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COVER PHOTO

Do you take great photos?

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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 bluebonnet photos or an Easter celebration. Our April, 2011 issue submittal deadline is March 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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Steiner Birthdays

Jan 18th – Shelby Cumings
Feb 18th – Abbey Hamilton
Feb 20th – Ben Aubin
Feb 23rd - Christopher Bacungan
Mar 15th – Jake Miller
Mar 26th – Kevin Odom



Happy Birthday!

*Send your Birthday
announcements to
steinerranch@peelinc.com*



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! 2011 Steiner Ranch Social Events

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 – Ladies Night Out
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
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RUN THE RANCH

WHEN: 9:00am Saturday, March 5, 2011

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)



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.

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PRINT NAME of Participant: _____

SIGNATURE of Participant

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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 March 24th 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 June 2nd 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.

Please RSVP to 266-7553 or to Sharon Adams at sharon@steinerranchhoa.org.

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



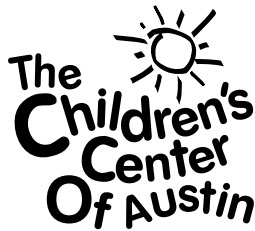
The clinic will be run by Maca Teale (USSF A License & USSF Youth License Coach) & Robert Lopez (NSCAA Coach).

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

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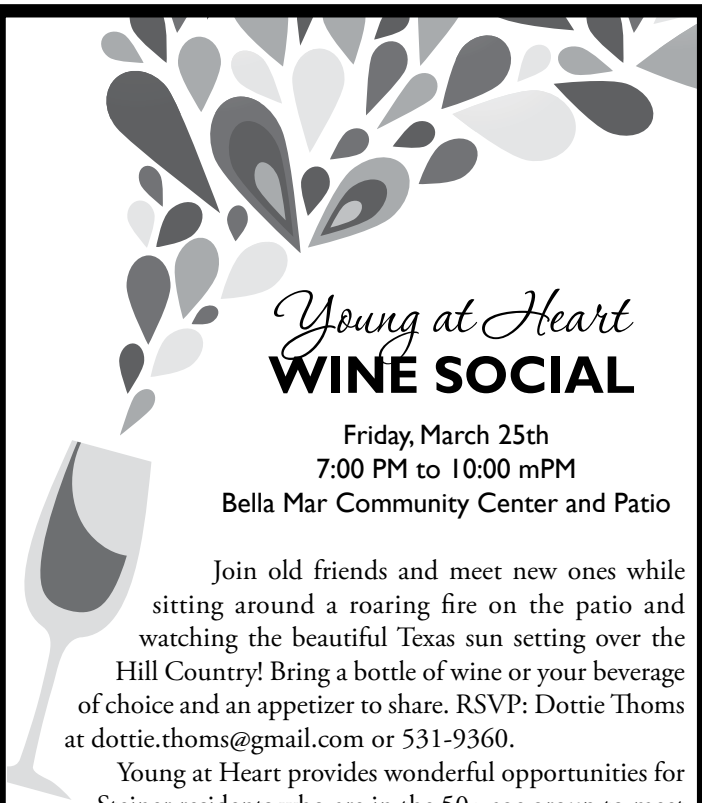
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Young at Heart provides wonderful opportunities for Steiner residents who are in the 50+ age group to meet other people with common interests. From these social occasions, friendships have developed and other groups have formed.

Presently there is a Bridge group; any who are interested in joining should contact Nancy Harger (n_harger@yahoo.com) or Ellen Kendrick (ellenken@sbcglobal.net) for details. There is usually room for a few more players.

The Book Club meets on the third Monday of every month at 2:30 PM. This month we are discussing *Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls on March 21st. Please contact Dottie Thoms (dottie.thoms@gmail.com or 531-9360) for more information and location. Our discussions are quite spirited and most interesting!

To learn more about the Ladies Group and their upcoming adventures, please contact Judy Murff at judymurff@gmail.com.

If you're interested in heading up a Hiking/Walking Group, please let us know. Interest has been expressed in hiking Steiner and nearby trails together with others; we need someone who would like to organize this.

To make it easy for people to connect with others with similar interests, a roster of all Young at Heart members is being prepared. It will include names, addresses, contact information and interests (bridge, golf, book club, hiking, boating, dining out, etc) and will be available to all Young at Heart members. If you want your information included, please contact Dottie Thoms at dottie.thoms@gmail.com or Cheryl Burnaw at cherylburnaw@aol.com.

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It's that time again! Cleaning out the closets, buying the sticky dots for pricing and the kids dreaming of all that money they are going to make, selling "their stuff". It's the Steiner Ranch Garage Sale Time. I enjoy the purging just as much as you do but then the inevitable happens. The garage sale is over and you're left with the question, "What do we do with this leftover stuff? Well let us help you and in turn we will all be helping others in our great city of Austin.

Once again, the Steiner Ranch Social Committee has partnered with Susan and Gene Arant, of Keller Williams Realty to help you get rid of your leftover items and get them to needy persons! The 3rd Semi-Annual "Post Garage Sale Drop-off" will be set-up with Gene Arant's community service truck to receive and load up your donations immediately following the garage sale.

Here are the organizations we have partnered with this time around:

- **DRESS FOR SUCCESS** - Their mission is to promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support and the career development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. (See article in this edition of the Ranch Record for more details.)
- **SAFEPLACE** - SafePlace exists to end sexual and domestic violence. Nationally recognized for its innovative and effective programs, and have been providing women, children and men a place of safety, compassion and empowerment in Austin, Texas since 1974.
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Steiner Ranch Annual Spring Clothing Drive

March 25th – April 8th, 2011

The Community of Steiner Ranch understands the importance of giving and supporting those who need a boost to enter or re-enter the workplace and now, more than ever the need is there. So once again, Steiner Ranch will hold a clothing drive to benefit the non-profit organization Dress for Success – Austin.

DRESS FOR SUCCESS:

Austin (DFSA) <http://dressforsuccess.org> is a non-profit organization that provides interview suits, confidence boosts and career development to low-income women seeking employment who are referred by other non-profits, and government agencies.

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- new or gently-worn ladies' professional suits or separates (dry-cleaned)
- blouses and shells (dry-cleaned or laundered)
- jewelry and other accessories
- new pantyhose
- scarves
- handbags
- new or gently-worn, close-toed professional shoes

WHERE TO DONATE:

Your donations can be dropped off during normal business hours March 25th thru April 8th at the **Steiner Ranch Welcome Center**;

Steiner Ranch Community Association office; 4 Sons' Quality Cleaners at 4300 N. Quinlan Park; or at Cups & Cones.

- Please clearly mark which charity your items are designated for.
 - Please ensure that your donations for Dress for Success have been dry-cleaned and any repairs have been made prior to drop-off.
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For more information or assistance please contact: Tom or Cathy Henry at tomncathenry@yahoo.com 714-726-4480
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There will also be a final drop-off spot on the day of the Steiner Ranch Garage Sale at the Town Square parking lot between the hours of 12:30 and 3:30 for additional donations. Please mark your donations for Dress for Success, as Susan and Gene Arant will be helping us take collections.

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Recently the HOA has had to stop some individuals from organizing rides and hikes in Steiner Ranch. The problem is they invited all of Austin (and the world) through a web site. Remember your trails are private and for residents' and accompanied guests only. Organized activities are never allowed unless pre-approved by the HOA. And approved events can never be publicized in any form. If you see organized activities for Steiner Ranch posted at a bike store or on a web site, contact the HOA at 266-7553.

In addition, geocaching has come up again, and unfortunately the web-based nature of the events means that the HOA cannot allow them. In addition, going off-trail anywhere on the trail system is not allowed by the HOA restrictions and for safety reasons. This clearly means that going off-trail in order to plant geocaches cannot be allowed.

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. 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.

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,

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Trails Update- (Continued from Page 14)

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 March 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 for your use, and your accompanied guests' use only.

Steiner Scrapers Scrap-A-Thon

Steiner Scrapers will be dedicating hours of hard work and exceptional creativity at the Steiner Scrapers Scrapbooking Marathon!

WHEN: Friday, April 29th at 6:30pm to
Sunday, May 1st at 4:30pm

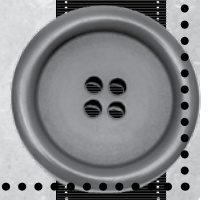
COST: \$75 for the entire weekend!

WHERE: Towne Square Community Center

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?:

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April 23, 2011  9:30am

9:30am - 11:00 am • Rain or Shine • John Simpson Park

Hunt Starts at 10:00am (sharp) - Don't be late or you'll miss the hunt!

Thousands of Easter eggs will be placed on the grounds of John Simpson Park and all children ages 10 and under are invited to gather for this "eggstra" special event. Bring your camera for special photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny!

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

Age Groups:

2 Years and under (accompanied by parent)
- Open area between the two mailbox kiosks

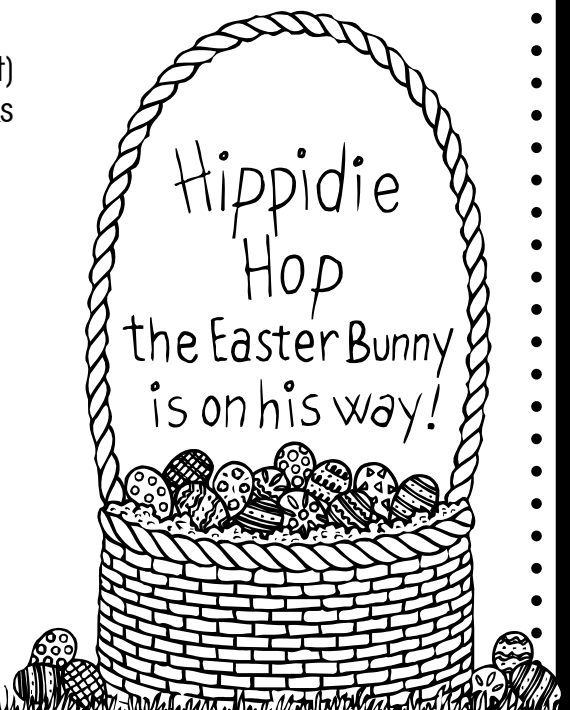
3-4 Yr Olds - In the area to the left of the
Volleyball Court

5-6 Yr Olds - In the area to the right of the
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7-10 Yr Olds - In the Playground

How to Register:

View More Information on how to register
and more information on the
Easter Egg Hunt on page 18.





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Around Steiner

Easter Egg Hunt- (Continued from Page 16)

How to Register:

To register on-line go to <http://steineregghung2011.eventbrite.com/>
To register in person download the registration form at www.steinerranchhoa.org or pick one up at the Association office and make checks payable to Steiner Ranch.

We will buy & stuff your eggs for a cost of \$5.00 per child. Deadline to register is April 16th. (We will not be accepting stuffed eggs)

Please help!

EGG STUFFERS – On Wednesday, April 20th at 9:30am, we are having an egg stuffing party at the Towne Square Community Center and we could use your help! We will be stuffing eggs until all of them are done!

EGG WRANGLERS – With over 5000 eggs to hide, we need your help the morning of the event! Please come to the John Simpson Park on Saturday, April 23rd by 8:00am. Coffee will be provided for all the early morning helpers! This is a great way for the older kids to be involved and earn Community service points too!

Please email Sharon Adams, Community Coordinator at sharon@steinerranchhoa.org if you can help.



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Steiner Ranch History Corner

You may be aware that several roads in Steiner Ranch are named after Texas Rangers, such as McNelly Trail, or are named after colorful people in Texas history. Grimes Ranch Road is named after Jesse Grimes, judge and signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence. He lived from 1788–1866. He was born in what is now Duplin County, North Carolina in 1788. In 1817 he moved to Washington County, Alabama. His first wife, Martha (Smith), died in 1824; they had nine children. In 1826 he married Mrs. Rosanna Ward Britton; they became the parents of six children.

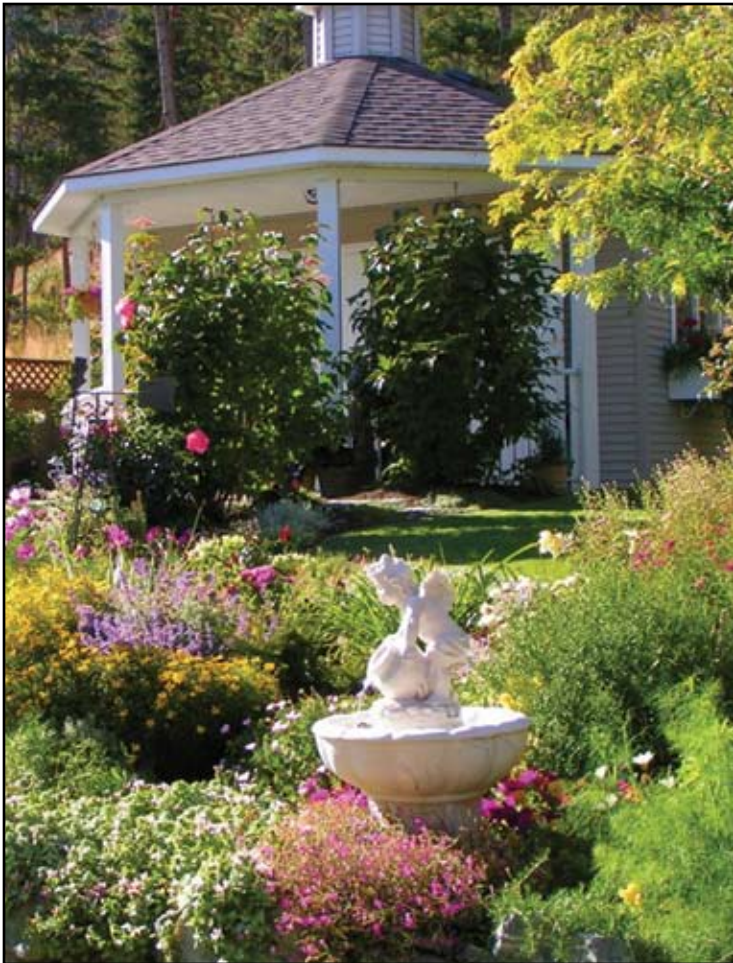
Grimes moved to Texas in 1826 and settled temporarily in Stephen F. Austin's second colony on the San Jacinto River in what is now Harris County; in the fall of 1827 he settled on Grimes Prairie, now in

Grimes County. In 1829 he was elected first lieutenant of the First Company, Battalion of Austin. He was elected *síndico procurador* of the Viesca precinct in 1830 and in 1831 was elected a regidor of the *ayuntamiento*. In 1832 he was put on a subcommittee of safety and vigilance for the Viesca District and later was appointed treasurer of the district. He represented Washington Municipality in the Consultation in 1835 and was elected a member of the General Council of the provisional government.

Grimes was one of the four representatives from Washington Municipality to the Convention of 1836 at Washington-on-the-Brazos and there signed the Declaration of Independence. In 1836 he enrolled a company of volunteers for three months' service in the Texas army. He represented

Washington County in the Senate of the First Congress of the Republic of Texas from 1836 to 1837. From 1841 to 1843 he represented Montgomery County in the Sixth and Seventh congresses. He filled out Robert M. Williamson's unexpired term in the Eighth Congress, representing Washington, Montgomery, and Brazos counties, and was elected to the Ninth Congress, which ended on June 28, 1845. After annexation he was a member of the Senate of the First, Second, Third, and Fourth legislatures. Grimes County was probably named for him. Grimes died on March 15, 1866, and was buried in the John McGinty cemetery, ten miles east of Navasota. In 1929 his remains and those of his second wife were reinterred in the State Cemetery. Source: Texas State Historical Association.

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Steiner Stars Summer League Swim Team Registration



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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It's getting warmer outside, but while the heater is on at Bella Mar, there will still be limited hours. Due to the limited resources 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
(Extended hours to 6:30pm, when
Austin Elite uses the pool – lanes will
be open for resident lap swimming)
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

7:10am – 9:15am

Lap lanes will be available to lap
swimmers during these sessions.

TOWNE SQUARE – (UNHEATED)

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Tuesday – Sunday 8:00am – 10:00pm

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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.
- \$30 per month for Residents

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

1. You must be 18 yrs. and older.
2. Join U. S. Masters Swimming! To be eligible to compete in masters' meets, to get a great magazine, and for HOA insurance purposes, go to the United States Masters swimming website, www.usms.org

and join our team Red Giants Masters swimming. You can print your card immediately and take a copy to the HOA office.

3. Fill out the Program Registration form at the HOA office, provide a copy your USMS card and submit payment!

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March 14th – 18th

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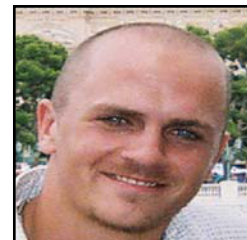
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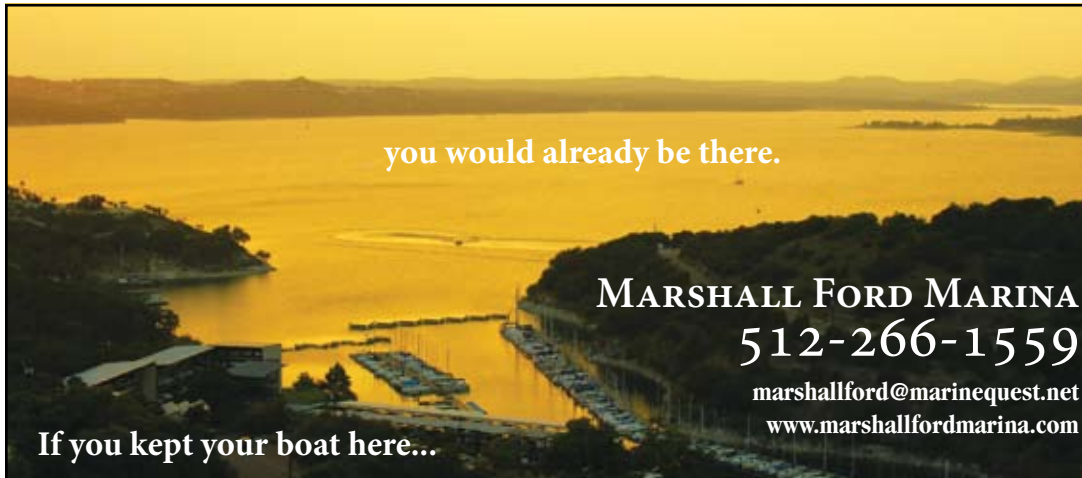
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30pm – Facility Committee Meeting (TSCC)	2	3	4 6:00pm – 9:00pm – Run the Ranch Packet Pick Up (TS Pav)	5 9:00am – Run The Ranch 5K, KidsK and Health Fair (TSCC)
6 2:00pm – 4:00pm – Lonestar Soccer Coaches Clinic (BMCC & Fields) 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	7 Returning Family Swim Team Registration begins 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	8 6:30pm – Social Committee Meeting (TSCC) 7:00 – 9:00pm – Ask-The- Coach Event (BMCC)	9 7:30pm – Women & Finance (BMCC)	10 7:00pm – Trails Committee Meeting (BMCC)	11	12
13 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	14 Spring Break Camp 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	15 Spring Break Camp	16 Spring Break Camp	17 Spring Break Camp	18 Spring Break Camp	19
20 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	21 Returning Family Swim Team Registration Ends 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	22 LISD Kinder Round-up 7:00pm – Investing in Real Estate (TSCC)	23	24 7:00pm – New Owner Orientation (TSCC)	25 7:00pm – Young @ Heart Wine Social (BMCC)	26
27 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	28 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	29 3:30pm – SRMA Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm – Wellness Workshop (TSCC) 7:00pm – College Planning for HS Students and Academic Coaching (BMCC)	30	31 6:00pm – SRROA Board of Directors Meeting (TSCC)		



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3 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	4 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	5 6:30pm – Facility Committee Meeting (TSCC)	6	7	8	9
10 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	11 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	12 6:30pm – Social Committee Meeting (TSCC)	13 7:30pm – Estate Planning and Long Term Care (BMCC)	14 7:00pm – Trails Committee Meeting (BMCC)	15 7:00pm – Young at Heart Social (BMCC)	16
17 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	18 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	19 7:00pm – Steiner Ranch Master Association Annual Meeting- Tentative (TSCC)	20	21	22	23 9:00am – 11:00am – Community Easter Egg Hunt – JS Park
24 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	25 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	26 3:30pm – SRMA Board of Directors Meeting 6:30pm – Steiner Ranch Residential Owners Association Annual Meeting – Tentative (TSCC)	27	28 6:00pm – SRROA Board of Directors Meeting (TSCC)	29 6:00pm – Scrap-A-Thon (TSCC)	30 All Day Scrap-A-Thon (TSCC)

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MARCH 9TH – WOMEN & FINANCE, by Rich Keith - As our financial success continues to grow, so do our financial responsibilities. But for many women, meeting these financial responsibilities can be a far greater challenge than it is for men. We explore the challenges and the opportunities that are unique to women so you can create a financial road map that covers key areas of your life. With such a roadmap you can make better financial decisions.
7:30pm BMCC
RSVP 512-632-0162 or RKeith@primerica.com

MARCH 22ND - INVESTING IN REAL ESTATE WORKSHOP IV, by Craig Smyser. This workshop will explore using self-directed retirement funds to buy investment real estate. We'll also examine the basics of using a 1031 exchange when you are ready to sell your investment. You did not have to attend the other workshops 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.
7:00 TSCC
RSVP helpful, but not required. 512-735-7200 or Craig@RealEstateInAustin.com.

MARCH 29TH – COLLEGE PLANNING FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND ACADEMIC COACHING, BY FOUR POINTS TUTORING - Four Points Tutoring is offering a series of free seminars open to students, parents, and educators that are interested in learning more about academic opportunities for students. Come and discover what an academic coach is and how they can assist students in the areas of organization, time management, and improved study skills. This cutting edge program is designed to build a foundation for success in school and life. And for the college bound student, this is your opportunity to learn more about the benefits of hiring a college coach. These professionals are available to assist the high school Junior and Senior navigate college selection, essay writing, the application process, etc. We offer assistance from trained professionals that have helped numerous students get into the colleges of their choice.

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7:00 BMCC

RSVP – Sarah Riberio sarahriberio@sbcglobal.net

MARCH 29TH - BEAT LOW BACK PAIN AND SCIATICA - Learn the 7 mistakes you are making that causes low back problems and how to correct them naturally without drugs or surgery!
6:00 PM TSCC
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Here are of some of the summer camps we will be offering:

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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.

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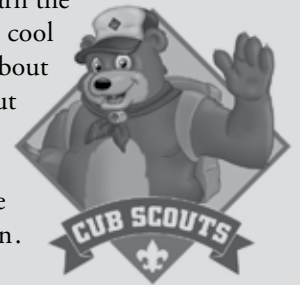
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Do you know what Cub Scouts and Scouting is all about? Pack 203 at LWBE does fun things with fellow scouting friends every month! We get together as a Pack to wear our cool uniforms, show off our scout spirit, and participate in exciting scouting activities.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

Contact Julie Stephens for more information at jstephens@austin.rr.com.



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.

This is a chance to meet new neighbors, discuss business issues, find job opportunities and share best practice ideas, etc. We are also including a technology speaker series.

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

Steiner Ranch Community Groups & Organizations

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

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From the Association Office

Compliance Corner: The Storage of Trash Cans

Hopefully you are enjoying the benefit of recycling! So many of the items that used to go into the garbage can are now finding their way to the recycling bin instead!

We understand that the new trash cans are larger than the ones you had in the past and hope that the last few months have given you the opportunity to adapt. Please keep in mind **Steiner Ranch Rules & Regulations #8 Trash (in part)....containers shall be kept within enclosed structures or appropriately screened from view....** So if you, or your neighbor, can see your containers from the street, they need to be screened. Storing them on the side of your house without screening is not enough.

Spring is almost here and it is a good time to plant those bushes to screen your cans, repair that gate so that the cans can be stored behind the fence, or clean out the garage for more convenient access.

Come Serve on the SRROA Board of Directors

The Steiner Ranch Residential Owners Associations (SRROA) is currently seeking nominations for three (3) open seats on the Board of Directors. Nominees must live in one of the SRROA neighborhoods (The Valley at Eastridge, The Summit at Eastridge, Mesa North, Chaparral, Rocky Ridge, Hancock Hill, and Plateau) and must be in good financial standing with the association. The term length is two (2) years. Elections will be held at the SRROA Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 26, 2011 at 6:30pm.

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

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

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Nesting Season Approaches for Endangered Birds

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

GCW Nesting Season – March 1st through July 31st

BCV Nesting Season – March 15th through August 31st

Please review the following trail rules before your next hike:

1. The trails are for Steiner Ranch residents, their guests, and persons with written authorization from Taylor Woodrow Communities/Steiner Ranch, Ltd. ONLY.
2. Trail hours will be from dawn until dusk. There will be no access of the trails allowed after dark.
3. Use of the trails is at your own risk.
4. Only use of designated trails is allowed. Leaving designated trails is prohibited.
5. No motorized vehicles are allowed.
6. No horses are allowed.
7. No feeding animals.
8. Bikes are allowed only on Hike-and-Bike Trails. Bikes must yield to pedestrians.
9. No loitering.
10. No hunting.
11. No cooking, fires, or smoking.
12. No camping.
13. All pets must be on a leash at all times.
14. No littering or dumping is allowed.
15. Do not disturb natural landscapes. Be cautious of plants and wildlife in their native habitat.

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

1. No picnicking.
2. No tape recordings of birdcalls or other wildlife.
3. Access permitted at trailhead access points only.



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From the Association Office

John Simpson Pool Renovations Update

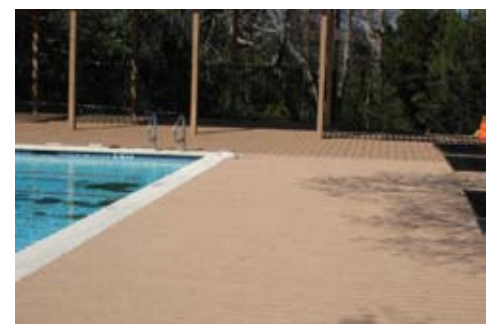
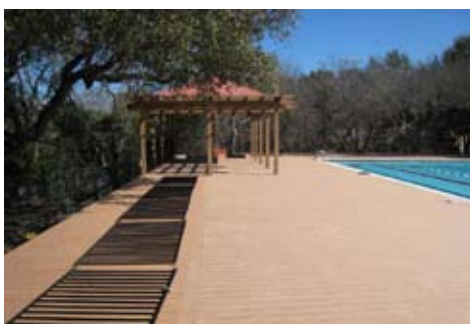


The John Simpson Pool has been undergoing major renovations during the Fall and Winter, and the Pool and Park areas are closed during this process. We will not be reserving these areas, until the renovations are complete.

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.

The Second Phase of the renovations is replacement of the pool deck. The project involved removing all the previous material, which was donated to Habitat for Humanity, then reframing the structure to current framing standards to eliminate the unlevel surface which could have caused tripping hazards around the pool. On top of the new framing will be a Cedar colored wood fiber composite material made by Timbertech that has a natural wood finish. This material is a very low maintenance product made of recycled wood by-products and formed into a composite that is covered by a 10-year commercial warranty. The products are guaranteed against termites, checking, splitting, decay, rot and splintering. Surrounding the deck, the existing iron railing system will be reused but enhanced by adding metal posts and a consistent height where the existing rails have been patched together and inconsistent in heights.

We are very excited about this project and hope you will have many years of enjoyment at the newly renovated John Simpson Pool. We will be planning a grand re-opening in the near future!



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River Ridge Elementary School to Host Book Fair Event, March 7-11

WHAT:

River Ridge Elementary School will host a Scholastic Book Fair from March 7-11. Funds raised will help support a variety of school events and programs as well as purchase books for the library. The entire community is invited to attend this fun reading event, which is themed: Book Fair Carnival, Your Ticket to Read!

WHEN:

The Book Fair will be open March 7 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., March 8-10 from 7:25 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and March 11 from 7:25 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

WHERE:

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

MORE:

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.

Please visit the River Ridge Elementary PTA website for more information - riverridge.my-pta.org

SUBMITTED BY CHRIS RIDDELL

Steiner Ranch Elementary PTA's Spring Fling Family Event

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2011

4:30 PM - 7:30 PM

In keeping with its mission and purpose, the SRE PTA seeks to encourage public and community involvement at our school.

We cordially invite area businesses and community organizations to participate in this FUN FAMILY EVENT!

Spring Fling is a celebration of a great school year and serves as a reward to the students, the parent volunteers and their families. This "free" event provides local businesses and organizations with excellent publicity, exposure leading into the summer months, and opportunities to establish connections with our school's families. Contributing area businesses and organizations will garner respect and a positive reputation just by being there and showing their generous support! Of course, they will also have our most sincere gratitude!

SPACE IS LIMITED.

All donations of time, food, services or products are considered charitable donations to the SRE PTA and the school itself.

Some ideas for interested businesses/organizations to consider:

1. Food or beverages or treats- sponsored and managed by your group. Ex/ pizza, hotdogs, popcorn, bottled water, sodas, juice boxes, cotton candy, chips, etc.
2. Fun game or activity, perhaps with small prizes – create and managed by your Group. Ex/ corn hole, beanbag toss, obstacle course, dunking machine, basketball hoops challenge, sack races, face painting, water-soluble tattoos, hair braiding, balloon creations, craft stations, etc.
3. Entertainment – provided and managed by your Group. Ex/ live or pre-recorded music; jumpers and inflatables; exhibition/ demonstrations; little barrel train rides; etc.

NOTE: Anyone working or serving at this event must be an approved volunteer in the Leander Independent School District. Volunteer approval is quite simple to obtain. Simply visit the district website at: <http://www.leanderisd.org/default.aspx?name=comm.volunteer> to apply to be a volunteer in LISD. If you know of any businesses or organizations interested in participating in the upcoming Spring Fling Family Event, or if you have any questions, suggestions or ideas, please contact:

Linda Montgomery

Spring Fling and Corporate Matching Chairperson

Steiner Ranch Elementary

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Thank you very much for your time and support!

Kindergarten and Pre-K Round-up

Registration for the 2011 - 2012 school year will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, from 7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at all LISD elementary campuses, including Steiner Ranch Elementary, Laura Bush Elementary and River Ridge Elementary.

To be eligible for the half-day Pre-K program children must:

- 1) Be 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2011. AND
- 2) Be a resident of Leander Independent School District. AND
- 3) Meet immunization requirements. AND
- 4) Meet at least one of the following conditions:
 - Child is unable to speak and comprehend the English language; OR
 - Child is homeless; OR
 - Child has a parent or official guardian who is an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who is ordered to active duty by proper authority; OR
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or killed while serving on active duty; OR

- Child has ever been in foster care; OR
- Child is eligible to participate in the national free or reduced-price lunch program due to limited family income.

NOTE: Due to federal guidelines, income status must be verified on or after June 23, 2011. Until that time, a space will be reserved for the child.

Transportation is provided for the Pre-K program in accordance with district guidelines.

To be eligible for Kindergarten children must:

- 1) Be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2011.
- 2) Be a resident of Leander Independent School District.
- 3) Meet immunization requirements.

Parents wishing to register their child for Pre-K or Kindergarten must bring the child's birth certificate, social security card, immunization records, a photo ID of parent/guardian, and proof of residency, (i.e. an electric bill, water bill, etc...).

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Thursday, March 17th

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

At River Place Country Club, 4207 River Place Boulevard.

Membership is not a requirement to come to the luncheon but you'll want to register online 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 well over 100 members strong and growing, the Four Points Chamber of Commerce brings businesses together along highway 620 from Hudson Bend and Mansfield Dam to Anderson Mill and along Ranch Road 2222 from Jester to Volente to support business growth in the community. For more information about upcoming events contact us at FourPointsChamber@gmail.com, visit www.fourpointschamber.com or call (512) 551-0390. Membership inquiries may also be sent directly to membership@FourPointsChamber.com.



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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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YOUR LOCAL CITY

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

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a semi thick sauce and dinner is served. Provided by The Four Points Foodie.

INGREDIENTS:

- Your choice of steak, whether NY Strip, Rib-Eye or Sirloin, PRIME BEEF
- Course Pepper
- Salt
- Olive Oil
- Baby Bok Choy
- Additional salt and pepper

DIRECTIONS: Prepare your grill, either using charcoal or gas. Whether you choose a NY Strip, Sirloin or a Rib-Eye, make sure the meat is at room temperature and trimmed of excess fat. Put the course pepper onto a cutter board and encrust the sides of each steak, pressing the pepper into the meat so it stays on. Generously salt the top and bottom.

Start your glaze by adding beef stock to a pot and reducing it by 75% until thick.

On hot, grill your steaks until they are done to your preference, which is medium rare for us. Here is the temperature chart for beef:

Rare 125–135 °F (52–57 °C) Red center, gray surface, soft, juicy
Medium rare 135–145 °F (57–63 °C) Dark Pink throughout, gray-brown surface, very juicy
Medium 145–155 °F (63–68 °C) Pink center, becomes gray-brown towards surface
Medium well 155–165 °F (68–74 °C) Thin line of pink, firm texture

Well done 165 °F (74 °C) Gray-brown throughout, tough texture, dry

While the steaks are on the grill, cut the baby bok choy in half and lay out, cut side up, on a tray. Drizzle with olive oil then salt and pepper. Once the steaks are done, you want to tent them with foil and let them rest for at least 10 minutes to absorb the juices. During that time, put the baby bok choy, cut side down, onto the grill and cook for just a few minutes until marked. To serve, plate the bok choy, top with slices of the steak and finish with the sauce! Delicious!

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Just how do investments get “exercise”? Through lots of activity. And you can keep your investments active in at least two ways: through systematic investing and through dividend reinvestment. Let’s take a look at both these techniques.

When you engage in systematic investing, commonly called “dollar cost averaging,” you are continuously putting your money “in motion.” Essentially, you put the same amount of money into the same investments at regular intervals. So, for example, you might decide to invest \$100 per month, in Company ABC stock. To impose this investment discipline on yourself, you could even have the money sent directly from your checking or savings account.

Of course, since the price of ABC stock, like that of all stocks, is constantly changing, your \$100 investment will buy different numbers of shares each month. This can work to your advantage, because when the stock price of ABC goes down, your \$100 will buy more shares. When the price goes up, you’ll automatically be a smart enough “shopper” to buy fewer shares, just as you’d typically buy less of something when its price goes up.

Over time, systematic investing typically results in an average cost per share that’s lower than it would be if you were to make sporadic lump sum investments. If you can lower the cost of investing, this may help boost your investment returns. This also can be an effective way to fund your retirement account(s) each year. (Keep in mind, though, that even systematic investing can’t guarantee a profit or prevent a loss in declining markets. Also, you’ll need to have the financial resources available to keep investing through up and down markets.)

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New Traffic Concerns Raised at RM 2222 and Loop 360

A request is scheduled to come before Austin's Zoning and Platting Commission and the City Council in March which should be of concern to all area residents who travel on RM 2222. If the City Council grants this request, it may well result in an increased risk to traffic safety on RM 2222 in the vicinity of Loop 360.

The case in question is C14-91-0015(RCA) and it is a request by the owners of the property located on the southeast corner of RM 2222 and Loop 360 to change the terms of a public restrictive covenant between the owners and the City of Austin. This property, known as Champion Tract 4, has been a point of contention between nearby neighborhoods and the owners for over 20 years.

In 1991, the Champions filed for zoning on Tract 4 for commercial development. The Champions received their zoning, with certain uses prohibited, and signed a public restrictive covenant with the City which addressed some concerns raised by the neighborhoods. The restrictive covenant included traffic safety and water quality controls as well as landscaping and other provisions intended to improve the compatibility of this development with the nearby residences.

The covenant specifies that access to the property will be from two right-in/right-out-only driveways, one on eastbound RM 2222 and the other on the exit lane from Loop 360 to eastbound RM 2222. Furthermore, in order to guarantee that there would be no left turns

into or out of the property onto RM 2222, the covenant requires that there be a solid median in place on RM 2222 before any certificates of occupancy are issued for Tract 4.

The bridge project under construction by TxDOT originally included plans to place a solid median along RM 2222 adjacent to Tract 4. TxDOT was approached by agents for the Champions expressing concern about future access to Tract 4, and eventually TxDOT agreed to modify their plans to allow a left-turn cut-through in the median from westbound RM 2222. TxDOT was not made aware of the restrictive covenant. When TxDOT became aware of the terms of the covenant, the property owners were informed that a solid median would be installed unless the City removed the restriction.

The owners filed to have the restrictive covenant modified to remove the right-in/right-out-only restriction on the driveways to Tract 4. The City then requested an updated Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) from the applicants. Their engineers produced a TIA update which shows no improvement to traffic flow or traffic safety from the proposed change and instead tries to make the case that the change would "do no harm."

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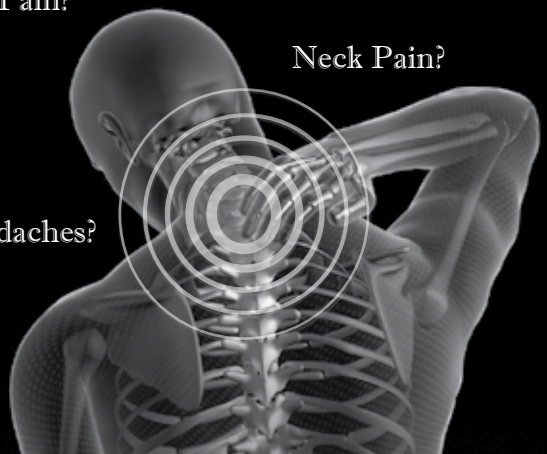
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From the point of view of residents who travel on RM 2222, the proposed left-turn access poses several concerns. First, vehicles turning left into Tract 4 would be crossing the eastbound lanes of RM 2222 very near the intersection with Loop 360. Not only does this pose a danger to vehicles traveling east on RM 2222 but also to vehicles entering RM 2222 from the exit from northbound Loop 360. Second, vehicles waiting to turn left from westbound RM 2222 will be stacking up as they wait for a break in the eastbound traffic flow. The number of vehicles which can queue up to turn left will be limited by the new traffic signal to be installed at Lakewood Drive. Vehicles waiting to turn left could block the left lane of RM 2222 and possibly block the intersection at Lakewood, particularly during rush hour traffic. Third, the driveway to Tract 4 will be directly across RM 2222 from the driveway to the Bull Creek Market. It is inevitable that some vehicles will attempt to cut across RM 2222's westbound lanes to turn left onto eastbound RM 2222.

All of these scenarios create unnecessary traffic conflicts and decrease traffic safety for local residents and everyone who travels on RM 2222. There are no benefits to the public or to area residents from the proposed changes to the covenant. The provisions of the covenant were designed to provide some mitigation for the negative

effects of the intensive commercial zoning approved for Tract 4. As far as the surrounding neighborhoods are concerned, the owners made a deal with the City to obtain their zoning, and now they are trying to renege on their part of the deal. What remains to be seen is whether the City will honor the commitment made to area residents back when the zoning was approved.

Courtyard Homeowners Association, which is the adjacent neighborhood, and 2222 Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (2222 CONA) have already taken positions of opposition to the proposed modifications. Northwest Austin Civic Association and other area homeowner and neighborhood associations are also considering opposing the request.

Concerned area residents and all who travel on RM 2222 can individually indicate their support or opposition to this application to remove the right-in/right-out-only restriction on this property's driveways. The easiest way to do so is to send an email expressing your opinion on this traffic safety and traffic flow issue to both the Zoning and Platting Commission and the City Council before their respective hearings. Below are the email addresses and case information which should be referenced:

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- Case # C14-91-0015(RCA), Application to amend restrictive covenant, 5617 FM 2222
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- City Council members and link to group email form: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/council/groupemail.htm>

The following public hearings are currently scheduled but are subject to postponement:

- Zoning and Platting Commission - Tuesday, March 1, 2011
- City Council - Thursday, March 10, 2011 or Thursday, March 24, 2011 - TBD

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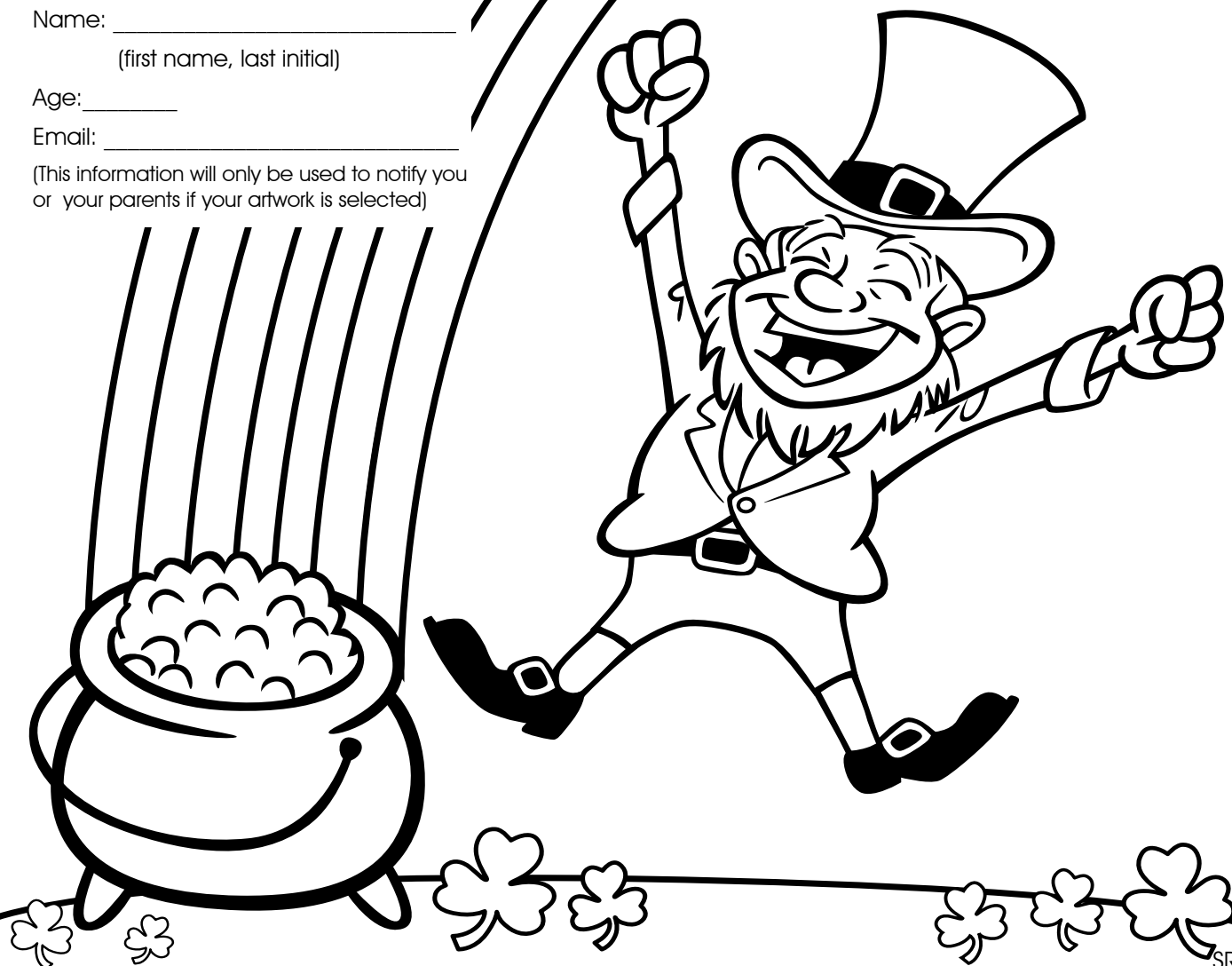
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