Society (www.dfwhumane.com)



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Brownie is ready for her loving forever home and includes the following:

- Spay/Neuter
- Heartworm Test
- Distemper/Parvo shot
- Bordetella
- General Deworm
- Microchip
- Microchip Enrollment
- Free Exam at Vet within 10 days of adoption
- Leash

**If you'd like to express interest in adopting,
please contact us at www.dfwhumane.com
or call 972-721-7788**

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KEEP YOUR HOME SAFE WHILE ON VACATION



As the summer heats up, many of you will escape the daily grind and head out on a well-deserved vacation. But before you hit the road, take a few precautions so your home isn't enticing to thieves or susceptible to fire and other disasters. Not only is having your home vandalized or burnt to the ground a highly unpleasant way to return from a trip, but it also puts the rest of the association at risk, as these problems have the potential to spread quickly throughout the neighborhood. So, before you take off, consider implementing these safety tips to keep your home and our community secure.

CALL ON FRIENDS FOR HELP.

If you're going to be away a week or more, ask a trusted friend to check on your house every day or two—or better yet, housesit—while you're gone. Not only will they make sure nothing happens to your home, but you might also ask them to bring in your mail and newspapers, water plants or even feed Fluffy. Of course, it's a good idea to let your neighbors know a friend is monitoring your property so they don't call the police to thwart a perceived "break-in."

SET YOUR LIGHTS ON A TIMER.

Leaving your house unlit for days on end is a sure sign to burglars that it's empty, but so is keeping the lights on 24-7. A good way to handle the lights on/off conundrum is to set them on a timer that's scheduled to simulate your regular routine. Of course, if the lights seem a bit too simulated, that can be another telltale sign, so it's a good idea to set the

timers in individual rooms on staggered schedules to make the light coming from your home seem more natural.

STOP YOUR MAIL AND NEWSPAPER.

Nothing screams "nobody's home!" like a pile of newspapers strewn about your doorstep or an overflowing mailbox. So, if you can't get a friend or neighbor to collect them for you, it's best to have your mail and paper stopped if you're going to be out of town for awhile.

DON'T LEAVE THE SPARE HOUSE KEY LYING AROUND.

That fake rock where you keep the extra house key isn't as discrete as you think. Whether you keep a spare under your welcome mat, above the door frame or in a hide-a-key contraption, chances are it will take the nefarious types five minutes flat to find it and gain easy entry to your house. So take it with you, let a friend hold onto it or put it in a safe place inside your house, even if you're worried about losing your other keys. Because when it comes down to it, calling a locksmith is less traumatic than calling the police.

MAKE A LAST-MINUTE CHECKLIST.

Are all the windows and doors locked? Stove and oven turned off? How about all the faucets? Are the electronics unplugged and valuables secured? Take five minutes before you leave to ensure your house is vacation-ready. Another run-through of the house may seem unnecessary if you did it earlier in the day, but knowing you've left your house as safe as possible will help you kick back and have a great vacation.

Itch. Ouch. Scratch It's Bug Season!

Whether you're attacked while working in the garden, enjoying a picnic in the park or lounging by the pool, bug bites and stings are an inevitable summer annoyance. At best, bites and stings can be uncomfortable for a few days; at worst, they can be a serious, life-threatening hazard. Here are some tips on how to relieve the itch or sting and when to know if you should seek medical attention:

If the bite or sting is mildly painful or itchy, apply over-the-counter medication that contains Benadryl or cortisone for topical relief. Other home remedies, like a applying a paste made from baking soda and water, dabbing

on ammonia with a cotton ball, soaking in oatmeal baths or even applying toothpaste to the site may also provide relief.

Whatever you do, don't scratch. This can cause an infection and leave a scar. And it won't relieve the itch or sting.

If you feel faint, nauseous, dizzy or disoriented, or if you experience rapid heartbeat, difficulty breathing or your lips, tongue or throat swell, call 911 immediately. These symptoms indicate a severe allergy to the insect's venom. Administer an Epi-pen (injectable epinephrine) if one is available and administer CPR if symptoms worsen before



emergency personnel arrive. After the episode, follow up with a physician who can determine an allergy prevention treatment.

Stay alert for delayed symptoms around the bite or sting, like redness or swelling, which could indicate an infection or other condition. And see a doctor right away if you have a headache, fever or joint pain within a few days of being bitten. Some insects, like ticks and mosquitoes, can

infect their victims with serious, flu-like illnesses, such as Rocky Mountain spotted fever, Lyme disease and West Nile virus, which only a physician can diagnose and treat.

Most important, use insect repellent when outdoors and wear light-weight, light-colored clothing over arms, legs and feet to keep insects off your skin. And avoid wearing perfume and fragrances, which can attract bugs.



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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – AUGUST 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|-------------------------------|--|--|--------|--|
| | | | | 1 Cowtown Stackers 5-6pm | 2 | 3 Back to School Celebration 11am – 2pm |
| 4 | 5 | 6 Scrapbook Club | 7 VOWS OWLS 10-11:30am Making Friends Club 2-3:30pm | 8 Daytime Crafters 10am – 2pm Cowtown Stackers 5-6pm | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 VOWS OWLS 10-11:30am Making Friends Club 2-3:30pm | 15 Cowtown Stackers 5-6pm | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 VOWS OWLS 10-11:30am Making Friends Club 2-3:30pm | 22 Cowtown Stackers 5-6pm | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 Board Meeting 6:30pm | 28 VOWS OWLS 10-11:30am Making Friends Club 2-3:30pm | 29 Cowtown Stackers 5-6pm | 30 | 31 |

SWAT

ROOFING & CONTRACTING

Woodland Springs community member's 65in TV giveaway Oct. 15th

New inspection now through Oct. 12th gets 1 raffle ticket

New roof contracts now through Oct. 12th gets 10 raffle tickets

New roof referrals now through Oct. 12th gets 5 raffle tickets

Contact
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be eligible

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**Drawing will be held on October 15th
1 TV will be given away in the community**