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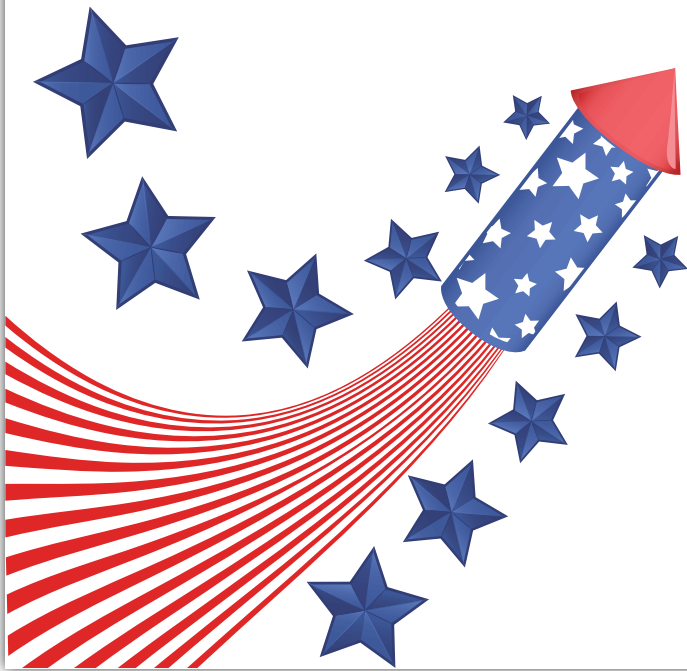
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## AVERY RANCH ANNUAL **Independence Day** CELEBRATION

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Come out to the MAC and celebrate our nation's birthday with your family, neighbors and friends! Volunteers are needed for this event. If you would like to have fun while getting involved with your community, please send an email to [ARSC@averyranchhoa.com](mailto:ARSC@averyranchhoa.com) to volunteer.



Announcing....

## **The Avery Ranch July 4th Bike Parade**

Get out those streamers, pinwheels, and flags. Bring your decorated bikes, wagons, strollers, scooters or walking shoes and join us for the  
**Avery Ranch Bike Parade!**

**Beginning at 10am on July 4th**, the parade will leave from the front of Rutledge Elementary in Granite Shoals, make the block around the school, and end at the starting point. The parade route is approximately 1/2 mile.

You won't want to miss this festive event with your family and neighbors!

### **Spectators Welcome!**

Bring your flags and lawn chairs, and line the sidewalk on the parade route. The paraders would love the cheers!



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## 2014 AVERY RANCH UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks**

July 3rd, 4-8 p.m. | MAC Pool

### **July 4th Bike Parade**

10 a.m. | Starting area is in front of Rutledge Elementary School  
in Granite Shoals

### **Social Committee Monthly Meeting**

July 10th, 7-9 p.m. | MAC Indoor Room

### **Social Committee Monthly Meeting**

August 7th, 7-9 p.m. | MAC Indoor Room

### **AR BOD Monthly Meeting**

August 11th, 7 p.m.. (promptly) | MAC Indoor Room

### **New Resident Meet and Greet**

Aug. (date T.B.D.) 10 a.m.-12 noon | MAC Indoor Room

### **Social Committee Monthly Meeting**

September 4th, 7-9 p.m. | MAC Indoor Room

### **AR BOD Monthly Meeting**

September 8th, 7 p.m. (promptly) | MAC Indoor Room

### **Community Wide Garage Sale**

September 20th, 7A - 1P

(advertised time, rain date following weekend)

### **New Resident Meet and Greet**

Nov. (date T.B.D.) 10 a.m.-12 noon | MAC Indoor Room

### **Social Committee Monthly Meeting**

October 2nd, 7 - 9 p.m. | MAC Indoor Room

### **AR BOD Monthly Meeting**

October 13th, 7 p.m. (promptly) | MAC Indoor Room

### **Harvest Hayride**

October 25th, 4 - 6 p.m. | MAC parking lot (near tennis courts)

### **Social Committee Monthly Meeting**

November 6th, 7 - 9 p.m. | MAC Indoor Room

### **Bazaar-Bazaar**

November 8th | Date & Time T.B.D.

### **AR BOD Monthly Meeting**

November 10th, 7p.m. (promptly) | MAC Indoor Room

### **Social Committee Monthly Meeting**

December 4th, 7 - 9 p.m. | MAC Indoor Room

### **AR BOD Monthly Meeting**

December 8th, 7 p.m. (promptly) | MAC Indoor Room

### **Holiday Sleigh Ride**

December 13th, 6 - 8 p.m.

## CALL FOR CANDIDATES

### AROA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Having a successful and effective HOA Board of Directors (BOD) is crucial to the well-being of a large association. Board members need to understand the strengths and weakness of the community, its history, and what goals are to be accomplished. Additionally, the Board is charged with making sure assets are maintained and fiduciary responsibilities are met. Roles of the Board of Directors include: enforcing MDCCR's, establishing sound fiscal policies, creating a workable budget, attending and contributing to monthly meetings, and effectively communicating with the association at large. Being a member of the Avery Ranch Owner's Association Board of Directors can be a rewarding volunteer position as you are taking an active role in shaping our community to be the best it can be. The 2014 Avery Ranch Nominating Committee is accepting candidate considerations to develop a slate for the Board of Directors at this year's Annual Meeting in September. This year there are three seats up for election (Seats 5, 6, & 7), each for a three year term. If you are interested in running for a position on the Board of Directors, please send an email to [arnominee@averyranchhoa.com](mailto:arnominee@averyranchhoa.com) requesting a questionnaire be sent to you. Please note that all questionnaires for potential candidates must be returned to the Nominating Committee by July 31, 2014. Additional names may be proposed from the floor at the annual meeting or written in on the mail-in ballot.

If you have any further questions regarding the nominations process or the elections themselves, please email [arnominee@averyranchhoa.com](mailto:arnominee@averyranchhoa.com), or visit us online at either the Avery Ranch Website ([averyranchhoa.com](http://averyranchhoa.com)) or the Avery Ranch Owners Association Group on Facebook.

## FROM AN AVERY RANCH RESIDENT

In Mar. 2010, Williamson Central Appraisal District changed class of 12 house built in Morningside of Avery Ranch erroneously and randomly and WCAD didn't correct 11 houses out of the 12 by their carelessness and oversight. Due to the wrong class, the 11 houses have been overcharged and overpaid for property tax during 2010-2013 because the wrong class caused higher appraisal than it was supposed to be. The 11 houses are victims of WCAD's oversight and negligence. Class of 9 houses had been wrong until I opened an inquiry about it. My house is one of the 9 houses and it caused \$25,000 higher appraisal each year from 2010-2013 resulting in about \$2,550 overpaid property tax for the 4 years. However, WCAD doesn't refund overpaid property tax for the 4 years. I like to share this with Williamson County residents and provide more details. I want to alert Williamson County residents to check their class and appraisal value of last 5 years to make sure WCAD didn't change the class by mistake.

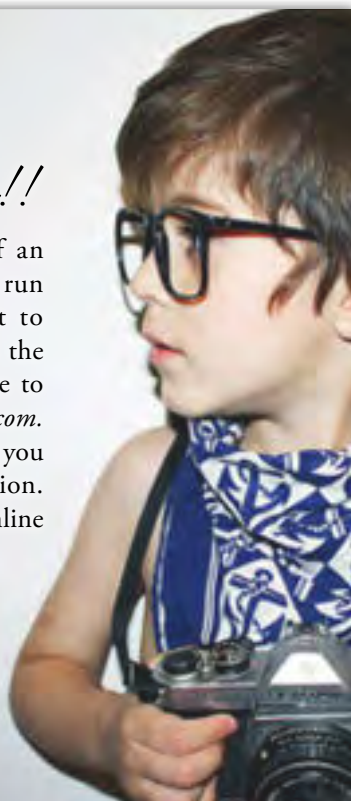
*Regards, Minchong Kim*

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### *Event Pictures!!*

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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!

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Dr. Jones attended Louisiana State University to obtain her undergraduate degree and Doctor of Dental Surgery degree before moving to San Antonio to complete her pediatric training at the University of Texas Health Science Center. She strives to provide a fun and comfortable experience for each child. She also values her duty as an educator for children and their families regarding oral health.



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The Avery Ranch Redfish extend their heartfelt gratitude and support of their 2014 Gold Sponsors: Austin Orthodontics, Big Blancken Insurance Group and Capitol KIA. We couldn't do it without these generous supporters!



## DO IT WELL. MAKE IT FUN.

These 6 words have been the guiding beacon for my tenure with the Avery Ranch Redfish Swim Team over the past 2 seasons. Well -- that and "Keep It Classy!" As I step down to assume a lesser role in the Avery Ranch Redfish Swim Team next year, my primary hope is that all future leaders of this amazing organization embrace these philosophies!

This season, the Avery Ranch Redfish had the honor of working with 131 children from 90 Avery Ranch families, making our team growth a whopping 56% in a single year. Big props to our Herculean leadership committee, near-flawlessly navigating this epic surge: Tracy Beeman, Vice Chair; David Grossman, Treasurer; Katie Eaton, Secretary; Co-Meet Directors Lori Reuter and Manuel Ruiz and Organizational Liaison Daryl Tripp. Our team of Committee Chairs also deserve grateful recognition including Concessions Chair Dan Hettrich, New Family Mentor Jeff Ahmann and our Spirit and Merchandise Committee including Jenna Martin, Tracie Brewer and Jessica Pelache.

My enormous thanks to all of the generous businesses that have supported the Avery Ranch Redfish this season! Incredible Avery Ranch business owners like Dr. Seth Briggs of Austin Orthodontics and Cory Brewer of Capitol Kia, along with Big Blancken Insurance Group served as our Gold Sponsors! Please be a patron to these amazing groups and thank them for their support of your community swim team.

Our Bronze sponsors this season included Always on My Mind, Arbor Eye Care, Associa, Brooklyn Heights, Camp Gladiator, Cover 2, DR Horton, Kate Eaton Photography, KUMON, Monster Bats, Orange Leaf, PhoNatic Vietnamese Cuisine, Randalls, Signtronix, Transform Your Life Nutrition and Fitness Coaching and Urgent & Family Care at Avery Ranch. Give them a shout out next time you are doing business with them as well!

Watch our website ([www.averyranchredfish.com](http://www.averyranchredfish.com)), like our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/AveryRanchRedfish>) and keep a sharp eye on the Avery Ranch community kiosks and newsletter for updates on how your family can join in the Redfish fun in 2015. You won't regret it!

It's been a fabulous, fun and exciting 2 years «just keeping swimming» alongside all of you. Signing off poolside until next season...

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*Traci Whitney*

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*By: Concentra Urgent Care*

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- Take an active vacation: It's tempting every day to think of your vacation as a time to sit and relax. But isn't that what your body does everyday? Instead, you can plan a trip that includes hiking, biking, skiing, and other activities that the whole family can do together.
- Visit a local park: It doesn't have to take a whole day, but you could spend a few hours playing at a park. Take a ball (football or soccer), a Frisbee, or a hacky sack, and play. You can invite some friends to join you, too. And remember: It's not just about the kids moving around – it's your time, too!
- Hold a block party: Call your neighbors, and block off the closest cul-de-sac for a get together that includes fun and active games. From freeze tag and relay races to hide-and-seek and kickball, there are hundreds of activities to choose from that are fun for everyone.
- Go for a hike: Find a local area where you and your family can go and hike for a few miles. Spend time outdoors, and enjoy what nature has to offer while you all get fit!

For more ideas about fun activities, visit the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance's Web site at: [www.aahperd.com](http://www.aahperd.com).

The Goal: Be instrumental in encouraging children to develop the good habit of moving through space, nurturing their physical power, and getting fit.

For more information about healthy activities, contact your health care provider or your Concentra health specialist. For more information on the importance of fitness for children, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Web site at: <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/physicalactivity/>

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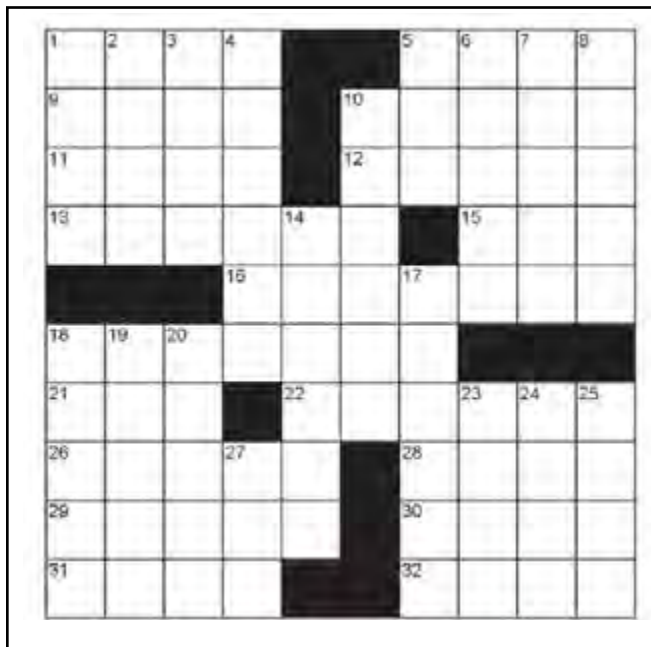
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10. Confuse
11. Cain killed him
12. To that time
13. Fraud
15. Compass point
16. Taught
18. Hides
21. Brew
22. Large meals
26. Sheer, triangular scarf
28. Midwestern state
29. Electronic mail
30. First letter of the Arabic alphabet
31. September (abbr.)
32. Polish

### DOWN

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2. Earring need
3. Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
4. Efface
5. Egg layer
6. Many times
7. Capital of Idaho
8. Eyed
10. Combustible material
14. Angry
17. Old Testament prophet
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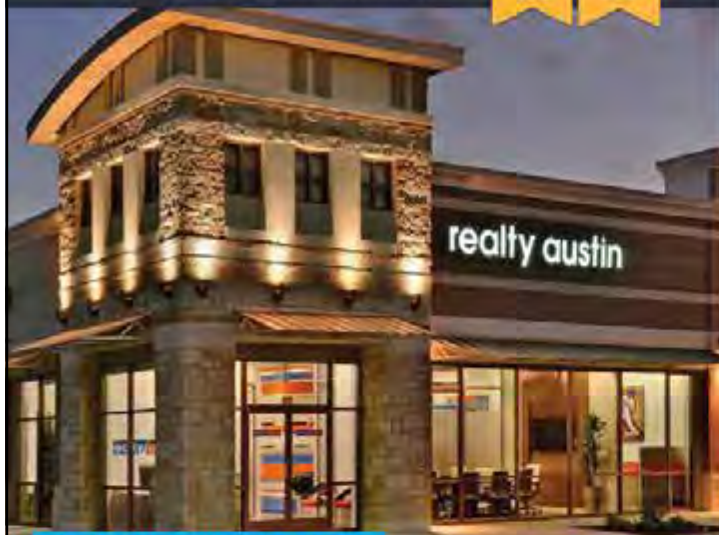
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