

The RANCH REVIEW

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News for the Residents of Legends Ranch

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

What a great turn out of neighbors uniting over Hurricane Harvey flooding relief of nearby areas. Thanks to all who showed at the Bingo Event in early September, including contributions to go towards those impacted. We have an amazing community!

Great turn out at the Meet the Candidates night in late September. Our management rolled out an official Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/OfficialLegendsRanchPOA if you have not already found it.

On October 7, 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. is the Bi-Annual Legends Ranch Garage Sale. Coming soon is the 2017 Annual Meeting; watch for updates on that from official resources from community management. Please attend this important meeting that needs to make quorum, and that includes an election. It's helpful to give them your email address, or update it, or add your spouse's, to not miss timely updates when changes need to be made.

The temporary Neighborhood Watch efforts post-Harvey also inspired more awareness among our community, and we welcomed law enforcement to our unofficial Facebook page to help alert us to area happenings, just like they do on NextDoor.com as well. We appreciate our local law enforcement and first responders, thanks for helping our community. Thanks for those getting out of the house to unite and meet with neighbors to get the conversation flowing with increased resident involvement to Legends Ranch, and to work towards keeping things positive in person, or electronically.

Reminder that you can access a lot of official information about our community from: From www.spectrumam.com/homeowner-services-portal, go to: "Account Login" or "Create Account". Once you're logged in, visit "Community Info", with the drop down arrow taking to you to access all the published community documents under "Documents".

GARDENING TIPS FOR OCTOBER

October is usually the month we will see our first cool front. I realize "cool" is a relative term, but anything below 90 is cool for us.

Now thru early November is the time to apply your last fertilization for the year. I recommend a low rate of Nitrogen for your fall feeding. If you apply in early October you can use a 19-4-10, late in the month use the winterizer 8-12-16. If you did not apply a fungicide yet, do so now. Cooler nights, warm days and lots of humidity are the perfect conditions for the growth of fungus. If you show signs of fungus, Do Not Fertilize for at least three weeks after the application of a fungicide at curative rate. Late October and early November is the time to apply preemergence to your lawn to keep down winter weeds such as Poa annua, Henbit and Mouse-eared Chickweed. Remember that preemergence kill weed seeds as they break ground and not established weeds.

October is the time to take out your summer annuals and start planting your fall and winter Color. Marigolds and petunias are planted for early fall. Snapdragons and dianthus are for late fall and Pansies Viola and Ornamental Cabbage and Kale should be planted now so they have a chance to grow before cold weather slows down growth. This time of year watch out for "Cabbage Looper" on your cabbage and Kale. This is a small green caterpillar that will destroy your plant. If you have any questions please contact me at troy@lonestarace.com and I will do my best to help you. -Troy

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FLOODWATER MOSQUITOES

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If you've been outside lately, you have most likely noticed the giant mosquitoes that seem to want to pick people up and carry them off. With recent weather conditions, floodwater mosquitoes have

emerged in large numbers.

Floodwater mosquitoes lay their eggs above the water line in ponds, ditches, pastures, or other places where water collects. The eggs can remain in dry areas and when these areas are flooded the eggs hatch, leading to swarms of hungry mosquitoes. These mosquitoes are larger than mosquitoes we are used to and can swarm in high numbers.

While floodwater mosquitoes won't last forever, other mosquitoes called container breeding mosquitoes emerge when floodwaters begin to recede. Many of these species are ones that we are used to seeing around our homes.

Many things can help to reduce mosquito problems around the home. Eliminate all sources of standing water. Containers such as watering cans, buckets and bottles can turn into mosquito breeding grounds. Water should be drained from birdbaths, gutters, flowerpots and pet dishes at least once a week. Children's wading pools should be emptied of water at least once a week and stored so they cannot collect water when not in use. Tree holes should be filled in with sand or mortar, or drained after each rain. Leaky faucets and pipes located outside should be repaired.

Areas that cannot be drained, such as ponds or large rain collection systems, can be stocked with mosquito fish that eat mosquito larvae. Dunks can also be used in these areas. Dunks are a small, donut-shaped product that contains *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *israeliensis*. The donut disrupts the life cycle of the mosquito and is non-toxic to humans, amphibians and fish.

When outside, wear loose-fitting, light colored clothing with long sleeves & long pants. Repellants containing active ingredients such as DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus can be effective to keep mosquitoes from biting when activities cannot be rescheduled.

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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