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## PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Property Owners Association: refer to your Real Manage letter; our December online issue at [www.PeelInc.com](http://www.PeelInc.com) or your Real Manage homeowner account, regarding 2016 POA Dues that are due on January 1, 2016; avoid late payment if work out a payment plan with Real Manage by January 31.

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Note: the additional Property Manager announced at the November meeting and in the December issue is now a vacant position.

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# WHATS ON YOUR RESOLUTION LIST IN 2016?

## New Year's Resolutions for ~~2014~~ ~~2015~~ 2016

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1. LOSE ~~WEIGHT~~ & GET FIT Next Year
2. DRINK MORE WATER & LESS ALCOHOL
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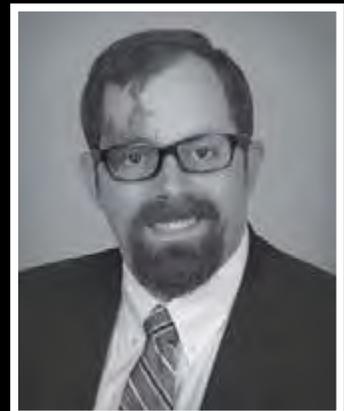
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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

3 Jan., Sun., 7 p.m., Social Committee Meets 1st Sunday of each month at the Clubhouse, unless otherwise noted (confirm via [lrsocialcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:lrsocialcommittee@gmail.com)) or updates at: <http://tinyurl.com/Jan2016LRsocial>

26 Jan., Tue., 6 p.m.: Property Owners Association Monthly Meetings, open to all Legends Ranch residents, planned for the last Tuesday of each month at the Clubhouse, unless otherwise noted (confirm with Property Manager: [legranch@ciramail.com](mailto:legranch@ciramail.com)). Board contacts are on page-2 of this newsletter. Updates at: <http://tinyurl.com/Jan2016POA>

## "Santa Claus Visits the Ranch" a Success

A BIG thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make "Santa Claus Visits the Ranch" possible. Patty and Jose Parra, Amanda Leavy, Semantha Sharma and the hard working children of our volunteers! Also a shout out to our vendors: LevelUp Parties for Olaf and the Texas-style snow; Jumping Fiesta Party Rentals for our Moonwalks; Alyssia Smith, our professional photographer; Fire Truck Frenzy for giving Mr. & Mrs. Claus a ride to LR; Krafts & Konversations-Nickisha Archie for bringing out all of her wonderful wreaths; and last but not least, our POA and all of our wonderful residents who come out and support our community events-- You're the reason why we do what we do.

*Desireah Riley, President, Social Committee*



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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.  
WEDNESDAY WORSHIP 6:45 P.M.

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### REFLECTION 516

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MONDAY YOUTH EVENING BIBLE STUDY 6:30 P.M.  
WEDNESDAY YOUTH UPLIFT 6-8 P.M.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

GATEWAY KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 A.M.  
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## Ever think about hosting an international high school student?

Hosting a student is an exciting and rewarding experience! Families can select from various countries, depending on availability of students participating: Western Europe (Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Spain, Sweden); Eastern Europe (Czech Republic, Slovakia); Asia (China, Hong Kong, Japan, Mongolia, South Korea, Thailand); Latin (Brazil, Mexico, Peru). They are female and male students aged 15-18 years old, who have been learning the English language, and who are interested to immerse in our culture to practice their English.

Why host? When you choose to be a Volunteer Host Family and welcome a foreign exchange student into your home, you will have the chance to establish a wonderful life-long friendship, while making a difference in a student's life.

Opening your doors and your heart allows host families to learn first-hand about a foreign country from the perspective of an exchange student who has grown up there. They share in the evolving process of bringing the world closer through cross-cultural sharing and friendship. Most of all, they gain a new family member for a lifetime.

Cost involved? Students have their own spending money, cover their own personal expenses, and have full health insurance. Volunteer host families are asked to provide the student with meals and room and board during his or her stay in America.

You will not receive compensation as a volunteer host family; however, the Department of State does appreciate your dedication to international exchange. Host families can claim \$50 per month tax deduction for each month they host, or can claim a flat tax deduction, for the applicable tax year.

To learn more about becoming a Host Family Volunteer for a semester or a full academic year or in the future, please email your Local Coordinator to inquire: [StudentExchangeCoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:StudentExchangeCoordinator@gmail.com). More info at: [www.ICESUSA.org](http://www.ICESUSA.org)



## Fun for Seniors

### The Living Legends

Year 2015 in Review: Let's think back to the good times of outings & game nights we've had.

For 2016: Let's begin with new friends, more togetherness, new things to do & more dinners to share. Ages 50 & up, contact Ms. Jerrie Sanders at 281-651-2593 to join the group.

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## GARDENING TIPS FOR JANUARY

January is the perfect time to work off some of the calories that were available during the Holidays. Now is the time to refresh your flower beds with new organic matter. Organic matter in the soil helps maintain soil moisture while giving your plants a slow -release fertilization. Some forms of organic matter must be worked into the soil, i.e. commercial Garden Soils, Peat Moss, Compost, or well-aged manure.

Put down a 1 to 2 inch layer of your chosen organic matter, and till or fork it in to the top 6 to 8 inches of your soil. All but Peat Moss can also be used as a top dressing; however, it is more beneficial to work it into the soil.

In January our plants are at least semi-dormant, it is time to do your major pruning. Remove dead wood, crossing branches that rub and any limbs that are broken. If you need to lower the overall height of any shrubs, a good rule of thumb is not to lower it more than 1/3 of the total height.

Roses need to be pruned before Feb. 15th. Remove any dead wood and any crossing branches. When trimming Roses, use a good sharp pair of bypass pruners and be sure to make an angle cut above a leaf scar.

If you have any questions, stop by and see me at Lone Star Ace Hardware or contact me at [troy@lonestarace.com](mailto:troy@lonestarace.com).



## Chicken Tortilla Soup

*Total Time: 35 minutes/ Preparation: 10 minutes/ Cook: 25 minutes. 4-6 servings*

### Ingredients:

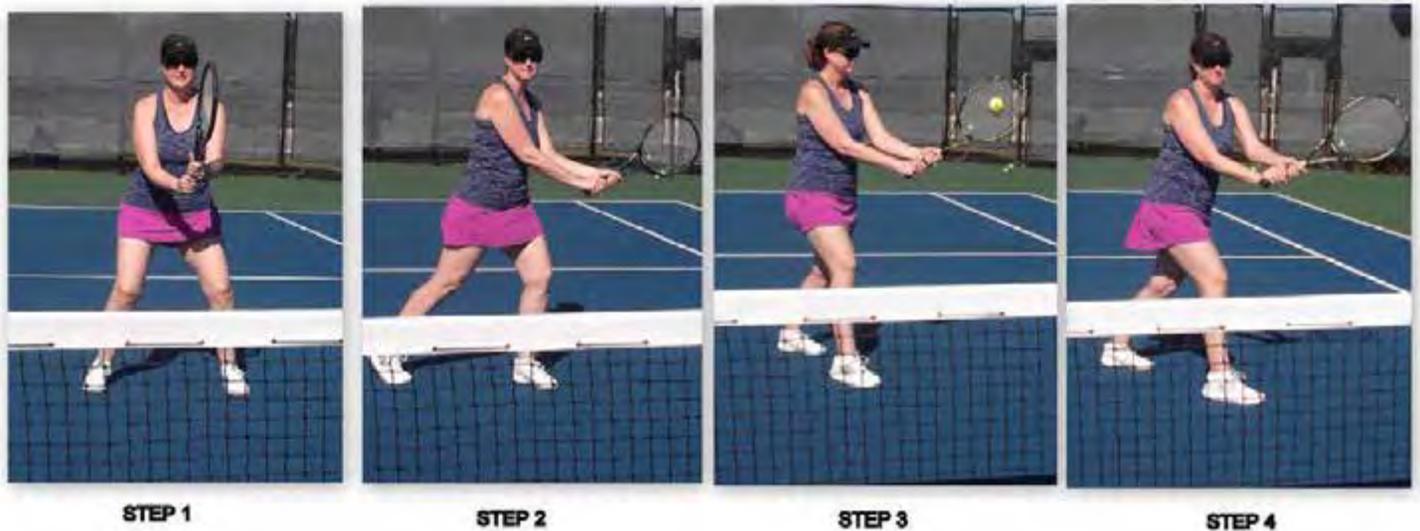
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 small onion, diced
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic
- 2 jalapenos, finely diced
- 6 cups low-sodium or regular chicken broth
- 1 (14.5-ounce) can fire roasted diced tomatoes or similar
- 1 (14.5-ounce) can black beans, rinsed & drained or similar
- 3 chicken breasts boneless & skinless
- 2 limes, juiced, plus wedges for garnish
- Salt & freshly ground black pepper
- 1 cup roughly chopped fresh cilantro leaves
- 1 (8-inch) flour tortilla, grilled, cut into thin strips or corn tortilla
- 1 avocado, pitted, sliced
- 1 cup shredded Monterrey cheese

**Directions:** In a large sauce pan heat the vegetable oil. Add the onions & cook for 2 minutes. Once the onions have softened add the garlic & jalapenos & cook for another minute. Pour the chicken broth, tomatoes & beans into the pot & bring to a boil. Once at a boil, lower heat to simmer and add chicken breasts. Cook the chicken is cooked remove from pot. When cool enough to handle, shred chicken & set aside. Add lime juice & fresh cilantro to the pot. In a serving bowls add a mound of shredded chicken. Ladle (gradually pour) soup over chicken & top with lime wedge, grilled tortilla strips, avocado slices & cheese.



# TENNIS TIPS

*By USPTA/PTR Master Professional  
Fernando Velasco  
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Grey Rock Tennis Club, Austin, TX*



In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to hit a forehand groundstroke, a two-handed backhand, one-handed backhand and a forehand volley. In this issue, I will give you instructions on how to execute a two-handed backhand volley for a right hander. This stroke is used whenever the player is forced to hit a ball in the air. In these pictures player Robyn Fuller from the Grey Rock Tennis Club demonstrates the proper form and technique.

**Step 1: Ready Position:** The body is facing the net. The right hand is holding the end of the racket in a forehand grip position and the left hand is next to the right hand. The left hand is holding the racket slightly tighter than the right hand. Feet are a shoulder width apart and the body is in equal balance. For beginners it is okay to use the forehand and backhand grips for the forehand and backhand volleys. As the player gets stronger and the balls come at a faster speed, it will be best to use the continental grip for both volleys.

**Step 2: Back Swing:** Since the volley is usually executed when a player is close to the net and there is very little time to react to the incoming ball, the back swing is very short. The left hand will make a slight change of the grip and the right hand will be relaxed and loose. The left shoulder should take a short turn and the head of the racket should align to the flight of the ball. The left wrist should be “cocked” back slightly and the head of the racket should be above the wrist. Eyes are still focused on the incoming ball.

**Step 3: Point of Contact:** The right foot is now taking a step forward and the racket is making contact with the ball. It is important to keep the left shoulder closed and not rotate the right hip too early. Flexing the right knee will allow more flexibility to find the proper point of contact and give power to the ball.

**Step 4: Follow Through:** Once the racket has made contact with the ball, the follow through is very short to allow the player to immediately get back to the ready position. The right arm should be close to the body.

Look for in the next Newsletter: The Serve



# SPRINGTAILS

Springtails are very small, jumping insects that can sometimes become a problem inside homes. Springtails are usually found in areas of moisture, so indoors they may be located near potted plants, sinks, bath tubs or kitchen compost areas. These insects are typically found outside in gardens, near swimming pools or near where there is excessive moisture or standing water.

Springtails are small (about 1/16 of an inch long), wingless and come in various colors. These insects have a "tail" that latches into a space on the underside of the body that they can use to "jump" several inches into the air.

Springtails are considered a nuisance insect, but some may chew on roots and leaves of sapling plants. They usually do not cause enough damage to warrant control measures to be taken. If you have springtails in your home it points to a moisture problem that should be fixed.

Options for helping reduce springtail problems:

- Remove excessive mulch and/ or leaf litter near the home
- Change watering schedule to reduce the amount of moisture near the home

- Use fans or dehumidifiers to reduce moisture indoors
- Seal cracks, crevices, pipe & wire penetrations on the outside of the home
- Replace or repair any screening on doors and windows that is damaged
- Replace weather stripping around doors and windows that does not provide a good seal
- Suck up any indoor infestations with a vacuum

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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