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August 2010

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE AVERY RANCH HOA

Volume 4, Issue 8

Calendar

HOA BOARD MEETINGS

Next meeting - Monday, August 9th

Note that board meetings have changed to the 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm, except for holidays. Board members will meet on these dates to discuss issues related to Avery Ranch. If you have an item you would like discussed during one of these meetings, please contact Alliance Association Management, Inc. at 347-2888. The location for meetings is at the Glenfield Amenity Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SUMMER WATER AEROBICS

Morningside Pool at the Main Amenity Center Starting Saturday, August 10th - see flyer inside this edition for details

AUSTIN TOROS SPONSORING FREE YOUTH BASKETBALL CLINIC

Community basketball courts at the Main Amenity Center. Saturday, August 28TH - see flyer inside this edition for details

Avery Ranch Neighborhood Garage Sale!!! Saturday, September 25th

Save the date! Just a heads up for all of you who want to start preparing for your fall garage sale!!

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ANNUAL MEETING

August 23rd

The Annual Meeting is going to be held on August 23rd, 2010 at 7pm in the Avery Ranch Golf Club Clubhouse. The past year's accomplishments will be presented to residents, and new Board positions will be elected. The Notice of Annual Meeting will be sent to all residents shortly after this newsletter is sent out, and will give you more information. An absentee ballot will be enclosed, as well as a proxy statement. For more information about the Annual Meeting, please visit www.AveryRanchHOA.com and click on the Annual Meeting link.

HOA CANDIDATES

There are four positions up for election this August at the Annual Meeting. The candidates that have announced they are running are:

APRIL AGUREN (INCUMBENT)
MARK BITTMAN (INCUMBENT)
MARC BOUCHER (INCUMBENT)
STEVE ROEBUCK (INCUMBENT)
JASON ROGERS

If you are interested in running, please contact any Board member using the email addresses listed here in the newsletter. You can declare your candidacy at the Annual Meeting before the voting begins. Candidates will be given a few minutes to speak at the Annual Meeting.

To read a brief statement from each of these candidates, please visit www. AveryRanchHOA.com and click on the HOA Board link. Even if you cannot make it to the Annual Meeting, you will have a chance to cast your vote using an absentee ballot mailed with the Notice of Annual Meeting.

Statements which have been submitted so far are also included in this edition of the newsletter.

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AVERY RANCH HOA WEBSITE

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FOR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

Contact our Property Manager & HOA Board for any questions/concerns about your neighborhood at GetHelp@AveryRanchHOA.com

DON'T WANT TO WAIT FOR THE MAIL?

View the current issue of Home on the Ranch on the 1st day of each month at www.PEELinc.com

Neighborhood News

The TCC (Texas Cave Conservancy) gives the tours of their cave, which is located near Morningside. The cave tour schedule can be found at: http://www.texascaves.org, click the Cave Day link. Calendar - (Continued from Cover Page)

Attention all Swimming Lesson Participants - by Steven M. Roebuck

If your child had YMCA lesson at the pool this year, then we invite you to attend a short party held at the main pool for them on Saturday, August 14th. We plan to kick this off around 10 AM. The kids can have a good time at the pool, possibly see some of their instructors while the Social Committee distributes FREE Hot Dogs and Ice Cream. Make sure to come and get your child's swimming T-shirt if you haven't already received it.

We want to hear from you....what events would you like to have in Avery Ranch? Let us know. Contact our Avery Ranch Social Committee Chairperson Marc Boucher at mbouchertx@sbcglobal.net.

STATEMENT FROM HOA

Board Candidate

WHY DO I WANT TO RUN FOR A 3RD TERM?

My name is April Aguren, a Morningside resident since 2002 and an owner in the Greens since 2005. I have served as one of the original resident Board members since 2004 and have been the HOA's Board secretary ever since. I have been involved with the neighborhood's playgroups and recently helped bring a Cub Scout pack to Avery Ranch. I've participated on the Architectural Control Committee and help moderate the AveryRanchHOA.com forums.

The reason why I want to run for a third term on the Board is that I want to continue to give back to the neighborhood that has supported me. As a wife of a National Guardsman who has been deployed twice during my tenure on the HOA Board, this neighborhood has been invaluable to my family through the friendships made here and the activities sponsored by the HOA to keep us busy.

I ask for your support in voting for my re-election at the annual meeting for Board Director, so I can continue supporting the Board's mission to be upkeep, maintain and improve our common areas and facilities while being fiscally prudent.



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Marc Boucher

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DESCRIPTION: Playtime for kids... adult-time for parents

COMMITTEE CHAIR:

April Aguren

CONTACT INFO:

april.aguren@averyranchhoa.com

STATEMENT FROM HOA

Board Candidate

Hello fellow Ranchers (well, Avery Ranch residents)! My name is Jason Rogers and I am looking for your support in joining our Avery Ranch Board of Directors.

In moving to Austin, TX from Northern California back in January of 2006 (my Wife and Children October of 2005), little did I know on my very first trip to meet my future Bride Laura, "checking out model homes" with her and the kiddos would mean something – Avery Ranch is where we went! Even more ironic, a very close friend lives in the 2nd model home we toured.

As my name is new to the Board, I have recently joined the AR Social Committee and had the pleasure of working with Bob Beyer on our new Garden Tour signs for this year. Most of you don't know that I have been hopping around as the Easter Bunny our last 2 years for the Easter Egg Hunt – I plan on going for a 3rd year and beyond!

Working in the Telecommunications industry, I see daily how critical and important communication is within an organization – corporate, small or personal. Using that knowledge, I see great things in our community with the diversity of our neighbors and how we come together in so many ways. My vision and drive as a Board Member will be embracing diversity and taking our social consciousness to an even higher level. With your support, we can work together in forming our own Global Community. Thank you!

Jason Rogers, Jayrr72@gmail.com



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Board Candidate

Hello A/R Residents:

My name is Marc Boucher. I've lived in Watersedge for 6 years with my wife Joan and our 2 Greyhounds. I've been a board member for 3 year, including a 1 year term as Vice president. While on the board, I've been very active and worked on many projects including the updating of our by-laws, transitioning the fireworks from our developers to the HOA, replacing our newsletter publisher with a more cost effective company, proposing and installing security cameras for the MAC, modifying and obtaining board approval for the new Social Committee Charter, assisting in approving our capital and operating reserve funding plan, and currently working on HOA management company review. I am a fiscal conservative, and tend to be very frugal when voting to spend your HOA funds.

I'm also the current chairperson for the social committee and presiding over current activities, and have introduced several new events. Currently, I'm working with our committee members on new ideas to help bring our residents together and get acquainted; while participating in fun activities.

I am running for re-election because I thoroughly enjoy working on management issues for the community and on projects that benefit our residents. In the coming years I'm looking forward on addressing new challenges facing our community and new projects, such as a "Neighborhood Watch", to make Avery Ranch a safer and better place to live.

Please help me continue improving our fantastic community by voting for me as your board member.

Sincerely, Marc

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July 3 Main Pool Activities By Steve Roebuck

This year, events celebrating July 4th were a huge success at the pool at the MAC (Main Amenity Center). While the weather the day before was threatening to hamper our event, Saturday turned out to be a fantastic day to be outdoors. For the first time ever, the event was held totally within the confines of the Pool Area. First, the Avery Ranch Social Committee set up concessions, and managed to grill around 200 hamburgers and hot dogs, go through several gallons of Culver's Custard and quite a few drinks and chips. Your Social Committee also managed to recruit the Fellowship Bible Church, which provided a Bounce House, Face Painter as well as three different bands for your listening enjoyment. Let's also recognize our terrific YMCA Lifeguards and our security guard, who by keeping an eye on safety and checking ID's at the gate helped to ensure a safe and fun environment for everyone. Many thanks to our Social Committee Volunteers who make events like the Avery in the Park on the 3rd possible. Serving you this year at the pool were Steve Roebuck, Jan Lunday, Ken & Stephanie Morgan, Bob & Lana Beyer, Joju & Rona Quejada, Ceci Gratias, Cathy Ricci and a soon-to-be resident, Kay Ballard.









STATEMENT FROM HOA

Board Candidate

I'm Steve Roebuck, presently completing my third year of service on the Avery Owners Association Board. While serving the community, I have participated in every regular board meeting held, I have held the office of Vice-President and I presently sit on the Architectural Design and Review Committee. In addition, I hold the office of treasurer in the Avery Ranch Social Committee. I believe in maintaining a strong sense of community, upholding property values and in keeping Avery Ranch a safe and desirable place to live. My first experience with HOA's was in St. Louis Missouri, when I moved there due to my job with AT&T. I quickly became a member of the board in my local community, and learned the basics of what it takes to manage a large subdivision. I enjoy exploring community interests to see what people want or need and then try to implement a plan that endeavors to fill that need. In that respect, I have championed the hiring of life guards for the main pool and I have worked with the YMCA to enable swimming lessons for our children to be conducted here at a reduced rate, instead of requiring travel to off-site locations. I also championed the installation of the tennis court gate, as well as helped institute new rules at both the courts and pools. Jan and I, along with our 10 year old, Ally, hope to remain in Avery Ranch for many years. I welcome the opportunity to continue to serve you.

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Independence Day – Golf Tournament / Fireworks By Marc Boucher

Saturday July 3rd ended up being a great day to celebrate our nation's birthday here at Avery Ranch. The rain held off, and our 3rd annual golf tournament was a great success. Golfers had a great time and sponsors provided fantastic door prizes for our awards dinner following the tournament.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TOURNAMENT WINNERS

- 1st place ...Nicole Cooper, E. Michael Styre, John Ash, Joe Benevidaz.
- 2nd place ... Matt James, Matt Vietch, Phillip Rather, and Thor Lokey
- 3rd place ...Richard Yax, Michael Clock, Aaron Ward, Chad Gluff
- Longest Drive ... Nicole Cooper
- Closest to the Pin ... Joe Benevidaz

Shortly after our awards dinner, tournament golfers and their families had a prime viewing location to enjoy the fireworks show while being entertained by live music.

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First place winners pictured from left to right are Nicole Cooper, E. Michael Styre, John Ash, Joe Benevidaz.

WINNERS FROM THE INDEPENDENCE DAY

Jolf Tournament

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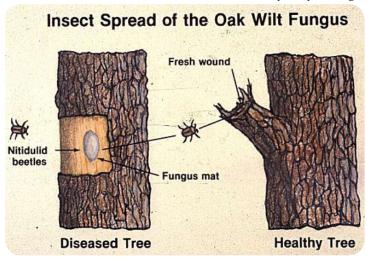
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by Patty Hoenigman, Master Gardener



When the summer heat is upon us, the beetles that carry the Oak Wilt Fungus are less active and it's a good time to prune your oak trees. The summer months are the perfect time to more safely prune Oak Trees, but you still need to paint the wound immediately afterwards. Don't even think about cutting into an Oak tree from February through June!

Have your paint can ready so that you can paint the wound immediately after making a cut. It can be any water based latex paint...whatever color you like! ...though black is customary. A tiny can of flat black latex paint can be had at any paint store for just a few dollars.

What you're doing by applying paint is sealing the cut and changing the scent. The beetle is attracted to the smell of the freshly exposed sap, so by painting over it, you're disguising the smell and hopefully deterring the beetles from contaminating your trees with this deadly disease. Trees that contract Oak Wilt disease can die in as little as a month.

We haven't seen a case of Oak Wilt in Avery Ranch yet, but it's to the north and south of us, so it won't be long before it's here. By being informed and taking these simple precautions of pruning July-January and painting the wounds, we can all help to keep our trees from catching this devastating disease.

I'm happy to answer your questions if you suspect your tree has Oak Wilt. patty@thetaxcenter.us

If you are considering adding a tree to your yard, it would be best to choose something other than a Live Oak or any of the Oaks in the Red Oak family, which are the trees most likely to get Oak Wilt Disease. We need more biodiversity in our neighborhood.



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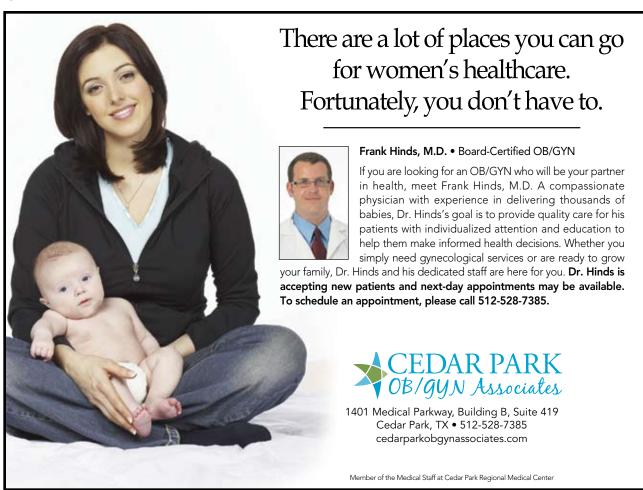
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"Hugged first, then taught" is the motto of Kids 'R' Kids. The center is open for parents to visit and observe their children at anytime. Children from various races and cultures participate in our non-discriminating environment.

Our teaching methods are based on an accredited curriculum and a belief that children learn best through "hands-on" experiences as well as through play. Our program will provide children with an excellent means to create, explore, and discover the world around them in their own special way. Growth is seen throughout the center as our degreed staff continues their education in Early Childhood Education at community colleges and universities and is practicing the newest techniques in childcare

We are dedicated to giving infants, toddlers and preschoolers' individual attention, approval and affection that he or she needs to build this foundation for a happy and successful future. Our primary goal is to help a child say "I like being me!" Our secondary goal is to create peace of mind for parents while their children are provided with a home away from home. Our third goal is to introduce children to the language and culture of other countries.

The high quality learning environment of Kids 'R' Kids provides internet classroom viewing, natural lighting, easy access to four age-appropriate playgrounds, a state-of-the-art-kitchen, and child-sized sinks, toilets and water fountains. More information can be found by calling the center.

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BEWARE OF THE TEXAS HEAT

By Williamson County Commissioner Lisa Birkman

According to a press release from Connie Watson, Williamson County's Public Affairs Manager, "As temperatures continue to be in the high 90s, a public service announcement (PSA) warns of the dangers of leaving children unattended in cars during the sweltering summer heat. The PSA featuring Kesen Hu started airing in the Austin area on Memorial Day weekend.

Mr. Hu's son Daniel, 18 months, died in his car seat on August 12, 2009, when Mr. Hu became distracted by a cell phone call and forgot to drop his son off at daycare before going to work. Mr. Hu pleaded guilty to endangering a child and was sentenced by District Judge Ken Anderson to two years of probation requiring 60 hours of community service and participation in the creation of a PSA educating others on the dangers of distractions and leaving children in cars unattended.

'During a hot Texas summer, forgetting your child in the car can lead to the death of that child. This public service announcement is designed to make people more aware of the danger and save the lives of children,' stated District Attorney John Bradley.

Temperatures in the Austin area already have reached into the 90s. The danger associated with leaving children unattended in cars

increases as temperatures continue to climb through the summer months.

The PSA with filmed by Fox News 7 and created with assistance from the Williamson County District Attorney's Office, Williamson County Sheriff's Office, Williamson County Precinct 3 Constable Bobby Gutierrez's Office, Williamson County EMS, Williamson County Public Information Office and the Georgetown Fire Department. To view the PSA, go to the website links below:

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TRIKE-A-THON A SUCCESS

Local Child Care Center Donates all Proceeds to St. Jude's

By Sugandha Jai

Avery Ranch children kept the pedal to the metal and raised some money for those in need. Last week's Trike-A-Thon — which took place at a child care center in 15111 Avery Ranch Blvd. — was a success and will be repeated next year.

About 123 children, ages 3-5, participated in the event, while well over 51 total participants helped, including teachers and volunteers. Toddlers cheered for the bikers. The participants raised \$1,572 to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The Trike-A-Thon itself was the culmination of a weeklong fundraising effort. Pedaling lasted three hours and children split up the laps so someone was pedaling through the whole event. Teaching bike safety to children and their parents was the event's secondary goal.

"The children took turns on the trike, and teachers helped them around the track," Director Elwin West said. "Each child rode around three times, and there were traffic signs, like stop signs and yield signs. We wanted to teach them about safety as well as raise some money for a good cause."



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This was Kids 'R' Kids second year participating in the program, and next year's event is already scheduled for April 2011.

"We were happy with the participation this year, but we are striving to have more," Ms. West said. "Our ultimate goal is to continue raising as much money as possible for these children, and to spread the word about how needed St. Jude's is."

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- 5. Syrian bishop
- 9. Singing voice
- 10. Tapestry
- 11. Oracle
- 12. High School dance
- 13. Camel seat
- 15. Kimono sash
- 16. Moslem
- 18. Ancient time piece
- 21. Environmental protection agency (abbr)
- 22. Naval fleet
- 26. From Asia
- 28. Aroma
- 29. Jeans
- 30. Back of the neck
- 31. Tuber
- 32. Removes the water

DOWN

- 1. Squash
- 2. Tub spread
- 3. Soup
- 4. Dirty
- 5. Creative work
- 6. Sweeper
- 7. Deer
- 8. Molded salad
- 10. Precision cut stone
- 14. People from Asia
- 17. Kitchen appliance color
- 18. Large mammals
- 19. Defeat
- 20. Simple
- 23. 6th month (Jewish calendar)
- 24. Foolish
- 25. Greek god of war
- 27. Place





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