

The Legends Link

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Official Newsletter of The Legends at Rancho del Lago

Light up the Legends

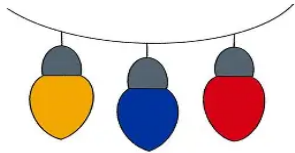
By Jack Hutchison

Thanks to everyone for lighting up The Legends to make the season and our neighborhood festive and bright!

There were many beautiful displays. The voting is complete and the top 3 displays are:

1st Place: Toni & Larry Bailey (818 Rutherford, 21 votes) \$100 Lowes
2nd Place: Mandy Pierson (1069 Madrone, 17 votes) \$50 Visa
3rd Place: Tracie & Daniel Sobolewski (190 Flanders, 10 votes) \$25 Lowes

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Thank you!!

By Dan Keetch

We would like to thank the following people for help with the Light the Legends:

Gary and Karen Mezaros for storing the Christmas decorations in their green building.

Toni & Larry Bailey for donating the new lights at the gate.

Jack Hutchison – for supervising the voting using EASYHOA.com

Mindy Barker, Joe Lewis & Joel Docog for contributions to the beautification fund which helped with purchase of supplies and prizes for winners.

A special Thank You! to all who helped with this effort to decorate our gate area for setup & cleanup. We love our community.

TCEQ – BROKEN CEDAR RANCH

MEETING 7PM 2/10/26 CANYON LAKE HIGH CAFETERIA

EASYHOA.com

By: Gena Docog

Since we have switched to EASYHOA.com, we will use our new portal to vote in this year's election saving us thousands of dollars.

So, if you haven't logged into EASYHOA.com, please do so and verify who you want to be the **Authorized Voter**. If you need it changed to your spouse, then send us an email or text thru EASYHOA and we can change it easily. This needs to be done prior to us sending out the link to vote.

HOA Yearly Dues

The yearly dues invoices have been mailed and emailed. Thank you to everyone that has already paid. You may pay using the following options:

Login to EASYHOA.com pay by credit card or ACH

Zelle to accounting@thelegendsatfischer.com

Cash or check drop off at 1110 Madrone or mail to PO Box 2 Fischer TX 78623

Christmas in the Legends!

Thank you, Betty, for hosting



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POKER – MEN'S NIGHT OUT

Larry Bailey hosts Poker Night twice a month at his home 818 Rutherford. The gentlemen meet on the 3rd Friday and the 4th Saturday of the month. Room for 6 players \$25 buy in, (\$5 goes for pizza). They play nickel, dime, quarter max bet and raise is a quarter. No Wild Card game, dealers' choice of game. They have 13 people on the list but are always looking for additional players. Please contact Larry if you are interested 970-227-7636.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

We don't have anything yet for ladies' night out. If you are interested in game night, learning mahjong, bunko, book club or just a night of fellowship and wine, let us know. Contact Gena Docog at gena@thelegendsatfischer.com or grdocog@att.net and we will try to get something on the calendar.

FISCHER STORE SCHOOL CALENDAR

	SAT JAN 17TH 6:00PM	CHILI COOK-OFF POTLUCK Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners of the 10 entries. Bring side dishes and desserts. Cornbread and beverages provided
	Sat, February 21 6:00 pm	An Evening of Finger Foods, Sweet Treats & Live Music A relaxed evening filled with tasty finger foods, delicious desserts, and a special musical guest. Bring an hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share and a friend or two - the more, the merrier!
	Sat, March 21 6:00 pm	FISH FRY POTLUCK Fried fish and beverages provided. Bring complementary dishes or desserts.
	Sat, March 28 8:30 am	ADOPT-a-HIGHWAY LITTER PICKUP Light breakfast and coffee provided - followed by a community service beautification activity along FM 484.
	Sat, April 11 6:00 pm	HonkyTonk At The Hall FUNDRAISER Ticket includes meal, silent auction, dancing and live music. Working together we make it happen!
	Sat, May 16 6:00 pm	MEXICAN FIESTA POTLUCK Bring your favorite Mexican food or dessert to share. Beverages provided.
	Sat, July 18 6:00 pm	ANNUAL REPORT MEETING Business meeting and election for Board of Directors. Meal provided by the Board of Directors

Please plan to attend Feb 21st – there will be a musical guest, finger foods and area to dance.

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Lithium Battery Fires - By Bob Janusaitis

From EVs to home battery packs, lithium batteries are becoming part of everyday life — and knowing how to stay safe around them matters.

Currently we are not aware of any home battery storage such as the Tesla Powerwall® in the neighborhood. However, we have seen several Tesla automobiles on our streets. We will speak about the electric vehicles, but some of these safety precautions apply to any Lithium battery regardless of size.

Bottom line: If a Lithium battery is on fire, you need to leave immediately, you will not be able to extinguish it.

Electric Vehicle (EV) Fire Precautions for Residents

Electric vehicles (EVs) are increasingly common in our community. While generally safe, EV battery fires behave very differently than gasoline vehicle fires. Local fire departments recommend the following precautions to help protect residents, homes, and shared property.

1. What Residents Should Know..... EV fires can spread farther than expected

EV battery failures can produce jet-like flames and extreme heat that may extend 20–30 feet from the vehicle. This heat can ignite nearby vehicles, garages, or structures without direct flame contact.

2. EV fires can reignite hours or days later

Unlike conventional vehicle fires, EV battery fires can reignite after appearing extinguished. Residents should never approach, touch, or re-enter an area involving a burned EV unless cleared by the fire department. EV fires can burn for days.

3. EV fire smoke is toxic

Smoke from EV battery fires may appear light in color but can contain toxic and irritating gases. Exposure may cause coughing, breathing difficulty, or eye irritation.

Charging and Parking Safety Recommendations

Residents are encouraged to follow these best practices:

- Avoid charging EVs overnight in attached garages when feasible
- Do not park EVs directly against buildings or other vehicles
- Keep combustibles and stored items away from charging areas
- Use only manufacturer-approved charging equipment
- Do not use extension cords or modified charging setups

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After a Crash or Vehicle Damage

EVs may ignite minutes or hours after a collision, even if damage appears minor. Move away from the vehicle and call 911 immediately. Inform emergency responders, tow operators, and insurance representatives that the vehicle is electric.

Fire Standoff Distance Guidance for Residents

For any active fire (vehicle, EV, structure, or brush), residents should maintain the following minimum distances based on wind conditions. **If you feel heat, smell strong smoke, or hear popping or roaring sounds, you are too close.**

Recommended Minimum Distances (If you read nothing else, read this)

- Calm to light wind (0–5 mph): Stay at least 100 feet away
- Light–moderate wind (5–10 mph): Stay 150–200 feet away
- Moderate wind (10–20 mph): Stay at least 300 feet away
- Strong wind (20–30 mph): Stay 500 feet or more away and leave the area

If smoke or flames are being pushed toward you by the wind, increase distance immediately or evacuate. Always stay upwind when possible. Again, you need to get as far away as possible.

After several fire department after action reports, the minimum recommended standoff distances are going to be increasing from 250 to 300 feet minimum.

If an EV Fire Occurs

1. Call 911 immediately, tell them it is an EV, and where it is parked.
2. Evacuate early — do not attempt to extinguish the fire
3. Stay at least 100 feet away in calm conditions and farther as wind increases
4. Follow all instructions from fire department personnel

Important Reminder

EV fires burn hotter, last longer, and can reignite. Distance, time, and early evacuation protect lives and property.

Trivia

Type	Gallons to extinguish/control	Equivalent Type 1 pumper
Internal Combustion	500 to 1,000	1
Electric Vehicle	30,000	30

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