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# NOTES FROMYOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our gates and barriers have presented quite a challenge recently. The Board of Directors is taking action to help improve the efficiency, reliability, and functionality of our gate system(s).

One example is the problem of malfunctioning barrier arms. Over the past couple of months, we have had multiple incidents where guests and visitors have managed to strike one of the barriers. In February, three of the Directors spent time at the guardhouse during evening rush hour to assess the situation. While minor adjustments were made to the gate system, we found the biggest risk to the EZTag lane was impatient drivers ignoring the stop sign. We saw many instances of "piggy-backing" on both the EZTag and card access lanes. When the barrier arm is struck it generally causes a malfunction. These outages are highly preventable and impact all of us.

It is worth noting that residents (and visitors) are financially responsible for damage caused to any POA owned property (including these gates and barriers). The camera system we have in place does catch these events and are reviewed to help determine cause and liability. Most of these outages/issues could be avoided if we would wait another 5-10 seconds and let the gates do the job they were designed to do.

Please STOP at the STOP sign and proceed slowly through these automated barriers. It won't cost you but a few seconds more, but can save you money and irritation.

-Eric Garrington

# Legends Ranch Teen Fit Club

Inspired by the Biggest Loser's new season with a focus on childhood and teen obesity, Lena Nel took the Challenge America to heart. Two facts hit her the hardest: 1) Approximately 17% (or 12.5 million) of children and adolescents aged 2—19 years are obese. 2) Since 1980, obesity prevalence among children and adolescents has almost tripled. Having teens of her own who tend to be more sedentary then necessary, she made up her mind that something has to change. As a working parent, the past several years were difficult getting her daughters involved in outside activities. It was more important to spend dinner time at home than running from place to place and picking up fast food. It was a tradeoff - they have a close knit family, but not a lot of outside activities.

After thinking about putting her teens in activities, she realized she had missed the boat to enter them in sports like gymnastics or volleyball as teens because their skills would be embarrassingly below par. To give them a gym membership, in addition to the cost, would be asking them to interact with all adult classes. Not to mention, she herself has never figured out how to really get an effective work out in a gym, especially by herself.

An additional problem isn't what activity, as much as with whom can they be active? Who wants their parents to be their only fitness partner? Not her daughters and probably not your teen either. She had to develop a solution.

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### **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

#### **Property Tax**

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

#### Your Community Homeowners Association

RealManage	
Legends Ranch Info Center	
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Gate Attendant Office	

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Montgomery Sheriff	
Pct. 3 Constable Office	
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Montgomery County EMS Non-Emergency	
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Electricity (Centerpoint)	713-207-2222
Gas (Centerpoint)	713-659-2111
Water/Municipal Oper. & Consulting	281-367-5511
Canyon Gate Connect	281-296-9584
Best Trash	281-313-2378
Street Light Outages	713-207-2222
Cable/Internet/PhoneCOMCAST	

#### **Public Services**

Local US Post Office	281-419-7948
Toll Road EZ Tag	281-875-3279
Voters Registration	
Vehicle Registration	
Drivers License Information	936-442-2810
Montgomery County Animal Control	936-442-7738
Montgomery Chamber	281-367-5777

#### Area Hospitals

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Memorial Hermann	
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Conroe ISD	
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Weekly Pool Service All Pool Repairs, Remodeling and Resurfacing Give us a call for a FREE Estimate Contact us at HeritageLandscapingInc.com **Teen Fit Club** - (Continued from Cover Page)

Lena decided to host a Teen Fit Club. Meet her at 10am on Saturday, March 16, at the basketball court and bring your teen between the ages of 13 and 19 to begin experiencing how much fun "getting busy" can be. There will be a waiver to sign by a parent. Each week will be a different experience of exercise. There will be boot camp style, basketball drills, Frisbee playing and tennis court workouts. But the exercise is only one of the goals of the Fit Club. Twenty minutes each week will be dedicated to discussing healthy lifestyle and food choices. Finally, each teen will share their contact information with each other and be strongly encouraged to call one member each week to be active with, whether repeating a workout, grabbing a couple of tennis racquets or just going for a fast walk around the lake.

Change has to happen, our teens need to know there is more than T.V, games and the Internet, and reading, while great, isn't an alternative to activity.

Marlena Nel, B.S., ATP

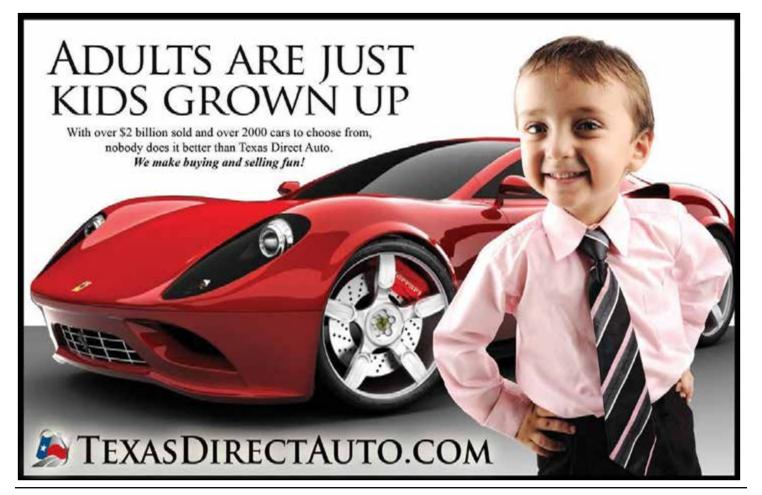
# SAFE DECK CLEANING

If you need to remove dirt and mildew from your deck this spring, look for a cleaner with sodium percarbonate as the active ingredient, such as Penofin Pro-Tech Cleaner. This will be safer than those that rely on oxalic acid or bleach (sodium hypochlorite) to do the job.

For rust stains, oxalic acid works best. Bleach cleans well but it damages plats, creates unpleasant toxic fumes, causes hardware to rust and breaks down the lignins holding wood together.

Even if you choose sodium percarbonate, it's still a good idea to avoid its contact with kids, pets or plants. Saturate the ground around plants with water before you start cleaning the deck to prevent them from taking up much of the solution through their roots. And cover them with plastic so the solution doesn't get on the leaves. (Don't forget to remove it when you're done, and avoid doing this on a hot, sunny day. Plants could get too hot under the plastic.)

Copied from the magazine "Garden Gate", April 2013



### The Living Legends of Legends Ranch:

(Better known as "The Seniors")

As stated in the last newsletter, we were quiet in January, but we are making up for it now! On February 9th we celebrated "Mardi Gras" in our own way: in Texas, loudly, dressed for the occasion, and even with a short parade in the street. We had great fun starting off 2013 this way. This is our 3rd annual celebration of Mardi Gras at the family home of Marie Prevost. As we did last year, we figured out a way to not disturb the neighbors: invite them to the celebration! It works!

We began our regular meetings on the 3rd Friday of each month, planning things to do and visiting with each other and a few new members. We may move or cancel the April meeting because of a trip to Galveston that day to eat dinner and see the comedian Joanne Robertson at The Grand.

This month we also tried to go see an early movie and have lunch, which we try to do most every month. We got all settled in our movie seats, and waited for the movie to begin. And waited... waited... Finally they told us the equipment had broken, offered to let us see another movie right then, and gave us our money back and a free pass to another one. What a deal! So we just went to lunch and had a great time.

Spring is here. Let's all enjoy something outdoors (besides working in our yards) before it gets too hot. Anyone who would like to join "The Seniors" here in Legends Ranch, please call me at 281-651-2593, and leave a message if I'm out having fun with the others.

-Jerrie Sanders







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## **UPDATE ON FENCING**

On Monday night at a Special Meeting, the board approved a bid package for fence/wall issues in three places. The sorry wooden fence behind the drill site is going to the great campfire in the sky! In its place will be a concrete wall product that looks similar to what is around most of the community now.

In addition, the same product will be used for walls located at the termination of Sullivan Oaks and Haines Creek Drive. These roads were originally designed to lead to the final section of Legends Ranch that is now a part of Legends Run.

Finally, along Standing Rock there is a 300 linear feet penetration that will be closed with heavy duty chain link fence with privacy netting. This will provide a long term, temporary solution until the lots are built out and permanent fencing is built.

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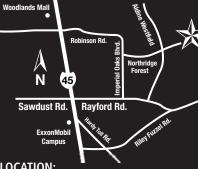




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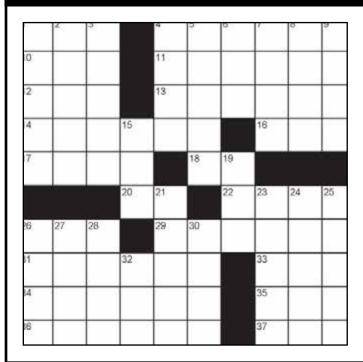


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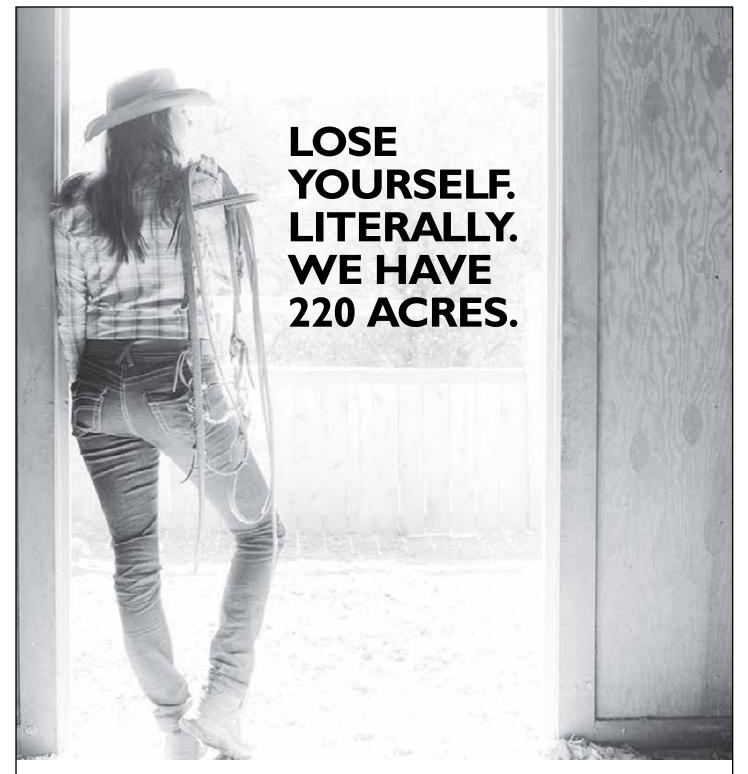
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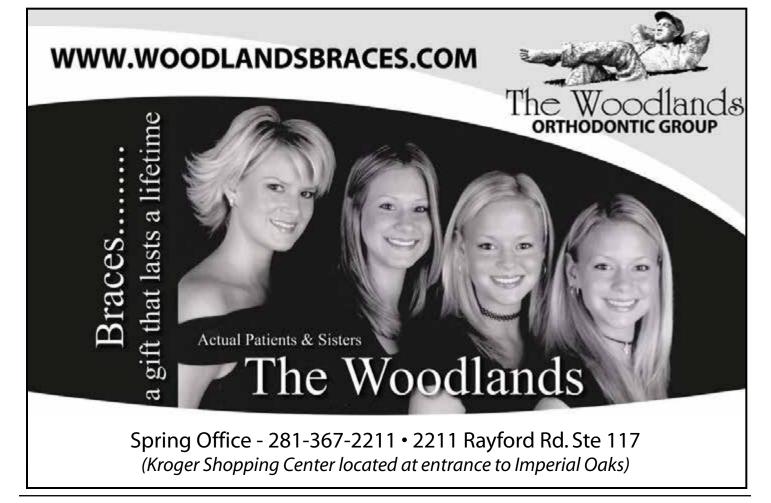
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