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Happy Spring Time at Avery Ranch!

Hello Avery Ranch Neighbors,
Spring time is here and here are some **Energy Saving Tips** you might want to follow:

Tip #1: Don't turn that dial

Keep your thermostat set at one temperature and leave it! In the winter, 68 degrees is recommended, and 75 degrees is recommended in the summer. Avoiding adjustments will keep your energy bills stable.

Tip #2: Stop the drip-drips

Leaky showerheads and faucets are hard-to-miss energy wasters. Toilets that run constantly can also cost you on your water bill. The majority of required repairs are covered in the most basic do-it-yourself handbook.

Tip #3: Go fluorescent

While compact fluorescent light bulbs cost more than the standard incandescent bulbs that you're used to, they last up to five times longer and use only a quarter of the electricity. Many of these bulbs last over five years and each energy-saving fluorescent bulb will save you \$40 to \$60 on your electric bill over the course of its lifetime.

Keep your yards beautiful and Have a Happy Spring!

Glenfield Avery Ranch Ingleside



Available Homes at Glenfield:

11617 Harpster Bend	The Cartier	1607 sq. ft.	\$243,827
13801 Turkey Hollow	The Holly	1905 sq. ft.	\$250,900
11600 Harpster Bend	The Hillary	2568 sq. ft.	\$280,896

Most recent under contract / sold at Glenfield:

13901 Turkey Hollow	The Holly	1905 sq. ft.	\$257,842
13713 Turkey Hollow	The Preston	1863 sq. ft.	\$258,870
11600 Faubian Lane	The Hillary	2568 sq. ft.	\$291,104

Glenfield Sales Consultant:

Raquel Atwell • 218-4881
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Available Homes at Ingleside:

The Adeline	3 bed, 2.5 baths,	\$209,550
The Bellamy	3 bed, + Loft, 2.5 bth.	\$227,269
The Chateau	3 bed, 2.5 baths,	\$232,000

Recently Closed at Ingleside:

The Bellamy	1698 sq. ft.	\$215,000.
The Chateau	1839 sq. ft.	\$224,400.
The Mirabella	1909 sq. ft.	\$231,825.

Ingleside Sales Consultant:

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Prices, plans, features, options, availability and co-broke are subject to change without notice. Additional restrictions may apply. Square footages are approximate. April 2013 DRH©



Spring Neighborhood Garage Sale

April 27th, Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Rain Date: Saturday, May 4th, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

De-clutter your home and garage from top to bottom, the semi-annual Neighborhood Garage Sale could help you get rid of all the things you've identified as no longer necessary to you.

To help determine what those items are, ask yourself the following questions: Do I really need it? Have I used it in the past couple of years? Do I still enjoy it? Does it still work? If you answered "no" to the first 3 questions and "yes" to the last question, put them on sale on September 29th.

With almost a hundred individual neighbors participating as sellers and many more people driving to our neighborhood in search of a "good buy", our neighborhood garage sale has proven to be one of our neighborhood's most popular events. As with previous neighborhood garage sales, AR residents are invited to participate. Each resident sets up and conducts their yard sale.

The Avery Ranch Garage Sale will be advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on Craig's List.

Remember, "One man's junk is another man's treasure."

Music In The Park

April 13th, Saturday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

MAC Amphitheater

The Avery Ranch Social Committee would like to invite you out to enjoy a stroll back in time with the sounds of the Austin Community College Stage Ensemble Band. Performing hits from the Big Band Era and popular Jazz hits is the 22 piece band that is sure to please "kids of all ages and the young at heart." The ACC Stage Ensemble Band has become a highlight of our community and we are glad to have them back out to entertain us. Hughes BBQ will be serving up their delicious menu once again so come with an appetite and don't forget lawn chairs, as this is sure to bring a crowd!

Calendar of Events HOA MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Next meeting - Monday, April 8th

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. Agenda can be found on the Avery Ranch Website in the discussion forums section no later than Friday prior to the meeting. 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 Morningside Amenity Center.

UPCOMING AVERY RANCH EVENTS:

ACC Music Ensemble

Saturday, April 13th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

MAC Amphitheater

(See article in this issue for details)

Neighborhood Garage Sale

Saturday, April 27th from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Rain Date is Sat. May 4 from 7-1 pm

(See article in this issue for details)

Meet and Greet for New Neighbors

Saturday, May 4th

Main Amenity Center Meeting Room

Avery Ranch Garden Tour

Saturday, April 27th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Main Amenity Center Meeting Room

(See article in this issue for details)

Second Annual Adult Luau

Saturday, June 22nd from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

RSVP required

(See article in this issue for details)

Independence Day Celebration

July 3rd, Wednesday

Harvest Hayride & Costume Contest

October 26th, Saturday

Movie in the Park

November 9th, Saturday

Holiday Sleighride

December 7th, Saturday



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AVERY RANCH HOA WEBSITE

Visit the Avery Ranch HOA website at AveryRanchHOA.com

FOR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

For questions or concerns in your neighborhood contact our Property Manager and HOA Board at GetHelp@AveryRanchHOA.com.

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..... 16200 Avery Ranch Blvd.
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..... 8801 Pearson Ranch Road
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..... 5720 McNeil Dr.

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..... 3250 Barley Rd.
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Second Annual Adult Luau

Sat. June 22nd from 6:30-9:30 pm held at the Granite Shoals pool

The pool will be closed to other residents during the time period for this event.

RSVP's required and space will be limited.

Music will be provided by DJ Jason Lynum and back by popular demand a karaoke contest with prizes!

A photographer will be on site for photos to take home.

This event will be BYOB with bartenders to serve your drinks. Set-ups provided.

NO GLASS is ALLOWED at the pool area so drinks will be served in plastic cups.

Food will be catered with a menu consisting of pork sliders, chicken kabobs, garlic ginger meatballs, mango rice, fruit platter, iced tea and fruit infused lemonade.

NOTE: This is the first Avery Ranch event with a fee. It will be \$10 per person and an RSVP is required to attend. Please respond to luau@averyranchhoa.com

Come on out for a great evening to meet and socialize with your AR neighbors!

Avery Ranch SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Do you enjoy the events organized by the Avery Ranch Social Committee?

Did you know that ARSC is an all-volunteer organization made up of your neighbors?

Funded by the Avery Ranch Owners Association and volunteer donors, the ARSC puts on the annual Mardi Gras, Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Hay Ride, Movies in the Park, Holiday Sleigh Ride and many more activities.

Please consider a donation that will stay in the community and help fund events that we all enjoy.

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Avery Ranch Garden Tour

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by Bob Beyer, Avery Ranch Garden Tour Coordinator

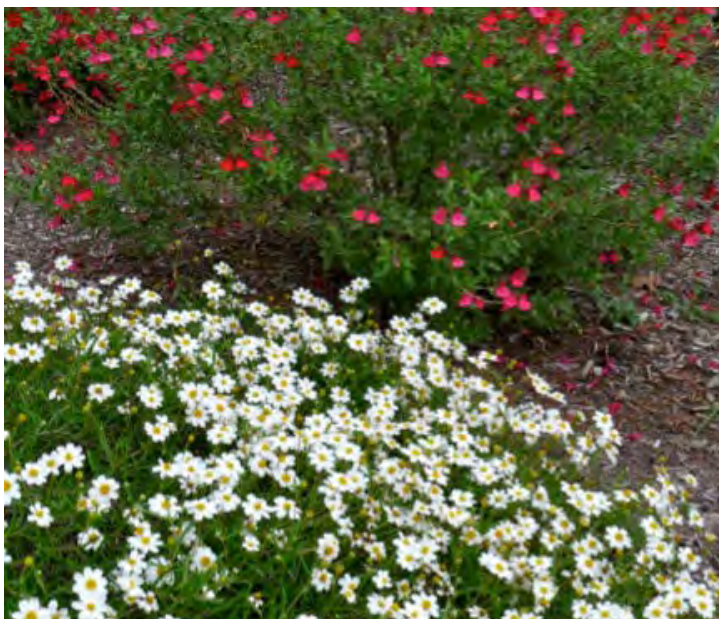
If you are as inspired by our early spring as I am, let's think ahead to the Avery Ranch Garden Tour on Saturday May 18th from 10 AM until 3 PM. Then hopefully, those thoughts will turn to action and you will be inspired to participate as a garden host or helper. As of this writing in late February, we have 5 gardens on the Tour, three who have been on previously, and two newcomers to the Tour. A total of 10 will be on the Tour – first come, first served. This is NOT a competition but a social event that provides another great opportunity to get out and meet your Avery Ranch neighbors who enjoy gardening, learn from each other, and share ideas. We will repeat the theme of "Getting Serious about Landscape Water Conservation" and should have some great examples for you to see and learn about by talking with the home/garden owners. All types of gardens however are welcomed on the Tour.

If you wish to be on the Tour, please let us know. Contact Bob Beyer, Avery Ranch Social Committee, 238-6732 or txbeyer@austin.rr.com. There are some nice perks for those participating!

Everyone in Avery Ranch and their guests can participate by coming out and taking the Tour on May 18th. It's all free, there will be a Master Gardener help booth, a water conservation expert on hand, an opportunity to win a garden related door prize, and a bottle of water to take as you enjoy your adventure. Tour maps will be provided at a greeting booth and you are free to tour in any order you wish.

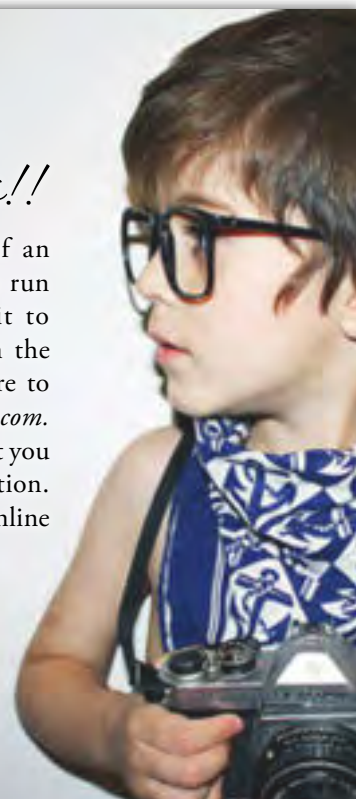
For more information, and a sneak peek at some of the yards on the tour, visit the Avery Ranch Garden Tour Web Page at www.centraltexasgardening.info/artour.html

See you on the Tour!



SEND US YOUR *Event Pictures!!*

Do you have a picture of an event that you would like to run in this newsletter? Send it to us and we will publish it in the next issue. Email the picture to ARNEWS@AveryRanchHOA.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.

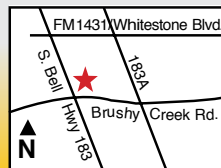


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LEANDER ISD ELECTIONS IS ON MAY 11TH EARLY VOTING: APRIL 27TH TO MAY 7T

Leander ISD Candidate Profile:

My name is Jim MacKay and I am running for a spot on the Leander ISD Board of Trustees, Place 3. I am a devoted husband, father, firefighter with the Texas Air National Guard and for more than twenty years I have volunteered in and around public education. I currently am a member of the Vista Ridge High School Campus Site-based Committee, and a member of the School Health Advisory council and Nutrition Advisory Council. I am the voice of the Vista Ridge Rangers football program and have been the stadium announcer for the past four seasons.

I am also a concerned citizen in our community and over the past year I have become increasingly concerned with our school district. We currently have \$2.7 Billion in total debt and our property taxes are among the highest in the state. Our current Board of Trustees has failed to lead in key areas and yesterday I was told by the Cedar Park Police Officers' Association that they have been frustrated in their attempts to conduct critically-needed training due to an unresponsive administration. I believe the time has come for fresh perspective, fresh ideas and fresh focus. Our children deserve the best we have to offer and I believe that, quite frankly, we can do better. My key concerns are the debt, lack of leadership and lack of effective communication.

I would like to change that. Please visit my website, www.jim-mackay.com and facebook page, Jim MacKay for Leander ISD, and look at the research I have conducted over the past eight months. The vast majority of my information comes from public records and since posting this information on February 6th, I have not received a single challenge to the validity of anything contained on the pages.

I very-much want to hear from you! Please let me know what your concerns are. I am the voice of the Vista Ridge Rangers and now I want to be your voice in the District.

Jim MacKay

Candidate, Leander ISD Board of Trustees, Place 3.



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Avery Ranch Morningside MAC Pool YMCA SWIM LESSONS

Member Registration begins April 6th /Community Registration begins April 13th

This location is for Avery Ranch HOA residents only

(Proof of residency is required)

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5
June 10-June 20 (2 weeks M-TH)	June 24-July 3 (2 weeks M-TH)	July 8-July 18 (2 weeks M-TH)	July 22-Aug 1 (2 weeks M-TH)	Aug 5-Aug 15 (2 weeks M-TH)
9:30am-10am Pike A (ages 3-5) Pike B (ages 4-5)	9:30am-10am Pike A (ages 3-5) Pike B (ages 4-5)	9:30am-10am Pike B (ages 4-5) Eel (age 4-5)	9:30am-10am Pike B (ages 4-5) Eel (age 4-5)	9:30am-10am Pike A (ages 3-5) Pike B (ages 4-5)
10:15am-10:45am Eel (age 4-5) Pike A (ages 3-5)	10:15am-10:45am Eel (age 4-5) Pike A (ages 3-5)	10:15am-10:45am Ray (age 4-5) Pike A (ages 3-5)	10:15am-10:45am Ray (age 4-5) Pike A (ages 3-5)	10:15am-10:45am Eel (age 4-5) Pike A (ages 3-5)
11am-11:30am Polliwog (age 6-10) Guppy (ages 6-10)	11am-11:30am Polliwog (age 6-10) Guppy (ages 6-10)	11am-11:30am Polliwog (age 6-10) Guppy (ages 6-10)	11am-11:30am Polliwog (age 6-10) Guppy (ages 6-10)	11am-11:30am Polliwog (age 6-10) Guppy (ages 6-10)
11:45am-12:15pm Minnow (age 7-13) Fish (ages 7-13)	11:45am-12:15pm Guppy (ages 6-10) Ray (ages 4-5)	11:45am-12:15pm Polliwog (age 7-13) Pike A (ages 7-13)	11:45am-12:15pm Minnow (age 7-13) Fish (ages 7-13)	11:45am-12:15pm Guppy (ages 6-10) Ray (ages 4-5)

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PROGRAM FEES

YMCA Member \$50 • Non YMCA Member \$60

PRIVATE LESSONS NOW AVAILABLE

Limited Space Available

*See swim lesson level details before registration.

Call the Twin Lakes Family YMCA with questions 512-250-9622

Each child to complete swim lessons receives an Avery Ranch YMCA T-Shirt at the end of the season party!

Please mark your child's size: YS ___ YM ___ YLRG ___ AS ___ AM ___ AL ___ AXL ___

PARTICIPANT'S NAME _____ SEX (M) or (F) _____ AGE _____ GRADE _____

ADDRESS _____ Email _____

BIRTHDATE ____/____/____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE (____) _____ CELL PHONE (____) _____

PARENT/ GUARDIAN NAME _____

PERMISSION FOR TRANSPORTATION: The YMCA Staff has my permission to transport my child to and from program location in the event of an emergency. I understand reasonable precautions will be taken to ensure the safety and supervision of my child.

MEDICAL WAIVER: In the event that my child requires emergency medical treatment and I cannot be reached, I hereby authorize the YMCA Staff to make arrangements to transport my child to the nearest hospital/emergency medical facility. I give my consent for any and all necessary medical treatment, if, in fact my child requires the attention of a physician.

WAVIER: I understand that YMCA activities have inherent risks and I hereby assume all risks and hazards incident to my participation in all YMCA activities including transportation to and from said activities. I further waive, release, absolve, indemnify, and agree to hold harmless the YMCA, the organizers, volunteers, supervisors, officers, directors, participants, coaches, referees as well as persons or parents transporting participants to or from such activities from any claims or injury sustained during my use of YMCA facilities or participation in any YMCA activity whether or not located on YMCA property.

PHOTO RELEASE: I give my consent for pictures taken of my child involved in YMCA programs to be used for future YMCA promotions or display.

REFUND/TRANSFER POLICY: All changes and cancellations must be made 2 weeks prior to the lessons start date. No refunds will be given for missed swim lessons and no makeups will be provided. Transfers or cancellations made after the original start date will incur a \$10 fee. All cancellations must be made 2 weeks prior to swim lesson start date in order to receive a refund minus the \$10 fee, otherwise no refund will be given if submitted after this date.

PARENT'S/GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: This is to acknowledge that I have read and agree to the above information. Int. _____

PARENT SIGNATURE

DATE

OFFICE USE ONLY	13AV1	13AV2	13AV3	13AV4	13AV5
	CLASS _____	CLASS _____	CLASS _____	CLASS _____	CLASS _____
	TIME _____	TIME _____	TIME _____	TIME _____	TIME _____

Swim Lesson Class Descriptions:

Parent Child: Ages 6—35 months (Parent is in the water with child) (Ratio 12:1)

Fun with games, songs and nursery rhymes while introducing basic swimming play during this water adjustment class. Get to know other parents and have fun with your child during this interactive time.

Ages 3-5 Years (Ratio 6:1)

Pike A: Ages 3—4 Preschool: *Two age categories

First level without a parent, designed for the true beginner. Introduction to basic skills: kicking, blowing bubbles, and putting head in water. Goal is basic skills, water safety and being comfortable in the water, along with the socialization in a class environment. Child needs to be able to be comfortable in the water, and show independence with swimming with a float belt and/or barbell to move to Pike B. Child needs to be able to swim 8—10 feet and float 5 seconds with OR without a flotation aid to move into Eel. (Comfort and independence in the water is key for advancement from this level).

Pike B: Ages 4—5 years Preschool: *Two age categories

Second level without a parent. Introduction to basic skills: kicking, paddling, blowing bubbles, and putting head under water. Goal is independent swimming with float belt and/or barbell, along with the socialization in a class environment. Child needs to be able to swim 8—10 feet and float 5 seconds with OR without a flotation aid to move into Eel. (Comfort and independence in the water is key for advancement from this level).

Eel: Ages 4—5 years Preschool: (3 year olds must be approved for this class by Aquatics Director or Instructor)

Advanced beginner level for children who can swim independent from the instructor, but still need the assistance of a float belt. Stroke development is emphasized and children will begin to swim further distances unassisted. Child needs to be able to swim unassisted without a float belt half the pool length with face in water to move into next level.

Ray: Ages 4—5 years Preschool: (This class is ONLY offered at Avery Ranch Pool due to water depth and length)

Intermediate level class using minimal flotation aid. Correct body positioning and swimming with face in water emphasized. Backstroke and deep water skills are developed. Student needs to swim the length of the pool unassisted with no flotation aid on both front and back to advance to the next level.

Ages 6-11 Years (Ratio 8:1)

Polliwog: Ages 6—10 years Youth:

Inexperienced through beginner. Introduces basic floats, freestyle, breathing control and water safety. Students need to swim length of pool and float 10 seconds unassisted to move to the next level.

Guppy: Ages 6—10 years Youth:

Advanced beginners. Introduces front crawl, rotary breathing and backstroke. For children to move to the next level, they should swim freestyle with rotary breathing the length of the pool and tread water for 30 seconds

Minnow: Ages 6—10 years Youth: (This class is ONLY offered at Avery Ranch Pool due to water depth and length)

Intermediate level emphasizes endurance, refines freestyle and backstroke. Breaststroke and side stroke introduced. Students should have the ability to continually swim freestyle for 2 lengths and backstroke 1 length to move to the next level.

Fish: Ages 7—11 years Youth: (This class is ONLY offered at Avery Ranch Pool due to water depth and length)

Participants will refine breaststroke and side stroke while increasing endurance with freestyle and backstroke. Butterfly is introduced and more advanced water safety skills are discussed.

Private & Semi Private Lessons:

(Twin Lakes & Avery Ranch)

Ages 3-12 Years (Ratio 1:1 or 2:1)

We offer multiple options in private swimming lessons that will help get you or your kids swimming at the level you desire. Our certified, patient and knowledgeable YMCA swim instructors offer private and semi-private swim lessons for ages 3-12 beginner to intermediate levels. Note we do not do advance training due to pool size. When choosing a lesson type, think about your needs and what type of instructor will fit best. We will contact you within 3 days after you have purchased your lessons to talk about a structure that will fit your needs.

****See the Front Desk for Private Lesson Registration Form**



JOIN US FOR GOLF AND A GREAT CAUSE!

DATE: Tuesday, April 30th

11:00 am Registration - 1:00 pm Start

LOCATION: River Place Country Club

FORMAT: 4-person scramble

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Social Committee Help Wanted

Avery Ranch residents, do you enjoy and participate in the activities put on in the community by resident volunteers?

These activities include: Adult Mardi Gras Happy Hour, Spring Egg Hunt with visit from the Easter Bunny, Spring Crafts Bazaar, twice a year neighborhood Garage Sales, Garden Tour, Adult Luau, July 3rd events, Harvest Hayride & Costume Contest, Movie in the Park, Holiday Sleighride and visit from Santa along with New Resident Meet & Greet and hand delivery of Welcome Wagon bags.

If your answer is YES, then we need your help.

Less than 2 dozen people offer their time volunteering and assisting with coordination of events throughout the year.

Without an increase in the level of volunteerism, the community is in danger of shortening our list of events. The most popular events (ie.. Spring Egg Hunt, Holiday Sleigh Rides and July 3rd events) are the most labor-intensive, hence in most need of volunteers.

We know everyone has a busy lifestyle which makes volunteering a hard commitment.

Volunteers come and go as circumstances arise so having a fuller roster makes all tasks lighter.

We welcome you to our monthly meetings, held the first Thursday of every month from 7-9 PM at the MAC.

Please consider coming out and joining us! Email us at ARSC@AveryRanchHOA.com for information.

Avery Ranch Redfish Swim Team Coaches Spotlight


The 2013 season coaching staff for the Avery Ranch Redfish Swim Team has been secured and we are excited to introduce them to our community.

MEET COACH JOSH!

Josh Geisinger is an easy-to-be-around athlete & nutritionist who meshed almost seamlessly with the Avery Ranch Redfish Board of Directors upon introduction. In his first interview, when we asked what he wanted to do once he graduated, he admitted that he “really wanted to lead a swim team,” although every influence in his life was encouraging him to do otherwise! This May, Josh will earn double Bachelor’s degrees in Nutrition & Economics from the University of Texas. Josh also holds honors as an Eagle Scout and a Summa Cum Laude graduate from Saint Michael’s Catholic Academy in 2008.

Josh started swimming at the age of 6, going on to move to year round (or “club”) swimming at the age of 12, swimming competitively through high school. When he started college, he admits that he found he “stood about a foot shorter” than other members of the UT Men’s Swim Team, but couldn’t quell the urge

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to be a part of the organization, so he landed the prestigious role of Managing the University of Texas Men's Swimming and Diving Team for the past five years.

Coach Josh organized and has served as the Head Coach for the Regents School of Austin's first swim team for the past 3 years, and enjoyed serving as an Assistant Coach for Lost Creek Country Club for the past 7 years. We are grateful to Lost Creek's Head Coach Steve Jones for sending SuperJosh in our direction - and could not be more excited to have him leading the Redfish!

Josh will be serving as the 2013 Avery Ranch Redfish Head Coach.

MEET COACH KIRSTEN!

At the age of 10, Kirsten Gardley began swimming competitively on a summer league team. The competitive but fun atmosphere spurred her to pursue club swimming at the age of 12, eventually landing her a 3-year letterman honor on the Varsity swim team at Ronald Reagan High School in San Antonio, TX. During that time she spent her spare time as a swim instructor and lifeguard, while also landing the honor of being an Academic All-American in 2009.

Kirsten is currently a Master's student in Elementary Education. She graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Texas A&M University in 2012 and has been student teaching in Pflugerville ISD this year.

This is Kirsten's 2nd year of coaching swimming, having served in College Station as a Team and Stroke Clinic Coach for the Tsunamis in 2012. She is excited to combine two of her passions and talents: swimming and teaching.

Kirsten will be serving as a 2013 Avery Ranch Redfish Assistant Coach.

MEET COACH BRANDI!

Something about Brandi truly endeared her to our Board of Directors upon introduction. Her passion for coaching children, her love of the sport of swimming and earnest desire to learn made her a natural fit for our organization.

Brandi Henson found her passion for swimming at a young age, beginning to compete at the tender age of 5 saying, "I STILL love to swim!"

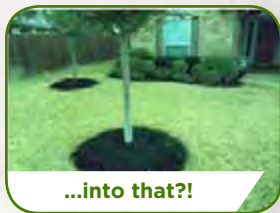
While living in Houston, Brandi spent some time teaching swim lessons at Miller Swim Academy to a varied age range and skill sets of swimmers, including instruction of diving and turning.

Brandi is the mother of 3 active young children, and has served alongside her husband as co-coach in their sport of choice, baseball, for the past three years.

Brandi will be serving as a 2013 Avery Ranch Redfish Assistant Coach.

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Spring will soon be in the air and that means the Williamson County Master Gardeners Association's Spring Garden Fair isn't far behind. This year the Fair will be on Saturday, April 6th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the AgriLife Extension Grounds.

The Fair is always a good chance to listen to experts present interesting topics about gardening. This year's list of speakers is shown below:

The Value of Composting

9:00am Jason Sanders, M.Ag.Ed

Causes of Tree Stress

10:15 Emsud Horozovic

The Good Guys In Your Yard

11:30 Ken Lakin, PhD, Entomology

Native Plant Identification - The Importance of Using Native Plants in your Home Landscape

1:00pm Flo Oxley

This year's Fair will also include Demonstration Stations. These are designated locations that will have step-by-step demonstrations on how

to propagate a rose, create composting, develop rainwater harvesting, enhance your garden with herbs and vegetables, and much more! All brought to you first hand by our Master Gardener Specialists!

Opportunities to sign up as a volunteer at these Stations can be done by going to the WCMGA website, <https://wcmg.ivolunteer.com/>, then click on volunteering.

The WCMGA Spring Garden Fair will have lots of fun things for you and your family to do this year. In addition to the above, the Spring Garden Fair will have many things designed specifically for the "younger gardeners." There will be the Junior Master Gardener Station with lots of fun hands-on activities for first to sixth graders. A Chickens in the Garden Station will be a new addition this year. Children and adults both will have fun at this creative Station complete with live chickens!

In addition to all of the above, our Master Gardener Country Store will have books and garden items that tie in with the topics at the Fair. Of course, beautiful plants, mainly native perennials, will be available for purchase. Plants will be sold on Saturday only, with no Friday pre-sale. We hope you will join us for what should be a fun and exciting day in our "Garden" on the AgriLife grounds.



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The Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce will bring SpringFest back to Bee Cave at a new venue, The Backyard at Bee Cave. Presented by St. David's Emergency Center, SpringFest will be bigger and better than ever. The one day community festival filled with shopping, food, music and fun for the whole family is always the last Saturday in April.

SpringFest kicks off at 11AM on Saturday, April 27th. "It is the BIGGEST time in the smallest town with vendor and merchant shopping galore, a KidZone the size of a football field, a boat expo featuring the latest and greatest in watercraft and a BBQ cook-off to determine this year's Lake Travis Rib King. New this year is a Craft BrewHaus with specialty craft beers from the Hill Country and Austin", says SpringFest Chair, Will Mitchell.

"We look forward to another electrifying event in Bee Cave," says Laura Mitchell, IOM, President of the Chamber. "This amazing festival is a fun event for all ages filled with great music, a huge KidZone and unique shopping."

SpringFest anticipates welcoming 10,000-12,000 attendees to this year's event. The phenomenal line up of performing arts and live music includes PAIYH Dance Studios, TexARTS, Carson Brock and The Effect, The Loose Wheels, The Camille Sanders Band, Two Tons of Steel and The Derailers. See the SpringFest site for line-up.

Stroll through 150+ local and regional artisan vendor booths for an experience that is only found in South Lake Travis. Everyone is welcome, and admission is FREE! Parking will be \$10 per car. Bring the kiddos – they will have hours of fun playing in our KidZone (nominal fee) complete with a Kiddie Ferris Wheel, bounce houses,

the Screamin' Demon, a Zipline, face-painting and more.

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"The partnership with The Backyard to expand the festival provides us with an opportunity to create a strong, positive economic impact on the local economy not just for the day, but throughout the year," says Will Mitchell

"SpringFest would not be possible without generous partners and dedicated support of our sponsors." "We would like to thank our presenting sponsor St. David's Emergency Center along with other dedicated supporters; Austin American Statesman, Community Impact Newspaper, Covert, The Home Depot, Lake Travis View, MOSAK Advertising and Insights and Watkins Insurance for their contributions to this community festival," says Will Mitchell.

For more information on live music show times, vendor and BBQ cook-off applications for SpringFest, visit LakeTravisSpringFest.com. For additional information, please contact the Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce office via email at SpringFest@LakeTravisChamber.com or (512) 263-5833.



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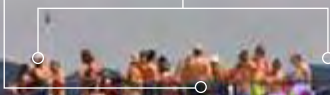
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