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The information in this manual was carefully prepared to be as accurate as possible at the time it was written. It is furnished for your convenience with the understanding that the information is subject to change without notice. Several references are made to planning within The Woodlands. Such planning is also subject to change. On items of particular interest to you, you may wish to check with the appropriate entity concerning rates, charges and other applicable information.

SECTION I

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE WOODLANDS

This manual is a synopsis of information relative to The Woodlands. It does not cover every detail of each topic mentioned. Other documents included in this manual are presented to provide more specific information about covenants and other aspects of The Woodlands.

Ten years before the first residents moved to The Woodlands in 1974, planning began. This community is located within 28,000 acres of beautiful forested land in Montgomery County and Harris County, Texas.

ABOUT THE DEVELOPER AND HOMEBUILDERS

This information is provided to clarify some of the relationships of entities in The Woodlands. Please read this in its entirety. If you have questions, your sales representative will be glad to provide assistance.

What is The Woodlands?

The Woodlands is a real estate development. Within The Woodlands are the nine villages of Alden Bridge, Carlton Woods, Cochran's Crossing, College Park, Creekside Park, Grogan's Mill, Indian Springs, Panther Creek, and Sterling Ridge.

Presently, neither The Woodlands nor any of the existing villages are incorporated. Village is used only as a term of convenience for designated development areas.

The Woodlands Land Development Company, L.P. and related entities are developing The Woodlands community.

For more information about your new community, visit our websites: www.thewoodlands.com and www.thewoodlands.net.

What the Developer Does

In general terms, a land developer performs the necessary steps-- or sees that they are done-- to prepare previously undeveloped land for development. This includes such things as preparation of lots for single family homes, sites for apartments, townhomes, shopping centers, office buildings, places of worship, schools, recreational areas and other uses that the developer deems appropriate.

The process includes the land planning function, preparation of plats and engineering drawings, securing necessary approvals from governmental entities, coordination with appropriate utility districts, utility companies and others. This is a partial list of development-associated activities.

When the land is developed, it is offered for sale to a person or entity. The building activity is then executed in accordance with the covenants, standards and applicable criteria.

Building Homes

Builders in The Woodlands are independent businesses in the home construction industry. Generally, the builders purchase lots from the developer, on which they build homes in the usual course of their business for sale to the public.

Builders are responsible for preparation of plans and specifications for the homes and are obligated to conform to the covenants, standard and applicable criteria in force throughout The Woodlands. Builders submit plans to the appropriate committee for review. The initial purpose of this review is to ensure that the exterior appearance of the home is compatible with its setting, surrounding homes and general appearance of the particular neighborhood in which it will be located, and that the plans comply with provisions of the covenants, standards and applicable criteria.

The builder proceeds with construction of the home when approvals are secured. The home may be sold by the builder at any time during or after completion of the construction process.

Each builder is responsible for the construction of the home as well as any warranties.

Non-liability of the Developer

THE WOODLANDS LAND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, L.P. AND RELATED COMPANIES ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANY HOME AND MAKES NO WARRANTY, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, REGARDING THE HOME, ANY SAFETY OR SECURITY MATTERS, THE SUFFICIENCY OF UTILITIES, THE WORKMANSHIP, DESIGN, OR MATERIALS USED IN ANY IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATIONS, ANY EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, LIABILITY, FITNESS OR SUITABILITY FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR USE OR ANY WARRANTY OF QUALITY. THE BUILDER HAS SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEFECTS OR ANY PROBLEMS IN THE HOME STRUCTURE OR ITS CONTENTS.

WHAT NEXT?

Now that you've signed a contract to purchase your new home in The Woodlands, what should you do next?

Options, Selecting Colors

In all probability, there are some decisions to be made on options and colors, available from many builders in The Woodlands. Ask your sales representative about the procedure your builder follows, and act immediately to make these decisions.

Loan Application

It is your responsibility to apply for a loan, normally within five days of signing your contract. Again your sales representative can help you make your application. This is a key step in the completion of your new home purchase transaction.

Escrow Closing Procedure

As your new home nears completion, you will be contacted to set up an appointment for closing, a procedure that finalizes the new home sale transaction. In Texas, title companies handle this function, acting as an independent agent to serve you and other parties in the transaction. The meeting usually takes place in the title company office during normal business hours.

Prior to the closing, you will be given information about costs incurred at closing. The final amount is determined by calculating the balance of the down payment, taxes, insurance and any other costs that you pay. Usually, the title company requires a cashier's check. When the closing is completed and funds transferred appropriately, you receive keys to your new home and may move in.

Within several weeks of closing, you will receive by mail executed copies of legal instruments after they are filed as a matter of public record in Montgomery County or Harris County. You'll also receive at the closing or within several weeks thereof, an escrow closing statement itemizing your closing costs, an owner's policy of title insurance issued by the title company which insures you of having good title to your new home, subject to the exceptions listed in the policy. It is your obligation to arrange for the appropriate hazard insurance for your new property.

Home Inspection Walk-through

Prior to closing and moving into your new home, most builders will have you inspect the home and make a list of items needing further attention. This is an important process. Usually, you and a builder's representative make this walk-through inspection together. The purpose is to agree on a list of items, if any, which needs attention before the home is considered complete. It is advisable to have all agreements with your builder in a written document.

Service After the Sale

Since specifics may vary from builder to builder, ask your sales representative for details of any warranties offered by your builder, and also about procedures for having warranty work done after you occupy your new home.

SECTION II

TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS

As a resident and property owner in The Woodlands, (see Additions and Exceptions listed below)*, you will be subject to taxation by the following government agencies:

(All villages except Creekside Park and May Valley in Sterling Ridge:)

Conroe Independent School District - www.conroeisd.net 832.482.6751

(Village of Creekside Park only:)

Tomball Independent School District - www.tomballisd.net 281.357.3100

(May Valley in Sterling Ridge only:)

Magnolia Independent School District - www.magnoliaisd.org 281.356.3571

In Texas, each school district levies its own taxes.

Montgomery County - www.mctx.org/tax 281.353.2186

This agency collects County base tax, which includes Road District #1 taxes. It also provides police protection, road and bridge construction and maintenance, health and welfare services, local courts and a central jail facility.

Municipal Utility District - 281.367.1271 (2, 6, 7, 36, 40, 46, 47, 60, 67),

May Valley 281.290.6507 (386)

Your home will be located in a Utility District and subject to its taxes. Utility Districts are provided for by Texas law to enable communities to benefit from high quality water, sewer, drainage and other designated services.

Montgomery County Hospital District - www.mcad-tx.org 936.523.5000

The district levies taxes to provide support for its functions, which include Emergency Medical Services and indigent health care. The tax is collected by Montgomery County.

Lone Star College System - www.mctx.org/tax 936.539.7897

The district levies taxes which provide a portion of the revenue for its operating costs.

Harris County - www.co.harris.tx.us 713.957.7800

This agency collects the County base tax and taxes payable to related entities including the Flood Control District, the Port of Houston Authority, the Department of Education and an Emergency Services District. It also provides police protection, road and bridge construction and maintenance, health and welfare services, local courts and a central jail facility. Emergency Services District taxes pay for emergency fire and police protection.

Municipal Utility District - 281.290.6507 (386)

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Harris County Hospital District - www.hchdonline.com 713.566.6400

The district levies taxes to provide support for its functions, which include Emergency Medical Services and indigent health care. The tax is collected by Harris County.

Lone Star College System – 832.813.6500

The district levies taxes, which provide a portion of the revenue for its operating costs.

Tax and Assessment Rates

If you have not already been informed of the tax and assessment rates that apply to the home you are about to purchase, ask your sales representative or contact the appropriate governmental agency or association.

THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP

"Quality of life" is a nice generalization. However, it takes many very specific functions to make a community run, and the quality of those public services contributes to the quality of life in The Woodlands.

The Woodlands Township ("Township") provides many services through operation of community recreation facilities and by contracting for trash collection, street lighting and streetscape maintenance. The Township also provides for open space maintenance, park and pathway maintenance, curbside recycling and a recycling drop-off site.

The Township funds The Woodlands Fire Department, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation, with eight fire stations that provide The Woodlands with fire protection and emergency medical services. The Township also contracts with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office for extra law enforcement services.

The Township provides funds for the management and maintenance of a large network of hike and bike paths that meander through the native forest, connecting homes, schools, recreation and shopping areas. You'll also find many neighborhood parks nestled in the greenbelts-complete with swings and other play equipment.

The Township operates more than 120 neighborhood parks, which are located near residential neighborhoods. There are currently 13 community pools. No matter where you live in The Woodlands, you are welcome to use and enjoy the parks and pathways throughout The Woodlands.

The Woodlands Township is structured to serve residents of The Woodlands. The Township is comprised of five board members who are fully elected by residents of The Woodlands. For more information, visit www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov.

We encourage you to become involved in the community. The Township provides a forum for your voice in your hometown. The Woodlands Township Board of Directors usually meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at The Woodlands Township Board Chambers, 10001 Woodloch Forest Drive, Suite 600, The Woodlands, Texas 77380.

Rewarding opportunities for community involvement also exist for you as a participant in The Woodlands Watch Program.

For information on The Woodlands Township, call 281.210.3800, or visit the web site at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov.

ASSESSMENTS

Property owners in certain neighborhoods in The Woodlands are required to pay assessments to other entities or associations.

The Windsor Hills and Lakes Homeowners Association

Property owners in the active adult communities of Windsor Hills and Windsor Lakes have their own homeowners associations called The Windsor Hills Association, Inc. and the Windsor Lakes Homeowners Association, Inc. to manage services provided in the community. Property owners in Windsor Lakes also pay taxes to the City of Conroe for fire and police protection, and other municipal services. Property owners in Windsor Hills contract with The Woodlands Fire Department for fire protection services.

Lake Woodlands Property Owners' Association

Property owners in certain neighborhoods in the vicinity of Lake Woodlands are responsible for payment of annual assessments that are used for the maintenance of the lake.

East Shore Community Association

Property owners in the enclave of East Shore on Lake Woodlands are responsible for payment of annual assessments to the East Shore Community Association for enforcement of standards, security and maintenance of common areas. East Shore residents also pay assessments to the Lake Woodlands Property Owners' Association.

The Carlton Woods Association and Carlton Woods Creekside Association

Property owners in Carlton Woods and Carlton Woods Creekside are responsible for payment of assessments for maintenance of private facilities within the respective communities.

Grogan's Forest, Sections 5, 6 & 7

Property owners in Sections 5, 6 & 7 of Grogan's Forest receive municipal services from, and therefore pay taxes to, the City of Shenandoah with the exception of fire protection. Property owners pay a pro-rated assessment to The Woodlands Township for fire protection, and the use of parks, recreation and other services.

The Woodlands Waterway®

Property owners in the vicinity of The Woodlands Waterway pay an assessment to the Town Center Owner's Association for enhanced area amenities.

Townhome and condominium owners plus property owners in certain neighborhoods also pay annual assessments to their respective homeowner associations for maintenance of common areas and other services.

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For information on The Woodlands Township, call 281.210.3800, or visit the web site at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov.

SECTION III

UTILITIES, TRASH COLLECTION, RECYCLING, MAIL SERVICE

Here's some helpful information on getting your utilities turned on, plus getting trash collection and mail service started. You can apply for some services online at their respective web sites.

Electric Service

Montgomery County

Entergy
www.entergy.com
800.368.3749

May Valley
Reliant
713.207.7777

Harris County (Creekside Park)

See www.powertochoose.org or call 866.797.4839 for a complete list of providers.

A deposit usually is required.

Water & Sewer Service

Montgomery County

Montgomery County Municipal Utility District
(District number will vary according to where you live - 2, 6, 7, 36, 40, 46, 47, 60, 67)
P. O. Box 7580
The Woodlands, TX 77387-7580
www.wjpa.com
281.367.1271 (also the number for after hours emergency use)

MUD 386
281.290.6507

Operations of the several districts are presently handled from one office. Service can be started by coming in-person to 2455 Lake Robbins Drive in The Woodlands and completing an application. A deposit usually is required. Please give the district as much notice as possible before you move in.

Harris County (Creekside Park)

Creekside Park is located in Harris-Montgomery Counties Municipal Utility District 386.
www.swwc.com
281.290.6507

Gas

Montgomery County
Centerpoint Energy
www.centerpointenergy.com
800.752.8036

May Valley
Texas Gas
281.252.6700

Harris County

Centerpoint Energy - 800.752.8036
East of Kuykendahl 77389

Texas Gas - 281.252.6700
West of Kuykendahl 77375

A deposit usually is required before service can be established at a new home, and you should give them as much notice as possible. A Centerpoint or Texas Gas representative can provide current rate information.

Telephone

Montgomery County
AT&T
www.att.com
1.800.464.7928
1.817.376.4125 (out of state)

Harris County
AT&T
1.800.464.7928
1.817.376.4125 (out of state)

Consolidated Communications
www.consolidated.com
350 South Loop 336 West
Conroe, TX 77304
1.866.986.2255
1.866.989.2255 (out of state)

Comcast
8590 W. Tidwell, 4th Floor
Houston, TX 77040
www.comcast.com
1-800-COMCAST

Place your order at least one week in advance of moving in. Rates vary according to the type of service desired.

Cable Television

Comcast
2260 Buckthorne Place
The Woodlands, TX 77380
281-774-7222

The office is open 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call for subscription information.

Internet Service Providers

High speed Internet access is available from AT&T, Consolidated Communications and Comcast, etc. For information, call them directly or visit their respective web sites.

Trash Collection

All Villages except Carlton Woods and Carlton Woods Creekside

Waste Management
www.wastemanagement.com
281.364.9390
800.553.1902

Waste Management provides curbside trash collection and recycling services once per week. You must call to get your new garbage cart and recycling bins before service can begin. You also will receive specific information regarding household garbage, bulky waste, yard waste and recyclables.

The Woodlands Township currently pays the fees for this service. If you have a problem with the service, please report it directly to Waste Management.

Carlton Woods and Carlton Woods Creekside

Republic Waste
www.rwstx.com
281.446.2030

If you have a problem with the service, please report it directly to AMI, 281.681.2000.

Recycling Center

The Recycling Center is located off Research Forest Drive just past the Recreation Center in the Village of Cochran's Crossing.

For more information, hours of operation, or a free brochure, call The Woodlands Township at 281.210.3900.

The Montgomery County Recycling and Reuse Facility is located at 1122 Pruitt Road in Spring. Their phone number is 281.367.7283

Mail

1.800.275.8777 for all
U. S. Postal Service - Spring (77380/1/2)
9450 Pinecroft Drive
The Woodlands, TX 77380
281.419.7948

U. S. Postal Service - Panther Creek (77380/1/2)
10800 Gosling Road
The Woodlands, TX 77381
281.419.8231

U. S. Postal Service - Conroe (77384/5)
809 W. Dallas
Conroe, TX 77301
936.756.6724

U. S. Postal Service - Klein (77389)
7717 Louetta
Spring, TX 77389
281.257.3806

U. S. Postal Service - Magnolia (77354)
815 Goodson Road
Magnolia, TX 77355
281.356.8427

U. S. Postal Service - Tomball (77375)
122 N. Holderrieth Blvd.
Tomball, TX 77375
281.516.0513

Arrangements for home delivery may be made at the post office handling your zip code.

- For residents of 77380 (Village of Grogan's Mill), the post office handling your service is located at 9450 Pinecroft Drive.
- For residents of 77381 and 77382 (Villages of Panther Creek, Cochran's Crossing, Indian Springs, Carlton Woods, Sterling Ridge and most of Alden Bridge), the post office handling your service is located at 10800 Gosling Road.
- For residents in College Park and some residents of Alden Bridge (zip codes 77384 and 77385), the post office handling your service is located at 809 W. Dallas in Conroe.
- For residents in Creekside Park, the zip code is 77389 and the post office handling your service is located at 7717 Louetta in Spring.
- For residents of West Sterling Ridge, the zip code is 77354 and the post office handling your service is located at 815 Goodson Road in Magnolia.
For residents of Creekside Park (west side of Kuykendahl) the zip code is 77375, the post office handling your service is located at 122 N. Holderrieth Blvd. in Tomball.

Arrangements can be made to have your mail held at your post office prior to your actually moving in. Also, mail may arrive in your name, addressed to your new home, before you move in. As soon as you move in, check with your post office for mail. Mail cannot be held more than 10 days, so please keep that in mind.

Your cluster mail delivery lock box will provide you with a secure mail receptacle. You will be the only person with a key to your box. The mail clerk has a key to the rear of the box for loading. Residents of all villages except Creekside Park must get your key from your Post Office and duplicate keys can be purchased from the same location.

For your return address, be sure to include your house number, street name (plus apartment number if applicable) and The Woodlands, TX. Zip codes are:

- 77380 for the Village of Grogan's Mill
- 77381 for the Villages of Panther Creek, Cochran's Crossing and Indian Springs
- 77382 for the Villages of Carlton Woods and Sterling Ridge, except for West Sterling Ridge, which is 77354.
- 77389 for the Village of Creekside Park
- Alden Bridge residents should inquire at the Panther Creek Post Office whether their zip code is 77381 or 77382.
- College Park residents should inquire at the Conroe Post Office whether their zip code is 77384 or 77385.

A limited number of post office boxes are available to rent in each Post Office on a first come, first served basis.

THE WOODLANDS PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT & EMERGENCY NUMBERS

For fire, police and emergency medical assistance, residents of The Woodlands may call **911**, where the call will be automatically routed from a central answering point. After the nature of the emergency and the address are verified, the call-taker will then transfer the call to the appropriate public safety agency. This service also provides both automatic number identification (ANI) and automatic location identification (ALI).

The caller need not worry about which city's police, fire or ambulance service to call. With ANI and ALI, the caller's phone number and address are displayed on the call-taker's computer screen. The ALI assists with the process of dispatching emergency personnel even if the caller is unable to relate his or her address or describe the nature of the emergency.

Sheriff

The Woodlands Division of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department provides law enforcement services to Montgomery County residents of The Woodlands. The Harris County Sheriff's Department out of the Cypresswood Station provides law enforcement service to Harris County residents in The Woodlands.

Montgomery County

Emergency Call: **911**

Non-emergency, call: 281.297.6500.

Harris County

Emergency Call: **911**

Non-emergency, call: 281.367.2997.

Fire/Emergency Medical/Ambulance

Emergency Call: **911**

Non-emergency, call: 281.367.3444.

Fire/Emergency Medical/Ambulance

Emergency Call: **911**

Non-emergency, call: 281.367.3444

The Woodlands Watch

The Woodlands Watch is an award-winning proactive neighborhood watch program. The Woodlands Watch encourages citizens to secure their homes and personal property. It also establishes an organized system for reporting suspicious activity to the sheriff's department. Going beyond basic crime prevention, the program offers opportunities for education about fire prevention, fire safety, and handling medical emergencies. To learn more about The Woodlands Watch, visit www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov or to become active in this program, call 281.210.3800.

USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT FLOOD INSURANCE

The Texas Gulf Coast, a relatively flat area without substantial elevation, is subject to torrential storm systems, including hurricanes, which often produce inordinately heavy rainfall. These storms sometimes produce rainfall so heavy that the most carefully engineered and comprehensive drainage system cannot always cope with the abnormal runoff. Most lots will be located outside of the 100-year flood plain according to the current Flood Insurance Rate Maps published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") at the time the lots are platted. Some lots may be located partially within the 100-year flood plain. Yet these lots will generally have a building site outside this 100-year flood plain. A 100-year flood, according to FEMA, means that there is a 1- percent chance of water reaching the level of the 100-year flood plain every year.

This does not mean that the water cannot rise to elevations greater than that predicted by FEMA for a 100-year flood. For example in October 1994, the Spring Creek water shed area, which includes The Woodlands, experienced an extreme rainstorm. This event resulted in flooding of portions of The Woodlands above the 100-year flood plain. In fact, authorities have calculated the rate of flow in the Spring Creek water shed to have approximated a 500-year storm event. While such an extreme flood has only a FEMA predicted 0.2 percent chance of occurring in a year, it is impossible to predict (other than statistically) whether and when such a flood, or an even greater flood, may occur. To learn more, visit www.msc.fema.gov.

The Woodlands Land Development Company, L.P. urges you to contact your builder, or the Montgomery County Flood Plain Administrator, 301 North Thompson in Conroe at 936.539.7836 if you live in Montgomery County, or the Harris County Engineering and Permit Office at 713.316.3549 if you live in Harris County, for relevant flood plain information regarding your lot for your home. Flood insurance was made possible by passage of the 1968 National Flood Insurance Act, a program administered by the United States Government. Like other residents of the area, people who live in The Woodlands are eligible to purchase flood insurance. Any licensed insurance agent in Texas can write this coverage and, of course, provide you with additional, detailed information, including the required waiting period and specifics of coverage.

Everyone hopes they will never suffer violent storm damage. However you should consider purchasing flood insurance, in addition to other insurance.

As a matter of interest, experienced Houstonians who have been through a hurricane here on the Gulf Coast suggest having on hand things like canned goods, other food items that do not need refrigeration, candles, flashlights, portable radio, batteries, drinking water and other similar items. These supplies come in handy during periods when damage has occurred to utilities and when roads and highways may be impassable. If you wish, you may obtain a recommended emergency supply list from the local Civil Defense office.

Montgomery County - 936.523.3900
Harris County - 713.881.3100

SECTION IV

SCHOOLS IN THE WOODLANDS

Public Schools

All residential areas in The Woodlands except Creekside Park and May Valley in Sterling Ridge are located in the Conroe Independent School District (CISD). Creekside Park is located in the Tomball Independent School District, and May Valley is located in the Magnolia Independent School District.

Montgomery County (all villages except Creekside Park and May Valley in Sterling Ridge)

CISD

CISD administrative offices are located at:
Deane Sadler Administrative & Technical Center
3205 W. Davis
Conroe, TX 77304
www.conroeisd.net
Telephone: 936.709.7751 or 832.482.6751

Village of Creekside Park

TISD

Tomball Independent School District administrative offices are located at:
221 Main Street West
Tomball, TX 77375
www.tomballisd.net
Telephone: 281.357.3100

May Valley in Sterling Ridge

MISD

Magnolia Independent School District administrative offices are located at:
31141 Nichols Sawmill Road
Magnolia, TX 77355
www.magnoliaisd.org
281.356.3571

Lone Star College-Montgomery in The Woodlands: Lone Star College-Montgomery in The Woodlands is located on a 100-acre campus on College Park Drive just west of I-45. Lone Star College-Montgomery is part of the Lone Star College System. Lone Star College-Montgomery offers freshman and sophomore year courses for students with degree plans, along with non-degree plan courses including vocational-oriented training and continuing education. For more information, visit their web site at www.lonestar.edu or call 936.273.7000.

Lone Star-University Center in The Woodlands: Degree plans, both graduate and undergraduate, from six universities are being offered at The Lone Star-University Center, operated in conjunction with Lone Star College-Montgomery. Lone Star-University Center is an innovative concept approved by Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Courses are offered by Texas A&M University, Sam Houston State University, and Texas Southern University. For more information, visit their web site at www.tuc.edu or call 936.273.7510 or 281.618.7140.

Other Nearby Colleges and Universities: A number of colleges and universities are within commuting distance of The Woodlands. Among these institutions of higher learning are Sam Houston State University (Huntsville), University of Houston (Houston), Rice University (Houston), University of St. Thomas (Houston), Texas Southern University (Houston), Prairie View A&M University (Prairie View), Texas A&M University (College Station), Houston Community College (Houston), Houston Baptist University (Houston), Baylor College of Medicine (Houston) and University of Phoenix (Spring).

Private Schools (The Woodlands)

Cunae International School (Pre K through 10)
25823 Gosling Road
Spring, TX 77389
www.cunaeinternationalschool.org
281.516.3770

Esprit International (2 years through Grade 12)
4890 W. Panther Creek, Drive
The Woodlands, TX 77381
www.espritinternationalschool.com
281.298.9200

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School (Pre-K through 8)
7901 Bay Branch Drive
The Woodlands, TX 77382
www.staopcs.org
281.296.0300

The John Cooper School (Pre-K through 12)
One John Cooper Drive
The Woodlands, TX 77381
www.johncooper.org
281.367.0900 or 800.295.1162

The Woodlands Preparatory School (K through 12)
27440 Kuykendahl Road
Spring, TX 77389
www.woodlandsprep.org
281.516.0600

The Woodlands Christian Academy (Pre-K through 12)
5800 Academy Way
The Woodlands, TX 77384
www.twca.net
936.273.2555

Preschool/Kindergarten, Day Care, Mothers' Day Out

A number of places of worship, organizations and private schools offer these services. The Woodlands Interfaith Directory, the phone book, your sales representative and your new neighbors will be good reference sources.

Libraries

George and Cynthia Woods Mitchell Library

www.countylibrary.org

8125 Ashlane Way

The Woodlands, TX 77382

281.364.4298

South Montgomery County Library

www.countylibrary.org

2101 Lake Robbins Drive

The Woodlands, TX 77380

281.298.9110

Lone Star College Montgomery Library

www.lonestar.edu/library.htm

3200 College Park Dr.

The Woodlands, TX 77384

Free Community access

936.273.7000

PLACES OF WORSHIP IN THE WOODLANDS

Interfaith of The Woodlands

www.woodlandsinterfaith.org

4242 Interfaith Way

The Woodlands, TX 77381

281.367.1230

The Woodlands Religious Community is a nonprofit organization representing all major denominations, under the name of "INTERFAITH."

Interfaith plans, designs and implements "cooperative ministry in the context of denominational integrity." That means it works with the places of worship, The Woodlands Land Development Company, L.P. and the residents to help coordinate the use of space, personnel and programs in ways that prevent overlap and encourage brotherhood.

A sampling of congregations of The Woodlands Religious Community is:

Christ Church United Methodist

6363 Research Forest Drive

936.273.2030

www.cc-um.org

The Church at Alden Bridge
8050 Branch Crossing
281.419.3949
www.tcaab.org

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
27707 Glen Loch Drive- 281.298.8584
First Ward - 281.298.1174
Second Ward - 281.419.3777
Oakwood Ward - 10303 Branch Crossing Drive - 281.419.2238
www.lds.org

Community Baptist Church of The Woodlands
8909 Cochran's Crossing Drive
936.271.4446
www.cbcwoodlands.org

Community Christian Church
10801 Falconwing Drive
281.292.9264
www.woodlandsgccc.org

Congregation Beth Shalom
5125 Shadowbend Place
281.362.1100
www.cbsw.org

Cornerstone Baptist Church of The Woodlands
8200 Northway
936.273.0800
www.cornerstonebaptist.org

The Crossing Church
6265 Shadowbend Place
281.292.2909
www.thecrossing.cc

Crossroads Baptist Church
5000 College Park Drive
936.273.5683
www.crbctw.org

Faith Bible Church
5505 Research Forest Drive
936.321.5505
www.faithcc.org

First Baptist Church of The Woodlands
11801 Grogan's Mill Road
281.367.4317
www.fbctw.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist
1340 N. Millbend Drive
281.292.4020
www.christianscienceusa.com

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (WELS)
9191 Cochran's Crossing Drive
936.273.1919
www.goodshepherd-wels.org

Grace Presbyterian Church
8989 Woodlands Parkway
281.296.0911
www.gracewoodlands.org

Hope Pointe Anglican Church
3333 S. Panther Creek Dr.
281.362.1144
www.hopepointe.org

Joyful Life Church
(Meets at The Woodlands High School-Ninth Grade Campus)
281.298.6311
www.joyfullifethewoodlands.org

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness
12681 Sawmill Road
281.292.1194 or 281.367.0603

Living Word Lutheran Church (LC-MS)
9500 N. Panther Creek Drive
281.363.4860
www.lwlc.org

Lord of Life Lutheran Church (ELCA)
3801 S. Panther Creek Drive
281.367.7016
www.lordoflifeonline.org

New Haven House of Prayer
6262 Creekside Green Dr.
281.351.6262
www.newhavenhop.com

Northwoods Unitarian Universalist Church
1370 N. Millbend Drive
281.298.2780
www.northwoodsuu.org

Spirit Filled Celebration Church
6565 Research Forest Drive
281.415.7198
www.spiritfilledcelebrationchurch.com

Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church (ELCA)
7550 Crownridge Drive
936.271.0893
www.sojoy.org

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
7801 Bay Branch Drive
281.296.2800
www.staoptw.org

St. Paul Church of The Woodlands
5401 Shadowbend Place
281.363.0220
info@spctw.org

Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church
26777 Glen Loch Drive
281.367.9885
www.ssjwoodlands.com

Stone Bridge Church
1 Stonebridge Church Drive
281.363.9292
www.stonebridgeonline.org

Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church
7575 Alden Bridge Drive
936.321.3298
www.timberidgepres.org

Trinity Episcopal Church
3901 South Panther Creek Drive
281.367.8113
www.trinitywoodlands.org

Woodland Oaks Church of Christ
7300 Crownridge Drive
936.273.0010
www.woodlandoaks.org

The Woodlands Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
1202 North Millbend Drive
281.367.7139
www.twcc.org

Woodlands Christ's Church
(Worship at Cornerstone Baptist Church)
281.989.5441
www.wcctx.org

Woodlands Church - Fellowship Campus
1 Fellowship Drive
281.367.1900
www.fotw.org

The Woodlands Community Church of the Nazarene
5401 Rush Haven Drive
281.364.1000
www.wccnaz.org

The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church
4881 West Panther Creek Drive
281.363.2040
www.wcpc-tx.org

Woodlands Point Community Church
(Worships at The Woodlands High School)
281.630.2177
www.woodlandspoint.org

The Woodlands Seventh-Day Adventist Church
(Worships at Northwoods Unitarian Universal Church)

The Woodlands United Methodist Church
2200 Lake Woodlands Drive
281.297.5900
www.twumc.org

MEDICAL-DENTAL INFORMATION

A diverse selection of medical and dental practitioners is located in professional buildings throughout The Woodlands. Please consult the telephone directory for an up-to-date list.

Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital
9250 Pinecroft Drive
The Woodlands, Texas 77380
281.364.2300

The first hospital to open in The Woodlands, Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital continues to be the community's healthcare provider for more than 25 years.

The hospital offers a broad range of services:

- Chest Pain Center
- Primary Stroke Center
- Breast and Bone Health Center
- Recognized heart and vascular services
- Outpatient Imaging Center
- Outpatient Surgery Center
- American College of Surgeons Accredited Cancer Program
- Pediatrics
- Maternity Care
- Medical and Surgical ICU
- Intermediate Medical Unit
- Palliative Care Services
- Accredited Diabetes Self Management Program
- Sports Medicine

Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital is part of Memorial Hermann's system of 14 hospitals, which includes Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital and a Level 1 Trauma Center (located in the Medical Center). With one of the Life Flight bases located in Montgomery County, residents who require specialized care at a sister hospital are only a helicopter ride away.

Memorial Hermann 24-Hour Emergency Care
9950 Woodlands Parkway
The Woodlands, TX 77382
281.719.3333

Memorial Hermann opened a 24-hour Emergency Care Center on Woodlands Parkway, just before FM 2978. The new 24-hour emergency care features a lab and imaging center. The facility is equipped to stabilize and transfer trauma patients, including ambulance and Life Flight® helicopter access to Level 1 trauma centers Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center and Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital.

St. Luke's The Woodlands Hospital
17200 St. Luke's Way
The Woodlands, Texas 77384
936.266.2000

St. Luke's Community The Woodlands Hospital is the only not-for-profit hospital in the Greater Houston Area to involve, on one campus, multiple healthcare organizations. As another component of the St. Luke's Episcopal Health System, St. Luke's Community Medical Center-The Woodlands has worked with Texas Heart Institute, Texas Children's Hospital, and M.D. Anderson Cancer Center to bring healthcare to the community.

Located on a 40-acre site at the intersection of Interstate 45 and State Highway 242, the 154-bed hospital opened in 2008.

Services at St. Luke's The Woodlands Hospital include a comprehensive heart program, a surgery center that includes the state-of-the-art robotics-assisted da Vinci Surgical program, a birthing center, newborn and Level II nurseries, a newly added Maternal and Fetal Medicine services, a women's center, a sleep disorder center, nuclear medicine, infusion services and pulmonary function studies. Board-certified emergency physicians provide 24-hour emergency care to adults and children. To enhance pediatric services, an on-site child-life specialist works with patients to help them deal with emotional and psychological issues related to hospitalization.

All diagnostic services - such as radiology, ultrasound, mammography, MRI and CT scans - are digital.

Complementing St. Luke's Community The Woodlands Hospital on-site emergency room are two 24-hour community emergency centers located Woodlands Parkway and Kuykendahl and also at Louetta and Highway 249.

Patients of St. Luke's The Woodlands Hospital appreciate its clinical atmosphere.

St. Luke's The Woodlands Hospital is located at 17200 St. Luke's Way in The Woodlands, at the southwest corner of SH 242 and I-45. For more information, please call 936.266.2000 or visit www.stlukeswoodlands.com.

St. Luke's Lakeside Hospital
17400 St. Luke's Way
The Woodlands, Texas 77384
936.266.9000

St. Luke's Lakeside Hospital is a new medical facility that provides cardiology, sports and orthopedic medical care. A collaboration between St. Luke's Episcopal Health System and local cardiology and orthopedic/spine specialist, St. Luke's Lakeside Hospital also specializes in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of heart disease along with providing the highest level of expertise in orthopedic/spine surgery and sports medicine. The 30-bed surgical hospital offers:

- Nine pre/post operative rooms
- 13 ambulatory care rooms
- Four surgical suites with an option for expansion
- Two cardiac cath cabs with an option for expansion
- Diagnostic imaging including CT, MRI and nuclear medicine
- Inpatient and outpatient services

SECTION V

THE WOODLANDS RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER

2301 North Millbend Dr.
The Woodlands, Texas 77380
Telephone: 281.367.1100
1.800.433.2624 (out of state)
www.woodlandsresort.com

The Woodlands Resort and Conference Center is nestled in the forest just north of Houston. This IACC approved conference facility and learning center has a total of 440 guestrooms and suites. Guestrooms are located within the Fairway Pines facility and in 10 guest lodges, each with two double beds or a king, a study area and TV. Guestrooms offer various floor plans to meet the individual needs of guests and conferees.

The Forest Oasis Waterscape™ features a resort-style pool complex with separate attractions for families, adults and children. The focal point is a 30-foot stone tower with double helix racing slide and observation deck. The complex also includes an outdoor area for special events and corporate outings. The Oaks and Panther Trail are 18-hole championship golf courses that are available for play by Resort guests.

The Conference Center has 60,000 square feet of meeting space, varying in style, decor and size. Groups of 10 to 1,000 people can be accommodated, depending upon the conferee's needs. There's a complete audio/visual system and trained personnel to help make it effective for any group's requirements. Program consultants are available to help organize an entire conference.

THE WOODLANDS COUNTRY CLUB

100 Grand Fairway Drive
The Woodlands, TX 77381
281-863-1400
www.thewoodlandsc.com

The Woodlands Country Club is a private facility, owned and managed by Sequoia Golf Woodlands, LLC.

The Woodlands Country Club features 63 holes of championship and *Signature* golf, including the Tournament Course, former home of the PGA Houston Open; The Palmer *Signature* Course, a 27-hole course designed by the legendary Arnold Palmer and architect Ed Seay; and the 18-hole Gary Player *Signature* course. The Palmer Clubhouse, featuring Craftsman-style architecture, is located in the Village of Cochran's Crossing. The main dining room includes a massive stone fireplace and has an adjacent balcony overlooking the golf course. A lounge, private dining rooms, locker rooms, a fitness center and pool, and a pro shop enhance the facility.

Members appreciate the renovated Tournament Course Clubhouse which includes men's and ladies' locker rooms, new pro shop, beautiful seating throughout the Club and restaurant, offering picturesque views of the 18th green and driving range on the golf course.

Members also enjoy The Oaks and Panther Trail courses. Certain restrictions apply.

CANONGATE AT THE WOODLANDS GOLF CLUB

Canongate at The Woodlands Golf Club
2311 North Millbend Dr.
The Woodlands, TX 77380
www.cannongatetexas.com

The Oaks and Panther Trail
Pro Shop: 281.882.3000

Members of Canongate at The Woodlands enjoy golf at both The Oaks and Panther Trail courses, located at The Woodlands Resort. The courses feature 36 holes, designed for golfers of all skill levels. The Royal Mile Restaurant, the restaurant located at Canongate at The Woodlands, offers members a gathering place for dining.

Canongate at The Woodlands Golf Club is currently accepting new members. For membership information, please call 281.882.3000, ext.1227.

THE CLUB AT CARLTON WOODS

One Carlton Woods Drive
The Woodlands, TX 77382
281.863.5800
www.theclubatcarltonwoods.com

The Club at Carlton Woods is a members-only Country Club located in the private, gated community of Carlton Woods. The club includes an 18-hole Jack Nicklaus *Signature* golf course, and The Fazio Championship Course, a par-72 course designed by renowned golf course architect Tom Fazio, located in Carlton Woods Creekside. Members of The Club at Carlton Woods enjoy the 53,000 square foot Nicklaus Clubhouse with dining, a health and fitness center, tennis and spa, and a 20,000 square foot Fazio Clubhouse, located in Carlton Woods Creekside, with dining, fitness area and massage rooms.

THE WOODLANDS RECREATION CENTER

5310 Research Forest Drive
The Woodlands, TX 77381
281.210.3950
www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov

A 12,000 square foot facility, The Woodlands Recreation Center offers a multitude of recreational programs and activities for residents of all ages. It is owned by The Woodlands Recreational Centers, Inc. Recreational programming is organized by The Woodlands Township Parks & Recreation Department.

The Center has indoor basketball and volleyball courts, a game room, a fitness room, an outdoor stage, a multimedia area, plus homework and music rooms.

For a complete schedule of recreation programs at The Recreation Center, go online at www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov and click on Recreation.

**SOUTH MONTGOMERY COUNTY YMCA - SHADOWBEND
SOUTH MONTGOMERY COUNTY YMCA AT BRANCH CROSSING
CREEKSIDE YMCA OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CENTER**

With one membership and three locations in The Woodlands, the Shadowbend YMCA, located in the Village of Cochran's Crossing, offers a year-round pool, large wellness center equipped with strength training and cardiovascular equipment, indoor climbing wall, Child Watch Center, gymnasium, Child Development Center, and three group fitness rooms.

The Branch Crossing YMCA in The Woodlands' Village of Sterling Ridge features a large outdoor water park and pool with slides, spraygrounds, and interactive components, along with an indoor climbing center, wellness center, Child Watch Center, gymnasium and group fitness room.

The new Creekside YMCA Outdoor Adventure Center, located in The Woodlands' newest Village of Creekside Park, is adjacent to the 1,700-acre George Mitchell Nature Preserve. A primary element will be the attention to outdoor recreation, reconnecting kids and families with nature, and bringing back the sense of adventure to the family outdoor experience. The outdoor center, anchored by a 14,000-square-foot lodge, will be the new home of YMCA Summer Day Camp and Holiday Camps. Special features include a 50-foot alpine tower with zip line, tree houses, tepee village, archery range, outdoor amphitheater, outdoor chapel, boardwalk system 8-20 feet off the ground, patio with large outdoor fireplace and much more.

Shadowbend YMCA
6145 Shadowbend Place
The Woodlands, 77381

Creekside YMCA Outdoor Adventure Center
6464 Creekside Forest Drive
The Woodlands, 77389

Branch Crossing YMCA
8100 Ashlane Way
The Woodlands, 77382

281-367-YMCA
www.southcounty-ymca.org
www.ymcahouston.org

SOUTH MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER

2235 Lake Robbins Drive
The Woodlands, TX 77380
281.363.9410

The South Montgomery County Community Center, a county facility, serves as headquarters for The Friendship Center and has public meeting facilities available for nonprofit groups for meetings as availability permits.

Senior citizens enjoy bingo, crafts, games, square dancing, exercise programs and daily lunches at the site. The Friendship Center operates its Meals on Wheels program from the center, delivering approximately 300 meals every week. Special Needs programs for mentally and physically challenged people, day care programs and the local AARP chapter also use the facilities. Call for more information.

LAKE WOODLANDS

Lake Woodlands is a 203-acre man-made lake in the Village of Panther Creek. The average depth of Lake Woodlands is eight feet. The lake is in a natural, low-lying area with a surrounding watershed of 20,000 acres, its primary water source. Lake Woodlands is stocked for fishing. Watercrafts are restricted to small, non-motorized types. Swimming in Lake Woodlands is prohibited. Fishing is permitted in designated areas only.

SECTION VI

THE WOODLANDS COVENANTS

Keeping The Woodlands as naturally beautiful and well-maintained as it is right now is a big and ongoing job. Fortunately, the people who planned The Woodlands realized the need for restrictions to help maintain the quality and appearance of the community. The various covenants, restrictions, easements, charges and liens of The Woodlands ("The Woodlands Covenants") are helpful tools to make The Woodlands a good place to live for years to come. The Woodlands Covenants are available online at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov.

Take a little time to familiarize yourself with this information. If, after you move in, you would like to make any changes that alter the outside of your home, including the grounds, make sure you understand the procedures you should follow. Taking the time in advance of starting your project could save you time, money and wasted motion.

The Woodlands Covenants are useful in helping everybody understand how things work in The Woodlands. They work to your advantage in making this fine community a hometown you'll be proud of for as long as you live here.

Other covenants and conditions may affect the property you have purchased. You should request this information from your sales representative or seller, or title company handling your purchase.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

Each village within The Woodlands has a Residential Design Review Committee (RDRC) to help protect the aesthetic character of residential neighborhoods. There is an RDRC for each of the developed villages, consisting of five elected volunteers from that village, who provide the resident input necessary to evaluate proposed improvements on a residential lot or structure. Professional staff supports the committees.

For information on The Residential Design Review Committee, call 281.210.3973.

SECTION VII

AN ADVENTURE IN NATURE

As a new homeowner in The Woodlands, from a gardening point of view, you may begin “an adventure in nature” which can be a very exciting and rewarding affair.

Perhaps you are already well informed on what to do when moving to a wooded area, i.e., how to care for the trees and other native plants; adding new plants to the landscape; how to attract birds and other wildlife into the garden, etc., or perhaps this is a totally new experience for you. If you are a novice, you will want to know what to do to capitalize on your “adventure in nature.”

An Overview

In an effort to assist you along these lines, we have prepared some guidelines which are listed as follows:

Let’s assume that your house is completed and ready for occupancy.

Already, we have spent millions of dollars on planning and implementing ways to maintain and improve the natural environment while building the community and your new home.

For example, we have a specialist who collaborates with each builder. He locates the most desirable trees which are to be saved, and adjusts the house on each site to minimize damage to the trees and many other types of native plants. Saving the trees and other native vegetation makes a big difference between your property and that of all the other real estate developments throughout the country. These features (1) add to the aesthetic appeal of your property; (2) reduce costs for air conditioning; (3) conserve energy; (4) provide a healthier environment; and (5) offer the bonus of learning to live closer to nature.

In order to maintain The Woodlands’ landscape philosophy, approval of RDRC is required before you make any major changes in landscaping your lot. This requirement includes the following:

1. Removal of healthy trees larger than six inches in diameter (measured from a point two feet above ground level).
2. Installation of fences, screens, or any other architectural features and/or buildings.
Example: swimming pools, porches, house addition, etc.
3. Change in draining swales.
4. Any other on-site improvements or alterations.

Care of Existing Trees

Larger trees suffer most from man's intrusion. Since they are generally impossible to replace, they should receive the greatest attention and care after construction is completed.

There will be dead and broken branches in most trees. Some may have cavities or their trunks may have been damaged during construction. In most cases, where trees are near the foundation of the house, driveway, street, etc., there has been root damage. All of these things weaken a tree and make it very susceptible to insect and disease problems.

To help the trees regain their health, they should be properly pruned, cavities should be cleaned out, damaged trunks repaired and all injured places should be treated with asphalt tree paint. Once this is done, they should be properly fertilized. Usually it takes about three such feedings over an 18 to 24 month period.

Proper watering is another essential for good health. During periods of little rainfall you should provide weekly applications of heavy watering.

If you are not familiar with how to do these things, it is advisable to contact a reputable tree service company for advice and assistance. Remember, it will usually cost a great deal less to pamper your trees than it will to pay for having them removed after they are dead. Besides, if they die, look at what you have lost financially.

Care of Other Existing Plants

In this area, we are privileged to have a wide variety of native ornamental plants. Some we are accustomed to and appreciate. Others are not so showy and well known, yet are equally desirable.

Some of that underbrush you remove will cost you money if you seek to have a nursery replace it. Besides, it is difficult to purchase or transplant native plants of the size and health found naturally on your lot.

So give these plants the same attention and consideration that is outlined for the care of trees. Also, give both the trees and other native plants first priority in your budget. If you must choose between planting new plants and rehabilitating the older ones, for value spent, you will be money and years ahead if you rehabilitate.

Adding New Plants to the Landscape

After you have satisfied the requirements of your existing plants, you may want to consider adding others to your garden. Since you have elected to move into an area which features natural beauty, it would be fitting to use native plants where possible. This is not to say that imported or cultivated plants would be out of place. Nevertheless for the best results, the latter group of plants should have a natural appearance and should blend in with the natives.

There are several ways in which new landscaping can be approached.

If you are fortunate enough to have property with large trees and heavy vegetation, you'll discover that it is not necessary to go the usual route of establishing a lawn. In many cases it will be too shady to grow healthy turf. So, why not capitalize on another approach and continue your "adventure in nature" by letting nature work for you. By planting ground covers, vines, native grasses and wildflowers as well as additional trees, and shrubs, you won't have the weekly chore of mowing the lawn.

In some cases, you may simply spread pine bark mulch over the top of the soil in the disturbed areas and contrast this with pine needles and/or oak leaves sprinkled under the existing vegetation. These, if left undisturbed, will encourage the growth of seedlings from surrounding trees and other plant materials.

With all of your planting and landscaping, you must take care not to alter existing drainage conditions on your property.

For assistance in developing your garden, several local nurseries specialize in selling native plants and featuring them in gardens.

Attracting Birds and Other Wildlife to Your Garden

By following the concepts outlined above, you have an excellent beginning for attracting birds, squirrels and other wildlife into the garden. They will provide beauty of life, movement and color for your continued enjoyment.

Some of the existing plants will offer food for them. You may want to plant others for this purpose. In addition, it would be desirable to furnish rustic houses, feeders and watering facilities.

We happen to be located in the main flyway for migratory birds. So, in addition to enjoying the local birds, you have an opportunity to attract and enjoy many others which migrate between Canada and Peru.

Most of the information mentioned has been covered in brief general terms. We hope this will stimulate your interest enough to become deeply involved in this "adventure in nature."

PATHWAY SYSTEM

There are currently more than 190 miles of pathways in The Woodlands. Maintained by The Township, the pathways throughout the community are among the most outstanding features. You'll have cause to reflect on the beauty, intrigue and marvels of nature's continuing showcase as you enjoy hiking or biking along the trails.

In an effort to preserve the peace and tranquility of the greenbelt area, only bicyclists and pedestrians are allowed. Operation of unauthorized motorized vehicles is prohibited.

Residents of The Woodlands and their guests are not permitted to go onto undeveloped lands adjacent to developed areas, and should take care not to inadvertently wander into these areas. Trespassing on all undeveloped lands is prohibited. Some outlying tracts of land located beyond designated buffer zones are leased for hunting. These areas are closed and posted. They are also patrolled to keep out trespassers, prevent poaching, illegal dumping and to avoid scarring of the terrain by unauthorized vehicles.

NATURE TRAIL AT THE HOMEFINDER CENTER

If you have not already done so, please visit the nature trail at The Woodlands Homefinder Center, 2000 Woodlands Parkway. Native specimen trees and other plants are identified. You'll find this information helpful in your landscape planning.

THE GEORGE MITCHELL NATURE PRESERVE

Named for George Mitchell, founder of The Woodlands, the George Mitchell Nature Preserve is a 1,700 acre greenspace that features seven miles of frontage along scenic Spring Creek. The Preserve is part of the Spring Creek Greenway Project, a joint initiative of Harris and Montgomery Counties to amass 33 miles of Spring Creek frontage for a regional nature trail system. Located primarily in the Village of Creekside Park, the Preserve currently features several miles of soft surface trails for hiking and birding in the first phase of development. Two trailheads - one in Creekside Park and one in Indian Springs are now open, as well as a kayak/canoe launch.

SECTION VIII

SO YOU CAN DRIVE LEGALLY

If you move from another state, you are required by law to get a Texas vehicle inspection and vehicle title/registration within 30 days in order to operate your vehicle legally.

Vehicle Inspection

You must obtain a state inspection sticker for each vehicle you own before you get your Texas license plates if your vehicle has an out-of-state title. This inspection may be made by an authorized service station and is required to meet state safety criteria. Ask the inspection station for the green form for out-of-state title. The inspection must be renewed annually. Local inspection stations are listed at www.txdps.state.tx.us/vi/inspection/new_locator.asp. All areas of The Woodlands are located in emissions counties.

Registering Your Car

After your vehicle passes inspection, take your inspection certification, proof of insurance and title or registration document to your county tax office. Fees are required for license plates based on the car's year or the truck's weight.

See www.dot.state.tx.us/services/vehicle_titles_and_registration/new_residents_reg.htm for more information on fees.

Montgomery County (all villages except Creekside Park)

In all areas of The Woodlands except Creekside Park, take your car title and registration to the county tax office in the South Montgomery County Courthouse Annex, 1520 Lake Front Circle in The Woodlands or to 400 North San Jacinto in Conroe.

Telephone: 936.539.7896 or 281.354.5511 (Conroe)

Or 281.292.3325 (The Woodlands)

Both of these locations are open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The owner of an original title must appear in person.

Harris County (Creekside Park)

There are 15 locations of the Harris County tax assessors' office (www.tax.co.harris.tx.us/locations/locations.asp). The one closest to Creekside Park is at 6831 Cypresswood Drive, Houston, 77379 and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Telephone for all locations: 713.368.2000

Driver's License

New residents moving into Texas with a valid driver's license from their home state have 90 days after entry to secure a Texas driver's license. Applicants aged 18 and over with a valid driver's license must present proof of identity, social security number, Texas vehicle registration and liability insurance if a vehicle is owned, and take a vision exam. Applicants under 18 with a valid driver's license must present in addition proof of completion of driver education and verification of current enrollment and attendance in school or a high school diploma or GED.

Because this is a state rather than county function, all sections of The Woodlands (including Creekside Park) can obtain driver's licenses at the Department of Public Safety office at 2 Hilbig Road (off Loop 336 in Conroe), open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 936.442.2810 for directions.

NOTE: If you move from another address within Texas, you must go to the office and report your new address.

SO YOU CAN VOTE

It's important for you to register to vote, and you may register to vote as soon as you occupy your new home. To vote, you must be registered, be a United States citizen at least 18 years of age and a resident of the county with an approved registration in which your new home is located for at least 30 days immediately prior to an election.

Texas has permanent voter registration. Your registration is automatically renewed for three years each time you cast a ballot in a primary or general election.

NOTE: Even if you move from elsewhere in Texas, to another address within the same county, or from one address to another in the same voting precinct, notify voter registration.

The representative from Interfaith who calls on you will have voter registration materials, or you may call the voter registration office.

The Homefinder Center also has voter registration cards.

Montgomery County (all villages except Creekside Park)

Voter Registration Office
9159 Airport Road
Conroe, Texas 77303
Telephone: 936.539.7843 or 281.364.4200

The Homefinder Center as voter registration cards available or voter application forms also may be downloaded from:

www.co.montgomery.tx.us/election/vapp.shtml and mailed to the address above.

Harris County (Creekside Park)

In Harris County, the Tax Assessor-Collector is also the Voter Registrar.

Don Sumners

Tax Assessor-Collector and Voter Registrar

P. O. Box 3527

Houston, TX 77253-3527

Telephone (Voter Registration Department): 713.368.VOTE (8683)

Voter registration applications also may be downloaded from:

www.tax.co.harris.tx.us/voter/voterapp/acquirevoterapp.asp and mailed to the address above.

VOLUNTEER

By volunteering your time to community service or by becoming involved in the activities of the The Woodlands, you contribute to the quality of community life. It's also a good way to meet your neighbors and what a nice way to improve your "quality of life" by expanding your circle of friends.

SECTION IX

SHOPPING, DINING, ENTERTAINMENT & HOSPITALITY

The Woodlands Town Center

For complete information about all the shopping, dining and entertainment venues in The Woodlands Town Center, visit The Woodlands Convention and Visitor's Bureau at www.thewoodlandsscvb.com or www.thewoodlands.com.

The Woodlands Mall

Dillard's, Macy's, JC Penney, Forever 21 and Sears are the department stores in The Woodlands Mall, a 1.35 million-square foot regional shopping center located on Lake Woodlands Drive near I-45. The mall includes both indoor and outdoor components, with the outdoor area being adjacent to The Woodlands Waterway®. Visitors to the Mall can take a Waterway cruiser to other points along The Waterway from the Mall turning basin or a trolley through The Woodlands Town Center.

The indoor area features more than 200 popular shops, services, a second-level Food Court and a carousel. The Customer Service Desk, located on the lower level in Center Court, offers gift certificates good at all Mall stores as well as Mall directories. The outdoor area features a bi-level Barnes & Noble bookstore, Anthropologie, Williams Sonoma, Pottery Barn and Pottery Barn Kids, Ann Taylor Loft and other upscale shops. Five restaurants including The Cheesecake Factory, P.F. Chang's China Bistro, Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, Mi Cocina and Brio Tuscan Grille are also located in this new area overlooking The Waterway.

Located near the Mall are additional shops and restaurants like Macy's Furniture, Donoho's Jewellers, Macaroni Grill, TGI Friday's, Sweet Tomatoes and Landry's Seafood House. A 17-screen cinema called Cinemark, an extreme Digital Cinema, is located between Lake Robbins Drive and the Mall Ring Road. It features all stadium seating.

Market Street

This 500,000-square-foot, outdoor "Main Street-styled" shopping area features a central park and event space surrounded by upscale shops and restaurants. HEB Woodlands Market, Z Gallerie, Charming Charlie, Bella Rinova Salon & Day Spa and Sur la Table are several shops located in Market Street. Nearly 20 restaurants and eateries are located in Market Street including Tommy Bahama's Tropical Café, La Madeleine, Café Express, Jaspers, Grotto, Berryhill Tamales and Uni Sushi. A five-screen cinema is located in Market Street, featuring all stadium seating. A new boutique hotel, Avia The Woodlands Hotel, is located in Market Street.

Pinecroft Center I and II

Pinecroft Center is located at I-45 between Lake Woodlands Drive and Lake Front Circle, adjacent to and just north of The Woodlands Mall. Anchor tenants at Pinecroft I include Target, Mega Marshalls, Toys 'R' Us, Mattress Firm and Academy Sports & Outdoors. Compass Bank, Shell and Exxon gas stations/convenience stores are also open in Pinecroft Center.

Anchor tenants in Pinecroft II, located just west of Pinecroft I, include Best Buy, Bed Bath & Beyond, Cost Plus World Market, Office Max, Ross-Dress for Less and Ulta.

The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel & Convention Center

This elegant complex features 341 luxurious rooms and suites, an elevated outdoor pool, banquet and conference rooms and comfortable dining at Ristorante Tuscany. The 70,000-square-foot convention center provides a regional venue for corporate meetings and exhibits. For reservations, call 1.800.262.1509. Throughout The Woodlands, there are more than 2,000 hotel rooms for out-of-town guests or business travel.

The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion

The Center for the Performing Arts at The Woodlands, owned and operated by The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Center for the Performing Arts, is a Texas non-profit corporation. The Pavilion, located at 2005 Lake Robbins Drive, offers a wide variety of performances, from rock to classical music, on an April through October schedule. The Pavilion is the Houston Symphony's "summer home." Surrounded by lush forest, The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion has reserved seating for 6,500 patrons under its soaring, tensile roof and an adjacent grassy hillside, which provides seating for 10,000, a total capacity of approximately 16,500. www.pavilion.woodlandscenter.org.

During the season, tickets are available at all Ticketmaster outlets as well as their website ticketmaster.com, and Macy's department stores, or may be charged by phone by calling 713.629.3700. Tickets may also be purchased at The Pavilion box office open Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Parking is available in lighted lots near The Pavilion and The Cynthia Woods Parking garage. Handicap parking is available near the Lake Robbins Drive entrance. There are on-site concession stands, restrooms, and handicap seating, plus medical and security personnel. Special services such as group sales, special events and private functions may be arranged by calling The Pavilion office at 281.363.3300.

Woodforest Bank Club is part of The Pavilion complex. The facility is a beautifully and thoughtfully designed state-of-the art meeting and party facility, fully equipped for business conferences, intimate receptions and lavish gatherings. The facility is available year-round, so use is not limited to The Pavilion's performance season. For additional information, call 281.363.0900.

The House of Blues Hospitality Tent at The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion offers concertgoers a full-service bar (the only public place in the venue where a full-service bar is available), air conditioning, private restrooms, limited appetizer menu and a live video feed of the concert when available.

VILLAGE CENTER SHOPPING

Alden Bridge Village Center

Alden Bridge Village Center, a 140,000 square-foot shopping center, is located at the intersection of Alden Bridge Drive and Research Forest Drive in the Village of Alden Bridge. A Kroger supermarket and Walgreen's Drug Store are among the major tenants in this center.

Cochran's Crossing Shopping Center

Cochran's Crossing Shopping Center is located on Research Forest Drive between Gosling Road and Shadowbend Drive in the Village of Cochran's Crossing. A Kroger Signature store and CVS Drug anchor the center. A variety of other stores, restaurants and service businesses are also located in the center.

Grogan's Mill Village Center

Grogan's Mill Village Center is located at Grogan's Mill Road and South Millbend Drive in the Village of Grogan's Mill. The center offers a variety of stores, restaurants and service businesses, including a Randalls supermarket.

Indian Springs Village Center

Indian Springs Village Center is located at the corner of Woodland's Parkway and Kuykendahl Road. The center is anchored by a H-E-B supermarket and 30+ restaurants, stores and service businesses.

Panther Creek Shopping Center

Panther Creek Shopping Center is located at the intersection of Woodlands Parkway and West Panther Creek Drive in the Village of Panther Creek. A Randalls supermarket and CVS Drug anchor the center. More than 40 stores, restaurants and service businesses are located in the center.

Sterling Ridge Village Center

A 130,000 square-foot shopping center is located at the corner of Woodlands Parkway and Kuykendahl Road in the Village of Sterling Ridge. The Sterling Ridge Village Center is anchored by a Kroger Signature Store and CVS Drug plus 20-25 other stores, restaurants and businesses.

Terramont Shopping Center

Terramont Shopping Center fronts Woodlands Parkway near its intersection with FM 2978. A 210,000 square foot custom-designed WalMart Supercenter anchors the center that includes stores, dining and businesses on both sides of Woodlands Parkway.

Windvale Village Center

Located at the intersection of College Park Drive and FM 1488, Windvale Village Center features a Randalls supermarket and 20-25 other shops, restaurants, and services.

College Park Shopping Center

Located on the north side of the intersection of Interstate 45 and College Park Drive (SH 242), this center includes several large stores including a Wal-Mart Supercenter, Kohl's, Lowe's, La-Z-Boy and Garden Ridge, along with smaller shops, restaurants and services. There are also many retail businesses on the south side of College Park Drive.

VAN POOL SERVICE

VPSI sponsors a vanpool program to provide travel between work and home -- easily, comfortably, cost effectively.

Currently, VPSI provides service to downtown Houston, the Medical Center, the Galleria, and other parts of the city. Additional service is added upon sufficient demand. A VPSI staff member assists groups in designing routes and planning schedules from The Woodlands area.

For more information on VPSI, call 1.800.826.7433 or 713.682.3133, or visit www.vanpool.org.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Park and Rides

The Woodlands Express, a commuter bus service owned by The District, operates two Park and Ride facilities, for the commuting convenience of residents. For more information and directions to their locations, call:

Research Park & Ride (Gosling Road Lot)	936.273.6100
Sawdust Park & Ride (Budde Road Lot)	281.363.0882
Sterling Ridge Park & Ride (McBeth Way Lot)	832.813.0809

The Woodlands Waterway®

Six Waterway Cruisers travel along The Woodlands Waterway® providing the perfect way to explore all the amenities The Waterway has to offer. On the north side of the corridor, two rubber-tired, vintage style trolley cars provide transportation.

Scheduled service for the Waterway Cruisers is Monday through Thursday 11 am - 7 pm; Friday 11 am - 9 pm, Saturday 11 am - 9 pm; and Sunday 11 am - 8 pm. You can board at the designated stops. A general public day pass with unlimited rides on the cruisers is available. Tickets can be purchased when you board the cruiser, and must be paid in cash. Youth, seniors and disabled pay half fare. For additional information and current fares visit www.thewoodlandscvb.com.

The trolley schedule is Monday through Sunday 11 am - 8 pm. Trolley rides are free. For a trolley schedule and routes, visit www.thewoodlandscvb.com.