

The **RANCH REVIEW**

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News for the Residents of Legends Ranch

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

The Social Committee volunteers outdid themselves with the haunted house held at the Fall Festival and on Halloween last month. Thanks for the free food, music and entertainment! The catered food was delicious too! Great job to the winner of the pumpkin carving/decorating contest and to the winner of the costume contest!

Watch for the Social Committee to roll out something special for December with the annual visit from Santa Claus. To inquire about volunteer opportunities, and confirm that they are meeting the first Sunday evening of the month, email to: lrSocialCommittee@gmail.com, or inquire at the front office. Often information is shared on the Legends Ranch Facebook page as well.

NEIGHBORHOOD MONTHLY MEETINGS

Our monthly meeting was not held in August due to Hurricane Harvey, so it was held in early September instead. Then the September one was held in early October. The October was held in late October. Look for an announcement in the mail, and probably by email as well, about ten days prior to an Annual Meeting to come in November, possibly on Tuesday, November 14th. Then a regular monthly meeting is likely in December, though an Annual meeting can be held in any month.

Access official information at website: www.spectrumam.com/homeowner-services-portal, via "Account Login", using the drop down arrow under "Community Info" to select from various helpful information such as Events, Amenities and Documents (Deed Restrictions, Financials, Meeting Minutes).

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Gardening Tips for November

November is the start of slower time for gardening. That is if you completed your chores in October. Early in the month is the last chance you will have to apply a winterizer fertilizer, if you have not already applied it. This is also the last chance to apply a preemergence herbicide. Remember, if you plan to overseed your lawn with rye or fescue, do not use this product.

If you haven't planted your winter color yet, now is the time to do it. Pansies, Viola, Ornamental Cabbage and Kale, and Bright Lights Swiss Chard need to go in the ground before temperatures drop. This will allow the plant to put on some growth before low temperatures slow growth. On a side note, both Bright Lights Swiss Chard and Redbor Kale are edible. The other varieties of Ornamental Cabbage and Kale are much too bitter to eat.

As winter progresses, light intensity goes down. Therefore, most of your winter color needs to be planted in full sun. Pansies in particular, will stretch and get leggy if they don't get enough sun. If you have any questions please contact me at troy@lonestarace.com.



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Providing Habitat for the Monarch Butterfly

-LaJuan Tucker, City of Austin and Johanna Arendt, Travis County

Over the past few years, Texas has boasted some of the highest growth rates in the country. Central Texas has seen increased development, urbanization, and economic growth. Natural landscapes are quickly being converted to roadways, housing, and retail.

These dramatic shifts in the landscape are having a significant impact on wildlife. Water sources are being paved over or polluted with runoff. Agricultural lands and native grasslands that provide nesting and foraging sites for birds are increasingly replaced with houses and gas stations. Wildlife now must cross roadways and travel longer distances to find food, shelter, and mates.

There are, however, many ways that residents can help wildlife. Balconies, parks, greenbelts, school yards, and backyards are just a few of the places that can provide important resources for wildlife. As the Central Texas' population continues to grow, so can our responsibility to make sure urban and suburban areas serve not only as economic growth centers, but also as havens for wildlife such as the monarch butterfly.

The iconic monarch butterfly is most famous for its long migrations and its beautiful orange and black markings. Unfortunately, research shows that overall monarch numbers are on the decline. Here in

Central Texas, we encounter the monarch butterfly during both its northern and southern migrations, which puts us in a unique position to assist with conservation efforts.

Learn more on November 8, when LaJuan Tucker will be giving a presentation about backyard wildlife at Concordia University. Join us at 6:30pm in Room C270 for a fun, informative program.



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