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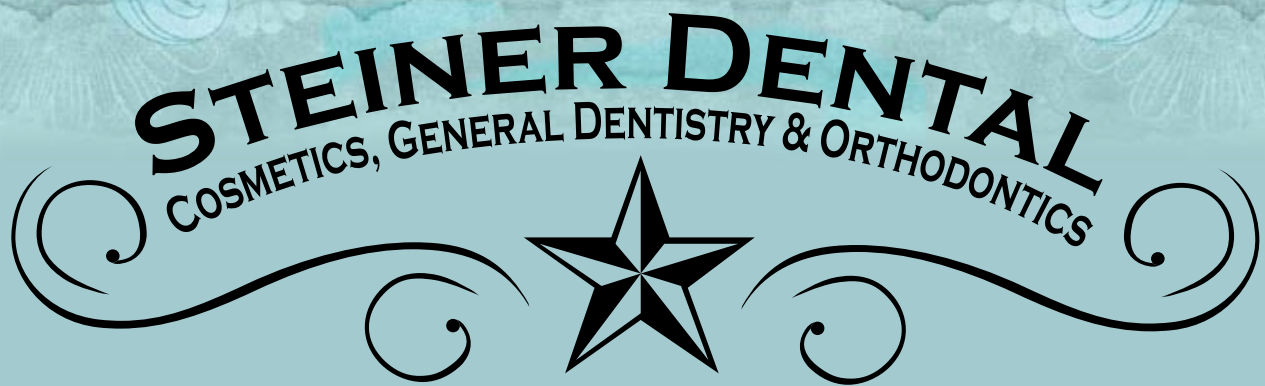
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## Development Status Notes June 2010

### SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT

New home sales in Steiner Ranch through May 2010 were slightly behind the pace for the same period in 2009. Some of this may be due to the fact that the Tierra Grande neighborhood of 50' homesites that offered homes in the \$200's is nearing build-out.

Taylor Woodrow Communities started construction in early June on the final 39 lots in the Santaluz gated neighborhood of 90' wide homesites. These lots should be completed by the end of September for Highland Homes and Drees Custom Homes. Construction should start in early July on the next phase of 26 - 80' homesites in Emerald Ridge for Taylor Morrison Homes. Additional phases are planned to start construction in late 2010 based upon builder home sales in 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 a purchase from the bank following foreclosure. More information about the development and sales will be forthcoming in the near future.

Commercial/Retail Quinlan Park Rd at RM 620 – Property Development Centers (PDC), a commercial/retail developer, has the southwest corner of Quinlan Park Rd and RM 620 (Mixed Use #1A on Master Plan Map) under contract and is currently in the due diligence for a proposed retail/office center at this primary Steiner Ranch entry, that will be anchored by a Randall's grocery store. PDC is negotiating with additional anchor tenants for this site but has not announced any specifics.

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Please visit or call the Welcome Center (266-5833) if you have any questions about home construction and development within Steiner Ranch, or just want to pick up a copy of the updated master plan map. You may also contact Robert Long directly (532-2129) if you have more specific construction or development status questions.

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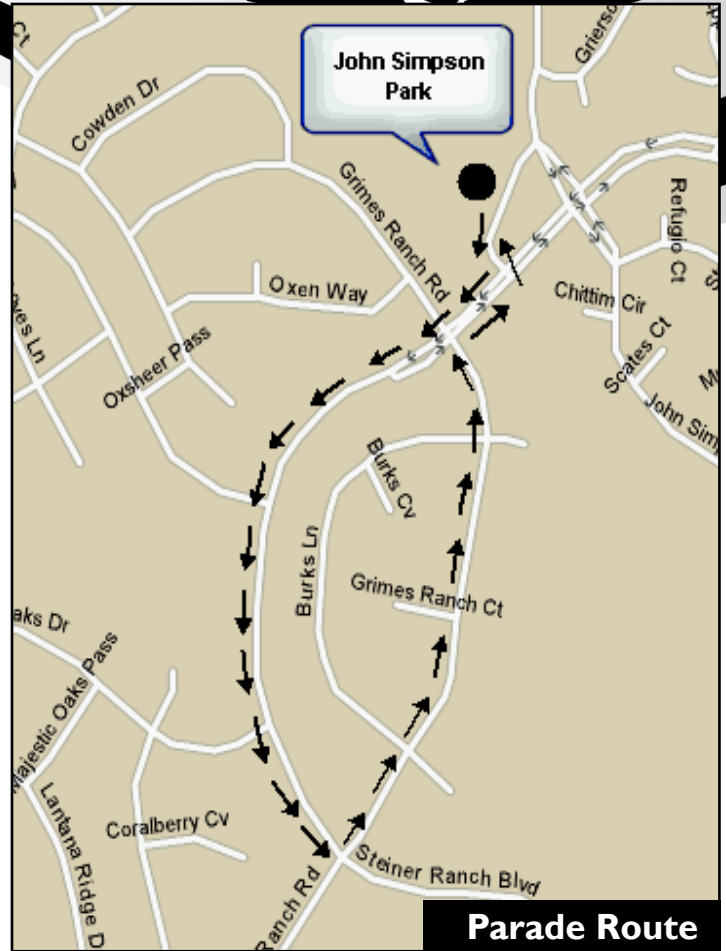
All neighborhood children are invited to decorate their bikes, wagons, scooters, and other modes of transportation in a patriotic theme to celebrate this nation's Independence Day. The Parade will start and end at the John Simpson Park. We will be passing out American Flags, providing some fun bouncy houses and serving Ice Pops provided by Cups and Cones and cookies by Suzie Q's at the end of the Parade. As always, Social Committee Member, Jennifer Mitchell will be coordinating the parade, along with help from the Parade Sponsors, including Gene & Susan Arant of Keller Williams Realty.



Please remember that fireworks are not allowed in Steiner Ranch. If you see anyone violating this ordinance, please contact the Community Association Office twenty-four hours a day at 266-7553.

A map of the Steiner Ranch area showing the parade route. The route starts and ends at John Simpson Park, indicated by a black dot and a blue callout box. The route is marked with dashed arrows. Key streets shown include Cowden Dr, Oxen Way, Grimes Ranch Rd, Chittim Cir, Scates Ct, John Sim, Burks Ln, Grimes Ranch Ct, Steiner Ranch Blvd, Coralberry Cv, Lanterra Ridge D, Majestic Oaks Pass, and Oaks Dr. Other labels include 'Oxsheer Pass' and 'Burks Cv'.

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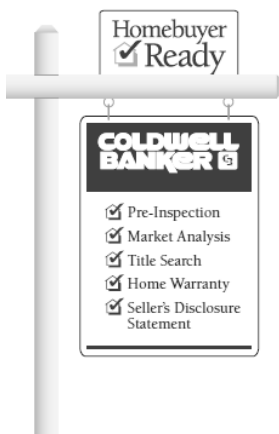
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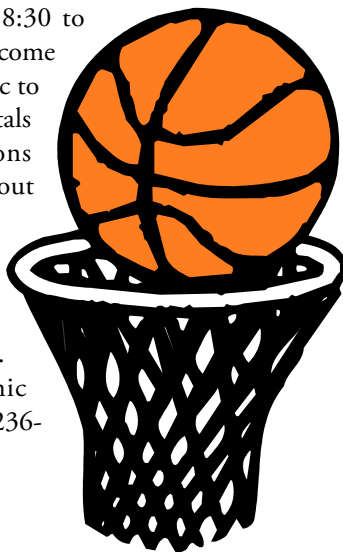
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## 2010 Steiner Ranch Social Events

July 4 – Parade  
 Aug 21 – Concert in the Park  
 Sept 18 – Garage Sale  
 Oct 8-10 - Scrapbooking Marathon  
 October – Pumpkin Patch  
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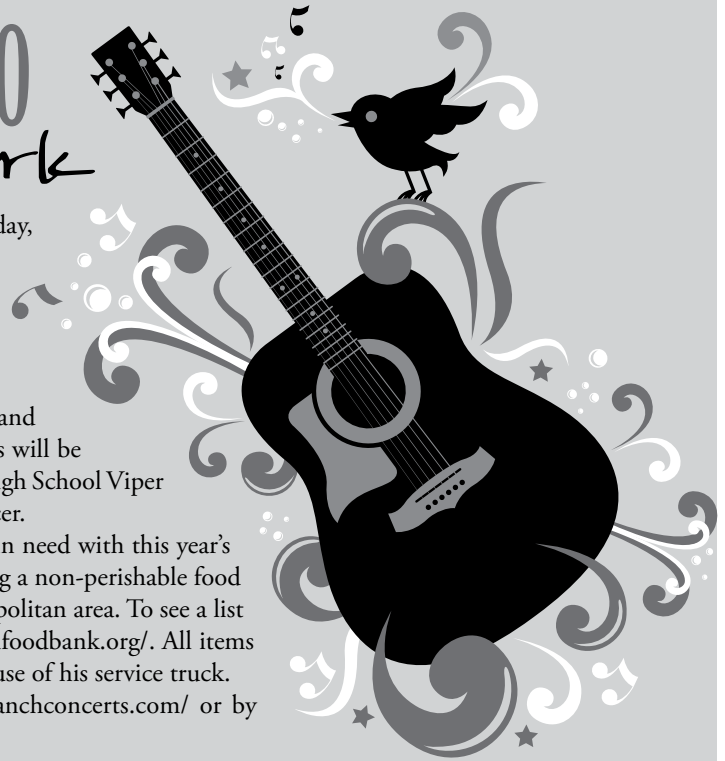
## STEINER RANCH 2010 Concert in the Park

Steiner Ranch's 3rd Annual Concert in the Park will be held on Saturday, August 21st at Towne Square. This is an event featuring live music, food from local restaurants, and fun activities for all ages. Local businesses and other organizations work together to organize and host the concert which runs from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. This year, the event is very fortunate to have the Steiner Ranch Homeowners Association as its major sponsor.

The featured band for this year's concert is Red Alert, an '80s cover band that's become a favorite around Central Texas. Additional performances will be given by selected 26-MUSIC Rock Camp students and the Vandegrift High School Viper Marching Band under the direction of VHS Band Director Jeremy Spicer.

Like last year, there will be a focus on giving to a local organization in need with this year's designee being the Capital Area Food Bank. Attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to help local families in need throughout the greater Austin metropolitan area. To see a list of items most in need please visit CAFB's web site at <http://www.austinfoodbank.org/>. All items will be collected by Gene Arant Realty who we thank for the generous use of his service truck.

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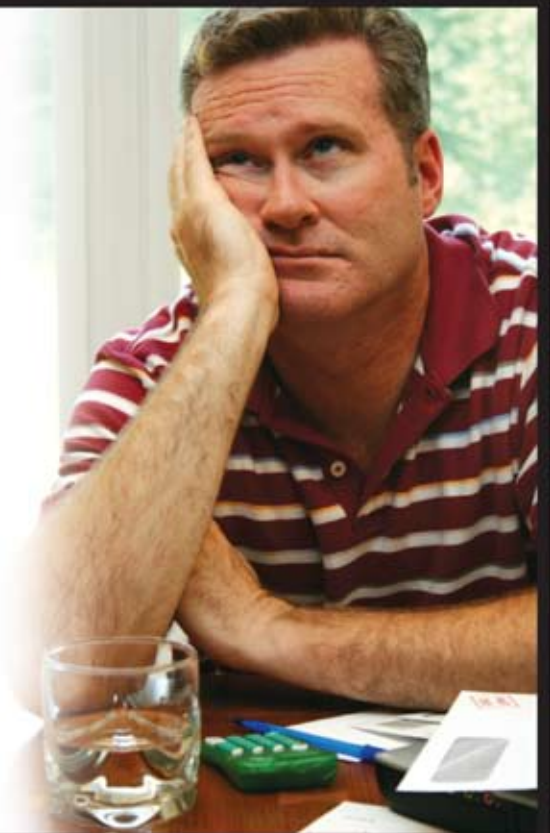
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## NEWCOMER ORIENTATION

*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, August 5th 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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## Pool Update

Summer is here and that means kids out of school, hot weather and nothing better than refreshing at the pools. Remember that the pools are for all of us and your help to keep them enjoyable is expected and appreciated.

As of May 1st the summer pool hours are in effect, which, for Bella Mar, are Mondays 2 p.m. to 10 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. While there might be some event during those times throughout the summer that will close pools, like the Steiner Stars using the Bella Mar lap pool, or swim lessons at the John Simpson Pool, we have tried to keep a lot of the pools open and accessible all summer long.

This summer we need to really make a conscious effort to be safe at the pools. Last summer the pools were well utilized. That is great. As homeowners though we need to make sure that we do our part to keep the pools safe for our children and open all summer long for everyone's use. While I understand following the rules isn't always easy or fun, they are there to ensure continual usage and for the safety of everyone.

To summarize, some of the major rules that are currently posted at the pools and in the H.O.A. By-laws that we ALL need to follow:

1. Don't prop open the gates to the pool. If you don't have a key fob, go to the HOA office and obtain one or get extra ones. (This will insure that small children from the park don't have access to the pool.)
2. Children under the age of 14 needs to be supervised by an adult over age 18. Supervision is considered actively watching their participation at the pool, not simply being on the grounds. There have already been a few cases where children under the age of 14 have been in the pool on a Saturday or Sunday morning with no parents nearby. This is a huge safety and liability issue; please help your children understand why we have this in place.
3. No glass containers in the pool area.
4. No roughhousing, running on the deck or jumping on the lane lines. No jumping off or climbing on the lifeguard towers or diving off the blocks or removing the block covers, unless you

are there for a designated swim team activity.

5. If your children are still in diapers, the Bella Mar Lap Pool is OFF LIMITS to those children. The Town Center pool or the Bella Mar Splash and Baby Pools are available for children in diapers; they are easier to clean and drain if necessary and limit closure time. It is preferable that children this age stay in the baby pools, but we understand the desire to use the bigger pools. Last year we had to close the pool two times for 7 days while the chemicals cleaned the bacterial levels after a couple of accidents. This affects all of us so please help us with these guidelines.

The lifeguards that we are providing are generally kids from our community. They are being instructed on all these rules and are being asked to enforce them. Please keep in mind that while a lot of the guards are from our community, they might be a little apprehensive to enforce the rules to their neighbor or neighbors getting upset at them for doing their job, which will only lead to further problems, both safety and liability. In addition, while the lifeguards do patrol the whole pool area and are there to assist, their main job is to be looking at the water. The more their attention is taken from the pool to deal with open gates, running children, unattended children, picking up left over pool toys, the more there is an opportunity for another more serious safety and liability problem in the water. The lifeguards have been instructed to give one warning, on the second infraction, to limit water usage to that person, and on the third infraction, the violator will be asked to leave the pool.

A quick reminder: there are two lap lanes at both John Simpson and Bella Mar that are set aside for Lap swimming. If they are not being utilized, feel free to use them. If someone does want to Lap Swim then please move aside if you are just "bobbing" along. We are trying to accommodate everyone in the community.

Summer usage is not all that the Pool committee is working on. There are several other items that we are trying to do to bring full time year round enjoyment of our great facilities.

While we will still be sharing the Bella Mar lap pool with the Steiner Stars swim team for a little longer, (Go Stars!), there has been more

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### **Pool Update-** (Continued from Page 14)

access in the evenings starting at 7:00pm, with full access at 7:30pm, almost 2 hours more time than last year. The Pool Committee along with the Facilities committee and the two Boards in Steiner, the SRROA and the SRMA, are trying to work out an arrangement to further utilize both Bella Mar and John Simpson for practices come 2011 to ensure even more pool usage time.

In addition, as you know the Bella Mar pool has been heated for the winter. We have stopped the heater for the summer, but it is never too early to talk about winter usage. We are working on trying to extend winter hours come September/October so that you can utilize the pool upon coming home from work. We will keep you updated.

We at the Pool Committee want you and your family to have a great time using the pool facilities. Making sure ALL the pool rules are followed, is an excellent step toward all of us being able to enjoy the pools and have a great and safe summer. Please remember our ability to use these pools is a privilege that we All would like to continue to enjoy.

If you have comments or questions about the pools please feel free to provide feedback at [Rodney.g.mogen@gmail.com](mailto:Rodney.g.mogen@gmail.com).

**- RODNEY MOGEN, POOLS COMMITTEE CHAIR**

## **Bella Mar Summer Swim Team Schedule - July**

Keep this schedule in mind when planning your trips to the pool this summer. **Remember the "practice" schedule only affects the Lap Pool.** The only time the entire facility is closed is during swim meets, listed below.

### **2010 RED TEAM SWIM PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

July 1st - July 16th, Tuesdays thru Fridays from  
7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

### **2010 BLUE TEAM SWIM PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

July 1st - 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:**

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# Around Steiner



## Stars are swimming fast!

Since the school year has finished, the Steiner Stars have been practicing four days a week and their hard work is really showing. We have seen lots of swimmers with big smiles on their faces when winning their first heat ribbon, getting those time improvement ribbons, and some qualifying for the Invitational meet held at UT in July. We hope you were able to come and cheer on all Steiner swimmers at the meet held at Bella Mar on July 1st. It was great to see all Steiner Stars in one pool enjoying the sport of swimming.

The end of the Stars season is fast approaching with the big Divisional swim meets. Steiner Stars Red will be hosting Forest North and Anderson Mill at the Division I swim meet at Bella Mar on July 17th. Bella Mar facility will be closed until 2pm on Saturday, July 17th. Steiner Stars Blue will travel to Cedar Park for their Division 4 swim meet against Rattan Creek, Pflugerville, and Cedar Park on July 17th.

We wish all Steiner Stars the best of luck at their end of season meets. Both teams will celebrate the end of their AWESOME season with a party at Bella Mar on Monday, July 19th from 5-8pm. We are very proud to have such a great swimming community here in Steiner Ranch!

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## SUMMER POOL HOURS



### BELLA MAR:

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#### Lap Pool

Closed Mondays until 2:00pm

See Swim Team Schedule for lap pool availability

#### Master's Swim Program

Wednesday & Friday 5:30am

– 6:45am;

Sunday 6:30am – 7:45am;

### TOWNE SQUARE:

Closed Monday until 12:00pm

Tuesday – Sunday 8:00am – 10:00pm

### JOHN SIMPSON:

Closed Monday beginning at 2:00pm

Tuesday – Sunday 5:30am – 10:00pm

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Tue/Thur at 9:15am

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For questions contact Ann Sperling-Kennedy at [askennedy@austin.rr.com](mailto:askennedy@austin.rr.com).

Register using the 2010 Program Registration form found at [www.steinerranchhoa.org](http://www.steinerranchhoa.org)



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## SHOOTING STARS

Shooting Stars Developmental program will run July 20th - August 13th from 7:30am - 12:30pm Tuesday - Thursday weekly. We are very excited to have 2004 & 2008 Olympian Brendan Hansen as our coach this year. He is very anxious to meet the 215 swimmers that are eagerly waiting to dive in the water and work on improving their strokes. If you are registered for this program, make sure you check [www.steinerstars.org](http://www.steinerstars.org) on a regular basis for new information regarding the program. You should also have been invited to join the yahoo group by now. If you are not receiving yahoo messages, please go to the above website and look for Shooting Stars information. See you at the pool very soon!

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# Around Steiner

## Summer Swim Lessons

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Only Steiner Ranch residents with a Facility Tag and in good standing with the Association will be allowed to take swim lessons.

\$65 per session

\$10 registration fee per student

For more information including session dates, times and lesson levels, please visit our website [www.steineranchhoa.org](http://www.steineranchhoa.org) and click on the "swim lessons" link.



## Swimming Program for Adults Continues for the Summer

Come join the Masters Swim Program! 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. 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.

For more information visit [www.redgiantsmasters.org](http://www.redgiantsmasters.org).

**Our summer swim schedule is as follows:**

Wednesdays and Fridays at  
5:30 a.m. until 6:45 a.m.

Sundays at 6:30 a.m. until 7:45 a.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](http://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.
3. Fill out the Program Registration form at the HOA office, provide a copy your USMS card and submit payment!

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# Steiner Ranch Fall Program For Adults & Children

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The Steiner Ranch Fall Program for 2010 will begin in early September. Most of the programs were offered last spring, but we also have a few new ones that have been added to the already awesome Programs list. The Fall Program Guide and registration information can be downloaded from our website at [www.steinerranchhoa.org](http://www.steinerranchhoa.org). Classes being offered this Fall are:

## Children's Programs

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## Teen/Adult Programs

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JULY 30 – 31	SHORTS
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DIY trail maintenance: 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.

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.steinerranchhoa.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. Your HOA dollars are wasted paying for labor to remove structures such as forts, and the responsible parties are subject to fines. If you see any construction, take a picture and contact the HOA. Recently a resident was injured when he fell against one of the T-posts which have been installed in some of our older trails. Please be careful around these T-posts as we work to remove them from the trail system.

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### *Trails Update- (Continued from Page 22)*

has been cutting down trees in our greenbelt trying to make a 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 at 266-8498 to get involved or come to the next Trails Committee meeting on Thursday July 8 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.

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.

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## SUMMER CAMPS IN STEINER

Our spotlight for this issue of the Ranch Record will be the camps offered in July. Every year Steiner Ranch works hard to offer high quality camps during the summer and this summer is no different! You can expect the kids to have ample opportunity for fun! See detailed information on all camps in the 2010 Summer Camp Guide available to download at [www.steinerranchhoa.org](http://www.steinerranchhoa.org).

### KIDVENTURE CAMP

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Field Trip: 2010 All Camp's Spirit Day

Guest Speaker: Becky Nichols' (Bountiful Bakery) Americana Cooking Class

#### 07/12-07/16 EGYPT: UNRAVELING THE MYSTERIES

Field Trip: "Search for the Lost Mummy" Scavenger Hunt

Guest Speaker: Brush Strokes Pottery Painting

### LZM STUDIO

#### 07/26-07/30 CREATIONS IN CLAY

9am – 12p; 6 – 9 year olds

1pm – 4pm; 10 – 14 year olds

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### STEINER RANCH TENNIS

#### 07/5-07/09 STEINER RANCH TENNIS CAMP

4 - 14 year olds

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### TAP N TOES DANCE STUDIO

#### 07/12-07/16 BEGINNER TAP/BALLET

1pm – 4pm; Ages 3 - 5

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#### 07/19-07/23 LEVEL II TAP/BALLET

1pm – 4pm; Ages 4 - 7

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### SPORTBALL CAMP

#### 07/19-07/25 SPORTBALL MULTI-SPORT CAMP and 07/26-07/30

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### BROWN'S GYMNASTICS

#### 07/19-07/23 and 7/26 - 7/30 BROWN'S GYMNASTICS CAMP

1p – 4p; 5 - 10 year olds

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9a – 12p; Ages 6 – 12

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#### 07/05-07/09 and 07/12-07/16 Red Hot Robots

Ages 6 - 12

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#### 07/26-07/30 SOCCER CAMP

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### Abrakadoodle Camp

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#### Upcoming camps for August include:

- Kidventure - Greece: Ancient Adventure
- Kidventure - Mission Accomplished: World Party!
- Sportball Multi-sport Camp
- Brown's Gymnastics Camp
- Academic Explorers Camp
- Tap-N-Toes Camp
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# Around Steiner

## July Summer Camp Schedule

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Kidventure—USA: American Road Trip (TSCC) Mad Science—Moving with Science (BMCC) Mad Science – Red Hot Roberts (BMCC) Steiner Tennis—Tennis Camp (BM Courts)					
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Kidventure—Egypt: Unraveling the Mysteries (TSCC) Mad Science—Red Hot Robots (BMCC) Tap-N-Toes—Beginner Tap/Ballet/Tumbling (BMCC)					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Sportball Camp – Multi-sport (TSCC) Brown's Gymnastics—Gymnastics Camp (TSCC) Abrakadoodle – Art Rocks (BMCC) Tap~N~Toes—Level II Tap/Ballet/Tumbling (BMCC)					
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Sportball Camp—Multi-sports (TSCC) Brown's Gymnastics – Gymnastics Camp (TSCC) LZM Studio – Marvelous Mosaics (BMCC) Lonestar Soccer Camp (Westridge Park)					

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# August Summer Camp Schedule

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 <b>American Red Cross Babysitting Class</b>
	Kidventure—Greece: Ancient Adventure (TSCC) Academic Explorers Camp (BMCC) Tap-N-Toes Hip Hop Camp (BMCC)					
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Kidventure—Mission Accomplished: World Party! (TSCC) Academic Explorers Camps (BMCC) Tap-N-Toes—Level II Tap/Ballet/Tumbling (BMCC)					
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <b>Steiner Ranch Concert in the Park</b>
	Sportball Camp – Multi-sport (TSCC) Brown's Gymnastics—Gymnastics Camp (TSCC) Mad Science – Rockin' Rockets					
22	23 <b>First Day of School</b>	24	25	26	27	28

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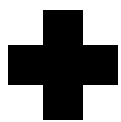
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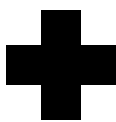
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to make seed balls, which will be spread at the BCP to restore native grasses and wildflowers to disturbed areas. Third, Travis County staff led interpretive hikes for six classes of third graders, teachers, and parents through the greenbelt by Steiner Ranch Elementary School. The students learned about the preserve, endangered species, law enforcement, invasive plants, non-point source pollution, and plant adaptations. We look forward to future education and outreach events at Steiner Ranch. If your group is interested in an education/outreach event to learn more about the preserve, please contact Renee Fields, BCP Volunteer Coordinator at 219-6190 ext 7 or [renee.fields@co.travis.tx.us](mailto:renee.fields@co.travis.tx.us).



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<b>4</b> 9:00am – July 4th Parade (JS Park)	<b>5</b> Association Office Closed 6:30pm - FREE Yoga (TSCC)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6:30pm - FREE Yoga (TSCC)	<b>8</b> 	<b>9</b> 6:00pm – Scrapbooking (TSCC)	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	<b>12</b> 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	<b>13</b> 6:30pm – Social Committee Meeting (TSCC) 7:00pm – Education Funding (BMCC)	<b>14</b> 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	<b>15</b> 7:00pm – Skin Care Workshop (BMCC) Fall Program Registration open to All participants. 	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Stars Red Team Home Meet - Bella Mar Closed until 2:00pm
<b>18</b> 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	<b>19</b> Stars Swim Team End of the Season Party (BMCC) 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	<b>20</b> 7:30 – 12:30pm – Shooting Stars Practice Begins (BM Lap Pool) M-T-W until 8/13/2010 6:00pm – Tax Free Retirement (BMCC) 7:00pm – Look 10 Years Younger (TSCC)	<b>21</b> 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 8:00 – 12:00pm – Shred Day (TS Parking Lot) 8:30 – 10:30am – Austin Toros Basketball Clinic (BM Basketball Courts)
<b>25</b> 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	<b>26</b> 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	<b>27</b> 3:30pm – SRMA Board of Directors Meeting	<b>28</b> 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	<b>29</b> 6:00pm – SRROA Board of Directors Meeting 	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	9 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	10 6:30pm – Social Committee Meeting (TSCC)	11 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	12 7:00pm – Skin Care Workshop (BMCC)  Last Day of Shooting Stars Swim Program 	13 6:00pm – Scrapbooking (TSCC)	14
15 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	16 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	17 :00pm – Fall Field Lottery (TSCC)	18 7:00pm – Personal Finance Workshop (BMCC)	19 	20	21 Steiner Ranch Concert in the Park – TS Fields
22 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	23 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)  LISD First Day of School	24 6:00pm – Tax Free Retirement Workshop (BMCC)  7:00pm – Look 10 Years Younger (TSCC)	25	26 6:00pm – SRROA Board of Directors Meeting (TSCC) 	27	28
29 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	30 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	31 3:30pm – SRMA Board of Directors Meeting  6:00pm – Wellness Workshop; (TSCC)	TSCC – Towne Square Community Center BMCC – Bella Mar Community Center JSCC – John Simpson Community Center			

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## Steiner Ranch History Corner

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McNelly's usual tactic was to use overwhelming force, and he quickly charged in and struck down these organized groups, both Mexican and Americans alike. He felt this was necessary to the eventual clean-up he had planned. He was horrified by the acts of terror these groups had been part of: burning ranches, stealing cattle and murdering or driving away ranch owners. So he disbanded them by forbidding them to gather, which they reluctantly agreed to.

McNelly discovered the large increase in cattle theft was due to the Mexicans securing large contracts to deliver beef to the Cuban market. When McNelly got to Port Isabel, there was a steamer off shore to receive a herd of 400 cattle. Hidden cattle were discovered in a marsh, and McNelly chased down and slew dozens of Mexican thieves. 265 cattle, 2/3 of which had American brands were captured. One Ranger was lost. After the raid, McNelly wrote in his report that the whole area was out of control, with the Mexicans nationals vowing revenge and the Mexican residents of Brownsville decrying the killing and irritated by the attention paid to the dead soldier. For more information contact RKeith@primerica.com Rich Keith at 632-0162. Sources: W.Webb, The Texas Rangers; Leander H. McNelly Papers, UT Austin.

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*Submitted by Carmen Tucker*

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*Welcome all Steiner Ranch Boys!!  
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*Submitted by David Dyke*

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#### 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](mailto:paula@kaisner.org)

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# From the Association Office

## FIREWORKS / FIRECRACKERS PROHIBITED

### *Steiner Ranch Fireworks Policy*

The Steiner Ranch Master Association (SRMA) and the Steiner Ranch Residential Owners Association (SRROA) have heard from an increasing number of homeowners concerning fireworks and firecrackers in Steiner Ranch.

All homeowners are reminded that Section 2.14 of the Steiner Ranch Master Association Development Area Declaration and Section 3.13 of the Steiner Ranch Residential Owners Association Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions (CC&R's) titled Hazardous Activities SPECIFICALLY forbid fireworks within Steiner Ranch, unless prior written board approval has been granted for professional pyrotechnic shows meeting all mandated safety requirements.

There are a number of reasons for this prohibition.

1. The usage of increasingly powerful fireworks places homes at serious risk of fire.
2. The topography and green space of Steiner Ranch are conducive to major fires.
3. Federal rules regarding management of the BCCP (which borders Steiner Ranch) impose significant restrictions on activities that may affect the wildlife therein. Serious penalties for their violation can be imposed by federal officials.
4. Homeowners are entitled to the peaceable enjoyment of their property.

Fireworks and firecrackers are and will remain prohibited in Steiner Ranch for the reasons above. Your Board has authorized a warning for the first violation and a \$250 fine for the second violation of Section

2.14 and/or Section 3.13. Violations, once finalized after appeal, are permanent; repeat violations are subject to a \$500 fine. Professional patrols are in place to assist with the implementation of this policy.

Your Board reminds all homeowners that each of us has the ability and the responsibility to enforce the CC&Rs of Steiner Ranch whenever we feel that a violation is occurring. In the matter of fireworks and firecrackers, please contact the Association Office, at (512) 266-7553 as soon as possible during or immediately following an occurrence. Physical and/or photographic evidence is very helpful in substantiating a violation.

Should you have any questions or comments on this policy, please contact the Compliance Coordinator at the Association Office at (512) 266-7553.



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If you would like to be added to any of these lists, or update any of your subscriptions, go to the Steiner Ranch website [www.steinerranchhoa.org](http://www.steinerranchhoa.org) and enter your email address in the box on the right side of the page. Because your privacy is important, your information will not be sold or shared.

## What should I do if I see a coyote?

**To report coyote sightings, call 3-1-1.**

You will be asked to describe in detail the nature of your complaint, time, location, etc. The city's Animal Control Program will gather data related to coyotes and provide that information to Texas Wildlife Services for response/follow-up. Animal Control will respond to reports of injured or trapped coyotes.

Call 3-1-1 to report a coyote attack on a human (to date there have been no reports in Travis County of coyotes attacking humans).

## NOTICE

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# From the Association Office

## BOATS AND WATERCRAFT PARKING

### *Where can I park them?*

Boats and other watercraft are frequently seen in Steiner Ranch. Please remember that boats and watercraft must be stored in an enclosed space at all times. Do not store them on your driveway or park them in the street. They are unsightly in your driveway and are an extreme safety hazard in the street. Repeat violators are subject to fines and/or towing.

If you see a boat, trailer or other recreational vehicle, feel free to report it to the Association at [www.steinerranchhoa.org](http://www.steinerranchhoa.org) through the "Report a Problem" link. Please include a description of the violation and the address where the violation has occurred.

## Where Am I?

Do you know the addresses for the Towne Square Pool or the Lake Club? If you have an emergency while you are at a Steiner Ranch facility and you call for help from your cellular telephone, the emergency dispatcher will not receive a display identifying your location. (For address identification, a call must originate from a landline telephone.) In the event of an emergency, the following names and addresses of Steiner Ranch facilities will help the dispatcher locate you:

### **BELLA MAR COMMUNITY CENTER**

(Pools, park, tennis courts, multi-purpose fields, etc.)

12401 Bella Mar Trail

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## Pool Procedures BATHROOM BREAK!

Every summer the Steiner Ranch Community Pools have to shut down on several occasions due to "accidents". These types of problems will cause a pool to shut down for many hours, sometimes all day, so the pool can be treated and given time for the water to "turn over".

Parents, please help keep the pools clean by taking your children on frequent bathroom breaks. The lifeguards will have the kids get out of the pool during Adult Swim to give kids this opportunity. Children who wear swim diapers should be checked often and when necessary, should be changed in the bathroom and not at poolside.

## No Diapers Allowed

As the swim season gears up, please be aware of the pool policy regarding children who are not potty-trained:

Children who are not potty-trained and who use swim diapers are not allowed in the Bella Mar Lap Pool.

All other community pools:

Double diapers (swim diaper + plastic pants) must be worn by children who have not been completely toilet trained. Ask the lifeguards, they usually have a supply of plastic pants on hand.

This policy is in place to help keep accidents from happening and to reduce the need to close pools due to contamination.

## 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 resists 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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## 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

All of these forms can be found on-line at [www.steinerranchhoa.org](http://www.steinerranchhoa.org).

Please feel free to contact the Associations Architectural Coordinator, Brandi Moegelin if you have any questions at 266-7553 or [brandi@steinerranchhoa.org](mailto:brandi@steinerranchhoa.org).

## Facilities Available for Rent

Do you have a holiday party or wedding reception to plan? Baby shower too big for the backyard? Birthday party coming up? How about a school/office party? Is your living room too small for a large celebration? We can accommodate a gathering of any size for a very reasonable price!

Being a resident of Steiner Ranch has many advantages. One of them is the variety of facilities available to rent. Many of you do not even realize that we have two indoor clubhouses with full kitchens! Another benefit is our electronic key tags that long ago replaced the "old-fashioned" keys that give you access to all indoor and outdoor facilities. If you do not have a facility tag or if you have lost\* yours, please visit the HOA office to pick one up!

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](http://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 "hold" 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.*

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# School News

## LISD Summer Hours Schedule

Leander ISD campuses and offices will be on the summer work schedule from the week of June 7, through the week of August 1. The summer work schedule is Monday – Thursday with Fridays off. The first Friday off will be June 11, and the last Friday off will be August 6. The district will be closed the week of July 5.

The district will return to the normal work schedule of Monday – Friday, the week of August 9. In addition, new teachers report on Monday, Aug. 9, and all teachers report on Monday, Aug. 16.

- Elementary campuses will be open from 7 a.m. - noon and from 1 – 4 p.m.
- Secondary campuses will be open from 8 a.m. – noon and from 1 – 5 p.m.
- High school campuses will reopen to the public on July 19.
- Middle school campuses will reopen to the public on July 26.
- Elementary campuses will reopen to the public on July 28.

When the campuses reopen, the open-to-the-public hours will remain as they were in June. Leander ISD Administration Building will be open to the public from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

## Vandegrift High School Viper Marching Band March-a-thon Returns Saturday, August 7th

The VHS Marching Band will once again march 5 miles through the streets of Steiner Ranch on Saturday Aug. 7th, beginning at 8:30 AM. The route will start at John Simpson Park and continue through the community. For a \$100 donation, the band will play a personal concert for you. In addition, you or your children can guest conduct the band alongside drum majors Kristen Abbarno & Caitlin Hall. Concert reservations and contributions to the March-a-thon can be made at [www.vhsband.com](http://www.vhsband.com).



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### Dates, Holidays & Events

First Day of School	Aug. 23
Labor Day	Sept. 6
Rosh Hashanah	Sept. 9-10
Yom Kippur	Sept. 17-18
Columbus Day	Oct. 11
Veterans Day	Nov. 11
Thanksgiving Day	Nov. 25
Hanukkah	Dec. 1
End Semester 6 Weeks Grading Pd.	Dec. 17
Christmas Day	Dec. 25
End Semester 9 Weeks Grading Pd.	Jan. 14
MLK Day	Jan. 17
Spring Break	March 14 - 18
Good Friday	April 22
Bad Weather Makeup Day	March 28
Bad Weather Makeup Day	May 30
Memorial Day	May 30
Last Day of School	June 3

### Proposed TAKS Dates

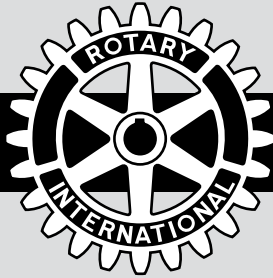
Oct. 19 - 22	Exit Level TAKS Retest
March 1 - 4	TAKS All Levels
April 4 - 5	TAKS Grades 5 & 8
April 25 - 29	TAKS All Levels
May 9 - 27	End of Course High School Exams
May 17 & 18	TAKS Grades 5 & 8

### Calendar Key

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## 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:

### STEINER RANCH REFERRALS BNI GROUP

Meetings are on Thursday mornings from 8:00am to 9:30am at Thai Harmony in Steiner Ranch. Visitors are welcome! If you are interested in visiting a meeting please contact Elicia Rudberg at [eliciarudberg@gmail.com](mailto:eliciarudberg@gmail.com) for more information or visit [www.BNIAustin.com](http://www.BNIAustin.com).

### FOUR POINTS BNI

Meetings are on Wednesday at lunch from 11:30am to 1:00pm at the River Place Country Club. Visitors are welcome! If you are interested in visiting a meeting please contact Amy Oehler at [amy.oehler@unitedlendingusa.com](mailto:amy.oehler@unitedlendingusa.com) or visit [www.BNIAustin.com](http://www.BNIAustin.com).

### A BUSINESS REFERRAL GROUP MADE FUN

Networking Northwest Austin is expanding its member base of businesses in our area. NWNWA members build close business and personal relationships. We believe in business by referrals and having a limited member base (not duplicating professions), so you will not see your competitors here. We have a caring, positive, involved group of people who not only wish to build their business, but also want to build the strength of our networking group. NWNWA meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Waterloo Ice House, 360 & FM 2222 from 7:00am to 8:30am. And a fun happy hour once per month at a beautiful location. Come to a breakfast or call Dorothy Scarborough, President - [dscarborough5@austin.rr.com](mailto:dscarborough5@austin.rr.com), 512-589-3678.

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### YOUR LOCAL CITY

Steiner Ranch has a new business networking group. Your Local City is a positive, membership based, business networking organization with 17 groups meeting all over the Austin area. The Steiner Ranch group meets every Friday at 8:00 AM at the Lakeside Pizza and Grill located in the Shops at Steiner Ranch at Steiner Ranch Blvd. and Quinlan. Come join us to grow your business.

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# News You Can Use

## Respect the Ranch

The Steiner Ranch Community Associations' would like to remind you to:

- Drive the Speed Limits (or below)
- Pick up garbage
- Pick up after your pets
- Watch out for kids
- Follow the Association Rules

If everyone does their part to "Respect the Ranch", we can all take pride in our Community!

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## WCID #17

### Mandatory 2 Day Per Week Watering Started May 1st

NO CALENDAR IS NEEDED, all you need to do is set your irrigation system to your two designated watering days.

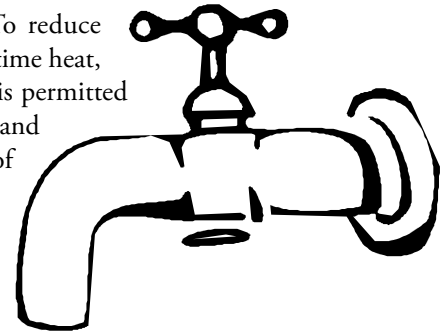
Steiner Ranch residents:

- **odd** numbered addresses will water **Wednesdays and Saturdays**
- **even** numbered addresses will water **Thursdays and Sundays**.

Residential customers will be required to adhere to this schedule May 1 through September 30, and encouraged to adhere to it the rest of the year.

*Systems such as the one used by the Steiner Ranch HOA using reclaimed or recycled water will not be subject to the restrictions.*

**The time of day residents may water.** To reduce wasting water through evaporation during daytime heat, watering with an automatic irrigation system is permitted before 10am or after 7pm. Watering with a hand held hose or bucket may be done any time of day or any day of the week. Other water uses such as washing cars or boats is not restricted to watering days unless increased conservation measures become necessary.



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# GET YOUR GRILL ON

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## HEALTHIER RECIPES TIPS

Summer is here. That means summer Barbecue in the great outdoors and enjoying the company of family and friends. There are all kinds of tasty foods to grill up, plus those sides, desserts and drinks that round out the meal. Unfortunately, this leads to an influx of excess calories and weight gain. There goes your beach body that you worked so hard for. Here are some simple barbecue alternative recipes that can help keep you lean and healthy through the summer season when grilling.

## GRILLED VEGGIE BURGER

- 4 Garden Veggie burger patties
- 2 Medium red vine tomatoes, sliced
- 2 Dill pickles, sliced
- 1 Bottle of mustard, ketchup, and/or light mayonnaise \* use sparingly

- Green leaf lettuce
- 4 Whole grain hamburger buns
- 2 Grilled medium onion, sliced

## GRILLED SOY HOT DOGS

- 4 Yves meatless hot dogs
- 1 Bottle of mustard and/or ketchup \* use sparingly
- 1 Can of Amy's vegetarian chili
- ½ Cup of dill pickle chopped
- 4 Whole or sprouted grain hot dog buns
- 1 Medium red vine tomato, diced
- 1 Medium sweet onion, diced

## GRILLED VEGETABLE KABOBS

- 2 zucchini
- 1 red and 1 yellow bell pepper
- 1 onion
- 12 oz halved mushrooms
- 4 skewers

Cut bell peppers, onions, and zucchini into uniform pieces. Thread the vegetables onto the skewers. Optionally brush with oil and vinegar and then place on grill until vegetables are tender and slightly brown.

Optional side dishes: Grilled corn on the cob, baked BBQ chips, watermelon, or fresh fruit mixture.

- BY VALERIE SALINAS, M.S.





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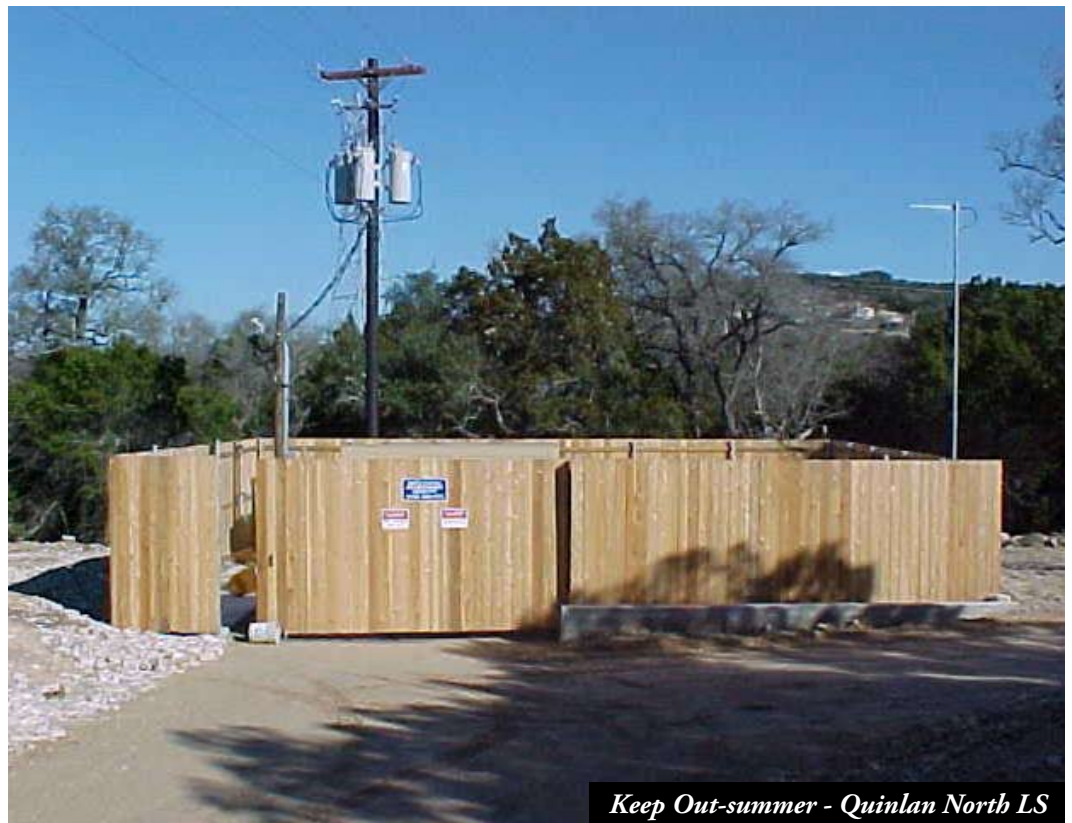
# News You Can Use

## **KEEP OUT MEANS KEEP OUT (for your Safety)**

*Children's Curiosity Could Result in Injury*

Summer is upon us and WCID 17 General Manager asks that you “please explain to your children the hazards of entering any area that is fenced off such as wastewater and water pumping stations and tank sites. These areas are fenced off for safety!” Not only could your child damage property, they could sustain serious injury just trying to climb a fence. They could also encounter hazards such as electrical circuits with high voltage, razor wire and deep manholes. She said that some teenagers consider it to be a harmless prank to climb water tanks and paint initials on them as a rite of passage. “This is not the case. The height of the tanks (120-140 ft) and high winds at those altitudes makes them extremely dangerous places, even for experienced personnel with the proper safety equipment.” In addition, antiterrorism laws make tampering with or even unauthorized entry into any public water or wastewater facility a serious federal offense punishable by lengthy jail time.

District 17 uses a variety of entry deterrents on both water and wastewater facilities including high fences, barbed wire, and razor wire. WCID 17 will enforce a \$100 fine for any first offender and \$500 for a second offense. The General Manager explained that “WCID 17 has installed motion detecting cameras on most of their sites to help identify any unauthorized entries.” Please report any suspicious activity around wastewater pumping stations, water tanks, hydrants, or water pumping stations to the WCID 17 office at 512-266-1111 or emergency pager after hours, 512-397-9061. You can help keep your children safe! Please keep children out of water and wastewater facilities.



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Please include a photo if possible.



## New Event Announcement

### *from the Travis County Master Gardeners Association:*

#### **DESIGNING YOUR LANDSCAPE**

Saturday, July 10, 2010 10am-Noon  
Zilker Botanical Garden

Does your garden need a remodel? Or do you need a landscape design but don't know where to start? In this second landscape design seminar, we will explore the step-by-step process of creating a landscape plan. We will discuss the creation of drawings from site analysis through concept to a final planting plan. Learn how to measure your yard and draw a base plan to scale. This seminar will introduce the tools you need to create the garden you have always wanted.

#### **BETTER PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE GARDEN**

Saturday, July 24, 2010 10am-Noon  
Zilker Botanical Garden

This class will help you capture the

beauty of nature with your camera. Learn tips on capturing plants and insects in the garden to get the most impact. Discussion will include how lighting, focal length and aperture interact in composing photographs and how to use your camera's programs (landscape, portrait, etc.) effectively. After the presentation, we'll go out into the Botanical Garden to practice our new skills. Participants must bring their own camera, and have an understanding of how to work it. All types of cameras are welcome. Prerequisite: study the owner's manual on your camera. Bring your camera for some practical exercises.

For more details, see <http://www.tcmastergardeners.org> or call the Travis County Master Gardener's help desk at (512) 854-9600.

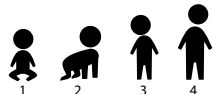


## COLIN'S HOPE

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### FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DROWNING

Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death in children ages 1-4



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### **DROWNING CAN STILL OCCUR EVEN IF YOU KNOW HOW TO SWIM**

NO ONE is "drown proof" – no matter their level of swimming ability.

Falls, entrapments, and injuries lead to drowning regardless of swimming level.

A majority of people overestimate their own and their child's ability to swim, especially in a panic event.

### **DROWNING IS QUICK AND SILENT**



Drowning occurs in as little as 2 minutes.



Irreversible brain damage occurs in as little as 4 minutes.



Most children are out of sight or missing for less than 5 minutes and usually in the presence of 1 or both parents.



Most children die who are submerged for as little as 6-10 minutes.

Children who drown do not **scream, splash, or struggle**. They silently slip beneath the water, even with adults & lifeguards present.



## Plant of the Month



Blue flowering plants are a rarity in the landscape. Plumbago is one of them and has many positive attributes. These are: perennial, butterfly plant, loves heat, doesn't mind long/humid summers, drought tolerant, blooms non-stop throughout the summer, spreads freely, no diseases and pests (even deer!), tolerates shade but loves sun. Winner!

**BY DEBBY COLE, GREATER TEXAS LANDSCAPE**

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## Lake Travis Community Library Offers Summer Programs



*Lake Travis Community Library hosts two visits by Critterman on Thursday, July 22 – 10 a.m. at the Briarcliff Community Center and 2 p.m. at the Lakeway Activity Center.*

A children's book author, a storyteller/musician, craft camp, an afternoon of games, reading groups, cooking class, high school required reading discussion groups, science camp, story times, and a special visit by Critterman are just a few of the summer programs presented by Lake Travis Community Library in the month of July. Children, teens, and adults should pick up summer reading logs to start earning stickers and rewards. You'll want to participate!

Crowd favorite Critterman returns to the Lake Travis area on Thursday, July 22. He and his critters will perform at the Briarcliff Community Center at 10 a.m. and at the Lakeway Activity Center at 2 p.m. Critterman attended school at America's Teaching Zoo, worked at the Los Angeles Zoo, and founded Animal Edutainment, Inc. in 1990. Live animal ambassadors such as snakes, turtles, and lizards provide children with the opportunity to experience

and learn about wildlife in order to develop an understanding of, and a healthy respect for, the world around them. Critterman is always the highlight of the summer!

Do you know any high school students who need help with required summer reading books? Visit the library for special discussion groups! Incoming 9th graders can attend a Pre-AP English discussion of Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men* on Sunday, July 11 at 2 p.m. Incoming 10th graders can join the study group on Sunday, July 25 at 2 p.m. to prepare for Pre-AP English class.

Picture book author Lynda Taylor will visit Lake Travis Community Library on Monday, July 12 at 10:30 a.m. to read her new book *How Much Love is In One Mommy?* Taylor has been an elementary school teacher for over 20 years and her love of children and reading inspired her to write a book. Don't miss the opportunity to meet a published children's author! (Continued on Page 57)



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Puppeteer, storyteller, musician, dancer, wood carver, and bee keeper Kim Lehman visits the library on Thursday, July 14 at 10:30 a.m. for a special performance. Her program Tales and Tunes offers a variety of fun songs and stories for all. Lehman's childhood in rural America and teaching experiences in the Appalachian Mountains inspired a life-long interest in folk traditions including storytelling, oral histories, music, dance, wood carving, herbal remedies and beekeeping. Join us!

Many regular events will continue through the summer months. Preschool storytime takes place on Mondays at 10:30 a.m., toddler storytime is held on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., and baby storytime occurs on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Bring a sack lunch to the library every Wednesday at noon to participate in the Lunch Bunch Reading Group. Children up to age nine are invited to participate. Craft camp, book clubs, a cooking class, science camp, and an afternoon of games also occur in July.

Please contact the library for the complete Summer Reading Program Calendar and for more information at (512) 263-2885 or [www.laketravislibrary.org](http://www.laketravislibrary.org). The library will be closed on Sunday, July 4. We look forward to seeing you this summer!

**BY LAKE TRAVIS COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
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## SAVE THE DATE!

The Stiletto Stampede for the Cure™ is back at the Hill Country Galleria, Saturday, October 16, 2010! Presented by IdealHeel™ and Dillard's, the Stiletto Stampede for the Cure benefits the Susan G Komen Austin Affiliate. The Stiletto Stampede for the Cure is a high heel dash (100 yards) with a mission to encourage young women and men to know and understand the risks of breast cancer and empower them to prevent the disease by utilizing overall Breast Self-Awareness through early detection, screening methods and education. More information is available online at [www.stilettostampede4thecure.org](http://www.stilettostampede4thecure.org)



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## COMPUTING 101

### *How's Your Memory?*

I run into this bit of confusion almost every day – people deleting files to give them more “memory”. Deleting files may give you more hard drive space, but it won't give you more memory.

Let's start with the hard drive. The hard drive in your computer is your filing cabinet. This is where Windows and all your programs are installed. ALSO, this is where ALL your documents, music, photos and movies are stored. Your hard drive is your storage in the same way that you may have music CD's or DVD's stored on a shelf, or your important papers in a filing cabinet. Getting a bigger hard drive simply gives you more storage. A Terabyte hard drive can hold the equivalent of 1,000 copies of the Encyclopedia Britannica. No one listens to all their music at the same time, or looks at all their photos or movies at the same time – we take what we want from “storage” and use the particular item at the time we want to. That takes us to memory.

Memory is made up of small chips inside your computer. They work kind of like an old calculator. Turn off the power and it goes blank. Turn on the power and you start filling it all over again. Memory is what your computer uses when it's actually working on something. The processor inside your computer (probably by AMD


or Intel) is what actually does the thinking. Because memory chips are MUCH faster than your hard drive, the computer pulls what it needs at the time into memory FROM the hard drive.

Let me put it into non-computer terms. You have a wall in your office filled with filing cabinets filled with papers; this is your hard drive. You have a desk that you work at that's 3 feet wide and 2 feet deep; this is your memory. YOU are doing the thinking and working with the papers; this is your processor. What happens when you have more papers to work with than desk space? You start shuffling papers around, maybe putting them into stacks and moving stacks around – this slows getting your actual task done. If you had a bigger desk, you wouldn't waste time shuffling papers. This is where more memory comes into play.

So deleting files from your hard drive doesn't speed up your computer any more than throwing away papers in your filing cabinet helps you get the task at your desk done.

When your computer wants to use more memory than it actually has, it does what we do when we get more information than we can remember – write it down! We use paper; the computer uses the

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## Don't Waste Your Money - (Continued from Page 58)

hard drive. To "add" to its memory, the computer uses unused space on the hard drive to "extend" its memory. The problem with this is writing to the hard drive is MUCH slower, your computer slows down. The solution, close programs that are running you don't need OR buy more memory. The good news? Memory is cheap! Sites like [www.crucial.com](http://www.crucial.com) will peek inside your computer, tell you what you have inside and what you can upgrade with. The Windows Task Manager will tell you how much of your memory you're using. If you're using 80% or more, you'll be noticing a dramatic decrease in speed. Installing memory isn't hard in most computers, but if you're not comfortable call a professional.

Goodbye Windows 2,000! On July 13th, 2010, all versions of Windows 2000 and Windows XP RUNNING SERVICE PACK 2 will reach the end of support. Microsoft will no longer be updating these products. If you have a system running Windows 2000, it's time to move that machine up to XP. If you're still running Service Pack 2 in XP, you need to download Service Pack 3 to continue getting updates. Go to <http://www.update.microsoft.com/microsoftupdate> to get Service Pack 3, or consider upgrading to Windows 7. Windows XP with Service Pack 3 will continue to be supported by Microsoft through April 8, 2014.

- Submitted by Laurie Scott

## Sudoku

The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

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# News You Can Use

## Gardening in the Hill Country

Spring is in full swing with bright green mornings full of sunshine and bird song. Area garden centers are bursting with eager gardeners loading carts with compost, flowers and landscape supplies. While riding the energy of the season to beautify your yard, keep in mind a few things that will help the garden flourish through spring and summer.

Healthy soil supports a healthy landscape. Dedicate energy every year to improving your soil, and you will be richly rewarded with better blooms, improved water efficiency, and fewer disease problems. Work compost into garden and flower beds, and top-dress established areas and lawns with compost. Compost improves soil quality, and reduces or eliminates the need for fertilizer.

Water your garden efficiently and effectively. Although some watering is necessary to sustain gardens in the Hill Country, many people water too much! Over-watering wet or shallow soil results in weakened or diseased plants as well as runoff (water and money down the storm drain). For our thin and clay Hill Country soils, ½ inch, twice per week is the maximum amount you should need to water--even during the heat of summer. During spring and fall, ½ inch once per week is plenty.

Watering between dusk and dawn further increases the effectiveness of the water you use by reducing evaporation and increasing the amount of water that makes it to plant roots.

Twice per week summer watering is good for landscapes and also good for water supply. Over 60 percent of residential water is used on landscapes in the summer, resulting in water treatment plants experiencing peak demands. Efficient watering reduces the need to built new water treatment plants.

The City of Austin requires their customers to water no more than twice per week watering schedule effective May 1 through September 30. LCRA encourages all of its retail customers to follow Austin's schedule. The watering schedule is as follows:

**Odd Addresses: Wednesday And Saturday**

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Healthy soil and efficient watering will assure that the vibrant flowers in your shopping cart at the garden center thrive in your yard throughout the growing season. Be sure to consider using native and adapted plants that are drought tolerant. For more information on drought tolerant plants and tips on water conservation, go to the LCRA web site: <http://www.lcra.org/water/save/index.html>.

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# - Kids Stuff -

**Section for Kids with news, puzzles, games and more!**

## Getting Muscles

Ever wish you could be as muscular as a superhero or your favorite professional athlete? Well, the big muscles you're thinking about aren't possible for kids. Superheroes, of course, aren't real, and professional athletes are grown-ups, whose bodies are different from kids' bodies in many ways.

Boys, especially, might wish for bigger muscles, but their bodies can't build that kind of grown-up muscle until they're older. On the bright side, both boys and girls can do a lot to build strong, healthy muscles. Let's find out how.

### **Playing Makes Muscles**

It sounds too simple, but it's true. Playing, running, jumping, and riding your bike can make your muscles stronger. Any physical activity you like to do - from dancing to playing football - can make you stronger. Why? Because you're using your muscles when you do it.

### **Eat Strong**

What should you eat if you want strong muscles? You might think you need a lot of foods that contain protein (such as meat and eggs) or foods that contain iron. But there's no one magical food that helps build muscles. Your muscles - and your entire body - will be strong and healthy if you eat a variety of nutritious foods.

### **Should You Pump Iron?**

Some kids want to lift weights so they can look bigger and stronger. But lifting weights won't produce big muscles in kids who haven't gone through puberty yet, and lifting heavy weights can be dangerous to kids' muscles and tendons.

With supervision from a coach or trainer, kids can do some light weight lifting or exercise with resistance bands (large rubber bands). This kind of exercise can improve muscle tone, meaning a kid's muscles will be leaner and stronger, but not really bigger.

Push-ups, sit-ups, and chin-ups also help build strong muscles. But so can plain old running, jumping, and climbing. Get the message? More play time means stronger muscles. Now that's something to get pumped up about!

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### **A Quick Fix?**

**You might have heard about athletes who use illegal drugs called steroids to get muscles fast. Sports officials have started to punish athletes who use them. Not only is it unfair to other players, these artificial hormones can cause serious health problems. In other words, don't try them!**

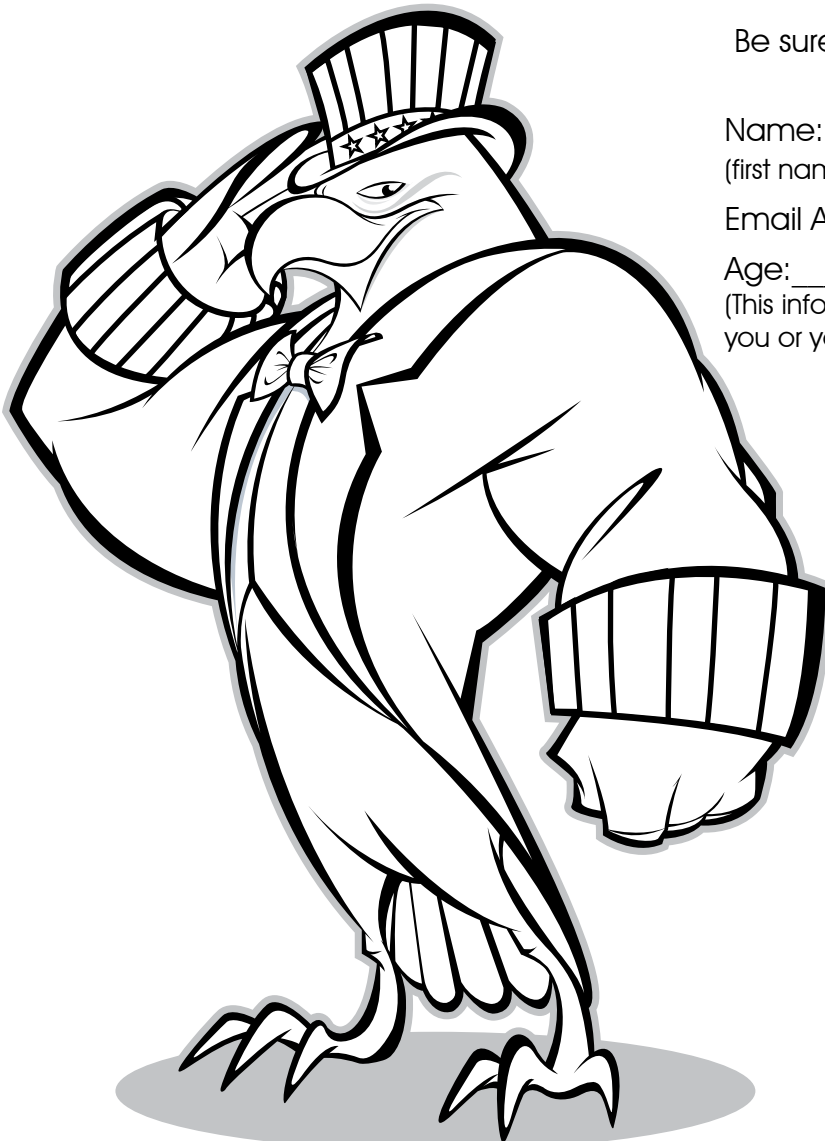


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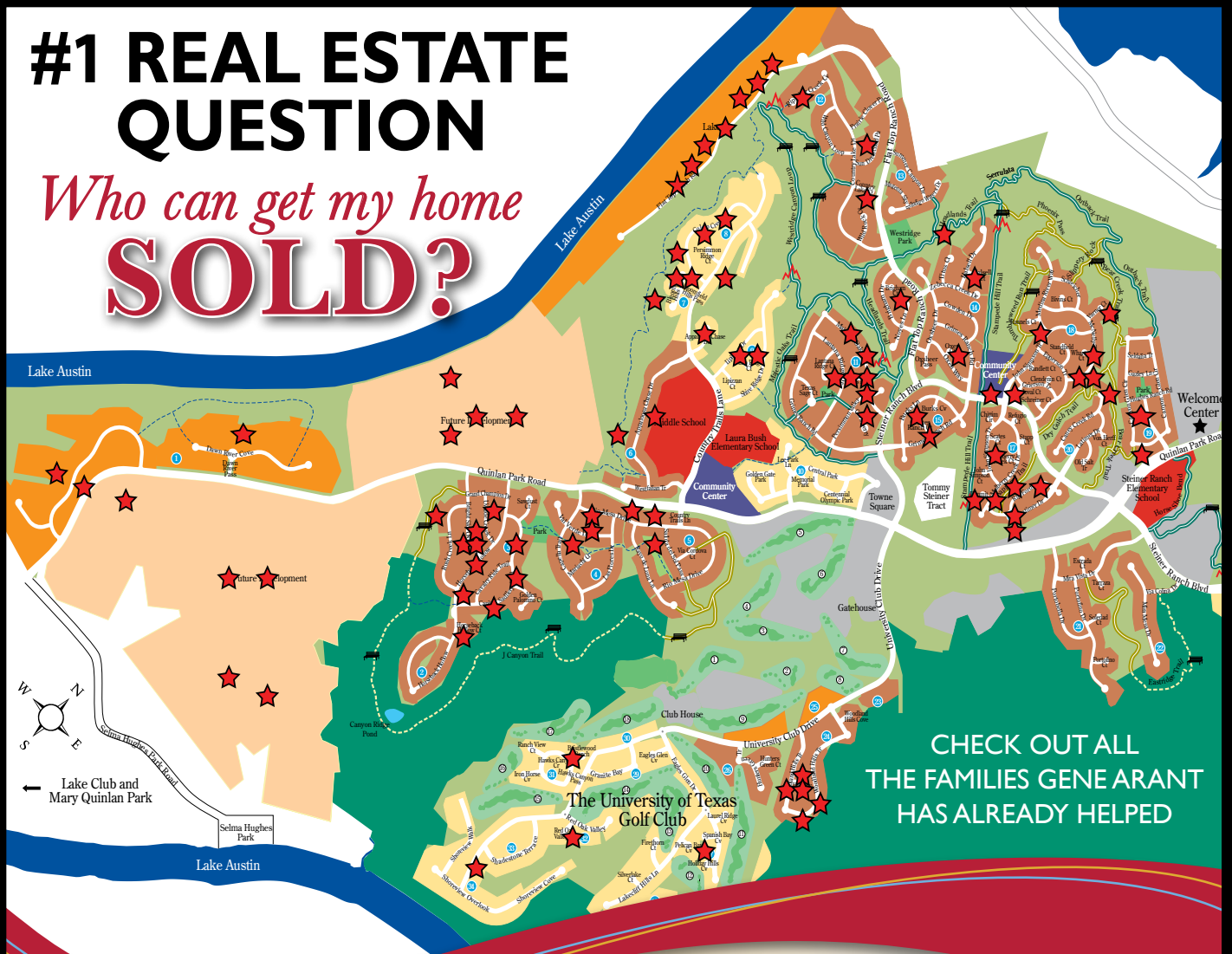
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