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BACK TO SCHOOL! Wait, DIDN'T SUMMER JUST BEGIN?

By Sarah Bloch, LR Resident

The next 3 weeks will be priceless for many residents. Either it is time to knock off a few more things on their “Meant To-Do This Summer” List, be it family fun or a project that simply won’t happen during the school year. Or it could be a time of focusing on early preparations to make a smooth transition into a new school year cycle.

In fact, the school system’s cycle is one in which nearly every detail is already laid out for you, with everything clearly defined and screaming “advanced planning and preparation”. Bus schedules, school schedules, dates for instruction or closure—even make-up dates for inclement weather, and don’t forget...each clearly-defined policy you need to know about as a parent of a school-aged child in Conroe ISD.

We are outside a 2-mile radius of these schools, so are afforded the luxury of district bus transportation as an option. If you do drop-off/pick-up, keep in mind the line of cars and the rule about no cell phone use in school zones. If you’re not home for a bus drop-off, the driver won’t drop your child off, but will deposit him or her back at the school.

Which school, bus, meals, supplies, teacher? Visit www.conroeisd.net. For LR, those entering public school will attend:

- Birnham Woods Elementary for pre-K through 4th Grade (<http://birnham.conroeisd.net>),
- Cox Middle School for 5th & 6th ([\[cox.conroeisd.net\]\(http://cox.conroeisd.net\)\), York for 7th & 8th \(<http://york.conroeisd.net>\),](http://</div><div data-bbox=)

- Oak Ridge High School 9th Grade Campus or Oak Ridge High School 10th-12th (<http://orhs.conroeisd.net>).

Parent of pre-schoolers? Once your child is close to a school start, think April for when Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Roundup registrations begin. Same goes for Mother’s Day Out programs...think April to prepare for the full school year ahead.

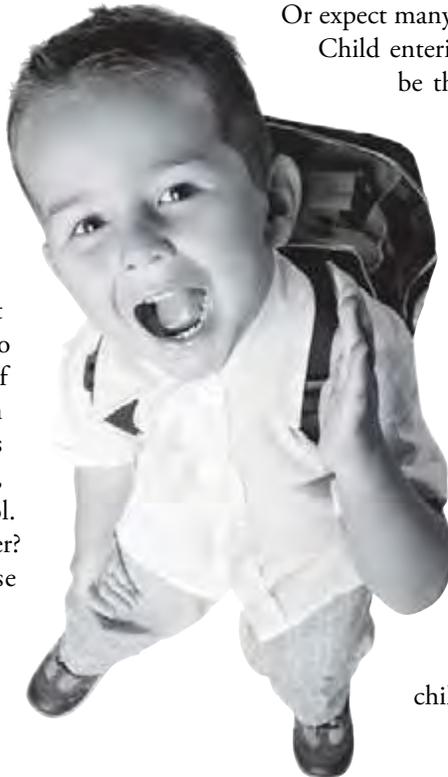
Or expect many to have wait lists.

Child entering Birnham Woods Elementary? This will be their second year to offer online registration with scheduled appointments to bring the paperwork in to complete the process—and it works great!

Before- and After-School programs are offered by local child development centers with transportation service from the school to their location. Otherwise look into options for sports and activity programs at nearby businesses.

Best wishes to those starting school for the first time or transitioning into a new grade or new school, those in Conroe ISD, those homeschooling, those in private schools, and to all those behind the scenes making it possible...parents, teachers, volunteers, the whole ‘village’ of us here on the ‘Ranch’ helping to raise children well in our community.

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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Montgomery County Tax	936-539-7897
Conroe ISD	936-709-7751
Montgomery MUD #89	713-932-9011

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RealManage	866-473-2573
Legends Ranch Clubhouse.....	281-681-9750
Legends Ranch SplashPad.....	281-419-2130
Gate Attendant Office.....	281-296-0433

Police & Fire

Emergency	911
Montgomery Sheriff	936-760-5800
Pct. 3 Constable Office	281-364-4211
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

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Electricity (TXU New Service)	281-441-3928
Electricity (Centerpoint).....	713-207-2222
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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	936-442-7738
Montgomery Chamber	281-367-5777

Area Hospitals

Memorial Hermann	281-364-2300
St. Luke's	832-266-2000
Conroe Medical Center	281-364-7900

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Birnam Woods Elementary	281-863-4200
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UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE & STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS:

Sat., Sept. 6, 2014 (Proposed) "1st Annual Legends Ranch Back to School Bash" at the Basketball Courts.

Sat., Sept. 6, 2014, 11:00a.m.-2:00pm: Legends Ranch Vendors Day at the front clubhouse. Shopping & fun for the entire family. Email: lrvendors@gmail.com for more info and to reserve your booth space.

Sat., Oct. 11, 2014: Legends Ranch Fall Festival.

Fall Community Garage Sale:

stay tuned for the official date in September or October.

Social Committee seeks volunteers:

we are always looking for helping hands and creative minds to help us with the planning of the great events that take place here in Legends Ranch. No long-term commitments, nor are you required to join the committee. Also, an excellent opportunity for teenage volunteers to gain service hours. Contact Nilda Rubio for more information and to volunteer at:

nilda_rubio@yahoo.com

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Back to School (Continued on Page 3)

DATES IN AUGUST:

8th-10th Aug, Fri-Sun: Tax Free Shopping-Texas <http://tinyurl.com/8dhxxpa>

19th-23rd Aug: Week before school Meet the Teacher/ Tour School

25th Aug: First Day of School for Students (last Monday in August)

30th-31st Aug, Sat-Sun: last weekend front pool open
*SplashPad weekends only 30th Aug-28th Sep

HELPFUL SAFETY TIPS & GUIDELINES:

Route & Routine: Go over the route or daily routine with your child and practice before school begins to best prepare for the logistics involved in getting to/from school safely.

Strangers: instruct your children to be cautious of strangers who approach them while at the bus stop or during their walk or bike ride home. Make sure to teach them how to handle a situation that might be suspect.

Driving: be extra safe while driving when school begins. There will be more cars & buses on the road, as well as children on foot & on bicycles. In Texas, there is NO cell phone use while

in school zones. Please pay attention!

Proper Footwear & Bicycle working properly: While flip flops & backless shoes are popular, there have also been many accidents on crowded school stairways which have resulted in serious injury, as even being stepped on from behind with these types of shoes can cause falls. If riding a bicycle to school, have the brakes checked out to insure they're working.

Hot temperatures in late August: make sure your child has plenty of water & wears light clothing. Make sure that packed lunches won't spoil by including insulated bags or frozen packs. Idea: freeze bottle of water to put inside of lunch bag.

School Supplies in Tow: keep sharp objects such as pencils & scissors in a padded case.

Resources:

- Finding Childcare: <http://www.collabforchildren.org>
- Preparing for Kindergarten/ homeschooling/ trying to teach your child to read: www.icanteachmychild.com
- Resources/supplies for pre-school/ homeschooling & workshops & craft days too: www.lakeshorelearning.com
- Teacher Discounts U.S.: www.giftcardgranny.com/blog/the-complete-list-of-66-teacher-discounts
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Gardening Tips for August

August is a month of extremes, extreme heat and usually extreme dry. You lawn and garden will be showing signs of stress because of these conditions. Many plants will have brown leaves or start dropping leaves, especially large leafed varieties. Some plants will go dormant and unfortunately some may die. Regular watering will help get your plants through these tough times. Check each area of your beds and see how fast they are drying out. Some areas may need more or less water than an area close by.

Continue to check for grub and chinch bug damage to your lawn. August is the time to apply your second application of grub control. There are several options for treating for this pest, both contact and systemic controls.

Hot dry conditions are perfect for the spread of spider mites (red spider). Most plants can be attacked by this pest, but they show a preference for marigolds, verbena and junipers. The signs of spider mites are:

1. Foliage of plants looks grey.
2. Webbing on leaves, usually between the leaf and stem.

The best control for spider mites is an insecticide called Acephate. This chemical is sold under many names so check the ingredients on the bottle. Ortho list it as "Orthene" and Bonide sells it under "Systemic Insect Control."

This chemical is a systemic so it cannot be used on fruits and veggies. Malathion will control spider mites but must be applied on the underside of the leaf and requires multiple applications.

If you have any questions please stop and see me at Lone Star Ace or contact me at troy@lonestarace.com.



Updating Your Information with Management

We have noticed over the last few months that some of the information that has been provided to the on-site personnel is no longer up to date. Guards on duty have reported that several phone numbers in the system are not valid, have been disconnected, or are no longer in service. Due to this issue, the guards are significantly delayed trying to process the guests coming in. If you know that your number or other important information has changed, please stop by the clubhouse office to complete a new registration form to have the system updated. You can also email Cathy Winfield, on-site manager, with the new number and/or information. Her email is legranch@ciramail.com. Please include your address here in Legends Ranch to make sure that your account is updated.

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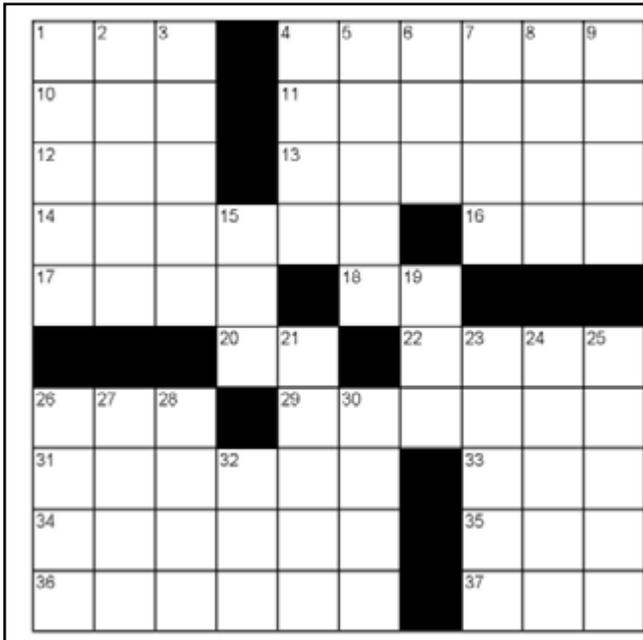
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ACROSS

1. Advertisements
4. Inhabits
10. Crow's cry
11. Gully
12. Rio de Janeiro
13. Sports car brand
14. List of errors
16. New Jersey's neighbor
17. In __ (together)
18. Kilogram
20. Post script
22. Too
26. Concord e.g.
29. Additions
31. Computer game
33. Killed in action
34. Ancient (2 wds.)
35. Antlered animal
36. Mourning
37. Ocean

DOWN

1. Land
2. Milk's food group
3. Type of enemy
4. Loony
5. __ havoc
6. Make a mistake
7. Stow
8. Greek stringed instrument
9. Defile
15. American College of Physicians (abbr.)
19. Chitchat
21. Book holder
23. Enjoys
24. Steps for crossing a fence
25. City
26. Prod
27. Prudent
28. Plane
30. Nearly horizontal entrance
32. Poet Edgar Allen

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