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We'd love to have something that pertains to this time of the year in some way, such as a Holiday gathering or a lovely decorated house. Our December issue submittal deadline is November 8th and photos should be submitted electronically by the deadline date to Sharon Adams at [sharon@steinerranchhoa.org](mailto:sharon@steinerranchhoa.org).

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# Developer's Corner

## Development Update

### SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT

Taylor Woodrow Communities recently completed development on the final 39 90' wide lots in the Santaluz gated neighborhood for Drees Custom Homes and Highland Homes. Stop by the Drees and Highland model homes in Santaluz for more information on the available homesites, including many lots backing to greenbelts. Also, development is underway on the final 47 - 80' homesites in Emerald Ridge and the final 20 - 60' lots in Mediterra for Taylor Morrison Homes. These lots will be completed in phases between December and late February. Additional phases are planned to start construction in early 2011 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

Quinlan Crossing Development at Quinlan Park Rd & RM 620 — Property Development Centers (PDC), a commercial/retail developer, is nearing completion on their City/County development permit for the Quinlan Crossing retail/office project at the southwest corner of

Quinlan Park Rd and RM 620 that will be anchored by an upscale Randall's grocery store (Mixed Use #1A on Master Plan Map). The developer is negotiating with additional anchor tenants for this site but has not announced any specifics.

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. There is no new information on the status of the Longhorn Canyon or Fairways at Steiner Ranch condominium communities. More information on these and other mixed-use sites will be available in the future as development plans progress.

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 current master plan map. You may also contact Robert Long directly (532-2120) if you have more specific construction or development status questions.

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**When: Saturday November 6th**

**6:00pm**

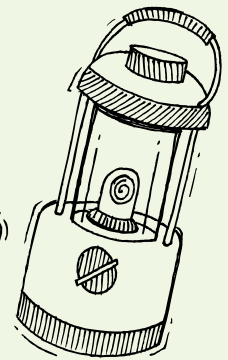
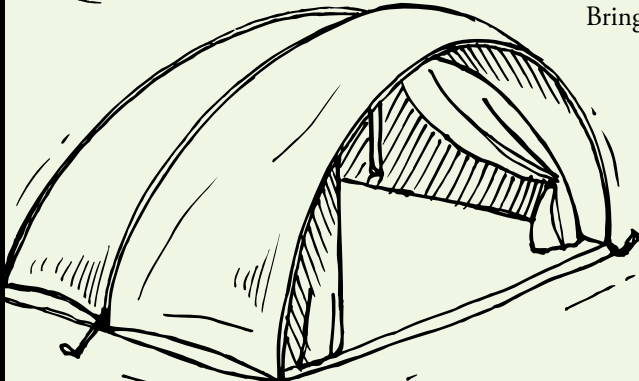
**Where: Towne Square Community Fields**

Texas Rib King will be serving up BBQ with all the fixens for you to enjoy! You can either purchase this dinner by November 1st for \$10 each (\$12 after November 1st) or you can bring your own picnic dinner for you and your kids.

Register for this event by November 1st. Register on-line or you can download a registration form at [www.steinerranchhoa.org](http://www.steinerranchhoa.org).

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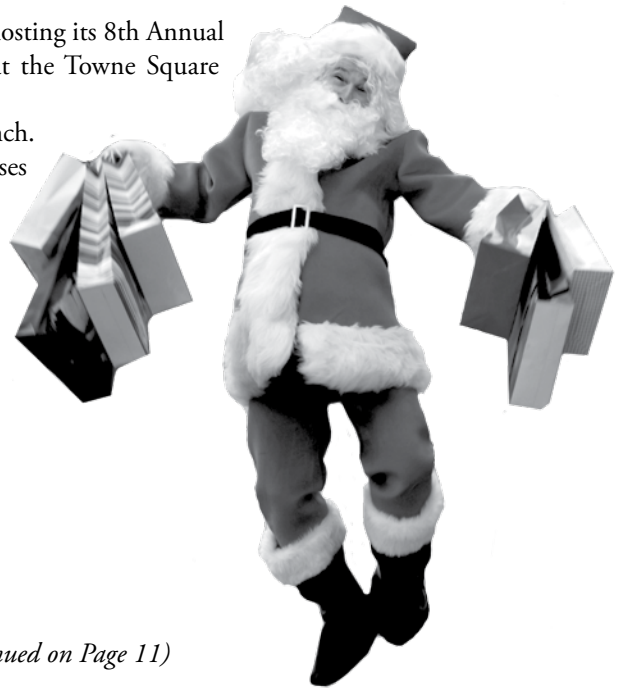
You can get all of your Holiday shopping done without ever leaving Steiner Ranch. Over 25 Vendors will be here selling everything from Jewelry, Painted Wine Glasses and Make-up, to specialties items such as Indian Jewelry and Holiday Gifts.

Santa Claus will be here, so skip the long lines at the mall, and for as low as \$10, have your traditional Santa photo done with Kevin of 20b Photography. (Prices range depending on package)

Current Vendors Include:

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- Teri Fichera – Hand-painted Wine Glasses & necklaces

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## Investing in Real Estate Workshop II

The second in a series of investing in real estate classes, this one will focus on financing the purchase and structuring the ownership entity (a corporation, for example). I will be joined by other experts in these fields including an attorney and a lender. You did not have to attend the first workshop in order to attend this one. The workshops are designed for those who are new to investing in real estate or those who just want to find out about it. RSVP helpful, but not required. The workshop is free. For more information, visit my website at [www.RealEstateInAustin.com](http://www.RealEstateInAustin.com).

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- Four Points Family Chiropractic – Chiropractic & Massage
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- Melissa Walls & Becky Adams – Handmade Jewelry
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## **2010 Steiner Ranch Social Events**

Nov 6 – Camping on the Ranch

Nov 13 – Holiday Sales Event and Santa Pictures

Dec 3 – Holiday Wine Social

*The Social Committee is currently setting the Event calendar for next year. If you have an event you'd like to see, suggestion on current events or comments, then you should attend the next Social Committee Meeting on November 9th. Contact Sharon Adams at [sharon@steinerranchhoa.org](mailto:sharon@steinerranchhoa.org) for information.*

*All Events are tentative and subject to change or cancel*

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Young at Heart is a group of Steiner Ranch couples and singles, generally with no children living at home. Although most activities are planned with Steiner Ranch's more mature residents in mind, people of all ages are very welcome! Our activities provide wonderful opportunities to meet other people with common interests. Some events involve large groups and take place in a public room while other groups are smaller and are held in someone's home. Some are occasional, while others meet regularly.

Among the activities the Young at Heart offers are Book Club, Bridge and a Ladies Group. The Ladies Group plans visits to local attractions in the Austin area. A Hiking/Walking group is being formed and is looking for a leader. If you'd like to join the Bridge group, please contact Nancy Harger at [n\\_harger@yahoo.com](mailto:n_harger@yahoo.com) or Ellen Kendrick at [ellenken@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ellenken@sbcglobal.net). For information about the Book Club, please contact Melinda Pyle at [melindapyle@att.net](mailto:melindapyle@att.net). To learn more about the Ladies group and their upcoming activities, please contact Judy Murff at [judymurff@gmail.com](mailto:judymurff@gmail.com). A group is planning a regular Game Night (board games, cards, etc.); details will be coming soon! Watch for information about other groups and activities in the Ranch Record and on the Steiner Ranch website. If you have an idea for a group and want to help organize it, please contact us.

Anyone who wants to receive emails about upcoming Young at Heart activities should send their name, phone number and email address to [cherylburnaw@aol.com](mailto:cherylburnaw@aol.com) or [dottie.thoms@gmail.com](mailto:dottie.thoms@gmail.com).

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Friday, December 3, 2010 • 7:00pm – 11:00pm  
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\$15 per person

Don't miss the annual Steiner Ranch Holiday Wine Social! This year we will be presenting festive holiday wines and food, featuring music from FEEL GOOD MUZIK – Mike Avila, and giving away fantastic door prizes.

Don't delay; sign up early to reserve your spot! Reservations are limited to eighty persons and must be received by November 24th. Holiday attire is encouraged and that includes anything from semi-formal or your favorite party dress to a festive holiday sweater or blue jeans!

You can either register online or download the registration form at [www.steinerranchhoa.org](http://www.steinerranchhoa.org).

For more information, contact Sharon Adams - Community Coordinator  
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## Trails Update

The HOA will be helping restore the trails after the big rain event washed out some stream crossings. Also with the big rains the plants have grown up. Remember you can always stomp down or cut off big plants which encroach on the approved trail. 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.

We are forming teams to help design the labels to go on all the trail signs. Like to solve puzzles? Contact us.

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.

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 or come to the next Trails Committee meeting on Thursday Nov. 11 at 7:30PM 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 (512) 632-0162.

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.

**BY RICH KEITH,  
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# Around Steiner

## The Balcones Canyonlands Preserve and Steiner Ranch

The Steiner Ranch community has a unique neighbor, the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve (BCP). In January 2001, Steiner Ranch entered into a conservation easement agreement giving Travis County management of 819 acres of Steiner Ranch land that is part of the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve. Although the Hill Country of Central Texas is well known for its scenic views and spectacular wildflowers, the land is also home to eight federally endangered species and dozens of other rare species. This species diversity exists, in part, because of the region's unique ecosystem. Besides common animals such as white-tailed deer and raccoons, more secretive wildlife such as bobcats, ringtails and gray fox can occasionally be observed. Underground is a limestone honeycomb of caves, sinkholes and springs. Spiders, beetles and other creatures inhabiting these caves are found nowhere else in the world. Six of these are classified as endangered species. Still

deeper is the Edwards Aquifer that provides the main source of drinking water for more than 1.5 million people in Central Texas.

The Balcones Canyonlands Preserve is the result of a community-based effort to protect more than 40 endangered, threatened and rare species while allowing development to occur in western Travis County. It was established through a permit issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to the City of Austin and Travis County in 1996. When completed, the BCP will ultimately protect about 30,000 acres of prime habitat in western Travis County. Preserve tracts are owned by public and private entities including the City of Austin, Travis County, the Lower Colorado River Authority, the Nature Conservancy of Texas, the Travis Audubon Society and private landowners, making it one of the country's largest urban preserves. The managing partners have currently acquired and protect nearly 29,000

acres in western Travis County. Including the areas protected in Steiner Ranch, the Travis County-managed portion of the BCP is over 5000 acres.

The Hill Country's unique vegetation, including elms, oaks and Ashe juniper (or "cedar"), remained virtually untouched in much of western Travis County until the last several decades. Two federally protected migratory songbirds, the Golden-cheeked warbler that depends on old-growth Ashe juniper woodlands and the Black-capped vireo, which prefers open, shrubby areas, thrived. However, due to Central Texas' explosive growth and the resulting habitat fragmentation, populations of these endangered birds have steadily declined.

Prior to development, the Steiner Ranch area contained habitat for these two avian species. Under the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan (with agreement of

*(Continued on Page 17)*



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*The Balcones Canyonlands Preserve- (Continued from Page 16)*

the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service), Steiner Ranch was issued a participation certificate that allowed construction to occur if land was set aside to be protected as mitigation for habitat lost to development. These protected lands on Steiner Ranch are managed by Travis County as part of the BCP.

**Public Access:** Because of the Preserve's delicate ecosystem in the Steiner Ranch area, access to the Steiner Ranch Preserve is limited to approved trails and access is granted only to Steiner Ranch residents and their guests. This will allow for the required protection, future habitat restoration projects, and ongoing research of the endangered species on the tract.

Other BCP tracts with public access include the County's Wild Basin and Hamilton Pool Preserves, the City of Austin's Emma Long Metropolitan, Bull Creek and St. Edwards Parks, and LCRA's Westcave Preserve.

Thank you for your help in protecting this Central Texas treasure.

If you have questions, please contact Travis County BCP staff (Paul Fushille) at 854-9383 or the Steiner Ranch Community Association at 266-7553. If you observe unauthorized activities such as tree cutting, trespassing, or poaching on the Preserve, please contact the BCP Rangers at 658-0439 or 658-0459.

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# FESTIVE FALL

## Around Steiner Ranch

*We received some really great cover photo submissions for this issue of the Ranch Record that we had to share! View all photos in color online at [www.peelinc.com](http://www.peelinc.com)*



*Greenway Family*



*Prucha Thanksgiving*

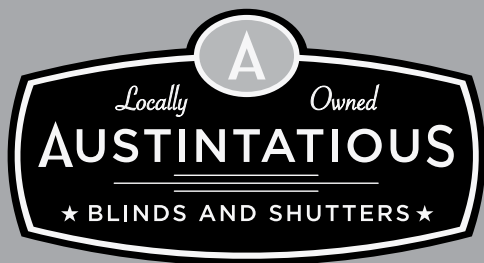


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## 2nd Semi-Annual Post Garage Sale Drop-Off HUGE SUCESS

Thank you Steiner Ranch for your continued support with the "Post Garage Sale Drop-off". This project was started by Susan & Gene Arant of Keller Williams Realty in the spring of 2010 to help Steiner Ranchers eliminate unsold garage sale items by setting up a drop-off location, loading the items up and delivering them to various non-profits. This community service project not only helps their clients, friends and neighbors but more importantly is helping needy families in and around Austin, which is a cause dear to the Arant family's hearts.

This event was once again supported by Tracy's Bikes 4 Schools, as well as some members of Boy Scout Troop #201 who were there to lend a hand. There were even a few young men from the neighborhood who came out and volunteered their time to help. All these hands came in handy, for they ended up filling the Gene Arant Community Service Truck 2 times as well as 2 full loads of an extra large U-haul truck. WOW!

The people who were involved in this project would like to send a sincere "thank you" to all who came out and demonstrated how generous the Steiner Ranch Community is. See you in the Spring!



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## Steiner Ranch History Corner



### Who Built the Anderson Mill?

John Scot Pickle came to Austin from Wythe County, Virginia along with his cousin William Pickle in the early 1850's. John settled in Austin, and Cousin Will settled in Leander. While in Austin John married Justina Emeline Rowzee, and the couple eventually had five children. Justina's family came from French Huguenot origins. Her father, James Smith, laid out the small town of Montopolis on the Colorado River. Motorists today cross the Montopolis Bridge in the general area of the old town.

In 1862, when John was 26 years old, both men went to Bastrop and joined the Confederate Army. Just over a year later, John came home with wounds suffered in conflict which took months to heal.

John was a contractor, house builder, house mover, carpenter and cabinetmaker. John built the Anderson Mill in its original location, which is now under the level of Lake Travis. Readers should note that the current Anderson Mill site is quite a distance up the hill from its original location by Sandy Creek. As a cabinetmaker, John excelled at craftsmanship, which only skill and plenty of time can afford. An example of this is a piece popular at the time, called a "what not." It had five tiered shelves with turned spindles and typically held a family's china and other valuables. At least one of these survives in the family today. John Scott Pickle died in 1864 at the age of 28. Source: A Legend Collection, Fact and Fantasy, 2ed, Anderson Mill Gardeners Inc. 2008. For more information contact RKeith@primerica.com Rich Keith at (512) 632-0162.

**SUBMITTED BY RICH KEITH**

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# Around Steiner

## News from the Pools:

John Simpson Pool Renovations have started and will be finished prior to the 2011 Summer Season. Look for:

- A new Toddler Splash pad
- Deck replacement

With colder weather here, the pools now have winter hours in affect. (See 2010 Winter Pool hours)

Thanks to Austin Elite Swimming and the SRMA Board, we will have extended Winter Hours on the Bella Mar Lap Pool come January 2011. We will have extended hours till 7:30pm Tuesday - Friday and residents will be able to lap swim in 2 of the 6 lap lanes.

The Facility Committee, Pools Committee and the Steiner Stars Swim Team are working on the summer pool usage by the Steiner Stars and should have an approved schedule in the new year.

As always if you have any feedback please let me know at Rodney.g.mogen@gmail.com.

Rodney Mogen

## Swimming Program for Adults

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Our swim schedule is as follows:

Wed. and Fri. at 5:30 a.m. until 6:45 a.m.

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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.
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- Avoid potentially dangerous situations.
- If you feel threatened, cross the street, locate an emergency phone, or enter a store or place of business even if you have just left it.
- Have your door keys ready; carry them in your pockets, not buried in a purse.

## WINTER POOL HOURS



*Now that the weather has turned cold and the pool heater at the Bella Mar Lap pool is on, it has become necessary to cover that pool. Due to the limited recourses of Association Staff, it is necessary to cover the pool when staff is not on site. Homeowners are NOT ALLOWED to uncover the pool at any time. The following hours will apply:*

### BELLA MAR

Splash Pool & Baby Pool Closed for season.

**Lap Pool:** Closed Mon (All Day)  
Tue-Fri 7:00am – 4:00pm  
Sat & Sun 7:00am – 2:00pm

### The following programs will be using the lap pool:

Master's Swim Program –  
Wednesday & Friday  
5:30am – 6:45am;  
Sunday 6:30am – 7:45am

### VHS Swimming

Monday & Wednesday  
6:30am – 9:00am

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday  
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*Submitted by Carmen Tucker*

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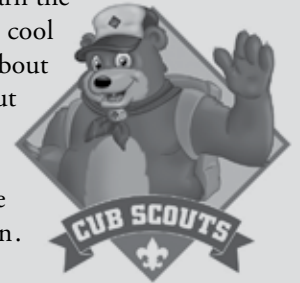
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Contact Julie Stephens for more information at [jstephens@austin.rr.com](mailto:jstephens@austin.rr.com).



#### Steiner TechNet Wants You!

*Submitted by David Dyke*

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For more information, email David Dyke at [david@austin-tech.net](mailto:david@austin-tech.net) and join LinkedIn Groups Steiner TechNet.

#### Steiner Ranch Community Groups & Organizations

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# NOVEMBER 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Trash Service Begins (See Scheduled on page XX)	2 6:30pm – Facility Committee Meeting (TSCC) 7:00pm – College Planning & Academic Coaching (BMCC) Election Day	3 2:00pm – 9:00pm – VHS Swim Team “How Tough Am I” Swim Marathon & Fundraiser (BM Lap Pool/Pav)	4	5	6 6:00pm – Camping on the Ranch (TS Fields)
7 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	8 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	9 6:30pm – Social Committee Meeting (TSCC) 7:00pm – Estate Planning and Long Term Care (BMCC)	10	11 7:00pm – Make Overs and Margaritas (TSCC) 7:30pm – Trails Committee Meeting (BMCC)	12	13 8:00am – 5:00pm – World Cup Soccer (BM & TS Fields) 10:00am – 2:00pm – Holiday Sales Event & Santa Photos (TSCC/Pav)
14 1:00pm – 4:00pm – Girls Self Defense Class (TSCC) 7:00pm – Young at Heart – Southern Louisiana Fish Fry (BMCC) 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	15 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	16 7:00pm – Skin Care for the Holidays (BMCC) 7:00pm – Real Estate Investing (TSCC)	17	18 6:00pm – SRROA Board of Directors Meeting (TSCC)	19	20
21 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	22 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	23	24	25 Happy Thanksgiving Association Office Closed No Trash Service (See Page XX for Holiday Schedule)	26 Association Office Closed	27
28 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	29 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	30 3:30pm – SRMA Board of Directors Meeting				



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# DECEMBER 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
TSCC – Towne Square Community Center BMCC – Bella Mar Community Center JSCC – John Simpson Community Center			1	2 7:00pm – New Owner Orientation (TSCC)	3 7:00pm – Holiday Wine Social (TSCC)	4
5 1:00pm – Holly Jolly Gingerbread Workshop (BMCC) 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	6 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	7 7:00pm – Education Funding (BMCC)	8	9 7:30pm – Trails Committee Meeting (BMCC)	10	11
12 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	13 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	14 6:30pm – Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (TSCC)	15	16	17	18
19	20 Kidventure Camp 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	21 Kidventure Camp	22 Kidventure Camp	23 Kidventure Camp	24 Association Office Closed	25
26	27 Sportball Camp 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	28 Sportball Camp	29 Sportball Camp	30 Sportball Camp	31 Sportball Camp Association Office Closed	



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# From the Association Office

## New Trash & Recycling Service in Steiner Ranch

With the input and help of the Steiner Ranch Facilities and Recycling Committees, we are proud to announce the arrival of a new company that will provide our trash and recycling services.

Texas Disposal Systems (TDS) has assumed all responsibilities for the Trash and Recycling. The primary benefit will be the implementation of a Single Stream Recycling system that will be picked up every other week on the same day as your trash service (See schedule below) and will use roll out cans with lids. You can view Single Stream Recycling Information on the TDS website at [www.texasdisposalsystems.com](http://www.texasdisposalsystems.com)

Trash and Recycling pick up days have changed for most of the community. See the NEW TDS TRASH PICK UP DAYS BY NEIGHBORHOOD below. Remember, this scheduled goes into effect November 1st.

Large Item pick-up will now be done at your home twice a year by directly with TDS at 512-421-1300.

*Trash service is weekly; while recycle service is every other week.*

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The Bluffs  
Emerald Ridge  
Lakewood Hills  
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Mediterra  
Sierra Vista  
Tierra Grande  
Santaluz  
Lake Club  
Summer Vista  
Palisades

### TUESDAY

Majestic Oaks  
Parkside  
River Heights Grove  
River Heights Overlook  
Shire Ridge  
Towne Hollow

### WEDNESDAY

Bellagio Estates  
Headlands  
The Hills at Westridge  
The Estates at Westridge  
Mesa North  
Plateau

### THURSDAY

Eastridge Valley  
Eastridge Summit  
Canyon Gate  
Canyon Glen  
The Legends  
Hunters Green  
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Cliffside  
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## Holiday Trash Pick-Up Schedule

Trash and recycling pick-up during the Holiday Season is as follows:

*If you're normal Pick-up day is Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday, then your service will remain unchanged. If your normal Pick-up day is Thursday, your Thanksgiving pick up day will be on **either Friday, November 26th or Saturday, November 27th.** (You may need to leave your cans out for two days.)*

Christmas and New Year's service will remain regular service:

## REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

The Association Office is longer open on Saturdays. Please make a note of the "Regular" office hours that are now in effect.

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*Holiday decorations (excluding Christmas) may be put out up to fourteen (14) days in advance of the holiday in question. Decoration must be removed no later than seven (7) days after the holiday. Christmas decorations may be put out beginning November 1st and must be removed by January 15th.*

Thank you for your cooperation with the Steiner Ranch rules and have a wonderful holiday season!



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# From the Association Office

## Representation of Steiner Ranch

Community associations are a representative form of government founded on the principle of elected individuals representing the people. Much of our country is based on the principles of representative democracy. It starts with organizations like Parent Teacher Associations and community associations and progresses through our schools boards, city governments, county governments, state governments—all the way to the federal government. We vote for a person, or persons, who will act on our behalf.

Some might advocate that a board should not take action without a vote of the members to find out what the people want. That would be counter-productive. If association members were to vote on every issue before a decision was made, there would be no need for a board, but simply someone to send out ballots and tally results. However,

boards find out what their constituents want in other ways, such as Committees. The Association encourages your involvement and participation. Perhaps you would consider joining a committee. We want your input, ideas, thoughts and opinions. Here is a list and contact information to join a committee:

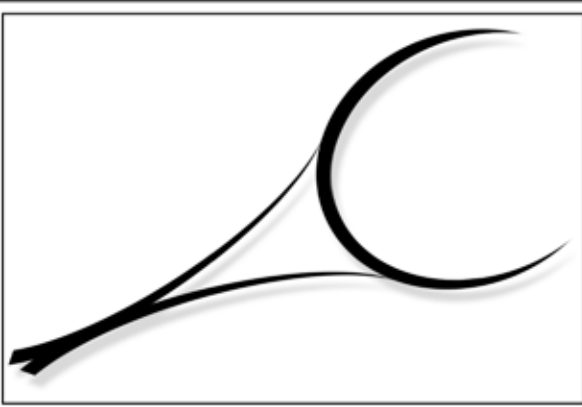
**Facilities Committee** – This committee is an advisory committee to the Association and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding programs, policy and anything related to the common area facilities in Steiner Ranch. If you'd like to contribute, please contact Sharon Adams at [sharon@steinerranchhoa.org](mailto:sharon@steinerranchhoa.org). Meetings are held at the Towne Square Community Center twice every quarter.

**Social Committee** – This committee plans, organizes and attends all of the events in Steiner Ranch, from the Young at Heart

Social to the Holiday Wine Tasting coming up on December 3rd. This committee meets monthly, every 2nd Tuesday at 6:30pm at the Towne Square Community Center and all homeowners are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Sharon Adams at [sharon@steinerranchhoa.org](mailto:sharon@steinerranchhoa.org).

**Finance Committee** – This committee serves as an advisory committee to the Steiner Ranch Master Association and all members must live in the Association. If you have experience or background in finance or accounting, then this is the committee for you. For more information, please contact Scott Selman at [scott@steinerranchhoa.org](mailto:scott@steinerranchhoa.org).

**Golf Club Committee** – This committee is specific to the needs of those members living in the Golf Community. This group meets on an "as needed" basis. For more information, please contact Scott Selman at [scott@steinerranchhoa.org](mailto:scott@steinerranchhoa.org).



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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.

## Reservation Calendar Now Online!

For those of you interested in reserving one of our facilities, you can now check the availability online. Check it often as it is updated daily. Just go to [www.steinerranchhoa.org](http://www.steinerranchhoa.org), click on Facility Reservation on the left and choose the location you need and the calendar will open. To make a reservation, please call the Association Office at (512) 266-7553. Only Steiner Ranch residents, in good standing with the Homeowners Association are allowed to rent Steiner Ranch facilities.

*\*\*\*Note: Spaces are filling up fast for the holidays; make your reservations at least one week and up to one year in advance. \*\*\**

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# From the Association Office

## 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

You must submit for ANY changes to the outside of your home including fences, decks, landscaping designs, pools, playscapes, etc.

All of these forms can be found on-line at [www.steinerranchhoa.org](http://www.steinerranchhoa.org). Please fill free to contact the Association at 512-263-7553 or [mack@steinerranchhoa.org](mailto:mack@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 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 at [mack@steinerranchhoa.org](mailto:mack@steinerranchhoa.org) or 512-266-7553.

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When the Steiner Ranch HOA puts on an event, activity or program....we hear, "I didn't know about this" all the time. Well, the best way to receive the latest information about what's going on in Steiner Ranch is to sign up for our email alerts.

### HOW?

1. Go to [www.steineranchhoa.org](http://www.steineranchhoa.org)
2. Enter your email address in the "Join/Edit" the Steiner Ranch mailing list box and press "go".
3. Enter your email address in the list you'd like to receive:
  - a. Activities
  - b. Safety
  - c. Lost/Found Pets
  - d. Community

Once you've signed up, you will need to respond to an email to confirm.



## SKATE PARK SURVEY

Information is being gathered on homeowner interest for a skate park in the Steiner Ranch community. In considering the construction and maintenance of such a facility, the SRMA would appreciate the residents' views. If you have an opinion about a community skate park in the Steiner Ranch, let your voice be heard! Visit <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SupportaSkateparkinSteinerRanch> and answer a short survey. Your time, interest and support are important!

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# From the Association Office

## **SPEEDING** Please Slow Down!

Speeding has become a MAJOR problem in our community. Whether on the public roads or behind the gates in the private neighborhoods, speeding violations are on the increase. Also on the increase is the number of accidents on the roads.

Speeding can result in accidents, injuries and far worse. The Association receives many complaints on a regular basis. The solution is simple – PLEASE SLOW DOWN. Everyone at one time or another is guilty but the solution is simple. Think about your neighbors, think about the kids and think about safety and PLEASE SLOW DOWN.

Please help us keep Steiner Ranch beautiful and SAFE by not speeding!

## **Tenant/Occupant Registration Requirement**

### *Do you lease your home?*

There are over 3,600 occupied homes in Steiner Ranch, but not all are occupied by the actual homeowners. Some homeowners, for various reasons, rent or lease their home to tenants/occupants, and that is when challenges arise for the Community Associations Office staff. There are certain notification requirements placed upon the Association by the governing documents of Steiner Ranch. These notifications include but are not limited to:

- Semi-annual assessment statements
- Annual meeting notifications
- Deed restriction violation notices
- General correspondence

Not having a homeowner's absentee or off-site address for the notifications mentioned above can, unfortunately, cause fines or other fees to be charged to a homeowner's account for failure to pay assessments on time or for failure to correct violations on the property within a specified timeframe. When tenants/occupants are registered at the Community Associations Office, the Association has the homeowner's absentee address on file and is able to send all the required notifications directly to the homeowner.

Having tenants/occupants registered also helps to protect the homeowner and his/her Steiner Ranch property. If the Association discovers that a tenant/occupant is not properly maintaining the landscaping or has caused some other violation on the property, a notice is sent to the homeowner informing them of the violation and a copy of the notice is sent to the tenant/occupant. Quickly correcting violations helps to ensure individual property values are maintained at their highest level.

Due to the challenges that arise as a result of rented and leased homes, the Association **REQUIRES** registration of all tenants/occupants in Steiner Ranch. In order for a tenant/occupant to receive access to the Steiner Ranch facilities, the homeowners must register the tenants/occupants via the Tenant/Occupant Registration Form, provide a copy of front page of the lease agreement and complete the Facilities Use Agreement. Once these forms are on file in the Community Associations Office, the Association will issue a "Facility Tag" to the tenants/occupants so they may enjoy all the facilities Steiner Ranch has to offer. Without the Facility Tag, tenants/occupants will not be able to enter any of the locked facilities, which include the pools, tennis courts and the Lake Club.

Please be aware that Tenant/Occupant Registration forms must be completed by the homeowner and the responsible tenant/occupant. Forms signed by a property manager or other non-homeowner will not be accepted unless a power of attorney form is also submitted naming the managing agent or other non-homeowner as authorized to sign legal documents on behalf of the homeowner.

The Tenant/Occupant Registration form is available at the Community Associations Office and online at [www.steinerranchhoa.org](http://www.steinerranchhoa.org). There is a \$50.00 tenant/occupant registration fee that must be submitted with the completed Tenant/Occupant Registration form in order for the Association staff to process the registration.

If you have any questions regarding the requirement to register tenants/occupants, please contact the Community Associations Office at 512-266-7553.



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# School News

## River Ridge Elementary School To Host Book Fair Event, November 8-12

**WHAT:** River Ridge Elementary School will host a Scholastic Book Fair from November 8-12. Funds raised will help support a variety of school events and programs as well as purchase books for the library. The entire Steiner community is invited to attend this fun reading event, which is themed: Here's to Our Heroes! Reading Saves the Day!

**WHEN:** The Book Fair will be open November 8 from 5 to 6 p.m and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., November 9-11 from 7:25 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and November 12 from 7:25 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

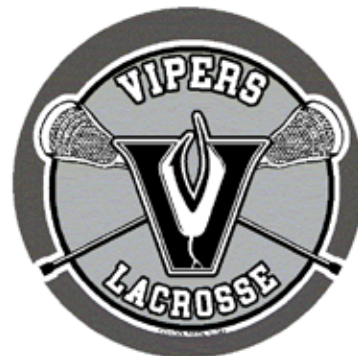
**WHERE:** River Ridge Elementary School is located at 12900 Tierra Grande Trail.

The Book Fair offers specially priced books and educational products, including children's classics, award-winning titles, new releases, interactive software, adult bestsellers, and other great reads from more than 100 publishers. Book Fair customers may help the school build classroom libraries and improve children's reading skills by purchasing books through the Classroom Wish List and One for Books® programs.

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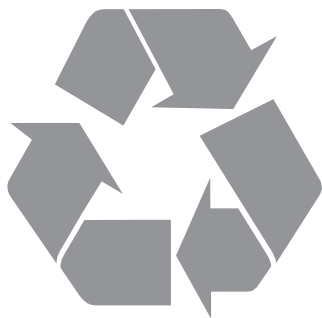
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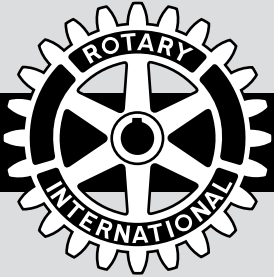


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## Five Business Networking Groups in the Area

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).

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The Four Points Chamber of Commerce provides networking opportunities at social gatherings, luncheons with guest speakers and activities. The Chamber brings businesses together along highway 620 from Hudson Bend to Anderson Mill and Ranch Road 2222 from Jester to Volente. Four Points Chamber supports business growth in the community where we live, work and play. In less than 6 months Four Points Chamber of Commerce exceeded its first year membership goals and continues

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### CAMP DATES AND TIMES

Official Drop Off: 8:45 AM-9:00 AM

Pre Camp Drop Off: 7:00 AM-8:45 AM

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Friday, Nov. 26	9:00 – 12pm	\$38.00

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## Financial Focus: Long Term Care can Deplete Assets



Yearly long term care costs have increased to over \$75,000 in 2010 since Genworth Financial's Cost of Care surveys began in 2004. This increase represents a 4.5 percent compound annual growth rate over that period. And 75% of Americans have no long term care plans. We have found that "self-insuring" for a future long-term health care event can deplete even large family estates in just a few years. While not everyone needs long term care insurance, every family should have a long term care plan.

A recent survey from Genworth Financial's 2010 Cost of Care Survey found the average national cost of care for nursing homes, assisted living facilities and in the home has steadily increased over the past four years and has reached new highs that exceed most household incomes in the U.S. The rising costs of long term care may, therefore,

present difficulties for many Americans should they need to pay for long term care out of their own pockets.

If given the choice between care in a facility such as a nursing home or an assisted living facility and care at home, 75% of national poll respondents said they would prefer care at home. In contrast to facility-based care, rates charged by home care providers for "non-skilled" services have remained relatively flat over the past five years. For example, whereas the national hourly private pay median rate charged by a licensed home health agency for a home health aide was \$17.50 in 2005, the 2010 hourly rate has only slowly crept up to \$19. The historical compound annual growth rate for this type of care service has been only 1.7 percent over a five-year period. Home care rates have remained flat in part because of

increased competition among agencies and the availability of unskilled labor, and by avoiding costs associated with maintaining stand-alone health care facilities.

The trend in pricing among Assisted Living Facilities has changed considerably. Over the last decade, Assisted Living Facilities have continued to adapt to the wide range of care needs presented by our growing elder population. Many facilities now provide services to residents who need continual care or supervision – while still providing a lower level of care to healthier individuals. As the range of services becomes broader, so does the range of monthly costs.

According to the survey, the average national cost in 2010 of a single year in a private nursing home room is \$75,190. To put this into context, one year in a private nursing home room costs nearly one and a half times the average full 4-year college degree, making a single year in a nursing home 46 percent more expensive.

With so many Baby Boomers heading into retirement, it's critical that long term care planning be integrated into every adult's retirement strategy. Paying for just a few years of long term care out of pocket can very easily deplete an entire life's savings and retirement. Not planning ahead can also limit the variety of choices available, such as the ability to live independently at home with assistance from a home health aide. Source: Genworth Financial, visit <http://genworth.com/cocpro>.

  
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For additional information about SAIVA, please contact Shubhada Saxena (512) 659-4328 or [saxenapost@yahoo.com](mailto:saxenapost@yahoo.com).

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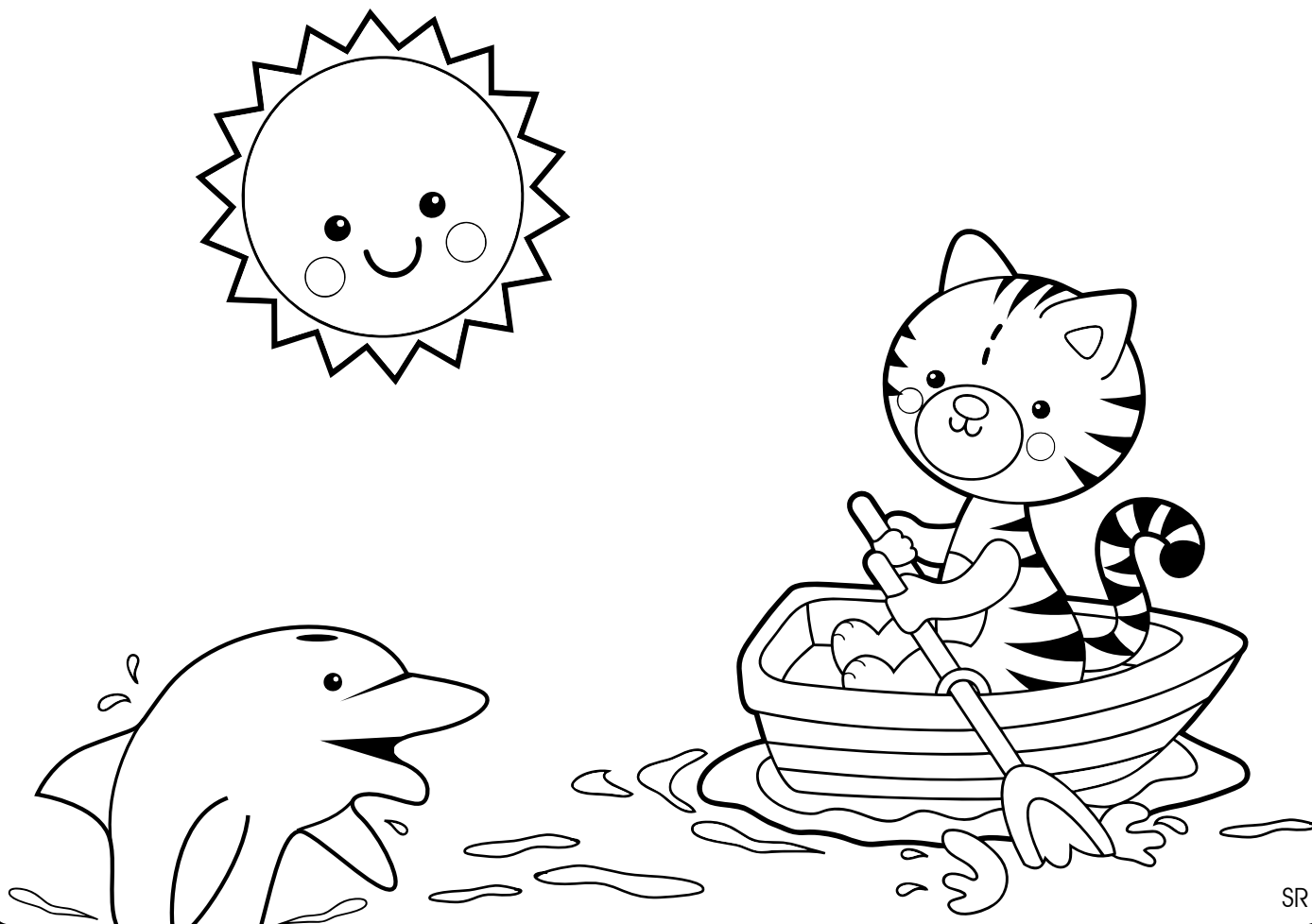
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