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This month's cover was taken by Arnie Jew of his son Cameron, last year just below the water district area off of Quinlan Park Road.

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
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Developer's Corner

Developers Update

SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT

Taylor Woodrow Communities recently completed development on the final 26 lots in the Mediterra neighborhood of 60' wide homesites for Taylor Morrison Homes and has completed the final 47 – 80' lots in Emerald Ridge, also for Taylor Morrison Homes. The next phase of 24 – 70' lots in Palisades are under development with completion expected in May. Stop by the Taylor Morrison model homes in Mediterra, Palisades and Emerald Ridge for more information on the available homesites, including many lots backing to greenbelts.

Custom lot sales continue in The Bluffs on south Quinlan Park Rd., Bellagio Estates on Lake Austin, and in the newest phase of the golf community, Shoreview Overlook, at the end of University Club Drive. For more information on these custom homesites and all other builder neighborhoods in Steiner Ranch you may contact the Welcome Center at 266-5833. The Welcome Center has new days of operation for 2011 – closed on Monday and Tuesday, but open on Wednesday through Saturday - 9:30 to 5:30, and Sunday - 11:30 to 5:30.

COMMERCIAL/MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT

Quinlan Crossing Development at Quinlan Park Rd & RM 620 – As most everyone has seen by now, Property Development Centers (PDC), a commercial/retail developer, has received their City/County development permits and has begun site development for the Quinlan Crossing retail/office project at the southwest corner of Quinlan Park Rd and RM 620 that will be anchored by an upscale Randall's grocery store (Mixed Use #1A on Master Plan Map). The developer is negotiating with additional anchor tenants for this site but has not announced any specifics. They also have not announced an estimated completion date for the first phase including the Randall's grocery store.

The other very visible "new" development is The Fairways condominiums site grading off of University Club Drive. Taylor Morrison has acquired the 82 remaining units from the bank that had foreclosed on the original builder. Sales are well underway with 13 units already pre-sold. Taylor Morrison is offering homes ranging in size from 2,000 to 2,800 square feet with many one-story floor plans and the units fronting on the 3rd through 6th holes on the UT Golf Club course.

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Developers Update- (Continued from Page 6)

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

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After working up an appetite, runners crossed the finish line to enjoy delicious breakfast tacos from Rudy's and coffee from our neighborhood favorite Cups 'n Cones. The skies started grey, but the attitudes were bright, with music and kiddie train rides and awards and

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3. Matt Sanders

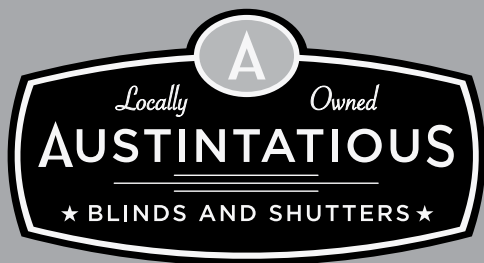
FEMALE OVERALL:

1. Danell Ricciardella
2. Paige Welch
3. Genevieve Cargol

AGE GROUP WINNERS:

(Male, Female)

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| 1-10 | Timothy Barney, Jordan Mathis |
| 11-19 | Brian Talbot, Katie Zeigler |
| 20-29 | John Cook, Amanda Clemons |
| 30-34 | David Dekle, Anne Spross |
| 35-39 | Brian Pitstick, Hollie Kenney |
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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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! 2011 Steiner Ranch Social Events

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

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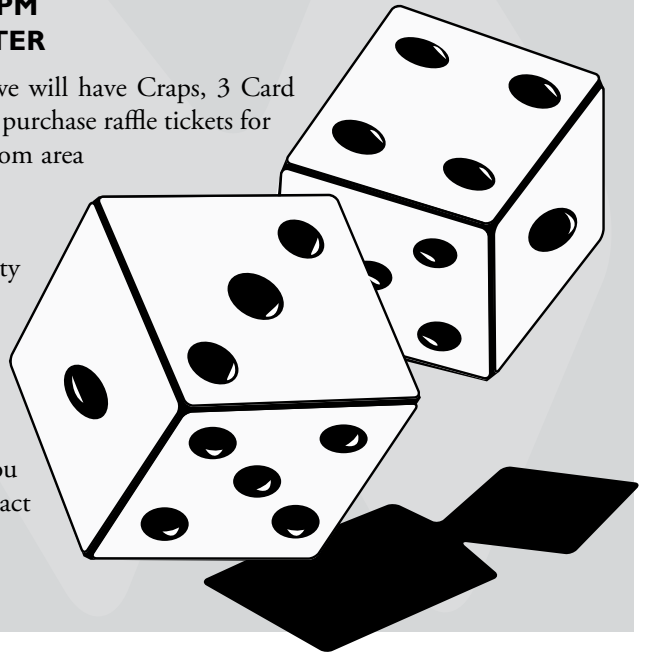
\$25 - includes 20,000 in chips, something to wet your whistle and plenty of appetizers.

Raffle item donations: Interested in donating raffle items? Please contact Sharon Adams at sharon@steinerranchhoa.org.

Registration forms are available online at www.steinerranchhoa.org or at the Community Associations Office.

If you are a local business and would like to donate a prize for the raffle, you will receive valuable recognition at the event in an upcoming issue. Contact Sharon Adams at sharon@steinerranchhoa.org for more information.

This event is limited to the first 60 registrations received.



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Steiner Ranch residents enjoyed excellent beer, delicious chili, and great music at the annual Chili Cook-Off, Saturday, February 26, at the Towne Square Community Center.

Residents enjoyed a huge variety of chili with everything from chicken, venison meat, traditional beef, burn the roof of your mouth hot and ethnic varieties. Every chili was delicious and unique. Steiner Ranch has proven to be full of talented cooks!

This year, our chili winner was a VERY spicy ethnic style Chili, made by Birjis Rashed. Second place was a spicy meaty chili made Ellen DeVries and third place, with the best display went to Sara Ferniza-Urena. The People's Choice award went to everyone's favorite, Matt Welch. Congratulations to this year's Chili cook-off winners. All of our winners received aprons as their trophies.

Gift baskets for the winners were provided by our sponsors. A big THANK YOU goes out to sponsors Gene Arant of Gene Arant - Keller Williams Realty for the 1st place basket, and Dr. Ross Coccimiglio of Four Points Family Chiropractic for the People's Choice basket and water.

Please take the time to look up more information about our sponsors who do so much to support our community and events.

As always, we owe a big thank you to the Steiner Ranch Social Committee Volunteers, Jannine Farnum, Chili Cook-off Chair and our resident volunteers.

If you have not yet participated in one of our community events, watch the *Ranch Record* for event information and join us! These events are great fun, and a great opportunity to meet new friends and neighbors, and be a part of your community!



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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 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.

The 2010 Steiner Ranch Clothing Drive is sponsored by Conquer your Chaos Organizing; Gene Arant; and The Steiner Ranch HOA.

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What do you do if you find a snake? Bring the kids and come find out!!!



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Sunday, April 3rd at 2:00pm
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Non-Venomous & Venomous Snakes will be present. This is a popular seminar and will be standing room only!

Spring is on the way!

Submitted by Karen Laine

For the past two weeks, several cardinals and blue jays have been frequenting my backyard in the Hills of Westridge section of Steiner. A couple of the jays discovered the cocoa liners of my planter boxes and, over the course of a couple of days, made numerous trips to gather nesting material. I managed to snap these as one of them loaded up. Replacing the planter box liners is a price I'll happily pay for the gift of their song and the cheerful pop of color against the backdrop of bare trees and brown grass!

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Steiner Ranch History Corner

Why is Marshall Ford on my Phone Bill?

If you ever stop to examine your landline or cell phone bill for itemized calls you will likely see a lot of calls going to Marshall Ford or originating in Marshall Ford. A few years ago the wife of my business associate Bob who lives in Houston called my home and asked who lived there. It's a long story, but she noticed that her husband was making a lot of calls to someone in Marshall Ford, Texas and she was checking it out. Once we figured out who each of us were, we had a good laugh about it and of course we teased Bob unmercifully in the office after that.

In fact, Steiner Ranch is in the vicinity of the old Marshall Ford, which is now known as a resort and fishing area on Lake Travis. There is a community of homes which shares the name, as well as a marina and a local swing band. The original ford or low-water crossing of the Colorado River was used for many years to connect the agricultural and ranching areas of the western part of Travis County with Austin. There was a trading center and supply point in the bend of the river which became the local market for cedar timber and posts. In 1934 the area was taken over by the Lower Colorado

River Authority (LCRA), and Mansfield Dam was built as the key flood-control structure in a series of dams in the Colorado basin.

A post office opened at Marshall Ford in 1937 with Jack S. Beauchamp as postmaster. You could say that just as the community was taking off in terms of population and vitality the unfortunate timing of Mansfield Dam put the area under water. The engineers changed the course of the river somewhat and then later the area flooded. This loss of a ford across the river caused some hardship for the cedar choppers. The post office was discontinued in 1942, and mail for the community was sent to Austin. There is still a low-water crossing below the dam but it is not in the original location of Marshall Ford and it's essentially a private drive. Source: Texas State Historical Association. For more information contact Rich Keith richkeithprimerica@austin.rr.com (512) 632-0162.

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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 Group Locations:

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

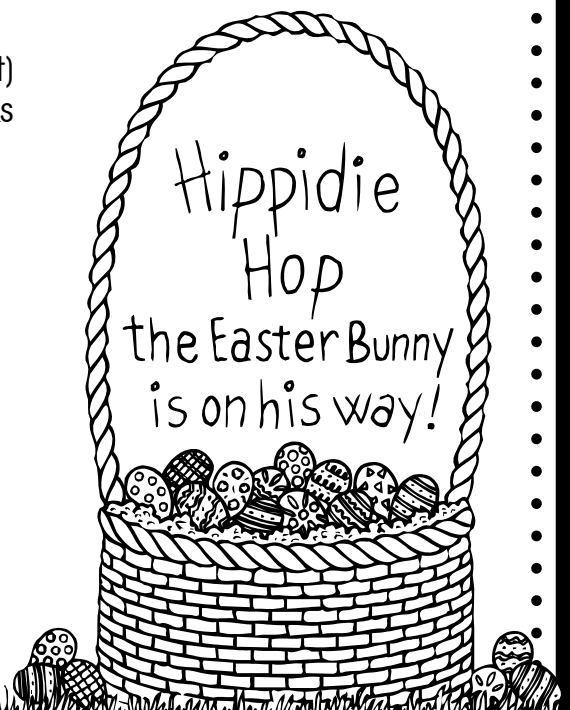
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5-6 Yr Olds - In the area to the right of the
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and more information on the
Easter Egg Hunt on page 20.



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How to Register:

To register on-line go to <http://steineregghunt2011.eventbrite.com/>
Deadline to register is April 16th.

Please help!

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!

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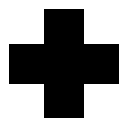
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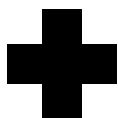
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Trails Update

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Remember organized hikes of groups larger than three are never allowed in the Balcones Preserve land of Steiner Ranch. Neither are bikes or dogs allowed in the Preserve.

If you see any organized activity for Steiner Ranch posted at a bike store or on a web site, click "Report a Problem" on the HOA web site at <http://www.steinerranchhoa.org> or contact the HOA at 266-7553.

Geocaching in the greenbelt is not permissible because going off-trail anywhere on the greenbelt is not allowed by the HOA restrictions and for safety reasons. This clearly means that going off-trail in order to plant and retrieve geocaches is not permitted. Geocaching is fine in the parks and fields as long as it doesn't interfere with sports practices or games.

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.

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

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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 April 14 at 7PM at Bella Mar. All residents are welcome to attend. To get connected here and volunteer your 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.

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

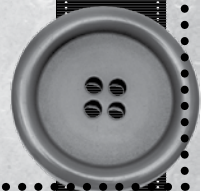
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WHERE: Towne Square Community Center

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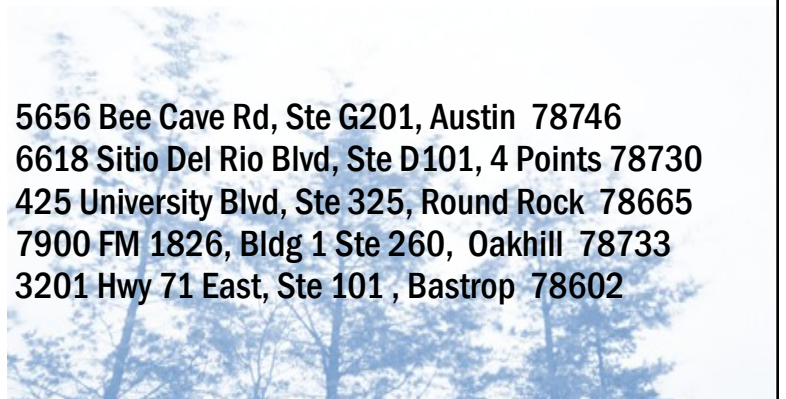
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LONESTAR ACADEMY U9G STEINER RANCH LIGHTNING - Finalist Copa

San Antonio - Feb 19th/20th. Coach Ron Gonzales worked with this group of combined U7, U8 and U9 girls in a 6v6 format, getting them to the championship match. They ended up as finalist as the match went into Penalty Kicks.

LONESTAR ACADEMY U10G STEINER RANCH FURY - Champions

Copa San Antonio - Feb 19th/20th. Great Job by coach 'Tyra Ponce' and Coach Ron Gonzales running the matches. Coach Tyra did a great job working with the girls to get them to come back from a 0-1 deficit in the championship match to get 2-1 result.

Fantastic weekend for both Steiner Ranch academy groups - We are looking forward to sending all the Steiner Ranch teams to the next San Antonio tourney.





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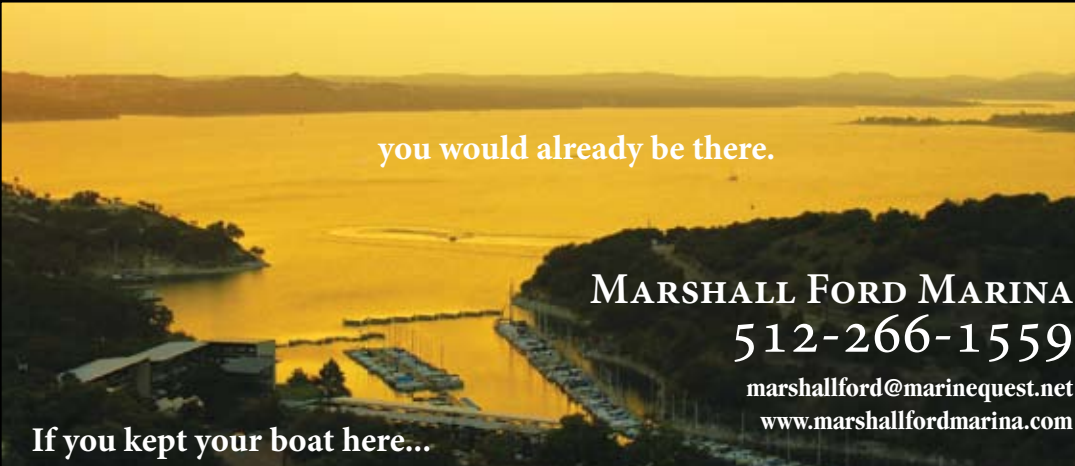
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3 2:00pm – Snake Education Event (TSCC) 6:00pm – Chess Club (BMCC)	4 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	5 6:00pm – Eyescream Social (BMCC)	6	7	8	9 8:00am – 12:00pm – Community Wide Garage Sale
10 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	11 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	12 6:30pm – 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 10:00am – 12:00pm – Successful Gardening in the Hill Country (BMCC) All Day Scrap-A-Thon (TSCC)



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8 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	9 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	10 7:45am – Free Pilates (Bring mat and ball) (TSCC) 6:30pm – Social Committee Meeting (TSCC) 7:00pm – College Planning and Academic Coaching (BMCC)	11 7:30pm – New Retirement Strategies (BMCC)	12 6:30pm – Mother/Daughter Makeovers (TSCC) 7:00pm – Trails Committee Meeting (BMCC)	13 6:30pm – Margaritas and Makeovers (TSCC)	14 7:00pm – 10:00pm – Casino Night (TSCC)
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29 6:00pm – Chess Club (TSCC)	30 Association Office Closed Memorial Day	31 7:45am – Free Pilates (Bring mat and ball) (TSCC) 3:30pm – SRMA Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm – Wellness Workshop (TSCC)				

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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!

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:

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Spring Fling Swim Clinics for Steiner Residents April 2011

Several activities are planned for the month of April to get your kids ready for the upcoming swim season.

Friday April 1st - Evening with Olympians at UT Golf Club Pavilion (Sponsored by Austin Elite Swimming)

- For those registered for the April 2nd Swim Clinic
- Join us for a Cookout, Presentation, and Olympic moment film clips from Josh Davis and other fellow Swim Olympians and Trainers
- From 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on the outdoor pavilion

Saturday April 2nd – Josh Davis and fellow Olympians Mutual of Omaha BREAK OUT! Swim Clinic at Bella Mar Pool (Sponsored by Austin Elite Swimming)

- Swimmer drop-off and check-in begins at 8:15 a.m. and the clinic will finish at 1:00 p.m.
- Flyers and registration information will soon be distributed to Steiner Stars families and made available at the Towne Square SRMA office
- Clinic fees will be \$50 per registrant swimmer and includes cookout participation, autograph tee-shirt, packet of memorabilia, picture of swimmer with gold medal and Olympian swimmers

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m. during April – USA Swim Coach Chantal Deibert and Olympian Trainer Brent McDonald will hold swim clinics at Bella Mar Pool

- Clinic fees are \$20 per session per swimmer and if participating in more than two sessions requires a \$67 registration to AES for USA Swim Club membership for liability insurance; registration forms will be distributed to Steiner Stars families and made available at the Community Association office
- Clinic Includes one hour of dry land training with Olympian Trainer Brent
- And one hour of stroke instruction with Coach Chantal Deibert

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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)

Closed Monday until 12:00pm

Tuesday – Sunday 8:00am – 10:00pm

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Colin's Hope Night at Eastside Movies in the Park Tuesday, May 3rd, Doors open at 6PM, Movie at sundown

Join us at The Expedition School Lagoon (On Lady Bird Lake in East Austin next to Fiesta Gardens) for a screening of Whale Rider. Bring your family and friends to enjoy the movie under the stars.

Colin's Hope Day at Schlitterbahn-New Braunfels Saturday, May 21st

Join us for a day to promote Water Safety and Drowning Prevention at Schlitterbahn-New Braunfels! Special tickets are available from Colin's Hope. Email alissa.magrum@colinshope.org for more information.

For more info visit our website at www.colinshope.org

Water Aerobics Begins in May

If you want to get into an exercise program, but cannot get motivated, or the pavement plays havoc on your knees, legs or hips, or you just don't want to exercise in the workout room by yourself, try WATER AEROBICS. Water aerobic classes will again be offered this Spring/Summer @ Towne Square Pool. Classes will begin in May. The schedule will be as follows:

Mon/Wed @ 6:45 pm

Tues/Thurs @ 9:00 am

8 classes/month @ \$45

4 classes/month @ \$25

Classes are 50 minutes long & will incorporate a full body workout in the water. Classes are lead by a certified water aerobics instructor. Some of the benefits of water aerobics fitness program are:

- *strengthen & improve muscle tone
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- *improves posture & physical appearance
- *relieves tension & stress
- *increases energy levels & stamina
- *burns up calories
- *strengthens the cardio-respiratory system (heart, muscles, & brain)

These classes are a great way to start the morning or end a "trying" day at the office or work. Come join us for lots of fun & great workouts to music. It's an opportunity to meet your neighbors & make new friends. These classes are for both men & women & all ages.

For more information, call 266-4780 or email askennedy@austin.rr.com. Sign up is through the Homeowners Association.



Stars Swim Season Kicks Off in May!


The Steiner Stars open their summer season in a few short weeks! The Stars' Red and Blue competition teams, comprised of over 400 Steiner Ranch resident swimmers ages 5 - 17, are members of Austin's Northwest Competitive Swim Circuit. Stars Red and Blue will hold practices at the Bella Mar lap pool starting the second week of May in anticipation of the summer swim meet season. Stars Red will practice on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, while Stars Blue will practice on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons until school is out. From June 6th - July 9th, the Blue team will practice on Monday- Thursday afternoons from 2:30 to 6:30. Morning practices for the Red team will commence on June 7th and continue through July 8th from 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM Tuesday - Fridays. Red and Blue Invitational qualifiers will practice July 12th -15th, mornings only.

This year the Stars will host four home meets at Bella Mar on the mornings of June 4, June 11 and June 25. The 2nd Annual Red vs. Blue team swim meet will be held on the evening of Thursday, June 30th. Signs will be posted at Bella Mar as a reminder of an approaching home meet. Swim meets are free to the public and the Stars welcome our Steiner neighbors to come and watch the local kids compete.

The Stars will hold online registration for our developmental swim team, the Shooting Stars, on May 1. This program focuses on the development of competitive swimming skills with emphasis on proper stroke technique in freestyle and backstroke, followed by breaststroke and butterfly when the swimmer is ready. This year, Shooting Stars will swim at John Simpson pool on Tuesday - Thursday mornings from July 19th through August 11th. See www.steinerstars.org for details.



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Various businesses offer free workshops to Steiner Ranch residents. We are always looking for more unique and different workshops to offer, so if you or someone you know, can provide educational opportunities that are not already being offered to Steiner Ranch residents, please contact Sharon Adams at sharon@steinerranchhoa.org or 512-266-7553. All Workshops are offered to Steiner Ranch Residents for Free!

APRIL 5TH – EYECREAM SOCIAL - Do your eyes look tired and puffy from allergies or just a lack of sleep? This night is designed to teach you and to allow you to experience a complimentary makeover where you can get rid of those tired-looking eyes and get some welcome relief! And of course we couldn't be talking about "eyes cream" without some Vanilla, Chocolate and Strawberry Ice-cream for you, our treat!

6:30pm BMCC

RSVP: Patty (Yambay) Rovano, Sales Director 512-914-7711

APRIL 13TH – ESTATE PLANNING AND LONG TERM CARE, by Rich Keith - Local estate planning attorney Tanya Streit will be on hand as we explore your options and show you how to avoid common mistakes in estate planning, wills and probate. And

estate planning is essential to assure that your wishes are carried out now and in the future. Long term care may be one of the largest and most expensive issues on the horizon for American families. The financial impact of a long term care need increases every year, and may affect families with lost income or lost opportunity for income. We show you how to plan effectively for the unforeseen healthcare event.


7:30pm BMCC

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APRIL 26TH – 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.


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7:00 BMCC

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For additional information go to www.steinerranchhoa.org or contact Sharon Adams, Community Coordinator at sharon@steinerranchhoa.org.

Young at Heart

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. 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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From the Association Office

Greenbelt Tree Cutting

One aspect of Steiner Ranch that makes it such a beautiful place to live is the extensive amount of natural greenbelts that surround each of the neighborhoods. There are some homeowners that love the greenbelts just the way they are. And then there are other homeowners that might have a bit of a view of Lake Austin or of a valley so they would like to cut down a few trees. That is a request that the Architectural Committee (the "AC") will consider approving within certain parameters.

Approval by the AC is required BEFORE any disturbance to the greenbelt. The greenbelts are private property of the HOA. Disturbing the greenbelt without prior written approval by the AC will result in fines that could cost the offending homeowner thousands of dollars, plus the cost to replace the trees that were cut down. Other additional fines and penalties could be enforced depending on the severity of the disturbance.

Please help us maintain the beautiful, natural trees and vegetation we are so fortunate to have throughout Steiner Ranch. If you back to a greenbelt and would like to remove some cedar trees, please submit a request to the AC before you do any cutting.

Annual Meetings Notice See What's Happening at Your HOA

The Steiner Ranch Residential Owners Association (SRROA) will hold its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 6:30pm in the Towne Square Community Center located at 12550 Country Trails Lane. The SRROA will be electing Three (3) new members to the Board of Directors at this meeting. Residents of the SRROA live in The Valley at Eastridge, The Summit at Eastridge, Plateau, Rocky Ridge, Hancock Hill, Mesa North and Chapparral.

The Steiner Ranch Master Association (SRMA) will hold its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Towne Square Community Center located at 12550 Country Trails Lane. A Developer's Forum will follow the meeting. Residents of the SRMA live in all other developments in Steiner Ranch.

The annual meetings are held to review the past year's financials, activities and reports of the Association. All homeowners are encouraged to attend and to raise any issues of concern. We look forward to seeing you there.

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- What's so great about Single Stream Recycling? The best part about this service is that all the items can be in the same rolling trash can and more items can be recycled. The following items can be recycled: Paper, Plastics #1 - #7, cardboard, metal, aluminum, and glass. More information can be found at www.texasdisposalsystems.com. Of course another benefit is the more you recycle the less that has to be thrown in the garbage can.
- Large Item pick-up will now be done at your home twice a year by calling TDS directly at 512-421-1300.
- Trash service is weekly; while recycle service is every other week.
- TDS will pick up TWO additional bags of trash along with your garbage can weekly. Find you have more garbage than the two bags? Then you can order an extra can by calling TDS Directly at 421-1300.

Do you still have an IESI trash can? Give the HOA a call at 266-7553 and we will arrange to have it picked up. TDS will not pick up garbage left in IESI cans.

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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Kindergarten Winners



1st Grade Winners



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4th Grade Winners



5th Grade Winners

Steiner Ranch Elementary (SRE) students raised \$12,505.57 to help a school in Marquina, Bolivia in their Students Helping Students, Pay It Forward project this year. SRE students held bake sales, lemonade stands and snow cone sales all over Steiner Ranch to raise money. Families had fundraising events in their homes and movie nights in their yards. Young students gave tooth fairy money and good grade award money to help the students in Bolivia. A child even asked for donations in lieu of gifts for her birthday party. The generosity was astounding! The school conducted a contest to see which classes could bring in the most funds per grade. Ms. Smith's kindergarten class won for their grade bringing in \$589.23. The first grade winning class was Ms. Cole's with \$742.47. Second grade winning class was Ms. Faggard's who raised \$671.01. Ms. Prieto's 3rd grade class brought in \$585.77. Fourth grade was won by Ms. Cooper's class with \$306.47 of funds raised. And finally the class who brought in the most in the whole school was Ms. Sabel's 5th grade class who raised \$866.16! All the money raised will go directly to help the village school in Marquina, Bolivia. This school has 110

students in a building that is too small and ill equipped. Desks and books are scarce. They have a very poor water supply and rare medical care. They have no soccer field, balls or toys. With the money that Steiner Ranch Elementary has generated, this will all change. A group of 20 people will travel to Bolivia in April of this year to give the students a new building, water supply, medical clinic, desks, books, soccer field, balls and toys. Included in this group are three Steiner Ranch residents, Erin Newman, her 5th grade son Ethan Newman who attends SRE and Gayle Morris. Erin, Ethan and Gayle are part of a charitable corporation called A.B.L.E., Inc. (Assisting Better Living Everywhere) that initiated the Students Helping Students project at SRE. A.B.L.E., Inc. was started approximately two years ago by Erin's father, Ed Todd and friends in Lexington, Kentucky where A.B.L.E.'s headquarters reside. A.B.L.E. also has a chapter right here in Steiner Ranch. A.B.L.E. is 501 (c) (3) approved. It is completely staffed by volunteers and focuses on helping improve living conditions around the world. A.B.L.E. travelers pay for their own trips. For more information

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The Canyon Ridge Middle School Dyami Dancers



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Stephanie Ferguson is the dance / drill team instructor at Canyon Ridge Middle School



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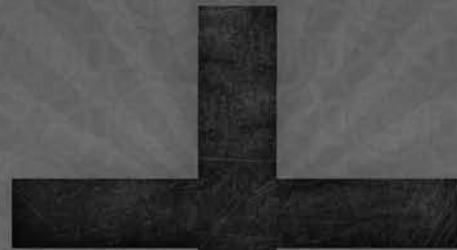
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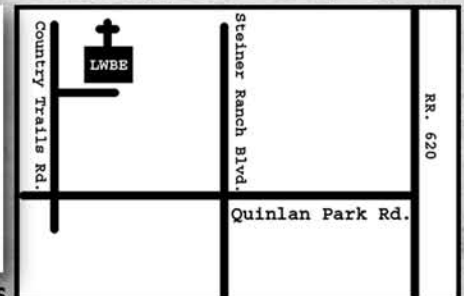
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School News

Viperpalooza Sponsor/Vendor Tables

WHAT IS VIPERPALOOZA?

Viperpalooza is a fun-filled day of community involvement, games, food, and events culminating in the VHS Spring Football game that began in 2010. This year we are thrilled to announce our 2nd annual Viperpalooza. The purpose of this event is to raise money for the VHS PTSA, booster clubs, and student organizations. This is a great opportunity for our community to come out to support, meet, and celebrate the coaches, directors, students and student athletes of Vandegrift High School. We hope you can join us for this fun filled day!

Viperpalooza will be held at Vandegrift High School and Monroe Stadium Complex on Saturday, May 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

WHAT IS A SPONSOR/VENDOR TABLE?

This year we are offering local businesses and vendors the opportunity to have a table at Viperpalooza. Your table can serve as a place to advertise your business, pass out coupons, flyers, freebies, etc. or your table can be used to sell items from your business. All donations are tax deductible and sponsors will receive a receipt for their generosity.

We are offering 3 types of sponsor/vendor tables:

- Silver Sponsor \$50 donation – To park a boat or car for advertising
- Gold Sponsor \$75 donation – Reserve a location at Viperpalooza to set up a table
- Platinum Sponsor \$200+ - You may display your business banner on the rock wall the PSTA has reserved for the event, your businesses will be recognized on the Vandegrift High School Parent Teacher Student Association website in addition to a special email to our constant contact group after the event thanking our sponsors and in the maps that will be handed out at Viperpalooza.

Last year we had a great turnout from the entire Four Points community and this year we anticipate an even bigger crowd!!!!

Please contact Fran Zaroff or Krista Gonzales with questions or to make your reservation.

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4th Annual Science Rodeo at Steiner Ranch Elementary

On Wednesday, February 23rd, we had a great turn out for the 4th Annual Science Rodeo at Steiner Ranch Elementary. The guest scientists and CRMS science fair participants were an inspiration to our students. Thank you to all the volunteers who made it possible, including the parents, Vandegrift National Honor Society, and SRE alumni. A special thank you to those volunteers who stayed on and worked extra shifts. You are an inspiration to all of us!

River Ridge Elementary Rattler Round Up

Steiner Ranch residents ... Get your dancing shoes on and come support River Ridge Elementary School's "Rattler Round Up"! Our annual fundraiser is on Thursday, April 21st at the UT Golf Club 6:30-10:30.

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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.

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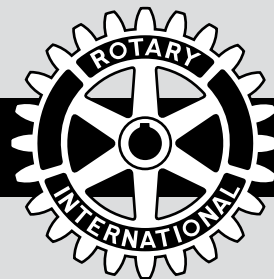
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YOUR LOCAL CITY

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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Steiner Ranch is a particularly attractive and frequent target of commercial, religious and political solicitors; part of the appeal is that population density makes our community an easy environment for them to canvas. Because of this, finding a way to keep solicitors away can be invaluable.

The simplest way to deter solicitors is by posting a "No Solicitors" sign on your door or in your front window. If you get knocks on the door anyway, you also can ask solicitors for their license, permit or company identification; many don't have it and will leave.

While a visit from a solicitor is often annoying, they can sometimes be more than just a nuisance; some might have ulterior motives, such as fraud, canvassing a home to commit a crime or other unseemly behavior. If you believe a solicitor is acting suspiciously or you feel threatened, call the Travis County Sheriff's Office immediately at 974-0845.

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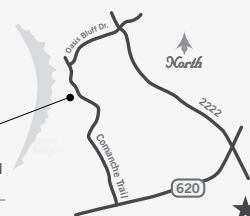
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4 T hot water
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Salmon, either fillets or slab - your preference
1 T olive oil
1 T fresh chives, chopped
cooked Jasmine Rice
2 T ginger, peeled and minced
1 T shallots, minced
1 T butter
1/2 C + 1 t Sake
1 T heavy cream
1/2 C butter, diced
1/2 t lime juice
salt to taste

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat grill or broiler, depending on how you plan to cook the salmon. Combine brown sugar, soy, hot water and miso in a bowl, stirring well. Marinate for 10 minutes. Arrange salmon on baking sheet or on grill, brushed with olive oil so it doesn't stick. Grill or broil for 10 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork, basting with the miso sauce during the cooking process. Sprinkle with chives.

While cooking the salmon, start the sake butter. In a small saucepan over medium-low heat, sweat the ginger and shallots with the 1 T of butter. Add 1/2 C Sake and simmer for 3 minutes. Add the heavy cream, stir and simmer for an additional 3 minutes. Add the diced butter, bit by bit, whisking constantly to incorporate. Remove from heat and whisk in the additional 1 t of Sake, lime juice and salt. To plate, make a bed of Jasmine Rice, Salmon and Sake Butter and serve!

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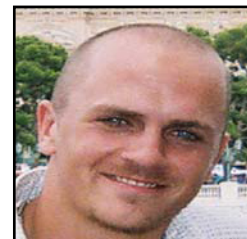
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The Mess in the Mailbox

Disgusted by all of those unsolicited credit card offers clogging up your mailbox? Tired of lugging catalogs and junk mail to the recycling bin? All of this unwanted mail creates nothing but headaches and wasted paper, so it's no wonder putting an end to it is a priority for many people. While you can't eliminate everything, you can noticeably reduce the avalanche of paper in your mailbox just by picking up the phone or hopping online.

Here are a few simple ways to put a kibosh on the heaps of junk mail that keep piling up:

So Long, Pre-Screened Credit Offers: If your credit is anywhere near good, credit bureaus—Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion—are selling your name to credit card companies as a hot prospect. That's why you're getting those "you've been pre-approved" offers every day.

Put an end to it by calling 1-888-5-OPT-OUT (1-888-567-8688). You will need to provide your name, address, telephone number, Social Security number and date of birth to ensure your opt-out request matches your

credit record rather than someone else who shares your name. You can also opt out via the Internet at: www.optoutprescreen.com/opt_form.cgi.

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Remember, this won't stop all credit offers—only those that result from screening your credit report. Your bank or credit card company may

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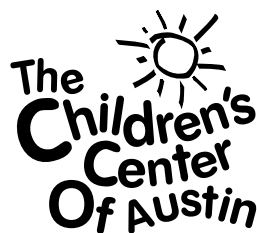
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