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SAVE THE DATE!



2nd Annual Ladies "Spring Fling" Brunch

Saturday, March 28th

10:00AM to NOON at Clubhouse



Legends Ranch residents and their guests are invited to a first-class brunch, featuring local area boutiques and shops. Local vendors will be featured on our spacious covered veranda with dining inside the clubhouse as well as poolside. Our entertainment will feature the York Junior High Orchestra. Tickets are \$8.00 each (cash or check at the door), for residents and their guests. Admission price includes breakfast buffet, juices, coffee dessert and more! Your ticket also includes the opportunity to win one of numerous gift baskets, valued from \$50 to \$100+, donated by our event vendors and sponsors.

Please RSVP to Anna Schmidt, Director of Community Events, at anna@events-ec.com or by phone 713-783-6702, by Wednesday, March 25, 2009 to reserve your spot!

Annual "Egg" Stravaganza

Sunday, April 5th

2PM to 4PM at Clubhouse

Hop on over to the Legends Ranch Clubhouse to enjoy our annual egg hunt. We've stuffed over 4,000 eggs this year! Our egg hunt will include age groups of 2 and under, 3 - 5, 6 - 8 and 9 +. Each group will hunt separately, so it's fair for every-"bunny"!

We'll have moonwalks, light refreshments and other entertainment. BRING YOUR CAMERA as Peter Cottontail will be available for pictures!



Legends Ranch Recycling Update

RECYCLING pick up days - Wednesdays
TRASH pick up days - Wednesdays and Saturdays

The following are products you can recycle by placing in your green tub:

Newspaper/paper – this includes magazines, junk mail, telephone books and cardboard. If it will tear or rip by hand WM will take it. **NO PIZZA BOXES** or paper products with food residue on them.

Bi-metal (tin) and Aluminum Cans – Food/beverage cans only. **NO** foil, pie tins, aerosol cans or scrap metal.

Plastic (codes 1 to 7) – Plastic containers coded on the bottom with a 1 or 7 inside a recycling triangle – this includes soft drink bottles and milk jugs. **NO** other plastics will be accepted. All lids, caps and rings must be removed. It is not necessary to remove labels.

For additional recycling info: www.wm.com, www.thinkgreen.com, www.earth911.org

Waste Management began recycling service to your community in December of 2008. Recycling is a service to your community, offered through MUD #89. For questions, please contact Waste Management direct at 713-686-6666.

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Important Phone Numbers

Property Tax

Montgomery County Tax	936-539-7897
Conroe ISD	936-709-7751
Montgomery MUD #89	713-932-9011

Your Community Homeowners Association

PCMI Management.....	281-870-0585
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
S. Montgomery Co. Fire Dept. Non-Emergency	281-363-3473
Montgomery County EMS Non-Emergency	936-441-6243
Crime Stoppers.....	713-222-TIPS
Poison Control.....	800-222-1222
Texas DPS	713-681-1761

Utilities

Electricity (TXU).....	800-368-1398
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	936-442-4438
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.....

Ford Elementary	281-367-4677
Hauser Elementary	281-863-4001
Vogel Intermediate	281-681-9829
York Junior High	281-367-6753
Oak Ridge High	281-292-9800

Private/Parochial

First Baptist Church	936-756-6622
Sacred Heart Catholic Church.....	936-756-3848
St. Edward Catholic.....	281-353-4570
St. James Episcopal Day	936-756-4984

Board & Management Co.

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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 Directors, 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 **Brandi Leal at bleal@stes.com** or call PCMI at **281-870-0585**.

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 Debbi 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.

The Association in no way verifies, endorses, or approves any products, information or opinions mentioned at Association sponsored functions or contained in this community newsletter.

2009 Legend Ranch Community Events

Ladies "Spring Fling" Brunch - Saturday, March 28

"Egg"stravaganza - Sunday, April 5th

Spring Community Garage Sale - Saturday, May 2

4th of July Celebration - Saturday, June 27

National Night Out - Tuesday, August 5

Safety Day - Saturday, September 5

Night at the Astros - September TBD

Fall Community Garage Sale - Saturday, September 12

Fall Festival - Saturday, October 24

Holiday Breakfast with Santa - Saturday, December 5

Holiday Yard Contest - December 6 – 12

*Please contact Anna Schmidt, Director of Community Events at anna@events-ec.com if you would like to help with any of our 2009 events!
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LR Mom's Group Standing Play-Date

1st Saturday of the month 10AM – Noon

AND

1st Tuesday of the Month, 9AM – 11AM.

Location: LR Clubhouse Park

All are welcome to join the mom's club at our standing play-dates at the Legends Ranch Clubhouse park. As it gets a little warmer, we'll move to the SplashPad.

Interested in being added to the Mom's Club roster?
Contact anna@events-ec.com

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!

Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club

Information Session

Friday Evening, April 3rd, 2009

The Northwest Flyers Track Club will host a free open house / registration session for all middle and high school athletes and their parents interested in joining for the 2009 season. The event will be held on Friday, April 3, 2009, from 7:00 – 8:30 PM at the Champions Park subdivision clubhouse, 13635 Champions Park Drive**, Houston, TX 77069. The session will begin with a very important program overview / orientation at 7:00 PM. All interested athletes and parents should report on time.

The Northwest Flyers is a youth (ages 6 -18) track organization, affiliated with USA Track & Field. The club provides a full program of "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, discus, shot put and javelin. It is an excellent "off-season" program for young athletes who currently compete on their middle school or high school varsity track teams.

Visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org> for registration forms and information prior to the session, or contact Linette Roach at (281) 587-8442 or linette.roach@sbcglobal.net.

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Onsite Community Manager: Deborah Silverstein

Phone: 281-419-2130

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Tuesday through Saturday 10:00am until 6:00pm

Onsite Community Manager: Mitsi Withington

Phone: 281-681-9750

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New Conroe ISD Elementary School to Open August 2009

Information Night – Monday, March 9th @ 7PM

Conroe ISD Board members announced the name of the newest addition to their elementary school lineup: Birnham Woods Elementary, located in The Falls at Imperial Oaks subdivision, in southern Montgomery County just east of I-45 and Rayford Road. This will be the third new elementary school to open in the area in four years, due to the incredible growth and popularity of the area. Construction began on Birnham Woods Elementary in Summer 2008, and is on schedule to open for classes in August 2009.

Zoning maps were released in October, showing the proposed enrollment will include The Falls at Imperial Oaks, The Meadows at Imperial Oaks, Legends Ranch and Estates of Legends Ranch, Legends Run, and Legends Trace. The maps are available on the district's website.

Also at the board meeting, Dr. Christine Butler was announced as the principal-to-be for Birnham Woods in their inaugural year. Dr. Butler is currently serving as the Assistant Principal at Galatas Elementary. The Falls at Imperial Oaks is hosting an "Information Night," open to all, on Monday, March 9th, at 7:00 p.m., to give parents an opportunity to meet the new principal and other school officials, and gather additional information on the new campus. The event will be held at the Falls at Imperial Oaks Lake Club, a newly constructed clubhouse and rec center complex located adjacent to the new campus at 31220 Birnham Woods Drive at the intersection of Northridge Forest Dr. You can get additional information on the event and driving maps at www.fallsatimperialoaks.com

Ford Elementary Spring Fling

*Carnival & Craft Show
April 4th, 2009 from
10am-2pm*

Please join us for a day of Family Fun at Ford Elementary Spring Fling Carnival & Craft Show on Saturday, April 4th, 2009 from 10am-2pm. Large craft show with local vendors, moonwalk bouncers, rock wall, pony rides, face painters, raffle, games, concessions, and more! Ford Elementary is located on Richards Rd, right off of Rayford Rd. All proceeds benefit the Ford Elementary PTO. Interested vendors may contact fordpto@gmail.com.



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Pedestrian Safety

By Brittany Kolkhorst

Fellow Residents,

Recently, there have been several reports of reckless driving occurring within our neighborhood. Specific reports include residents witnessing excessive speeding, failure to stop at neighborhood stop signs, failure to yield to pedestrians, hazardous driving, etc. These reports are extremely disconcerting, considering these types of driving behaviors put all residents' safety at risk.

As we enter the spring and summer months families will engage in more outside activities. Therefore, it is more important than ever for everyone in our neighborhood to take an active role in practicing conscientious driving and take steps to ensure pedestrian safety. The following information is provided by the U.S. Department of Transportation and The National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration. Please take the time to review this information and to educate others in your family on pedestrian safety. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of both drivers and pedestrians to remain aware of one another to ensure a safe neighborhood. For more information please visit http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped_bike/ or www.nhtsa.dot.gov/

Safe Pedestrian Behaviors

- Cross at street corners, and cross where you can see and be seen by drivers.

- Stop and look left, right, and left again before crossing the street.
- Just because you see a car doesn't mean the driver has seen you. Be especially careful where cars are turning. If you're not sure that a driver has seen you, let the car go by before attempting to cross the street.
- Walk on sidewalks, or if no sidewalks are available, walk facing traffic.
- Carry a flashlight and wear reflective materials when walking at night or early in the morning.

Safe Driver Behaviors

- Obey posted speed limit signs and stop signs within the neighborhood.
- Refrain from engaging in distracting activities while driving.
- Look for cars as well as pedestrians at intersections.
- If you see a car stopped ahead, be very careful when passing. The car could be stopped because pedestrians are crossing.
- Keep in mind children have special characteristics that leave them more susceptible to danger. For example, they have less accurate depth perception, tendencies to "dart" out in to traffic, and difficulty judging the speed of a vehicle. Children of elementary age and younger assume the greatest risk because their

field of vision is 1/3 more narrow than an adult's, they are unable to determine the direction of sounds, they lack the ability to understand how much time and distance is needed for a moving vehicle to stop, overestimate their abilities, generally focus on one thing (e.g., a ball), and are easily distracted. In addition, they are smaller in size, often no taller than the vehicle's hood, and thus can go undetected.

Additional Things Parents Can Do

- Supervise children when they are playing outside.
- When walking with your child, talk about street safety and show him/her how to stop and look for cars.
- Set a good example, young children learn by watching adult behaviors.
- Find safe places for young children to play away from traffic.
- Make sure your child wears a helmet when riding a bike, scooter, or trike.

Again, I encourage you to discuss this pedestrian safety information with your children and/or with drivers in your household. We all must take an active role in upholding neighborhood safety. May you all have a safe and enjoyable spring!

Thank you for your time,
Brittany Kolkhorst



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CRIME STOPPERS

713-222-TIPS

www.crime-stoppers.org

Update on Stop Light at front of Legends Ranch Community

A traffic survey has been completed by the county and a light has been approved for placement at the front of the community, by Precinct 3 of the county commissioner's office. The design engineer has almost completed the design plans for the intersection.

Legends Ranch is 7th in line behind other local intersections being addressed. Due to our place on the list and the time it takes to have the funding certified, the installation may not be completed for another year to year and a half.

Contacting your county commissioner's office might help expedite the process. Below is the address and fax for contacting Ed Chance, your county commissioner.

County Commissioner Precinct 3

Ed Chance

1130 Pruitt Road

Spring, Texas 77380

Phone: 936-539-7817 or 281-367-3977

Fax: 281-298-7321

Crime Stopper Signs Are Up!

Crimes Stoppers signs have been 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 name and 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.

Legends Ranch Traffic Survey - *Please fill out and return!*

Your Board of Directors would like to determine if there is an interest in utilizing speed bumps as a method to reduce speeding in the community. Please take the time to **fill out the below survey and return by March 31, 2009**. You can return your survey to either of your on-site offices, located at the Clubhouse or Splashpad. You can also fax your survey to your on-site office at 281-681-9755. Or, you can mail your survey in to PCMI, c/o Brandi Leal, P.O. Box 219223, Houston TX 77218.

Name _____

Street Address _____

- Yes, I am in favor of speed bumps
- No, I am not in favor of speed bumps

If you are in favor, what type of speed bump/hump would you be in favor of?

- Concrete speed humps (at a minimum cost of \$1,900 each)*
- Plastic speed bumps (at a minimum cost of \$1,600 each)*
- Ceramic buttons (at a minimum cost of \$1,400 for row)*



**cost would be to the Property Owners Association of Legends Ranch*

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Interested in Getting Involved in the Community?

The following committees are actively seeking members:

Social Committee
Traffic/Safety Committee
Adopt-A-School Committee
Section Leaders/Block Captains
Landscape Committee/Garden Club

*For additional information or to join,
contact anna@events-ec.com!*

REMINDER:

DO NOT REMOVE WEIGHTS FROM FITNESS CENTER

If you remove weights from the community weight room, the POA of Legends Ranch will have to replace the weights at an additional expense to the Association.

They are only for us INSIDE the fitness center.

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 2009 Section Leaders Include:

CANYON GATES

Section 1: Roland Garcia
Section 2: Patricia Ricci
Section 3: Charlie Madden
Section 4: Matt Jordan
Section 5: Kenneth Brown
Section 6: Stephanie Palazzo
Section 7: Patricia Parra
Section 8: Kelly Hardwick

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Section 3: Carol Durkin
Section 4: Johnnie Cravey

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Section 1: Kris Kallaway

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MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND - MAY 23, 24 and 25

Saturday 10:00am-7:00pm

Sunday 12:00pm-6:00pm

Monday 11:00am-7:00pm

(Closed Tuesday May 26th)

LAST WEEKEND IN MAY- MAY 30 and 31

Saturday 10:00am-7:00pm

Sunday 12:00pm-6:00pm

SUMMER POOL HOURS

June 5th through August 23rd, then weekends only

Tuesday -Thursday 11:00am-7:00pm

Friday 11:00am-9:00pm

Saturday 10:00am-9:00pm

Sunday 12:00pm-6:00pm

(Closed Mondays)

OPEN SEPTEMBER 5, 6 and 7

Saturday 10:00am-7:00pm

Sunday 12:00pm-6:00pm

Labor Day 11:00am-7:00pm

POOL SEASON CLOSES TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8

POOL AT SPLASHPAD

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The P.O.A. of Legends Ranch is not responsible for the wildlife within our community lakes. It is important that residents understand that housing wildlife (i.e. ducks/poultry) is in violation of the restrictions and the Association will pursue all matters accordingly.



Dog Reminder

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

REMINDER:

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

March P.O.A. of Legends Ranch Board Meeting

March 12, 2009 • Land Tejas Offices
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If a resident would like to attend to voice a concern they may submit a request to Brandi Leal, your PCMI representative, via mail or email (bleal@stes.com) to be received no later than March 5th to be placed in the Agenda. With your request, please include the topic of your concern to address.

**Next P.O.A. of Legends Ranch
Annual Meeting
April 2009**

More details to come!

Looking for P.O.A. of Legends Ranch budgets, ARC guidelines and ACC applications?

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Welcome to Legends Ranch!

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 online at www.centerpointenergy.com/outage.

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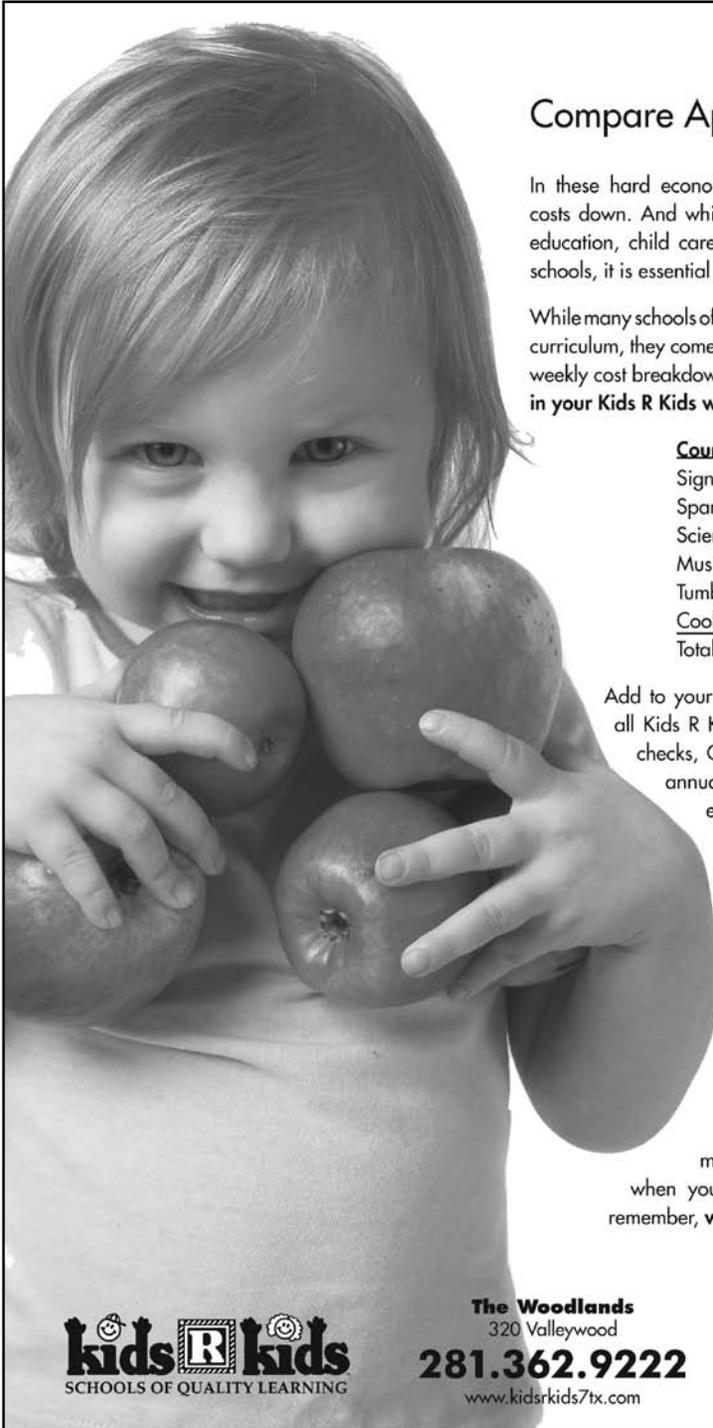
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