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April 2011

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE AVERY RANCH HOA

Volume 5, Issue 4

CALENDAR

HOA MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Next meeting - Monday, April 11th

Board Meetings are held on 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:

Neighborhood Garage Sale

Saturday, April 2nd from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Time for spring cleaning! This event will be published in the Austin Statesman and on Craigslist.

SPRING BAZAAR AND EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 23rd at the Main Amenity Center, Morningside

Mark your calendars for these spring events that will be conducted simultaneously.

There will be *two Egg Hunts: at 11 a.m. and at 1p.m.* Participant age categories are from 1 to 3 years and 4 to 7 years. Both age groups will start at the same time on both scheduled hunts. Bring your own basket!

Spring Bazaar will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be a Kids Playzone with Laser Tag, Clowns, Train, Moonwalk and an Arts & Crafts Center;

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Avery Ranch Golf Course *Files Chapter 11*

Residents may be wondering how this affects our HOA. We are not directly affiliated with the Golf Course, so this filing in no way reflects upon the financial status or the operation of the Avery Ranch Owners Association. We do partner with the Golf Course in several ways, which include maintenance of the iron fences and payment for the Brushy Creek water that is drawn from the pump-house that exists on Golf Course property. We have no long term debt obligations, only month to month usage fees which will continue to be worked out during this challenging time. Your Homeowners Association will keep you apprised of any major events via this newsletter and the Avery Ranch HOA website.

Steve Roebuck

Avery Ranch Owners Association - President



*HOA Architectural Design & Review
Committee News can be found on pages 8-13*

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Calendar - (Continued from Cover)

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See article in this issue for details

Avery Ranch Garden Tour

Saturday, May 21st from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

See article in this issue for details

Avery Ranch Swim & Water Aerobics Lessons

Start of Registration for Avery Ranch residents who are NOT members of the YMCA: April 16th

June 6, Monday: Start of 1st Swim Lesson Session at MAC Pool & June 7, Tuesday: Start of 1st Water Aerobics Swim Session at MAC Pool. SWIM LESSONS: EVENING SESSIONS ADDED!!!

Swim Lesson Schedule & Registration Form URL: <http://bit.ly/eAyqTM>. Water Aerobics Schedule & Registration Form URL: <http://bit.ly/f1m4MO>

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 Jean Mayo at jmayo002@austin.rr.com

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Do you have a picture of an event that you would like to run in Home on the Ranch? Send it to us and we will publish it in the next issue. Email the picture to arnewsletter@hotmail.com. Be sure to include the text that you would like to have as the caption. Pictures will appear in color online at www.PEELinc.com.





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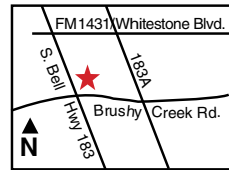
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We need volunteers on April 23rd (Saturday) for our Spring Bazaar & Egg Hunt events. To sign-up, contact Jean Mayo at jmayo002@austin.rr.com

The Social Committee meets every 1st Thursday at 7p.m. at the Meeting Room located by the pool of the Main Activity Center (Morningside).

The Event Calendar for February to May 2011 is posted on the HOA website under the Social Committee Forum or find them at the Avery Ranch Neighborhood Events on FaceBook

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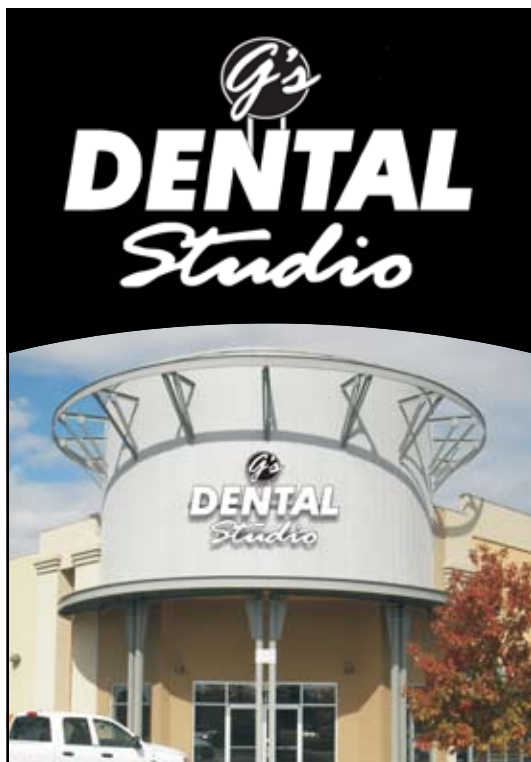
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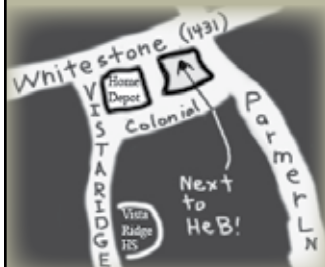
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Mardi Gras Happy Hour

by Jean Mayo, ARSC chairperson

On Friday February 25, the social committee put on the 4th Annual Mardi Gras Happy Hour. Music by DJ Mark Miller made the evening great. Food and good company of Avery Ranch neighbors made it another successful event.

This year we had a silent auction. Proceeds will benefit the ARSC for future events. I'd like to thank those who donated silent auction items:

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Legends Salon- Jean Mayo
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HOA ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN & REVIEW COMMITTEE NEWS

ADRC Definition

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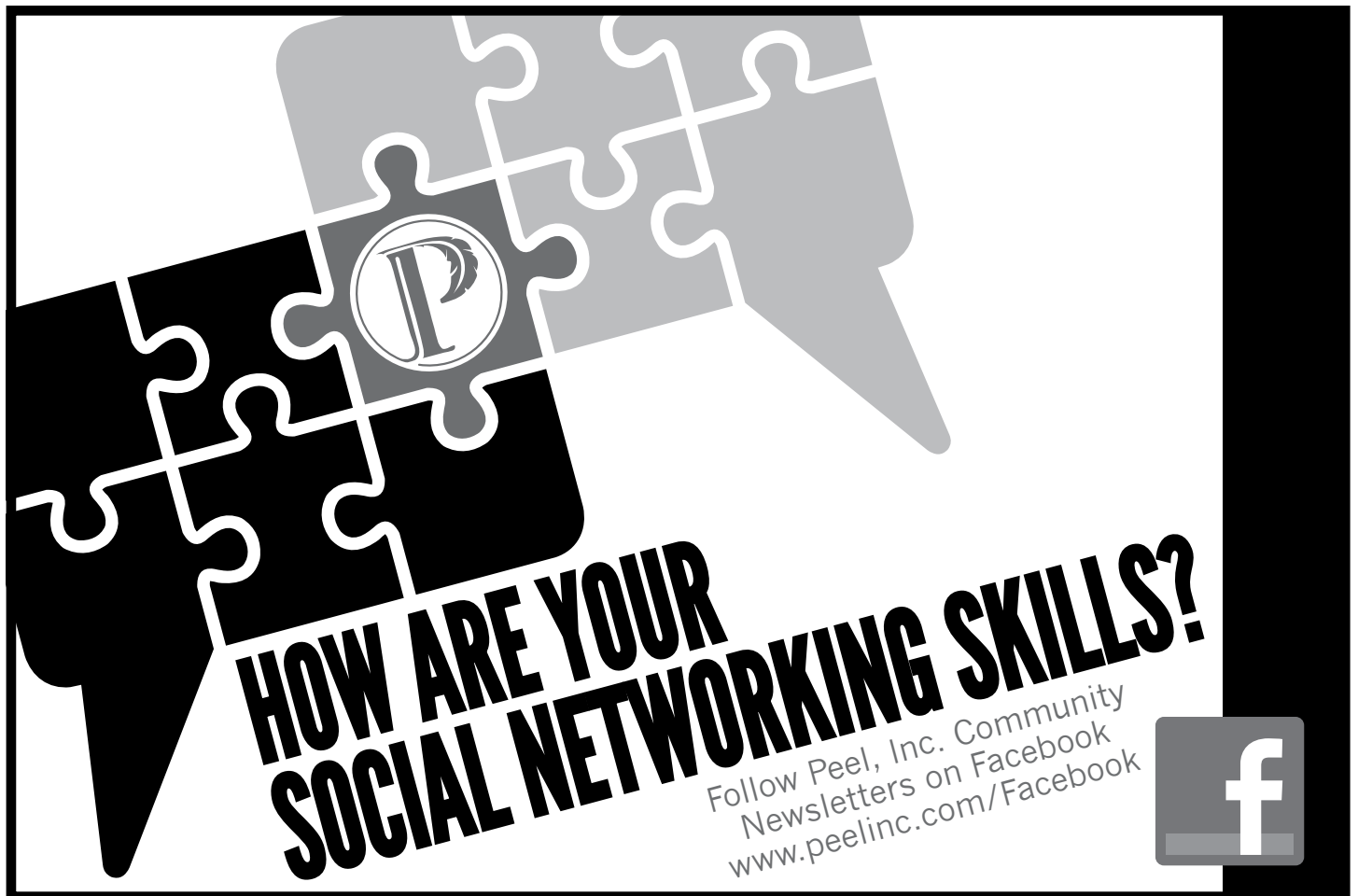
Storage Shed by Kris Mire

As families grow, so does the need for more space. The first place most families utilize is the garage. For some homeowners, using the garage to store equipment and seasonal items isn't always an option. Installing a storage shed in the backyard can help to free up space in the garage. Sheds come in many sizes, colors and materials but not all meet the HOA guidelines. There are several factors to consider when choosing both a shed and its placement. The Avery Ranch Master Declaration of CCR's has very specific rules as to the type and placement of temporary storage buildings.

Homeowners are required to submit an ACC request before installing a storage shed. Here are a few tips to remember so that the process can be made easier. All storage sheds must not be more than 80 square feet in size and cannot be taller than


6 feet from the ground to its highest peak. Storage sheds can not be placed within the setbacks/build lines which can be found on the homeowners plat map that was given at the time of closing. A storage shed must be completely screened and located in a manner as to not be seen from a front or side street. When submitting an application please remember to include all information about your project including the materials used plus paint color info, all dimensions (size of shed – height, length, width and footage of placement from fence lines), and a plat map with a drawing of location of improvement.

The complete rules governing the restrictions of sheds can be found in both the packet that was given at the time of closing and the Avery Ranch HOA website (www.averyranchhoa.com Article III (j)(i)(ii)) front page for a copy of the CCR's).



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1. What is the e-mail address I use if I have questions or concerns about my neighborhood?

2. How many Avery Ranch Owners Association (AROA) Board Members are there? _____
3. Who is the chair of the Avery Ranch Social Committee?

4. What company publishes the only OFFICIAL newsletter of Avery Ranch? _____
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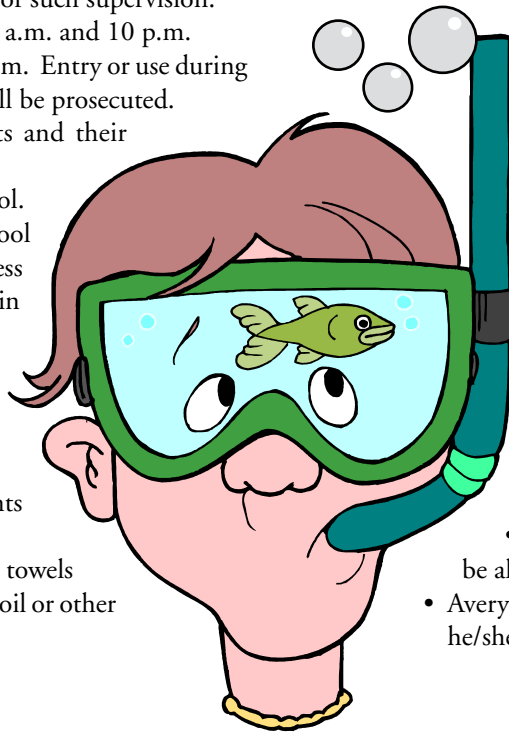
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- Pool yard gates may not be propped open or otherwise rendered inoperable, even temporarily.
- No children under the age of 12 will be allowed in the pool at any time, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian to supervise the child and has assumed responsibility for such supervision.
- The pool may be used only between 6:00 a.m. and 10 p.m.
- Pool area is **CLOSED** from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Entry or use during these hours is trespassing and violators will be prosecuted.
- The pool may be used only by residents and their guests.
- No food or drinks within 5 feet of the pool.
- No food may be served or eaten in the pool area at any time without the HOA's express approval. No glass containers are allowed in the pool area.
- No running, horseplay, fighting, dangerous conduct, or noise which disturbs the other residents is allowed in the pool area.
- No radios, stereos, or musical instruments may be used in or around the pool area.
- Residents and guests must place their own towels over the pool furniture when using suntan oil or other lotions.
- HOA is not responsible for articles which are lost, damaged, or stolen.
- Safety equipment is to be used only in case of an emergency.
- Residents shall be responsible for paying cleanup expenses, repair costs and damages caused by residents and resident's guests.
- Residents should feel free to ask others to cease any violations of these rules. Residents are requested to immediately notify HOA's representative of said rule violations.
- Each Avery Ranch household can bring only 5 guests to the Amenity Center Pool Area.
- Swim diapers only. No regular diapers allowed.
- Animals are not allowed in the pool and pool area.
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HOA ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN & REVIEW COMMITTEE NEWS *cont.*

VIOLATION SUMMARY	May 2010	Jun 2010	Jul 2010	Aug 2010	Sep 2010	Oct 2010	Nov 2010	Dec 2010	Jan 2011
Landscaping	80	64	62	62	31	33	35	18	23
Vehicle Parking	10	9	17	17	13	19	11	19	18
Rubbish & Debris	34	26	32	32	34	46	47	13	43
Noise	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Animal & Pets	4	1	1	2	0	1	2	7	2
Decorations	1	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0
Fencing	0	2	4	0	5	5	5	6	3
Improper Use	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Maintenance	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
Signs	14	6	9	9	4	7	6	6	4
Sports Equipment	1	2	3	3	4	1	7	3	11
Unsightly	13	2	5	5	6	7	13	7	13
Architectural	6	2	2	2	1	7	13	12	26
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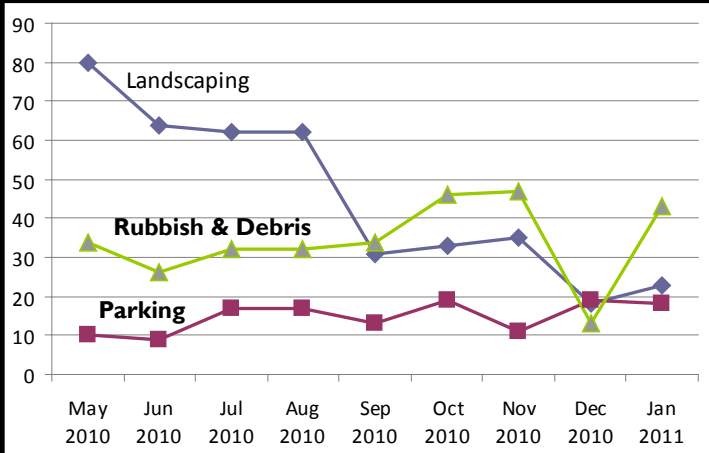
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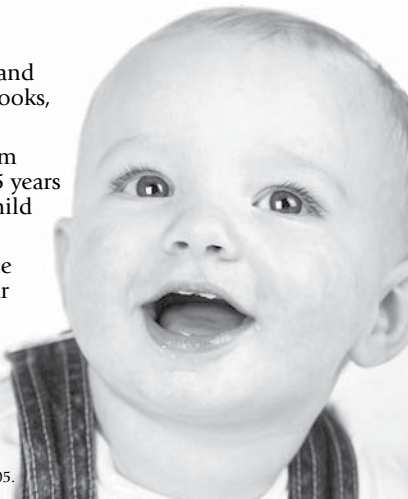
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2011 Avery Ranch Garden Tour Set for May 21st

Bob Beyer, Avery Ranch Garden Tour Coordinator

The annual Avery Ranch Garden Tour sponsored by the Social Committee will take place on Saturday, May 21st, beginning at 10 A.M. We look forward to another great garden tour this year with your help and participation. This is a "home grown" (yes pun intended) activity that is in its fifth year. Any garden type is appropriate for the Tour which will emphasize the "Joy and Diversity of Home Gardening"

We can accept up to 10 host gardens on a first come basis. We also need some volunteers to help with the Tour Day operations. If you would like to place your garden on the Tour or have some

time to help with the planning and Tour Day activities, please contact Tour Coordinator Bob Beyer at 238-6732 or E-mail: txbeyer@austin.rr.com as soon as possible. Otherwise, just come out and enjoy this relaxing day as a Tour visitor.

Please keep in mind that this is NOT a competition and no awards will be given for this event. It is a social event where we can get out and meet our neighbors, share ideas about gardening and landscaping in our relatively new subdivision and just have a lot of fun getting new garden design and content ideas from others in our community.

All a host needs to do is to



be present for the Tour hours of 10 AM until 3 PM (or a shorter period at the discretion

of the host), open your yard and garden, and be available to talk

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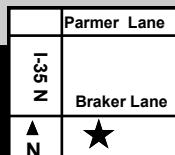


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to visitors about your gardening experiences. Any other amenities for visitors are optional.

We will have informational booths in the picnic area for public informational and educational organizations such as Master Gardeners, Grow Green/Water-wise gardening - - City of Austin, or other related groups. There will be no commercial vendors at this event and no cost to Avery Ranch residents and their guests.

We have a web page for the Avery Ranch Garden Tour so you can see some of the gardens that have been on the Tour. The address is www.centraltexasgardening.info/artour.html - so check it out and consider adding your garden to this year's tour or just enjoying a beautiful day of visiting the neighborhood and seeing some beautiful gardens.

Please mark your calendars for May 21st and come enjoy this event. Maps and guides will be available on Tour Day at the Tour Center in the picnic area of Avery Ranch Park. If you have any questions, please call Bob Beyer at 238-6732.

Spring has sprung and I hope we are all excited about getting our gardens looking beautiful again after a hard winter. Your participation by being on or just taking the tour, will ensure the success of this event. See you on the Tour!

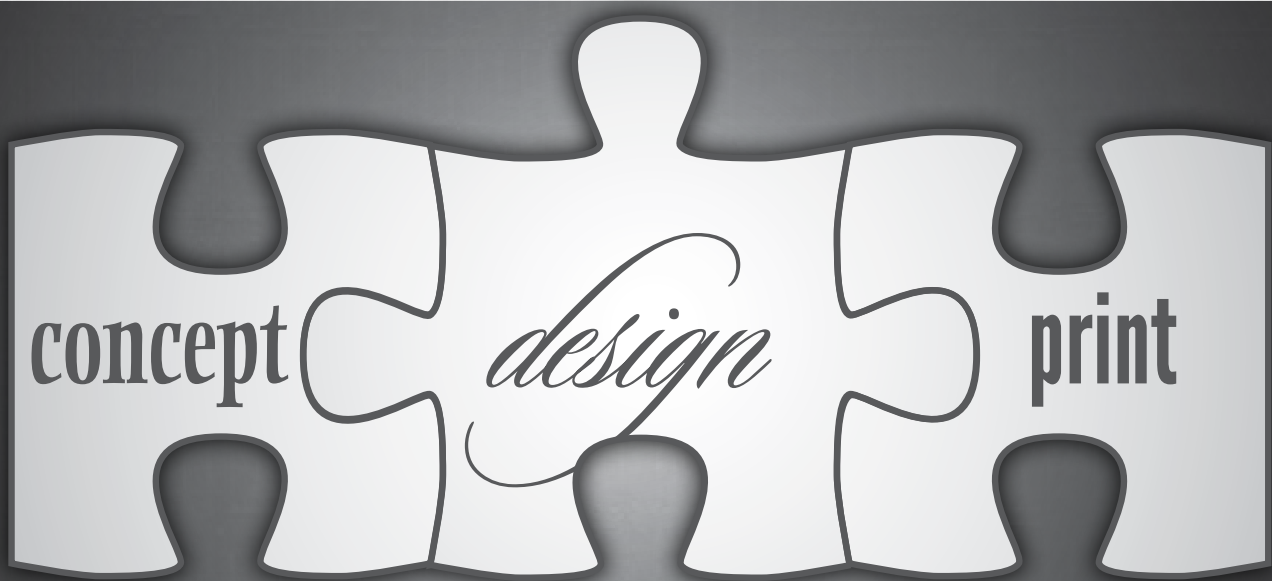
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On March 1, 2011, Kids 'R' Kids Learning Academy was awarded the Texas School Ready! grant funding. The center is NAEYC accredited, which is the highest national accreditation conferred on child-care centers. Kids 'R' Kids has demonstrated the ability to implement quality improvement recommendations and suggestions. Time and again, the center has proven to exceed the State's Minimum Licensing standards.



As a result of the grant, the pre-kindergarten classrooms of Kids 'R' Kids will receive a substantial amount of manipulatives, books and will continue to engage children in hands-on learning activities. The grant offers a state approved Pre-K curriculum, a kit designed to assist with classroom management and focuses on teacher mentoring, professional development and preparation.



In previous years, pre-kindergarten classrooms of Kids 'R' Kids have exceeded the learning expectations of Round Rock and Leander school district. The infant, toddler, preschool and after-school classrooms of the center have a seven year track record of implementing research-based instructional models, materials and best practices.

The Pre-kindergarten classroom teachers of Kids 'R' Kids are researchers for the University of Texas's Building Blocks for Science project. The National Science Foundation-funded Building Blocks for Science research study involves extensive classroom observations by teachers and researchers of prekindergarten children's ability to learn science processes and content, delivery of intensive professional development and mentoring support for prekindergarten teachers to earn science, and development of qualitative and quantitative assessment strategies.



Based on continuous parental demand, Kids 'R' Kids will introduce a private kindergarten classroom starting August 2011. The kindergarten classroom will have a reduced student: teacher ratio with a degreed teacher certified in Early Childhood Education. The kindergarten classroom demonstrates the highest standards in early childhood education by following the blue prints of Advanced ED-accreditation, state of the art technology and emphasis on literacy instruction. Registration for the Kindergarten classroom will begin in June.

Testimonials-

"The curriculum at Kids 'R' Kids not only prepared our daughter for entering grade school, it exceeded the beginning level of work at the Leander Kindergarten program. Ella is now reading and completing assignments at a first grade level. She also is currently being screened for the gifted program in the Leander School District"

---Diana Goodall, MA, LPC, Case Manager, Seton Shoal Creek Hospital

"Our son graduated from the Kids R Kids Pre-K program in the summer of 2010 and is off and running in his kindergarten class in Round Rock ISD. The Pre-K teachers did a fantastic job of enriching his mind and body on a daily basis, and set the groundwork for what should be a lifelong love of learning. He has excelled in reading, nearly 2.5 grade levels higher, and has shown considerable interest in all subjects at his elementary school"

-----The Alexander Family



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Foster a Child

Every day hundreds of reports of abuse and neglect are made to Child Protective Services for children living in Central Texas. After being investigated, many of these reports are found to be true and children are immediately removed from their home to ensure their safety.

In 2010 there were 3,148 children in foster care in the Central Texas area. Many studies have documented that the outlook for foster youth who age out of the foster care system, without loving families, is often grim:

- One in four will be incarcerated within the first two years after they leave the system.
- Over one-fifth will become homeless at some time after age 18.
- Approximately 58 percent had a high school degree at age 19, compared to 87 percent of a national comparison group of non-foster youth.
- Of youth who aged out of foster care and are over the age of 25, less than 3 percent earned their college degrees, compared with 28 percent of the general population.

Recently, a six-month-old child came into foster care due to severe abuse from her parent. Her parent abused her so badly she had a skull fracture and three broken fingers. An amazing foster family was contacted and they quickly stepped up to the plate to care for this fragile child. Currently, the child is healing and the doctors expect a full recovery.

A 12 year old came into care after being sexually abused by her father, while her mother looked the other way. After years of being nurtured and loved by a single foster parent, she has now been accepted to college and is eager to become a productive member of society. Meanwhile, she knows she has this foster parent in her court.

These are just two stories of children being given second chances by foster and adoptive parents, several of whom live in the Avery Ranch Community. Each child has their own unique story and deserves a safe and loving home where they can begin to heal and be given the opportunity of childhoods free of abuse and neglect.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP.

1. **BECOME A FOSTER PARENT!** There is a huge need for safe and loving homes for the children of central Texas. Open your heart and home to a child who desperately needs you.
2. **BECOME AN ADOPTIVE PARENT!** There is a huge need for adoptive parents. Especially for sibling groups and children over the age of two. Make a commitment to a child who deserves a permanent home.

Foster and adoptive parents as well as volunteers come in all shapes and sizes. They are single, they are married, they are newlyweds, they are grandparents. If you are interested in becoming a foster and/or adoptive parent but are worried about finances, it is important to realize that monthly subsidies are provided to parents caring for foster children and adopted children. Also, each child will be covered by Medicaid (covering medical and dental) until the age of 18, even if they are adopted.

It takes a community with loving, nurturing and healing arms to raise a child that has suffered abuse and/or neglect. Will you be part of that community?

To get involved, contact Caitlin Moe or Betsy Herrington at Texas MENTOR (512.804.2338), a foster care and adoption agency.

Our GOAL is to have 40 Avery Ranch families directly involved in foster care by July 31st, 2011.

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Community News

Avery Ranch Garden Vegetable & Plant Swap on April 9, from 9 am - 11 am

Hi my name is Lisa LaPaso and I am a resident of Avery Ranch in the Morningside section and long time Central TX gardener. Last year I began a neighborhood veggie & plant swap via the Avery Ranch Yahoo Group for any neighbor who had an abundance of fruits and veggies over the season, or for those who would like to begin, but aren't sure where to start. My vision was to gather neighbors who wanted to share their extra goodies while getting more people excited about beginning food based gardens to feed themselves and to share some time with new friends. Each month I host the swap in my back yard and the date for April is Saturday the 9th from 9:00 am to 11:00 a.m.

It has been really successful but I would like to see it grow, so I hope to see you there whether you are just a beginner or a long time gardener. If you have something to share, please bring what you can, If you are just beginning and would like to come and adopt plant volunteers, seeds, veggies, fruit, cut herbs, flowers or whatever is brought to share, including lots of great information from experienced and novice gardeners, this is a great way to spend a Saturday morn with some new friends. This is also a great place to learn about Native Texas plants and trees, and to see them in their space as I have many in my yard, so Please contact me at lisalapaso@yahoo.com for my address and any additional info. I hope to see you, Happy Gardening!!



Gardening: ***Don't prune your oak trees yet***

Oak Wilt disease is spread by the nitidulid beetle which is most active from February 1 - June 1. For this reason it is strongly suggested that no pruning be done on any variety of Oak tree during these months. During all times of the year, if a cut is made on an Oak tree, it should be immediately painted over with paint...any kind will do, such as a latex spray paint or one that's brushed on... but do it within 10 minutes of making the cut!

Oak Wilt disease is also spread via the root systems underground, which graft together from tree to tree. Once a tree has this disease it can die within a month. I can't imagine our neighborhood without it's beautiful Oak Trees. Please spread the word and do what you can to prevent your trees from getting it!

[This information was provided by AR Resident Patty Hoenigman, Master Gardener & Oak Wilt Specialist. Patty is also the coordinator of our community garden club known as the Avery Garden Rancheros. If you're interested to join the garden club, send an email to patty@thetaxcenter.us]

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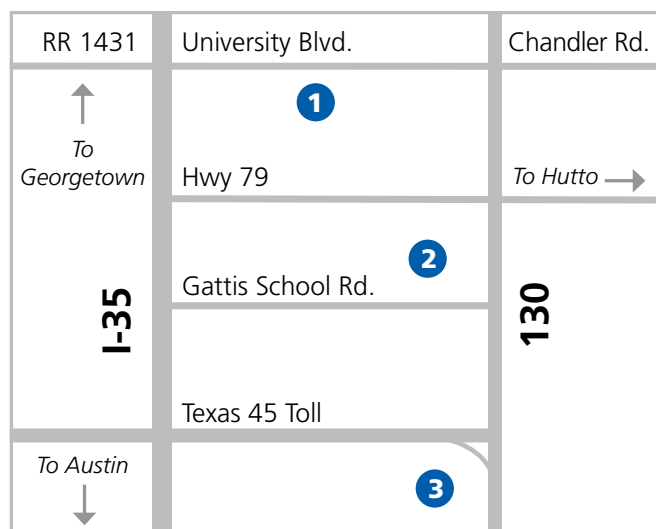


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**Colin's Hope Night at Eastside Movies in the Park
Tuesday, May 3rd, Doors open at 6PM, Movie at sundown**

Join us at The Expedition School Lagoon (On Lady Bird Lake in East Austin next to Fiesta Gardens) for a screening of Whale Rider. Bring your family and friends to enjoy the movie under the stars.

**Colin's Hope Day at Schlitterbahn-New Braunfels
Saturday, May 21st**

Join us for a day to promote Water Safety and Drowning Prevention at Schlitterbahn-New Braunfels! Special tickets are available from Colin's Hope. Email alissa.magrum@colinshope.org for more information.

For more information, visit our website at www.colinshope.org