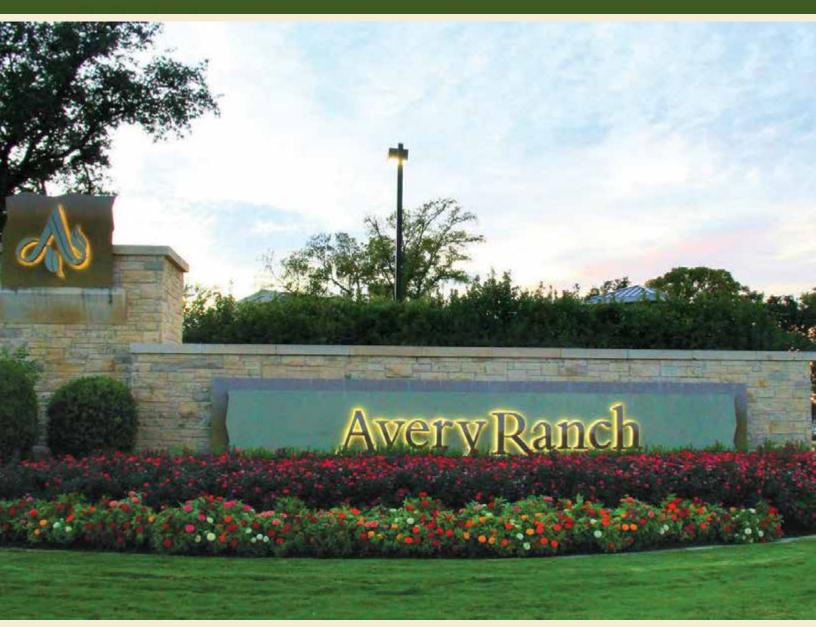
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SOCIAL

OMMITTEE ^{of} AVERY RANCH

SATURDAY MARCH 28TH FROM 10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

Mark your calendars and save the date for the annual Spring Egg Hunt hosted by the Avery Ranch Social Committee. Come comb through the Main Amenity Center (MAC) grounds for pretty colored eggs to fill your basket. The collected eggs will then be exchanged for a fabulous goodie bag.

Egg hunts will begin at 10:15 am and at 11:15 am and the hunt areas will be divided into three age groups: 3 & Under, 4-6 and 7-10 year olds. Cookies and refreshments will be served, and lots of fun is planned! Get your basket ready and stay tuned for more information in the March issue of Home on the Ranch newsletter.

Volunteer help is always appreciated and needed. If you would like to volunteer for this fun community event kindly contact Event Chair: Rebecca Harrison at rlwharrison@gmail.com. Happy Hunting, and we hope to see you there!

City of Austin Goes Hands-Free

It's the time of year when students head back to school and traffic begins to build up within our neighborhoods. Residents' living within the community of Avery Ranch, The City of Austin has passed a hands-free ordinance which goes into effect January 1, 2015 which prohibits the use of all electronic handheld devices while operating a vehicle or bicycle. The devices defined in Ordinance No. 20140828-041 are:

- Mobile telephone
- personal digital assistant
- MP3 or other hand-held music player
- electronic reading device
- laptop computer
- pager
- broadband personal communication device
- GPS or navigation system
- electronic gaming device
- portable computing device

As our community continues to grow and expand, each one of us must be aware of our surroundings before travelling to and from our destinations while using electronic devices. During the month of January, if you are caught by Austin Police Department, you will be given a warning and beginning the month of February and beyond, citations of \$500 will be issued.

If you have questions about the ordinance, you can see more information at: www.austintexas.gov/handsfree or by emailing the technology and telecommunications chair at bc-lemuel. williams@austintexas.gov



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Visit the Avery Ranch HOA website at AveryRanchHOA.com

FOR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

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

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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Fire	
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SCHOOLS

ROUND ROCK ISD	
Patsy Sommer Elementary	
	16200 Avery Ranch Blvd.
Elsa England Elementary School	
8	3801 Pearson Ranch Road
Cedar Valley Middle School	
McNeil High School	

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Rutledge Elementary	
Stiles Middle School	
Vista Ridge High School	

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE OFFICERS FOR 2015

At the December 2014 meeting of the Avery Ranch Social Committee, the following individuals were elected to serve as your Social Committee Officers for 2015:

Chairperson: Rita Rear, Morningside Vice-Chair: Lana Beyer, Morningside Secretary: George Grossling, Glenfield Treasurer: Bob Beyer, Morningside

We extend our gratitude to Aleece Oberholzer of Waters Edge for her service as Secretary during the past year.

Everyone serving on the Social Committee is a volunteer. Please consider joining the Social Committee and have fun while helping to plan activities and events for 2015. Our success is directly related to the number of dedicated volunteers we have on the Social Committee. Your input is needed and welcomed for planning the Avery Ranch community events. Thanks to local business sponsorships, we have a healthy budget and can do some amazing things in the coming year with your help.

The e-mail address for contacting the Social Committee is arsc@averyranchhoa.com



AROA BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 9, 2015 MARCH 9, 2015 APRIL 13, 2015

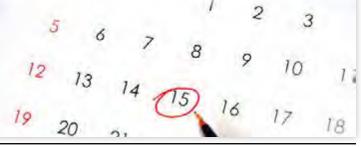
7 PM, MAC MEETING ROOM

Topics may include general association business, including old business and new business, covenant enforcement and budgeting/assessment. Executive session matters may include contract negotiations, enforcement actions, confidential attorney communications, matters involving the invasion of owners' privacy, personnel matters, litigation, or matters involving parties who have requested confidentiality and the board has agreed to honor that request.

All members of the AROA are welcome to attend the monthly Board meetings. For a detailed Agenda of the meeting, please visit www.averyranchhoa.com. Agenda is posted 72 hours before the meeting date.

2015 AVERY RANCH EVENT CALENDAR

02/07 Mardi Gras 03/28 Spring Egg Hunt 04/25 Garage Sale - Spring 05/TBD Meet & Greet 05/16 Garden Tour 06/TBD Luau 07/03 Independence Day Celebration 08/TBD Meet & Greet
09/19 Garage Sale - Fall
10/24 Harvest Hayride
11/TBD Concert in the Park(TGIFT)
11/TBD Meet & Greet
11/07 Bazaar
12/19 Holiday Sleigh Ride



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Did you know there are several ways you can connect with Avery Ranch residents and board members? Want to know where the best place is to get information regarding activities, concerns, assistance, or just want to know what the community has to offer? Have a question for a board member or need to contact the property management company? We have many online sources that can get you on the path to communicating with Avery Ranch folks from our website, to Facebook, and Twitter are just a few.

Avery Ranch Official Website:

www.averyranchhoa.com

Avery Ranch Owners Association Official Facebook Group:

www.facebook.com/averyranchhao.com (not a newsletter typo - it is hao)

> Avery Ranch Neighborhood Events Official Facebook Page:

https://www.facebook.com/ ARNeighborhoodEvents

Avery Ranch Twitter:

@AveryRanchHOA

Avery Ranch YouTube Channel:

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Need help, information, or guidance? Send an email to:

gethelp@averyranchhoa.com

You can also find all board members contact info on both the AR website and the newsletter.

YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR VOICE

Do you have an article or story that you would like to run in this newsletter? Send it to us for consideration in the next issue. Email your document to *ARNEWS@AveryRanchHOA.com*.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Our neighborhood summer league swim team is gearing up for the season and registration is right around the corner.

IMPORTANT DATES:

MARCH 14: Online registration for returning families. *MARCH 22:* Tryouts & Registration for new families.

APRIL 27: First Day of Practice

MAY 23: First Meet & hosted at our pool

JUNE 27 & JUNE 28: CHAMPS Meet at Avery Ranch MAC pool

JULY 12th: 4:30 PM at Reunion Ranch Awards Ceremony

REGISTRATION:

This year's Avery Ranch Swim Team will be limited to the first 175 participants that register.

RETURNING FAMILIES: Online March 14 – 21.

NEW FAMILIES: All new swimmers are required to demonstrate their ability to swim one lap of the pool unassisted to join the team.

Tryouts & Registration on Sunday March 22nd from 3:00 – 5:00 PM at Springwoods pool. This heated pool is located at 9117 Anderson Mill Road, Austin, TX 78729.

Swimmers between the ages of 4 and 18 years old are eligible to join the Redfish.

NEW THIS YEAR!!

The CHAMPS meet will be held over the weekend of June 27th and 28th with 10 & under age groups swimming on Saturday and 11 & Up swimming on Sunday 28th. We are so excited to roll out the red carpet to our guests and show off our wonderful neighborhood. Don't worry non-swimmers, we will have off-site parking and a shuttle service for this weekend to ensure open and safe roads.

Questions about the Avery Ranch Redfish swim team should be directed to chair@averyranchhoa.com. For more information, check out our website at www.averyranchredfish.com. We hope to see you March 22nd for neighborhood registration.

TIME TO PLAN FOR 2015 AVERY RANCH ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR

By Bob Beyer, Avery Ranch Social Committee, Garden Tour Coordinator

As I write this in mid January, it is near freezing with a winter advisory, yet May 16th and spring will be here before we know it. So, let's put that pleasant thought into our minds and plan for the 2015 Annual Avery Ranch Garden Tour. We all know how fast our gardens transition from winter come late March and we welcome the opportunity to get our yards and gardens looking good for the coming warm season. Don't let the current cold weather of winter deter you from setting a goal to be on the next Avery Ranch Garden Tour on Saturday, May 16th. It's never too early to plan and commit to being a Garden Tour host.

The Garden Tour is a day of fun and delight for all the family, and for those who help make it possible. It is free for all residents and their guests. Join in on the fun and be a part of our own Avery Ranch Garden Tour. It's easy. It just takes one word, "yes"!

We are looking for a minimum of 6 gardens with a maximum of 10 within Avery Ranch to open their gardens to Avery Ranchers and guests for the Tour between the hours of 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Tour day. All you need to do is be present to meet and greet your neighbors and share your garden experiences and conversation with those taking the Tour. This is NOT a competition but a social event, sponsored by your Avery Ranch Social Committee, so if you wish to open and share your garden for others to enjoy, please consider being on the Tour.

We will continue to emphasize "Water Wise Landscaping" as a theme to help promote the need for water conservation during these drought times. Yards and gardens that have taken action to xeriscape are especially sought, but the Tour is not limited to this. Your experience with converting your gardens/yards to water-wise landscaping could be the inspiration and help others are seeking to do the same. We also plan to have a Master Gardener Clinic and other helpful booths available to offer advice including an HOA booth to answer your questions about Avery Ranch's Xeriscaping guidelines.

More detailed information will be provided in subsequent issues of Home on the Ranch and on the Avery Ranch HOA Facebook page, so continue to follow these and plan to either showcase your garden, or take the Tour in May. You can contact Bob Beyer at 512-238-6732 or txbeyer@austin.rr.com for more information. Visit the Avery Ranch Garden Tour Web Page at www.centraltexasgardening. info/artour.html for more information and to see examples of the yards that were on the 2014 Tour.

Be sure to mark Saturday, May 16th on your calendar so you won't miss it. Come out and meet your neighbors and enjoy the beauty of springtime on the 2015 Avery Ranch Garden Tour.

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New mom in the neighborhood offering child care: I am Kinana and my family recently moved to Avery Ranch. I am making a switch from being behind a desk all day as a Civil Engineer to a stay-athome mom! I live in the neighborhood and have two children; a 17-year old son and an 8-year old daughter. Kids are now able to enjoy chores and activities as well as take care of themselves. I am looking to provide care to other children in the community and share my experience. Please call me or email me at: 512-299-6240 / kinanabadin@gmail.com

SEND US YOUR Event Pictures!!

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HOLIDAY SLEIGH RIDE

There was a chill in the air, and a bright, warm fire that welcomed Santa, Mrs. Claus and Avery Ranch residents to the MAC pavilion for the annual Holiday Sleigh Ride on December 20th. The Holiday Sleigh Ride was an overwhelming success as Avery Ranch families turned out in the hundreds and enjoyed hot chocolate, hot apple cider and an assortment of yummy cookies. Santa in his red suit and flowing white beard posed for pictures, visited with the children and handed out colorful glow sticks. Mrs. Claus delighted children with wonderful holiday stories in her white twinkle lighted tent.

Families enjoyed a stroll through the park with festive lanterns lighting the way to the wagon rides near the tennis courts. Everyone enjoyed a ride on one of the three horse drawn wagons decorated with twinkle lights and listened to music provided by trombone players from Stiles Middle School while waiting for their turn to ride. The Morningside neighbors provided residents with colorful holiday decorations to enjoy during the ride. It was a wonderful way to mingle with neighbors and share the holiday spirit. This is what makes Avery Ranch special.

Thank you to the event volunteers, event Chair Rita Rear, Co-Chair Bala Goenka, and the Social Committee Elves, Regina McKinnie, Anna & Pete Arges, Dorothy Campbell, Bob & Lana Beyer, Peter Nieft, Phillip Rear, Rebecca Harrison, Blake Hilliard, Cavin Weber, George and Cindi Grossling and their daughter, for volunteering their time to make this a successful and fun event for our community. Thanks to Animesh Andy Chakraborty for the pictures. The pictures may also be viewed on the Avery Ranch Facebook group. It is the dedication of the social committee volunteers that made this event possible. Volunteers are a gift to our community!









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