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## SOCIAL COMMITTEE OF AVERY RANCH

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**SATURDAY MARCH 28TH FROM  
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Mark your calendars for the annual Avery Ranch 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. Random goodie bags will also include a gold coin to trade for an Eggs-tra Special Treat!

#### Schedule of Events:

10:00 AM: Event Opens

10:15 AM: Hunt #1

10:30 AM: Performance by Bonzo Crunch: Bodacious Buffoonery & Festive Family Fun

11:15 AM: Hunt #2

Ongoing from 11 AM – Noon: Visit Bonzo for Balloon Animals!

Throughout the Entire Event (10 AM – Noon): Train Rides, Cookies, & Neighborly Greetings!

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



## HOME ON THE RANCH

### AROA BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY MEETINGS

**MARCH 9, 2015**

**APRIL 13, 2015**

**MAY 10, 2015**

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**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. For a detailed Agenda of the meeting, please visit [www.averyranchhoa.com](http://www.averyranchhoa.com). Agenda is posted 72 hours before the meeting date.

## 2015 AVERY RANCH EVENT CALENDAR

**03/21** AR Tennis Club Party

**03/22** Redfish Try Outs

**03/28** Spring Egg Hunt

**04/18** Festival of Colors

**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

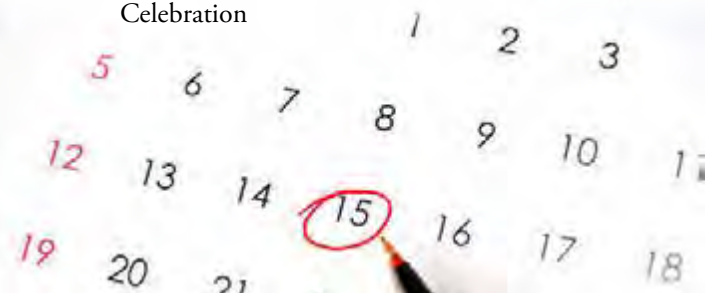
**10/24** Harvest Hayride

**11/TBD** Concert in the  
Park(TGIFT)

**11/TBD** Meet & Greet

**11/07** Bazaar

**12/19** Holiday Sleigh Ride



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Visit the Avery Ranch HOA website at [AveryRanchHOA.com](http://AveryRanchHOA.com)

## FOR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

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# Redfish Swim Team 2015

*Try-outs Coming Soon!*

The Avery Ranch Redfish are starting their third year as a summer swim team with the Austin Aquatics League. This year the team is expanding to 175 swimmers. Here are 5 reasons to join the swim team this year:

## Improve Fitness

Swimming 30-45 minutes a day for 5 days a week will keep the kids active and improve overall fitness. Swimming is a great sport, put down the game controllers and jump in the water.



## Swim Team Builds Self-Esteem and Confidence

To join the team a child only needs to be able to swim one length of the pool at try-outs. With positive coaches and lots of practice the kids improve week by week and will soon be flying through those laps. Swimming is a lifelong sport and useful skill.



## Be Social and Meet Your Neighbors

It's not hard to make new friends when you swim together 5 days a week then spend the day together at swim meets. Kids (and adults) will quickly make lots of friends over the season. At swim meets you'll hear all swimmers and parents cheering for everyone on the team, not just their own child.



## Positive Rewards

There is no explaining the excitement as you watch your child's face light up when they hold up that ribbon they worked so hard for. Week by week bulletin boards are filled with ribbons from the meets, whether they are heat ribbons, personal best ribbons, or a top finisher ribbons the kids beam with joy at these rewards.



## Be a Part of an Amazing, Growing Team

Avery Ranch Redfish started their inaugural year with just under 100 swimmers. This year we will be growing to the first 175 members who meet all the requirements. See you at try-outs!



## TRY-OUTS:

March 22, 2015

3pm - 5pm

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*Registration cost per swimmer:  
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of swimming, 6 swim meets,  
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## REQUIREMENTS TO JOIN SWIM TEAM:

- Must be in good standing with Avery Ranch HOA
- All swimmers must be able to swim one length (25 meters) of the pool without assistance.
- All swimmers looking to join the redfish for the first time must be at try-outs
- Must be under the age of 18

# HOME ON THE RANCH

## AVERY RANCH GARDEN TOUR PLANNING UNDERWAY

*By Bob Beyer, Event Chair*

It's home grown – the annual Avery Ranch Garden Tour. It's all Avery Ranch participants and you make it possible by volunteering your garden to be on the Tour. Saturday, May 16th is the big day for this event and we need your commitment as early as possible so we can plan accordingly. Envision your garden as it will look in mid-May, not early March, and share the reality of that vision with all our Avery Ranch residents who are invited to take the Tour, meet their neighbors, and be inspired. This is not a competition but a Social Committee event to bring our community together for a wonderful leisurely day out and about.

Visit the Avery Ranch Garden Tour Web Page at [www.centraltexasgardening.info/artour.html](http://www.centraltexasgardening.info/artour.html) to see examples of yards on last year's tour. As people sign up to be on the Tour this year, they will be added to this page similarly as previews of the 2015 Tour. The Theme remains "Water Wise Landscapes" to emphasize our continuing need to conserve water for human use while still having an attractive landscape and garden using native and adaptive, low water use plants. However, is not a requirement for being on the

tour. Our HOA will have a booth to talk about Avery Ranch's Xeriscaping guidelines and the Travis County Master Gardeners will have a plant clinic booth to answer your gardening questions.

The important thing now is to recruit garden tour hosts who would be willing to share their gardens and gardening interests with fellow Avery Ranchers on Tour Day. If you have any interest in doing so or any questions about the Tour, please contact Bob Beyer, Avery Ranch Social Committee Garden Tour Coordinator at 512-238-6732 or by e-mail: [txbeyer@austin.rr.com](mailto:txbeyer@austin.rr.com). I would love to tell you much more about the Tour and how easy and rewarding it is to be a part of it. In April and May, I will provide more information in Home on the Ranch for those wanting or planning to take the Tour on May 16th, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Think spring! It's just around the corner. The Garden Tour is an excellent way to celebrate this renewal of natural beauty we call our yards and gardens and to enjoy this great day outdoors among neighbors. SEE YOU ON THE TOUR!



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# AVERY RANCH SEMI-ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

April 25th, 7:00 am – 1:00 pm

Turn your unused treasures into cash. Clean out the garage, closets and under those beds, the Avery Ranch Semi-Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale is set for April 25th 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 – 2:00 pm. Refer to the donation guidelines for what are 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.

Rain date will be the following Saturday May 2nd. The Goodwill truck will not be available on May 2nd.



## DONATION GUIDELINES

Congratulations on hosting a donation drive!

Below you will find a list of items we can and cannot accept that will guide drive participants in collecting goods donations.

### ACCEPTED ITEMS

Clothing of Any Kind  
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(purses, ties, belts, scarves, etc.)  
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Small Furniture  
Collectable Items  
Jewelry and Antiques  
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(dishes, knick-knacks, housewares, etc.)  
Linens  
Electrical Items  
(radios, televisions, clocks, lamps, etc.)  
Toys and Children's Items  
Computers and Components

### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Large Household Items  
(stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, air conditioners, water heaters, etc.)  
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(wood, shingles, doors, windows, lumber, joists, concrete, etc.)  
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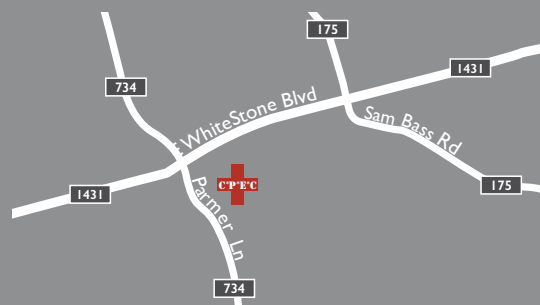
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## Avery Ranch- Are You Ready for Some Tennis?

Spring in Austin Texas is hard to beat. After a cold and rainy winter, the weather is clearing and it's time to get off the couch, get to the courts and get started playing tennis! It doesn't matter if you are a beginner or have played your entire life, tennis offers health benefits and advantages that will last a life time.

### Agility, Flexibility and Improved Balance

Tennis requires being able to move side to side, forwards and backwards around the court. These frequent and often sudden changes in direction assist the body in becoming more flexible, balanced and agile.

A player must also be able to track and make perfect contact with the ball in relation to their body and the path by which the ball is traveling. This dramatically improves hand-eye co-ordination, timing and space awareness. This is especially helpful to children ten years of age and younger as new neural pathways are developing in their brain.

### Tennis Brings Families Together

There is no better way to spend a beautiful Sunday afternoon than to play tennis with the entire family. It is one of the few sports where mom, dad and the kids can jump on their bikes and head down to the neighborhood courts for some fresh sunshine, bouncing tennis ball and fun rallies.

"I have seen many families build their holiday traditions around tennis. Each year after Thanksgiving dinner, it is out to the courts to see who will win this year's family tournament." Coach Jayne

### Competitive Opportunities

The USTA (United States Tennis Association) and our local Capital Area Tennis Association offers ample opportunities for both youth and adults to compete in leagues and tournaments.

When approached in a healthy manner, competition can teach a player how to have fun while maintaining their focus and concentration. It teaches youth and adults how to be gracious in both winning and losing, how to handle their emotions and demonstrate respect towards themselves and their opponents. Competition also offers the opportunity for players to measure and achieve their goals.

Avery Ranch Tennis Club (ARTC) supports the Tennis Enthusiast.

We love the residents of Avery Ranch! You have asked and we have answered. Since the launching of our youth and adult tennis programming in January, we have grown to over 50 youth participants. Parents who have wanted their little ones involved are finding a perfect fit with Avery Ranch Tennis Club. "This fun relaxed neighborhood environment is comfortable and allows for the children to quickly learn. The USTA format is so kid friendly! And Coach Jayne and Coach Lainey are fantastic. They are so knowledgeable, encouraging, and they keep the lessons moving at a great pace. It is fun to see the little ones on the court having such fun and learning a lifetime sport. ARTC lessons are a highlight in my kids week and I love that we can ride bikes to lessons- can't beat the commute!" Catherine Harkness

As an approved USTA 10 and Under Tennis Facility, ARTC provides a comprehensive pathway for developing youth beginning with its 10 and Under Tennis program. This format is by far superior to all other methods of teaching young children the game of tennis. Using smaller courts, age appropriate racquets and slower bouncing balls, students are able to learn quickly and with great success.

As children age up, they move into our Future Stars program that is systematically designed for beginner and intermediate youth 11 – 13 years old. Our All Stars program, ages 14 – 16, is the last phase of our youth program. USTA Junior Team Tennis leagues are also available for those students who choose to compete on a recreational level.

For our students who decide to take a much more in-depth competitive route, seeking a USTA local, state or national ranking we have created a High Performance program. This is by invitation only. The program carefully works with the athlete to determine their goals. We also work closely with parents and athletes in developing a specific training and tournament schedule that gives the best chance for success.

Adults, we have action packed programs for you too! Adult Beginner classes take place Tuesday evening at 7pm and Thursday mornings at 9:00 am.

USTA 3.0 / 3.5 Drop In Drills are perfect for those former players who haven't been out in a while or for those of you who want to keep their skills sharp. Drop In Drills are offered on Monday's, 9:00 am – 10:30 am and 7:00 pm – 8:30pm.

Wednesday night Mixed Doubles League is scheduled each week at 7pm. Leagues run January to April, May – August and September – December.

For more information please visit us at [www.averyranchtennisclub.com](http://www.averyranchtennisclub.com)

## TENNIS CLUB PARTY

Avery Ranch Tennis Club is hosting a neighborhood party at the courts! Come out Saturday, March 21, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. We will have tennis games, music, and food and drinks while they last. Find out about our program, find out about lessons and league, find out about our new USTA 10 and under designation, meet the coaches, and have fun together with family and friends.

Go to [www.AveryRanchTennisClub.com](http://www.AveryRanchTennisClub.com) for more information!

Registration is now open for March lessons and Spring Break Camp. Come join the fun!

See you on the courts!



## HOME ON THE RANCH

### SAVE THE DATE: The Festival of Colors!

A new event is coming to Avery Ranch this spring: The Festival of Colors! The purpose of the Festival of Colors, which originated in India and is celebrated by millions all over the world, is to energize, bring color into our lives, and promote love and friendship. This spring festival, also known as the festival of love, is spreading to parts of Europe and North America.

Festival of Colors is an exuberant festival, complete with food, music, Bollywood dance, henna application, and throwing of organic colored powders. It will be held at the amphitheater at the MAC (Morningside Amenity Center) on Saturday April 18, 2015 @ 5-8pm.

An RSVP is required to reserve your color packets. Henna will be applied on first come basis and while supplies lasts. If non-resident guests are in your party, a donation is appreciated.

Please RSVP by April 1, 2015 to [festivalofcolor@averyranchhoa.com](mailto:festivalofcolor@averyranchhoa.com).

Please join us for this family friendly festival where people of all ages, from all cultures, will take center stage and boogie!

Wear white and leave colorful!

On the day of the event, we suggest you wear a hat and sunscreen as the event is completely outdoors. Also wear comfortable shoes/sandals and clothes you don't mind getting covered in colorful powder. Safety goggles/glasses can also be worn to protect the eyes, especially for people who wear contact lenses.



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## MARDI GRAS FUN

*"Laissez Les Bon Temps Roulez"*

*Submitted by Rita Rear, Event Chair*

The good times rolled at the annual Avery Ranch Mardi Gras celebration held February 7th at the Avery Ranch Sunset Grill. The atmosphere was festive with a capacity crowd of party goers wearing their bright colored feather masks and shimmering colorful beads. DJ Jason Lynum kept the party going with a great variety of dance music. A selection of appetizers & desserts were enjoyed by all and a photo booth complete with wacky props added to the fun and provided souvenir photos of the event.

Thanks to the Social Committee event Chair Rita Rear, Co-Chair Lana Beyer and the Social Committee decorating volunteers, Anna & Pete Arges, Dorothy Campbell, Bob Beyer, George & Cindi Grossling. These dedicated individuals make our events happen.

Send an email to [arsc@averyranchhoa.com](mailto:arsc@averyranchhoa.com) to learn how you can volunteer to help at your community events. It's a fun way to become involved with your community and meet some wonderful people.

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## Avery Ranch Scouting Corner



The new year is off and running, and so are your neighborhood Cub Scouts. Our theme for the month is “positive attitude”. Cub Scouts know they are to do their best, and try to do it with a can-do attitude. Some of our boys did just that as Avery Ranch Cub

Scout Pack 371 opened the year with a conservation project. The weather was wet and it was Winter Break, but the boys took time to plant trees at the Griffith League Scout Ranch. Several hundred trees were planted to replace those lost in devastating wild fire of 2012 in Bastrop.

Our annual Pinewood Derby was an event where the scouts got to show off their building skills and creative abilities. The derby was another opportunity for boys to demonstrate positive



attitudes. Each scout got to build a wooden race car and show them off. Every car can't win, but every boy can try, and they did. The cars were fast, the cheering was loud, and the event was fun. Apparently it all comes down to weight... the cars must weigh less than five ounces, but that weight must be used strategically if you want your car to run fast. Several scouts were already making plans for next year.



Next up is our Blue & Gold banquet, the annual celebration of Boy Scouts of America's birthday.

If you have a boy in 1st through 5th grade and are interested in joining Avery Ranch Cub Scout Pack 371 or a boy in 6th through 12th grade who is interested in joining Avery Ranch's Boy Scout Troop 371, please contact their Charter Organization Rep, April Aguren, at [april.aguren@averyranchhoa.com](mailto:april.aguren@averyranchhoa.com).



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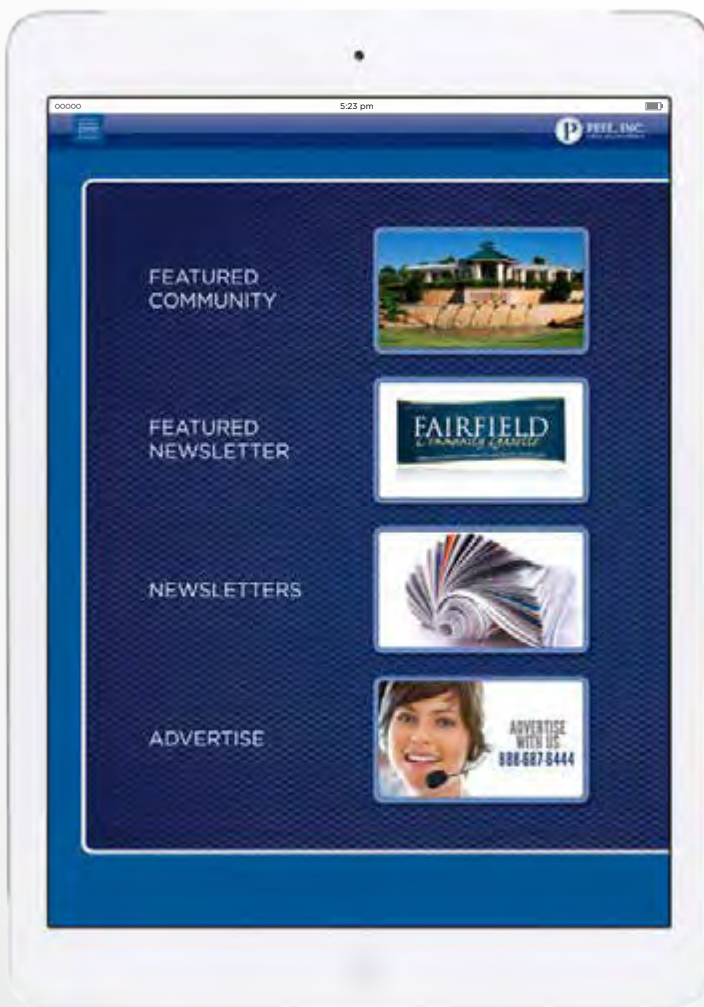
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