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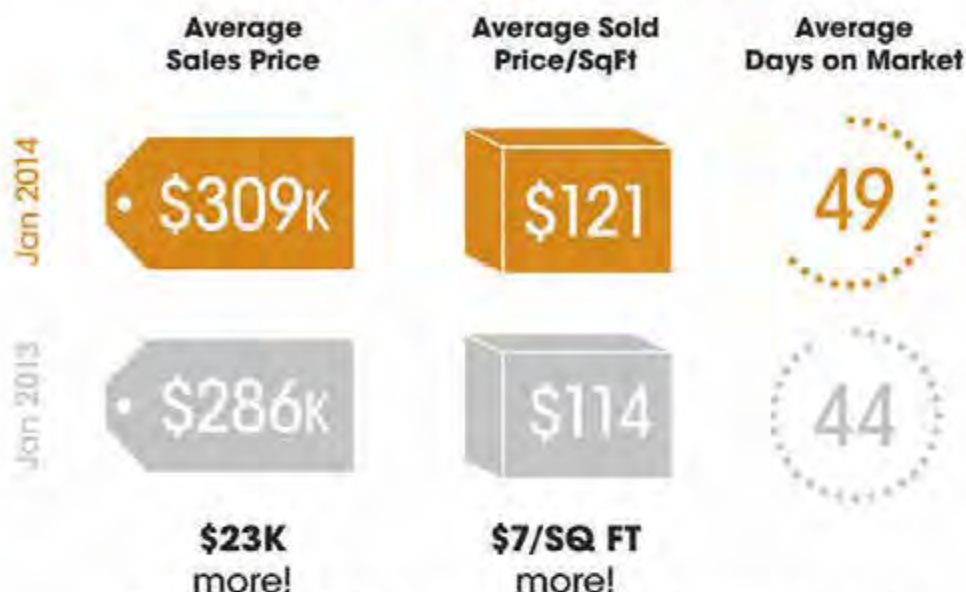
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The Avery Ranch Social Committee ("ARSC") operates on an annual budget of \$15,000, or the rough equivalent of the annual HOA fees for 30 Avery Ranch homeowners, and depends, primarily, on the consistent efforts and participation of 20-30 Avery Ranch residents. At the last public count Avery Ranch was comprised of over 3,800 homes and condos, and home to approximately 10,000 people.

That means that the ARSC is funded by 0.75% of the residences in Avery Ranch, and the events are supported by an average of 0.3% of Avery Ranch residents.

Think of the calendar of events managed by the ARSC. Consider the scale of the Bazaar Bazaar, the Halloween Hay Ride, the Holiday Sleigh Ride, and the Independence Day celebration, events that draw hundreds of attendees. Those are Herculean tasks for a small group, but are successfully staged year after year.

We at the ARSC enjoy our efforts in helping make Avery Ranch a special place, but we always welcome fresh ideas and volunteers. If you would like to be heard, please feel free to join us on the first Thursday of every month. Please notify the Social Committee Chairwoman at arsc@averyranchhoa.com if you would like an invite to the next meeting.

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HOA Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, March 10th

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.

2014 AVERY RANCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE EVENT CALENDAR

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

04/12/2014 • 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
MAC Morningside

Neighborhood Spring Garage Sale

04/26/2014 • 7:00 am - 1:00 pm
Avery Ranch Community

New Resident Meet and Greet

05/03/2014 • 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
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Movie in the Park

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Avery Ranch Garden Tour

05/17/2014 • 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
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New Resident Meet and Greet

08/2014 • 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
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First Egg Hunt will be at 10:15 a.m. and another one at 11:15 a.m. Egg hunts will be simultaneous for the two age groups: age group 1-5 years old and age group 6-10 years old.

Mark your calendars and save the date for the annual Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the Avery Ranch Social Committee. Come comb through the Main Amenity Center (MAC) grounds for pretty colored eggs to fill your basket. The collected eggs will then be exchanged for a fabulous goodie bag.

Stop by for a visit with the Easter Bunny, enjoy cookies and

refreshments while having a fun time with your Avery Ranch neighbors. New this year will be a free train to ride through the Morningside Park. Get your Easter basket ready and stay tuned for more information in the March issue of Home on the Ranch newsletter.

Volunteer help is always appreciated and needed. If you would like to volunteer for this fun community event kindly contact Event Chair: Bala Goenka at balagoenka@gmail.com or Event Co-Chair: Praveena Desu at praveenadesu@gmail.com



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AVERY RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

Hidden treasures in your garage? Surely you have items in your garage that are worth their weight in gold, silver or dollars. Join us for our neighborhood garage sale and turn your treasures into dollars. If it's raining, the garage sale will be the following Saturday.

April 26th
7:00am - 1:00pm



The Avery Ranch Homeowners Association is giving a shout out to the Avery Ranch Social Committee and to our latest community event sponsor- PLAZA DENTAL ARTS!

We are grateful for the businesses who continue to support us: ISS Grounds control (our landscapers), Lifeline Aquatics (our pool company), Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union, G's Dental Studio and Peace Frog Carpet & Tile Cleaning. They continue to make our neighborhood activities possible!


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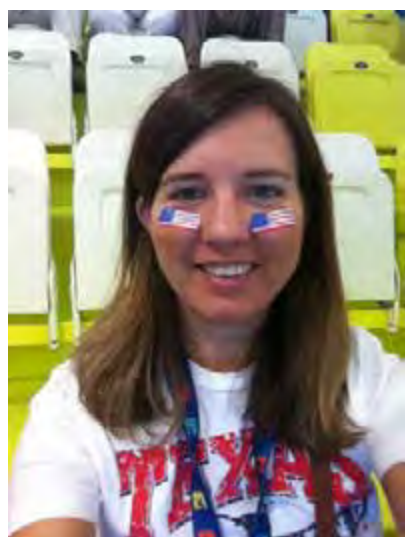
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The Avery Ranch Redfish have some great coaching surprises in store for our swimmers this season - including some new AND some familiar faces! As we approach our season, more coaching staff will be hired and introduced, but we'd love to share with you what has been secured so far!



In the "new faces" department, we are excited to announce our new Head Swim Team Coach: Erin Kessel! Coach Erin is in her 5th year as the Head Swim Coach of the Vista Ridge High School Swim Team.

Before her move to Austin, she coached club (year-round) swimming at the Northeast site of the Alamo Area Aquatics Association in San Antonio for three years and she has worked Longhorn Swim Camp since the summer of 2006, working with all age groups. Her time with The Longhorn Swim Camp was "an amazing opportunity," allowing her learn from the best coaches and some great Olympians including Kathleen Hersey, Brendan Hansen, Aaron Peirsol, and Ian Crocker.

Coach Erin has her graduate degree from the University of the Incarnate Word and had the fortune of doing the swim conditioning for the successful synchronized swim team there.

She swam all four years at Southwestern University in Georgetown and started her swim career at the age of 5 on her local summer league team. She is excited to impart what she has learned over the years on the next generation and can't wait to coach in Avery Ranch! "GooOOO REDFISH! SWIM FAST!"



And from the "familiar faces" file, Coach (and prior Redfish of the Year!) Alli Hettrich will be returning as an Assistant Coach! Alli began swimming at age 7 in the Austin Aquatic League with the Balcones Woods Blue Wave and fell in love with the sport. She loved the friendships, the team fun and the way the older kids looked out for all the younger kids. At 10 years old, she joined Nitro Swimming to swim year-round, and she continued to learn from amazing, caring coaches. In 2012, she became a member of the Vista Ridge Swim Team with Coach Erin while continuing with Nitro.

Last summer, Alli was excited to be a part of the Avery Ranch Redfish Swim Team's first season. She had "so much fun and it was very rewarding!" Last season, Alli was given the opportunity to be a Junior Coach, working with younger age groups – the kids were remarkable and it was a great experience (and thankfully she didn't have to use any of her lifeguard training!).

Through her impact on the Redfish during their inaugural season, she became the namesake of the Alli Hettrich Achievement Award for the next 4 years - honoring the top points earner for the Redfish going forward by setting the 2013 season benchmark. Coach Alli is looking forward to picking up where she left off. "Hope you've been in the water!"

We wish 2013's Coach Josh all the best in his future endeavors!



AVERY RANCH REDFISH 2014 SEASON IMPORTANT DATES

*Please be advised that some of these
dates may be subject to change*

Thursday, March 13

Online registration opens for returning swimmers and their siblings via a secure link to be sent to those families

Wednesday, March 22

Online registration closes permanently just before midnight

Thursday, March 27

In-person Registration for new and returning families
5:30pm-7:30pm at the MAC amphitheater
(first wristbands will be rewarded starting at 5pm)

Saturday, March 29

In-person Registration for new and returning families
9am-11am at the MAC amphitheater IF THE
TEAM IS NOT FILLED 9:00am-11:00am
(first wristbands will be rewarded at 8:30am)

Saturday, April 12

Parent Orientation and swimsuit fitting

Saturday, April 26

New Swimmer Assessments

Monday, April 28

After School Practice Starts (timeslots TBD)

Saturday, May 17

1st Swim Meet: Redfish & FAST Frogs @ Twisters

Saturday, May 24

2nd Swim Meet: Gators & Piranhas @ Redfish

Saturday, May 31

3rd Swim Meet: Orcas & Blue Wave @ Redfish

Wednesday, June 4

Lap-a-Thon

Saturday, June 7

FAST Frogs & Piranhas @ Redfish

Monday, June 9

Morning Practice Starts
(timeslots TBD)

Sunday, June 15

Redfish & Orcas @ Piranhas

Friday, June 20

CHAMPS Pep Rally

Saturday, June 21

CHAMPS

Saturday, June 28

Awards Banquet
(alternate possible date of Thurs, June 26)

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BE ON THE 2014 AVERY RANCH GARDEN TOUR!

Bob Beyer, Avery Ranch Social Committee, Garden Tour Coordinator

The Avery Ranch Social Committee is planning for another successful Avery Ranch Garden Tour on Saturday, May 17th, but only to the extent that we can encourage residents to place their garden (defined in the old English tradition as the entire yard), on the Tour. This is NOT a competition, but a social event in which we can share our gardening experiences with our neighbors.

OK, this winter has been unusually cruel to our landscapes and gardens and they look awful now, but we can look forward to spring around the corner and the restoration of our beautiful gardens in time for the Tour. What an incentive!

Did you know that Avery Ranch has been highly recognized as a leader in water-wise (aka xeriscape) landscaping, state wide! The Clean Water Fund of TX, which promotes water conservation, is using Avery's xeriphytic guidelines and visual examples of some Avery Ranch yards as an example to HOA's throughout the central Texas area. Our guidelines have been used by major HOA's like Circle C, Sun City, by three HOA's in Dallas, and other central Texas cities and communities like Hutto, Kyle, Round Rock, and Pflugerville.



We all can be proud of Avery Ranch's example in this process.

Keeping that in mind and with a continuing drought, forecasted we will continue with the theme of "Water-wise Landscaping" and encourage anyone who has made such a transition to please put your yard on the Tour. We would like to highlight and demonstrate examples of successful implementation of the xeriscaping guidelines and individual efforts to conserve water through our landscaping choices, but Tour participation is not limited to that.

If able to participate as a garden host, I need to get your name, address, telephone number, email address, a brief one or two paragraph description of your garden and a digital photo taken within the past year, to publicize on our Avery Ranch Garden Tour webpage at www.centraltexasgardening.info/artour.html. Please visit that site. It's never too early to volunteer.

Being on the Tour is fun for all, a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow Avery Ranchers with garden interests and get ideas and advice.

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Other than getting your garden in shape, being on the Tour requires very little else. Please call me at 512-238-6732, or email to txbeyer@austin.rr.com so I can provide more information, and answer any questions you may have. I hope this will be the best ever Garden Tour, but it all depends on your participation.

For everyone else, mark your calendar for Saturday, May 17th, beginning at 10 AM and be prepared for a wonderful day of visiting your neighbors on the Tour, getting garden advice, and opportunity to win some door prizes. There will be information booths participating as well. You will be inspired by the Tour! I have already ordered perfect weather for the day, but rain or shine, the Tour will go on.



What a difference a season makes!



Don't be discouraged!
By May 17th, your yard
will recover and be ready
for the Tour!

A Letter from our AR Neighbor

Dear Avery Ranch homeowners,

I am a proud homeowner in Avery Ranch since 2005 and in need of a better internet connection. I am sure that many others and their families are also in the same situation. Many students and business people who live in Avery Ranch are in direct need of a reliable, yet fast internet provider. Through my research, I have found two providers coming to Austin that would be a huge help to our community.

The first, Google Fiber, is already planning its move into the greater Austin area and will offer extremely fast internet speeds: almost instantaneous downloads and HD video streaming made easy. Google Fiber will begin in the main parts of Austin, but could possibly extend its reaches to our neighborhood. I think that if the HOA of Avery Ranch & the homeowners were to reach out and ask Google Fiber to include us, it would quicken their arrival here in our lovely community.

Here is the link that we can SIGN-UP/VOTE for the service:
<https://fiber.google.com/cities/austin/>

The second candidate is AT&T GigaPower, a service that rivals Google Fiber with almost the same internet speed at close to the same price. It is, of course, provided by AT&T, which already provides us with their "UVerse".

They have also chosen Austin as a spot for their internet service to start. In the middle of 2014, they are planning to increase the speed to equal Google Fiber, and I think it is a great opportunity for us to apply for both services, and make our neighborhood even better.

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Let this be a realization of a great future for us and the coming generations inside & outside of Avery Ranch...

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February Meet & Greet

On February 8th, the Avery Ranch Social Committee hosted its most successful Meet & Greet for new residents to date. Event Chairs Sue and Ben Heitner, along with ARSC Chair Rita Rear, ARSC Treasurer Bob Beyer, and Associa Property Manager Dick Cowan enjoyed two hours in the company of a dozen new homeowners and their families. The team did its best to put Avery Ranch's best face forward, and by the end of the session there were new acquaintances, answered questions, and no more bagels.

We would like to thank all of the homeowners that turned out for this event, and invite any recent Avery Ranch arrivals to join us at the next session in May.



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*Nathan Depta, 13 years old, at the
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Olympic Fever Can Encourage Physical Activity In Children

According to an expert at Baylor College of Medicine, the Olympics are a great opportunity for children to learn about physical activity and goal setting.

According to Dr. Jorge Gomez, associate professor of pediatrics in the division of adolescent and sports medicine at Baylor, Olympic competitions will encourage children to do something fun and active.

"Research has shown that the strongest predictor of children remaining physically active into adulthood is having experiences of being active with their parents," said Gomez.

He offers the following tips for parents when watching the Olympic Games with their children:

- Point out that the athletes are participating because it's fun for them.
- Emphasize athletes are where they are after years of hard work.
- Discuss what it means to be a team player and to have good sportsmanship.
- Focus on the fact that the athletes are fit because they take care of themselves by eating well and exercising.
- While encouraging children to explore new activities, keep safety in mind.





FOLLOW UP ON YOUR HEART HEALTH

Eating healthy and exercising are well known tips to keep your heart healthy, but doctors at Baylor College of Medicine say don't forget about the follow-ups.

"Many times people will see a doctor and receive a diagnosis of high cholesterol or blood pressure, for example, but they won't follow up with another appointment," said Dr. Joseph Coselli, professor of surgery at Baylor. "These secondary doctor visits are needed to monitor progression of risk factors and to help find the most effective treatment options."

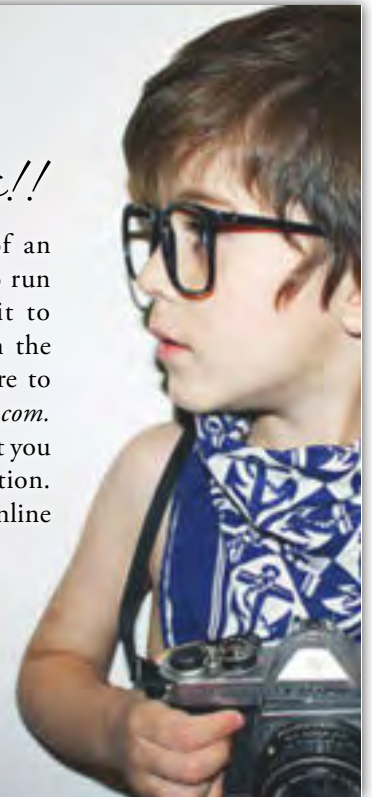
Coselli recommends asking your doctor some important questions:

- What is a healthy weight for me?
- What does a balanced diet consist of?
- How do I quit smoking?
- What exercises should I add to my daily routine?
- What health screenings should I have?
- When should I follow up with my next appointment?

"You have to be responsible for your health and make important changes to keep your heart healthy," Coselli said.

SEND US YOUR *Event Pictures!!*

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