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AVERY RANCH GARDEN TOUR COME BE INSPIRED!

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You will get to talk with and witness what others have done, get creative ideas and their advice as to what works and what doesn't, meet great neighbors on the Tour that share this interest, and have a great day enjoying the natural beauty of nature exhibited in our gardens.

Each visitor begins at the welcome booth near the picnic benches at the MAC, receives a map of yards on the tour – you choose the order in which to visit, get a bottle of water to take with you – please recycle it afterwards, gets a chance to win a

door prize related to the Garden Tour theme, visit three booths for helpful advice (Travis County Master Gardeners, Clean Water Fund, and Associa Green), meet Daisy, the Ladybug, receive helpful written information and publications,, and just enjoy a pleasant day visiting with your neighbors. This is a social event and not a competition, so anyone willing to exhibit their garden is welcomed on the Tour.

As of this writing on April 12th, we only have 4 committed yards for the Tour but I am confident we will have our target of a minimum of 6 by Tour day. If you want to be on the Tour, it's not too late but contact me as soon as possible. Otherwise, do mark Saturday, May 17th, 10 AM to take some time off from your busy routines and enjoy the Garden Tour, sponsored by your Avery Ranch Social Committee. The Tour is free to all Avery Ranch residents and guests, Check out the Garden Tour webpage at www.centraltexasgardening.info/artour.html for more information or contact me at 512-238-6732, txbeyer@austin.rr.com regarding the Tour.

SEE YOU ON THE TOUR!

**BOB BEYER, AVERY RANCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE
GARDEN TOUR COORDINATOR**



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AVERY RANCH HOA WEBSITE

Visit the Avery Ranch HOA website at AveryRanchHOA.com

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

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Music In The Park and Food Trailer Night!

Friday, May 16th from 5 p.m to 8 p.m.

Come out and join us for live music, plus grab a bite for dinner at the MAC Amphitheater Park. It's a great way to kick off your weekend and we are excited to bring back this fun family event to our neighborhood, courtesy of Close2MyHome. We will have six (6) food trailers offering a variety of foods including dessert! Make sure to bring your folding chairs or blankets to spread out on the berm under the oak tree.

More details about the band & food trucks will be posted on the Avery Ranch Owners Association website, Facebook page & group.



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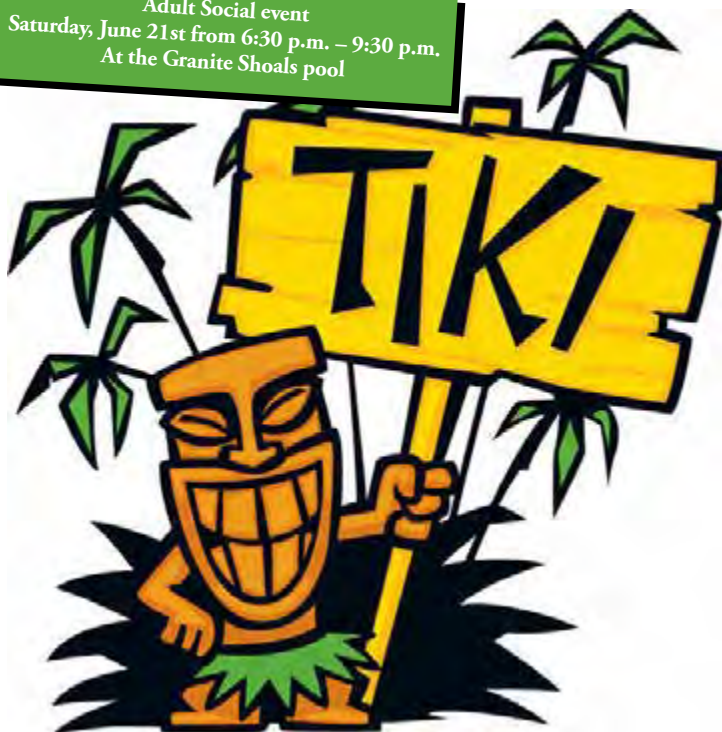
The luau fun will be here soon so save the date and start looking for your Hawaiian shirts, dresses and grass skirts. There will be great food and dancing along with a Karaoke contest with prizes. Music will be provided by Livewire Music Express. RSVP's are required and space will be limited so RSVP early. This event will be BYOB and since NO GLASS is ALLOWED at the pool area there will be a bartender on hand to keep any glass bottles you bring and refresh/mix your drinks in plastic cups. Set-ups (soda, juice and ice) will be provided. The Granite Shoals pool area will be used exclusively for this event, so the pool will be CLOSED for other resident activities during this period.

This is an adult only event. Look for updates on the HOA website, Facebook page and the June issue of Home on the Ranch.

To RSVP please respond to luau@averyranchhoa.com

Please contact event Chair Rita Rear at rdrear@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer to help with this fun event. Mahalo!

Adult Social event
Saturday, June 21st from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
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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

Music in the Park with Food Trailers
05/16/2014 • 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
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Harvest Hayride
10/25/2014 • 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
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Bazaar-Bazaar
11/08/2014 • TBD
MAC Morningside

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

HOA Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, May 12th

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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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) and Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union. They continue to make our neighborhood activities possible!

YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR VOICE

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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

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Saturday, June 28

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

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Avery Ranch Morningside MAC Pool YMCA SWIM LESSONS

Member Registration begins April 26th /Community Registration begins May 3rd

This location is for Avery Ranch HOA residents only

Proof of residency is required

<u>Session 1</u>	<u>Session 2</u>	<u>Session 3</u>	<u>Session 4</u>	<u>Session 5</u>
<u>June 9th-June 19th</u> (2 weeks M-TH)	<u>June 23rd-July 3rd</u> (2 weeks M-TH)	<u>July 7th-July 18th</u> (2 weeks M-TH)	<u>July 21st-July 31st</u> (2 weeks M-TH)	<u>Aug 4th-Aug 14th</u> (2 weeks M-TH)
<u>10:15am-10:45am</u> Pike A (ages 3-5) Pike B (ages 3-5) <u>11am-11:30am</u> Eel (age 4-5) Polliwog (ages 6-10) <u>11:45am-12:15pm</u> Polliwog (age 6-10) Ray (age 4-5)	<u>10:15am-10:45am</u> Pike A (ages 3-5) Ray (age 4-5) <u>11am-11:30am</u> Pike B (age 3-5) Eel (age 4-5) <u>11:45am-12:15pm</u> Polliwog (age 6-10) Guppy (age 6-10)	<u>10:15am-10:45am</u> Pike A (ages 3-5) Ray (age 4-5) <u>11am-11:30am</u> Eel (age 4-5) Ray (ages 4-5) <u>11:45am-12:15pm</u> Polliwog (age 6-10) Guppy (age 6-10)	<u>10:15am-10:45am</u> Pike A (ages 3-5) Pike B (ages 3-5) <u>11am-11:30am</u> Pike B (age 3-5) Eel (age 4-5) <u>11:45am-12:15pm</u> Polliwog (age 6-10) Guppy (age 6-10)	<u>10:15am-10:45am</u> Pike B (ages 3-5) Ray (age 4-5) <u>11am-11:30am</u> Pike A (age 3-5) Eel (age 4-5) <u>11:45am-12:15pm</u> Minnow (ages 7-13) Fish (ages 7-13)
<u>June 10th-July 3rd</u> (4 weeks Tues/Thurs)		<u>July 8th-July 31st</u> (4 weeks Tues/Thurs)	<u>Program Fees</u> YMCA Member \$50 Non YMCA Member \$60 Limited Space Available *See swim lesson level details before registration. Call the Twin Lakes Family YMCA with questions 512-250-9622	
<u>4:30pm-5pm</u> Pike A (ages 3-5) Pike B (ages 3-5) <u>5:15pm-5:45pm</u> Polliwog (ages 6-10) Guppy (ages 6-10) <u>6pm-6:30pm</u> Minnow (ages 7-13) Fish (ages 7-13)		<u>4:30pm-5pm</u> Pike A (ages 3-5) Pike B (ages 3-5) <u>5:15pm-5:45pm</u> Ray (age 4-5) Guppy (ages 6-10) <u>6pm-6:30pm</u> Minnow (ages 7-13) Fish (ages 7-13)		

For more information on class Descriptions and choosing a level for your child, please refer to the Swim Lesson Class Descriptions.

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PARENT/ GUARDIAN NAME _____ CELL PHONE (____) _____

PERMISSION FOR TRANSPORTAION: 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.

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

Parent Signature _____

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2014 Avery Ranch Easter Egg Hunt

Submitted by Bala Goenka and Praveena Desu, event co-chairs

What's pink, yellow, purple and involves a fuzzy little friend? The Avery Ranch Easter Egg Hunt! The Avery Ranch Social Committee hosted their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12th in the Main Park between the basketball court and the children's playground. The event featured great music, several egg hunts, toy train rides, plenty of refreshments, and a special visit from the Easter Bunny!

There were two Egg Hunts, one at 10:15 a.m. and another at 11:15 a.m. with over 400 children participating. This year the egg hunt was divided into three age groups: 1-3, 4-6 and 7-10 year olds. Each child participant exchanged their collected eggs for a gift bag which included small toys. Children who found golden eggs were also given a small stuffed animal.

This year's event also featured a small train ride. The free train ride shuttled children around the park and playground. The Easter Bunny also made an appearance, greeting and taking pictures with children and families. A special thanks to Miranda for dressing up on a hot Austin afternoon!

Refreshments included oranges, cookies, and ice water that were served throughout the event. In an effort to make Avery Ranch more 'green-friendly', the Social Committee used paper cups and napkins made from recycled materials.

A great big thank you to the Boy Scouts and the Cub Scouts for their service and to all the Avery Ranch Volunteers for making our community egg hunt possible. Most of all, thank you to all those who participated and made this event a great success!



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GET READY FOR SUMMER WITH A NEW AUSTIN WATER REBATE

Protect your landscape and your wallet with Austin Water's Drought Survival Tools Rebate. This rebate is available to residential Austin Water customers and customers of qualifying water providers.

SO HOW DOES THE REBATE WORK?

First, purchase the minimum amount of compost, mulch, and/or core aeration services for your landscape.

Compost: 1.5 cubic yards or 40 cubic feet

Mulch: 3 cubic yards or 80 cubic feet

Aeration: Core aeration services for your entire front and/or back lawn area.

(Equipment rental is acceptable.)

Second, install the drought survival tool(s) on your landscape.

Third, fill out the Drought Survival Tools Rebate application found at www.waterwiseaustin.org and submit this along with receipts/invoices and photos of your completed work. A rebate check will be mailed to the mailing address within 4-6 weeks.

HOW MUCH IS THE REBATE?

You can choose to do any combination of the three; if you choose to do all three, you'll get a \$60 bonus!

Compost: \$30

Mulch: \$40

Lawn aeration: \$50

Complete all three and get a total of \$180!

WHY ARE THESE THINGS GOOD FOR MY LANDSCAPE?

Compost is great to work into the soil before planting or even around existing plants. But one of the best and often overlooked uses of compost involves your lawn. Compost is an organic material that hangs onto moisture and acts as a slow release fertilizer. Spread ¼" to ½" of compost over your lawn sometime this spring and you'll increase soil health and make the most of water on your landscape while avoiding toxic fertilizers. A simple equation to estimate how many cubic yards of compost (or mulch) you'll need is located below. Or you can turn cubic yards into cubic feet by dividing the cubic yards by 27.

$$\frac{(\text{Length} \times \text{Width} \times \text{Depth of Compost})}{1324} = \# \text{ of cubic yards needed}$$

Spreading mulch around trees and in bedded areas helps to retain moisture and keeps the soil insulated from the intense Texas heat. The above equation can help you estimate the amount of mulch you'll need and remember to mulch properly; see www.growgreen.org for tips.

Aeration (specifically core aeration) removes plugs of soil to allow oxygen, water, and nutrients to make their way into the ground and create a better growing environment for your grass. Don't use "spike" aerators which can actually cause more compaction.

Take a proactive approach with your landscape this spring and you won't find yourself using water as a Band-Aid later this summer! For program rules and more information, go to www.waterwiseaustin.org or call Austin Water's conservation division at 512-974-2199.





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Keeping Babies Safe: Austin Leaders Work Together for Families in Need

Cleaning out your children's closets can do some good this Mother's Day. With the goal to collect diapers, baby clothes and micro donations, Austin's Largest Baby Shower is an eleven day city wide event benefiting three outstanding community organizations: Austin LifeCare Center, Any Baby Can and St. David's Neonatal ICU. All three provide diapers and supplies to families in need.

Why a Baby Shower?

Although Austin landed on Forbes' 20 fastest growing cities and is a great place to live, Austin also ranked #2 in the US with the highest rate of growing poverty in the suburbs. With the rising demand from middle class working families needing assistance, community organizations such as Any Baby Can, a nonprofit dedicated to improving the lives of children and strengthening families, combat the impact of Austin's rising cost of living. Many of these working class families are finding providing for their family or getting ready for baby is much more expensive than they first planned. As a result

community groups offering emergency assistance for daily essentials are over taxed and limiting their programs.

"No one group can meet the demand on their own. Austin's Largest Baby Shower provides community organizations aid to continue with their much needed programs," said Doreen Sims, founder of Austin's Largest Baby Shower. "It is heart breaking when I hear that the rising demographic of Austin's homeless are women and children. At no fault of their own, they are finding themselves priced out of a housing market due to divorce, loss of income or unexpected medical expenses."

Awarding Austin's Top Communities Organizations

This eleven day fundraiser starts with a great kickoff event. On May 7th at the Balcones Country Club the LifeLine Awards

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Luncheon and Fundraiser will honor Austin LifeCare Center, Any Baby Can and St. David's Neonatal ICU.

"It's amazing what these organizations do. They provide free parenting classes, clothing, baby supplies and emergency assistance to those in need," Sims stated. "Because of their dedication and commitment to be a lifeline to families in need, Texas State Rep Dawnna Dukes and former Anchor of KEYE, Ron Oliveira agreed to lend their voices to address this issue at the award luncheon."

Several Austin companies have joined the event as well. BabyEarth, RBFCU, Balcones Country Club and more are providing their stores as drop off locations for the supply drive. To learn how you can get involved and donate

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