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# SAVE THE DATES

MARCH 28, SATURDAY

## EASTER EGG HUNT COMMUNITY EVENT FOR RESIDENTS

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APRIL 18, SATURDAY

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## BOARD MEETING AGENDA

This agenda serves as notice to all owners of the Property Owners Association of Legends Ranch that a Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled as noted below to review and discuss the listed topics and business of the association.

### PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF LEGENDS RANCH

#### MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In accordance with Section 209.0071 of the Texas Residential Property Owners Protection Act, members shall be given notice of the date, hour, place and general subject of a regular or special board meeting, including a general description of any matter to be brought up for deliberation in executive session. The notice shall be provided at least 72 hours before the start of the meeting by sending a notice via email to each owner who has registered an email address with the association and by listing the meeting date on the association website.

Date: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 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 – January 22, 2015
4. Financial Report
  - 4a. December 2014 – Managing Agent
5. Proposals
  - 5a. A-Beautiful
- I. New spine board for clubhouse pool

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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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Montgomery Chamber .....	281-367-5777

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## Gardening Tips for March

Spring is here and the work begins. Many of the tasks are enjoyable, but some are just WORK.

I know I love planting my flower beds, starting seeds and cuttings, however I truly hate trimming my shrubs. Unfortunately, it all needs to be done, so get outside and at least enjoy the warm weather.

On the Gulf Coast there is no set date to fertilize your lawn. Fertilization depends on how fast our weather warms up. A good rule of thumb for lawn fertilization is to fertilize when you see your lawn 50% green. Spring is the only season I recommend high Nitrogen fertilizers (26 and above).

It is not necessary that you use a really high ratio of Nitrogen, but if you like to see fast growth of your lawn now is the time to use those higher ratios.

Your trees and shrubs will need to be fertilized in March also, with the exception of your flowering shrubs. Wait until after blooming to fertilize them. This is especially true for Azaleas, fertilization during flowering may cause flower and bud drop. Early this month is the time for the application of nutsedge (nut grass) killers to the lawn. There are three products that are widely available, SedgeHammer, Image, and Ortho Nutsedge Killer.

These can be applied in temperatures as low as 65 degrees as long as the sedge is up to a height of 4 inches. Nutsedge killers will control other sedges also, along with many common broadleaf weeds. Be sure to Not, I repeat Not, apply these products after temperatures reach 75 to 80 degrees. Nutsedge killers are only listed for lawn use and are not to be used on gardens and flower beds.

Nurseries will be in high gear now, bringing in annuals and perennials. Plant now so that your flowers are well established before our temperatures reach our normal summer scorch.

Speaking of flowers, for those of you who are collectors the annual March Mart at Mercer Arboretum is on March is on Friday and Saturday, March 20th and 21st. I highly recommend that you consider joining the Mercer Society and supporting our local botanic garden.

### Board Meeting Agenda (Continued from cover)

- II. Paint water features at splash pad
- 5b. Handrail for mailbox area on Aztec Canyon
6. New Contracts
7. Additional Business
- 7a. Dog park for community
8. Social Committee update
9. Traffic/Safety Committee update
10. Scheduling of Next Board Meeting
11. Adjournment
12. Homeowner Forum (due to time restraints, limited to (3) minutes per person)

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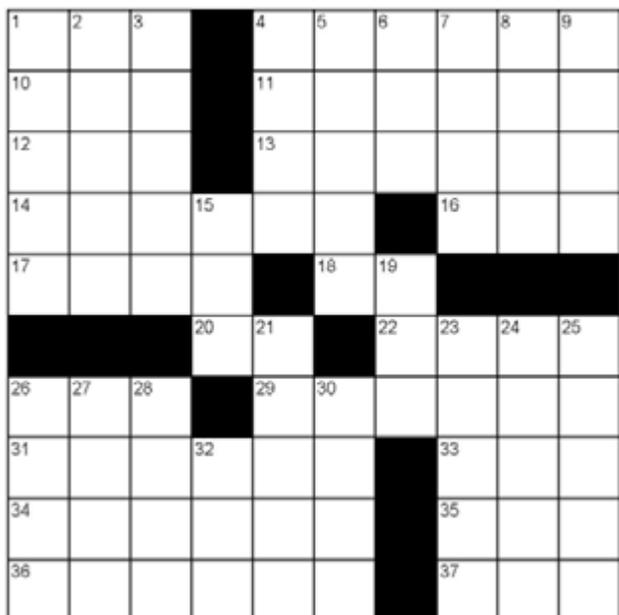
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10. Men's neckwear
11. Asian nation
12. Limited (abbr.)
13. Serf
14. Flower
16. Poem
17. Monetary unit
18. Atomic number
20. Paid (abbr.)
22. Package label
26. Punching tool
29. Esc
31. Fine
33. Modern
34. Cat mystery writer  
Braun
35. Lingerie
36. Elevate
37. Sign language

### DOWN

1. Reference book
2. Swanky
3. Award
4. Marry
5. Abraham's son
6. Mr.'s wife
7. El \_\_ (Texas city)
8. Precede
9. Women's magazine
15. Brim
19. American Football Conference (abbr.)
21. Coffee shop order
23. Ballroom dancing
24. Aromas
25. Particular style
26. American Civil Liberties Union (abbr.)
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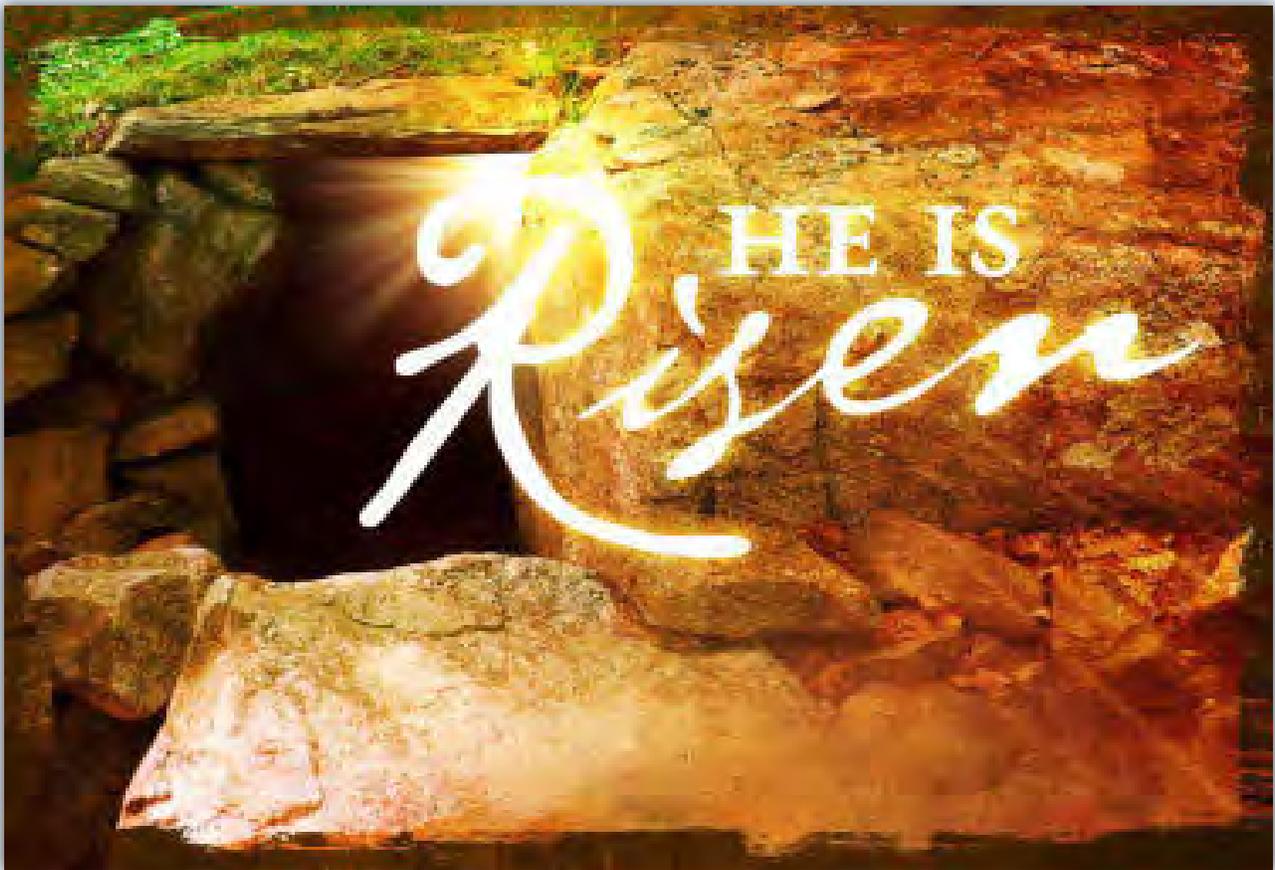
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*Submitted by Robert Greene*

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Of course, there's always the good and bad of every situation. The good news is these are retroactive back to January 1 of 2014. The bad news is that they expire again on December 31 of this year and may or may not be continued for the 2015 tax year. But, let's not look a gift horse in the mouth just yet and see what you may be able to take advantage of when you file for 2014.

1. Teachers' Deduction for Certain Out-Of-Pocket Expenses
2. State and Local Sales Taxes
3. Mortgage Insurance Premiums
4. Exclusion of Discharge of Principal Residence Indebtedness
5. Distributions from IRAs for Charitable Contributions for 70 1/2 and Older Taxpayers
6. Parity for Mass Transit Fringe Benefits
7. Energy Efficient Improvements (including Appliances)

8. Qualified Tuition and Expenses for Education
9. Donation of Conservation Property
10. Small Business Stock

In addition to the tax extenders, there's also good news for people with disabilities. Attached to the extender bill is the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act that allows people who were disabled before the age of 26 (and including family and friends) to contribute up to a combined total of \$14,000 a year to an ABLE account. Accumulated earnings are currently tax free. Also, money held in the account would not disqualify the disabled person from receiving federal assistance benefits such as Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income--provided it is not used to pay for housing, transportation, education and wellness.

There is no better time to get together with your financial and tax professionals to get the details on these items and to make a plan on how to best put these savings to use today. Don't become a victim to the High Cost of Waiting.

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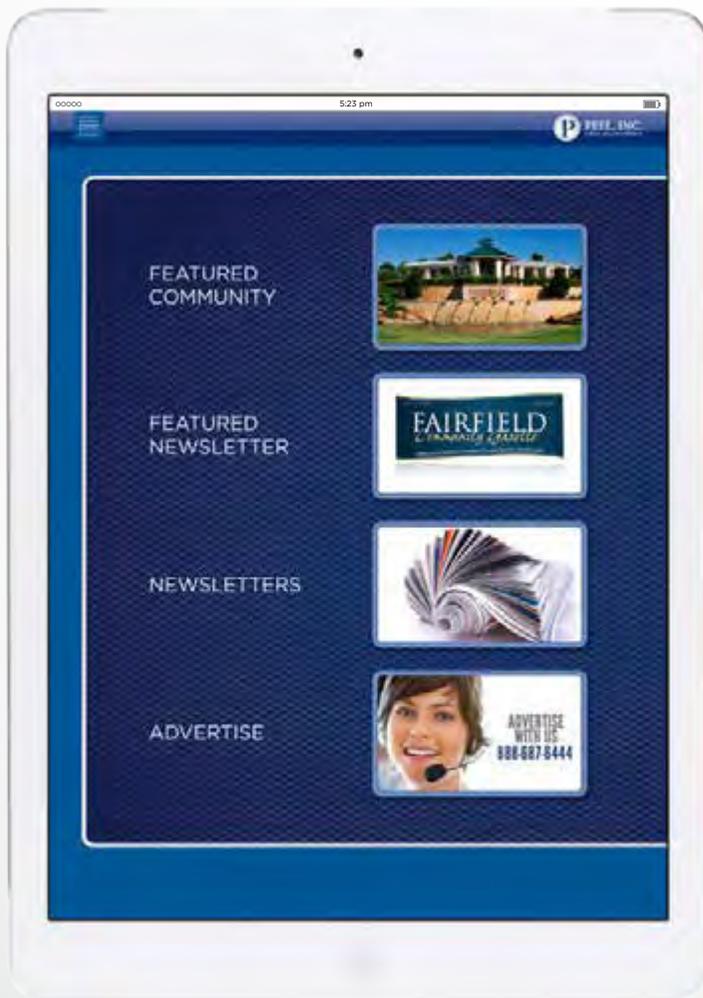
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- 3 cups flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1 tablespoon vanilla

Combine first 3 ingredients, tossing well. Set aside. Combine flour, 2 cups sugar, baking powder, and salt in a large mixing bowl. Combine next 4 ingredients; add to flour mixture, mixing well. Pour 1/3 of batter into a greased and floured 10 inch tube pan. Top with half of the thinly sliced apples, leaving a 1/2" margin around center and sides. Repeat layering, ending with batter on top. Bake at 350° for 1 hour or until a wooden pick comes out clean. Cool in pan 10-15 minutes; then remove from pan. Let cool completely. Sprinkle with powdered sugar, if desired.

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## INDIAN MEAL MOTHS



Indianmeal moths can be found in dogfood, birdseed, cereals, dried fruit, nuts, powdered milk and candy. Adults are small with grayish wings tipped in copper. Larvae are creamy yellow to yellow-green to pink and often crawl along pantry walls. Spun pupal cases are often found along corners and edges of wall areas.

To eliminate a pantry pest problem, the first step is to locate and remove all infested items. Removing infested items is the easy part; finding the infestation is not always so simple. Begin with the oldest food items, usually in the back of the pantry. Inspect everything, including unopened food items since these can also be a source. If you find an infested item, do not stop your inspection, more than one item may be infested.

Throw away infested items. If you don't feel that you can throw away food, place the infested food in a zip-top plastic bag and place it in the freezer for about 5-7 days or spread the infested food item on a baking sheet and bake at 250 degrees for 4-6 hours to kill any insects. Once all the insects are dead, you can sift the food item or pick out the insects. Of course, you can always just leave the insects in the food and get a little more protein with your meal!

It is extremely important to find the source, and not all pantry pest infestations come from the pantry. Check rooms for items such as dried, decorative peppers, dried flowers, potpourri or rice heating packs.

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](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)

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