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## CALL FOR CANDIDATES

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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.

## Candidate Statement

### PHILLIP V. REAR

Hello Neighbors, I am very excited to run for a position on the Avery Ranch Home Owners Association Board of Directors. My wife and I reside in the Morningside subdivision. We have lived here for 4 plus years. You may have seen us biking or walking our dog around the community. My wife is actively involved with the Social Committee for Avery Ranch and is the Social Committee Chair person. I have enjoyed helping her out at various Avery Ranch Social functions.

Professionally, I am a results-oriented manager with over 25 years of progressive levels of responsibility and achievement. My current position is a Plant Manager for a National Food Company. My key strengths are problem solving, budgeting, planning, organizing, along with cost control & improvement and meeting customer expectations. I am seeking a position on the Board and want to become more actively involved in helping the Avery Ranch community. Working in an all-volunteer organization is an area of great interest. My background and skillsets are transferable to the positions. Avery Ranch has a lot to offer residents. I am asking for your support and in return I will give my commitment to working for the best interest of Avery Ranch.

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## 2014 AVERY RANCH UPCOMING EVENTS

### **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.9th, 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, 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

(advertised time, rain date following weekend)

### **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 | Time T.B.D.

### **AR BOD Monthly Meeting**

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

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

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



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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September 20th from 7:00 am – 1:00 pm

It's almost unused treasures to cash time. Clean out the garage, closets and under those beds, the Avery Ranch Semi-Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale is set for September 20th on Saturday from 7:00 am until 1:00 pm.

The Social Committee does all the promoting by placing ads in the Austin American Statesman, on Craig's List and other on-line venues. They will also post Garage Sale Announcement banners at the four corners of Avery Ranch Blvd & Parmer Lane to get shoppers into the neighborhood. All you have to do is set up shop on your driveway.

There will be a Goodwill truck parked at the MAC pool parking lot in Morningside to collect items that did not sell in your garage sale and you wish to donate. The Goodwill truck will be at the parking lot from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm. See the donation guidelines below for acceptable and unacceptable items.

Stranger Danger Alert: If you plan on participating, either keep your garage door closed or keep out-of-sight items of value that you are not selling. Unscrupulous individuals use opportunities like our neighborhood sale to window shop for "five-finger specials" later.

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(purses, ties, belts, scarves, etc.)

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Collectable Items

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(dishes, knick-knacks, housewares, etc.)

Linens

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### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Large Household Items

(Stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers,  
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## 2014 Holiday Bazaar-Bazaar

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The Avery Ranch Social Committee is planning a fun-filled day that will include food truck vendors, merchandise, crafters, non-profits, business information booths and MORE. If you are a vendor looking for a great opportunity to promote your product or service, please register for your own 10 x 10 booth space for our Holiday Bazaar – Bazaar! Please visit [www.averyranchbazaar.com](http://www.averyranchbazaar.com) and complete both the application and payment process in order to reserve your space! These spaces will sell out quick, so please get registered today. We are also looking for volunteers that can help us with the planning and hosting of this event. If you are an experienced event organizer or simply enjoy planning and organizing large events/parties, recruiting people or just like helping our in your community, we need you! We need residence who can help with: Marketing of the event both online and offline, entertainment chairs (help find bands, dancers, etc.), locate and book food truck vendors and all kinds of volunteers. Please email [bazaar@averyranchHOA.com](mailto:bazaar@averyranchHOA.com) if you are interested or have any questions about the event!

*W. Cavin Weber  
Bazaar Event Chair*

## FROM AN AVERY RANCH RESIDENT **TREE STAKES**

Having strong and healthy trees on your property is an enriching addition to your lawn, your home's appearance, and your home's market value. Often, they are overlooked as a kind of "self-tending" piece of your landscape due to their relative ease of care. Most residents in Avery Ranch have two trees in their front yard, as part of the community guidelines. When these trees are first planted, they are staked down to allow the roots an opportunity to take hold in their new home. Tree stakes should be removed after one growing season to allow the tree to sway with the wind, and to not restrict the flow of nutrients and moisture up and down the length of the trunk; without which your trees can experience a greatly slowed growth. If your trees have been planted for over a year, removing your tree stakes will give them a chance to jumpstart their next growth cycle. In addition to removing the stakes, a good fertilizer will also make the best use of an annual growth. A \$10, four pound bag will last about three years when used as directed on 2-3 trees. Your local gardening center will have a wide selection of options. Pairing the fertilizer with an occasional 3-5 minute soaking from a water hose around the base of the tree will make a tremendous difference year over year. After your tree has been planted 4-5 years, it will likely be time for a pruning. There are some great resources that after a quick internet search will have you ready to go trim the bottom of your tree's canopy. This is important to not only allow in more light to your lawn, but also to promote more of your tree's growth effort where it is truly needed. While trees may require very little maintenance each year, a little attention can pay off in large dividends; yielding faster growth, more shade in the Summer, and a more attractive community for all to enjoy.

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*Some ideas for managing aphids are as follows:*

- Encourage natural enemies such as ladybugs, lacewing larvae & syrphid fly larvae; know what these creatures look like so you don't kill them
- Use high pressure water sprays to dislodge aphids from the plant
- Less toxic pesticides include active ingredients such as insecticidal soap, azadirachtin (neem), horticultural oils or d-limonene
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*Bala Goenka, Event Chair*

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As some long term residents already know, the fireworks are a joint venture between the Avery Ranch HOA and the Golf Course, with the HOA funding the show and the Golf Course allowing the use of their land as the launch zone.

Prior to the 3rd, a drive down Avery Ranch Boulevard would have revealed over 400 small American Flags lining the Avery Ranch entry monuments and main entrances, located on Palmer and Avery Ranch intersections. This was an effort started a couple of years back by the Social Committee and carried through this year with tremendous support from the Boy Scouts local chapters.

The Social Committee also arranged for a variety food trucks including Barbeque, Hot Dogs, Mexican and Korean and a handful of dessert options. Live music was also arranged but had to be canceled midway through due to unexpected rainfall. Though the music was canceled, the weather did provide a nice cooler change in weather which was a welcome relief for all. This year there was also several free and fun activities for the kids including a bouncy house, independence themed face painting, and free Popsicle and free giveaways by event sponsors. The Social Committee also gave out coloring books and red-white-and-blue bracelets that glow in the dark.

We'd like to provide thanks to our Sponsor Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union., which provided free water bottles to all and colorful lighted bouncing balls for the children.

Much appreciation also goes to the Social Committee Volunteers, Lana, Linda and Cavin and board members who put forth a tremendous amount of time and effort into making this event what it was. Lastly, we'd like to thank our amazing residents who turned out in droves to help celebrate the Independence of our great nation.

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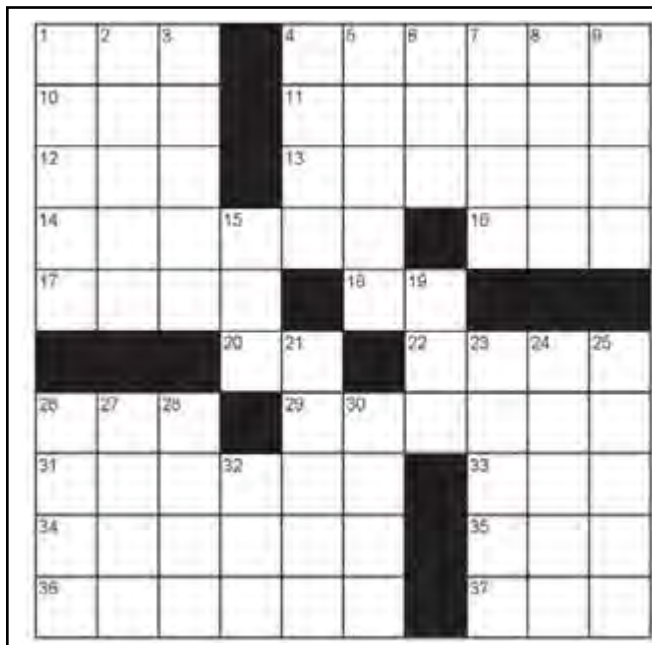


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20. Post script
22. Too
26. Concord e.g.
29. Additions
31. Computer game
33. Killed in action
34. Ancient (2 wds.)
35. Antlered animal
36. Mourning
37. Ocean

### DOWN

1. Land
2. Milk's food group
3. Type of enemy
4. Loony
5. \_\_ havoc
6. Make a mistake
7. Stow
8. Greek stringed instrument
9. Defile
15. American College of Physicians (abbr.)
19. Chitchat
21. Book holder
23. Enjoys
24. Steps for crossing a fence
25. City
26. Prod
27. Prudent
28. Plane
30. Nearly horizontal entrance
32. Poet Edgar Allen

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Hairstreaks are mainly small butterflies, most with threadlike tails on their hindwings. They typically fly rapidly, fitting from side to side or in circles, before sticking a landing. Most perch with their wings closed, and reveal their upper surface only in flight. Males and females can look quite similar, but the males will often be the more vibrantly colored of the two.

In central Texas we have three common hairstreak butterflies. The largest, as indicated by its name, is the Great Purple Hairstreak (*Atlides halesus*). Dusky purplish-black below and brilliant blue above with red spots near the base of the wings and a bright orange abdomen, this butterfly flies spring through fall. It tends to stay well above the ground, and males will sit on trees on hill summits or flat plains to await females, mostly in the afternoon. Its larval foodplant, or plant upon which the female lays her eggs, is mistletoe species in the genus *Phoradendron*.

Another commonly encountered hairstreak is the Gray Hairstreak (*Strymon melinus*). It has only one tail on the hindwing and an upperside that is blue-gray with a large reddish-orange spot near the tail. The male's abdomen is orange and the female's is gray. In the spring and fall its underside is dark gray, and paler gray in the summer, but it always has a dashed white line, parallel and inset from the wing's edge, bordered with orange. It flies from February to November and is the most widespread hairstreak in North America. Males perch all afternoon and into evening on small trees and shrubs to seek receptive females, who lay eggs one at a time on a wide variety of plants

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Great Purple Hairstreak (photo by Randy L Emmitt)



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## NatureWatch (Continued from Page 18)

including peas, mallows, beans, clovers, and cotton.

One of our most beautiful hairstreaks is the Juniper Hairstreak (*Callophrys gryneus*), belonging to a group called Evergreen Hairstreaks, which are widespread and variable. The upperside of the male is dark brown with an olive-colored sheen, and the female is blackish brown. Their underside is a vibrant green with two white spots near the base of the forewing and an irregular white line edged inwardly with a reddish-brown. Males perch on host trees, those in the genus *Juniperus* like our native Ashe Juniper, awaiting females. They perch with their wings closed and blend into the junipers so well that they may not be noticed until moving branches cause them to fly.

When it comes to survival, hairstreaks have developed an interesting adaptation, much of which has to do with their tails. Often having distinct markings or spots near these tails, together they form what is known as a 'false head' with the tails looking like antennae. The illusion is carried further when the hairstreak performs a back-and-forth 'sawing' motion with the hindwings when resting. This motion can distract would be predators such as spiders, causing them to attack the wrong end of the butterfly, leaving the vital structures intact.

Missing tails and part of the lower portion of the hindwings does not hinder flight, and the butterfly lives to carry on another day. So it really is true that two heads are better than one!

Send your nature-related questions to [naturewatch@austin.rr.com](mailto:naturewatch@austin.rr.com) and



*Gray Hairstreak (photo by Jeffrey Pippen)*

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and caption supporting President Powers was on page 2 of the 7/13 Sunday Austin American Statesman.

In addition Dr. Sophia Gilmsom was just awarded silver in the Global Music Awards for her CD of the Goldberg Variations On Harpsichord and Piano by Johann Sebastian Bach. Dr. Gilmsom is the head of Piano Pedagogy at the university here.

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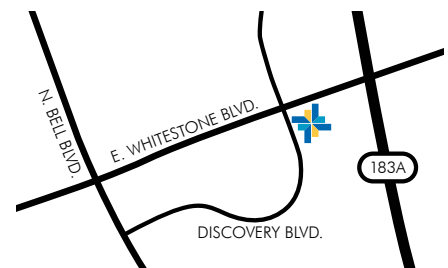
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