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Legends Ranch Community Garage Sale

Rescheduled from September -This time Rain or Shine!

Your toss-outs may be someone else's treasure! The community garage sale will take place in **YOUR OWN** garage! Just be ready to open your garage at 7AM on Saturday, November 8th.

We'll be creating a map of all the garage sales in the community. To be added to the map, please e-mail your address to anna@events-ec.com **AND** include a short list the items you are selling Please e-mail your address and items description no later than **Wednesday**, **November 5th**. The map will be handed out at the guardhouse on the day of the garage sale.

A banner will also be posted at the front of the community to create awareness of the event. You may place signs in your yard to promote your garage sale. **Please refrain from posting your own signage on our community stop sign poles and event signs.**

For any questions, please contact Anna Schmidt, Director of Community Events at anna@events-ec.com

Saturday, November 8th 7:00 AM - 12 NOON

3rd Annual Holiday Yard Decorating Contest

December 7th - 12th, 2008

Start planning your holiday decorations. Our newest tradition in Legends Ranch continues with our Annual Holiday Light Contest! Each section in Legends Ranch will have one winner, awarded a \$35 gift certificate. Most importantly, they'll get to display their winning yard sign during the holiday season!

Make sure your lights are on from Sunday, December 7th to Friday the 12th, as our volunteer judges will be driving the community!

Interested in participating as a judge? Contact Anna, Director of Community Events at anna@events-ec.com .

Calling All Volunteers!

Judges needed for Holiday Yard Judging Contest December 7th – 12th, 2008

We need volunteers to drive the community and help nominate homes! This is a great way to volunteer and give back to our great community. It only takes an

hour! To sign up or for additional information, please contact anna@ events-ec.com.

Ten (10) additional volunteers needed for the event to be a success!



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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Property Tax

Property lax	
Montgomery County Tax	
Conroe ISD	
Montgomery MUD #89	
Your Community Homeowners Association	
PCMI Management	
Legends Ranch Info Center	. 281-681-9750
Legends Ranch SplashPad	
Gate Attendant Office	. 281-296-0433
Light Pole Outages	
Houston National Golf Club	. 281-304-1400
Police & Fire	
Emergency	
Montgomery Sheriff	. 936-760-5800
Pct. 3 Constable Office	
S. Montgomery Co. Fire Dept. Non-Emergency	
Montgomery County EMS Non-Emergency.	
Poison Control	
Texas DPS	
Utilities	. /15 001 1/01
Electricity (TXU)	800-368-1398
Electricity (TXU New Service)	
Electricity (Centerpoint)	
Gas (Centerpoint)	
Water & Sewer	
Canyon Gate Connect	
Waste Management	
Street Light Outages	
Public Services	. /15-207-2222
	201 410 7040
Local US Post Office	
Toll Road EZ Tag	
Voters Registration	
Vehicle Registration	
Drivers License Information	
Montgomery County Animal Control	
Montgomery Chamber	. 281-367-5777
Area Hospitals	
Memorial Hermann	
St. Luke's	
Conroe Medical Center	
Conroe ISD	
Ford Elementary	
Hauser Elementary	
Vogel Intermediate	
York Junior High	. 281-367-6753
Oak Ridge High	. 281-292-9800
Private/Parochial	
First Baptist Church	
Sacred Heart Catholic Church	
St. Edward Catholic	
St. James Episcopal Day	
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Phone: 281-504-1360 Fax: 281-531-4611 canyongate@stes.com

Have you logged in yet?

www.canyongate.com /residents/lr

Features of the Legends Ranch Community intranet include:

- Resident Directory
- Amenity Web Cams
- Current Events and Activities
- Documents and Forms
- Event Photos and MORE!



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Association's Management Company Contact Information

Planned Community Management (PCMI) has been contracted by the Board of Directors to manage the day-to-day activities of the community. In order to contact the community's Board of Directions or if residents have concerns, questions about their account, or deed restriction violations to report, please put the information in writing and send via e-mail to canyongate@stes. com, or call PCMI – Canyon Gate Communities at 281-504-1360. When calling or emailing, please identify the community call and residents will be directed to the proper representative.

For all Canyon Gate communities on-site managers are available to assist residents. For Legends Ranch, Mitsi is at the Clubhouse at 281-681-9750, and Allison is at the SplashPad at 281-419-2130. The office hours are 10AM - 6PM Tuesday through Saturday. Please feel free to visit and they will be pleased to assist you with ARC forms, enrollment for electronic entry and to provide you with a copy of the calendar of events.

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

2008 Legends Ranch Community Events

FALL GARAGE SALE Saturday, November 8 HOLIDAY BREAKFAST WITH SANTA Saturday, December 6 HOLIDAY YARD CONTEST December 7 - 12



Legends Ranch Mom's Club – NEW!

Our activities include organized play dates, mom's night out, new mom support, group outings and more! Contact anna@ events-ec.com to be added to our roster!



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Crime Stoppers is Coming to Legends Ranch!



In the coming months, you'll see Crimes Stoppers signs posted throughout your community. Crime Stoppers of Houston is a community-based organization dedicated to solving and preventing serious crime in partnership with citizens, media, law enforcement, and the criminal justice system in the greater Houston area. It was started in 1976 in Albuquerque, NM, then brought to Houston in 1981 by members of The Exchange Club of Houston. It quickly grew into a world leader in helping law enforcement solve felony crimes.

How Do I Report a Tip?

- 1. Call 713-222-TIPS.
- 2. Callers with credible information will be given a code number.
- 3. You will remain anonymous, we do not ask for your namand we do not have caller ID.
- 4. The information is forwarded to law enforcement.
- 5. If your information results in the arrest and charging of a suspect, you will be eligible for a cash reward up to \$5,000.

Holiday Breakfast with Santa & Teddy Bear Drive

Saturday, December 6th 9:30AM to 11:30AM at Rec Center

Take your photo with Jolly St. Nick as we welcome in the Holiday Season! We'll be serving holiday treats and entertainment for children young and old! This year we're also hosting a Teddy Bear Drive benefiting Houston Children's Hospital. Our Teddy Bear Drive is organized by Sawyer Eldredge, to complete his Eagle Badge! He and fellow scouts will be in attendance to collect the bears during our event.

A couple helpful tips about your teddy bears, they are being delivered to a hospital, used teddy bears, no matter how clean, cannot be accepted. The hospital also asked they not be seasonal, (Valentine, Christmas....) Houston Children's Hospital officials prefer that the donated teddy bears be between 6 and 18" tall.





We Challenge What You Pay For Electricity!

If SparkPowerBank isn't your current electricity provider...chances are you're paying too much!



I'm Texas Energy Analyst Alan Lammey. Maybe you've heard me on the radio talking about the market forces that drive energy prices. I'm here to tell you that you're not stuck paying those high prices to big electric companies anymore! **Stop it.**

Why pay more than you have to? Those days are over!

Why would you want to go with an electric provider that charges you more, when you can go to www.sparkpowerbank.com and pay far less for the same electricity?

Make sense?

Please choose "Newsletter Ad" as your referral on the SparkPowerBank.com website.

Protecting Your Children on the Internet

Submitted by Laurie Scott

Just as we try to protect our children from bullies and predators on the streets, as parents we need to be doing the same when it comes to the Internet. Before the internet much of our socialization was done on the telephone. We would talk on and on while our parents were telling us to get off the phone. But with the advent of the Internet has come online chat as well as popular social networking sites such as MySpace and FaceBook, which have provided a totally new way for kids to socialize but at the same time exposed them to a new world of dangers. There is no need however to panic, as there are steps you can take to greatly reduce any risks.

First, talk to your kids. There is no software or hardware that will better protect your children than you. Keep computers out of children's bedrooms and in a public area of the home. Kids should not be talking to people online that they don't know in person. They should enhancing existing relationships, not creating new ones online. Never should your child give out personal information such as a phone number, address, birthday, school, etc.

Netsmartz.org is a fabulous site run by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children; they have lots of material for both parents and kids from K – High School. An excellent tool is their "Internet Safety Pledge" that you and your child can read together and sign as an agreement between you. For younger kids there are kid-safe web browsers such as "MyKidsBrowser" and "Kidzui". There are tools such as NetNanny and CyberSitter that can be installed on a computer to limit what programs can be run and what sites can be visited (be advised that clever teens seem to figure ways around them). OpenDNS is a free service that you can use to transparently control access for all computers in your home (though it does require a little technical knowledge to fully implement).

You tell your children not to talk to strangers and never get into a car with a stranger, using the same caution regarding strangers on the internet is a great first step in allowing your kids to enjoy the richness the Internet has to offer while minimizing the risks.

Printing & Publishing Publishing community newsletters since 1991 We currently publish newsletters for the following subdivisions in Houston: **Blackhorse Ranch** Longwood Bridgeland **Riata Ranch** Steeplechase Coles Crossing Cypress Mill Stone Gate **Enchanted Valley** Summerwood Fairfield Village Creek

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REMINDER: BE CONSIDERATE, DO NOT PARK IN FRONT OF FIRE HYDRANTS AND REMEMBER TO PARK AT LEAST 15 FT FROM STOP SIGNS



YARD CLIPPINGS REMINDER:

Please refrain from putting yard clippings out before trash pick up day. You're neighbors don't want to see your trash either!

Important Trash Information

Please remember that unless it is trash pick up day, your trashcans (and any bags of trash) must be placed out of public view. Do not store your trashcans in front of your garage or on the side of your home. Your neighbors don't want to see your garbage either!

Waste Management 713-686-6666 Trash Pick Up Days Wednesday and Saturday Heavy pick up day Saturdays (no more than 2 items)



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Where Can We Take Our Recyclables?

Montgomery County Recycling Center

Recycling & Reuse Facility 1122 Pruitt Road Spring, Texas

Monday through Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 281-367-7283 (SAVE)

They will accept aluminum cans, plastic, cardboard, glass containers, metal and paper, call for directions and additional information!

AND

Your community schools also have ABITIBI recycling dumpsters, not only are you doing something good for the environment, but they are fundraisers as well! You can drop off paper and cardboard at the following Abitibi dumpster locations:

> Houser Elementary School 27370 Oak Ridge School Road

Vogel Intermediate School 27100 Geffert Wright



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Unhappy with with your current preschool?

We can help. Mention this ad, and we'll waive your enrollment fees.

Helping parents raise happy and smart children

Age-appropriate learning

Learning should be fun. But when you're not developmentally ready, learning becomes a frustrating chore. Our activities and classrooms are 100% age-appropriate and our teachers are trained to recognize each child's individual capabilities.

Child-directed learning

We show children the world through sight, sound, touch, taste and smell -not just a picture on a page. Our teachers, classrooms and curriculum work together to create a total learning environment.



Enrichment programs

We help give your child every advantage possible. That's why we include classes like Spanish, science, cooking, computers, music, tumbling and sign language in tuition. Optional programs like ceramics, dance and sports are available with specialized instructors in small group settings.

Safe and secure by design

From the coded key-pad entry to the internet monitoring system to the floor-to-ceiling tempered glass walls separating every room, your peace of mind in never far from ours.

Learning extends outdoors

Playgrounds designed for each age level and the water park ensure your child will do more than just play with their friends, they'll develop muscles, social skills and motor skills.

Happy kids

The best reason to trust Kids R Kids with your child is the abundance of happy children that fill our school. Nothing we say or do means a thing unless each and every child we care for feels loved, safe and happy.

The Woodlands 320 Valleywood 281.362.9222 www.kidsrkids7tx.com Legends 29910 Aldine Westfield at Rayford 281.363.2227

www.krklegends.com

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

Section 1: STILL NEEDED	Section 1: Roland Garcia
Section 2: Desireah Riley	Section 2: Patricia Ricci
Section 3: Carol Durkin	Section 3: Charlie Madden
Section 4: Johnie Cravey	Section 4: Matt Jordan
-	Section 5: Jeff Gayer
LECENDO DANCH	Section 6: Stanhania Dalas

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Section 1: STILL NEEDED

Section 2: Patricia Ricci ection 3: Charlie Madden ection 4: Matt Jordan Section 5: Jeff Gaver Section 6: Stephanie Palazzo Section 7: Patricia Parra Section 8: Kelly Hardwick

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Splashpad Texas Office Hours

Onsite Business Office (2nd Floor) Tuesday through Saturday - 9:00am until 5:00pm Onsite Community Manager: Deborah Silverstein Phone: 281-419-2130

Clubhouse Onsite Office Hours

Onsite Business Office Hours Tuesday through Saturday 10:00am until 6:00pm Onsite Community Manager: Mitsi Withington Phone: 281-681-9750

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ATTENTION RESIDENTS: Call Before You Dig Request

There have been numerous service outages within the community due to resident activities (as well as general construction) such as installing landscaping or swimming pools. Please, prior to performing work on your property, call the "Texas One Call System at 1.800.245.4545". They will mark the location of the utility lines easement within your property. Remember, damages to any utility lines within your property can affect services to YOU and YOUR neighbor's homes. Thanks for taking time to call before you dig! **Texas One Call System: 1.800.245.4545**

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Please support the businesses that advertise in the Legends Ranch Community Newsletter. Their advertising dollars make it possible for all Legends Ranch residents to receive the monthly newsletter at no charge. No homeowners association funds are used to produce or mail the newsletters. If you would like to support the newsletter by advertising, please contact our sales office at 888-687-6444 or <u>advertising@PEELinc.com</u>. The advertising deadline is the 10th of each month for the following month's newsletter.

Dog Reminder

Dogs MUST be on a leash at all times when not in a contained environment. Please respect the safety of your neighbors!

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.



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.

Planning on Outdoor Home Improvements?

Please remember that when planning outdoor home improvements, you must first complete an ARC form. This form is submitted to our Architecture Review Committee before construction can begin. For questions or a copy of the form, please call your onsite office at 281-681-9750.

Personal Classifieds

Classified Ads

Personal classifieds (one time sell items, such as a used bike...) run at no charge to Legends Ranch residents, limit 30 words, please e-mail <u>anna@events-ec.com</u>

Please Control Your Pets!

Please respect your neighbors' yards.... remember that pets must be confined to a fenced backyard or within your home. They must not be allowed to bark all night or cause a nuisance to your neighbors. They must also be on a leash at all times when not in a contained environment. It is also the pet owner's

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Legends Ranch Neighbors:

The market has slowed but it is still possible to sell a home this year in Legends Ranch.

There are 7 Secrets to Selling in Legends Ranch, which many agents, especially those who specialize in The Woodlands, Conroe, or other subdivisions (like Benders Landing or Imperial Oaks) may not know.

If you are interested in selling your house, please contact me and I will be happy to explain **The 7 Secrets to Selling in Legends Ranch**. I promise a personal visit with NO OBLIGATION and NO HASSLE. I also explain my *neighborhood discount* for Legends Ranch homeowners who list with me.

By the way, the Legends Ranch homes (right) need a new owner; if you know someone who is looking, I'll be happy to show them these properties.

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