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# Creating a Village

Support for the Community: The Legends Ranch Village project is a grassroots effort to address the current and unfolding challenges of maintaining and supporting our community residents. Originally started in the Beacon Hill neighborhood of Boston, Massachusetts in 2002, the Village concept arose out of community members' desire to reside in their own homes while being able to access services that address their changing lifestyles. At its core, the Village Movement is consumer and customer-driven for age 50+ residents. Creating the Legends Ranch Village is a mixture of taking what the community already offers and mixing it with your hopes and dreams for the residents of Legends Ranch to maintain our quality of life and our home values.

The Village has 3 simple components: (1.) It connects members to vetted discounted service providers and volunteers for any service they might want or need; (2.) It also could offer discounted homecare providers, residence healthy living exercise classes, yoga, tai chi, informal lunches, and it could support stimulating programs, seminars, and trips with the Village community. (3.) This program is aimed not only at residents but members of the residents' immediate family that want to help and/or contribute. We want to stay in our own homes for as long as possible and live a full and meaningful life here in Legends Ranch. Key features of this program: The mission is to help people remain in their community and in their own homes by providing support and enhancing their quality of life by:

- -Consolidator of services
- -Strong consumer interest
- -Self-supporting programs
- -Strategic service providers in the community
- -Focus on the whole health programs
- -Volunteers and Civic Engagement

A similar program originated in Grogan's Mill and adapted by the HOA Board there in 2015. Since its inception, a survey was conducted to discover viability and interest. The results were overwhelming and the program has grown to include many of the Woodlands communities. The survey revealed gaps in services, priorities, and willingness to pay for services for aging in place. The purpose was to create a Village Network to provide services that can help residence stay in their homes with confidence and peace of mind as long as possible. Please note that transportation, financial assistance, and regular recurring home maintenance, cleaning, and personal services would not be provided directly, but a Village Network could assist in locating reliable vetted services if possible. The Village Network could support a volunteer exchange of some personal services, such as accompanying medical visits, installing computer software, and resolving minor problems, etc. The survey was anonymous. To express your interest or comments please reply to: lrvillage2016@gmail.com More info about The Woodlands Village Project: http://www.aiptw. org Ask your talented friends and neighbors to show interest. It was suggested at the Dec2015 Board Meeting that in line with the POA Boards effort to align Legends Ranch for communal services, we may be able to join other communities on this side of Interstate-45 as the Grogan's Mill POA did with The Woodlands. More info about the National Village Model: http://www.vtvnetwork.org to see how this concept has grown across the United States. With enough interest, we can obtain the funds to begin this effort by requesting funds from the POA to obtain the roadmap to building the Legends Ranch Village. The initial cost is \$100. Small donations to this cause also welcome at: gofundme.com/cm7h84bg.

## **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

#### **Property Tax**

Montgomery County Tax	
Conroe ISD	
Montgomery MUD #89	

#### Your Community Homeowners Association

RealManage	
Legends Ranch Clubhouse	
Legends Ranch SplashPad	
Gate Attendant Ôffice	

#### Police & Fire

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Pct. 3 Constable Office	281-364-4211
S. Montgomery Co. Fire Dept. Non-Emergency.	281-363-3473
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Crime Stoppers	713-222-TIPS
Poison Control	800-222-1222
Texas DPS	713-681-1761

#### Utilities

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Electricity (Centerpoint)	713-207-2222
Gas (Centerpoint)	713-659-2111
Water/Municipal Oper. & Consulting	281-367-5511
Canyon Gate Connect	281-296-9584
Best Trash	281-313-2378
Street Light Outages	713-207-2222
Cable/Internet/Phone_COMCAST	

#### **Public Services**

Local US Post Office	281-419-7948
Toll Road EZ Tag	281-875-3279
Voters Registration	936-539-7843
Vehicle Registration	
Drivers License Information	
Montgomery County Animal Control	936-442-7738
Montgomery Chamber	

#### Area Hospitals

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Memorial Hermann	
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Conroe Medical Center	
Conroe ISD	
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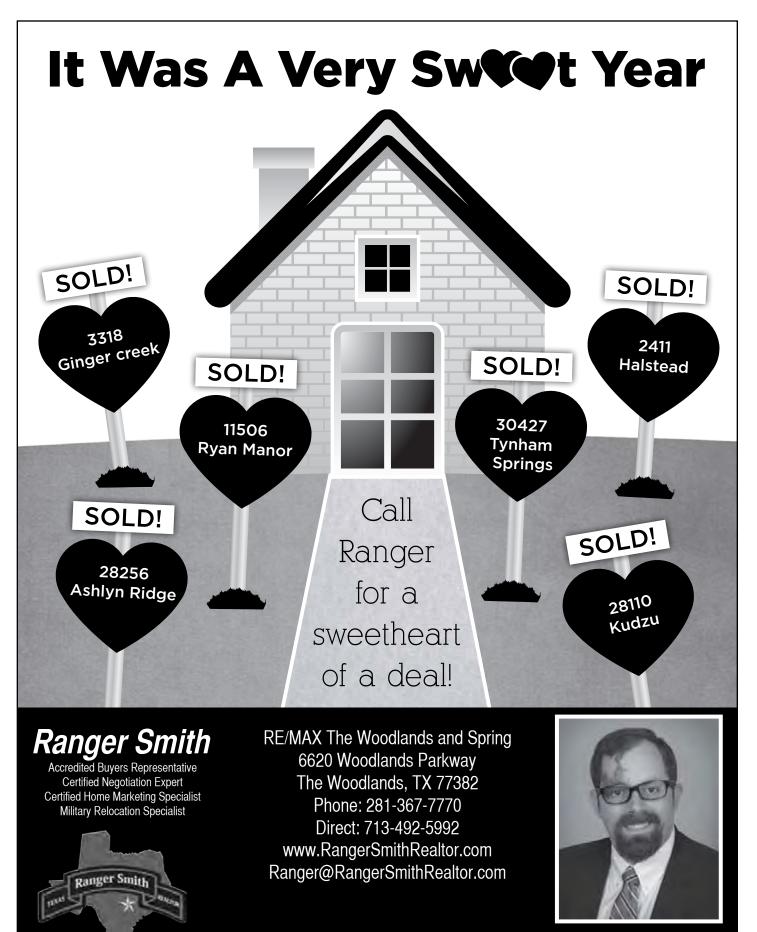
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Romans 5:8 | But God shows his love for us in that while we were sinners, Christ died for us.

# LEGENDS RANCH Property Owners Association

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

Can't make meetings? The Real Manage website www.ciranet.com/ ResidentPortal includes Deed Restrictions with categories & subcategories for residents to be informed: animals/pets, architectural/ land & structural, fencing, hazardous activities, holiday decorations, landscaping, lighting, maintenance, noise, parking, rubbish/debris, signs, etc. Additional online POA information available at: www. legendsranchpoa.com where homeowners can setup an account; it includes uploaded POA Meeting Minutes.

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

# OPERATION LR KIDS

The weekend before Thanksgiving, a resident posted on our community Facebook page, Residents of Legends Ranch, with an idea for our neighborhood-specific community. "I read an inspiring story, as I'm sure most of you have...about the woman in NY who bought a toy store to give all the toys to needy kids. Well, I thought how about we find a way to help families in our community, in our neighborhood who are struggling this year, and may need help with gifts for their kids. I'd like to set something up to where families who are having a tough time can PM me with their children's ages and also those that would like to donate to help. I am willing to deliver all the gifts donated to those families on Christmas morning. I am going to be working on a flier to post on our page to gain interest and support. I don't know how the turnout will be, but hope there are many that would be willing to help others in their time of need. #operationLRkids -Sara Hursman.

She then made a flyer and setup an email, operationlrkids@yahoo. com, for residents to either sign-up kids or for residents to give donations in time for Christmas Day.

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anonymous resident. Kudos to all the donators. The gifts were a variety of Disney or nerf gun or sports balls or family board games to Barbies... it was an amazing effort.

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particular holiday time

and look forward to

helping this idea be a

neighborhood annual tradition," stated an



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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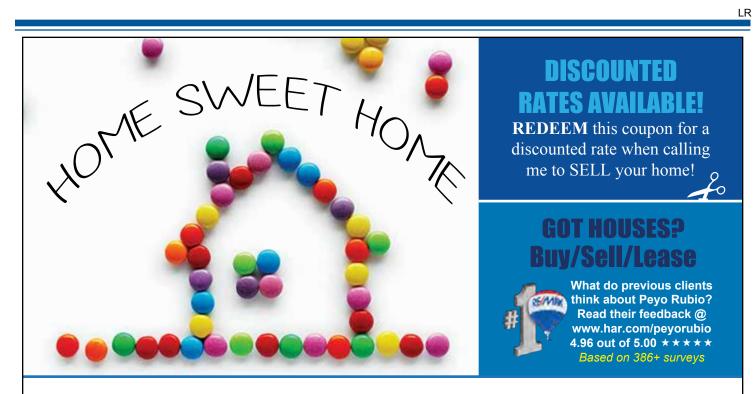


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