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# Community Beautification Project

Interested in working together with your neighbors to maintain the attractiveness of our community? We'll be meeting these following dates to help pick up trash and mow in vacant lots:

Saturday, August 8 Saturday, August 22

You'll be working directly with your section leader, who will have a list of lots that the group will be addressing.

Don't know your section leader? Contact jclark@canyongate.com and she will get you in touch with the organizer for your section.

# Canyon Gate Community Night with the Astros!

Saturday, Sept.12th, 6:05pm against the Pirates

For Canyon Gate Community Special Pricing, log on to: www.astros.com/canyongate (password: canyon)

## **National Night Out & Photo Contest**

Tuesday, August 4th, 2009, Around 6PM Rain Date: Tuesday, October 6th

Drag out those lawn chairs, gather your neighbors, and join in National Night Out again this year! National Night Out takes place on your own individual streets or sections. This is a great opportunity for you to meet more of your fellow residents and make new friends! For more information, visit www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno.

Make sure to take some pictures, as we'll have our photo contest again this year. There will be three categories, most creative, most comical and best representation of community. The first place winners of each category will have an ice cream social scheduled at a later date.

The deadline to submit your group photo is Tuesday, August 25th. E-mail your entries to jclark@canyongate.com. If you have any questions, please contact Director of Community Events, Jennifer Clark at jclark@canyongate.com Good Luck!

# Legends Ranch Bike Rodeo, Car Seat Inspections and Safety Day

Saturday, September 19th from 2PM – 4PM at the Legends Ranch Clubhouse

You are invited to attend our upcoming Safety Day and Bike Rodeo! We're pleased to have the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department, Precinct 3 Constables, Montgomery County EMS, the South Montgomery County Fire Department and fire truck on hand to provide information and demonstrations! Crime Stoppers will also be attending to help educate residents on how this program can be most effective for our residents and the community as a whole. The Bike Resource, a local bike shop in

Woodlands, will be conducting a bike rodeo (safety class) for the kids. This is a great opportunity for the kids to improve their bike safety skills before the new school year!

Car seat inspections will be conducted by the Safe Riders Program and the Police Department at no charge to our residents! This is expected to be a very popular service, so please RSVP to jclark@canyongate.com, to be included!

Moonwalk and light refreshments will also be provided!

#### **Important Phone Numbers**

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Montgomery County Tax	936-539-7897
Conroe ISD	
Montgomery MUD #89	713-932-9011
Your Community Homeowners Associatio	
PCMI Management	
Legends Ranch Info Center	
Legends Ranch SplashPad	
Gate Attendant Office	
Light Pole Outages	
Houston National Golf Club	281-304-1400
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Pct. 3 Constable Office	281-363-1161
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Crime Stoppers	712 222 TIPS
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Gas (Centerpoint)	
Water & Sewer	
Canyon Gate Connect	
Waste Management	
Street Light Outages	713-207-2222
Public Services	
Local US Post Office	
Toll Road EZ Tag	
Voters Registration	936-539-7843
Vehicle Registration	281-292-3325
Drivers License Information	
Montgomery County Animal Control	936-442-7738
Montgomery Chamber	281-367-5777
Area Hospitals	
Memorial Hermann	281-364-2300
St. Luke's	
Conroe Medical Center	
Conroe ISD	
Ford Elementary	
Hauser Elementary	
Vogel Intermediate	
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Oak Ridge High	
6 6	052-772-7500
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## Have you logged in yet?

www.canyongate.com/residents/lr

Features of the Legends Ranch Community intranet include:

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



# **Legends Ranch Fall**

Community Garage Sale Sat., Sept. 12 from 7 am - 12 noon RAIN OR SHINE

It's time to clean out your closet, your trash could be someone else's treasure! The sale takes place in your own garage so be ready to open your garage at 7AM on Saturday, September 12th!

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 jclark@canyongate.com AND include a short list (5 to 6 words) to describe the items you are selling. **DEADLINE** to E-mail your address and description is Monday, September 7 to be included. The map will be handed out at the guardhouse on the day of the garage sale.

> Banners will be posted at the front of the community. You may place signs in your yard to promote your garage sale.

Please respect our community by NOT ATTACHING your garage sale signs to street signs, stop signs, or community event signs.

ALL GATES WILL BE OPEN FROM 7AM to 12 NOON FOR THIS EVENT.

To register and for questions, please contact Jennifer Clark, Director of Community Events at jclark@canyongate.com

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# Legends Ranch Mom's Club

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



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# **Legends Ranch Summer Pool Schedules**

#### **CLUBHOUSE POOL**

SUMMER POOL HOURS June 9th through August 23rd Tuesday - Sundays 10AM until 8PM (Closed Mondays)

OPEN WEEKENDS IN SEPTEMBER Saturday & Sunday 12PM until 8PM

POOL SEASON CLOSES MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

#### SPLASHPAD

SUMMER POOL HOURS June 9th through August 23rd Tuesday through Fridays 11AM – 8PM Saturday and Sunday 10AM – 8PM (Closed Mondays)

OPEN WEEKENDS IN SEPTEMBER Saturday & Sunday 12PM until 8PM

SUMMER POOL SEASON CLOSES MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

#### PAD at SPLASHPAD

The "Pad" at SplashPad is open Tuesday through Sunday during the summer pool season (to the left). Pad hours are the same as the summer pool hours (to the left), when lifeguards on duty.

\*\*\*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.



## 4th of July Celebration





## **Living Legends**

#### New Legends Ranch Seniors Group

The Living Legends are young at heart, 50 and older, retired or still working, male or female, and residents of Legends Ranch. We meet monthly at the Clubhouse for card games, fellowship and more! Our first social was July 24th & we're looking forward to many more.

Interested in more information or joining this new group? Contact Jennifer Clark, Director of Community Events at jclark@canyongate.com.

# Legends Ranch Walking Group

Interested in walking, but need to be motivated? The new Walking Group is just what you've been waiting for! Based on group input, we created several "standing" walk dates, starting at the front clubhouse on Tuesday's & Thursday's at 7pm.

Contact Michelle at mitchell04@ sbcglobal.net to join the group and for additional information!

# 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 Jennifer Clark, Director of Community Events. To reach your section leader, also contact jclark@canyongate.com.

#### **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 contained environment. It is also the pet owner's responsibility to keep

ALL areas of the community FREE from pet debris when walking your pets. Please remember that cats must also be confined.



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For all Canyon Gate communities on-site managers are available to assist residents. For Legends Ranch, **Denise 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.

### **Splashpad Texas Office Hours**

Onsite Business Office (2nd Floor) Tuesday through Saturday - 10:00am until 6:00pm Onsite Community Manager: Debbi Silverstein Phone: 281-419-2130

#### **Clubhouse Onsite Office Hours**

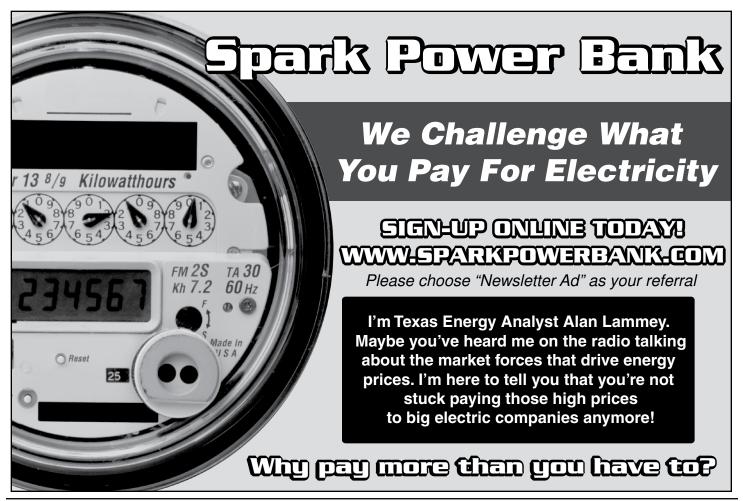
Onsite Business Office Hours Tuesday through Saturday 10:00am until 6:00pm Onsite Community Manager: Denise Saxton Phone: 281-681-9750

#### TRASH REMINDERS

Regular Trash Pick Up: Wednesdays & Saturdays Heavy Trash Pick Up: Saturdays on curb by 7AM Definition of "Heavy Trash": 2 bulky items, like furniture or appliances



What will NOT BE ACCEPTED: remodeling or construction debris, fencing, carpet or vehicle parts



# LR Mom's Group Standing Play-Date

1st Saturday of the month 10AM – Noon at LR Clubhouse Park

1st Tuesday of the month 10AM – Noon at SplashPad

- All are welcome to join the mom's club at our standing playdates at the Legends Ranch
- Clubhouse park on the first
   Saturday and SplashPad on the
   1st Tuesday of the month
  - Interested in being added to the Mom's Club roster? Contact
- jclark@canyongate.com

## **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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# DROWNING CAN STILL OCCUR EVEN IF YOU KNOW HOW TO SWIM

NO ONE is "drown proof" – no matter their level of swimming ability. Falls, entrapments, and injuries lead to drowning regardless of swimming level.

A majority of people overestimate their own and their child's ability to swim, especially in a panic event.

#### **DROWNING IS QUICK AND SILENT**



Drowning occurs in as little as 2 minutes.



Irreversible brain damage occurs in as little as 4 minutes.



Most children are out of sight or missing for less than 5 minutes and usually in the presence of 1 or both parents.



Most children die who are submerged for as little as 6-10 minutes.

Children who drown do not scream, splash, or struggle. They silently slip beneath the water, even with adults & lifeguards present.

## **Outdoor Summer Safety Tips**

The summer months generally mean more time outdoors. Whether working in the yard or playing in the sun, these types of activities require safety precautions to prevent injuries and/or accidents. Please review the following summer safety tips obtained from The U.S. Consumer and Product Safety Commission (www.cpsc.gov), The American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org), The American Kennel Club (www.akc.org), and the American Academy of Pediatrics (www.aap.org). Have a safe and enjoyable summer! Brittany Kolkhorst

#### **SUN & HEAT SAFETY:**

- Limit direct sun exposure during the peak intensity hours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- -Use sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or greater that will protect against UVA and UVB rays. If also applying insect repellent or makeup, apply the sunscreen first.
- -Apply sunscreen 20 to 30 minutes before going out in the sun. Reapply sunscreen every two hours, or after swimming or sweating.
- -Note that some medications, such as antibiotics, may increase your skin's sensitivity to the sun.
- -The intensity of activities that last 15 minutes or more should be reduced whenever there is high heat and humidity.

- -Hydrate yourself well before prolonged physical activity in the sun and take frequent water and rest breaks.
- -Provide plenty of fresh water and shade for your pets during the summer.
- -Never leave your dog unattended in direct sunlight or in a closed vehicle.
- -Dogs can get sunburn too, especially short-haired dogs and ones with pink skin and white hair. Limit your dog's exposure when the sun is unusually strong, and apply sunblock to his/her ears and nose 30 minutes before going outside.

#### LAWN SAFETY:

- -Before working in an area, remove objects that can cause injury or damage equipment, such as sticks, glass, metal, wire, and stones.
- -Try to use a mower with a control that stops the mower from moving forward if the handle is let go.
- -Make sure that sturdy shoes and other protective clothing (gloves, eye protection, pants, etc.) are worn while mowing.
- -Do not pull the mower backward or mow in reverse unless absolutely necessary, and carefully look for children behind you when you mow in reverse.

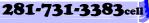
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# Oh No!!! It is Chinch Bug Season Again!

The chinch bug is the most difficult-to-control and damaging insect pest of St. Augustine. Expanding, irregular patches of dead or stunted grass surrounded by a halo of yellowing, dying grass often provide the first clue to the presence of chinch bugs. These islands of dying grass tend to increase in size and merge as insect numbers increase. Damage can develop rapidly, especially in sunny locations during hot, dry weather. If you use a landscape company, their equipment can transfer chinch bugs from yard to yard. Below is an article printed from the website: http://www.planetnatural.com/site/xdpy/kb/chinch-bug-control.html

Chinch Bug Control Description: Widely distributed throughout the United States, there are several species of chinch bugs that are damaging to turfgrass. They are usually found on drought-stressed lawns where they puncture grasses with their needle-like beaks and suck the fluids out. As a result of their feeding, large irregular patches of lawn begin to turn yellow then brown as they die. These patches often begin on the edges of lawns and will continue to get larger, even when properly watered. Damage occurs most frequently during hot, dry weather from June through September.

Adult chinch bugs (1/4 inch long) are black and white, with whitish wings marked by a dark triangle on their outer margins. Nymphs are easily recognized by their bright red color and white band across the back. Both adults and nymphs produce a strong odor that often gives them away, especially when pest numbers are high or they are crushed under foot.

**Life Cycle:** Adult chinch bugs overwinter in dry grasses and other debris that offers them protection. In spring or early summer the insects mate and females begin depositing eggs on the leaves and stems of grass. One female can lay as many as 500 eggs. These hatch in 1-3 weeks into nymphs which feed voraciously and pass through 5 instars before becoming adults. There are usually 2 overlapping generations each year.

Chinch Bug Control: Practices that promote healthy lawns help to reduce the occurrence of chinch bugs. Mow lawns at the recommended maximum height. Try not to remove more than 1/3 of the leaf surface in any one mowing. Remove excess thatch and aerate compacted soils. Improve soil conditions by top-dressing with organic matter, such as compost or well-aged animal manure. Keep lawns well watered, especially during hot summer months and use slow-release organic lawn fertilizers. Aerate and fertilize again in the fall. Beneficial insects, such as ladybugs, lacewing and big-eyed bugs, will feed on a large numbers of pests. Spot treat small infestations with insecticidal soap. Botanical insecticides should be used if pest levels become intolerable.

**Tip:** A coffee can with both ends cut out can be used to determine the level of infestation. Force one end of the can into the soil, fill with water, then watch as pests float to the top.

#### Outdoor Summer Safety Tips - (Continued from Page 9)

- -Keep children indoors and supervised at all times when any outdoor power equipment is being used (young children move quickly and are attracted to mowers and mowing activity).
- -Always turn off the mower and wait for the blades to stop completely before removing the grass catcher, unclogging the discharge chute, or crossing gravel paths, roads, or other areas.
- -Handle gas carefully. Never fill gasoline tanks while equipment is on or still hot. Wipe up any spills. Store gas in an approved container away from the house. Never smoke or use any type of flame around gasoline or any gasoline-powered equipment.
- -Never work with electric power tools in wet or damp conditions. For protection against electrocution while working, use a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI).
- -Be sure that extension cords are in good condition, are rated for outdoor use, and are the proper gauge for the electrical current capacity of the tool.
- -Lawn and garden products may be hazardous. Make sure that plants and fertilizers within the reach of children and pets are not toxic.

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# MARK YOUR CALENDERS!

# 2009 Legend Ranch Community Events

National Night Out - Tuesday, August 4
Night at the Astros - Saturday, September 12
Fall Community Garage Sale - Saturday, September 12
Safety Day - Saturday, September 19
Fall Festival - Saturday, October 24
Holiday Breakfast with Santa - Saturday, December 5
Holiday Yard Contest - December 6 – 12

Please contact Jennifer Clark, Director of Community Events at jclark@canyongate.com if you would like to help with any of our 2009 events! Events subject to change.



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