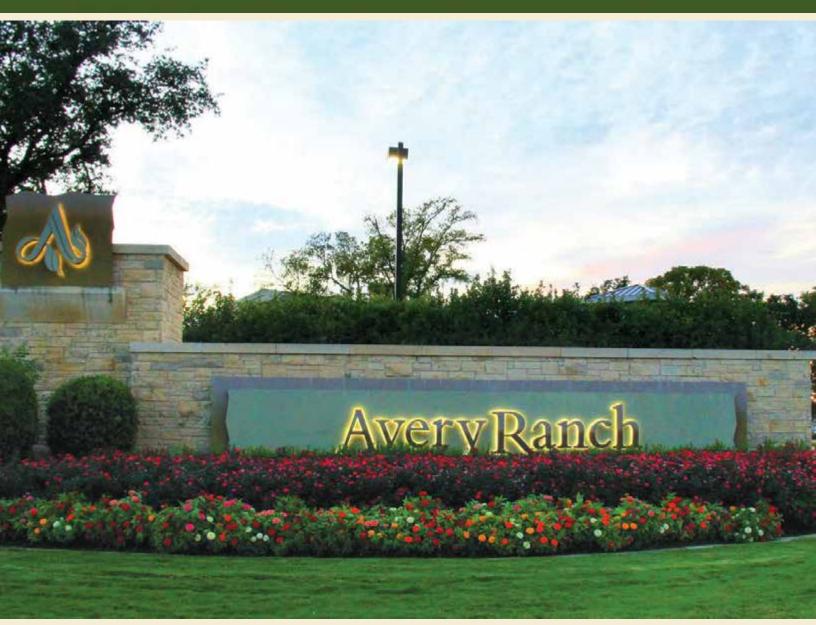
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CALLING ALL AMATEUR EGG HUNTERS ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY APRIL 12TH FROM 10 A.M.TO NOON

The Annual Egg Hunt hosted by your Avery Ranch Social Committee is coming up soon!! Do not forget to mark your calendars and save the date – Saturday April 12th from 10am to noon. The Egg Hunt will take place in the Morning side park near the basketball and volleyball courts. Egg Hunts will be at 10:15am and 11:15am. There will be simultaneous hunts for the two age groups (1-5 years and 6-10 years).

Come comb through the park grounds for pretty colored eggs to fill your basket. The collected eggs will then be exchanged for a fabulous goodie bag. The lucky ones to find the golden eggs will also receive a special gift. (Limit: one 'golden egg' gift per kid)

Stop by for a visit with the Easter Bunny, take lots of pictures, enjoy music and have a fun time with your Avery Ranch neighbors. New this year will be a free train to ride through the Morningside Park. The Kid's Spa has planned fun activities for the kids.

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.



AVERY RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

APRIL 26TH, 7:00AM - 1:00PM

Are you a hoarder? Is your stuff in your garage taking over your life? Get therapy by participating in the neighborhood garage sale. If it's raining the garage sale will be the following Saturday.



HOA Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, April 14th

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.

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AVERY RANCH HOA WEBSITE

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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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A "GREENER" AVERY RANCH 2014 GARDEN TOUR

by Bob Beyer, Avery Ranch Social Committee Garden Tour Coordinator

Planning is going well for the Social Committee's annual Garden Tour on May 17th, beginning at 10 AM, except for finding willing participants to be hosts. Early commitment is helpful in planning the Tour so please don't let this past stressful winter hinder your decision to participate. Perfection or competition is not the goal, but rather the opportunity to enjoy a day's outing with Avery Ranch neighbors and enjoy seeing the miracle of spring when Mother Nature regenerates our gardens into



Example of a front yard xeriscape that would comply with Avery Ranch HOA xeriphytic guidelines.

places of beauty. This is a fun day for both garden hosts and visitors. Here is a wonderful opportunity to talk with your neighbors who have made positive efforts to promote water-

wise landscaping and find out what they did and learn. According to our property manager, nearly 300 applications have been approved to date for xeriscaping, so if you have completed a water wise landscaping or even if it is in progress, share that with us. Your garden may be the inspiration that encourages others to transform their yards to be more environmentally friendly. Avery Ranch has an established a broad reputation for being a leader in promoting and

implementing xeriscapes, aka water-wise landscapes.

To add to this theme, "Associa Green", a program by Associa, our property management company, to help make our community members live a greener life that's good for both us and the earth will be on hand. We may have a visit by Daisy, the ladybug who should delight the children. Also participating will be the Travis County Master Gardeners who will have a gardening help booth to answer your questions and provide sound advice for water saving gardening. This has been very popular in past years. They will have copies of the newly revised and expanded City of Austin "Grow Green" book, a must have resource for every homeowner, as well as other helpful handouts.

David Foster, TX Executive Director for the Clean Water Fund will also be on hand to talk and present data about the water crisis we are facing and how conservation through waterwise landscaping can have a positive impact. Austin may be headed for Stage 3 water restrictions due to continuing drought. The need to conserve our landscaping water use has never been more important!

As of this writing on March 12th, we only have three gardens committed to the Tour. We need a minimum of 6 and can take up to 10 maximum. Please consider, if possible, being a host on the Tour this year. Contact Bob Beyer, txbeyer@austin.rr.com, or phone 512-238-6732 for further information or to ask any questions you may have about the Tour. More details will be made available in the May Home on the Ranch.

For all Avery Ranch residents, please mark Saturday, May 17th on your calendar for taking the Tour. It is free for all residents and their guests. There will be door prizes, a guide map, plus bottled water to take with you as you tour the gardens. For those participating or helping with the Tour, there are other perks to be enjoyed as well.

Check our the Avery Ranch Garden Tour web page at www. centraltexasgardening.info/artour.html for previews of yards to be on the tour and other helpful information. SEE YOU ON THE TOUR!

2014 AVERY RANCH COMMITTE 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 MAC Morningside

> Movie in the Park 05/03/2014 • 7:30 pm MAC Morningside

Avery Ranch Garden Tour 05/17/2014 • 10:00 am -3:00 pm MAC Morningside

Luau 06/21/2014 • 6:30 pm –9:30 pm Granite Shoals Pool

Independency Day Celebration 07/03/2014 • 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm MAC Morningside

New Resident Meet and Greet 08/2014 • 10:00 am - 12:00 pm MAC Morningside

Neighborhood Fall Garage Sale 09/20/2014 • 7:00 am – 1:00 pm Avery Ranch Community

New Resident Meet and Greet 11/2014 • 10:00 am – 12:00 pm MAC Morningside

Harvest Hayride 10/25/2014 • 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm MAC Morningside

> Bazaar-Bazaar 11/08/2014 • TBD MAC Morningside

Holiday Sleigh Ride 12/13/2014 • 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm MAC Morningside



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!

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2014 SEASON IMPORTANT DATES

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

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

Monday, June 2nd 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)

MEET YOUR 2014 AVERY RANCH REDFISH COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP TEAM!



Front Row (L to R): Assistant Coach Alli Hettrich and Head Coach Erin Murphy Middle Row (L to R): Spirit Committee Chairperson Jenna Martin, photo of New Team Mentor Chairperson Jeff Ahmann, Vice President Tracy Beeman, Spirit Committee Member Tracie Brewer, Spirit Committee Member Jessica Pelache, Secretary Katie Eaton Back Row (L to R) Co-Meet Director Lori Reuter, Co-Meet Director Manuel Ruiz, Treasurer David Grossman, Organizational Liaison Daryl Tripp, Concessions Chairperson Dan Hettrich, President Traci Whitney



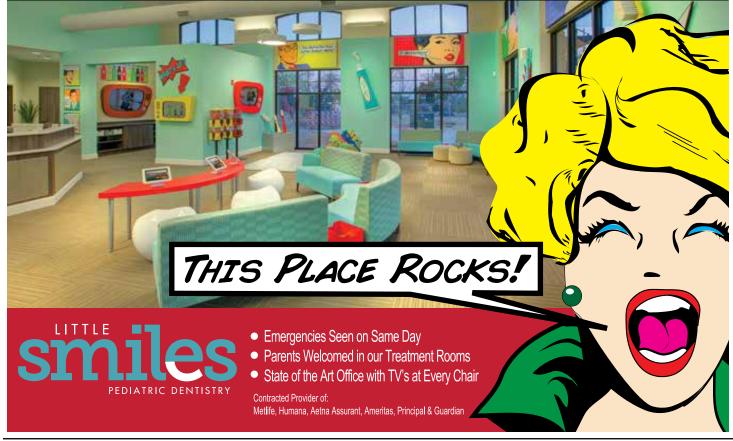
Some of the Reckless aBandon Crew (from Bandon Drive in Brookside)

Parents this is your chance to brag on your kiddos. We want pictures of your kids doing everyday things, school events, plays, sports, etc. Send in your pictures to be featured in the Home on the Ranch. E-mail your pictures to ARNEWS@AveryRanchHOA.com by the 8th of the month.

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Together, we save forests.

by Niyanta Spelman

Together, we are saving forests from Austin, Texas. This Earth Day, we want to share with you how we are doing this right here in Austin.

Rainforest Partnership, an Austin-based international nonprofit organization, has expanded the environmental passion of this city to a globally focused, locally relevant issue just as our city started its transition to its current global significance and attention.

Founded in December 2007, Rainforest Partnership (RP) was formed with the idea that the way to protect the "lungs" of the planet is to help the people who live in those "lungs" make a living that allows them to protect their forests. Forest communities know that sometimes the easiest option to earn an income is to cut down their trees. By selling the timber, planting a cash crop, or having cattle, they can eke out an income to pay for health care or education for their children. But, more than anyone else, the people who live in the forests know the damage this does. They know it takes generations for a forest to come back after it's cut down. They know that destroying the forest will destroy their way of life. They're looking for an alternative.

That's where Rainforest Partnership comes in. Using a bottom-up approach, we work with local communities to find their needs and desires and adapt it to their culture, knowledge, and skills. These are then matched to the business opportunities created by each individual rainforest to create a sustainable, workable alternative to slash and burn. It all begins when a community asks for our help.

Although they seem far away, tropical rainforests are an important part of our lives and our community. What was once over 12 percent of the landmass of our planet in just a hundred years is now less than 5 percent. These forests play a crucial role in storing carbon, regulating water cycles and temperature, and providing biodiversity. We all directly benefit from the many rainforest plants used in modern medicines and for food. Currently deforestation—the cutting and burning of forests—is responsible for more than 17% of carbon dioxide emissions worldwide. What happens to these forests affects us all everywhere.

Besides directly partnering and working with indigenous rainforest communities, we partner with local governments, local nonprofit organizations, and businesses. Our work is based on a replicable model that is collaborative and results-driven, and facilitated by these partnerships – international, U.S., and Austin-based. From brooms made from sustainably and legally sourced palm fibers from the rainforest, to artisan products made from forest plants, to an ecolodge for birdwatchers eager to catch a glimpse of the elusive Andean Cock-of-the-rock – we have helped our partner communities create sustainable livelihoods, while saving their forests and their way of life.

We are very proud of all our partner communities, but we are especially inspired by the women of Sani Isla, Ecuador. When we first met them in 2009, they were too shy to speak or even meet anyone's eyes. In Summer of 2010, during their first workshop as part of our project working with them, they barely spoke. That is, until they did. When they started talking, they told us why they had been silent all morning: Nobody had ever asked them what they thought, what their vision was. But they had a vision: To recover the lost arts of making artisan products like jewelry and bags and baskets from seeds, vines and fibers from forest plants. We helped them set up relationship with nearby ecolodges to sell their goods to visiting guests in their Amazon community, and established connections with hotels in Quito for selling their goods. The older women began training the younger women. We helped them work out a plan for sustainably harvesting the raw materials they would need. They used them to create goods of startling beauty. And the goods sold, beyond anyone's expectations.

In four years, the women of Sani Isla went from never having made an income to making a steady and growing income. And today the same women who were too shy to talk to any outsiders have become the strongest voices in their communities against the oil drilling that threatens to destroy their forest. For the first time, these women are at the forefront of protecting their forests – and their future.

Today, communities all over Ecuador and Peru are rejecting the old model of forest destruction. They're asking for Rainforest Partnership's help in coming up with a new way, and we want to help because it's always a joint effort. Not one community has asked for a handout.

Rainforest Partnership's projects represent the real-life execution of its working model. By working with forest communities to help them bring their skills, traditions, and values to the marketplace, we have begun to overcome the most powerful driving forces of deforestation. Go to www. RainforestPartnership.org to learn more.

This Earth Day, learn more about how you can change a habit and save a forest. Tell your kids about what we do. Every child learns about rainforest ecosystem. Together, we save forests... from Austin, Texas. And, so can you.



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8 Year Old Austin Boy Goes to National Contest

by Connie Ripley

Eight-year-old Austin boy will represent Texas photography in the National contest. Max Whitney, second grader diagnosed with autism, was awarded the Overall Award of Excellence in Photography for Special Artists by the Texas Parent Teacher Association on Saturday. He will represent all Texas Special artists in photography in grades K through 12 in the National PTA Reflections Program.

Max's photograph, titled Lizard InspEyer, was selected from thousands of entries submitted to the 2013-2014 theme: Believe, Dream, Inspire. Each year the contests begin in each grade on school campuses across the state. The school campus winners go to their school district contests. This year 1005 entries in 6 categories (photography, dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, and visual arts) advanced to Texas PTA. Only 30 of these were awarded Overall Award of Excellence and will advance to the National contest. Max, son of Traci and Cameron Whitney, is the only Austin Area winner in all 6 categories in the entire Reflections Program. Over 400 outstanding student entries are recognized with Honorable Mention, Award of Merit, Award of Excellence, and the Overall Award of Excellence winners. One hundred will be



"Lizard InspEyer" by Max Whitney

on display for public viewing at the Texas Education Agency, the Legislative Budget Board, and the Texas Commission on the Arts March 10 through April 30, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

This year's theme, Believe, Dream, Inspire, was submitted from an elementary school student in East Rockway, New York. Next year's theme, The world would be a better place if..." was submitted by a student from Puyallup, Washington. Each year a new theme is selected in the National PTA Reflections Theme Search Contest.



Mardi Gras Party Goers Had Great Evening



by Lana Beyer, Event Co-Chair There were a little over 80 residents who turned out for our annual celebration of Mardi Gras. Because of the increase in the number of attendees over the last two years, It was necessary to hold the event in the larger reception hall at the Avery Ranch Golf Club. We were greatly assisted in the planning by former resident Jean Mayo. Jason Lynum was again our disc jockey complete with a photo booth that was a great deal of fun. We added a Mardi Gras mask contest with the winners being Ben and Sue Heitner for the best couple, and Aida Perez and Connie Imler winning the best individual masks. If you didn't make it this year, be sure to make your reservations to join in next years celebration.







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