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Connect With Your HOA!

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>

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

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

AROA BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY MEETINGS

**AUGUST 10
SEPTEMBER 14**

7 PM, MAC MEETING ROOM
10121 MORGAN CREEK DRIVE, AUSTIN TX 78717

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. Agenda is posted 72 hours before the meeting date.

2015 AVERY RANCH *Event Calendar*

08/TBD Meet & Greet	11/TBD Concert in the
09/19 Garage Sale - Fall	Park(TGIFT)
10/06 National Night Out	11/TBD Meet & Greet
10/24 Harvest Hayride	12/19 Holiday Sleigh Ride

****All Food Truck events are cancelled until further notice.****



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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, board is charged with making sure assets are maintained and fiduciary responsibilities are met. Roles of Board of Directors include: Enforcing MDCCT's, establishing sound fiscal policies, creating a workable budget, attending and contributing to monthly meetings and effectively communicating with the association at large.

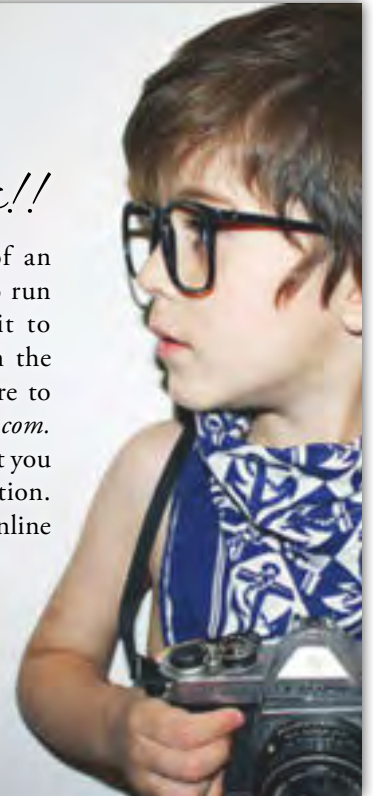
Being a member of the Avery Ranch Owner's Association Board of Directors can be a rewarding volunteer position as you are taking an active role in shaping our community to be the best it can be.

The 2015 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 8th. This year there are three seats up for election (Seat 8, 10 & 11), each for the 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 requesting a questionnaire be sent to you. Please note that all questionnaires for potential candidates must be returned to the Nominating Committee by August 14, 2015. 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 or visit us online at Avery Ranch Website (averyranchhoa.com) or the Avery Ranch Owners Association Group on Facebook.

SEND US YOUR *Event Pictures!!*

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AVERY RANCH SEMI-ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

September 19th from 7:00 am – 1:00 pm


Turn your unused items into cash. Clean out the garage, closets and under those beds, the Avery Ranch Semi-Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale is set for September 19th 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, September 26th. The Goodwill truck will not be available on September 26th.



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.

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- Clothing of Any Kind
- Shoes
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(purses, ties, belts, scarves, etc.)
- Books, CDs, DVDs, Tapes, Records
- Small Furniture
- Collectable Items
- Jewelry and Antiques
- Household Items
(dishes, knick-knacks, housewares, etc.)
- Linens
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(radios, televisions, clocks, lamps, etc.)
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- Computers and Components

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Large Household Items
(Stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, air conditioners, water heaters, etc.)
- Worn and Soiled Furniture
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(carpet, shutters, doors, windows, lumber, toilets, concrete, stones, etc.)
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Though school had been out, our Scouts have been active this summer. The Cub Scout Pack hosted their annual Raingutter Regatta at the Waters Edge amenity center. We have to thank them as well for placing the flags at our entrances during our Independence Day celebrations as well as picking them up afterwards.

Our Boy Scout Troop has been busy working on earning their merit badges. 26 were handed out at their recent Court of Honor. We also promoted two more boys to First Class and Star rank.

The rest of the summer is filled with summer camps here in Texas and away in Colorado. Scouting is a year round event. If you have a boy six years old or entering first grade or older and are interested in joining scouting, come join the Avery Ranch Pack or Troop. Contact april.aguren@averyranchhoa.com for more information.



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To register for the event, go to www.averyranchgolf.com, click 'Buy Online' tab and 'Tournament Sign Up'. There is also an opportunity for businesses to donate towards Hole Sponsorships, which would allow them to set up a table and pass out information regarding their business at their hole. For more information on that, please contact Event Chairperson Cathleen McBurney (cc.mcburney@gmail.com).



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TAWNY CRAZY ANTS

The Tawny crazy ant, formerly known as the Raspberry crazy ant, was originally found in Harris County in 2002. It is currently confirmed in 27 Texas counties.

Tawny crazy ants have a cyclical population level throughout the year with populations peaking in late summer, decreasing in the fall and then beginning to build again in the spring. Tawny crazy ants are capable of biting, but do NOT sting like fire ants. They are mostly nuisance pests, but can reach extraordinary population levels (in the millions) and can become a problem when getting into electrical equipment. Tawny crazy ants do not have nests or mounds like fire ants; they tend to nest under things- rocks, landscape timbers, flowerpots, etc.

For more information on this particular ant species go to <http://urbanentomology.tamu.edu/ants/raspberry.html>

Treatment Options

Removing harborage areas- fallen limbs, rocks, leaf litter, etc. These ants will nest under pretty much anything on the ground, so you may want to remove anything that is not necessary.

Alter moisture conditions (crazy ants prefer moist, humid conditions)- reduce watering, repair any leaks, improve drainage

Eliminate honeydew producers from area. Crazy ants tend honeydew producers such as aphids, whiteflies, hoppers, mealybugs and scale insects.

Use pesticide sprays to treat infested areas- under rocks, along landscape edging, etc. Pesticide sprays can also be used to create a barrier around the outside of the home. Piles of dead ants may build up in treated areas, so they must be removed to keep the barrier maintained.

Hire a pest management professional (PMP). PMPs have access to pesticides that are unavailable to homeowners and they also have experience dealing with pest problems regularly.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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Other changes to be aware of include;

- Children behaving unpredictably
- School Bus Stops
- Crossing Guards – please obey the guards! Remember, they are there for the safety of you and your children
- New areas of traffic congestion
- Be prepared for delays
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1 cup oat flour*

1 large egg

1 heaping Tablespoon dried catnip

1 Tbsp olive oil

- Place a rack in the upper third of the oven and preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper and set aside.
- In the bowl of a food processor fitted with a blade attachment, combine all ingredients. Blend until mixture is smooth. It will be thick, but pliable and not terribly sticky.
- Roll dough into half teaspoon balls and place on prepared cookie sheet. Use a skewer to press an X-shape into each cookie ball.
- Bake cookies 10 to 12 minutes, until they are dried on top and slightly browned. Allow to cool completely.
- Place treats in an airtight container and store in refrigerator for up to seven days.

*Note: It's easy to make your own oat flour. Simply grind old-fashioned oats in a spice grinder (or a super clean coffee grinder) until it is transformed into a light powder.

CHEWY CAT TREATS

(Makes about 50 small treats)

1 (4 oz.) jar of chicken and brown rice baby food (or something meaty, can use wet cat food)

1 large egg

2 teaspoons olive oil

2 Tablespoon water

¼ cup parsley, coarsely chopped

1 cup brown rice flour

½ cup cooked white (or brown) rice

1. Prepare same as #1 above (Tuna Catnip Kitty Treats).
2. In a medium bowl, whisk together egg, baby food (or wet cat food), parsley, olive oil and water. Add brown rice flour and cooked rice. Stir to incorporate. Mixture will be thick but spreadable.
- Spread mixture onto prepared baking sheet, creating a rectangle that is about 1/3 inch thick. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes.
- Remove from the oven. Let rest until cool enough to handle, then slice the soft dough into bite-size pieces. Return pieces to the oven to bake for 8 more mins.
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Thoughts on Moving to a Senior Residence

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For most seniors the idea of entering a facility is not a welcome pastime, perhaps hoping to be able to live independently for their entire lives. There are many seniors who do manage to live successfully long term in their own homes, but the odds are that this will become too difficult at some point. It is projected that 3.9 million people will be in nursing homes at some time in their lives and an estimated twice that number in a type of senior residence. Overall it's good to have a plan or at least an outline for every eventuality, and starting the conversation early to encourage everyone to consider all possibilities. It's so much better that our loved ones be involved with the decision process from the beginning. If not, it's probable that should an event happen that makes independent living impossible, choices will have to be made quickly, leaving the person little or no choice as to where they will live.

There are many facilities available now with varying levels of independence and care. Location is a premium factor to consider,

whether it be near relatives, friends, children, or maybe not! The financial piece is a key component with most residences now costing upwards of \$3,500 a month with an expected inflation rate of 3% per year. It's important to explore possible benefits such as the Veterans Aid and Attendance award and how these will contribute to the overall cost.

Online searches and senior magazines are a good way to narrow down the search and visits can be arranged to the selected residences. Initially it's important to get a feel of how it would be to live there. For instance how is the décor and friendliness of the staff? Residences have a number of ongoing activities and will invite future residents to participate which helps to make connections. Some residences also have medical services onsite such as physical therapy which are open to outside seniors. Obtaining services at a residence is a great way to get acclimated to the surroundings.

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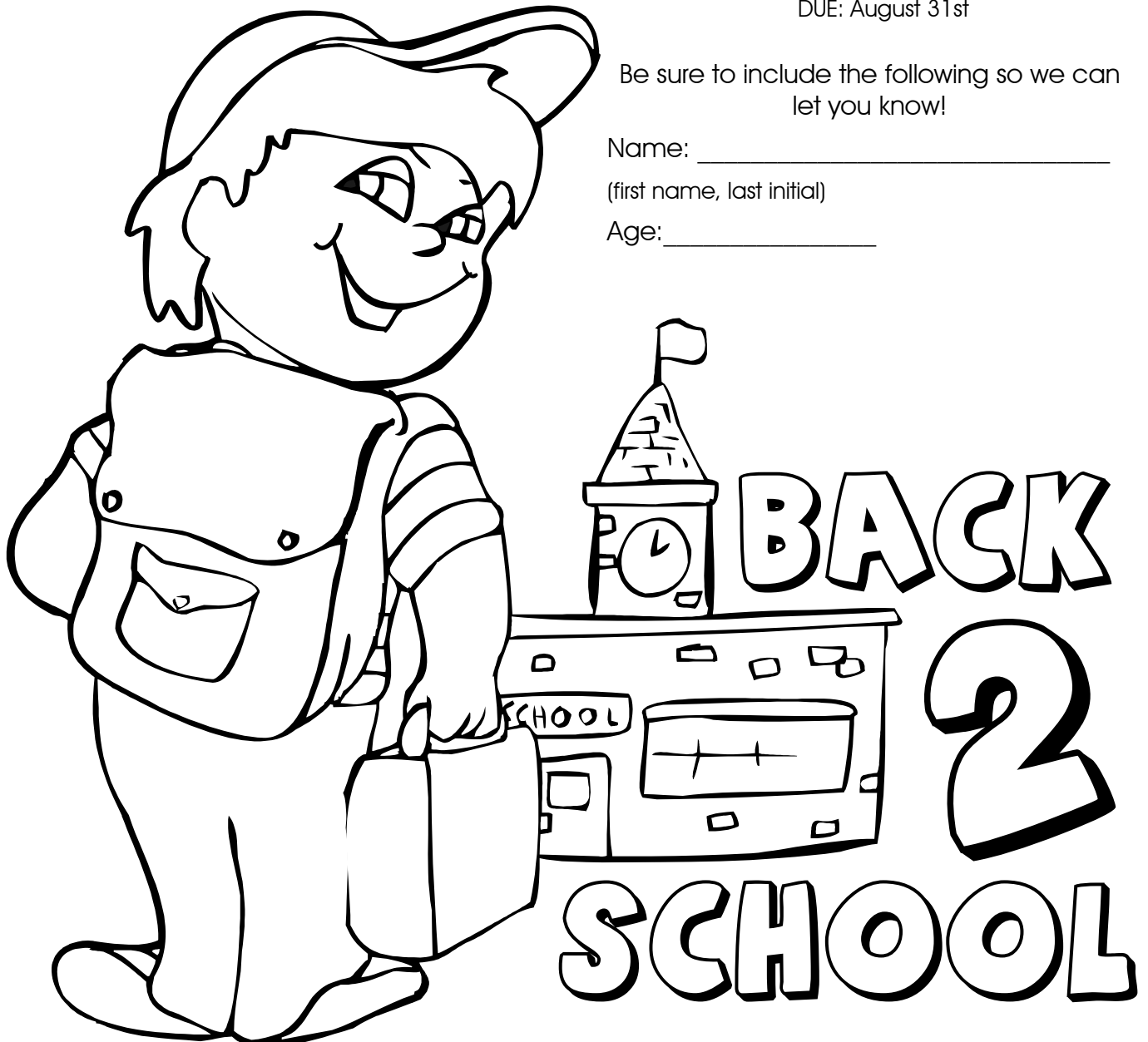
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