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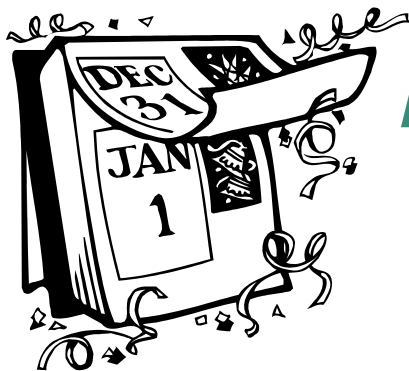
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**Legends Ranch Community
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Ladies "Spring Fling" Brunch Steering Committee Needed

Interested in getting involved and starting a new tradition in our community?

Join the Steering Committee for the Ladies Spring Brunch! You'll meet some new neighbors and you might just have some fun along the way! For more information or questions, please contact anna@events-ec.com.



Happy New Year!

Social Evening of Songs and Stories Friday, January 25th at 7:30PM

New Event Every Month at Legends Ranch!

Children and adults are invited to the Recreation Center to read a short story, poem, sing a song or play an instrument. Movie and book reviews are also encouraged. Performances will be 5 to 10 minutes per person. It's all about sharing talents and experiences! All are welcome to attend and cheer the participants. Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP before January 20th to Matt Krishnan "Song & Story" Program Coordinator.

Email krishnan.matt@gmail.com or phone 281-298-5049



NEW TO THE COMMUNITY? JUST MOVE IN?

We're glad you've chosen Legends Ranch as your new home! Please register at the on-site community office for access to the SplashPad, fitness center and other community amenities! For office hours, directions and additional information, call 281-681-9750.

Don't want to wait for the mail?
View the current issue of the Legends Ranch Property Owners Association Newsletter on the 1st day of each month at www.PEELinc.com

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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Conroe ISD	936-709-7751
Montgomery MUD #89	713-932-9011

Your Community Homeowners Association

PCMI Management	281-504-1360
Legends Ranch Info Center	281-681-9750
Legends Ranch SplashPad	281-419-2130
Gate Attendant Office	281-296-0433
Light Pole Outages	281-681-9750
Houston National Golf Club	281-304-1400

Police & Fire

Emergency	911
Montgomery Sheriff	936-760-5800
Pct. 3 Constable Office	281-363-1161
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Montgomery County EMS Non-Emergency ..	936-441-6243
Poison Control	800-222-1222
Texas DPS	713-681-1761

Utilities

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Electricity (TXU New Service)	281-441-3928
Electricity (Centerpoint)	713-207-2222
Gas (Centerpoint)	713-659-2111
Water & Sewer	281-353-9756
Canyon Gate Connect	281-296-9584
Waste Management	713-686-6666
Street Light Outages	713-207-2222

Public Services

Local US Post Office	281-419-7948
Toll Road EZ Tag	281-875-3279
Voters Registration	936-539-7843
Vehicle Registration	281-292-3325
Drivers License Information	936-442-2810
Montgomery County Animal Control	281-689-3133
Montgomery Chamber	281-367-5777

Area Hospitals

Memorial Hermann	281-364-2300
St. Luke's	832-266-2000
Conroe Medical Center	281-364-7900

Conroe ISD

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Hauser Elementary	281-863-4001
Vogel Intermediate	281-681-9829
York Junior High	281-367-6753
Oak Ridge High	281-292-9800

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First Baptist Church	936-756-6622
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Seeking Section Leaders and Block Captains

To increase community awareness, the Communications Committee is actively recruiting section leaders and block captains. For more information on becoming a block captain or section leader, please contact Anna Schmidt, Director of Community Events at anna@events-ec.com. To reach your section leader, also contact anna@events-ec.com.

Your 2008 Section Leaders Include:

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CANYON GATES

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Canyon Gate Communities Night at the Houston Rockets

Saturday, February 9, 2008

7:30 PM @ Toyota Center

Houston Rockets VS. Atlanta Hawks

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as we cheer on the hometown team!***

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Texas Events - January

11—KINGSVILLE: Valero Cactus Bowl Showcases the best of Division II all-stars college football. Texas A&M University — Kingsville. www.kingsvilletexas.com 361/592-8516

12—ORANGE: Mardi Gras Ball Call early for reservations. E-mail: thechamber@sbcglobal.net • www.goacc.org 409/883-3536

12—PEARLAND: Winterfest Includes a three-lane snow tubing hill, 200,000 pounds of snow, ice skating rink, carnival, midway games, petting zoos, camel rides, pony rides, demonstrations, craft booths, climbing wall and other hands-on activities. Rain date is Jan. 13. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pearland's Independence Park. www.pearlandparks.com 281/652-1673

12—PORT ISABEL: Longest Causeway Run & Wellness Walk Queen Isabella Memorial Bridge. www.portisabel.org 956/943-2262

12—SANTA FE: Haak Port & Chocolate Affair Hours are 6 to 8 p.m. Reservations are limited to 40. Haak Vineyards & Winery. www.haakwine.com 409/925-1401

12-13—LOS FRESNOS: Elvis Festival Includes Elvis impersonators, food, music and more. Los Fresnos Rodeo Arena. 956/233-5482

16-Feb. 1—NASSAU BAY: Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Art Exhibition Displays more than 500 superior works of art by students from Clear Creek ISD and Friendswood ISD. Arts Alliance Center at Clear Lake. www.taaccl.org 281/335-7777

18-19—BEAUMONT: Hot Hearts Combines the best in contemporary Christian music with state-of-the-art video and light shows for a high-energy weekend. Civic Center. www.hothearts.org 409/838-3435

18, 20, 26, 30—HOUSTON: The Abduction from the Seraglio Two lovely young women held hostage on the Orient Express endure both the advances of their captors and an elaborate rescue by their fiancés that goes off the rails. Houston Grand Opera. www.houstongrandopera.org 713/228-6737

19—HOUSTON: Birding Walk & Talk Stroll around the park's many trails seeking the wintering visitors from the north. Begins at 8:30 a.m. Sheldon Lake State Park. 281/456-2800

19—LA PORTE: Hard Hat Tour of the Battleship Texas Enter areas rarely seen by the public. Reservations required. Battleship Texas State Historic Site. 281/479-2431

19—LAKE JACKSON: Rita Coolidge with Brazosport Jazz Orchestra Begins at 7:30 p.m. The Clarion at Brazosport. www.clarion.brazosport.edu 979/230-3156

It'll be a set of Janis Joplin's music performed and a band inducted into the Music Hall of Fame. Carl Parker Center at Lamar State College. 409/722-3699

19-20—GALVESTON: Oak Ridge Boys The Grand 1894 Opera

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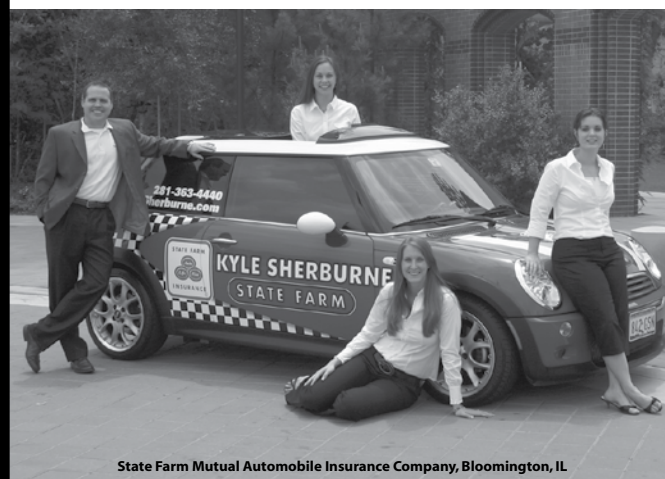
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19-20—PORT NECHES: Trade Days on the Avenue Includes antiques, arts & crafts, and entertainment. Port Neches Avenue. 409/722-4023

21—FREEPORT: Martin Luther King Parade & Rally Enjoy a traditional parade celebrating the civil rights leader. Begins at noon. 979/297-2801

24—NASSAU BAY: Open Mic Jazz Nite Musicians, vocalists, poets and music lovers are invited to step into the spotlight. Arts Alliance Center at Clear Lake, 2000 NASA Parkway. 281/335-7777

25, 27—HOUSTON: The Magic Flute Houston Grand Opera. www.houstongrandopera.org 713/228-6737

26—SANTA FE: Pruning Day & Haak Winery's Sixth Annual Oyster Fry Pruning begins at 8 a.m. From 1 to 4 p.m., enjoy the oyster fry. Haak Vineyards & Winery. www.haakwine.com 409/925-1401

26—VICTORIA: Tales of a Golden Era with Sha Na Na Victoria College Auditorium. www.victoriasymphony.com 361/576-4500

26-27—ORANGE: Mardi Gras Festival Includes parades, gumbo cooking competition and more. 700 Simmons Drive. www.goacc.com 409/883-3536

27—ORANGE: Woven Harmony Offers a collaborative experience featuring Robert Bluestone on classical guitar and silk weaver Rebecca Bluestone. Lutch Theater. www.lutcher.org 409/745-5535

27—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Taste of the Island Hours are 2 to 5 p.m. SPI Convention Centre. 956/761-4412

28—PORT ARANSAS: Port Aransas Merchant's Dine Around Enjoy samples from restaurants and local shops. www.portaransas.org 800/452-6278

31-Feb. 3—PORT ARTHUR: Mardi Gras Weekend Includes parades, headliner bands, carnival rides, arts & crafts, and strolling street entertainers. Downtown Port Arthur. www.portarthur.com/mardigras 409/721-8717

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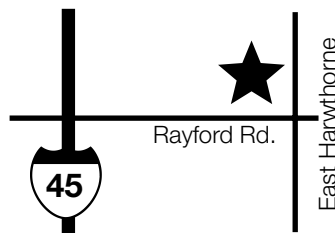
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Street Light Maintenance

To report a street light that is not working, contact Centerpoint Energy at 713-207-2222. You will need to provide them with the number located at the base of the pole and the street address. You can also report outages on online at www.centerpointenergy.com/outage.



Recipe of the Month:



Taco Soup

- 1 lb. ground beef or turkey
 - 1 small onion
 - Taco seasoning
 - Ranch dressing packet
 - 1 tomato
 - 1 can Rotel tomatoes
 - 1 can ranch style beans
 - 1 can corn
 - 1-2 cans chicken broth
- Brown beef and onion. Add taco seasoning and ranch dressing.
• Chop tomato and add to beef. Dump in rest of ingredients. Boil
• 15-20 minutes. Serve with sharp cheddar cheese and a dollop
• of sour cream on top

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Understanding Sciatica

Sciatica is a nerve-related condition that can have a major impact on your fitness program and your ability to perform simple, daily tasks with ease.

A relatively common form of back pain, sciatica refers to irritation of the sciatic nerve, which is made up of five branches of nerves that come out of your lumbar and sacral spine.

In many cases, sciatica is caused by a herniated disc that is putting pressure on the sciatic nerve. A herniated disc, which is often brought on by a sudden twisting motion or injury, is sometimes referred to as a slipped, ruptured, bulging or protruding disc, or a pinched nerve.

For others, sciatica may be caused by a narrowing of the spinal canal, or stenosis, which can be congenital or may develop over time. In this case, lesions can form and protrude into the canal and press on the nerves. Sciatic irritation may also be caused by slippage of a vertebral body in front of another, a condition known as spondylolisthesis.

Poor biomechanics, curvature of the back, weak abdominal muscles or pregnancy can contribute to this slippage, which can press on the nerve.

Symptoms of sciatica

As the longest nerve in your body, the sciatic nerve runs down from your lower back through the back of your thighs, where it divides into two branches just above your knees. It further branches out into the muscles

below your knees, all the way down to your feet.

Classic symptoms of sciatica often start out with back pain, which may improve over time. However, you may begin to feel pain in one of your hamstrings or calves, and some numbness or tingling in your toes.

For some people, the pain from sciatica can be severe and debilitating. For others, the pain might be infrequent and irritating, but has the potential to get worse. While sciatica can be very painful, permanent nerve damage is rare.

Fortunately, because the spinal cord does not extend through the lumbar (lower) spine, there is no danger of paralysis from a herniated disc in this area.

(Note: If your symptoms include progressive weakness in the legs or bladder/bowel incontinence, this may indicate a serious condition called cauda equina syndrome, which requires immediate medical attention.)

Treating sciatica

How sciatica is treated depends on the severity of the problem. You should, of course, see your doctor for an evaluation and diagnosis if the pain is keeping you from everyday activities.

Nerve pain is caused by both pressure and inflammation on the nerve, and treatment is concentrated on relieving both of these conditions.

For acute pain along the sciatic nerve, heat and/or ice packs can help relieve pain. Begin by applying heat or ice for about 20 minutes at a time, and repeating every two hours as needed. You can also alternate the two to see if this provides more relief.

For some people, taking oral steroids or an anti-inflammatory such as ibuprofen will help. If the pain is severe, your doctor may inject an epidural directly into the affected area to reduce the inflammation that is causing you pain.

Manual treatments, osteopathic or chiropractic, may help relieve the pressure. Your doctor may also suggest a physical-therapy program that includes back-strengthening or lumbar stabilization exercises.

Fortunately, most people with sciatica can expect their symptoms to improve within a matter of days. For others, relief may come within two to three months.

In a small percentage of cases, where pain is severe and the combination of manual and medical treatments have not provided relief, surgery may be necessary to help relieve both pressure and inflammation.

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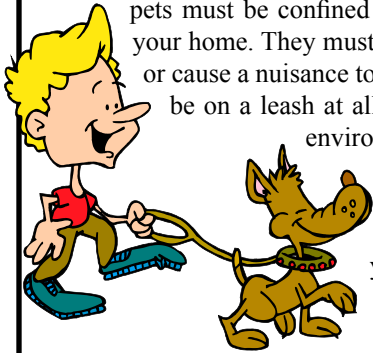
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7 Real Estate Rules of Thumb Every Homeowner Should Know

1. **Don't buy the most expensive home in the neighborhood.** If you do purchase the most expensive home in the neighborhood, the lower priced homes will pull its value down.
2. **Location is the most important factor in providing real estate value.** Location is the most important factor but you can't ignore Price, Condition, and Terms.
3. **A home that is priced too high will end up selling for less than it would have if it were priced at Market Value.** We usually see the first two weeks as the most active time for homes that are priced right. If your home isn't priced correctly, you may have to drop the price 3% - 5% to stimulate interest.
4. **Always buy in a good school district.** Even if you don't have children, the home values will tend to rise faster or hold longer in a good school district.
5. **Less than 6 months of inventory means it is a Seller's Market.** This can vary by area, but this is generally true; more than 6 months of Inventory usually indicates a Buyer's Market.
6. **Splitting the difference is not always the fairest way to negotiate.** Negotiation is key and splitting the difference on terms or price may not be fair at all. Be sure your Realtor is trained in negotiations.
7. **Your home has to be in Top Condition to sell for Top Dollar.** This statement is true in any Flat Market or Buyer's Market. The exception to this rule would be if your home's considered to be "one-of-a-kind".

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