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## REGISTER NOW! Legends Ranch Spring Community Garage Sale Saturday, April 9th

from 7:00AM – 12 NOON \*\*RAIN OR SHINE\*\*

It's time to clean out your closets, 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, April 9th

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 – Example: Electronics, Clothes, Furniture) to describe the types of items you are selling. Deadline for sign up is Friday, April 1st. The map will be handed out at the gatehouse on the day of the garage sale.

Banners will be posted at the front of the community and an advertisement will be placed in the local newsletter.

You may place signs at the entrance to your section & in YOUR yard to promote your garage sale. Signs must then be removed that day after the sale.

PLEASE REFRAIN from attaching your garage sale sign to community signs. Please do not move or remove any community banners or signs.

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

Annual "Egg"Stravaganza

> Saturday, April 9th 2PM to 4PM at the Clubhouse

Grab your Easter basket & hop on over to the Legends Ranch Clubhouse to enjoy our annual egg hunt for all different ages!

We'll have a moonwalk, light refreshments and don't forget to bring your camera as Peter Cottontail will be available for pictures!

Come Join the Fun!

## **Important Numbers**

#### **Property Tax**

Montgomery County Tax	
Conroe ISD	
Montgomery MUD #89	713-932-9011

#### Your Community Homeowners Association

PCMI Management	
Legends Ranch Info Center	
Legends Ranch SplashPad	
Gate Attendant Óffice	
Houston National Golf Club	

### Police & Fire

Emergency	
Montgomery Sheriff	
Pct. 3 Constable Office	
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)	
Electricity (TXU New Service)	
Electricity (Centerpoint)	
Gas (Centerpoint)	713-659-2111
Water & Sewer	
Canyon Gate Connect	
Waste Management	713-686-6666
Street Light Outages	713-207-2222
Cable/Internet/PhoneCOMCAST	

### **Public Services**

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	
Montgomery Chamber	281-367-5777
Area Hospitals	
Memorial Hermann	281-364-2300
St. Luke's	
Conroe Medical Center	281-364-7900
Conroe ISD	936-709-7751
Birnham Woods Elementary	281-863-4200
Cox Intermediate	281-465-3200
York Junior High	832-592-8600
Oak Ridge High	832-592-5300
Private/Parochial	
First Baptist Church	936-756-6622
Sacred Heart Catholic Church	936-756-3848
St. Edward Catholic	
St. James Episcopal Day	

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## ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS DUE!

With Annual Assessments due, your Board of Directors would like to remind all homeowners that payment arrangements are offered by the POA. As soon as you receive your annual assessment bill please look in your bill for the included memo page that gives specific directions on setting up a payment plan for the 2011 assessments.

Payment via credit card/e-check can be made online only at www.pcmi-us.com. In order to pay online, you must have your POA account number provided on your statement.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact your property manager Brandi Leal at bleal@stes.com or 281-870-0585.

## LEGENDS RANCH The LIVING LEGENDS

Seniors Group of Legends Ranch

If you are 50 or older, please come join us. Not only do we have fun and enjoy the company of wonderful friends and neighbors, we care enormously about the neighborhood. We are active with our POA member representatives and make suggestions or report problems when needed. Some events planned for 2011 are to tvisit George Ranch, the Houston Observatory, the Brenham area, plays, museums, and other events we can find. We invite you to share these things with us.

Regular meetings are the third Friday of the month, 1:30 p.m. at the clubhouse.

# **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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# 2011 Legends Ranch Splashpad & Pool Schedule

## CLUBHOUSE POOL

The Clubhouse pool will be open from 5am-10am Tuesday –Friday and 6am-8am Sat & Sun. Access will be limited to residents over the age of 18 for aquatic exercise & lap swimming only. No lifeguards will be on duty and it is SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK. If all rules and regulations are not adhered to, this privilege may be suspended at any time. In order to use the pool during the swim at your own risk hours, you must review, complete and submit a legal waiver. The legal waiver can be found on the intranet at www.canyongate.com/residents/lr or at the Clubhouse office. All signed legal waivers must be submitted to onsite staff in order to gain access by handscan to the pool. Access will be available by handscan only to limit access (access cards will not be activated during this time frame). The Gate Attendant will be monitoring cameras at all times and has orders to call the constable if any behavior that is considered inappropriate is observed. All pool gates must be closed securely at all times and upon entering or exiting the pool area. The Clubhouse restrooms will not be available during these hours.

## **SPLASHPAD**

"PAD" AT SPLASHPAD will be open weather permitting during onsite office hours only. For more information on SplashPad hours, please call 281-681-9750.

## SplashPad POOL is CLOSED until May 2011.

\*\*\*Schedule subject to change, weather and other factors could cause changes to this schedule without notice.





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## Legends Ranch 2011 Community Event Calendar

"Egg" stravaganza - Saturday, April 9
Spring Community Garage Sale - Saturday, April 9
CPR Class - Tuesday, May 17
Luau Pool Party - Saturday, June 11
Fall Community Garage Sale - Saturday, September 17
Night at the Astros - Saturday, September 24
National Night Out - Tuesday, October 4
Fall Festival - Saturday, October 22
Cookies with Santa - Saturday, December 10
Holiday Yard Contest - December 4-10

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

## INTERESTED IN SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES At Legends Ranch Community Events?

There are exciting sponsorship opportunities available for your business. There are also opportunities to showcase your business or organization!

Contact Jennifer Clark, Director of Community Events at jclark@ canyongate.com to showcase your business to the community!

## **CLUBHOUSE** ONSITE OFFICE HOURS

Winter Hours Beginning November 8th: Tuesday through Saturday 9:00AM until 5:00PM Onsite Community Director: Denise Saxton Phone: 281-681-9750 Email: lrreccenter@comcast.net

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# Tips for Mastering the Farmers' Market By Melanie Dragger, M.Com.

Many people are taking steps to improve their health and the environment by eating organically grown and raised foods. While some people are selecting organic items at their local grocery store, farmers' markets are becoming increasingly popular. Over the past year, according to the Department of Agriculture, the number of farmers' markets in the U.S. increased by 858, or 16 percent, from 5,274 in 2009 to 6,132 in 2010. When the USDA first began tracking farmers' markets in 1994, there were only 1,755 markets.

Outside of growing your own produce and raising your own livestock, shopping at a farmers' market is the best way to obtain fresh, local, and seasonal fruits, vegetables, and herbs, as well as farm-fresh eggs, meat, poultry, and dairy products. Many farmers' markets also offer artisan breads, honey, and seasonal jams, jellies, and preserves.

#### Below are tips to help you master your local farmers' market:

1. Do Your Research - Before heading to the market, research what produce is in season in your area. Since all products sold at a farmer's market may not be organic, and some organic products sold may not be certified, familiarize yourself with the organic certification process and product labeling. Information on the USDA's National Organic Program can be found at http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop.

2. Bring Your Own Containers - While some

vendors have bags and boxes available for customers, bringing your own containers is the best way to ensure you will be able to transport and protect your purchases properly. Additionally, recycling containers helps the environment by reducing the number of natural resources used to produce new ones.

- 3. Bring Cash Swing by your bank or ATM before hitting the farmers' market. Most vendors do not accept checks or credit cards. Bring small bills, since it may be difficult for some vendors to make change.
- 4. Go Early or Go Late The best items usually go first, so try to get to the market early. However, before making a purchase, take a quick trip down the aisles, since prices can vary greatly among vendors. If you can't make it to the market when it first opens, go at the end of the market day to catch deals from vendors trying to unload their remaining products.
- 5. Speak with Vendors Shopping at a farmers' market allows you an opportunity to speak directly with growers and farmers. Not familiar with Swiss chard? Looking for a new way to prepare eggplant? Most vendors love to share their knowledge, including discussing their production methods, providing storage and transportation advice, and sharing recipes and cooking tips.

Buying organic products at your local farmers' market offers numerous benefits, including boosting the local economy, reducing the amount

of toxic chemicals that enter your body and the environment, and decreasing the amount of fossil fuels used to transport products to consumers. However, organic products can be more expensive than conventionally grown and raised products, and some organic products may be difficult to find in some areas. If going 100% organic is not feasible, use the following list as a guide. According to the 2010 report of the Environmental Working Group, a non-profit organization specializing in research and advocacy related to public health and the environment, these 12 fruits and vegetables consistently contained the highest amount of pesticides when conventionally grown, and should be consumed in organic form when possible:

1. Celery

- 2. Peaches
- 3. Strawberries
- 4. Apples
- 5. Blueberries (domestic)
- 6. Nectarines
- 7. Sweet Bell Peppers
- 8. Spinach
- 9. Cherries
- 10. Kale/Collard Greens
- 11. Potatoes
- 12. Grapes (imported)

The EWG's annual ranking of produce pesticide contamination is based on its analysis of tests conducted by the USDA and the federal Food and Drug Administration. More information on the EWG, as well as the full list of fruits and vegetables ranked, can be found at http://www.ewg.org.



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## LR Mom's Group

Standing Play-Date

### IST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH, 10AM – NOON AT LR CLUBHOUSE PARK

### IST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, 10AM – NOON AT SPLASHPAD

All are welcome to join the mom's club at our standing play-dates 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? Email jclark@ canyongate.com with your children's name & birth year.

## 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.

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## **Did You Know?** There is a Lost Pet Feature to Community Intranet

- Log into www.canyongate.com/residents/lr
- Click on "classifieds" located on left side of menu
- Click on "lost & found pets"

You can create a description of the lost or found pet as well as add photos. Please include your contact information to speed up communications!



# 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!

Please forward your nomination and e-mail a picture of their front yard to jclark@canyongate.com.





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