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Preventing Burglaries Brittany Kolkhorst

There have been several reports of burglaries, suspicious persons, trespassing, etc. occurring within Legends Ranch in recent months. Due to continued criminal activities such as these taking place around the neighborhood, I would like to take this opportunity to provide information on ways in which we can protect our homes against burglaries. In addition, I would like to remind you all that an official Montgomery County Sheriff's crime report for Legends Ranch is posted to the community intranet each month. I encourage you all to access these criminal reports to make yourself aware of the criminal events occurring in our neighborhood. Also, I urge you to inform other residents when criminal activities have taken place so we all may keep a watchful eye out and take steps to deter these events.

The following burglary prevention information is provided by the Burglary Prevention Council (PBC) and State Farm Insurance Company. Additional information can be obtained from www.burglaryprevention.org and www.statefarm.com/learning/be_safe/ home/home.asp.

Keep in mind most burglars are looking for a home that is unoccupied, offers easy access, has low visibility, and contains something worth stealing. In addition, most burglaries occur during the day when homes are vacant.

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CPR Class at Legends Rach

Tuesday, May 19th 6:30PM to 8PM at Legends Ranch Clubhouse \$25 Class Fee

Please make an advanced reservation to take advantage of this great class!

Participants will learn the following:

- * The adult Chain of Survival and the importance of calling 9-1-1
- * Signs and symptoms of cardiac arrest and stroke
- * Techniques of adult CPR (ABCs)
- * Rescue techniques for choking adults (Heimlich maneuver)
- ^{*} The infant and child Chain of Survival and the importance of calling 9-1-1
- * Techniques of child and infant CPR (ABCs)
- * Rescue techniques for choking infants and children
- * Child safety and injury

Upon successful completion of the course, including skills demonstration all participants will receive a Heartsaver CPR course card, valid for two years.

<u>ADVANCED RESERVATIONS</u> <u>REQUIRED</u>, please call or e-mail Director of Community Events, Anna, at anna@events-ec.com or 713-783-6702!

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Important Phone Numbers

Property Tax

| Montgomery County Tax | |
|-----------------------|--|
| | |
| Montgomery MUD #89 | |

Your Community Homeowners Association

| PCMI Management | |
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| Legends Ranch Info Center | |
| Legends Ranch SplashPad | |
| Gate Attendant Ôffice | |
| Light Pole Outages | |
| Houston National Golf Club | |

Police & Fire

| Emergency | |
|---|-------------|
| Montgomery Sheriff | |
| Pct. 3 Constable Office | |
| S. Montgomery Co. Fire Dept. Non-Emergency 28 | 81-363-3473 |
| Montgomery County EMS Non-Emergency | 36-441-6243 |
| Crime Stoppers71 | 13-222-TIPS |
| Poison Control80 | 00-222-1222 |
| Texas DPS7 | 13-681-1761 |

Utilities

| Electricity (TXU) | 800-368-1398 |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Electricity (TXU New Service) | 281-441-3928 |
| Electricity (Centerpoint) | |
| Gas (Centerpoint) | |
| Water & Sewer | |
| Canyon Gate Connect | 281-296-9584 |
| Waste Management | |
| Street Light Outages | |

Public Services

| Local US Post Office | 281-419-7948 |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Toll Road EZ Tag | 281-875-3279 |
| Voters Registration | 936-539-7843 |
| Vehicle Registration | |
| Drivers License Information | |
| Montgomery County Animal Control | 936-442-7738 |
| Montgomery Chamber | |

Area Hospitals

| Memorial Hermann | |
|------------------------------|--|
| St. Luke's | |
| Conroe Medical Center | |
| Conroe ISD | |
| Ford Elementary | |
| Hauser Elementary | |
| Vogel Intermediate | |
| York Junior High | |
| Oak Ridge High | |
| Private/Parochial | |
| First Baptist Church | |
| Sacred Heart Catholic Church | |
| St. Edward Catholic | |
| St. James Episcopal Day | |
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Have you logged in yet?

www.canyongate.com/residents/lr

Features of the Legends Ranch Community intranet include: Documents and Forms

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

<u>Advertise</u> Your Business Here 888-687-6444

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 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

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! Events subject to change.



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2nd Annual Ladies Spring Fling Brunch March 28, 2009



2009 "Egg"stravaganza





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Preventing Burglaries - (Continued from Cover Page)

BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS:

- Call the police immediately if you see suspicious activity in the neighborhood.
- Use automatic timers on lights, radios, and/or televisions to make your home appear occupied.
- Park your cars in the garage and keep the garage door closed. This will keep a burglar from being able to tell when the house is unoccupied and also helps to hide your belongings.
- Display your alarm system decals and remember to test the alarm system periodically.
- Lower your telephone ringer and answering machine so they cannot be heard outside.
- Never leave a message on your answering machine that you are out of town or leave a note on your door that could tip off burglars.
- Keep the perimeter of your home well-lit and install motion detector lights so they light up all of your entryways.
- Eliminate hiding places by keeping shrubbery cut back from your doors and windows.
- Always have the locks changed when moving into a new home.
- Get to know your neighbors and look after each others' homes.
- Do not hide spare keys outside of your home, instead give a key to a trusted neighbor.
- Never leave clues that you are away from home on a trip. Have your phone forwarded and ask a trusted neighbor to collect your newspaper, check for delivered packages, use your trash can, and periodically park in your driveway while you are away.

It is my hope that through implementing these burglary prevention tips we can discourage criminals from preying on our homes and reduce our chances of becoming burglary victims. We can all work to secure Legends Ranch by making our homes more difficult targets and maintaining a watchful eye.

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

Go to www.canyongate.com/residents/lr and click on "documents and forms" on the left hand menu.

Questions? Call PCMI at 281-870-0585.

Splashpad Texas Office Hours

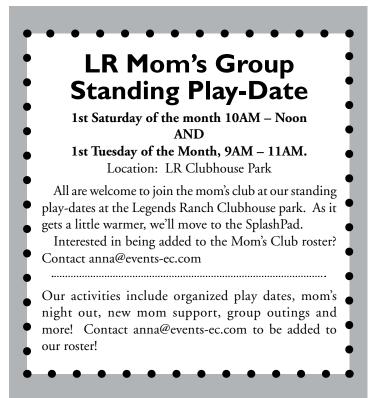
Onsite Business Office (2nd Floor) Tuesday through Saturday - 9:00am until 5:00pm Onsite Community Manager: Deborah Silverstein Phone: 281-419-2130

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



FIRST MONTH!



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

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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 2009 Section Leaders Include:

CANYON GATES

CANYON LAKES

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

Section 1: STILL NEEDED Section 2: Desireah Riley Section 3: Carol Durkin Section 4: Johnie Cravey

LEGENDS RANCH

Section 1: Kris Kallaway Section 1: Roy Underwood

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.

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A-Beautiful Pools is Looking forward to a Safe and Exciting Summer in 2009

A-Beautiful Pools, Inc. is thrilled about managing your pool this year for a great season of fun in the sun. We consider it a privilege and an opportunity to be working with Legend's Ranch and hope that we are not only viewed as your management company, but also viewed as a part of your neighborhood.

When you walk into one of our facilities you should expect the most qualified and well trained lifeguard & management staff in the city of Houston. Our lifeguards are trained to "proactively scan" their water, anticipating problem swimmers before a problem occurs. With frequent in-service training, emergency scenario testing and training by the American Red Cross, we know that our lifeguards will be ready in an emergency situation. A clean and orderly facility from top to bottom is also a top priority for our staff. We work hard to deliver a clean pool and spotless restrooms and furniture. If you ever find one of our staff members not delivering on that goal, please do not hesitate to contact the office staff directly.

A-Beautiful Pools, Inc. also offers many exciting programs for residents. Please call our office or register online for SWIM LESSONS (May 1) and POOL PARTIES (April 1). Rules and prices can be found at www.a-beautifulpools.com

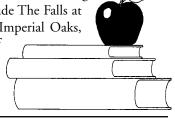
Summer swim lessons are a great way for your children to spend the summer. Our prices are competitive and our times are flexible. Safety is key when spending time at the pool with your children. Take advantage of this neighborhood activity and call now!

We are also hiring lifeguards right now! A-Beautiful Pools, Inc. 281-376-6510 or www.a-beautifulpools.com

Burnham Woods Elementary School Opening August 2009

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.



Ducks and other Wildlife in Legends Ranch

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



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.

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 on online at www.centerpointenergy.com/outage.



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Legends Ranch Summer Pool Schedules

CLUBHOUSE POOL

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 Saturday10:00am-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

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 Sunday
 12:00pm-6:00pm

 Labor Day
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POOL SEASON CLOSES TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8

POOL AT SPLASHPAD

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***Schedule subject to change, weather and other factors could cause changes to this schedule without notice. Please call PCMI or the onsite office for further information.







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 nessesary to remove labels.

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

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