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This month's cover photo was taken by Steiner Ranch resident, Elaine Chan of her children at the park at the end 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
- Prefer "portrait" orientation

We'd love to have something that pertains to this time of the year in some way, such as swim team or soccer photos, or a fun trip to the pool. Our June, 2011 issue submittal deadline is May 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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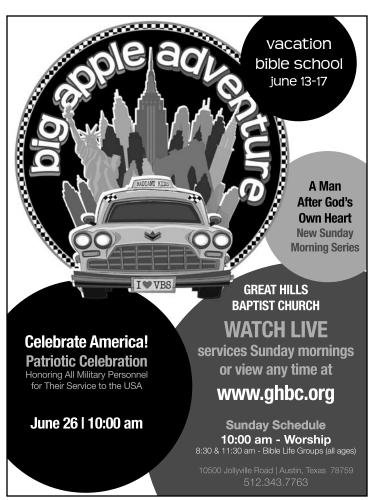
Welcome Newcomers!

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 June 2nd 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 October 6th 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.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

2011 Steiner Ranch Social Events

July 4 – Parade

Aug 20 - Concert in the Park

Sept 17 – Ladies Night Out

Sept 24 - Garage Sale

October 17 – Pumpkin Patch – Benefiting

Dell Children's Hospital

Oct 29 - Haunted Trail

Oct 31 – Halloween Event

Nov 5 – Camping on the Ranch

Nov 12 - Holiday Sales Event and Santa Pictures

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



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All neighborhood children are invited to decorate their bikes, wagons, scooters, and other modes of transportation in a patriotic theme to celebrate this nation's Independence Day. The Parade will start and end at the John Simpson Park. We will be passing out American Flags providing some fun watery bouncy houses and serving

Ice Cream provided by Cups and Cones at the end of the Parade. So be sure to be prepared to be WET!

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AT THE 17TH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

The morning couldn't have been more perfect for the 2011 Steiner Ranch Easter Egg Hunt. Over 700 kids, came out on Saturday, April 23rd to enjoy the hunt, get their faces painted by the 3 different Face Painters, Ride on the Ponies provided by L & M Pony Rides, get their picture taken with the Easter Bunny, petted the animals in the petting zoo and hunted for their dozen eggs in hopes to find the eggs containing the PRIZE notes!

We had about 3 dozen volunteers that helped the morning of the event to hide about 9000 eggs all over the John Simpson Park, who, without their help, this event could not happen! We would especially like to thank the groups from Vandegrift High School, The Interact Club and The Key Club.

The countdown began promptly at 10:00am and by 10:15am all the eggs had been found.

Special thanks go to Myrta Mogen for coordinating and designing the awesome "Special Egg" prizes, to Cathy Richardson for her creative design work, and to Cups & Cones for providing coffee to our early morning volunteers!

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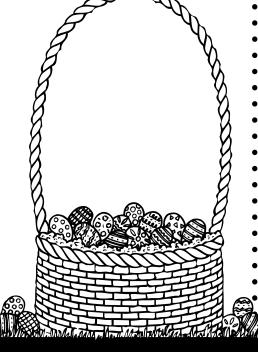
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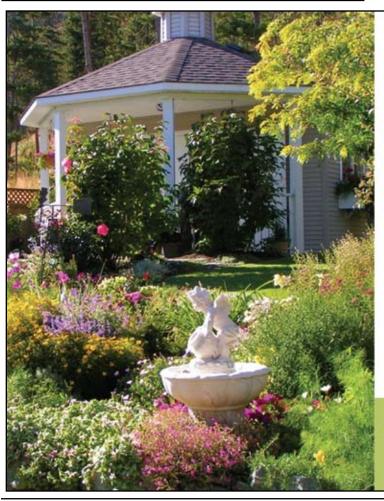
Summer Camps in Steiner

Summer Camp registration is in full swing 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 of some of the summer camps we will be offering:

Dallas Cowboys Football Camp
Cheer Bliss Cheerleading Camp
Lonestar Soccer Camp
Brown's Gymnastics Camp
Tap-N-Toe Hip Hop Camp
Sportball Multi-sport Camp
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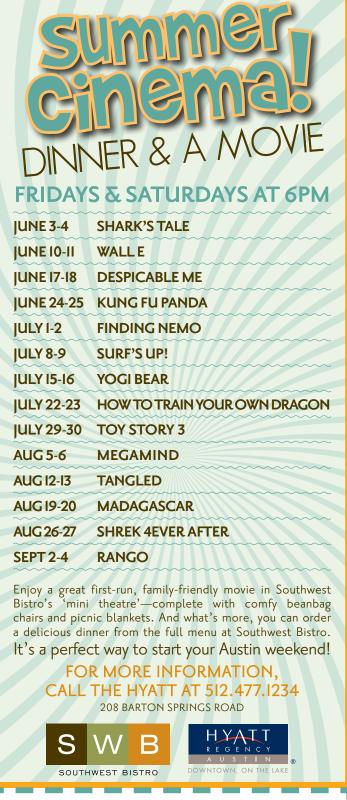
Presently there is a Ladies Daytime Party Bridge group; anyone who is interested in joining should contact Nancy Harger (n_harger@yahoo.com) or Ellen Kendrick (ellenken@sbcglobal.net) for details. New players are welcome.

The Book Club meets on the third Monday of every month at 2:30 PM at Cups & Cones. Please contact Dottie Thoms (dottie.thoms@gmail.com or 531-9360) to find out which book we'll be discussing and to confirm the 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.

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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TRAILS UPDATE

What Have We Learned?

This summer I will be stepping down from the Trails Committee and handing the reigns to another resident volunteer. Since 2005 I have been proud to work with great neighbors, friends, scouts and community leaders. We have accomplished many great things together, and through the support of Taylor-Morrison and your HOA, our trail system has expanded and become far greater than before. Just a few highlights:

- Size: The size of the Steiner Ranch private trail system has more than doubled with the addition of these trails: River Heights Overlook, Summer Vista, Bright Sky Overlook, Lakewood Hills, the additions to J-Canyon trail at Bella Mar, and of course all the unnamed trails in Santa Luz and Tierra Grande.
- Safety: The trails are far safer now with the EMS having a database of sign post locations, and the trail signs having labels.
- Quality: Re-routes of eroded, boggy or dangerous trails are too numerous to mention, but some re-routes were quite long (Majestic Oaks, 1000')
- We learned to hire a trail-building professional in order to create sustainable trails. They bring trail building rules (Half Rule, 15% Rule, etc.) for drainage and they use inclinometers to be sure.

- Their techniques cost the HOA less money in the future.
- We learned to no longer throw mulch on trails. It's actually one
 of the worst things you can do to a trail because mulch holds
 water, dams, and later causes mud erosion problems.
- We learned that the way to keep the builders or the LCRA from damaging the trails is to hit them in the pocketbook.
- We learned that Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts can do significant good works here while in pursuit of their own goals.

We still have some significant challenges - more on that next

month. For now, enjoy the great weather, and for sure get your family out on the trails with you. I urge all residents who enjoy the trails to get involved on the trails committee. Bring your skills, bring your passion, and give something back. Any resident who wants to know what's going



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Trails Update- (Continued from Page 12)

on with the trails can join the Yahoo! Group by sending an email to steiner_trails-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Come to the trails committee meetings which are posted on the HOA web site and mentioned in the Steiner Activities email blast (don't get this? Sign up with the HOA). The next trails committee meeting is on Thursday June 9 at 7PM at Bella Mar. All residents are welcome to attend.

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 at (512) 266-7553. Remember, your trails are private and are for your use, and your accompanied guests' use only. See you on the trails!

SUBMITTED BY: RICH KEITH

Where Am I?

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

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12550 Country Trails Lane

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3506 John Simpson Trail

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12300 River Bend Road

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SAVANNAH/LAS BRISAS PARK

12317 Capella Trail

CANYON GLEN PARK

4114 Hughes Ranch Road

MAJESTIC OAKS PARK

2836 Lantana Ridge Drive



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News from the Pool

Summer is upon us, school is out and it's time to have fun and stay cool at the pools.

In order to maintain safe usage of the pools, here are some rules to follow in and around the Steiner Pools.

- Only Potty trained children are allowed in the Bella Mar Lap Pool. A fecal accident can shut down a pull for an entire day and it increases chemical and maintenance cost.
- The diving blocks at Bella Mar are covered for a reason. While it
 might be fun for you or your kids to jump off, they are off limits,
 unless being used by approved swim programs or coaches.
- Do not prop open the gates around the pool or pavilions. Bring and carry your key fob. If you don't have one, go to the association office and get one. Propping open the gates allow for unwanted visitors to enter. There have been reports of little children wandering in from the play area and jumping into the pools. Please help everyone stay safe!
- This year lifeguards will be enforcing occupancy restrictions.
 Please cooperate with them if they ask you to hold on or leave, as we are trying to keep everyone safe.
- Children under 14 are not allowed in the pool without adult supervision over the age of 18.

The Steiner Stars are using the Bella Mar facility again with some more tinkering on the hours. This year, they will not be using the pool during holiday weekends, evening practice will end at 6:30pm and Home swim meets will all be in held June. You can find their hours on the website or in the Ranch Record or at the Bella Mar pool.

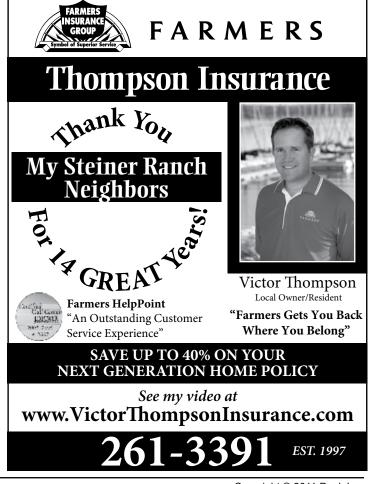
If you haven't already, go see the improvements to the deck and the addition of the new toddler splash pad at the John Simpson pool. The Splash Pad is great and gives toddlers a safe environment to play with water features there size.

If you have any comments or suggestions please feel free to contact me at rodney.g.mogen@gmail.com and I will be happy to help and address your concerns.

Thanks in advance for all your help.

RODNEY MOGEN
POOL COMMITTEE CHAIR





SUMMER POOL HOURS



Summer Pool hours have begun and extended hours are in effect!

The following hours will apply:

BELLA MAR

Splash Pool, Lap Pool & Baby Closed Mon until 2:00pm Tue-Sun 7:00am – 10:00pm

The following programs will be using the lap pool:

Master's Swim Program – Wednesday & Friday 5:30am – 6:45am; Sunday 6:30am – 7:45am Lap lanes will be available to lap swimmers during these sessions. Steiner Stars Summer League Beginning June 6th 7:30am – 12:30pm and 2:30pm – 6:30pm (See full scheduled on page 16)

Lap Lanes will NOT be available during these sessions; however the John Simpson pool will be open.

TOWNE SQUARE

Closed Monday until 12:00pm Tuesday – Sunday 8:00am – 10:00pm The following program will be using the Towne Square pool: Water Aerobics - Mon/Wed @ 6:45 pm Tues/Thurs @ 9:00 am

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After school practice schedule Bella Mar facility 3:30 PM - 7:30 PM Alternate red/blue teams NO open lap swim lanes 7/12 - 7/15 Morning practice

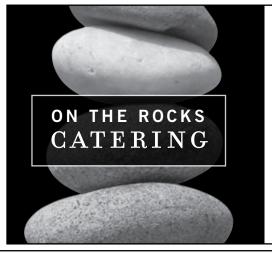
RED team - morning practice Bella Mar facility 7:30 am - 12:30 pm NO open lap swim lanes

BLUE team - afternoon practic Bella Mar facility 2:30 pm - 6:30 pm ONE open lap swim lane (5:30 - 6:30 upon request)

Shooting Stars John Simpson Facility 7:30 am - 12:30 pm

No Stars Practice - holiday

Home Meets at Bella Mar

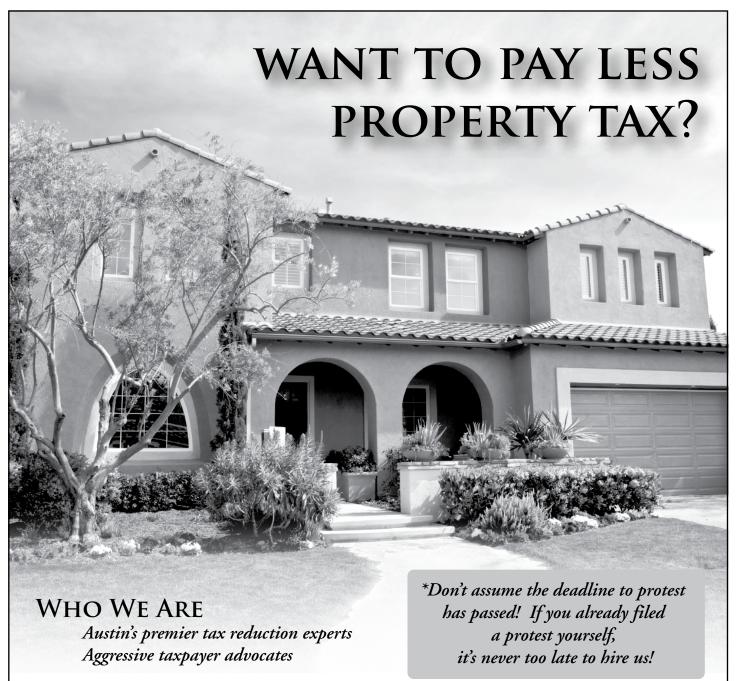


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- Avoid shortcuts and dark, isolated areas.
- Walk purposefully, know where you are going, and project a no-nonsense image.
- Avoid potentially dangerous situations.
- If you feel threatened, cross the street, locate an emergency phone, or enter a store or place of business even if you have just left it.
- Have your door keys ready; carry them in your pockets, not buried in a purse.

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For more information visit www.redgiantsmasters.org.

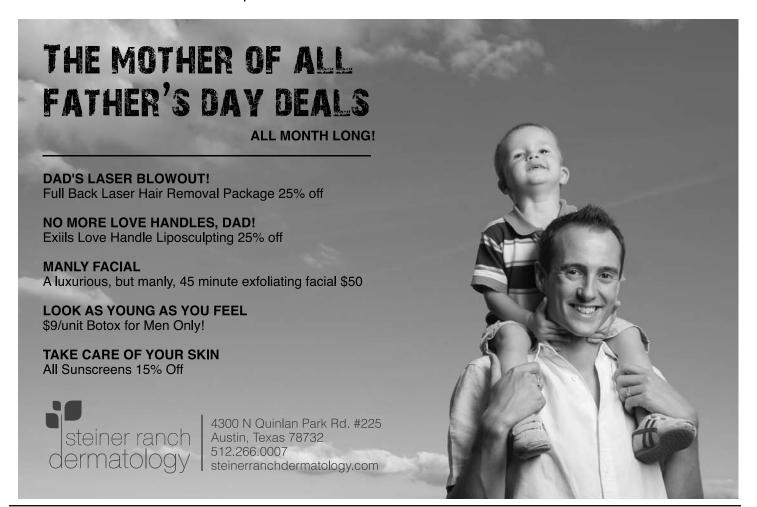
Our swim schedule is as follows:

- Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:30 a.m. until 6:45 a.m.
- Sundays at 6:30 a.m. until 7:45 a.m.
- \$35 per month for Residents

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

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



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.

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- *increases energy levels & stamina
- *burns up calories
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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.

Steiner Stars Summer 2011 Season Has Begun!



The Steiner Stars began practices the week of May 9th, kicking off another exciting swim team season for the Red and Blue teams. Once again, the Stars registered a large number of Steiner resident swimmers for their two competitive teams. Stars Red registered 265 swimmers; Stars Blue registered 210 swimmers. The Stars swim in the Northwest Swim Circuit, where the Stars are two of the largest teams and are the only member with two competive circuit teams.

The Stars will hold a total of four home swim meets during June 2011. Any Steiner resident is welcomed to come out and watch the swimmers compete! Three swim meets will be held Saturday morning at Bella Mar; the June 30th meet will be held on Thursday evening. Stars home meet schedule:

June 4 • June 11 • June 25 • June 30 (evening)

Shooting Stars registration opened on May 1. As of this printing, there are 180 resident swimmers signed up to participate in this developmental swim program. If you'd like to know more about the Stars, visit the website: www.steinerstars.org. Thank you Steiner Ranch for your support and participation in Stars programs! GOOOOOO Stars!



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Girl Scout Father Daughter Dance HELD AT CANYON RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL







The annual Lake Austin Father Daughter Dance on April 16th, had nearly 500 attend the dance held at CRMS. The event included a square dance in addition to hip hop dancing - the dance floor was packed all night! At this event area girl scouts donated over 150lbs of food to the Austin Food Bank's backpack program that provides weekend food for children.

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Workshop Series

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!

JUNE 8TH - NEW RETIREMENT STRATEGIES, by Rich Keith - We examine your "retirement environment" in light of today's realities including inflation, social security, taxes and modern threats to your lifetime savings. Learn how to protect and grow your assets, reduce taxes and protect your family's income. How to build your nest egg with no more risk than is necessary, and shield your assets from the forces of inflation and unexpected future events. Free book, "How Money Works".

7:30pm BMCC

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JUNE 9TH – LOOK 10 YEARS YOUNGER - Are you noticing that your skin isn't as firm or lifted as it used to be? Come experience a miracle on your face with our anti-aging skin care that has recieved

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6:30pm TSCC

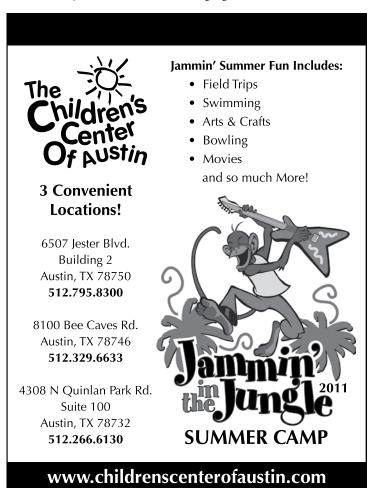
RSVP: Patty (Yambay) Rovano, Sales Director 512-914-7711

JUNE 16TH – BECOME YOUR OWN BANKER, by Tom Duemler - Learn the biggest secret to acquiring Wealth! The average person spends over 34% of their after tax dollars on interest expense (cars, home, college, vacations, etc.). Learn how to recapture those costs and accumulate real wealth, without spending additional money – tax fee. 100% fool-proof way to increase the size of your family's wealth - completely protected. What you should pass on to your kids and why. Teach them how to grow what you leave into a fortune and pass that to future generations. Generate tax-free income. Protect your assets against Lawsuit, Judgment and Creditors. Never LOSE \$ again!

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Workshop Series- (Continued from Page 22)

JUNE 17TH - MARGARITAS AND MAKEOVERS - Grab some girlfriends and come down to Towne Square and enjoy a complimentary pampering session and get make up tips while enjoying a cool drink for a night of fun here in Steiner!

6:30pm TSCC

RSVP: Patty (Yambay) Rovano, Sales Director

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



Spelling Bee Winner

Spandana Kamepalli a 3rd grade student at Steiner Ranch Elementary won 1st place in North South Foundation's Junior Spelling Bee at the Austin chapter on May 1st 2011.





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If your son or daughter has a knack for creative writing, this is the workshop for you. This interactive seminar educates students on the short story form, trains them in the necessary elements of craft such as plot, characterization, dialogue, setting, and point of view, and provides the opportunity to share their work with the group and receive constructive feedback from their peers. Students will leave the workshop with an original short story, useful information on how to pursue their literary dreams, and a group of new friends who love to write as much as they do.

HOW TO WRITE A STELLAR COLLEGE ESSAY – REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 28TH

High School Juniors and Seniors: July 12th 6:00pm-8:00pm or July $13th \ 6:00pm-8:00pm$

College applications are at an all-time high, and the rate of acceptance is decreasing. With so much competition, it's imperative that high school juniors and seniors with their sights set on higher

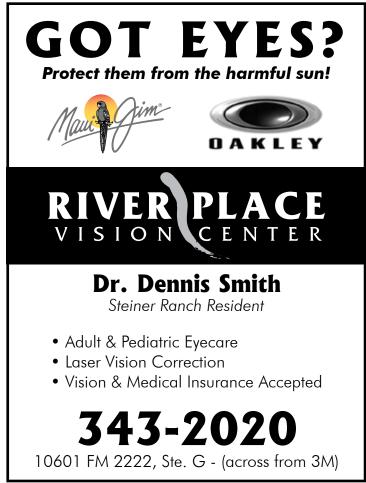
education acquire the tools necessary to write a college essay that will turn heads. In this discussion-based seminar, students learn the five characteristics of a stellar college essay, brainstorm essay topics, and help each other to develop these topics into prose that sings. Students will leave the workshop with at least one fully outlined essay, and step-by-step instructions for how to proceed on the path to essay-writing success.

WRITING FOR THE SATS

High School Age: August 11th 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Performing on standardized tests is as much about understanding the test as it is about the knowledge you bring to it. Join us for an in-depth look at what the SAT writing section is all about, and what the scoring board looks for in a successful essay. Students get hands-on practice in writing essays that meet the test's criteria, and learn from their peers' successes as they share their attempts with the group. Students will leave the workshop with a better understanding of the test itself, a toolbox full of tips and tricks for mastering the writing section, and the confidence to tackle any essay topic they might encounter.









COMMUNITY GROUPS

WAYS TO BECOME INVOLVED IN STEINER RANCH

Girl Scout Registration is Open

Submitted by Carmen Tucker

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

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character. Through fun, informal and educational experiences, girls can discover their potential, connect with others and take action to make the world a better place. Girl Scouts provides a wide variety of experiences for interests such as the arts, science, technology, nature, athletics, community service, health, leadership and more. To learn more or to register, please contact your local Girl

Scout Council at membership@gsctx.org or (512) 453-7391.. Discover Girl Scouts online at www.gsctx.org.



Pack 203

Welcome all Steiner Ranch Boys!! Grades 1st–5th

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@austintechnet.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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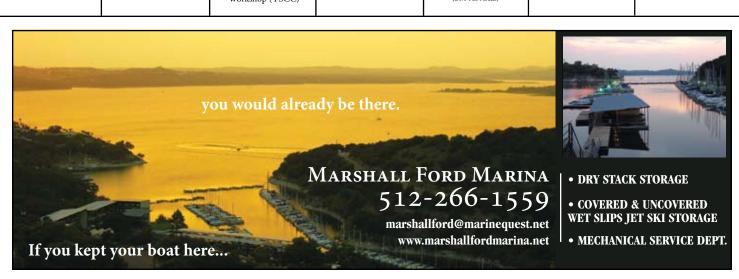




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JUNE 2011

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JULY 2011

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From the Association Office

FIREWORKS / FIRECRACKERS PROHIBITED

Steiner Ranch Fireworks Policy

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

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

There are a number of reasons for this prohibition.

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

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

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

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

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



Notice: Pool Parties

The Steiner Ranch Elementary, Laura Welch Bush Elementary and River Ridge Elementary will be holding their 5th Grade celebrations at Steiner Ranch pool facilities.

Steiner Ranch – June 3rd at Bella Mar from 11:00am – 5:00pm

Laura Welch Bush – June 3rd at Towne Square from 11:00am – 5:00pm

River Ridge – June 4th at Bella Mar from 2:00pm – 8:00pm Please keep this in mind when planning your trip to the pool.

Planning a Pool Party?

The Steiner Ranch pools are a great place to have a party! They are fun, clean and safe for you and your guest. The main goal for the HOA and Lifeline Aquatics is to keep it that way.

If you are renting a facility (Pavilion, Community Room, etc.) and plan on using the pool with more than 50 guests, you will be required to hire additional lifeguards, at your expense, to help protect all of the patrons at the pools.

To hire lifeguards, please contact the Lifeguard Company directly at 1-877-354-1313 or admin@lifelineaquatics.com.

No Diapers Allowed

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

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

All other community pools:

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

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

DIVE BLOCKS

Dive Blocks at the Bella Mar Pool are for Swim Team Use only. You must be a Coach on the Steiner Stars or other Club team in order to use them.

Please do not allow your children to use or take off covers at any time!

Thank you!





BOATS AND WATERCRAFT PARKING

Where can I park them?

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

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

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Things You Should Know

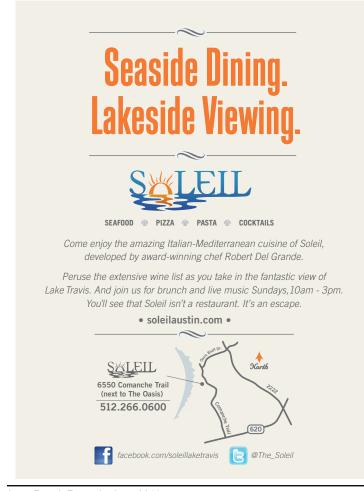
Thank you to all Steiner Ranch residents who have been careful to store your trash containers in enclosed spaces, maintain your yards, and park your vehicles in your garages and driveways at night! Your efforts are greatly appreciated by your neighbors, visitors, and the staff in the Community Associations Office.

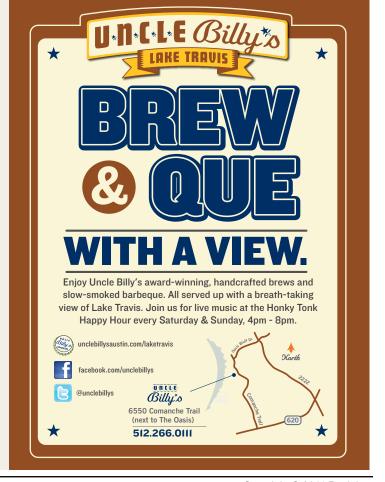
For those of you unfamiliar with the Steiner Ranch rules, please be aware that trash containers, recycling bins, yard waste bags, and all other trash must be stored out of view of the street. *Keep your trash containers in your garage or other enclosed space.* Trash containers (including yard waste bags) should not be placed at the curb for pickup until late Wednesday evening or early Thursday morning, and should be returned to their enclosed spaces by Thursday night. Let your landscaping company know of these rules!

Overnight street parking is prohibited in Steiner Ranch. All of your vehicles must be

parked in your garage or on your driveway at night. Homeowners are also responsible for the vehicles of guests. Please make your house sitters and visitors aware of the parking restrictions.

Help keep Association membership costs down by becoming familiar with, and following all Steiner Ranch rules, not just those mentioned here! The staff in the Community Associations Office spends many hours each week addressing violations and each violation takes money from all homeowners' pockets. The postage cost alone to send a certified notice for a trash container is \$5.54. By maintaining your property in accordance with the Steiner Ranch Guidelines, and acting quickly when property and landscaping need repair or replacement, you conserve the financial resources of the Association and help keep Steiner Ranch a beautiful place to live.





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Book Fair Carnival at Steiner Ranch Elementary

On May 3rd -5th, Steiner Stallions enjoyed one of their favorite times of year, the spring book fair! The Steiner Ranch Elementary PTA hosted this fundraising event with such enthusiasm and excitement that the students and their families had a wonderful time! It was held simultaneously with Teacher Appreciation Week at the school and similarly employed different themes for each day of the fair. Many students and families used this opportunity to donate new books to their teachers' classrooms. Tuesday was Mom's Day at the Carnival, where moms created a wish list for the dads to fulfill or Mother's Day. On Wednesday, students brought their dads to Donuts with Dad to shop for mom, and themselves too! On Thursday, students invited their grandparents to join them for lunch, followed by Grandparents' Day at the Carnival. SRE PTA appreciates all the volunteers, from our talented artists to our friendly cashiers, who made this book fair a huge success. Thank you, Debbie Donahue and Lana Elliott for chairing the fall and spring book fairs this school year!

Steiner Stallions LOVE our Teachers!

During the first week in May, the Stallions and their parents showed their love and appreciation for the teachers and staff at Steiner Ranch Elementary. Each day of the week had a theme. On Flower Day, each student brought their teacher a flower to make a lovely bouquet. Students brought their teacher something deliciously sweet on Sweet Treat day. On Book Day, children were encouraged to donate a book to their classroom. Parents demonstrated their appreciation by providing a huge potluck luncheon for the teachers and staff. Parents provided help during recess and lunch periods to enable the honored • guests to enjoy the event. Students finished off the week with Card Day by presenting homemade "thank you" cards to their ! beloved teachers. SRE PTA recognizes the hard work of Erin Newman, Lynn Galyen, countless parent volunteers and the generosity of our parents who made this spectacular week possible! On behalf of the students and families of Steiner Ranch Elementary, thank you to all teachers and school staff who love and teach our children every school day!



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Steiner Ranch Elementary's















On Friday, May 13th, the Steiner Ranch Elementary Stallions were blessed by local businesses and community groups who generously partnered with Steiner Ranch Elementary PTA to congratulate our students, teachers and their families on a job well done this school year! Participants enjoyed food, inflatables, physical activities, games and even fantastic performances from local dance, gymnastics, martial arts and music schools! SRE PTA would like to thank our Spring Fling Family Event sponsors for donating their time, food, funds and activities. We appreciate these Community Partners for their continued support and look forward to cultivating our partnership with you! Let's all show our appreciation by supporting these sponsors who made this fantastic event possible!































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Business Section

Seven Business Networking Groups in the Area

Are you looking to grow your business in 2011? If so, you might be interested in a few of the business networking groups in the area. These are a few to choose from:

STEINER RANCH REFERRALS BNI GROUP

Meetings are on Tuesday mornings from 8:00am to 9:30am at Hill Country Pasta House. Visitors are welcome! If you are interested please contact Elicia Rudberg at eliciarudberg@gmail.com for more information or visit www.BNIAustin.com.

FOUR POINTS BNI

Meetings are on Wednesday at lunch from 11:30am to 1:00pm at the River Place Country Club. Visitors are welcome! If you are interested please contact Amy Oehler at amy.oehler@unitedlendingusa.com or visit www.BNIAustin.com.

FOUR POINTS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Four Points Chamber of Commerce provides networking opportunities at social gatherings, luncheons with guest speakers and activities. The Chamber brings businesses together along highway 620 from Hudson Bend to Anderson Mill and Ranch Road 2222 from Jester to Volente. Four Points Chamber supports business growth in the community where we live, work and play. In less than 6 months Four Points Chamber of Commerce exceeded its first year membership goals and continues to grow! For information about participating in upcoming events or membership benefits visit www.fourpointschamber. com or call (512) 551-0390. Membership inquiries may also be sent directly to membership@FourPointsChamber.com.

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build the strength of our networking group. NWNWA is updating its meeting times. Call Rich Keith, President, for information. RKeith@primerica.com, (512) 632-0162, or visit http://www.meetup.com/NetWorking-NorthWest-Austin/

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.

LAKEWAY NETWORKING, INC.

We are a diverse group of business professionals in the Lake Travis area, helping our members to grow their businesses through qualified referrals. We meet every Wednesday at 8AM at Johnny Fins, located at 16405 Clara Van Street, in Lakeway. Come visit us and see how your business can benefit by being a member of Lakeway Networking. For more information, please contact Kelly Connor at Kellyconnor@austin.rr.com or 512-736-2495.

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FOUR POINTS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



June Luncheon Features Austin Better Business Bureau Speaker, Gabriel Perales On The Importance of Trust Recognition for your Business.

Four Points Chamber of Commerce hosts Gabriel Perales, Trade Practices Manager at Austin Better Business Bureau as guest speaker for the Four Points Chamber's June Luncheon. Perales will be speaking about BBB Accreditation and what it means for businesses. Perales will talk about the impact of trust factors for your business and website and how trust factors promote conversion. Four Points Chamber luncheons provide stimulating discussions for local individuals, businesses and organizations to gain new insights and foster business growth. 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!

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1p.m. At River Place Country Club, 4207 River Place Bldvd. You can find all the details and register on the

Four Points Chamber of Commerce Web site

www.fourpointschamber.com. While you are at

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the Chamber's Web site be sure to check out the other networking activities offered by the chamber, including the bi-monthly Connectors networking meetings at Concordia University and monthly Happy Hour.

The Four Points Chamber of Commerce provides networking opportunities through 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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Amazing Cookie Recipe

This is my go-to recipe whenever I need to make cookies. Double it as they will not last long!



INGREDIENTS:

- 1 C. butter, softened
- 1 C. brown sugar
- ½ C. white sugar
- 1 t vanilla
- 2 T molasses
- 2 eggs
- 2 1/4 C. all purpose flour
- 1 t baking soda
- 1 t baking powder
- 2 t sea salt
- 1 C. oatmeal
- 1 C. coconut, shredded
- 1 C. pecans, chopped
- 2 C. chocolate chips

DIRECTIONS:

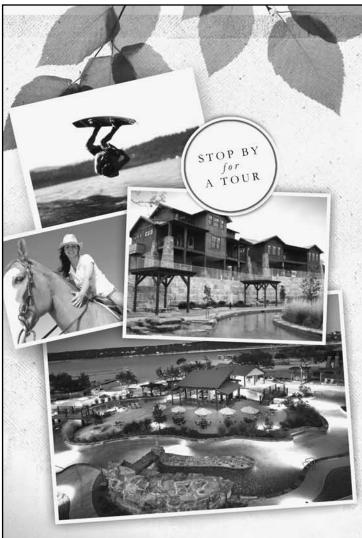
Preheat your oven to 350°. Using a large mixer beat the butter until light and fluffy. Add sugars and beat until mixed well. Add vanilla, molasses and eggs. In a separate bowl, sift together flour, soda, baking powder and salt. Add to butter mixture and mix to incorporate. Add oatmeal and beat well. Add coconut and beat well. Finally add nuts and chocolate chips and at this point, you may have to mix by hand.

Spoon cookie dough onto ungreased cookie sheet and bake for 10 minutes. This is key – as you do not want to over bake. Cookies may seem under-cooked. Remove from oven and let cool on cookie sheet for a few minutes then transfer to wire cooling rack.

Store in a Ziploc bag or airtight container though they won't last long!

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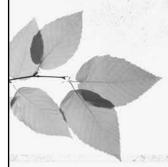
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WCID 17 News



WCID 17 BOND UPDATE

The Board of Directors authorized the refunding of the callable portions of the Series 2001 and Series 2002 bond issues, totaling \$7,014,997.35. This refunding, which finalized in early April, will result in a total debt savings of \$437,853 for the tax payers of the Steiner Ranch Defined Area.

EARTH DAY PARTICIPATION

Girl Scout Troops 1743 and 2375 participated in an Earth Day Presentation



with WCID 17 on Thursday, April 21, 2011. WCID 17 made presentations to 14 classes on Earth Day using the Girl Scout's theme of "Love Save Our Water...Use it Wisely." Throughout the past six months the girls have been studying ways to help our Earth and applying conservation measures. WCID 17 gave the troops tours of the Eck Lane Water Treatment Plant and talked with the young ladies about conservation. The girls were busy making posters for display at



Steiner Ranch Elementary for Earth Week as well as preparing a skit where concepts were discussed using the method of "Get It? - Got it!" One of the many lines to the dialogue was "I don't get it! With all the water on Earth, why do we need to conserve it?" and the answer explained was "Because only 1% of the water on Earth is fresh. 97% is salt water and 2% is in glaciers and you can't drink salt water or use glaciers." "Get it?" "Got it!"

At the close of the skit the girls joined

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together to perform their "Wow Rap" with five tips on how to conserve water:

- "Drip drop, drip drop Conserving water is the way you can save a hundred gallons everyday. Drip drop, drip drop. Now here are 5 tips that we have for you, listen careful so you know what to do. Drip drop, drip drop.
- Tip number 1 will get the job done Now when you are brushing your teeth turn off the faucet 'cause water's not cheap. Drip drop, drip drop.
- Tip number 2 is something you can do Take a quick shower, just a minute or two. Drip drop, drip drop.
- Tip number 3 is simple and sweet Tell an adult if you spot a leak. Drip drop, drip drop.
- Tip number 4 can save a ton of water Use the sprinklers in the morning 'cause it's a lot less hotter. Drip drop, drip drop.
- Tip number 5 is easy as can be Collect unused water to feed your plants and trees. Drip drop, drip drop. DRIP DROP!!"

WCID #17 Mandatory 2 Day Per Week Watering Continues

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

Steiner Ranch residents:

Odd numbered addresses will water Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Even numbered addresses will water Thursdays and Sundays.

Residential customers will be required to adhere to this schedule

May 1 through September 30,

and are encouraged to adhere to it the rest of the year.

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

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

No watering between 10am - 7pm





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Pruning Guidelines for Prevention of Oak Wilt in Texas

Oak wilt, caused by the fungus Ceratocystis fagacearum, is the most destructive disease affecting live oaks and red oaks in Central Texas. Most of the tree mortality results from treeto-tree spread of the pathogen through interconnected or grafted root systems, once an oak wilt center becomes established. New infection centers begin when beetles carry oak wilt fungal spores from infected red oaks to fresh, open wounds on healthy oaks. Wounds include any damage caused by wind, hail, vehicles, construction, squirrels, birds or pruning. Research has shown that both oak wilt fungal mats on infected red oaks and insects that carry oak wilt spores are most prevalent in the spring. Below is a brief description of how you can reduce the risk of fungal spread when pruning.

- Always paint fresh wounds on oaks, including pruning cuts and stumps, with wound dressing or latex paint immediately after pruning or live tree removal at all times of the year.
- Clean all pruning tools with 10% bleach solution or Lysol™ between sites and/or trees.
- If possible avoid pruning or wounding of oaks during the spring (currently defined as February1 through June 30). Reasons to prune in the spring include:
 - To accommodate public safety concerns such as hazardous limbs,



traffic visibility or emergency utility line clearance.

- To repair damaged limbs (from storms or other anomalies)
- To remove limbs rubbing on a building or rubbing on other branches, and to raise low limbs over a street.
- On sites where construction schedules take precedence, pruning any live tissue should only be done to accommodate required clearance.
- Dead branch removal where live tissue is not exposed.

Pruning for other reasons (general tree health, non-safety related clearance or thinning, etc.) should be conducted before February 1 or after June 30.

Debris from diseased red oaks should be immediately chipped, burned or buried. Regardless of the reasons or time of year, proper pruning techniques should be used. These techniques include making proper pruning cuts and avoiding injurious practices such as topping or excessive crown thinning. If you are uncertain about any of this information, you should consult with a Texas Oak Wilt Certified arborist, ISA Certified Arborist, or an oak wilt specialist from a city, county or state government agency such as the Texas Forest Service or Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

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Oasis, Texas Village Boasts More than the Spectacular View

Soleil Mediterranean Restaurant & Uncle Billy's Brew and Que

Changing the landscape of the Lake Travis dining scene, two new restaurants have arrived at Oasis, Texas Village: **Soleil**, a Mediterranean restaurant and **Uncle Billy's Brew and Que**, a rustic Texas smokehouse and brewery. Located next to the world-famous Oasis restaurant, the two spaces combined amass a magnificent 38,000 square feet of lakefront space, sharing the stunning panoramic view of Lake Travis that Austin is known for.



Inspired by the seaside tastes of the Mediterranean and the rich, seasoned flavors of Italy, Soleil's menu showcases a wide variety of dishes. Led by Chef George Thomas, the Soleil kitchen prides itself on its bountiful, full-flavored cuisine. Though the seasonally changing menu was designed under the guidance of James Beard-award-winning Texas Chef Robert Del Grande, Chef Thomas' passion for cooking with fresh, all-natural and seasonal ingredients shines through every delightful dish. The bruschetta of Taleggio and pears and the shrimp and corn chowder are perfect starters, while Soleil's fettuccine with gulf crab, shrimp and lobster highlights how well traditional Italian fare marries with Mediterranean-inspired seafood dishes. The plate

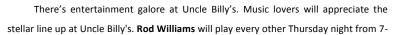
selections include gems like the rainbow trout, sea scallops and filet mignon.

Diners hankering for a less formal meal will delight in Soleil's burger selection, fish and chicken sandwiches and, of course, Soleil's stone-oven pizza menu, sure to please the entire clan. A children's menu is also available.

Looking for a sunset cocktail? **Soleil's Azure Lounge** is casual and welcoming with the same stunning view, highlighted by a massive curved bar showcasing Soleil's impressive cold and raw seafood selections, providing the perfect respite for a glass of bubbly and something light and refreshing.

Diners can enjoy soothing vibes at **Soleil's Sunday brunch** which features DJ Chicken George and other touring DJs in rotation each week. Served every Sunday, 10-3 p.m., the buffet-style brunch boasts a wide array of dishes including Soleil's Build-Your-Own Bloody Mary Bar.

Located upstairs from Soleil at Oasis, Texas Village, is Uncle Billy's Brew and Que, a rustic Texas smokehouse serving mouthwatering family-style barbecue. Featuring an on-site brewery, Uncle Billy's is renowned for its handcrafted signature ales and lagers. Developed from scratch by the highly regarded award-winning **Brewmaster Brian Peters**, these ales and microbrews are made with only the finest malted barley and aromatic hops. Uncle Billy's also offers a wide variety of selections from its full-service bar.





10 p.m., with other local talent taking the stage on alternate Thursdays. Uncle Billy's **Honky Tonk Happy Hour** every weekend features local favorites from 4-8 p.m.; with bands such as the **John Evans Band** and **Southern Backbones** featured from 8:30-11 p.m. Big-screen TVs please the sports fans and darts and shuffleboard seem to soothe those looking to relax after a day on the lake.

Whether fresh fish and pasta at Soleil, a sunset cocktail at Azure Lounge or legendary BBQ, brew and tunes at Uncle Billy's, there's something new under the sun, for everyone...at Oasis, Texas Village.

For more information, visit Soleil at www.UncleBillysAustin.com, Uncle Billy's at www.UncleBillysAustin.com,

The Importance of **Address Numbers**

Even with Travis County having an enhanced 911 system in place, coupled with state of the art computer aided dispatch of emergency services, the importance of having a visible address number on your home can not be emphasized enough.

Consider this real-life scenario that plays out every day across America. A call is placed to 911 reporting that someone is in cardiac-arrest. Emergency services are dispatched to the address. They desperately search for an address number on homes along the street and stop several times at homes that have no visible number. Eventually emergency responders find the home where the call originated. Critical minutes are lost searching for the correct address. The patient expires before help arrives.

In an effort to serve you better, Lake Travis Fire Rescue is requesting that residents assist us by properly maintaining the address numbers on their homes. When called to a home for an emergency, time is always critical. That means finding that residence as quickly as possible. Residents should walk out to the street in front of their home and see if their house numbers can be easily seen. If they can be, then emergency services have a greater chance of possibly saving a life in a medical emergency, or your home in case of fire.

Here are some simple guidelines:

- Numbers should be a contrasting color to their background.
- Numbers should be large enough to be legible from the street.
- Numbers should be located where they can be easily read from
- If the residence is more than 50 feet from the street, or cannot be seen from the street, a second set of numbers should also be displayed at the street on a mailbox, on a post, or end of the drive on a curb.
- Emergency responders may come from any direction. Be sure your address numbers are located in such a way that they may be easily seen, no matter which direction they are approaching.
- Address numbers should be visible at night. Reflective numbers or one of the new internally illuminated signs can be very helpful.
- Don't forget to trim back any landscaping that could interfere with the visibility of your address numbers from the street.

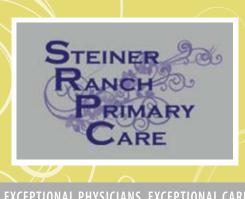
At Lake Travis Fire Rescue are main concern is your safety. You never know when you may be the next one to call 911 for an emergency. Be sure your house number is posted and visible from the road so you can be found as quickly as possible, as every minute counts.

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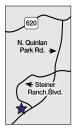
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Financial Focus: Nearly Half of All Workers Have Less Than \$10K in Savings



Even though 68% of workers are saving for retirement, nearly half, 46%, have less than \$10,000 saved for retirement, and 50% are not confident they will have enough money to live comfortably in retirement, a survey by the Employee Benefits Research Institute found.

In addition, 50% of workers are not sure they will have enough money to pay for medical expenses in retirement, and 47% of older Boomers are "at risk" for inadequate retirement income. Among Generation X,

45% are "at risk" for inadequate retirement income. Further, only 42% of workers have tried to calculate how much money they need to save for a comfortable retirement.

"America is facing a retirement crisis, one that Boomers are realizing today and looms for generations to come," said Insured Retirement Institute President and CEO Cathy Weatherford. "While the good news is that workers are saving, unfortunately they are doing so at levels that will not sustain a financially secure retirement."

Would you like to have \$1 million saved for retirement? Start saving now! For every year you put it off, you pay the high cost of waiting. If you start saving \$95 each month at age 20, you could have one million dollars at age 65. But, if you wait until age 30 to start, you'll have to put away \$263 each month.

Wait 10 more years and start at age 40, you'll have to save \$754 each month. Get started at age 50, and you'll have to save \$2,413 each month. That's 25 times more per month than if you'd started at age 20 ouch! Because of the power of compound interest, the sooner you start to save, the less you'll have to put away to meet your goal. Don't pay the high cost of waiting start saving for retirement today! Source: Financial Planning, Primerica. (Note: This is a hypothetical and does not represent an actual investment. Assumes annual end-ofyear contributions, with a 10% nominal rate of return, compounded monthly. This example uses a constant rate of return, unlike actual investments which will fluctuate in value. It does not include fees and taxes, which would lower results.)

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