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Harvest Hayride & Costume Contest

Fall is approaching and the Avery Ranch Social Committee has a Harvest Hayride planned for everyone on Saturday, October 25th from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the MAC (Main Amenity Center) Park in Morningside, near the tennis courts. So be sure to save the date and get those costumes ready! There will be horse-drawn wagons to ride on along with great music and refreshments. Back by popular demand is the Dead Music Capital Band. Come and shake your bones to their live music and have your picture taken with the zombie band.

Wear your Halloween costumes for the costume contest.

The contest is for kids 12 years and under.
There will be two (2) age group categories for judging:
*1-6 years old and
7-12 years old.*

Judging will begin at 5:00 pm. Prizes will be awarded for the best cutest, scariest and original costumes.

Admission is free so come and have a great time! Volunteer help for Social Committee events is always appreciated and needed.

If you would like to volunteer for this fun event, please contact the event Chair Rita Rear at arsc@averyranchhoa.com.



2014 Holiday Bazaar-Bazaar Vendor Booth Registration is Open! Register Today!

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 this link 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 events/parties, or recruiting people who just like helping out in your community, we need you! We need residents who can help with:

- Marketing of the event both online and offline
- Entertainment chairs (help find bands, dancers, etc.)
- Locate and arrange food truck vendors
- Other kinds of volunteer opportunities

Please email bazaar@averyranchHOA.com if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions about the event!

Volunteers Needed!

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Avery Ranch Owners Association

2014 Annual General Meeting and Election Results

by Rebecca Harrison, AROA Board of Directors

The AROA Annual Meeting was held at the Avery Ranch Golf Club banquet room on September 15, 2014. Resident attendance was lower than anticipated, causing a delay in the meeting start time and a need to reconfigure the evening agenda as there was not quorum to conduct business. Thankfully, the arrival of Tom Moody with D.R. Horton provided sufficient representation to establish quorum and officially open the meeting to address the business needs of the Association. Guests in attendance were Williamson County Commissioner Lisa Berkman, Senior Director of Infrastructure for Williamson County Robert Daigh, State Representative Tony Dale, Jake Christian with Alliance, and Board Representatives from Ingleside and The Greens Alice Woss and Roger Green.

Mr. Pat Wimberly, current Board President, provided an update on the community which included information regarding the role of the Board in the Association, trends in home sales, and highlights of community improvements, most notably the improvements to the volleyball courts, construction of a new playscape and butterfly garden, and the installation of tennis court lights. The Association financial status was also reviewed, with a breakdown of how resident assessments are allocated to meet the needs of the community. Mr. Dick Cowan, our Property Manager, was pleased to report that the Association had seen a slight decrease in the number of violations in the community, and noted that landscaping concerns remains the largest area of noncompliance.

A primary focus of the meeting was the election for three seats on the Board of Directors. Congratulations to the newly elected board members:

Christopher Martin

Naveed Mahmood

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In addition to the business of the Association, presentations were made by the Avery Ranch Redfish, the Social Committee, D.R. Horton, the County Commissioner, and a State Representative.

Avery Ranch continues to be an active community, committing to a variety of events and activities throughout the year. Ms. Rita Rear, Social Committee Chair, outlined the calendar of events which includes a wide variety of activities to meet the interests of our residents. The committee has planned a total of 15 events throughout the year, with a new event series, TGI Food Truck, added this summer. Be sure to check out the community calendar in this publication, the Avery Ranch Owner's Association Facebook Page, or the website to find out more about the events coming up this fall in Avery Ranch!

Mrs. Tracy Beeman, Chair of the Avery Ranch Redfish, was excited to report that the team saw a 40% growth in membership for their

second season. The 132 swimmers represented Avery Ranch well, with the 6 & Under Division winning the leagues Champs Meet. The team hosted three tri-meets at the MAC facility, and were very pleased with the commitment and dedication of their volunteers to provide a top notch meet experience for the visiting teams. The team has developed strong relationships with community sponsors, retaining the majority of their sponsors for next season, and continues to grow relationships with area businesses in support of the team. The Redfish are already working towards the next season, with a goal of enrolling 150 swimmers on the team next year. Be on the lookout for several events coming soon to support the Redfish, including a cardboard box Regatta and Polar Bear Splash.

Mr. Tom Moody presented the D.R. Horton developers update. D.R. Horton provided a map showing the projected development, which includes 3 more sections of Granite Shoals and a condominium community. This will add 125 single family homes to Avery Ranch, and 69 condos. The initial infrastructure needs are underway, with plans to begin pouring concrete in the coming week. Mr. Moody anticipates sales of homes to begin in the coming months, and the entire section to reach completion in approximately two years time with current sales trends.

Commissioner Birkman and Mr. Daigh provided information regarding the direction of County improvements and their impact on Avery Ranch residents. This included improvements to the trails system and various road projects that are currently being implemented in the county. These road improvements will hopefully help to alleviate some of the traffic seen on Avery Ranch Blvd. Commissioner Birkman expressed her understanding of our residents' frustrations with working through multiple jurisdictions (Williamson County, City of Austin, and TxDot) to address the needs of our community. She encouraged residents to email or call her with concerns and questions. Representative Dale also indicated his understanding and desire to be of support to our residents to have these needs addressed.

In wrapping up the meeting, residents were given the opportunity to ask questions and share concerns with the Board. It was noted that traffic and speeding remain high concerns for our residents, along with public safety. A variety of community needs, including landscaping improvements, damaged utility boxes, and area service providers were also discussed. Finally, it noted that the restructuring of the Austin City Council will provide Avery Ranch with a District Representative.

The Board would like to thank all of the guests and residents who came out to participate in the Annual Meeting.

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2014 AVERY RANCH UPCOMING EVENTS

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

November (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.

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Hackberry Psyllids

Late summer into fall, people may notice tiny insects that are mottled grayish-brown collecting near windows, especially if hackberry trees are nearby. Hackberry psyllids (pronounced sill-ids) look like tiny cicadas and are actually closely related to them. Adults are about 1/8 an inch long.

Another name for hackberry psyllids is hackberry nipple gall maker. Adults lay their eggs on hackberry leaves in the spring. When eggs hatch, the psyllid feeds on the leaf and the leaf responds by developing a small pocket around the insect. The pocket is called a gall. Hackberry trees do not show long term damage from the galls or feeding of the psyllids, but the galls can make the tree unsightly.

These insects are not harmful to humans or companion animals. In the fall, the insects are searching for overwintering sites. They normally overwinter under the bark of trees, but sometimes they will utilize whatever crack or crevice they can find. This, along with the psyllids being attract to lights at night, can lead them near doors and windows and sometimes they end up inside the home.

To manage fall invasion of hackberry psyllids:

- Use fine mesh (18) screening
- Reduce outdoor lighting or use bulbs that are less attractive to insects
- Use sealant to seal cracks and crevices
- Insects that find their way indoors can be vacuumed up

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Pruning Guidelines for Prevention of Oak Wilt in Texas

NOW IS THE TIME TO PRUNE YOUR OAKS TREES

Oak wilt, caused by the fungus *Ceratocystis fagacearum*, is the most destructive disease affecting live oaks and red oaks in Central Texas. Most of the tree mortality results from tree-to-tree spread of the pathogen through interconnected or grafted root systems, once an oak wilt center becomes established. New infection centers begin when beetles carry oak wilt fungal spores from infected red oaks to fresh, open wounds on healthy oaks. Wounds include any damage caused by wind, hail, vehicles, construction, squirrels, birds or pruning. Research has shown that both oak wilt fungal mats on infected red oaks and insects that carry oak wilt spores are most prevalent in the spring. Below is a brief description of how you can reduce the risk of fungal spread when pruning.

- Always paint fresh wounds on oaks, including pruning cuts and stumps, with wound dressing or latex paint immediately after pruning or live tree removal at all times of the year.
- Clean all pruning tools with 10% bleach solution or Lysol™ between sites and/or trees.
- If possible avoid pruning or wounding of oaks during the spring (currently defined as February 1 through June 30). Reasons to prune in the spring include:

- To accommodate public safety concerns such as hazardous limbs, traffic visibility or emergency utility line clearance.
- To repair damaged limbs (from storms or other anomalies)
- To remove limbs rubbing on a building or rubbing on other branches, and to raise low limbs over a street.
- On sites where construction schedules take precedence, pruning any live tissue should only be done to accommodate required clearance.
- Dead branch removal where live tissue is not exposed.

Pruning for other reasons (general tree health, non-safety related clearance or thinning, etc.) should be conducted before February 1 or after June 30. Debris from diseased red oaks should be immediately chipped, burned or buried. Regardless of the reasons or time of year, proper pruning techniques should be used. These techniques include making proper pruning cuts and avoiding injurious practices such as topping or excessive crown thinning. If you are uncertain about any of this information, you should consult with a Texas Oak Wilt Certified arborist, ISA Certified Arborist, or an oak wilt specialist from a city, county or state government agency such as the Texas Forest Service or Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

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The municipal election date has also moved from May to November 4th, meaning the non-partisan City Council elections are being held down-ballot from the partisan Governor's race for the first time.



Matt Stillwell knows District 6 well, spending most of his life in and around the area. He's called Austin home for over 24 years.

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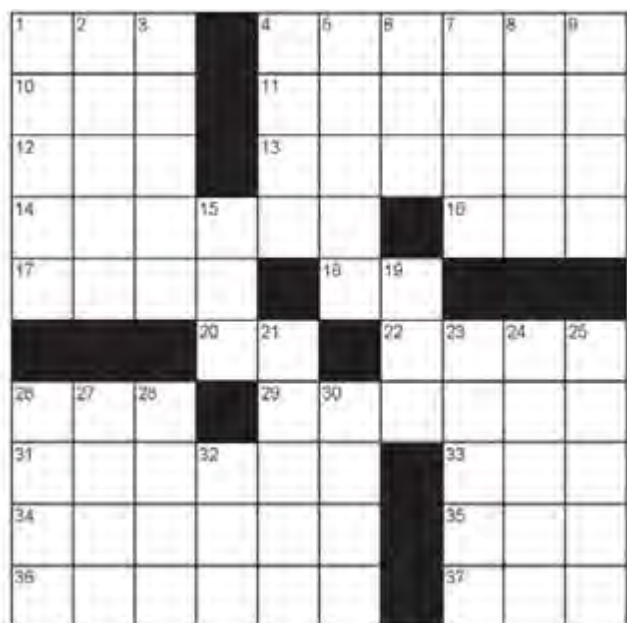


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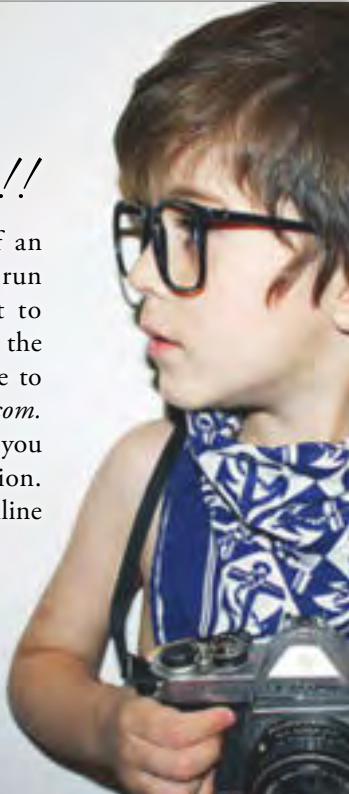
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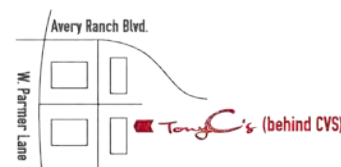
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When It's Just You in an Emergency



"Mom!" you yell down the stairs. "Where's my math book? I can't find it and the bus is coming! Please help me ... it's an emergency!"

It is kind of an emergency with the bus coming and all, but what about a medical emergency? That kind of emergency is usually more serious. If you don't have your math book or miss the bus, that would be bad. But a medical emergency means someone needs care from a doctor right away. Let's find out the right thing to do.

QUICK THINKING: WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Liz and her little brother Jamie are out for a walk. Jamie decides to race ahead down a very steep hill. He's running pretty fast when he suddenly trips. Over and over he falls, rolling down the hill at high speed until he's sprawled out on the sidewalk at the bottom.

Liz rushes to her brother's side, hoping that he's OK. Then she sees some blood on the pavement. And Jamie isn't moving at all. What should she do? First things first: Liz should look around for a grown-up and call him or her to help right away. If no one is close by, she should make a phone call either on a cell phone or from the closest phone.

Calling for help is the most important thing a kid can do in an emergency. If you're going to be the one making the emergency phone call, here's what to do:

- Take a deep breath to calm down a little.
- Call 911.
- Tell the operator there's an emergency.
- Say your name and where you are (the exact address if you know it).
- Explain what happened and how many people are hurt. (The operator will need all the information you can provide, so give as many details as you can.)
- Follow all of the operator's instructions carefully.
- Stay on the line until the operator says it's OK to hang up.

After calling for help, your first thought might be to rush over



Be a Hero - the Smart Way

In an emergency, a kid might think about playing the superhero by driving a car or racing into a burning building. Don't do it! You could cause another accident or make the situation worse. If you get hurt, too, who will call 911?

to the person who's injured. But stop and look before you do. Make sure the scene is safe. If it's not, wait in a safe spot until a grown-up or an emergency team arrives.

If the scene is safe, and as soon as Liz is sure someone is calling 911 — or she has called it herself — she could return to her brother and wait until help arrives. (She shouldn't move her brother at all because he could have a neck or other bone injury. Moving someone who has that sort of injury can make it much worse.) She can help him feel calm by being calm herself.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

The best way to handle an emergency is to be prepared for one. Knowing what to do ahead of time can help you stay in control so that you can help. Here are some suggestions on how to

be ready to help in an emergency:

- When you're outdoors, make sure you're in an area where you can call out for help even if you don't have a phone with you.
- Know how to dial 911 or your local emergency number (in most areas in the United States, it's 911).
- If you have one, carry a cell phone or know how to use your parent's cell phone.
- Learn first aid. Look for basic first-aid classes with your local Red Cross, the YMCA or YWCA, the Boy or Girl Scouts, 4-H clubs, your local hospital, and other organizations. Or ask your school nurse to have a first-aid class just for students in your school.

It's scary to think about someone getting hurt. But the truth is that accidents can and do happen. They happen when people are being careless and careful. Sometimes, kids are the ones who get hurt. Sometimes, grown-ups get hurt. Either way, it's good to know what to do if someone needs emergency medical help. Even though you're a kid, you can make a big difference by doing the right thing.

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