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Social Committee:

School's Out! Summer's In! Happy Father's Day! Save the date for Independence Day Parade on 7/2

Congratulations to Winners, Gene & Sharon Anderson of Tynham Springs, on winning the 2017 POA Dues Raffle at the April 30th Crawfish Festival. They were very delighted to have won!

Plan for Saturday, July 2 for our community 4th of July Parade! Come meet your neighbors while enjoying letting the little ones play too. Here's an estimated plan for the event. Look for confirmed detailed information in the June email from Real Manage, from the Banners that we put up at each entrance, or online at: www.facebook.com/groups/LegendsRanch/.

8:30-8:45 am – Tiny Tots Parade Line-Up (tricycles, bikes, wagon, scooters)

9:00 am – Tiny Tots Parade Starts

9:30 am – Vehicle Parade Starts (see below examples for entrants into this)

A Fire Truck will be offering rides to the kids who are accompanied by a parent or guardian after the parade until 12 pm. Participate in Parade: If you want to do a float or decorate your vehicle or a golf cart, or ride in your Classic/ Cool / Collector / Antique Car or Truck, you do not have to register, but please to RSVP with Cathy Winfield, Property Manager at the Clubhouse, by email with subject "Parade RSVP", to: LegRanch@ciramail.com. There'll be prizes for the top 3 coolest/ best decorated vehicles, so come Bring It again this year!

Legends Ranch POA: 2nd Property Manager & Updated Club House Hours

Please Welcome Cicely Towers-Harris as our additional Property Manager working with our existing Property Manager, Cathy Winfield. Therefore, the Updated Club House Hours: Monday-Saturday, 9:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. Closed on Sundays & Holidays; a Calendar is on the Club House doors or a Clock for "Be Right



Back" if the property manager on duty is on the premises or at lunch. The Board will know if the P.M. is out sick, or any unexpected closure.

Legends Ranch POA: Important New Info: Fireworks Fining

The Property Owners Association of Legends Ranch adopted a Fireworks Policy in September 2015: reference our Deed Restriction: Section 3.20 FIREWORKS AND FIREARMS. The discharge of fireworks or firearms within the Property is prohibited. The terms "firearms" includes "B-B" guns, pellet guns, and other firearms of all types, regardless of size. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein or in its By-Laws, the Association shall not be obligated to take action to enforce this Section.

summarized by Editor, not listed in full

Amendment to the Fining Policy, Section 1.2 of the Association's "Fining Policy" is amended as: 1.2 All Owners are responsible for assuring that the occupants of their residence, and all their guests and invitees comply with all rules and regulations. In the event they violate any rules, the Association through its Board of Directors shall have the authority to fine the owner for each violation, \$75.00 plus all administrative costs related to the fine. Section 1.3: In the event an Owner and Related Parties' violation of the Restrictions is considered incurable or a threat to public health or safety, no Courtesy Notices will be provided. The board shall have the authority to immediately impose a fine upon the Owner for each violation, with these fees as well as all administrative costs associated with the fine: \$100.00 for first violation; \$250.00 for second time to violate the same restriction as fined once for; \$500.00 for all subsequent violations and deactivation of amenity access card.

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Legends Ranch Clubhouse.....	281-681-9750
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LEGENDS RANCH

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Due to the increase in violations, Legends Ranch will begin fining those who violate the restrictions and other rules/regulations established. Questions go to Property Managers at the Clubhouse at (281) 681-9750 or LegRanch@CiraMail.com.

Note: the pamphlet mailed out on April 2016 also includes Fine Policy Amendment, Adopted December 2014; Parking Policy Amendment Adopted December 2014; Stand By Generator Policy, Adopted March 2016 *original policies are available on the Resident Portal or in the clubhouse office.

Legends Ranch Summer Pool Schedule & Hours 2016

Clubhouse Pool:

Summer Season: Open June 4 – August 21, Tuesday – Sunday, 12-8pm

Weekends Only: August 27 – September 25, Saturday & Sunday 12-8pm

Holiday: Independence Day: Monday, July 4, 12-8pm

Holiday: Labor Day: Monday, September 5, 12-8pm

CLOSED: on Mondays - Closed on July 5 - Closed 1st Week of School: Aug 22-26.

Splashpad Pool:

Summer Season: Open June 4 – August 21, Wednesday – Monday, 10am-8pm

Holiday: Independence Day: Monday, July 4, 10am-8pm

Holiday: Labor Day: Monday, September 5, 10am-8pm

Weekends Only: August 27 – September 25, Saturday & Sunday 10am-8pm

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Note: 2016 Pool Management Company information is at: www.houston-pmg.com



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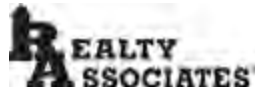


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From Last Month/Last Week: **POA OF LEGENDS RANCH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 Time: 6:00 pm (Open Session)
Location: Legends Ranch Clubhouse 2801 Legends Ranch Dr.
Spring, TX 77386

AGENDA OPEN SESSION (6:00 PM – 7:30 PM). All Board meetings are open to members with some exceptions during developer control and for matters discussed in executive session.

1. Establish of Quorum and Call to Order
2. Adoption of Agenda for Open Session
3. Consideration of Minutes of the Previous Open Meeting – April 26, 2016
4. Financial Report
 - 4a. March 2016 – Managing Agent
5. Proposals (Managing Agent)
 - 5a. Brickman
 - I. Mowing Easement along Birnham Woods and Elan
 - II. April 2016 Irrigation Repair Report
 - 5b. Cultris Security
 - I. Additional Cameras at Splash Pad
 - 5c. Cypress Creek Pest Control
 - I. Fogging around Lakes and Splash Pad Wooded Area
 - 5d. Splash Pad Building
 - I. Painting and Door Project
 - II. French Door Replacement in Upstairs Office
 - III. Repainting of Wrought Iron Railing on Balcony
 - 5e. Mailbox Painting
 - 5f. Grinding of Tree Stumps
 - 5g. Concrete Addition at Clubhouse Pool
 - 5h. Fitness Center
 - I. Replacement of Equipment
 - a. Purchase
 - b. Lease
 6. Contracts
 - 6a. Contract for Maintenance Person
 7. Additional Business
 - 7a. Notice about new fining policies
 - I. July 4th Patrol for Fireworks – E. Garrington
 - 7b. Aquatic Management of Houston – Email Request for Leaf Blower at Splash Pad
 - 7c. Lake #3 Sidewalk
 - 7f. Reserves along Legends Ranch (formerly owned by Pulte)
 8. Committee Updates
 - 8a. Social
 - I. July 4th Event
 9. Scheduling of Next Board Meeting
 10. Adjournment
 11. Homeowner Forum (due to time restraints, limited to (3) minutes per person)

Gardening Tips for June

Summer heat is almost on us, so now is the time to finish up those gardening chores. If you did not apply fertilizer to your lawn in May, then early June is the last time you have to do it until fall. I recommend you use a lower nitrogen fertilizer this time of year. Be sure to keep your lawn consistently watered after you apply fertilizer to keep down any burning of the grass.

Continue to keep an eye on your lawn for signs of fungus, i.e. round, yellow spots that continue to expand. If you see signs of a fungus apply a fungicide at the recommended rate. Listed on the back of the container of fungicide will be the settings for both preventative and curative rates.

I normally tell you to start applying grub control this month, but with the lack of cold weather, the June Bugs have already appeared and more than likely laid eggs that have hatched into grubs. If you haven't applied an insecticide yet now is the time to do it before you start seeing damage.

Now I would like to talk to you about a Do-It-Yourself hanging basket and mixed color pot makers. Here is a list of just some of the trailing plants you can use in your baskets or as a "spiller" in your containers.

1. Ornamental Sweet Potato Vine (*Ipomoea batatas*)—This fast grower comes in colors ranging lime green, to bronze, to black. It also comes in a variety of leaf shapes.

2. Million Bells (*Calibrachoa* sp.)—This dainty petunia cousin comes in a whole rainbow of colors, including bicolors and doubles.

3. Trailing Torenia (*Torenia* hybrids)—*Torenia* is sometimes called "Wishbone Flower" and comes in an upright and trailing form. The tube shaped flowers have outside petals of one color and throat of another color.

4. Vinca (*Vinca* major and minor)—These plant are normally used as shade groundcover, but make an excellent spiller for use in shade color pots.

5. English Ivy (*Hedra helix*)—Old favorite that comes in a variety of variegated colors and leaf size and shape.

These are just a few of the plants that you can use to create dramatic baskets and color containers. Experiment with something new or you may have something already in your garden that will give your container or basket that extra kick that will make you the envy of your neighbors. If you have any questions, please stop by and see me at Lone Star Ace Hardware or contact me at troy@lonestarace.com.



Bring the World into Your Home



Ayusa International, a non-profit organization that has promoted global learning and leadership through high school student cultural exchanges for more than 35 years, is launching its annual search for families in Houston and the surrounding area interested in hosting international students for the 2016-2017 school year.

Ayusa host families who volunteer to open their home to exchange students contribute to the global community as public diplomats for greater international understanding. Each host family and student creates a lasting relationship that spans the cultural differences between their two nations.

The Bray Family from Houston has been hosting two students this year, Mahau from France and Genzo from Japan. Both students have been attending Mayde Creek High School this year. The Brays have six children of their own but feel that hosting exchange students is “probably one of the best decisions our family has ever made,” according to host mom April Bray. “[The students] quickly become a part of your family and it's always a great feeling to see their eyes light up when they experience something for the first time or hear the excitement in their voices when they tell you about a new friend they made at school. Your children also get to gain another brother or sister and it's always fun to see them trying to learn your exchange student's language or customs. For us, there is no greater feeling than watching our exchange students succeed and grow and being able to share our culture and learn more about theirs.”

The students have also been having a wonderful experience with the Bray family. Genzo shares, “My host family is so nice to me and I feel like this family is the home I can go back to. They make me feel like I'm loved by them. Of course you can share your culture and learn the language but more importantly, you can experience the other family that you love.” His exchange “sister” Mahau says, “It's crazy how much you can love people you didn't know 10 months before. Every day they make my exchange year super great. I consider them like a member of my family. They are the reason why I enjoyed every single day of my new life.”

Ayusa works with diverse families who are interested in hosting an international student of high school age. Families without children, empty nesters, military families, retirees, and single people are all welcome. Ayusa families come from all over the country and reside in rural, suburban and urban communities.

“Houston is a popular destination for Ayusa exchange students in the U.S.,” says Heather Wells, Ayusa Regional Manager for the Southwest. “Host families love to share the diversity and history of Houston. It's such a fun area to live in, with activities and things for students to experience, from music and sports to outdoor activities and delicious Tex-Mex!” She continues, “If you have ever wanted to learn about a new culture while sharing life in America, I encourage you to give us a call or check out our website to learn more about how you can create an international friendship that lasts a lifetime!”

Host families provide the exchange student with three meals a day and a bedroom (private or shared). A professionally trained Ayusa representative supports each host family, student, and local school throughout the program year. Ayusa's exchange students are 15-18 years old and come from more than 60 countries around the world. Students are fully insured, bring their own spending money, and are proficient in English.

How to Host an International Student

Interested families can learn more about the program and available exchange students and request additional information by visiting <http://www.ayusa.org> or calling 1-888-552-9872.

The process to apply is simple. Families complete the online application, which includes questions about themselves and local high school, references, and a background check. The local Ayusa Community Representative conducts an in-home interview. They can also help each family with any questions they may have about the application or process.

After families are fully approved, they can select the Ayusa student they would like to host.



The Heart Gallery

At ages 13 and 14, Tikia and Lamound have found themselves searching for an adoptive family. Tikia and Lamound want to be engaged in something fun and meaningful, and they want to feel like they're part of something. Whether singing, dancing, playing outside, or going on adventures, Tikia and Lamound's vibrant energy will light up a room. Tikia and Lamound are looking to expand their bonds of love with a forever family.

The Heart Gallery of Central Texas is a project designed to promote and encourage adoptions from foster care and to provide an opportunity for waiting children to be discovered by potential families. There are no fees to adopt from the foster care system regardless of which agency you work with. There is only one pool of children, and they are all in CPS care, every licensed agency has the ability to assist in adoption of any foster child in Texas. Learn more here: www.heartgallerytexas.com

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Avoiding Anger

We all have expectation about everything in our life. We expect our family, friends and neighbors to behave in certain ways and when they don't, we often fall into a state of anger. Our expectations are not just limited to those people who we know, but also to just about everyone we come in contact with or depend upon. We expect our leaders to make decisions that we believe to be right. We expect the cashier at the store to be quick and competent. We expect the driver of the other vehicle to obey the rules of the road. When they fail to meet those expectations we get angry. Often, what we expect of other is a reflection of what we ultimately expect of ourselves. When I am in a hurry I expect other to respect that and get going. When I am frustrated I expect other to understand that and make everything right. When I am overworked I expect others to sympathize with me and help out. When other don't behave according to our expectations, we get angry. Learning to be gentler with ourselves goes a long way towards being gentler towards others.

For most of us, anger is not an emotion that feels good at all. It disrupts our daily flow and brings out the worst parts of ourselves. I never want to say a bad word to my family. I love them dearly. However, when angry I have been known to say mean-spirited words directed at those same family members. Anger makes us more aggressive and limits the way we think about and treat others. Anger is usually one-pointed: outwards towards someone else. In the act of being angry, instead of feeling closer to the object of our anger, we create even greater distance. We isolate them, but more importantly, we isolate ourselves. Anger is like a prison that binds us and keeps us from making choices that reflect compassion and caring and understanding. Attributes that contribute to the happiness of ourselves and those around us.

One of the keys to avoiding anger is to transform our habit of expectations. This does not mean that we allow people to run all over us, or our community. It means I transform what I expect of other into understanding that no one can read each other's mind and their reasons for doing what they do usually have nothing to do with me. My daughter didn't clean up her room because she wanted to make me angry, she was late getting ready for school this morning. The cashier at the store was slow and distracted not because she wanted to make me angry, but because her child is sick today and she is upset that she can't be home to care for her. The neighbor doesn't let his dog poop on my lawn to make me angry, he does so because he hasn't read or understood our community's rules. Transforming our expectations into a greater understanding of other people's challenges and sufferings will do quite a bit to disarm our anger and increase our own happiness.

If your family member or neighbor behaves in a manner that fails to meet your expectations and makes you angry, the only way you are going to really resolve the situation is not by creating an even wider distance between yourself and them, but by making a choice to get

closer and put forth an honest effort to remedy the situation together. Effective communication can only occur when there is a process of two-way listening. Anger prevents us from honestly listening to anything but our anger. When we transform our expectations and reduce our opportunities to get angry, we put ourselves in a position to make better choices about how we relate to the people around us and, in turn, how they relate to us. When everyone works together, anything is possible.



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Fleas

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A proper flea management program has two parts- managing fleas on any pets and managing fleas in the environment. A veterinarian should be consulted about flea control for pets; there are numerous products on the market that work well. Grooming the animal with a flea comb or bathing can help reduce flea numbers. When you find fleas on a pet, you most likely will need to treat the pet, inside the home and the yard. Treatment should be targeted to areas where the pet likes to hang out.

Fleas found in and around homes that do not have pets may be coming from wildlife. The attic and crawl spaces should be inspected to see if wildlife has moved into the area, bringing fleas with them. Wildlife should be removed with traps and the area treated with an

insecticide labeled for fleas. After wildlife is removed, the area should be sealed so that wildlife cannot move in again.

It is also possible for new homeowners with no pets to have fleas. This usually results from previous owners having pets. Fleas can remain dormant for several months and become active again when they sense vibrations from hosts.

Inside, vacuum regularly, getting under furniture and along baseboards to reduce flea eggs, larvae and pupae. Place the vacuum bag in a sealed plastic bag and throw away in an outdoor garbage can at least once a week so fleas do not hatch out and re-infest the home. Wash pet bedding in hot water. Bathe pets regularly and use a flea comb to remove fleas. Avoid walking pets in known flea infested areas.

Outside, pesticide treatments should target areas where pets frequent. Full sun areas do not need to be treated as fleas will not remain in these areas.

When treating for fleas, you need to treat at least two times. The second treatment should occur 10-14 days after the initial treatment.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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2 cups half-and-half
1 cup whipping cream
1 cup minus 2 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons peach preserves (not jelly)
1 vanilla bean, split and scraped


Recipe courtesy of Alton Brown

Directions

Combine all ingredients (including the bean and its pulp) in a large saucepan and place over medium heat. Attach a frying or candy thermometer to inside of pan. (see note below) Stirring occasionally, bring the mixture to 170 degrees F. Remove from heat and allow to cool slightly. Remove the hull of the vanilla bean, pour mixture into lidded container and refrigerate mixture overnight to mellow flavors and texture.

In the morning add the cooled mixture to your ice cream machine and follow manufacturers instructions. The mixture will not freeze hard in the machine. Once the volume has increased by 1/2 to 3/4 times, and reached a soft serve consistency, spoon the mixture back into a lidded container and harden in the freezer at least 1 hour before serving.

NOTE: If you do not have a thermometer, bring the mixture just barely to a simmer. As soon as you see a bubble hit the surface, remove it from the heat. Do not let it boil.




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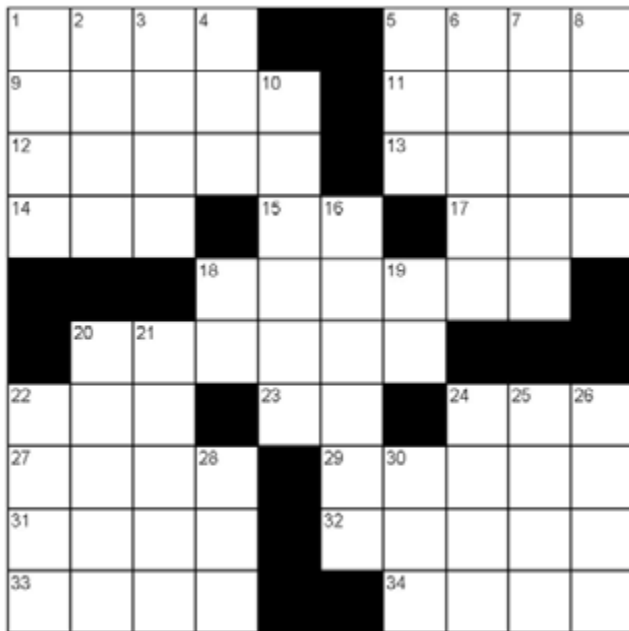
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17. No
18. Make better
20. Pre-Nissan
22. Electric spark
23. Miss lang
24. Tire
27. Saloons
29. Immense
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32. Santa's helpers
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34. Ribald

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1. Tides
2. Cafe
3. Far away
4. Day of wk.
5. Sup
6. Mont ____
7. Ms. Winfrey
8. Curious
10. City
16. Toil
18. Movie alien
19. Fashionable
20. Play
21. Smoky
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How to Talk To Your Children When Disaster Strikes



In my role as executive director at Shield-Bearer Counseling Centers, I am frequently asked by parents or teachers how to help children when they or their community experiences a disaster.

Every child reacts differently to loss. Younger children handle the news differently than older children. A child's personality and values influence their reaction. Parents and teachers may notice children displaying a greater amount of energy following a disaster. Energy released by their body's natural response when safety is threatened will find its way into more irritability, fidgeting and inability to focus on tasks at hand.

But there are some things individuals who are raising or working with children can do.

Model calmness.

Children will look to parents and other adults to cue their interpretation and reaction to the disaster. When children see the adults around them remaining calm, they will be more easily reassured of their own safety.

Help them talk.

Parents frequently have difficulty discussing such horrible tragedies with their children. As with other times of loss, they do not know exactly what to say. Being available to listen to what children want to say will likely be more helpful than putting together a lecture. Encourage children to express how they feel when they are ready to discuss it.

Honestly answer questions.

When children do not know the answers, they will ask questions. Parents who patiently attempt to answer tough questions will see their children move through the pain of the tragic event. If you don't know the answers, tell them so. Reassuring them of their present safety will help them learn to overcome fears that they might be struggling with.

Limit access to disaster news.

Monitoring your children's access to news reports of the disaster will help reduce the possibility of nightmares. When a child watches news programs about a disaster, parents should be present to discuss the contents of reports.

Keep them busy.

One of the most important things that a parent can do to help their children work through a disaster is to maintain the routine and structure of their children's lives. Keep appointments. Carry on with chores and responsibilities. Meet obligations.

Help them help.

Every person touched by a disaster is motivated to help in

some way. The negative emotions of fear, sorrow and anger can be channeled into acts of kindness. Having a child gather items for disaster victims, write a thank-you note to the first responders or draw a picture for someone intimately involved will help them feel they are making a difference. These actions can help them regain a sense of control over their situation.

Remember that each child is an individual. What helps one child might not help another. If there are significant changes in behavior, mood, or sleeping patterns, it is important to make a visit to a physician or professional counselor to assess what professional help might be available.

Above all else, let them know they are loved.

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