



# THE Bulletin

THE RANCH AT BRUSHY CREEK

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## WANTED: NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Hi neighbors! Are you looking for an easy way to get involved with the neighborhood? I've been the newsletter editor for the last 3 years and am ready to pass the torch to someone new. Editing the newsletter is a simple way to give back to our great neighborhood! You don't need any special publishing skills- we partner with our publisher and they do all the hard work. A desire to help, access to a computer and a small time commitment each month is all that you need. I work full time, have two young children and go to school and this has been the perfect way for me to be involved in my community- the time commitment is minimal and you can do everything from home. This would even be a great job for a responsible teen or college student to take on and build their resume! If you are interested in being the next newsletter editor, please let me know!

Erin Lundie – [erin.lundie@gmail.com](mailto:erin.lundie@gmail.com)

## Happy Holidays!

Who's got the best holiday light show? Don't waste precious time! Decorate early for the 6th annual Ranch at Brushy Creek – Tour of Lights. Old and young alike, there's nothing better than looking at wonderful Holiday lights. With the addition of so many new neighbors, there's bound to be some great new competition! The Social Committee will map out a route for the hay rides to follow on the best decorated streets. So don't hesitate...DECORATE! Judging will take place December 8th and winners will be announced at the tour of lights on the 9th.

Ranch at Brushy Creek Tour of Lights  
Sunday, December 9th, 6pm-8pm

Trailers will load and depart from the exercise park near the loop of Remington Rd and Brangus Rd at the back of the neighborhood.

We are hoping everyone can make it out to enjoy a jolly good time with old and new neighbors. There will be hay rides, carolers, hot cocoa and holiday treats for all to enjoy and even a visit from Santa himself! Make sure to know if you're on his naughty or nice list! If you are interested in being a part of planning for this event or a sponsor, please contact Candace Lambert at [rbcsocialcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:rbcsocialcommittee@gmail.com) or for more details visit the "Ranch at Brushy Creek" facebook page.

## Santa on the Firetruck!

Bring the kids out to see Santa take a ride on the fire truck! Santa's helpers will be passing out candy to all of your kiddos who are on the nice list. Pending confirmation from The North Pole, Santa is tentatively scheduled to make his visit to The Ranch at Brushy Creek on Saturday, December 15th at 11:00AM. Make sure to come out early and line Ranch Trails to welcome Santa to the neighborhood! Be sure to check out the neighborhood Facebook page for any further details!



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## Social Spotlight

Dec 7th PlayGroup  
Dec 8th Judging for the RBC Lights Contest  
Dec 9th Tour of Lights Holiday Event and Hayrides  
Dec 14th Playgroup  
Dec 15th Santa on a Firetruck  
Dec 21st Playgroup  
Dec 25 Merry Christmas  
Dec 28th Playgroup

For more details about any of these events please refer to articles in this newsletter, Ranch at Brushy Creek Official Facebook Page or email [rbcsocialcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:rbcsocialcommittee@gmail.com)

## Annual RaBC Holiday Lights Contest

So, are you into moving reindeer and waving Santa's? Or are you they type to put no less that 500,000 lights on your house? Either way, we have 6 awards up for grabs for this year's Holiday Lights Contest! It gets a little competitive here in the good ole Ranch at Brushy Creek. Don't be the only house on your block not to decorate!

Pull out your strings of lights, drag Santa down from the attic and plan early...our contest will be a week earlier this year. Winners will be announced at our Annual Event the "Tour of Lights" on December 9th. You do not need to be present to win. You will receive a sign to be placed in your yard for bragging rights and this year we will have prizes for the winners.

Have fun...let the decorating begin!!

*Candace Lambert*

*Social Committee Chair*

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## Holiday Pet Safety Quiz

*Drs. Foster & Smith Educational Staff*

It is a joyous time of the year filled with holiday festivities, decorating our homes, and preparing our favorite holiday foods. Flowers are placed appropriately, mistletoe is hung above doorways, and filled candy dishes are within an arm's reach. However, spirits can quickly dampen when a pet becomes ill from ingesting one of our favorite holiday decorations or food. Test your knowledge of holiday hazards for pets with this "True or False" quiz. Happy Holidays!

1. Heated teflon is toxic to birds.
2. Macadamia nuts are poisonous to dogs.
3. Potpourri is poisonous to cats.
4. Chocolate is toxic to ferrets.
5. Electrical burns from chewing cords are a common holiday hazard for rabbits.
6. Secondhand tobacco smoke can be irritating to amphibians.
7. Grapes can be toxic to dogs.
8. Tinsel, ribbon, and strings from roasts or turkeys can cause severe intestinal problems in cats.
9. Batteries are toxic if swallowed.
10. Air fresheners can be toxic to fish.

See how many you got right without peeking...

### Answers

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2. T
3. T
4. T
5. T
6. T
7. T
8. T
9. T
10. T



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## 2012 Ranch at Brushy Creek Fall Festival Wrap Up

As the fall draws to a close, it is the perfect time to reflect on the wonderful time we had as a community at our 2012 Fall Festival this past October 27th. Costume parade, contests, amazing entertainment, delicious foods, festive photo area and meeting new neighbors and friends were just some of the highlights. We enjoyed a crisp yet sunny autumn day filled with good times, excitement, and some terrific treats from our local businesses and service organizations/charities. Please support these businesses and let them know you appreciate them being part of our events.

The Social Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the following generous donors:

The Meat House Avery Ranch for their generous support to our Cub Scout Pack 1501

Fellowship Bible Church for their castle bounce house and sound system

Blue Heaven Equestrian Training for their two costume contest prizes

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Let's not forget our fundraising concessions that all did so well, they said they can't wait to come back for another event!

Cub Scout Pack 1501, Central Texas Girl Scouts, Open My World Therapeutic Riding, Cedar Park & Sapientia Montessori's Model UN Delegation, Fellowship Bible Church Youth Missionaries & Vista Ridge Band.

Our entertainers Glenn Rexach Band, Louis Ontko the Minstrel, Art by Heather Joy Caricatures, Abrakadoodle Face Painting & Crafts, the giant maze by A-Maze-Ing.com, as well as our new interactive petting zoo provided by Open My World were all big hits. Last but certainly never least are the small dedicated group of volunteers who made this happen for you...THANK YOU! Please contact Candace Lambert, Social Committee Chair for exciting volunteer opportunities. These events are made possible solely by dynamic volunteers in conjunction with your HOA. If you need contact info for any of the above businesses, please email alexandriareilly@yahoo.com. See you all at the Holiday Celebration!

*Alexandria Reilly, Fall Festival Chair*

## COME JOIN OUR RBC PLAYGROUP!

Ranch at Brushy Creek Preschool Playgroup meets every Friday

First Fridays meet at the Ranch Trails Park

Second Fridays meet at a neighboring park or playground

Third Fridays are Field Trip Fridays

Fourth Fridays are Foodie Fridays

December Details are as follows

Dec. 7th Ranch Trails Park 10 am

Dec. 14th Davis Spring Playground 10 am

Dec. 21st Austin Childrens Museum Gingerbread House

\*Need to pre register with Children's Museum 10 am

Dec. 28th TBD 11:30 p.m.

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Casino Night is coming to town! ...and if you still haven't bought your ticket you are risking missing out on THE BEST adult night out ever planned by your Social Committee! We'll have a selection of delicious hot foods, appetizers, and tasty treats for you to enjoy as you make your rounds on the Black Jack, Texas Hold'em, Roulette and Craps table. Don't worry if you've never played before! The professional dealers are there to teach you and at no risk as your gamble your chips away for a chance to win some fabulous prizes! Watch our facebook page for tips and exciting prizes as they become available!

Avery Ranch Golf Clubhouse  
Saturday, Feb 9th, 2013  
6:30-10:30

Tickets are \$35/person Purchase your tickets by searching for the Casino Night event in our RBC Facebook page under the EVENTS tab or through this link: [https://www.wepay.com/events/ranch-at-brushy-creek-casino-night\\_1](https://www.wepay.com/events/ranch-at-brushy-creek-casino-night_1)

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## HOLIDAY WISHES 2012

Each year, neglected and abused children in the Austin area must be removed from their homes by Child Protective Services caseworkers.

Separations occur all year, but it is especially difficult during the holidays. Partnerships for Children is making a difference in the lives of these children and we invite you to join us by participating in our Holiday Wishes program.

With your help, how many children can we impact this year?  
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- ✓ **SPONSOR** a child by purchasing items from their wish list
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*Thank you for your support!*

## Charitable Giving

*Don't forget the pets*

It is around this time of the year that many open up their wallets in the goodness of giving to those less fortunate. This year, don't forget about the many orphaned pets in your local shelters and rescues.

"What can I do", you ask? Here are some ways that you can help:

- Collect food, toys and supplies
- Give a Pet Store gift card
- Cash/check donations are always needed
- Bake homemade treats and give (\*super easy & healthy recipe below)
- Volunteer to walk the dogs or play with the cats
- Volunteer to take pictures for the shelter or rescue
- Volunteer to help with training (basics – sit, down, shake, etc.)
- Foster during the holiday so that the dog or cat can know what a home is like

By making it a family affair, you are showing your family compassion and love for other living creatures.

Please remember that if you plan on giving, please do it locally, with a non-profit group. Your donation will be used locally and you will receive a receipt for tax purposes.

Here is a great listing of many of the local shelters & rescues you may want to check out:

<http://www.austinrescue.com>

## Social Committee Chairs & Events 2013

*Social Chair - Candace Lambert*

Casino Night - Angel Carter

Music in the Park - TBD

Easter - Patti Salzman

4th of July - Deanna Mateo-Mih

Fit Happens 5K - Mae Coffman

Chili Cook Off - TBD

Fall Festival - Alexandria Reilly, Asst: Jenny McGowan

Tour of Lights - Candace Lambert & Kelli Smith Kniolek

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