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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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Prowlers and vandals are best handled by the local law enforcement officials. The quickest, most effective response and enforcement will come from the Police department.

However, if a broken common area sprinkler or irrigation timer is threatening property, the management company should be notified by calling the Customer Care Center number listed above. Our staff is on call, and will handle the emergency as soon as possible.

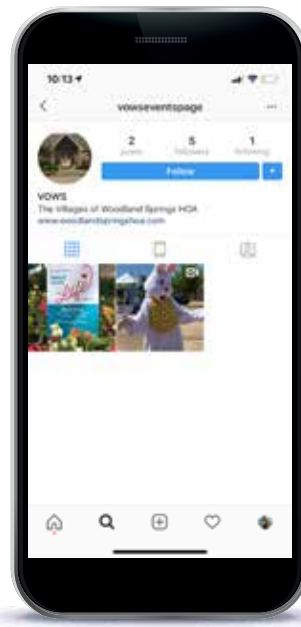
A rule of thumb to remember when determining whether or not to call the management company after-hours is that if the property threatening situation can be addressed by one of the Association's contractors, and if not reported immediately will cause personal or property damage, then call.

Remember, our Board of Directors and management depend on the eyes and ears of the community to make sure that all of community's needs are met. Please don't hesitate to contact management during normal business hours with any questions you may have about the after-hours policy.

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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!



What your Board of Directors does for You



As a recognized homeowners association, our community has a board to help our HOA run smoothly. The board consists of volunteers who execute a wide variety of tasks you may not be aware of; however, their work affects every single resident.

One of the most important things the board does is create and enforce the association rules. While some residents may not like being told what they can and can't do, ultimately the board is looking out for the greater good. By enforcing the rules, the board is doing its best to keep property value up and conflicts down. Of course, the board wants to make sure the rules are beneficial for the majority—and hopefully all—residents. You are welcome to raise concerns about the rules at open board meetings.

Another major responsibility of the board is to collect assessments from homeowners. Collecting this money is important for the stability of the association, because the assessments pay for the common elements enjoyed by all residents. Assessments also help to replenish the reserve funds, which pay for any major repairs the association may need. The board is responsible for the association's finances, and collecting assessments is how it ensures that the association remains solvent.

Finally, the board acts on behalf of the association by hiring managers, attorneys, contractors and other professionals who help better the association. Board members also help conceive and lead many of the projects that will improve the HOA.

While it's a big job, board members are happy to serve the residents and make the community a great place to call home. So why not learn more about what these volunteers do by talking to your board members, attending an open board meeting or even running for a seat on the board during our next election? The more people we have looking out for our association, the stronger it will be.

The Board of Directors elections are coming up in February 2020. If you would like to run for the Board please fill out the nomination form that will be going out with the January 2020 statements.

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Every Wednesday
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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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Services are free to VOWS residents.

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.



winter PET SAFETY

We love our pets, so keeping them safe in the wintertime 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.

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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.



VOWS Safety/Security Committee: VACATION HOUSE CHECKS

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.

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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
- 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

COVENANT CORNER

STORAGE SHEDS



Thinking about getting a Storage Shed? There are specific guidelines regarding sheds. You want to make sure you have approval prior to installing it. The plastic tuff sheds are not approved. Typically the only sheds that are approved are wood. The shingles have to match the shingles on your home and the trim needs to be painted to match the trim on your home as well. You also need to include a copy of your survey or detailed drawing showing the exact placement of the shed on your property.

To obtain an Architectural Control Committee form, please visit the HOA website at www.wood-landspringhoa.com or call the onsite office at 817-741-1719.

Here is what the CC&R's have to say about Accessory Structures and sheds:

5.3.7 Accessory Structures. Without the prior written approval of the ACC, accessory structures – such as dog houses, gazebos, playhouses, trampolines, swimming pools, greenhouses, pergolas, workshops, backyard kitchens, fire pits, and tornado shelters are prohibited (not allowed) if (1) they exceed the height of a fence, or (2) are visible from a street or common area, or (3) are visible by a person standing on the surface of an adjoining lot. Accessory structures may not be located in front yards or in unfenced portions of side yards facing streets. If an accessory structure is installed in violation of this Section, the ACC reserves the right to determine that the accessory structure is unattractive or inappropriate or otherwise unsuitable for the Property, and may require the owner to screen it or to remove it. Except for children's playhouses, dog houses, greenhouses, gazebos and buildings for storage of lawn maintenance equipment, no building previously constructed elsewhere shall be moved onto any Lot, it being the intention that only new construction be placed and erected thereon.

5.3.8 Storage Sheds. A detached storage shed (one per residential lot) shall be allowed on the property with the following conditions:

- Shed shall be no larger than 10' x 8'.
- Shed shall be no taller than 9' 0" as measured from the ground.
- Shed shall not be visible from the street immediately in front of the lot on which the shed is located. Additional review and consideration will be given to corner Lots to assess visibility of sheds from the side streets.
- Shed shall be situated behind the wooden privacy fence.
- Shed shall be painted to match the trim color of the house.
- Shed shall have a roof shingle similar to the roof shingle on the house.

These conditions are a guide for review by the Architectural Control Committee (ACC). The ACC may grant variance from these conditions or impose additional restriction(s) on a case-by-case basis.



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November 2019 Upcoming Events:

BBQ Cookoff.....November 9th
Daytime Crafters.....November 14th
Police Movie Night.....November 15th
NFWA MeetingNovember 16th

Goat Yoga

**VOWS will be hosting its second
annual goat yoga event October 26th.**

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Please register at vowsyoga.athlete360.com.

The fun will take place at
Bray Birch park starting at 10 am

To learn more about goat yoga visit
www.goatyogarichardson.com.



CODE BLUE CONNECTION

'Tis The Season...For Package Thefts

The busiest time of the year is upon us. Not only for the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, but also for the criminals. The criminal takes every opportunity to steal, even in broad daylight.

Since on-line shopping has become so popular, mail and package thefts have increased in recent years. The number of thefts in Dec. increase 85%, on average. We may see this number decline since a new law went into effect in Texas making package thefts a felony.

The criminal is looking for gift cards in mail deliveries, packages delivered to doorsteps and presents left in unlocked vehicles. Don't be fooled by the person passing out handbills in Dec. They may very well be going door to door looking for packages to slip into their shoulder bags. Since the delivery couriers are busy (into the night) the risk of theft is even greater. Be suspicious of vehicles following the delivery drivers or postal trucks.

Here are some suggestions to help prevent neighborhood thefts.

- Do not leave out-going mail in your box for pick up
- Arrange for packages to be picked up by a trusted neighbor while at work
- Track your packages for exact delivery time
- Install a video doorbell or a video security system
- Leave a porch light on at night (save monthly w/ energy-efficient fixtures or bulbs)
- Get the license plate number of vehicles following delivery drivers
- Report suspicious people/behavior/vehicles as soon as possible



- Always lock your vehicles or store them in the garage
- Do not leave valuables in your vehicles, in plain sight

If you work from home, are retired, or are a stay at home mom/dad, be a good neighbor and keep watch on your block. Report suspicious activity to the Police Non-emergency number-817 392-4222, or in an Emergency call (911) (for actual theft in progress). If you have had a theft, please remember to report it to the FW police dept. You can place an on-line report when there is no immediate need

of an officer at police@fortworthtexas.gov.

If you have security cameras, you can register them at the above email address. The police only need your name and address to register your cameras. When crime happens in your area, they will contact you to review your video. It helps them track the direction of travel and look for vehicles that may have been involved.

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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.





fall favorites

DELICIOUS DESSERT RECIPES TO CELEBRATE AUTUMN

BEST PUMPKIN BREAD

- ½ teaspoon baking powder
 - 1 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1 teaspoon cinnamon (ground)
 - ¼ teaspoon cloves (ground)
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 ½ cups flour (all purpose)
 - ½ cup pecans (chopped)
 - 1 cup pumpkin puree
 - ½ teaspoon nutmeg (ground)
 - ¾ teaspoon salt
 - 1 ½ cups Sugar (granular)
 - ½ cup water
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - ½ cup oil (vegetable or corn)
- 9x5-in. loaf pan

Combine all ingredients folding in pecans last. Pour into a greased loaf pan and bake at 350° for 65 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool before removing from pan. Enjoy!

EASY CROCK POT HOT APPLE CIDER

- 2 quarts apple cider
- 1 orange, sliced
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon cloves
- 2-3 cinnamon sticks

Place all the ingredients in the crock pot and simmer for 3-4 hours or combine all ingredients in large pot and simmer on the stove for one hour. Remove cinnamon sticks before serving.

PECAN PIE

- 1 Pillsbury pie crust (room temperature)
- 4 tablespoon margarine, softened
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup light Karo syrup
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 ½ teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup pecan pieces
- ¼ cup pecan pieces (keep separate)

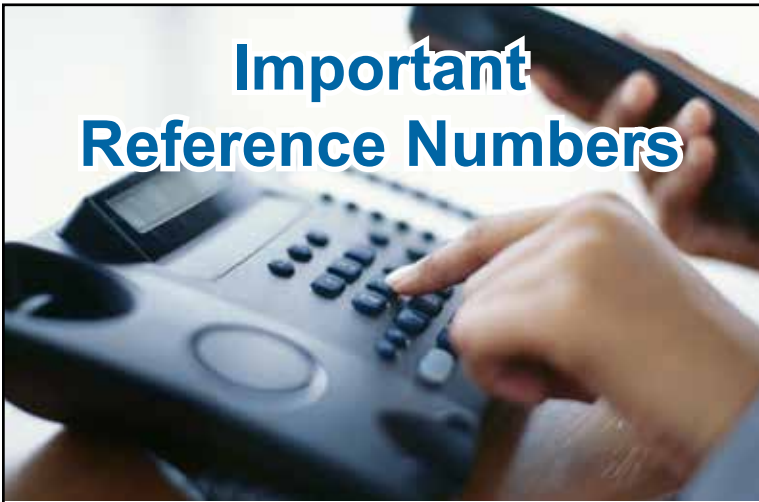
Flour your glass pie baking dish (do not just use PAM spray, it doesn't work!) Soften /melt margarine in mixing bowl. Combine all other ingredients except last ¼ cup of Pecans and stir with spoon and pour into unbaked pie crust. After it settles 30 seconds or so, fill in the open spaces without pecans with left over pecans. Lightly press on them to coat them with mixture but not move them. Cover Pie crust edges only with foil or crust covers. Bake in oven 450° for 10 minutes. Then reduce heat to 325° and bake for 35 minutes or until knife insert into center of filling comes out clean and middle appears more stable/solid.

PUMPKIN MOUSSE

- 1 can pumpkin puree (15 oz)
 - ¾ cup of sugar (superfine)
 - ½ teaspoon Pumpkin pie spice
 - 3 cups of heavy cream (separated into 1 cup to cook and 2 cups to whip)
 - 1 tablespoon Vanilla
- graham crackers – add crumbled up graham crackers to the bottom of your serving dish for a crunchy crust (optional)*
- ginger snaps for garnish on top (optional)*

Combine pumpkin, 1 cup of the heavy cream, sugar and pumpkin pie spice in a medium pan. Cook at medium heat for 5 minutes. Remove from heat and cool to room temperature. While the pumpkin mixture is cooling, whip 2 cups of the heavy cream and vanilla to soft peaks. Set aside to be folded into pumpkin mixture when cooled. If desired crumble graham crackers in the bottom of your serving dish for a crunchy crust. Pipe or spoon mousse into a serving dishes and chill. Just before serving garnish with crumble the ginger snaps or more graham crackers on top.

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Pies for Thanksgiving!

Would Thanksgiving dinner be a celebration without pie for dessert? The three top flavors for Thanksgiving pies are pumpkin, apple and pecan!

Have you ever wondered why serving pie at Thanksgiving became a tradition? Most likely fruit pies were not served at the first Thanksgiving. Some attribute British immigrants and their dedication to meat pies with buttery pastry shells as the beginning of baking fruit pies for celebrations. Apples and the love of apples have been around for centuries all throughout Europe, continuing in early America. Later came the saying, 'American as apple pie.' Pumpkin, a winter squash, was native to North America and easily became a pie favorite for dessert. In the south, pecans were native to most coastal areas and with French influences the pecan pie began to be a staple on many Thanksgiving tables.

Abraham Lincoln declared the last Thursday in November as a national day of Thanksgiving. Riding on the tails of this national holiday, newspapers began publishing recipes such as stuffed turkey and pumpkin pie, as well as many cookbooks were being published and contained many dessert pie recipes.

No matter the reason for the tradition, Thanksgiving dinner wouldn't be complete without a pumpkin, apple or pecan pie for dessert. Happy Thanksgiving!!!

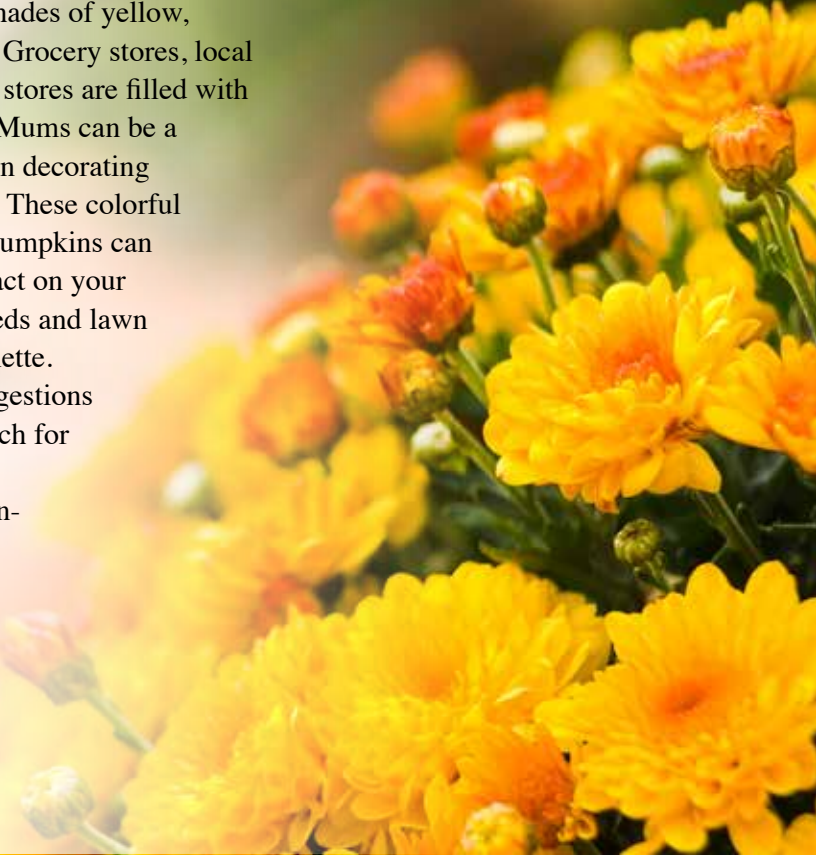


MUMS

Chrysanthemums or mums are the perfect flower for fall. These gorgeous flowers come in amazing shades of yellow, orange, red and purple. Grocery stores, local garden stores and DIY stores are filled with mums, big and small. Mums can be a fundamental element in decorating during the fall season. These colorful mums together with pumpkins can make a fabulous impact on your front porch, flower beds and lawn for a vibrant fall vignette.

Here are a few suggestions

for purchasing mums and keeping mums fresh longer. Search for a plant as it starts to break bud (little to no flower, only the bud), for increased bloom time. Check the plant tags to identify the color of the mum or check other plants that have begun to bloom as many stores try to group like colors together. Choose a darker shade of mum because darker colors look better longer and after the flower blooms they are less noticeable. A bigger, fuller plant is the best buy. Be sure to place mums in full sun, water often for moist soil (not wet) and pinch spent flowers which encourages more blooms.



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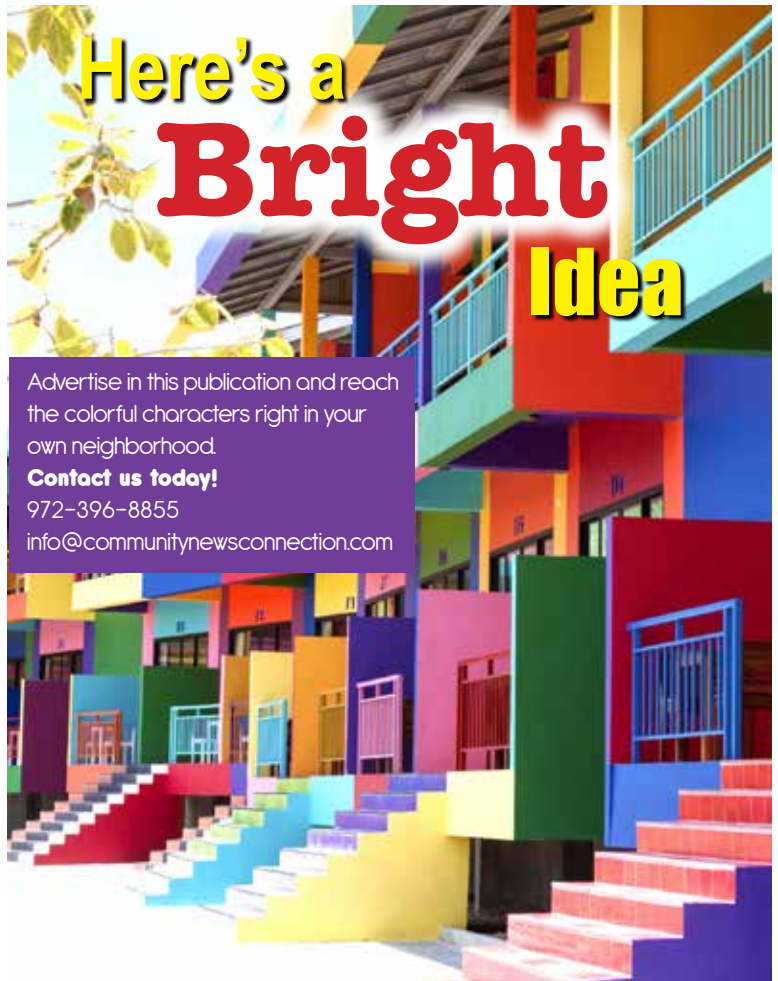
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Tarrant County Elections	2 Tarrant County Elections
3 Tarrant County Elections	4 Tarrant County Elections	5	6 VOWS OWLS 10-11:30am	7 Cowtown Stackers 5pm	8	9 BBQ Cook-off 4-7pm
10	11	12	13 VOWS OWLS 10-11:30 am	14 Daytime Crafters 10am – 2pm Cowtown Stackers 5pm	15 Police Movie Night	16 NFWA Meeting
17	18	19	20 VOWS OWLS 10-11:30 am	21 Cowtown Stackers 5pm	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving – Office Closed	29 Office Closed	30

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