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Community Happenings

5-7 Sept., Saturday – Monday:

Both Pools Open for Labor Day 3-Day Weekend.

10 Oct., Saturday:

Legends Ranch Community Garage Sale, Sat. 7:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. It is Open to the Public, with the gates open during those hours. Email Robert at rmaze52@att.net with your name, address, & a short list of items to be sold in order to be included on the Garage Sale Map as an option, not required. The Spring Garage Sale will be in April.

24 Oct., Saturday:

Legends Ranch Fall Festival Community Event for Residents. The Social Committee meets regularly & is looking for volunteers. For Volunteer Youth, we will give you credit for community service hours & would be willing to provide a work reference. Email Nilda at nilda_rubio@yahoo.com.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Property Owners Association Meets every month, traditionally between Monday and Thursday in the last half of the month, Open Session at 6pm, as scheduled by the Resident-run Board of Directors.

Social Committee Meets 1st Sunday of each month at the

Clubhouse at 7pm. Desireah Riley: desriley@sbcglobal.net. Vendor opportunities: lrvendors@gmail.com. To volunteer: nilda_rubio@yahoo.com. For the Fall & Spring Community Garage Sales, list on the map with Robert Maze at: rmaze52@att.net

Thanks for your help in contributing to our tree-lined streets & parking safety.

Reminder of the Important Request from our Board of Directors: please trim your property's trees, especially the trees located between the streets and the sidewalks. It will ensure appropriate clearance for pedestrians and strollers using the sidewalks and cars traveling down the street, and will assist with safety, as well as contribute to our community looking good.

Having difficulties trimming your trees? Email the office at legranch@ciramail.com, with subject "Trees" and we will try to coordinate this service for you. In addition, with the busy time of visitors or extra house guests, we are asking that you be mindful when parking in the streets. The governing documents state that vehicles can be parked on the street if the driveway is full and only during daylight hours. Please do not block driveways or park to where it makes it difficult for others to get out of their driveways. Thanks for your help in contributing to upholding POA Regulations, Safety and overall neighborhood curb appeal.



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Romans 5:8 | But God shows his love for us in that while we were sinners, Christ died for us.

The Living Legends

by Jerrie Sanders



Now that it's warming up (i.e. hot enough to warm our joints!), the Living Legends have started moving again. One of our own tripped and severely broke her femur, so we have been helping her out. She has just been released to a walker and has joined us on our forays. She sends thanks to all her friends and neighbors, and her church members, for all they did for her while she was incapacitated.

In July some of us went to the Owen Theater in Conroe to see "Stepping Out", and then to dinner. The play was great, and afterwards we went to Joe's Italian Restaurant for the first time, and found the small, friendly atmosphere and the food wonderful!

Many of our Legends are members of a Red Hat group also, and do many outings to local areas and areas in close proximity to here. For example, they have a trip to a lavender farm near Chappell Hill, and to a small zoo South of Houston. They seem to be on the go a lot of time. Let me know if you are interested in joining them.

We are planning more things for August and through the end of the year. I hope you will join us. We will keep you entertained and you will meet some wonderful people. Call me at 281-651-2593 to get busy with us! Leave a message if I am gone with the Living Legends to some fun place.

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Continue to check for insect and fungal problems and treat with the recommended products for each. September is the time to give your azaleas their last feeding of the season. Be sure to use a fertilizer formulated for azaleas as it will have additional iron and sulfur included. Also feed Bougainvillea, Crape Myrtles, Hibiscus, and Palms this month.

If you haven't separated your perennials in several years, then now is the time to do this so the plant has a chance to establish itself before winter. Daylily and Canna especially benefit from you separating them as the center of the clump is past its blooming life.

The plant of the month is Horsetail Reed (*Equisetum hyemale*) also called Scouring Rush. This is a tall, dark green reed like plant and is used as a vertical accent in pots and in water gardens. Horsetail Reed likes to be moist at all times and can be used as a bog plant. It is a popular plant on "Pinterest", for its structural look. A word of warning about this plant, it must go in a Pot, it is a highly aggressive spreader and is difficult to get rid of. In a container with little or no drainage, it is very useful and beautiful. If you have any questions please stop by and see me or contact me at troy@lonestarace.com

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FIRE ANT TREATMENTS

There are numerous ways to manage fire ants, but they are often broken into two categories- broadcast treatments and individual mound treatments. Individual mound treatments are used to treat one mound at a time and can be labor intensive and may result in more pesticide being spread into the environment. Broadcast treatments will spread product (granular or bait) over a large area.

Individual mound treatments include pouring boiling water onto the mound, using insecticide mound drenches, spreading insecticide granules onto the mound and watering them in, sprinkling insecticidal dusts on top of the mound or using bait-formulated insecticides around the perimeter of the mound. There are also many "home remedies", but be advised that many of these do not kill fire ants. Many home remedies make the fire ants move to a new location (often 1-2 feet away), but do not kill the ants.

Bait-formulated insecticides most often consist of a defatted corn cob grit coated with soybean oil; the soybean oil is where the active ingredient (what kills the pest) is dissolved. Worker ants collect bait as a food source and take it back to the colony to share with other ants, including the queen. Depending on the active ingredient, the bait may cause the queen to die or be unable to produce viable eggs, which gradually kills off

the colony. When using baits, results are often slower to observe when compared to individual mound treatments, but can provide 80-90% suppression for 12-18 months. A bonus to broadcasting baits is that the amount of active ingredient is generally very small, which places less chemical into the environment.

With any pesticide treatment, read and follow all label instructions. Make sure to water in the pesticide if the label instructs to do so. Failure to water in chemicals when recommended by the label does an inadequate job of killing the ants. Baits should not be watered in or used before a rainfall event; baits will not be picked up by ants if they get wet.

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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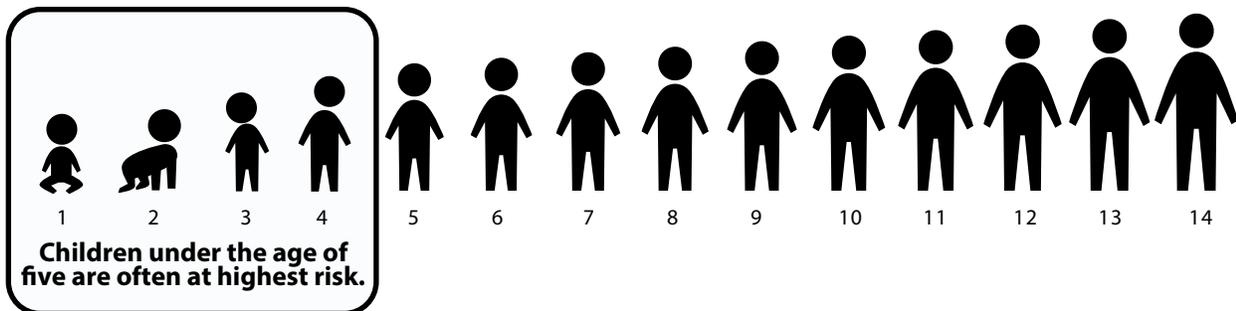
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