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LEGENDS RANCH POA

Update Corner

- See detailed financial information presented at the June POA meeting on page 3.
- The front gate EZ Tag reader was repaired in early June. If you are experiencing trouble, please note the date & time and contact the onsite office at lrrccenter@comcast.net or 281-681-9750 to give them that information.
- Repairs were made in June to the Rec Center Pool star features. Repairs were made with funds from the Adopt-a-School fund since this feature is a benefit to the children in the community.
- In effort to try and cut costs for the 2010 pool season your Board of Directors has opted to decrease the pool hours & number of guards at the SplashPad due to low head counts from 2009. Please note that during these trying economic times, efforts such as cutting pool hours have been made to accommodate for budget restraints. It is the hope of the Board of Directors that the 2011 pool hours will increased if the budget allows for it at that time. Guards will be increased for Holiday weekends and if needed or for any special event as they board sees fit.
- Should any homeowner have any issue with a lifeguard staff member at a facility please feel free to contact the area supervisor as his number will be posted at each location. If you prefer to contact PCMI when an issue arises please call 281-870-0585 within 48 hours of the occurrence so that the board can handle this matter timely.

New Board Members

Please note, two new Resident Board Members were voted into office at the June annual POA meeting. Your new Resident Board Members are:

Kenneth Brown - kennethbrown922@gmail.com

Sebastian Moulin - ilovelegendsranch@yahoo.com

Thank you to our former volunteer Resident Board Members - Greg Grant & Bliss Hamilton for their hard work, time & dedication to the community during their time as Resident Board Members.

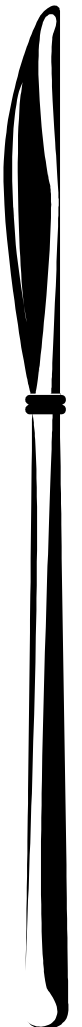
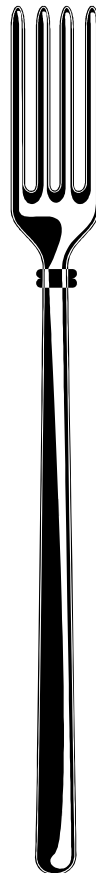
FEEL GOOD EATING

4TH OF JULY

Cake Decorating

To make a flag cake, bake a 9x13-inch cake. You'll need a cake mix, two pints of strawberries, one pint of blueberries, and whipped icing.

- Wash and drain the blueberries on paper towels.
- Wash and drain the strawberries. Stem them and cut them into halves.
- Spread the icing generously over the cake.
- In the top left-hand corner of the frosted cake, arrange the blueberries into an outline of a rectangle that is 5 inches wide and 4 inches tall. Press the berries down into the frosting.
- Fill the blueberry outline in with the remaining blueberries. The blueberries look best if placed in rows: the icing between them resembles stars.
- Place strawberry halves cut-side down in rows going across the cake horizontally. The bottom stripe of the flag is red, so start the first row at the bottom. Be sure to press the berries down into the frosting so the stripes will not be raised above the fluffy frosting.



LEGENDS RANCH

Important Numbers

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

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PCMI Management	281-870-0585
Legends Ranch Info Center	281-681-9750
Legends Ranch SplashPad	281-419-2130
Gate Attendant Office.....	281-296-0433
Houston National Golf Club	281-304-1400

Police & Fire

Emergency	911
Montgomery Sheriff	936-760-5800
Pct. 3 Constable Office	281-364-4211
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
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Electricity (Centerpoint)	713-207-2222
Gas (Centerpoint)	713-659-2111
Water & Sewer	281-353-9756
Canyon Gate Connect	281-296-9584
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Public Services

Local US Post Office.....	281-419-7948
Toll Road EZ Tag.....	281-875-3279
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Vehicle Registration	281-292-3325
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Montgomery County Animal Control	936-442-7738
Montgomery Chamber	281-367-5777

Area Hospitals

Memorial Hermann	281-364-2300
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Conroe Medical Center	281-364-7900

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SAMPLE

Teenage Job Seekers

NAME	AGE	BABY		HOUSE		PET		YARD	PHONE
		SIT	SIT	SIT	SIT	SIT	SIT		
Doe, Jane+	15	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	111-1111
Doe, John*	16	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	222-2222

+ CPR TRAINING / FIRST AID TRAINING * HAS REFERENCES

ATTENTION TEENAGERS: The Teenage Job Seekers listing service is offered free of charge to all Bella Vista teenagers seeking work. Submit your name and information to jclark@canyongate.com by the 8th of the month!

DEED RESTRICTIONS PROHIBIT FIREWORKS

The Board asks that residents refrain from celebrating the holidays with the use of fireworks and firework displays. This not only poses a nuisance and disturbance to your neighbors, it also leaves a messy aftermath to be cleaned up. Thank you for helping to keep Legends Ranch community firework free!

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Legends Ranch POA

Income

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	As of 4/31/10 2010
Resident	\$143,290	\$335,884	\$490,688	\$668,778	\$823,183	\$832,976
Builders/Developer	\$355,731	\$493,643	\$498,317	\$373,791	\$117,204	\$42,593
Other	\$13,542	\$44,549	\$56,233	\$105,630	\$95,235	\$61,324
Total	\$512,563	\$874,076	\$1,045,239	\$1,148,199	\$1,035,622	\$936,893

Expenses

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Maintenance	\$394,466	\$557,821	\$659,389	\$708,208	\$601,850	\$131,376
Professional Services	\$159,514	\$206,304	\$329,851	\$321,768	\$208,524	\$73,921
Utilities	\$118,953	\$238,990	\$226,694	\$229,923	\$229,467	\$34,704
Insurance, Tax, Other Expenses etc.	\$34,490	\$61,260	\$83,220	\$71,313	\$328,527	\$136,162
Patrol	\$2,242	\$43,480	\$48,750	\$45,510	\$39,870	\$9,240
Total	\$709,665	\$1,107,854	\$1,347,905	\$1,376,722	\$1,408,238	\$385,404

Number of Residents at the end of each year

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	356	629	929	1142	1326	1344

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Income per Resident	\$1,440	\$1,390	\$1,125	\$1,005	\$781	\$697
Expenses per Resident	\$1,993	\$1,761	\$1,451	\$1,206	\$1,062	\$287
Delinquency Amount Year End	?	?	?	?	\$196,104	\$535,246

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DUCKS



Some residents really enjoy the ducks in the neighborhood and some feel they are making too much of a mess on driveways, cars and flowerbeds. Either way, we know some are disposing of the eggs to control the population. Below is information on how to safely & humanely dispose of duck eggs. You cannot

just put them in the trash! There is a possibility, especially now that it is getting warmer, that they can actually hatch in the garbage. Please don't do that. According to an expert, you should freeze the eggs or crack them, then put them in the trash or toss them in the lake and the turtles will eat them. You should only do this when you know it is a new nest. Most residents that live on or walk the lake watch the duck so they know if they see new eggs.

Duck droppings are extremely caustic, and can damage your car's finish. They also contain grit, which can and will scratch your car's finish if you try to rub them away. Combined with a sunny day, bird droppings can harden into a substance with more sticking power than instant adhesive, and do more damage than coarse sandpaper.

Instructions

THINGS YOU'LL NEED:

- Garden hose with spray attachment
- "Green" cleaning fluid
- Soft cloth

STEPS:

- **Step 1:** Spray entire vehicle with water. Water is the closest thing to a universal solvent that we have. Although water alone will not remove the bird droppings, it will soften them so that less cleaning fluid will be necessary.

- **Step 2:** Mix cleaning fluid according to package directions. The best cleaning fluids use natural ingredients rather than inorganic, petroleum-based surfactants. Fluids containing orange or other citrus oils, witch hazel, wintergreen, or other plant-based surfactants clean well without damaging your finish.
- **Step 3:** Apply cleaning fluid to a soft cloth. Do not apply directly to your car.
- **Step 4:** Squeeze some of the fluid over the worst of the bird droppings and allow to sit for a few minutes. Wash entire car, using soft cloth and broad arm movements. This will ensure that the same pressure and direction has been used for every part of the car, preventing streaks later.
- **Step 5:** If necessary, dip cloth into fluid one last time and pat gently at the remaining bird droppings until they are completely dissolved. Spray entire car with your hose, allowing car to drip dry. Wipe car down with a soft cloth to prevent water spots.

Yard of the Month

Do you have a neighbor or friend in the community who has an outstanding front yard? Nominate them for the Yard of the Month!

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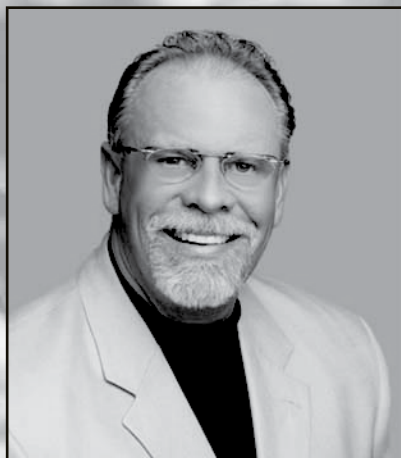
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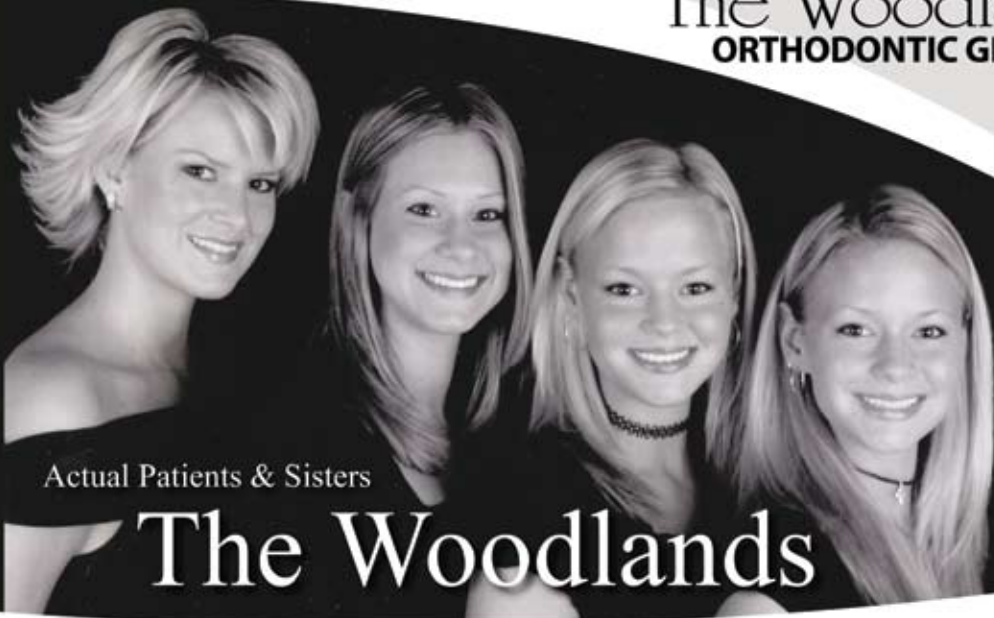


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July Gardening Tips

Texas has two growing seasons separated by 10 weeks of intense heat from July 1 to September 15. During this period, many perennials become dormant until the cooler days of fall, and the spring annuals are finished blooming and are going to seed. Because of this natural cycle, which includes very little rainfall, it is difficult to keep colorful annual flowers blooming and looking good in the landscape. By choosing the right annual plants and adding supplemental moisture, you can have healthy and colorful flowering plants throughout the summer.

STEPS

- Step 1 - Clear an area for your flowering plants of all weeds and garden debris. The area should be located in full sun and near a source of water, because supplemental moisture will be needed in Texas. Full sun means the sun shines on the area at least six hours a day.
- Step 2 - Spread a 1-inch layer of well-rotted compost and the amount of granulated organic fertilizer recommended on the fertilizer container label over the cleared area. Use a hoe to work the compost and fertilizer into the top 2 to 3 inches of soil. The organic material in the compost helps the soil hold moisture. Rake the new flower bed smooth.
- Step 3 - Plant heat-tolerant annual flowers in the flower bed with the plants that grow the tallest in the background and the shorter ones in front. If the flower bed is to be viewed from all sides, plant the taller plants in the middle and the shorter plants along the borders. Plant on a cloudy day or in the evening so the plants can adjust for a few hours before being exposed to the Texas heat. Add water to the root systems of the plants during the planting process to ensure a good soil seal around the roots.
- Step 4 - Add a 1-inch layer of mulch around the newly planted plants. Water every other day until the plants are established, which takes about two weeks. Annual plants typically wilt somewhat during the day and recover in the evening. If the plants do not recover in the evening, they are not getting enough water.

REFERENCES

Aggie Horticulture: Seasonal Color
TAMU: Heat Tolerant Summer Annuals

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Community Events & Activities

Night at the Astros - September - Saturday, September 11
Fall Community Garage Sale - Saturday, September 18
Safety Day - Saturday, September 18
National Night Out - Tuesday, October 5
Fall Festival - Saturday, October 30
Holiday Breakfast with Santa - Saturday, December 11
Holiday Yard Contest - December 5 - 11

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Pool Schedule

CLUBHOUSE POOL

Summer Pool Hours - June - July

Monday: CLOSED

Tuesday - Thursday: 2 PM – 9 PM

Friday & Saturday: 10 AM – 9 PM

Sunday: 1 PM – 7 PM

Summer Pool Hours - Aug 1 - 22

Monday - Thursday: 2 PM – 9 PM

Friday & Saturday: 10 AM – 9 PM

Sunday: 1 PM – 7 PM

Aug 28 & 29 & Sept 4 - 6, 11 & 12, 18
& 19, 25 & 26 - 11 AM – 7 PM

CLUBHOUSE POOL SEASON
CLOSES SEPTEMBER 27TH

SPLASHPAD POOL

Summer Pool Hours - June - July

Monday: 10 AM – 6 PM

Tuesday: CLOSED

Wednesday - Friday: 10 AM – 6 PM

Saturday: 10 AM – 8 PM

Sunday: 1 PM – 7 PM

Summer Pool Hours - Aug 1 - 22

Monday: 10 AM – 6 PM

Tuesday: CLOSED

Wednesday - Saturday: 10 AM – 6 PM

Sunday: 1 PM – 7 PM

SPLASHPAD POOL SEASON
CLOSES AUGUST 23rd

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

PLEASE CONTROL

Your Pets!

If you happen to come across vicious dogs, or ANY loose dogs, please contact Animal Control at 936-442-7738. If you are familiar with the property address the pets belong to, please feel free to submit that information to PCMI – Brandi Leal at bleal@stes.com – to pursue the deed restriction violation. Notification and ample time must be given to the owner to correct the violation prior to any further pursuit by the Association.

It is a deed restriction violation if your pets are not 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 responsibility to keep ALL areas of the community FREE from pet debris when walking your pets. **Please remember that cats must also be confined.** Animal Control can be reached at 936-442-7738.

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We have planned more game nights, a trip to the San Jacinto Monument and Museum, and the Monument Inn for lunch. We hope to visit the Space Center Houston, the Imax Theater and Butterfly room at Herman Park, the Planetarium for the Christmas program - how the stars aligned for the 3 wise men to follow when Christ was born. We have also talked about the George Ranch and it's planetarium, and a trip to the Louisiana casinos.

We attended the annual POA meeting on June 1st as a group to show that not only are we interested in having fun, but are serious about our interest in the neighborhood in which we live.

Those of you 50+ are invited to join us at any time. We meet the third Friday of every month in the Clubhouse, at 1:30 pm. Join us there to meet everyone, and join us for some fun and interesting activities. If you have any questions, please call Barbara Ellsworth at 281-419-7586.



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HURRICANE SAFETY

Hurricane season is here! In the event another hurricane heads our way this year, please see the following hurricane safety information provided by State Farm Insurance (www.statefarm.com). The Legends Ranch Traffic & Safety Committee encourages everyone to prepare a plan and take proper precautions before, during, and after the storm.

BEFORE THE HURRICANE:

- Decide whether you will go to a shelter, safer place inland, or stay home (if local authorities permit you to stay) and make sure your relatives know where you will be.
- Stock plywood and materials you may need to board up windows before you leave and move garbage cans and other large objects inside the house or garage.
- Make a family emergency/disaster kit - include water (plan on three gallons per person, per day for all uses), non-perishable food, non-electric can opener, medications, and copies of important personal documents.
- Fill your car with gas and have an organized evacuation plan with an established safe meeting place and/or contact person should your family get separated.
- Learn which weather conditions could prompt disasters, and when these conditions occur, listen to radio or TV broadcasts for

emergency information and evacuate immediately if told to do so.

DURING THE HURRICANE:

- If you go to a shelter or inland, go directly there or If you live in a sound structure outside the evacuation area and do not live in a mobile home, stay home and take these precautions:
- Stay indoors and away from windows and glass doors. Get on the opposite side of the house from the wind. Find a safe area in your home (an interior room, a closet or bathroom on the lower level).
- If flooding threatens your home, turn off electricity at the main breaker or if you lose power, turn off major appliances such as the air conditioner and water heater to reduce damage.
- Do not use electrical appliances, including your computer and do not go outside. If the eye of the storm passes over your area, there will be a short period of calm, but at the other side of the eye, the wind speed rapidly increases to hurricane force and will come from the opposite direction. Also, it is easy to be hit and seriously injured by flying debris.
- Beware of lightning. Stay away from electrical equipment. Do not use the phone or take a bath/shower during the storm.

AFTER THE STORM:

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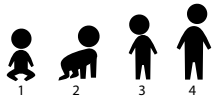


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DROWNING IS QUICK AND SILENT



Drowning occurs in as little as 2 minutes.



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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.

Hurricane Safety - (Continued from Page 10)

Typically, more deaths occur after a hurricane than during. These deaths come from people being too anxious to get outside and survey the damage where they come into contact with downed power lines or unstable trees, etc. Follow these suggestions for staying safe after the hurricane:

- Remain indoors until an official "all clear" is given.
- Do not touch fallen or low-hanging wires of any kind under any circumstances. Stay away from puddles with wires in/near them. Do not touch trees or other objects in contact with power lines.
- Use phones only for emergencies. Call 911 only for life-threatening situations and call police or utility companies immediately to report hazards such as downed power lines, broken gas or water mains, overturned gas tanks, etc.
- Watch for weakened roads, bridges, tree limbs or porches which could collapse unexpectedly.
- After power is restored, check refrigerated food for spoilage. Spoiled food is the cause of much sickness two days to a week after the storm.
- When reinstalling a CB, TV or satellite antenna, check in all directions to be sure no power lines are nearby. The same goes for climbing trees to clear debris.
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