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COVER PHOTO

Do you take great photos?

This month's cover is the Jones's quintuplets; Brooklyn Faith, Britton Grace, Jack William, Lila Addison & Ryan Elizabeth who just celebrated their 2nd birthday in January. They were having a photo session at the Las Brisas Park in Steiner Ranch. You can learn more about this "Fab Five", their big sister, Eliot McKenna (6) and Parents Casey & Ethan Jones at www.joneslife.net.

Do you take great photos? Would you like to see your photo published? We are looking for great cover photos for upcoming issues of the Ranch Record.

Requirements for submission:

- Must have been taken in Steiner Ranch
- Be of High Resolution
- Prefer "portrait" orientation

We'd love to have something that pertains to this time of the year in some way, such as a special Valentine celebration at school or special event. Our February, 2011 issue submittal deadline is January 7th and photos should be submitted electronically by the deadline date to Sharon Adams at sharon@steinerranchhoa.org.

By submitting your photo you agree to allow your photo to be published in future issues of the Ranch Record or other Steiner Ranch publications.

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ARTICLE INFO

The Ranch Record is mailed monthly to all Steiner Ranch residents. Residents, community groups, churches, etc. are welcome to submit information about their organizations in the newsletter. Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, recipes, special celebrations, and birthday announcements are also welcome.

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NEWCOMER ORIENTATION

Welcome Newcomers!

Welcome new residents of Steiner Ranch! If you have recently purchased a home here, you will receive an invitation to the Newcomer Orientation held on Thursday, February 3rd 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 community rules and regulations and future development plans for Steiner Ranch. Light refreshments will be served.

Not able to attend? Then come to the next one on April 7th at 7:00pm in the Towne Square Community Center.

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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Feb 26 – Chili Cook-off

Mar 5 – Run the Ranch

Apr 9 – Spring Garage Sale

Apr 23 – Easter Egg Hunt

May 14 – Casino Night

July 4 – Parade

Aug 20 – Concert in the Park

Sept 24 – Garage Sale

October – Pumpkin Patch – Benefiting

Dell Children's Hospital

Oct 29 – Haunted Trail

Oct 31 – Halloween Event

Nov 5 – Camping on the Ranch

Nov 12 – Holiday Sales Event and Santa Pictures

All Events are tentative and subject to change or cancel, so please check monthly issues of the Ranch Record, the Steiner Ranch website at www.steinerranchhoa.org and Facebook (Steiner Ranch Social Committee) for updates.

Steiner Birthdays

January 11th - Aimee Gratz

February 6th - Tess Evans

February 20th - Cole Artman

March 31st - Jordan Mathis

Happy Birthday!

Send your Birthday announcements to
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STEINER RANCH

Annual Chili Cook-off

February 26th • 6:30pm – 9:30pm
\$10 per Non-Chili entry • Free per Chili entry

Dust off your cookbooks, don your aprons, and get ready to impress your friends and neighbors with your own delicious version of a good ol' Texas chili. And for you folks not from around these parts, show us how it's done where you come from! Not a chili chef but got a willing stomach and a taste for the hot stuff? GREAT! Come eat with us! So come in from the cold for our spicy hot competition, featuring some of the tastiest, tangiest and most original chili created by our very own residents and accompanied by a variety of beer.

Vote for your favorite chili in the People's Choice Award competition and stay for our trophy presentations for this and the Judge's Choice. The competition and the chili will be lively.

Mark your calendars and book your babysitters – the date is February 26, 2011 from 6:30 to 9:30 pm at the Towne Square Community Center!

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Zoe (9), Kara (8) and Casey (6) Gilbert achieved their goal of First Degree Black Belt at ATA Taekwondo in 2010 after a few years of hard training and testings. Now they are on their new journey as a black belt. We are so proud of them for not giving up. They are our super heroes.
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Tiger Den 5 Visits Peel, Inc.

Tiger Den 5 of Steiner Ranch Pack 203 would like to thank all the staff of Peel, Inc. for hosting a tour of their production facility on December 22nd, 2010.

As part of their Tiger Cub badge "Go See It" requirements, the boys needed to visit a media organization to learn about ways in which people communicate. At Peel, Inc., Den 5 learned how the Ranch Record is designed, printed, collated and delivered to households throughout Steiner Ranch. The boys were amazed while watching the printing equipment and collating machines, and left the tour with a better appreciation for how publications like the Ranch Record are produced and distributed.

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Trails Update

Mountain bikers and hikers share the trails marked "okay for bikes" in Steiner Ranch. Bicyclists should slow down when passing or overtaking hikers on the trail, as the IMB etiquette indicates. To a hiker, a bike even going slowly looks a little dangerous, so bikers please slow down when meeting hikers. 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 trails. 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 February 10 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 (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.



Stork Report in Steiner Ranch



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The Loop 360 bridge has a long history of engineering behind it. Before 1851 transportation in Texas was confined to boat traffic along the coast and the lower reaches of a few rivers, or to animal-drawn vehicles on the few and primitive roads to the interior. As railroads developed, river transportation declined, but the Gulf ports were built up. All the thirteen deepwater ports in Texas today have artificial harbors dredged in relatively shallow areas. The port of Houston is fifty miles from deep water and was made possible in 1925 by dredging of the Houston Ship Channel. The second railroad west of the Mississippi River, the Buffalo Bayou, Brazos and Colorado Railway, was in Texas. The twenty miles running west from Harrisburg were begun in 1851 and put into service in 1853. By 1862 engineers had built some 492 miles of track, largely in the Gulf Coast area. Stimulated by grants of state land, a new era of railroad construction began about 1870, reaching a peak of 1,669 miles built in the year 1881 and 1,096 miles in 1882, at which time grants ceased. The 17,078 miles of track in Texas in 1932 declined to 15,586 miles by 1949, when several branch lines were abandoned because of highway competition.

Highways had a humble beginning. An

early specification of the Republic of Texas called for a road thirty feet wide with tree stumps not to exceed twelve inches high. Under state law counties were responsible for all early highway work, but they naturally built more local roads than highways. In cities pavements were gradually introduced: creosoted wood blocks in 1875, asphalt in 1897, brick in 1899, and concrete about 1910. But most pavements were limited to city streets or highways near large cities until the Highway Department was established in 1917. By 1950, the department had developed 33,648 miles of paved highways. In 1945 the department began the construction of farm-to-market roads, and the building of expressways within all the larger cities began in 1949. By 1970 - 1980, Texas had the largest mileage of interstate highways in the United States and had a total highway system second to none in the nation. Approximately 70,000 miles of highway, the backbone of the state's transportation system provided good access to markets and facilitated technical growth.

Railroads and highways also need bridges, which are a product of structural engineering. The first bridge across the Brazos, the Waco Suspension Bridge, used Roebling wire rope, iron from New Jersey, and three million

locally produced bricks. It was completed in 1870. Subsequently, John A. Roebling used similar cable for the Brooklyn Bridge in New York. The Houston Street viaduct (Dallas, 1911) and Paddock viaduct (Fort Worth, 1914) served as prototypes for similar concrete arch viaducts across the growing western United States. Other notable bridges are the Rainbow Bridge at Port Arthur and the Pecos High Bridge, a railroad bridge. After 1950 the Texas Highway Department achieved national recognition for applications with composite steel-concrete girders, pre-stressed concrete, expressway-interchange structures, and segmental construction of bridges. Research facilities at UT Austin and Texas A&M University contributed to the success of these innovative bridge systems. Noteworthy steel bridges in Texas include bridges across the ship channels in Corpus Christi and Beaumont, the bridge over the Colorado River on the Capital of Texas Highway (Loop 360) in Austin, and a bridge across the Devils River canyon, which appeared to be much deeper before Amistad Reservoir was impounded. Source: Texas State Historical Association. For more information contact Rich Keith richkeithprimerica@austin.rr.com (512) 632-0162.



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The Stars swim team will hold online Returning Family registration for the Red and Blue competition teams from March 7th through March 21st. The Red and Blue teams' competitive swim seasons will run from May 9th through July 9th, with practices and some meets held at the Bella Mar lap pool. During the summer, Red practices by age group from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm, Tuesday through Friday; Blue practices from 2:30 pm - 6:30 pm, Monday through Thursday.

If you'd like to join Stars Red or Blue, new family registration will be held on Friday, April 1st from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Bella Mar Community room. The Stars must set a limit of how many swimmers are enrolled per age group according to our competition circuit rules and available practice space, so please check our website prior to New Family registration to determine if there are spots available for your swimmer before you attend registration.

Registration for our developmental program, the Shooting Stars, will be held in mid-April. This program is for the swimmer who wants to become proficient in the four competition strokes, but may not be quite ready for a full slate of competitive swim meets. Shooting Stars will swim during the mornings at the John Simpson pool from July 19th through August 11th on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of those weeks. Registration for this program is online and first-come, first-served for each season.

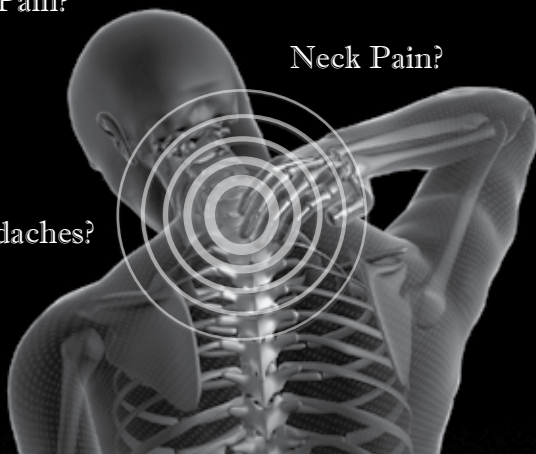
All participants in the Stars Swim Programs must be in good standing with the Homeowners Association at the time of registration.

A full schedule for practices and meets, as well as other information will be available soon on our website, www.steinerstars.org. We hope to see all of our swimmers back at the pool for Summer 2011 for another fun and exciting season!

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Tue-Fri 7:00am – 7:30pm
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Sunday 6:30am – 7:45am

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Monday & Wednesday
6:30am – 9:00am

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
7:10am – 9:15am

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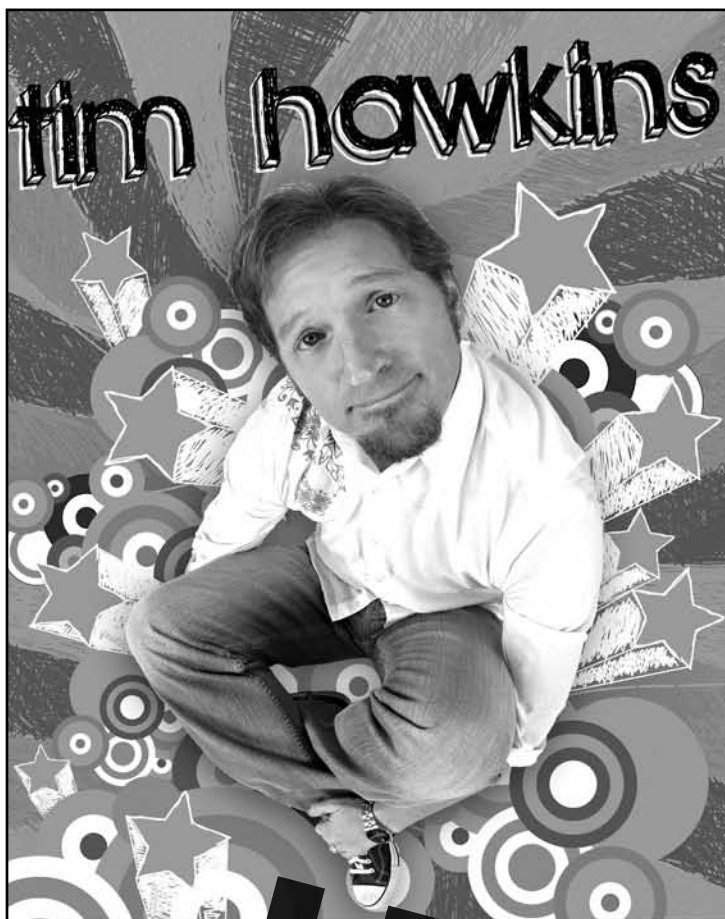
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For more information visit www.redgiantsmasters.org.

Our 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.
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2. Join U. S. Masters Swimming! To be eligible to compete in masters' meets, to get a great magazine, and for HOA insurance purposes, go to the United States Masters swimming website, www.usms.org/reg and join our team Red Giants Masters swimming. You can print your card immediately and take a copy to the HOA office.
3. Fill out the Program Registration form at the HOA office, provide a copy your USMS card and submit payment!

As this is a Year Round Program, it's a great way to meet new friends and be a part of a fun community of swimmers and neighbors!

Spring Break Camp

Steiner Ranch will once again offer
a camp over spring break!
March 14th – 18th

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Ages 3 - 7

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Towne Square Community Center

Summer Camps in Steiner



Yes, that's right - it's already time to start planning for the summer and we have some great camps scheduled; some we've had before and some great new ones! We are accepting registration now. Look for registration forms and current information on-line at www.steinerranchhoa.org.

Here are some of the summer camps we will be offering:

- Dallas Cowboys Football Camp
- Cheer Bliss Cheerleading Camp
- Lonestar Soccer Camp
- Brown's Gymnastics Camp
- Tap-N-Toe Hip Hop Camp
- Sportball Multi-sport Camp
- Steiner Tennis Camp
- Academic Explores Camp
- Abakadoodle Art Camp
- LZM Art Making Camp
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- Mad Science Camp
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WHERE: Start/Finish- Towne Square Community Center

WHAT: Kids K (>1 mile), 5K race (3.2 miles), & Health Fair
(all kids k participants receive medals)

Register
Today!



Join your friends and neighbors for a fun-filled family event. Steiner Ranch's 6th Annual Run the Ranch 5k, Kids k, & Health Fair is almost here.

Come walk, jog, or run with us through the neighborhood and after you cross the finish line, don't run off! Plan on hanging around for music, food, health fair freebies, Rudy's tacos and fun bounce houses for the kids. Register at www.runth ranch.org. Or complete the attached form and return it to the Association Office.

Run the Ranch 2011 is made possible by the generosity of Hill Country Bible Church and local businesses. Sponsors will receive valuable advertising exposure along with their logo on all race materials including the official race t-shirt. For more information on being a Run the Ranch Sponsor email your questions to runtheranch@austin.rr.com.

For Health Fair information, contact Suzanne Buchner suzannebuchner@yahoo.com

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☐ **Female**

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Address: (City, State, Zip) _____

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Waiver and Release

I, the person submitting this entry, am aware that participating in an event such as a race or relay is a potentially hazardous activity; and that I (or my child, if I am signing as parent/guardian) should not so participate unless physically able. I verify that I am (or my child is) medically fit to participate and will have sufficiently trained for the event prior to participation. I (and my child, if I am signing as parent or guardian) agree to abide by the rules and decisions of any event officials, relating to participation, and assume all risks associated with participation in the event and any associated event or activities, including but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, baby joggers, pets, effects of the weather such as high heat, rain, and/or humidity, traffic, road conditions, all such risks being known and appreciated. In consideration of acceptance of the entry fee, and intending to be legally bound, I (and my child, if I am signing as parent/guardian) and anyone entitled to act on my (or our behalf(s), assume all risks associated with participation, and waive any and all claims whatsoever against, fully release, race day volunteers, and all event promoters, including but not limited to RaceWorks Incorporated, Steiner Ranch Home Owners Association, Taylor Woodrow, Hill Country Bible Church, Run the Ranch Director and Volunteers, Mission of Hope, the City of Austin, Travis County, , other sponsors, and their representatives and successor, from all claims damages, or liability of any kind arising from my (or my child's) participation in this event, without obligation or liability to me (and my child's) name, or photographs, videotapes, and other recordings of participation in these event, without obligation or liability to me (and my child). I also understand that entry fees are not refundable. I have read this agreement carefully, and understand it, and certify my agreement by my signature below. **Note: Runners less than 18 years of age must have a parent's signature (below). Your signature denotes your compliance w/ this waiver.**

PRINT NAME of Participant: _____

SIGNATURE of Participant

(or Parent/Guardian if under 18): x _____

Date: _____

RETURN COMPLETED FORM & ENTRY FEE TO:

Steiner Ranch Association Office
12550 Country Trails Lane
Austin, Texas 78732

Or go to WWW.RUNTHERANCH.ORG to register online today!



Around Steiner

Soccer Coaches Clinic

To enhance the development of soccer in the Steiner Ranch area, Lonestar soccer club will host a coaching clinic for new and seasoned U5 – U10 volunteer soccer coaches on Sunday, March 6th from 2pm - 4pm and the Bella Mar Community Center and Fields. The free clinic will focus on practice sessions that all coaches can use to teach the players basic fundamentals of soccer such as:

- Passing and receiving
- Dribbling and turning
- Ball familiarity
- Shooting
- Heading
- 1v1 attacking and defending
- Small sided games

The clinic will be run by Maca Teale (USSF A License & USSF Youth License Coach) & Robert Lopez (NSCAA Coach).



This is the 1st in a series of various training clinics being offered over Spring 2011 and Summer 2011 here at Steiner Ranch.

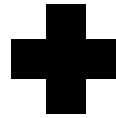
Registration is required. Please email Robert Lopez at im-fit@texas.net.

American Red Cross Babysitter Training Course

9:00am – 4:00pm

\$50 per person

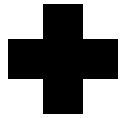
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30pm – Facilities Committee Meeting (TSCC)	2 Groundhog Day	3 Chinese New Year 7:00pm – New Owner Orientation (TSCC)	4	5
6 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	7 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	8 6:30pm – Social Committee Meeting (TSCC)	9	10 7:00pm – Trails Committee Meeting (BMCC)	11	12
13 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	14 Valentine's Day 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	15	16 7:30pm – Basics of Investing (BMCC)	17 Spring Field Lottery	18	19 9:00am – 3:30pm – Neighborhood Sports Skills Day (BM Fields)
20 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	21 President's Day 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	22 3:30pm – SRMA Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm – Wellness Workshop – Ending Allergies Forever (TSCC) 7:00pm – College Planning for HS Students and Academic Coaching	23	24 6:00pm – SRROA Board of Directors Meeting (TSCC)	25	26 6:30pm – 9:30pm – Chili Cook-Off (TSCC)
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MARCH 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 6:00pm – 9:00pm – Run the Ranch Packet Pick Up (TS Pav)	5 9:00am – Run The Ranch 5K, KidsK and Health Fair (TSCC)
6 2:00pm – 4:00pm – Lonestar Soccer Coaches Clinic (BMCC & Fields) 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	7 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	8 6:30pm – Social Committee Meeting (TSCC)	9 7:30pm – Women & Finance (BMCC)	10 7:00pm – Trails Committee Meeting (BMCC)	11	12
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2011 Winter/Spring Programs in Steiner Ranch began in January, but you can still register for classes that aren't full! Go online and look for all program information in the 2011 Program Guide at www.steinerranchhoa.org. Here is a summary at what you will find:

Preschool Programs

Sportball
Tap & Ballet Combo
Gymnastics (Full)
Tennis
Art - Abakadoodle
Spanish
Music

Special Programs

Neighborhood Sports
Flag Football
Soccer
Spring Break Soccer Camp
Spring Break Sportball Camp

Elementary - Teen Programs

Sportball
Tap & Ballet combo
Hip Hop (Full)
Gymnastics (Some classes Full)
Karate
Tennis
After School Supper Club

Adult Programs

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

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FEBRUARY 16TH – BASICS OF INVESTING, by Rich Keith - How money works and the principles of investing. Great for all persons new to investing. Types of investments, tax advantages, appreciate how risk and return are linked, the Rule of 72 and more. Understand the new "Retire Mentality." And this workshop satisfies the yearly Sec. 404(c) education requirement for employers. If you have employees with retirement plans who need to receive their yearly investment education requirement then this is the workshop for you.

7:30pm BMCC

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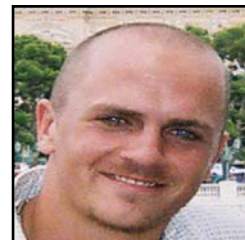
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Girl Scout Registration is Open

Submitted by Carmen Tucker

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

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character. Through fun, informal and educational experiences, girls can discover their potential, connect with others and take action to make the world a better place. Girl Scouts provides a wide variety of experiences for interests such as the arts, science, technology, nature, athletics, community service, health, leadership and more. To learn more or to register, please contact your local Girl Scout Council at membership@gstcx.org or (512) 453-7391.. Discover Girl Scouts online at www.gstcx.org.

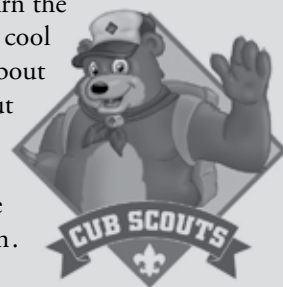


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Steiner TechNet Wants You!

Submitted by David Dyke

If you work in Technology and live in Steiner Ranch, we have a new community for you. This includes a monthly social mixer in the neighborhood on the first Wednesday of each month at Fion wine pub at 8pm.

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For more information, email David Dyke at david@austin-tech.net and join LinkedIn Group: Steiner Technet

Steiner Ranch Community Groups & Organizations

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Family Legal Planning Sessions are offered limited times each month and they do fill up, so don't procrastinate!

From the Association Office

NOTICE: Trash and Recycling Rate Increase

The Steiner Ranch Homeowners Associations provides trash and recycling services to homeowners through contracted services. The cost for these services has been consistently increasing over the last few years, but the Steiner Ranch Master Association has been able to absorb this by saving on cost in other areas. However, effective January 1, 2011 this increase has been passed on to the homeowner in the amount of \$15 semi-annually (\$30 annually) and has been reflected on this past January – June Master Assessment invoice.

If you normally have your bills paid through Automatic Bill Pay, then there is a possibility that you paid your HOA dues short by \$15. Please check that your Association invoice and the amount you paid in January are the same. If not, you can contact the Association Office at 512-266-7553 to clear up the balance due.

This increase did not affect the Steiner Ranch Residential Association homeowners (Plateau, Rocky Ridge, Chaparral, Mesa North, Valley at Eastridge, Summit at Eastridge or Hancock Hill) as your increase went into effect in 2010.

Do you need a field for practice?

Are you planning on coaching a team in the Spring?

Need a place to practice?

Then mark your calendar for the 2011 Spring Field Lottery to be held on February 17th.

Register your team*** by sending an email to sharon@steinerranchhoa.org. Registration must be in by 5:00pm on Wednesday, February 16th with the following information:

- Name
 - Coach name (if different)
 - Address
 - Phone number
 - Organization (CC United, Town & Country, etc.)
 - Sport (soccer, baseball, etc.)
 - Age group
 - 1st, 2nd & 3rd choice of field, day & time. (See below)
- If you are coaching more than one team, please list each team separately.
 - On Thursday, February 17th, you will be contacted you by email with assigned field.

*** Please Note*** If you are with Neighborhood Sports (soccer or flag football), you do not need to register your team for the lottery. Representatives will be attending the lottery on your behalf.

FIELDS:

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Bella Mar Tennis Court Side
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Steiner Ranch Elementary
River Ridge Elementary
Laura Bush Elementary

TIMES:

Hourly beginning at 4:00pm until Sunset


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Compliance Corner Spotlight: Trash Cans

Have you received a letter from the Homeowners Association about your trash can? To clear up one of the most common violations this time of year, the rule of thumb to remember about trash cans is simple;

Trash containers must be removed from the street and returned to their enclosed structures and NOT visible from the street before nightfall on trash collection day.


Do you have a neighbor who continues to leave their trash can out for days after trash day? Then let us know! You can report the violation by simply going to our website, www.steiner ranchhoa.org and click on the "Report a Problem" link. Anonymous reports will not be acted on, so please leave all requested information.

Bulletin Board Posting Policy

Due to the small sizes of the community bulletin boards and the large numbers of residents wanting to post notices, the Boards of Directors for Steiner Ranch have adopted the following restrictions for the bulletin board postings:


- 1 Bulletin boards are for resident postings only. Association notices have first priority.
- 2 Notices are posted every Friday and will remain on the board for two (2) weeks. Notices must be submitted by 5:00pm on Thursday.
- 3 Notices may not be larger than 5"x 7".
- 4 Association notices are exempt from time and space restrictions.
- 5 Notices must include either a Steiner Ranch subdivision name OR a Steiner Ranch telephone number.
- 6 Commercial (for-profit) postings by adults are not permitted. (These include, but are not limited to, offers for in-home childcare, nannies, cleaning service, scrapbooking service, piano lessons, pet care, etc.)
- 7 Commercial (for-profit) postings for youth (under 18 years) are permitted. Youth postings may be placed on the boards for no more than one (1) month per calendar year.
- 8 All postings are approved at the Association Staffs discretion.

Thank you for your cooperation with the posting restrictions. If you have any questions, please contact the Community Associations Office at (512) 266-7553.

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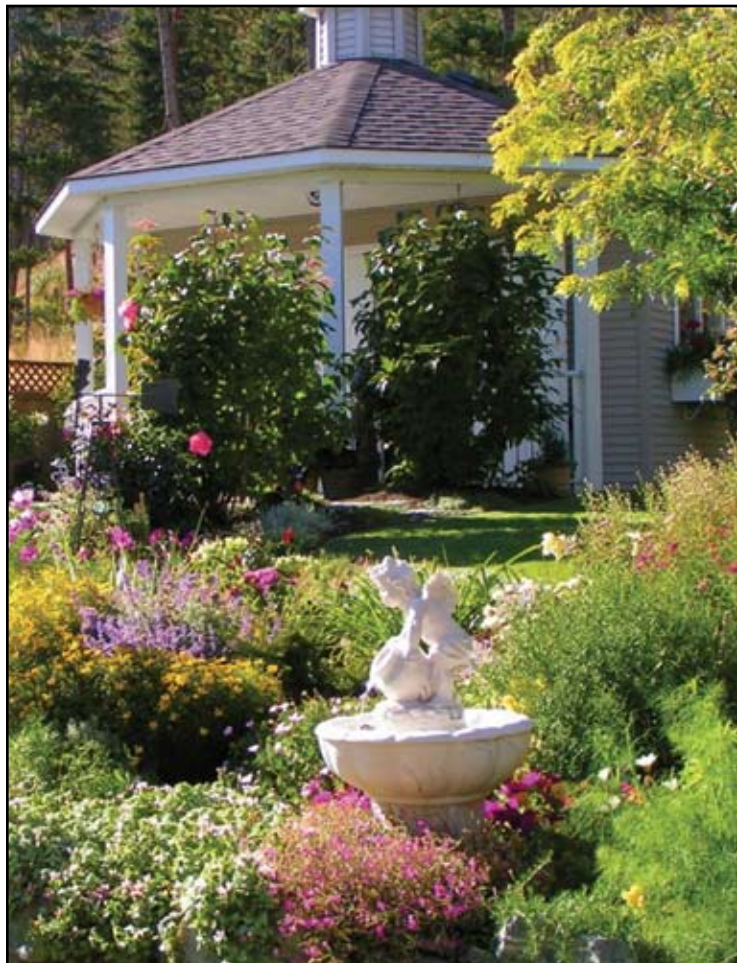
From the Association Office

NOTICE:

John Simpson Pool Renovations

The John Simpson Pool will be undergoing major renovations during the Winter, and the Pool and Park areas are closed during this process. We will not be reserving these areas, until the renovations are complete.

First Phase of renovations includes a much anticipated Toddler Splash Pad, which will replace the baby pool that was covered this past summer. The Splash Pad will be approximately 20 ft. x 50 ft. and will include water spouts, a "climb on" water turtle and a fun spray toy.



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2. Include any addendum forms such as for a pool or greenbelt
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. Please fill free to contact the Associations Community Standards Coordinator, Mackal "Mack" Gill if you have any questions at 266-7553 or mack@steinerranchhoa.org.

Reservation Calendar Online!

For those of you interested in reserving one of our facilities, you can check the availability online. Check it often as it is updated daily. Just go to 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.

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Congratulations to River Ridge Elementary on achieving the following PTA Membership awards this year:

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As we continue to grow as a new school and PTA we are laying the foundation for success and we couldn't do it without your support!

River Ridge would like to thank our current community members for their support: Pecan Valley Custom Homes * Ernie Reyes World Martial Arts

Membership is open to anyone, for more information contact rsenko@austin.rr.com.

For information on upcoming events: Scholastic Book Fair (March) and the Rattler Round Up (April), visit <http://riverridge.my-pta.org>

SAVE THE DATE: RIVER RIDGE RATTLER ROUNDUP: APRIL 21, 2011

Back by popular demand is the River Ridge Rattler Round Up at the University of Texas Golf Club on Thursday, April 21.

Saddle Up and Ride on Over to the UT Club. Enjoy a delicious dinner, great music and fun auction.

All proceeds will go towards upgrading technology in the classrooms, expanding the literacy library and providing much needed musical instruments! Proceeds will also support school field trips, teacher grants and all supplies necessary to enrich student's educational experience!

Businesses: Are you looking for a GREAT way to promote your business, products, or services to the 600+ River Ridge families? If yes, please take this opportunity to market your business by donating gift certificates, products, or services your company offers to the Auction.

Questions? Please contact Auction Chair Nicole Evans at nevans001@gmail.com or 512-657-2228 or Co Chair Anu Reddy at areddytx@gmail.com or 512-968-6913



Hill Country Education Foundation Launches Membership Drive

The Hill Country Education Foundation launched a six-month membership drive to recruit families, individuals, students and faculty to their organization. Members of HCEF will help to support Four Points-area students achieve academic success in the areas of entrepreneurship, leadership, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

Specifically, memberships will help the Foundation reach their goal of providing:

- Grants to teachers, administrative and parent organizations that focus leadership, entrepreneurship and STEM education.
- Teacher development/training grants to support new or established curricula
- Enrichments programs, such as FIRST® LEGO® League Robotics Clubs
- Scholarships to Vandegrift High School students pursuing careers in science, technology, engineering or mathematics (starting in 2012)
- A community children's library in the Four Points community
- College Insider, a college-readiness program for parents and students

Annual membership levels range from \$50 for individuals and \$100 for families to \$1 for faculty and \$15 for students. To learn more about membership benefits and to pay online, interested parties can go to www.hillcountryedfoundation.org.

About Hill Country Education Foundation

A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the Hill Country Education Foundation enhances the educational experience of students living in the Four Points community of Austin, Texas. HCEF achieves this enhancement through the development and financing of innovative, quality programs and projects for students attending or preparing to attend Vandegrift High School, specifically in the areas of leadership, entrepreneurship, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

HCEF's vision is based on the belief that an exceptional education is essential both to the well being of individual students and to the civic health of a community. HCEF brings educators and citizens together to excel this educational experience, by providing schools the additional tools needed to teach and engage children, and by expanding the horizons of knowledge within the community through special programs and projects. HCEF endeavors to empower tomorrow's leaders while strengthening the community as a whole, now and into the future, in Austin and beyond.

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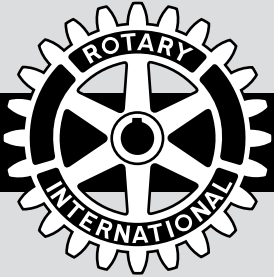
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Five Business Networking Groups in the Area

Are you looking to grow your business in 2011? 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 Tuesday mornings from 8:00am to 9:30am at Hill Country Pasta House. Visitors are welcome! If you are interested please contact Elicia Rudberg at eliciarudberg@gmail.com for more information or visit 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 please contact Amy Oehler at amy.oehler@unitedlendingusa.com or visit www.BNIAustin.com.

FOUR POINTS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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 to grow! For information about participating in upcoming events or membership benefits visit www.fourpointschamber.com or call (512) 551-0390. Membership inquiries may also be sent directly to membership@FourPointsChamber.com.

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Membership is not a requirement to come to the luncheon but you'll want to register online by February 11 to ensure your seat and receive early-bird discount pricing! While you are at the Four

Points Chamber of Commerce website be sure to check out the other networking activities offered by the chamber, including the monthly Happy Hour and bi-monthly networking meetings at Concordia University.

The Four Points Chamber of Commerce provides networking opportunities at social gatherings, luncheons and business network meetings. Now over 100 members strong and growing, the Four Points Chamber of Commerce brings businesses along highway 620 from Hudson Bend and Mansfield Dam to Anderson Mill and along Ranch Road 2222 from Jester to Volente together to support business growth in the community. For more information about upcoming events, visit www.fourpointschamber.com or contact us at FourPointsChamber@gmail.com or call (512) 551-0390. Membership inquiries may also be sent directly to membership@FourPointsChamber.com.



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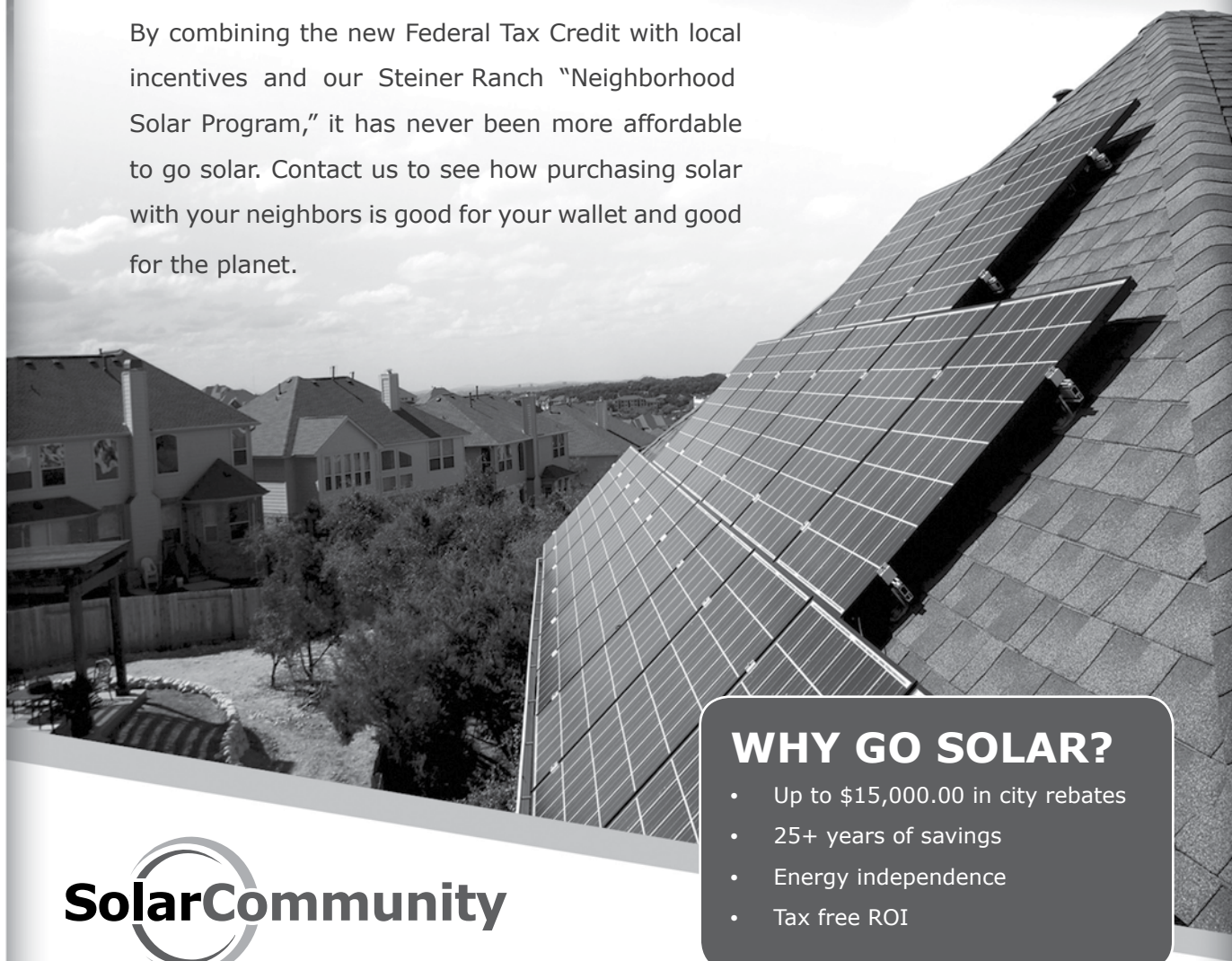
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Chrissie Forbes Artwork at Lake Travis Winery

Steiner Ranch artist, Chrissie Forbes, will show her work at Lake Travis Winery from February 4 – March 25. Lake Travis Winery is located in Lakeway at 1501 Ranch Road 620 N (next to Faraday's). The artwork can be viewed and purchased Monday through Saturday 12:00 to 6:00 pm.

Forbes is best known for her colorful, loose oil paintings of landscapes, wildflowers, wildlife, clouds and ocean waves. Her Texas wildflower, wildlife and landscape paintings were shown in a solo exhibit for a month at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center recently. She has fallen in love with the beauty (and sunshine) of Texas. Spending many hours exploring back roads from the Gulf Coast to the Hill Country to long stretches of West Texas, Forbes' work reflects this new love. Her inspiration is Van Gogh and her mentor is Sarkis Antikajian (of Oregon). You can check out her work at: chrissieforbes.com

Forbes and her husband moved to Steiner Ranch six years ago after she retired as a teacher in Oregon.

She travels extensively with her husband and also paints scenes from many places visited including the Virgin Islands, Patagonia, Norway, Britain and Spain.

If you want to meet the artist, there will be a private showing from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on February 4th. The public is welcome. Wine samples, cheese and crackers will be served. An entrance fee of \$5.00 will be collected that evening for a raffle of one of Forbes' paintings. The proceeds of the raffle will be donated to SafePlace of Austin (a non-profit organization that provides safety and healing for individuals and families affected by sexual and domestic violence). Also a portion of each painting sold will be donated to SafePlace as will \$3.00 for each bottle bought with a Forbes' artwork label.

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INGREDIENTS:

1 1/4 C olive oil	1 T cinnamon
2 C brown sugar	1 t nutmeg
4 eggs	1 t ground cloves
3 T dark molasses	1 t salt
3 C carrots, finely grated	1 C walnuts, chopped
2 C flour	1/2 C raisins
2 t baking soda	1/2 C golden raisins

CREAM CHEESE FROSTING:

2 pkgs. cream cheese, at room temperature
 1/2 C butter, softened
 1 t vanilla
 2 - 2 1/2 C powdered sugar
 2 T half and half (to thin, just in case)

DIRECTIONS: Preheat your oven to 350 degrees. Butter and flour 2 cake pans and set aside. In large mixing bowl, whisk olive oil and brown sugar together. Add eggs and molasses and mix well. Stir in carrots, flour, soda, spices and salt mixing well. Add nuts and raisins and stir until incorporated. Spoon into prepared cake pans and bake for 35 - 40 minutes or until a skewer inserted comes out clean and then cool.

In a separate bowl, beat together cream cheese and butter. Add powdered sugar 1/2 C at a time until the desired sweetness, adding a bit of half and half if necessary to thin. Frost cooled cake and enjoy!

In the photo below... I actually have 5 layers. I increased my recipe to an additional 3rd, baked 3 cakes and once cooled, split them. I didn't use the last half as the cake towered tall (though it was eaten).

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Several residents have reported odors in the areas of Quinlan/Steiner/University Club and Mulberry Creek/Latimer.

These odors are emanating from the WCID 17 wastewater recycling and composting complex up on the Hillside at Logan's Way. There are several possible sources of these odors at the complex and WCID 17 is ordering and installing equipment to systematically eliminate this problem in each of those areas. Some equipment is already in place and other equipment will be arriving and being installed this month and next month. Our goal is to completely eliminate odors outside the facilities, however, residents should be aware that maintenance operations such as cleaning wastewater pumping stations involve opening these facilities, and may cause occasional localized odors.

To report a problem please contact WCID 17 at (512) 266-1111 Ext 13 or e-mail dgernes@wcid17.org. More information is on our website at <http://www.wcid17.org>

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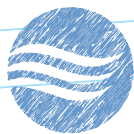
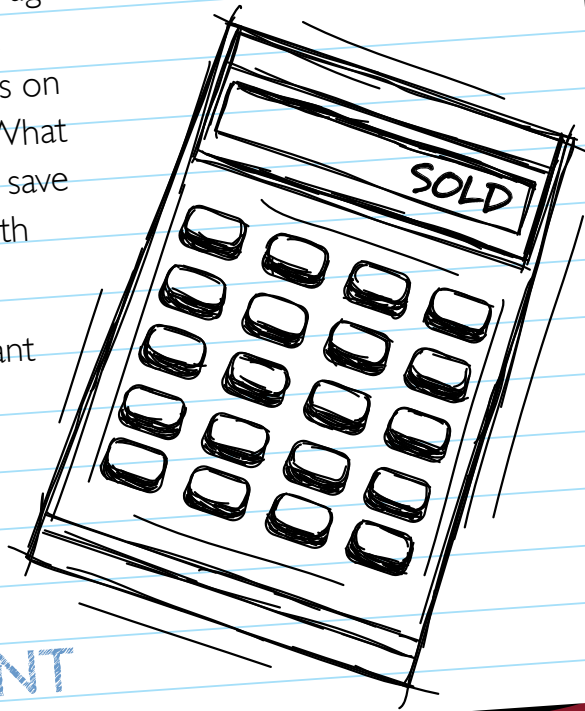
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