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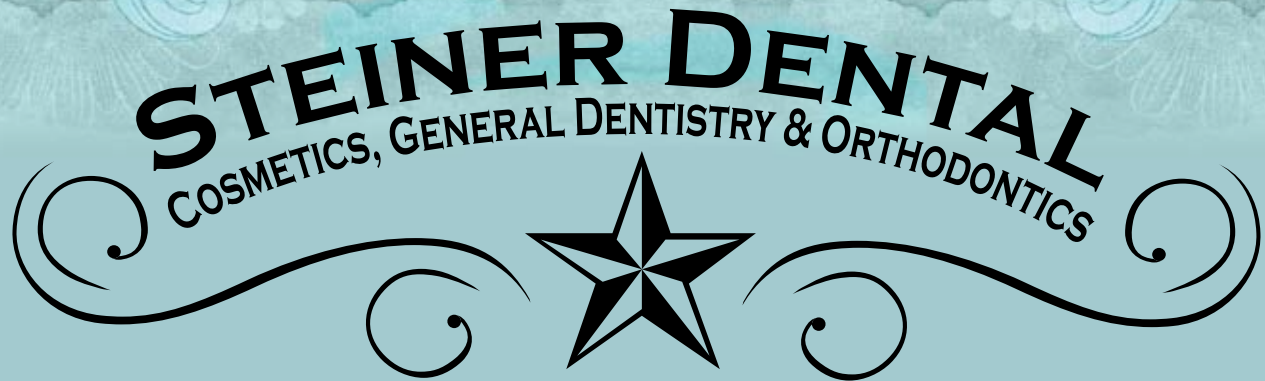
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All photos submitted must have been taken in Steiner Ranch and we'd love to have something that pertains to this time of the year in some way, such as a great Bluebonnet family photo or your child's sports team. Our April issue submittal deadline is March 8th and photos should be submitted electronically by the deadline date in high resolution to Sharon Adams at sharon@steinerranchhoa.org.



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Developer's Update

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Taylor Woodrow Communities currently does not have any lot development under construction. Future phases of lots in the Bella Mar, Santaluz and the golf communities should start construction by mid-2010, depending upon home sales in the existing neighborhoods.

Custom lot sales continue in The Bluffs on south Quinlan Park Rd., Bellagio Estates on Lake Austin, and in the newest phase of the golf community, Shoreview Overlook, at the end of University Club Drive. For more information on these custom homesites and all other builder neighborhoods in Steiner Ranch you may contact the Welcome Center at 266-5833.

COMMERCIAL/MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT

Longhorn Canyon Townhomes – Kemp Management has completed the first 8 of the 29 townhomes located along the 5th hole of the UT Golf Club course immediately across Quinlan Park Rd from the Towne Square Community Center. For more information on this development please call Kemp Properties at 441-1062.

Fairways at Steiner Ranch – Patio home construction on this site along the 3rd through 6th holes of the UT Golf Club course

is on hold until a new builder can negotiate the purchase from the bank that took this property back in foreclosure from the previous builder/developer. More information about the development and sales hopefully will be forthcoming in the near future.

Commercial/Retail Quinlan Park Rd at RM 620 – A commercial / retail developer is performing due diligence on the southwest corner of Quinlan Park Rd and RM 620 (mixed use 1A) for a proposed retail shopping center.

Taylor Woodrow Communities continues to receive interest from various developers for the remaining mixed-use development sites in Steiner Ranch. Vintage Fine Homes has completed city/county site plan approvals to build approximately 20 patio homes on Tract #18 along Steiner Ranch Blvd. across from the Monterone apartments. With the slow down in the local housing market they still have not announced a timeframe to begin construction on this site. Also, pre-leasing continues on the retail/office mixed use development on Tract #4 at the southwest corner of Quinlan Park Rd and Steiner Ranch Blvd. More information on these and other mixed-use sites will be available in the future as development plans progress.

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SPEEDING IN STEINER

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Participants should start lining up along the sidewalk next to their dedicated age group at 9:55am. Please wait for the Fire Truck or Air Horn to sound their horn for the big start. To ensure all children leave with eggs, we ask each child to limit their eggs to ONE DOZEN. Please keep this in mind when your child is on the HUNT. All children will be divided by age group and there will be one special "golden egg" in each age group for a special prize.

Age Groups:

2 Years and under (accompanied by parent)
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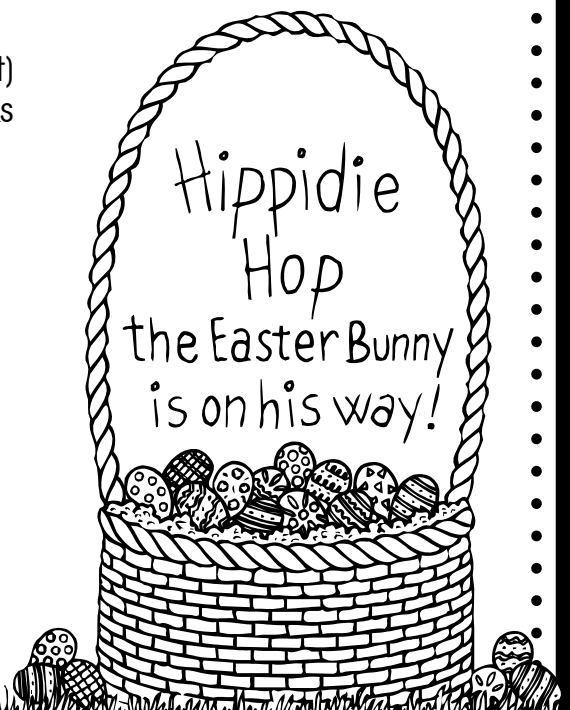
3-4 Yr Olds - In the area to the left of the
Volleyball Court

5-6 Yr Olds - In the area to the right of the
Volleyball Court

7-10 Yr Olds - In the Playground

How to Register:

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To register in person download the registration form at www.steinerranchhoa.org or pick one up at the Association office and make checks payable to Steiner Ranch.

We will buy & stuff your eggs for a cost of \$5.00 per child. Deadline to register is Wednesday, March 31st. (We will not be accepting stuffed eggs)

Please help!

Egg Stuffers – On Wednesday, March 31st at 9:30am, we are having an egg stuffing party at the Towne Square Community Center and we could use your help! We will be stuffing eggs until all of them are done!

Egg Wranglers – With over 5000 eggs to hide, we need your help the morning of the event! Please come to the John Simpson Park on Saturday, April 3rd by 8:00am. Coffee will be provided for all the early morning helpers! This is a great way for the older kids to be involved and earn Community service points too!

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There is something for everyone, so bring the whole family!

Early registration available now until March 4th at www.signmeup.com/67990

When: 9:00 am Saturday, March 6, 2010

Where: Start/Finish - Towne Square Community Center

What: Kids K (<1 mile), 5K race (3.2 miles), & Health Fair

KIDS K:

Children of all ages are welcome to participate in the Kids K. Participants will run a kid-friendly, safe route that is less than one mile. Parents are welcome to jog alongside the runners.

Each Kids K participant will receive an official race number, finishing medal, and a Run the Ranch T-shirt.

5K:

This slightly hilly course will be through the scenic Steiner Ranch neighborhood. Water stations will be at mile one and two. Registration includes a Run the Ranch T-shirt.

PARKING:

Parking is limited. Please park in the Canyon Ridge Middle School and Laura Bush Elementary School parking lots. Parking in the Community Center parking lot will NOT be available. Please walk to the Community Center if possible.

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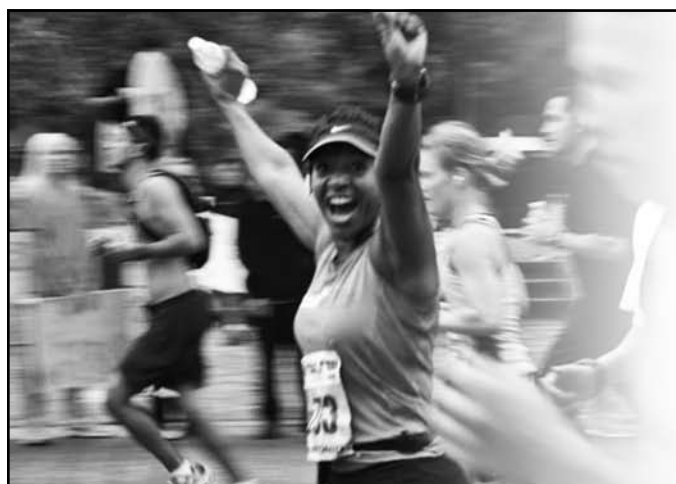
Packet Pick-up and Late Registration will be located at the Steiner Ranch Town Square Community Center at the following times: Friday, March 5th from 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm and Saturday, March 6th from 7:30 am to 8:30 am

CONTACT:

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Mar 6 – Run the Ranch
Apr 3 – Easter Egg Hunt
Apr 17 – Spring Garage Sale
Apr 23-25 – Scrap-A-Thon
May 15 – Casino Night
July 4 – Parade
Aug 21 – Concert in the Park
Sept 18 – Garage Sale
Oct 8-10 – Scrapbooking Marathon
October – Pumpkin Patch
Oct 31 – Halloween Event
Nov 6 – Holiday Sales Event and Santa Pictures
Nov 13 – Camping on the Ranch
Dec 3 – Holiday Wine Social

All Events are tentative and subject to change or cancel

NEWCOMER ORIENTATION

Welcome Newcomers!

Welcome, newcomers to Steiner Ranch! If you have recently purchased a home here, you will receive an invitation to the Newcomer Orientation held on Thursday, April 1st at 7:00pm in the Towne Square Community Center at 12550 Country Trails Lane. You will have the opportunity to become better acquainted with your new community, as well as with other new homeowners. A brief presentation will be given on the history of Steiner Ranch, the organization of the homeowners associations, the homeowner committees, the assessment rates, and community rules and regulations. A representative from the developer, Taylor Woodrow Communities/Steiner Ranch, Ltd., will be available to answer questions about the future development plans for Steiner Ranch. Light refreshments will be served.

Not able to attend? We have scheduled two more this year, so plan to come to a future orientation on October 7th or December 2nd.

Have you lived here a while and never attended an orientation? Do you want to know more about Steiner Ranch? We would love to have you come and join us.

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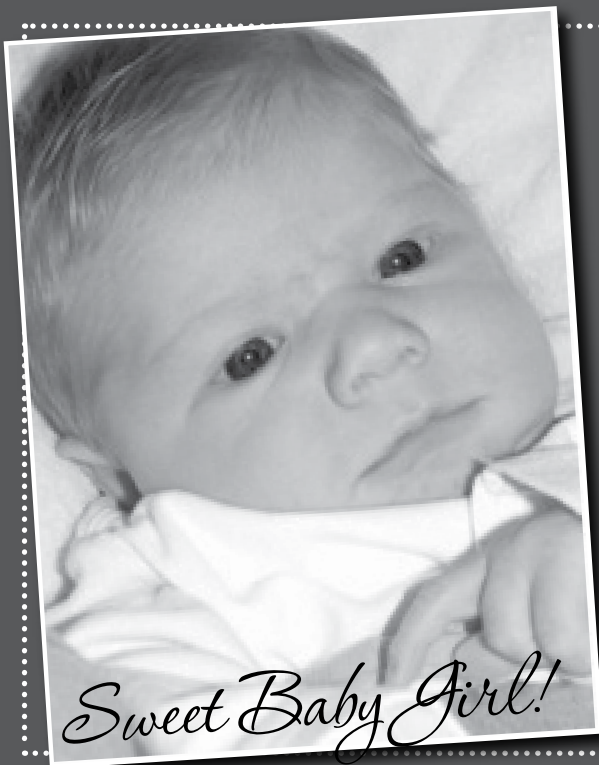
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between teams, please go to our website for more information on how your request will be processed. Your request will depend on available spots per age group per team; therefore, we **CAN NOT** guarantee that your request will be granted.

The Stars must limit the size of both teams due to pool availability for both meets and practices. Therefore, once returning family registration is closed, the Stars board will determine how many open spots for new swimmers per age group per team we have available. Those numbers will be posted on our website prior to new family registration.

New family registration will be held on

Friday, March 26th 7pm-9pm at Bella Mar Community Center. All registration information can be found on our website at www.steinerstars.org. Any family wanting to register for the Steiner Stars must bring a **COMPLETED** packet with payment in the form of a check to registration. Please make sure your child signs the NWSC Code of Conduct form that can be found in the registration packet. One parent per family must be present during the entire registration process in order for their packet to be accepted.

SHOOTING STARS DEVELOPMENTAL SWIM PROGRAM INFORMATION

July 20th – August 13th

Practices will be held 8am -12pm Tues, Wed, Thurs weekly

Exact age group times will be decided after registration

This program is designed for the swimmer who is looking for an introduction to competitive swimming without the full commitment of the Steiner Stars Red or Steiner Stars Blue team.

It is **NOT** SWIM LESSONS. Shooting Stars focuses on the development of competitive swimming skills with emphasis on proper stroke technique in freestyle and backstroke. The coaches will teach breaststroke and butterfly when individual swimmers are ready for that challenge. At the end of the 4-week session, swimmers will

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Swim Program (Continued from Page 16)

be able to measure their improvement at an intra-squad swim meet. Prior swim experience is necessary to enroll in this program. Registration for Shooting Stars will occur in April so please look for more information on our website at www.steinerstars.org. Please note there is NO RETURNING FAMILY STATUS for Shooting Stars. This program has open registration each summer.

Note: All Homeowners must be in "good standing" with the Association in order to participate.

Additional information is available at www.steinerstars.org.



Winter Swimming Program for Adults

The workouts are adjusted for everyone from beginners all the way to advanced -- no swim experience needed!! No intimidation allowed!! If you can swim one length of the pool, then you are ready to join in on the fun of working out in a heated pool! Currently, we have "newbies" who haven't ever participated in organized adult swim classes, new and experienced triathletes who want to improve the swim part of their triathlons, and experienced master's swimmers looking to enjoy an organized swim workout. Regardless of your skill level, you will find a lane with swimmers who match your ability and enthusiasm.

Our winter swim schedule is as follows:

Wednesdays and Fridays
5:30 a.m. until 6:45 a.m.
Sundays 6:30 a.m. until 7:45 a.m.
Lunch power hour - Tuesdays
11:45 a.m. until 1 p.m.

\$30 per month for Residents

Come on and give it a try! It's easy to sign up:

1. You must be 18 yrs. and older.
2. Join U. S. Masters Swimming! (To be eligible to compete in masters meets, to get a great magazine, and for HOA insurance purposes) go to the United States Masters swimming website, www.usms.org/reg and join our team Red Giants Masters swimming. You can print your card immediately and take a copy to the HOA office.
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BELLA MAR:

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Splash Pool & Baby Pool - (unheated)

Closed Mondays

Tue-Fri 7:00am – 4:00pm

Sat & Sun 7:00am – 2pm

Lap Pool (heated for lap swimming only)

Closed Mondays

Tue-Fri 7:00am – 4:00pm

Sat & Sun – 7:00am – 2pm

VHS Swimming - Monday – Friday 7:15am – 9:15am

Master's Swim Program

Wednesday & Friday 5:30am – 6:45am;

Sunday 6:30am – 7:45am;

Tuesday (Lunch Power Hour) 11:45am – 1:00pm

Limited lap lanes will be available to lap swimmers during these program sessions.

TOWNE SQUARE (UNHEATED):

Closed Monday until 12:00pm

Tuesday – Sunday 8:00am – 10:00pm

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May 10th - June 2nd, Mondays and Wednesday ONLY
at Bella Mar Lap Pool. Practices will run from
3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
June 8th - July 16th, Tuesdays thru Fridays from
7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

2010 BLUE TEAM SWIM PRACTICE SCHEDULE

May 11th - June 3rd, Tuesdays and Thursdays ONLY
at Bella Mar Lap Pool. Practices will run from
3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
June 7th - July 15th, Mondays thru Thursdays from
3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The Summer Swim Teams will use only the lap pool during practice. The Splash Pool and Baby Pool will still be available for Community Use during the practice times, but not during meets.

SWIM TEAM HOME SWIM MEETS:

Saturday, June 12th – Entire Facility Closed until 1:00pm
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Around Steiner

Steiner Ranch Ladies Win Tennis Championship in Houston



The Steiner Ranch ladies won the USPTA Texas State Team Tennis Championship in Houston in January. By qualifying with the Courtyard ladies at a local tournament in December, both teams earned the right to represent Austin in the 15-team round-robin indoor doubles event. After a narrow defeat in the first round, they fought back to earn a semi-final berth where they edged Dallas and then raced past Abilene in the final to win the trophy. Congratulations and well-done to our winners!

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WHEN: Friday, April 23rd at 6:30pm to
Sunday, April 25th at 4:30pm

COST: \$75 for the entire weekend!

WHERE: Towne Square Community Center

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?:

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The room will be open for your use at 6:00pm sharp on the following nights:

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Mar 26

Apr 23-25 Scrapathon

May 7

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TRAILS UPDATE

We have seen frost and even ice on the trees this winter. Sometimes ice bends a branch down or even cracks it. If you see a branch hanging over the trail where it could be hazardous, just bring a hand saw on your next trip and cut it off. Note that any other cutting is never allowed in the greenbelts. Only your HOA is allowed to make trail repairs or reroutes - see below. And remember after a big rain it's best to stay off the trails for at least one day. This gives the water a chance to soak in and your boots or bike tires won't cause ruts in the trails.

With a new year comes a new HOA budget for fixing up the trails. Is your favorite trail in need of repair or in need of better sign locations? If you see a problem on the trails, call the HOA at 266-7553 or visit <http://www.steinerhhoa.org> under "Report A Problem." Be specific about the location on the trail, the problem you see, your ideas for a solution, and your contact information.

Construction of any kind is not allowed on the greenbelts or along trails. Recently a type of fort was found on the Summer Vista trail



and this is not allowed by our HOA. Responsible parties are subject to fines. If you see any construction take a picture and contact the HOA.

Only the HOA is authorized to create trails in Steiner Ranch. Unfortunately, someone has been cutting down trees in our greenbelt trying to make rogue trail. These are not authorized trails and are actually dangerous routes. We don't wish to spend your HOA money trying to close and re-vegetate rogue trails. Instead, we want to hear from those who want new trails because we are actively looking

at routes within Steiner to expand our trail system. Would you like to help us plan new trails? Contact your trails committee to get involved at 266-8498 or come to the next Trails Committee meeting on Thursday March 4 at 7PM at Bella Mar. All residents are welcome to attend. A trail signage project team is now forming: We are designing a system of labels for our trail sign posts. To get connected here and volunteer your design skills, contact the trails committee at 266-8498.

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Trails Update- (Continued from Page 22)

If you see any rogue trail cutting or dangerous activity, including motorcycles anywhere on the trails or in the parks, take a picture and call the Travis County Sheriff West Command at (512) 854-9728 and the HOA. Remember, your trails are private and are for your use, and your accompanied guests' use only.

- RICH KEITH

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Personal classifieds (one time sell items, such as a used bike...) run at no charge to Steiner Ranch residents, limit 30 words, please e-mail steinerranch@peelinc.com.

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Steiner Birthdays

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February 22nd - Anthony Falato
March 1st - Kooper Peel
March 1st - Gavin Weinheimer
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Around Steiner

Steiner Ranch History Corner



In 1981, when Sid was 5 and Tommy Shane was 7, the Steiners sold the rodeo business. After that they were off the road for good and lived on the Steiner Ranch. About 11 years ago they moved to their cattle ranch between Bastrop and Elgin. That 9,000 acre ranch was started by Buck Steiner in 1930. Now Bobby is moving back here because they are building a home in the Caslano area. That area was the site of the original homestead. Bobby kept a lake lot, and bought some pieces back.

With Sid Steiner, Bobby feels that anything your kids do always seems and feels better than the things you did yourself. And his kids really impress him. With Sid, they really didn't want him to rodeo, but then all of a sudden he did. Not through coaching from his parents; he just really wanted to do it. When Sid won the world championship and

retired, Bobby was thankful because he knew that nobody gets rich in the rodeo world and Sid got out at the right time. After all, Sid never liked life on the road as his dad Bobby had, and it was probably because Sid started when he was older.

Bobby feels his mom and dad died too soon. But it's not how long you live but how you live your life, he says, and Tommy and Beverly had a very full life. Tommy and Bobby talked about building a steakhouse in the spot where it is now. They drew up plans. Unfortunately Tommy died 2 years later, and it got shelved. A few years later, Steiner Ranch was bigger and the need was more apparent for the Four Points Area. Bobby sat down with Don Burnet and drew up new plans. They wanted an elegant place that you could eat delicious food for a reasonable price and where you could really dress up and have

a fabulous meal, all under the same roof. The Steakhouse has exceeded expectations since it opened.

Now Bobby is interested in what his kids and his grandkids are doing. Bobby's grandson plays local flag football and Bobby sometimes goes to practice. Ranching is important but so is balance. He loves the Steakhouse. He really wants to move back to Steiner Ranch so he can be closer to the family and back on this property. He falls in love with his grandkids imperfections, which he wasn't able to do with his own children. The things that irritate him with his kids, he finds amusing and interesting in his grandkids. Visit www.steinerranches.com and www.sidsteiner.net Source: Interviews with Bobby Steiner.

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Steiner Ranch Spring Programs

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PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Sportball • Gymnastics
Tennis • Art
Cooking • Music
Tap & Ballet Combo (Full)

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Neighborhood Sports
Flag Football • Soccer
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Adult & Teen Tile Ceramic Workshop
(May)

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Sportball • Karate
Tap & Ballet combo (Full)
Hip Hop - Full • Gymnastics
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ADULT PROGRAMS

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Registration information can be found on-line at www.steinerranchhoa.org or at the Community Association Office at 12550 Country Trails Lane.

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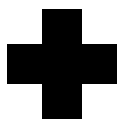
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Classes for 2010

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Around Steiner

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MARCH 10TH - NEW RETIREMENT STRATEGIES, by Rich Keith. We examine your "retirement environment" in light of today's realities. Learn how to grow your assets, reduce taxes and protect your family's income. How to build your nest egg with no more risk than is necessary, and shield your assets from the forces of inflation and unexpected future events. 10:00am BMCC • Free

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MARCH 24TH - ESTATE PLANNING AND LONG TERM CARE, by Rich Keith. Long term care may be one of the largest and most expensive issues on the horizon for American families. The financial impact of a long term care need increases every year, and may affect families with lost

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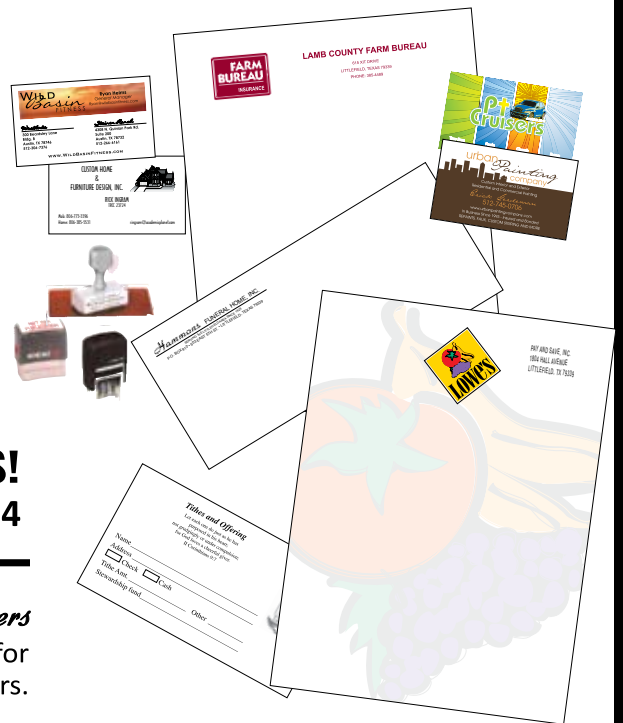
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From the Association Office

Longhorn Village Retirement Community In Steiner Ranch Earns Three-Star Rating From Austin Energy Green Building Program

Longhorn Village, the first and only retirement community developed in association with the Ex-Students' Association of The University of Texas, recently earned a three-star rating from Austin Energy's Green Building program, making it the first Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) in Central Texas to complete this rigorous review process and achieve a rating designation.

Located in the award-winning Steiner Ranch master-planned community in northwest Austin, Longhorn Village provides premiere retirement living within a culturally rich and intellectually stimulating setting. The development, which opened in summer 2009, features Mediterranean-style villas and elegant apartments complemented by a wealth of exceptional on-site amenities and social, recreational and cultural activities. The community's on-site Health Care Center offers residents a diverse and comprehensive package of health services, spanning from assisted living to memory care and skilled nursing care.

Austin Energy's Green Building program promotes buildings that are efficient, healthy and well constructed. It assesses points on a rating scale based on the design, construction and performance of new developments. Achieving a Green Building rating confirms that a project has 1) lowered utility bills and reduced energy and water use, 2) improved indoor air quality and occupant health, 3) reduced operation and maintenance costs, 4) increased durability and 5) demonstrated lasting value and benefits for the community.

Longhorn Village achieved three-star status based on points accrued in the categories of energy, materials, water, health, community and site. Since Austin Energy issued the first Multifamily ratings in 2001, only 29 projects have achieved three-star status, with 69 projects total having successfully completed the rating process.

"It is a privilege to be the first CCRC in Central Texas to complete the Green Building review process, and an even greater honor to

have achieved a three-star rating," said George Stacy, Senior Project Manager of CRSA, the developer of Longhorn Village. "Longhorn Village is very progressive in its approach to retirement living, with an emphasis on social, recreational and cultural involvement, and being a steward of the environment is of significant importance to the residents, staff and everyone involved in the development of this exceptional community."

Among the highlights noted in the rating of Longhorn Village's Green Building-quality measures included:

- Energy efficient appliances and lighting
- Energy efficient heating, cooling and water systems
- Presence of recycling center for all residents
- Use of recycled-content construction material
- Retention of native vegetation of pervious cover areas
- Appropriate percentage of plants, shrubs and trees meeting Xeriscape requirements
- Water efficient irrigation system
- Environmentally friendly insulation
- Site adjacent to hike and bike trails and greenbelts
- High density (units per acre range)
- Appropriate impervious cover percentage
- Entire site ADA accessible

About Longhorn Village

Longhorn Village, located in the award-winning Steiner Ranch master-planned community in northwest Austin, is the first and only retirement community developed in association with the Ex-Students' Association of The University of Texas. The community was developed by Memphis, Tenn.-based CRSA, a nationally renowned developer of university-affiliated retirement communities. The Longhorn Village lifestyle is open to everyone aged 62 or older, regardless of university affiliation.

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Girl Scout Registration is Open

Submitted by Carmen Tucker

Girl Scouts of Central Texas registration is open year-round to girls in grades K-12. Now is the perfect time to register in order to take advantage of experiences like overnight camp, robotics day camp, backpacking trips and more. Registration is \$10 per year and girls can choose to join a troop or participate as individuals.

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. Through fun, informal and educational experiences, girls can discover their potential, connect with others and take action to make the world a better place. Girl Scouts provides a wide variety of experiences for interests such as the arts, science, technology, nature, athletics, community service, health, leadership and more. To learn more or to register, contact Carmen Tucker at CarmenT@gstx.org or (512) 490-2360. Discover Girl Scouts online at www.gstx.org.

Steiner TechNet Wants You!

Submitted by David Dyke

If you work in technology and live in Steiner Ranch, we have a new community for you. This includes a quarterly social mixer in Steiner with opportunities to meet new neighbors, discuss business issues, find job opportunities and share best practice ideas, etc.

For more information, email David Dyke at david@austin-tech.net and join LinkedIn Groups Steiner TechNet.

Are you a member of a community group or organization here in Steiner? Email the information about your group to steinerranch@peelinc.com and it will be included in each issue. Feel free to submit post event write-ups and photos.

Pack 203

*Welcome all Steiner Ranch Boys!!
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Do you know what Cub Scouts and Scouting is all about? Pack 203 at LWBE does fun things with fellow scouting friends every month! We get together as a Pack to wear our cool uniforms, show off our scout spirit, and participate in exciting scouting activities. As a Cub Scout, you will get to go camping and fishing with your family, shoot BB guns, sleep over on real U.S. Naval ships and do archery! We play all kinds of sports and build cool race cars and spaceships to race. Do you want to learn the secret scouting code and earn really cool patches? Do you want to learn more about nature and your community? Find out how enriching being a Cub Scout can be!

Contact Kim Skelton for more information nelson2930@austin.rr.com

Steiner With Out Kids Social Group (SWOK)

Submitted by Paula Kaisner

Did you know there is a social group in Steiner called Steiner w/o Kids (SWOK). We have been established since January 2006 and have had many couples join who've made new friendships. Whether you've never had kids or you have grown children, you are welcome to join this fun social group. We get together once a month at someone's home in Steiner for food and drinks along with making new friends and/or enjoying old friends! It's a great way to meet other couples and form new relationships with people who also don't have children at home. For more information please email Paula Kaisner at paula@kaisner.org



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC) Returning Family Swim Team Registration Begins	2 6:30pm – Facility Committee Meeting (TSCC)	3	4 8:00am Free Pilates (TSCC) 7:00pm – Trails Committee Meeting (BMCC) 	5 6:00pm- Run The Ranch Packet Pick-up (TSCC)	6 8:30am – Run The Ranch (TSCC)
7 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	8 10:00am – SAIVA (TSCC) 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	9 6:30pm – Social Committee Meeting (TSCC)	10 10:00am – New Retirement Strategies (BMCC)	11 8:00am Free Pilates (TSCC) 	12	13
14 DLS Time Begins 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	15 Spring Break Camps 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	16 Spring Break Camps	17 Spring Break Camps St. Patrick's Day 	18 Spring Break Camps 	19 Spring Break Camps	20 1st Day of Spring
21 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	22 10:00am – SAIVA (TSCC) 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	23 7:00pm – Blueprint for Financial Success (TSCC)	24 10:00am – Estate Planning and Long Term Care (BMCC)	25 8:00am Free Pilates (TSCC) 6:00pm – SRROA Board of Directors Meeting (TSCC) 	26 6:00pm – Scrapbooking (TSCC) 7:00-9:00 PM New Family Swim Team Registration	27
28 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	29	30 3:30pm – SRMA Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm – Healthy Mental Attitude- Wellness Workshop (TSCC)	31	TSCC – Towne Square Community Center BMCC – Bella Mar Community Center JSCC – John Simpson Community Center		



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4 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	5 10:00am – SAIVA (TSCC) 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	6 6:30pm – Facility Committee Meeting (TSCC)	7 	8 8:00am Free Pilates (TSCC) 10:00am – ABCs of Talking to your kids about money (BMCC) 7:00pm – Trails Committee Meeting (BMCC) 	9 	10 9:00am – 4:00pm – American Red Cross Babysitting Class (TSCC)
11 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	12 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	13 6:30pm – Social Committee Meeting (TSCC) 7:00pm – Resume Review (BMCC)	14 	15 8:00am Free Pilates (TSCC) 7:00pm – ABCs of Making Money for Teens (BMCC) 	16 	17 8:00am – 12:00pm – Spring Garage Sale 10:00am – 3:00pm – WCID #17 WaterFest 2010 (Hudson Bend Middle School)
18 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	19 10:00am – SAIVA (TSCC) 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	20 7:00pm – SRMA Annual Meeting (TSCC)	21 	22 8:00am Free Pilates (TSCC) 6:30pm – SRROA Annual Meeting (TSCC) 	23 6:30pm – Scrap-A-Thon (TSCC)	24 All Day – Scrap-A-Thon (TSCC) 9:00am – 12:00pm – Household Hazardous Waste Collection (LTISD parking lot)
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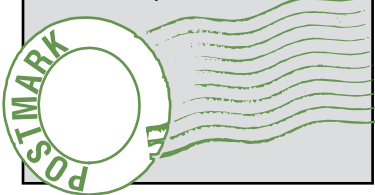
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Spring is on the way - we can only hope that the rain comes with it. What else comes are weeds! Weed seeds respond to rising soil temperatures and begin to germinate. A lot of the spring time weeds can be managed by a strong, healthy and thick turf. If the turf is weak, thin and sickly, then weeds are more likely. Use of pre-emergent weed control products are in order if the turf is weak. Most garden centers have different choices and you should ask them for their advice. Always follow the directions. DO NOT use the old adage that "if a little is good more is better". Too much pre-emergent product is never better. These products come with a bit of fertilizer which is good because you do not need much fertilizer right now. The typical spring fertilization that will kick start your turf comes in late March or early April, so for now treat your lawn with pre-emergent products if necessary and enjoy the glory of spring.

Remember that all homeowners must keep all shrubs, trees, grass and plantings of every kind on their lot, including any Common Area platted as a part of their lot, cultivated, pruned, mowed, edged and free of trash and other unsightly materials.

If you use a lawn service or do it yourself, make sure your lawn clippings are disposed of correctly and remember to keep the bags of clippings out of site and put them at the curb on trash day only.

If your neighbors are not keeping their lawns maintained, it affects everyone, so please let the Association's Office know by going to www.steinerranchhoa.org and click on the "Report a Problem" link.



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The SRROA is a resident-controlled homeowners association. Board members represent all members of the SRROA and are responsible for governance of the SRROA. Time commitment is variable. Board meetings are held one evening per month at the Towne Square Community Center. Regular attendance is expected. In addition, Board members may occasionally be called upon during the workweek to provide opinions and feedback via telephone or email to the Executive Director. Board members serve as liaisons to Steiner Ranch Committees (Social, Facilities, etc.) and should plan on attending the committee's monthly meeting.

If you are interested in serving on the SRROA Board of Directors, please email your name, address, telephone number, and a brief autobiography to Scott Selman, Steiner Ranch Community Executive Director at scott@steinerranchhoa.org.

Playscape Structure Submittal

If you are thinking about getting the kids a playscape, don't forget that it will need to be reviewed to the Architectural Committee first. Things you should keep in mind when selecting a playscape:

- Must be constructed with a lumber that resist rotting and deterioration, i.e. redwood or treated lumber.
- Canopies on the playscape must be a solid color, preferably green or earth tone.
- Setbacks for playscapes are to be no less than 5' from each property line.
- Views of the playscape must be minimized from public streets and adjoining units.

Once you've decided on the playscape and location, complete the Architectural Modification form and include the requested items (i.e. photo of playscape, description of materials to be used, etc.) along with the required \$500 refundable deposit check to the Association for review by the Architectural Committee.

If you have any questions regarding Architectural submittals, please contact Brandi Moegelin, Architectural Coordinator at brandi@steinerranchhoa.org or 512-266-7553.



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From the Association Office

Nesting Season Approaches for Endangered Birds

Two endangered species of birds, the Black-Capped Vireo (BCV) and the Golden-Cheeked Warbler (GCW), will again be making their home in Steiner Ranch this spring. These songbirds are native to this area and their nesting seasons begin soon. Why is this important to know? Several of the trails established in Steiner Ranch make their way through the Balcones Canyonland Preserve (Powerline Hill and Eastridge trails) where many of the birds reside. The birds are especially sensitive to environmental changes during nesting season. The established trail rules were designed to minimize the effect humans have on the birds during this period. Though the Steiner Ranch Master Association (SRMA) has the right to install and maintain trails in the Preserve, *violations of these rules could force closure of the trails through the end of the nesting season.*

GCW Nesting Season –
March 1st through July 31st

BCV Nesting Season –
March 15th through August 31st

Please review the following trail rules before your next hike:

1. The trails are for Steiner Ranch residents, their guests, and persons with written authorization from Taylor Woodrow Communities/Steiner Ranch, Ltd. ONLY.
2. Trail hours will be from dawn until dusk. There will be no access of the trails allowed after dark.
3. Use of the trails is at your own risk.
4. Only use of designated trails is allowed. Leaving designated trails is prohibited.
5. No motorized vehicles are allowed.
6. No horses are allowed.
7. No feeding animals.

8. Bikes are allowed only on Hike-and-Bike Trails. Bikes must yield to pedestrians.
9. No loitering.
10. No hunting.
11. No cooking, fires, or smoking.
12. No camping.
13. All pets must be on a leash at all times.
14. No littering or dumping is allowed.
15. Do not disturb natural landscapes. Be cautious of plants and wildlife in their native habitat.

In addition to the rules above, the following apply only to the Permitted Trails in the Conservation Easement (Powerline Hill and Eastridge trails):

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3. Access permitted at trailhead access points only.

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From the Association Office

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To rent any one (or more) of our facilities just follow these easy steps:

1. When and Where? Go to our website at www.steinerranchhoa.org and click on Facility Reservations (on the left). The available areas have a hyperlink that you can click on to check availability. Once you have the date and time in mind, call the Associations Management Office to place your name on the calendar.
2. First come, first served. Your reservation is only good for TWO days until you turn in your completed reservation form and make full payment (including deposit, if required). We will not make calls to remind you to pay. If you have not made a payment for your reservation after the two days, your reservation will be relinquished.
3. What now? Once you have turned in your payment and paperwork, you need not do anything else. The HOA office will activate your facility tag and post a sign at each

designated facility letting all visitors know you have it rented.

4. What do you get for your money? All reservations are set and priced for 6 hour blocks. Even if you plan to use it for only 2 hours you must pay the minimum price. All of our outdoor covered pavilions and uncovered areas and parks are \$25. You do not have to rent out the parks unless you want a guaranteed spot. Towne Square is our larger indoor facility that can hold 80 seated persons and costs \$100. Bella Mar is our newer facility that can hold 40 seated persons and is \$75. Both indoor facilities require a \$300 deposit.
5. Cleaning Up. Please remember that there may be a reservation coming in right after you. You are required to clean up after your event. We have a maintenance staff on-site that checks in and takes pictures of damage and/or untidiness of the facilities. You may opt for our staff to clean up after you for an additional \$100. (You are still required to dispose of your trash.)
6. Cancelling. If you need to cancel your reservation please call the Association Management Office at least 3 days prior to your reservation for a full refund.

Please call (512) 266-7553 if you have additional questions.

**If you have lost your facility tag, it needs to be reported as LOST immediately to prevent it from getting into the wrong hands. There is a \$20 replacement fee required to obtain a new tag.*

Please note: The Steiner Ranch HOA provides each facility "as is" with tables and chairs. Outdoor heaters, fire pits, set-up/break-down and ashtrays are not provided.

Architectural Modification Requirements

So you've decided to do some improvements or make changes to the outside of your home..... what do you do now?

1. Complete the Architectural Modification form (owner only)
2. Include any addendum forms such as for a pool or deck
3. Include a scaled drawing showing plan and elevation views of the proposed improvements, modifications or alterations. Submittals must include samples depicting the proposed materials and colors to be used.
4. A lot survey (which the owner receives at closing) indicating the location of proposed improvements, and any applicable easements, setbacks, and elevation differences on lot.
5. Deposit check in the amount of \$500

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Steiner Ranch Schools

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Business Section

Five Business Networking Groups in the Area

Are you looking to grow your business in 2010? If so, you might be interested in a few of the business networking groups in the area. These are a few to choose from:

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School News

Spring Fling Family Event at Steiner Ranch Elementary Friday, May 21, 2010

After two long years, Steiner Ranch Elementary PTA's spring carnival family event is making a comeback but with a new twist. In keeping with its mission and purpose, the PTA seeks to encourage public and community involvement at our school. Rather than keeping this event privately run and operated by the SRE PTA, we cordially invite area businesses and community groups (Groups) to participate in this fun family event.

We are in the early planning stages and welcome any ideas or suggestions. This event is not a fundraiser. It is meant as a celebration of a great school year and serves as a reward to the students, the parent volunteers and their families. Not only will participating Groups be a huge blessing to our students and families, but they too will benefit. This event provides these Groups with excellent publicity, exposure leading into the summer months, and opportunities to establish connections with the school's families. The Groups will garner respect and a positive reputation just by being there and showing their generous support. Of course, they will also have our most sincere gratitude!

Some ideas for interested Groups to consider:

1. Sponsor and manage a food or beverage booth (pizza, hotdogs, popcorn, water, soda, juice, cotton candy, chips, etc.)

2. Create and manage a fun game or activity, perhaps with small prizes (ex/ corn hole, beanbag toss, dunking machine, basketball hoops challenge, sack races, face painting, water-soluble tattoos, hair braiding, balloon creations, craft stations, etc.)
3. Secure and manage other forms of entertainment (ex/ live or pre-recorded music; jumpers and inflatables; little barrel train rides; etc.)

All donations of time, food, services or products are considered charitable donations to the SRE PTA and the school itself. *Note: Anyone working or serving at this event must be an approved volunteer in the Leander Independent School District. Volunteer approval is quite simple to obtain. Simply visit the district website at: <http://www.leanderisd.org/default.aspx?name=comm.volunteer> to apply to be a volunteer in LISD.

If you know of any Groups interested in participating in the upcoming Spring Fling Family Event, or if you have any questions, suggestions or ideas, please contact:

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Steiner Ranch Elementary School PTA

Pay It Forward is the Steiner Stallions' annual charitable fundraising effort sponsored by the Steiner Ranch Elementary PTA which encourages Stallions to think beyond themselves and do something for others who are less fortunate. Through Pay It Forward, Stallion parents take advantage of an excellent opportunity to teach and discuss with their children about others in need.

Before the Christmas break, the PTA received nominations for various charities from Stallion students and families. Four charities were selected by the PTA Board and presented to the student body for a ballot vote. This year, the Stallions decided to support Town Lake Animal Center (TLAC) by a 3:1 vote.

The TLAC is the largest animal shelter in Central Texas, providing shelter to over

23,000 animals each year. No animal is turned away, regardless of age or illness, and the TLAC does its best to get the animals ready for adoption and hopefully help them find their new home.

This year's Pay It Forward slogan for the TLAC is "Help Your BFF!", where BFF stands for "Best Furry Friend".

Students are asked to donate rawhide bones, cans of dog and cat food, new or gently used animal toys and towels, and money. The money will be used to support a variety of services provided by the TLAC such as feeding the animals, extra staff, spay/neuter surgeries, vaccinations, Animal Control, additional advertising for adoptions, etc. This effort will go a long way to succeeding in the ultimate goal of getting the current animal residents adopted and getting more

homeless animals off the street and to safety at the shelter where they too can get a chance at adoption.

Students are encouraged to find creative ways to raise money for the TLAC. We suggested lemonade stands, bake sales, donating their allowance, and asking their parents if they can do extra chores around the house and donate their earnings to the charity.

Three goal levels have been set, and the whole school will receive prizes if we meet or exceed these goals. The students are very excited to help their Best Furry Friends and give them a chance to be welcomed into a permanent home and receive the love and support they so richly deserve.

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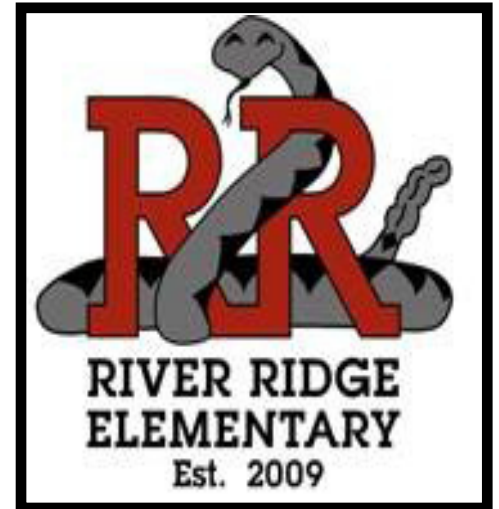
School News

River Ridge Elementary - Home of the Rattlers Rattler Round-Up Spring Fundraiser

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As this is our inaugural year at River Ridge Elementary, the funds we raise will purchase tarps/sunshades for the playgrounds, as well as support educational programs for visiting authors, field trips and Marathon Kids.

The River Ridge Rattler Round-Up is the event of the year with Dinner and Dancing at the University of Texas Golf Club on Thursday, April 1, 2010 @ 6:30 pm!! In

addition to the night's festivities, there will be an Auction with merchandise and services from various local businesses.

Don't miss out! Support your local school right here in Steiner Ranch, River Ridge Elementary. Please consider making a donation which will be proudly displayed with any promotional literature and information.

On behalf of the students, teachers and parents of River Ridge Elementary, we thank you for your generosity and interest in the needs of our children. Please contact us with any questions or to purchase tickets to attend. Tickets are \$35.00/per person!!

EVENT INFORMATION

River Ridge Rattler Round-Up
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This spring, The University of Texas Golf Club is proud to host a few prestigious golf tournaments. There is a very exciting spring season ahead at the club! Coach John Fields and Coach Martha Richards are expecting a strong field at both the Morris Williams Intercollegiate and the Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational. But before the collegiate tournaments begin, the club is hosting the Texas Junior Golf Tour on March 15-16. The Texas Junior Golf Tour was founded in 1989 when several Austin area golf coaches and parents realized a need for a higher level of competition that would supplement high school golf along with regional PGA/USGA events and promote national exposure to collegiate golf programs. The TJGT has produced more than 2000 collegiate golfers at all levels of the NCAA, NAIA and NJCAA who have received either a golf or academic/leadership scholarship. Plan to come out and watch some great

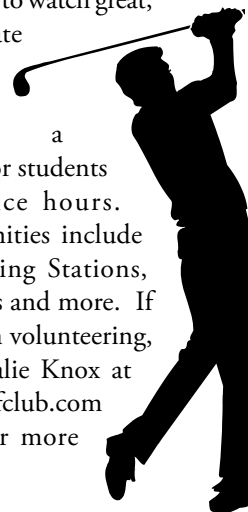
junior golfers who may be the golf greats of the future!

The next tournament to be held at the club is the Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational, March 26-28. The tournament's namesake, Betsy Rawls, is a 1950 graduate of The University of Texas who became one of the most prolific golfers of her time, winning more than 50 Tour championships, including four U.S. Open titles. This will be the 7th year the tournament has been hosted at The UT Golf Club.

The next tournament to note is the Morris Williams Intercollegiate being played April 5-6. The Morris Williams has played host to some of the greatest college players of all time. Many of these players went on to make a name for themselves on the PGA Tour as well. The list includes familiar names like Texas greats Ben Crenshaw, Tom Kite, Bob Estes and Justin Leonard. Other household names include Payne Stewart, Fred Couples

and Phil Mickelson amongst many others.

The UT Golf Club invites you and your family to come on out, watch some great golf and support the Longhorns! If you want to get more involved and up close to the action, then plan on volunteering. This is an exciting opportunity to watch great, competitive collegiate golf and support The UT Golf Teams. This is also a great opportunity for students looking for service hours. Volunteer opportunities include Live Scoring, Timing Stations, Hospitality, Shuttles and more. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Natalie Knox at natalie.knox@utgolfclub.com or at 266-6464 for more information.



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Participants can choose to run or walk either 3 miles or 5 miles and we hope you will appreciate the changes we have made to some of the trails.

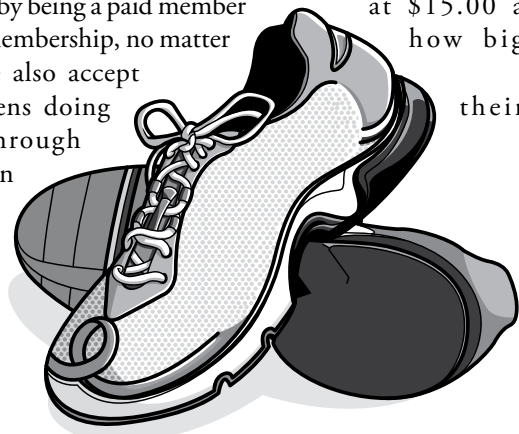
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There is no entrance fee, but a commemorative T-shirt can be purchased at the event for \$15.00. If you register before April 6, you may purchase a T-shirt for \$8.00. If you register early you will be assured the size of your choice.

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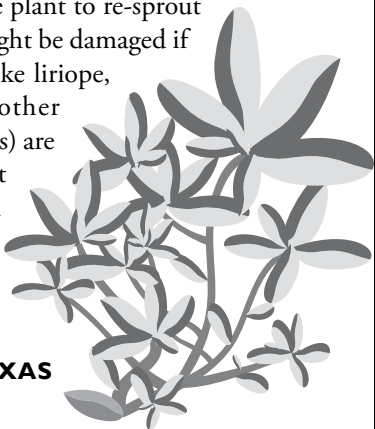
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WHAT HAPPENED

All Roman shades and pull-up blinds were recalled voluntarily in the United States by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and Window Covering Safety Council (WCSC) due to the risk of strangulation to young kids.

Health Canada also issued an advisory alerting parents to the potential strangulation hazard of Roman shades and pull-up blinds. According to the CPSC, in a single year consumers purchase about 5 million Roman shades and 3 million pull-up blinds.

WHAT THIS MEANS

The CPSC is aware of five deaths and 16 near strangulations in Roman shades since 2006 as well as three deaths in roll-up blinds since 2001. Strangulations in Roman shades are possible when a child pulls the cord out of the shade and wraps it around the neck or when a child places his or her neck between the exposed inner cord and the fabric on the

backside of the blind.

In roll-up blinds, strangulations can occur if a child's neck becomes entangled in a lifting loop that has slid off the side of the blind or if a child places his or her neck between the roll-up blind fabric and the lifting loop.

WHERE THIS PRODUCT WAS SOLD

Major retailers in the United States and Canada, including Walmart (500,000 Roman shades and 600,000 roll-up blinds), J.C. Penney (more than 2.2 million Roman shades and about 340 roll-up blinds), and Pottery Barn (along with Pottery Barn Kids and PBTeen; about 305,000 Roman shades and 45,000 roller shades; an additional 85,000 Roman shades were recalled in August 2009), and online.

WHAT TO DO NEXT

For a free retrofit kit for Roman-style shades and roll-up blinds, visit www.windowcoverings.org or call the WCSC toll-free anytime at 800-506-4636.

Additionally, the CPSC and the WCSC suggest taking these measures:

Examine all shades and blinds at home to ensure there aren't any accessible cords on the front, side, or back of the product — and if there are any, make them inaccessible to young children.

If possible, install cordless window coverings in homes where kids live or visit. Place cribs, beds, and furniture away from the windows to prevent kids from climbing on them to reach the cords on the window coverings.

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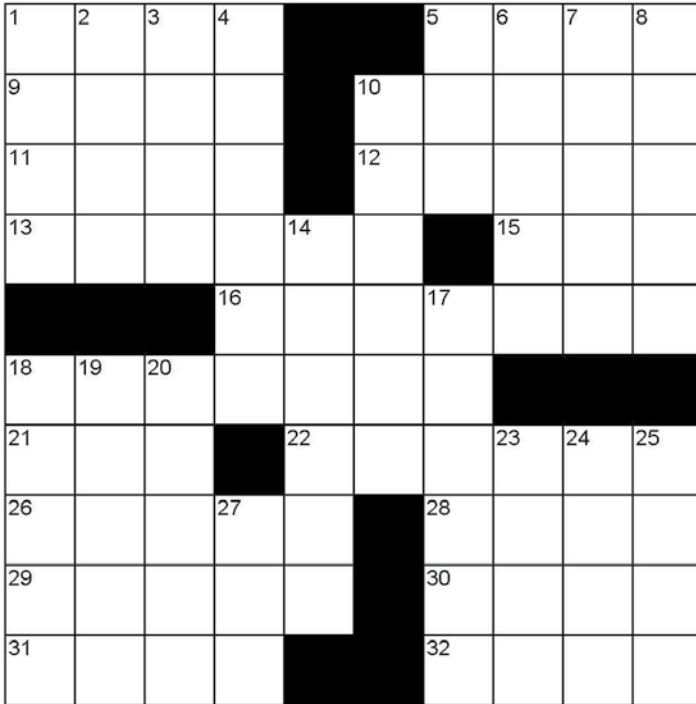


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13. Of this
15. Feign
16. Long scoldings
18. Tutee
21. To be
22. Band instrument
26. ___ cotta (clay)
28. Too
29. Append (2 wds.)
30. Worker
31. Honker
32. University (abbr.)

DOWN

1. Fit together
2. Healing plant
3. Speak indistinctly
4. To this document
5. Food and drug administration (abbr.)
6. Leading
7. Time being
8. Beats it!
10. Wrangle
14. What the Tin Man needed
17. Naval fleet
18. Devil
19. Doctrine
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Have You Been Phished?

Phishing (sounds just like fishing) is what thieves on the internet do to get your personal information. In fact, it is just like fishing – they use bait (and you are the fish.)

What does phishing look like? It can look like an email from your bank. They tell you that there has been suspicious activity with your bank account, and in order to avoid having the account frozen you need to click a link and verify your information on their web site. If you click the link, it will take you to a web page that looks just like your bank's login page. You enter your username and password, you may then see a page saying thank you for validating your information, or you may see an error page that says please try again later. The problem is you didn't actually go to your bank's web site; instead you just gave your login information to the bad guys.

Another scheme frequently seen at this time of year is an email from the IRS and SURPRISE, it's good news! You are eligible for a tax refund, and all you have to do is click on the link and submit your tax refund request. And oh, if you don't respond within 48 hours they will assume the refund is invalid and it will be suspended. You'll be in for another surprise when you later find out that it wasn't really the IRS, and you gave your personal information, including your social security number to the bad guys.

Who are these bad guys? How come they don't get caught? Well, you'll find them in China, eastern European countries and Russia. That's why you'll often find these emails filled with poor or awkward grammar. They buy lists of email addresses and send them out by the millions. There are lots of "phish" in the ocean, but you only have to catch a few to make a lot of money.

How do you protect yourself from phishing attacks? First and most important, NEVER click on links in email. Even if you get an email from a friend, are you sure they intentionally sent it? Many viruses will scan through an address book and then send an email to everyone with a generic message like "this is so funny, check it out" or "did you see this video of you online?" If you're not expecting the email, DON'T CLICK. The same goes for attachments. Don't fall for fake messages from UPS, FedEx, etc. Ask yourself "did I give them my email address?" You probably didn't, so you can be sure they didn't send it.

The Internet is a big world filled with gleaming cities and dark alleys. As long as you're aware that there are bad guys who are trying to steal from you, simple precautions and common sense will keep you safe.

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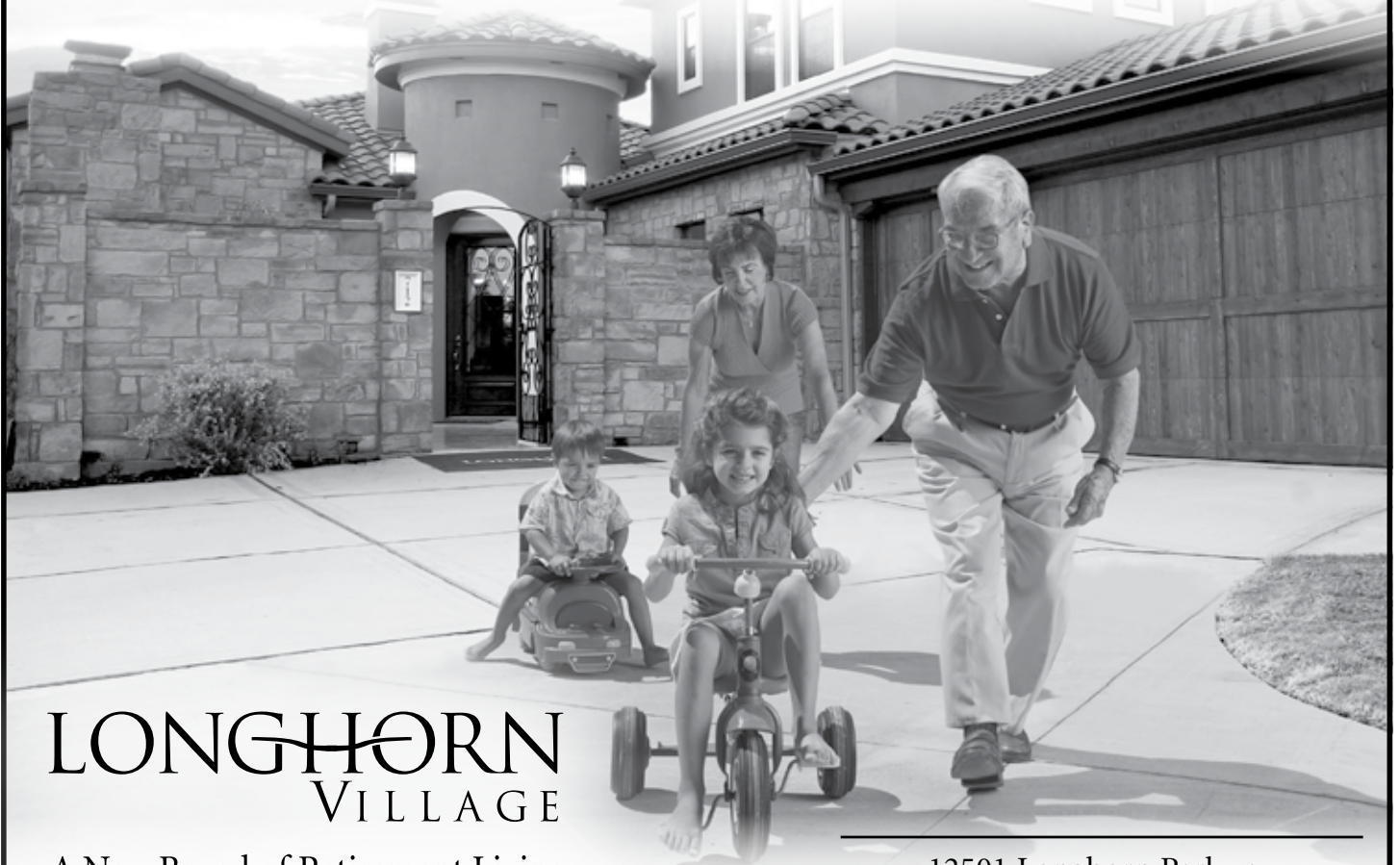
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Meet Devion (7/02)

Devion is only little in physical size. He is convinced he is the biggest kid around and that he can do anything anyone else can do. This little man lights up any room he enters with his smile and personality. Devion loves attending church and enjoys singing in the children's choir. Devion loves playing with other people of any age but he plays in the manner of a child age 4 to 6. He is showing progress in being able to play independently. Devion loves to do almost anything outside. He loves to swim, ride bikes & scooters, play baseball, basketball & football and has even recently tried to water ski! Devion has played 4 seasons of t-ball and one season of basketball since living in our home and loves telling everyone about it. While Devion has wonderful gross motor skills he struggles with his fine motor skills. While Devion has made much progress emotionally he continues to receive weekly therapy to work on social skills and impulsivity.

Devion is very loving and affectionate. He enjoys being with others and would do well in a loving, structured, active home of any ethnic make-up as an only or youngest child.

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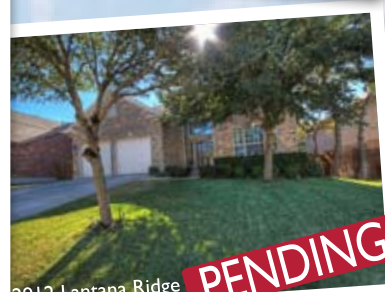


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