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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](mailto:sharon@steinerranchhoa.org).

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! 2011 Steiner Ranch Social Events

July 4 – Parade 9:00am John Simpson Park

Aug 20 – Concert in the Park

Sept 17 – Ladies Night Out

Sept 24 – Garage Sale

October 16 – 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](http://www.steinerranchhoa.org) and Facebook (Steiner Ranch Social Committee) for updates.*

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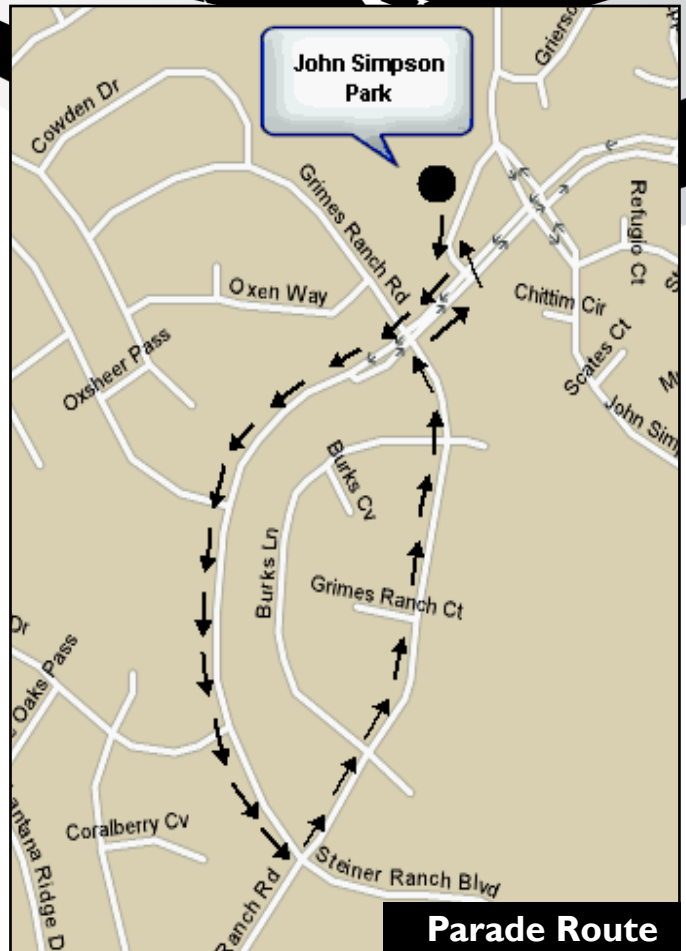
## Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

The Annual Steiner Ranch Annual 4th of July Children's Parade will be held on Monday morning, July 4th at 9:00am – 11:00am at the John Simpson Community Center, 3506 John Simpson Trail.

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.

- DJ Music provided by Encore Entertainment
- Ice Cream provide by Cups and Cones
- Water Slide and Bounce House
- American Flags
- 26-Music will help get it all started with the Star Spangled Banner!

Please remember that fireworks are not allowed in Steiner Ranch and have been banned in Travis County. If you see anyone violating this ordinance, please contact the Community Association Office twenty-four hours a day at 266-7553, or through our "Report a Problem" link on our website, and contact Travis County at 911.



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## Ladies Night STEINER RANCH



The Steiner Ranch Social Committee is having fun, but working hard for you Ladies and Guys.

Our first Annual Ladies Night Steiner Ranch, a Premier Event for 'Your Everyday Needs', will be occurring this September 17, 2011, 7:00 - 11:00 pm at the Bella Mar community center. Enjoy a fantastic evening with local vendors - Prizes, Raffles and More!

Each vendor has donated a prize to be raffled through-out the night; you must be present to WIN, but with 40 vendors, your chance of winning a great prize is fantastic! The proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets from this event will benefit our Local Domestic Violence Shelter's. Entrance to this event is FREE so come early and stay late!

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and more to come.

We have several other events that are coming up and would like your input on what you want to see. Please post your remarks and suggestions on the Steiner Ranch Social Committee Facebook page, or email us at [mmcgugan1@live.com](mailto:mmcgugan1@live.com).

# Steiner Birthdays

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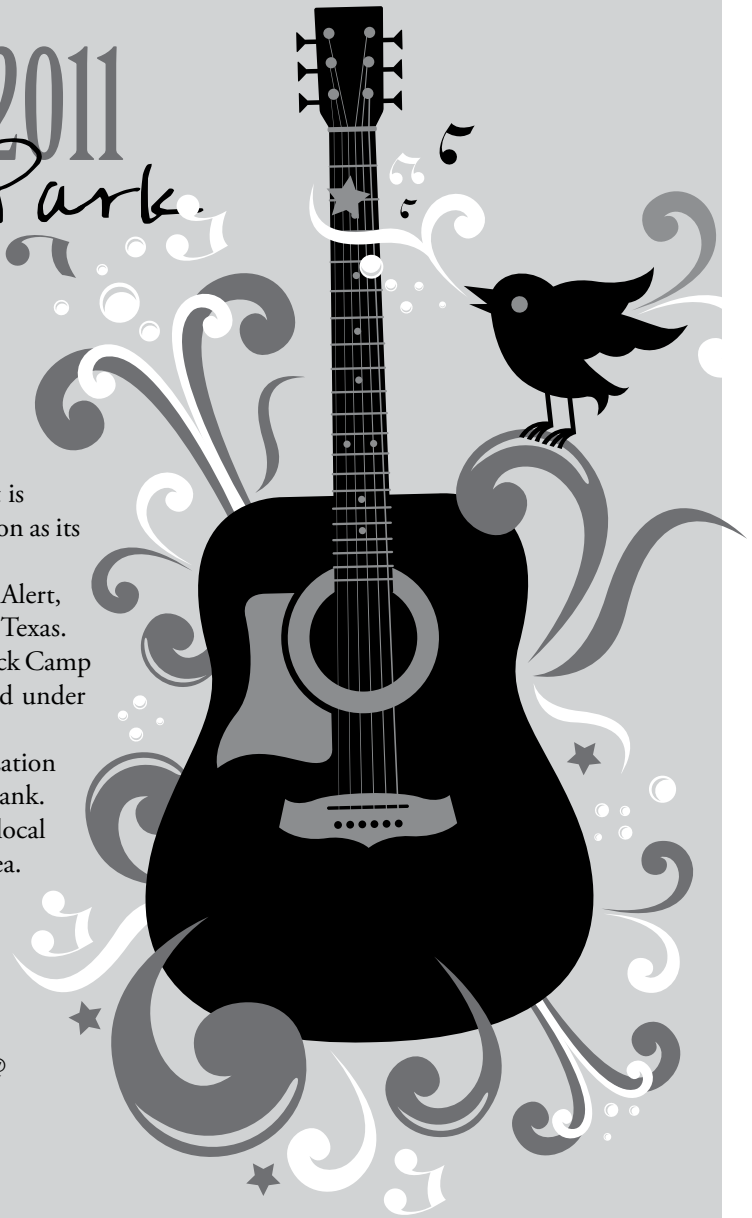
## STEINER RANCH 2011 Concert in the Park

The Steiner Ranch 4th Annual Concert in the Park will be held on Saturday, August 20th at the Towne Square Community Park. This event features live music, food from local restaurants, the Vandergrift High School Band, Legacies and Cheerleaders and fun activities for all ages. Local businesses and other organizations work together to organize and host the concert which runs from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. This year, the event is very fortunate to have the Steiner Ranch Homeowners Association as its major sponsor.

The featured band for this year's concert is once again Red Alert, an '80s cover band that's become a favorite around Central Texas. Additional performances will be given by selected 26-MUSIC Rock Camp students and the Vandergrift High School Viper Marching Band under the direction of VHS Band Director Jeremy Spicer.

Like last year, there will be a focus on giving to a local organization in need with this year's designee being the Capital Area Food Bank. Attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to help local families in need throughout the greater Austin metropolitan area. To see a list of items most in need please visit CAFB's web site at <http://www.austinfoodbank.org/>. All items will be collected by Gene Arant Realty who we thank for the generous use of his service truck.

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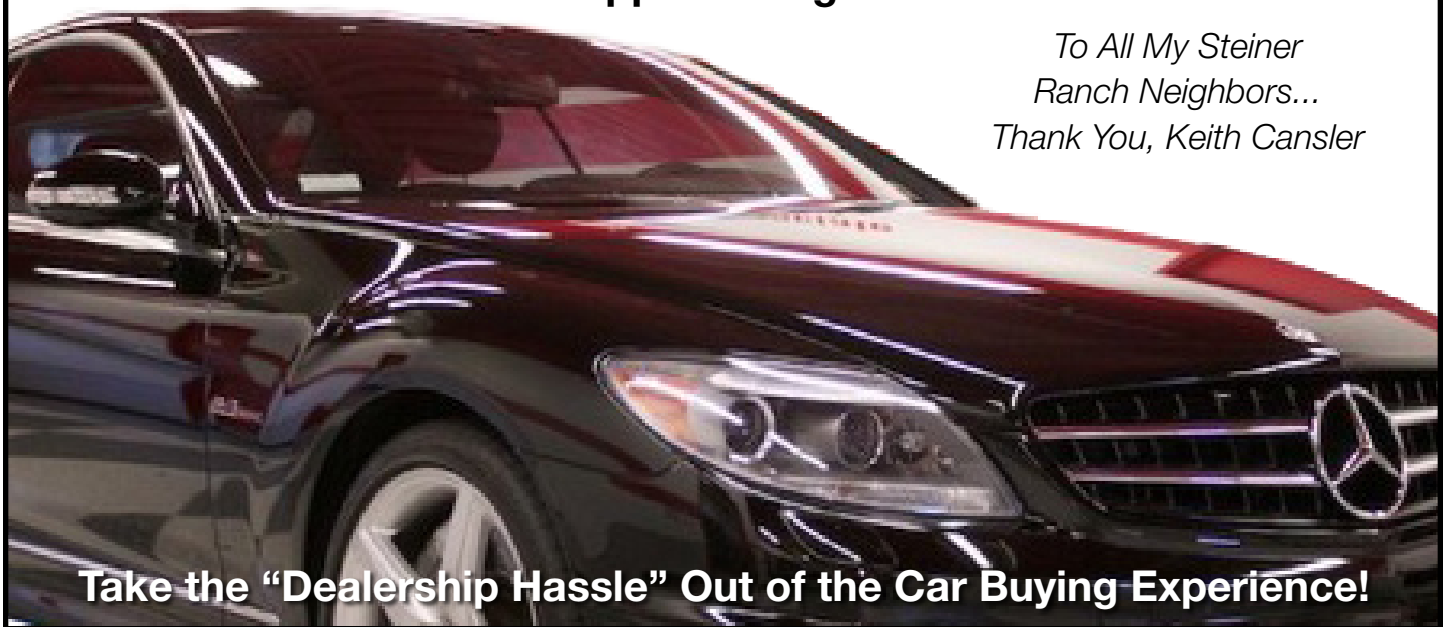
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Our next large event will be in October. Check the September Ranch Record for details. During the summer, Young at Heart will continue to have informal mix & mingle socials. Those on the email notification list will be sent information regarding these.

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. During the summer we are continuing to meet in members' homes; we plan to return to Cups and Cones in the fall. 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! The Book Club is planning a Special Event featuring Steiner Ranch resident, Steve Gerber, whose first book has just been published. This will include both a discussion of the book as well as a conversation with the author.

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

Our **Hiking/Walking Group** has plans for hiking in Steiner Ranch and on nearby trails in the fall when weather is cooler.

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.

If you are interested in learning more about Young at Heart activities and about our informal social events, add your name to our email list. Just send your name, phone number and email address to dottie.thoms@gmail.com.

# TRAILS UPDATE

## *What Is Next?*

Last month we looked at accomplishments; here are some concerns for the future of the trail system. Since 2005 I have been proud to work with great neighbors, friends, scouts and community leaders. This summer I will be stepping down from the Trails Committee and handing the reigns to another resident volunteer. We have accomplished many great things together, and through the support of Taylor Woodrow/Steiner Ranch and your HOA, our trail system has expanded and become far greater than before. Here is what we're focusing on, and where we can use your help:

- More trails: There are those who want more trails and this is a good thing. There is room and they can be built. Having said that, the way to accomplish more trails is to work with the trails committee and the HOA to get them built. Do NOT cut a rogue trail.
- Trespassing: related to rogue trails above. There are residents who routinely challenge hikers on a rogue trail which runs right across their property lines. This is a very bad situation and we are working to correct it with signage and blocking the trails. If you what looks like a blocked trail, do not unblock it.
- Group activities: Outside groups are not allowed. However,

residents are allowed to host small gatherings for hikes and biking. Residents must accompany their group at all times. The Steiner Ranch logo cannot be used on any poster or pages. Call the HOA first.

- Motorcycles: A motorcycle can do a lot of damage. We have recurring problems particularly near the Monterone apartments. This illegal activity can be stopped by getting the word out to the apartment managers and thereby the residents.
- Trail maps leaked: If trail maps were posted in all the bike shops in town, Steiner would be overrun by non-residents hiking and biking out here. So we rely on residents to police the outdoors shops, bike shops, and internet forums. When specific information (maps, videos) about your private Steiner trails is found, report it to the HOA.

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# Around Steiner

## Steiner Ranch History Corner

### The Chisholm Trail

Improbable as it may seem today, the Chisholm Trail, the old West's most famous cattle trail, once passed by and through Austin. In fact, it ran basically along portions of two of Austin's most-used byways: IH-35 and Lamar Blvd. Austin was on a cattle trail even before there was a Chisholm Trail. Texas cattle were already being driven north in search of better markets before the Civil war, in the 1850's. At that time the destinations were Missouri towns such as St. Louis, Sedalia and (later) Kansas City. Back then the route was called the Shawnee Trail.

Austin was on the main branch of the Shawnee Trail for reasons which are easy to understand. Drovers heading cattle north from South and South Central Texas would naturally want to keep the herds out of the Hill Country whenever possible, as the tree-covered hills, with their steep slopes and rocky draws, would make it much harder to control the herds. More importantly, it was necessary to keep to good grazing lands and to not stray too far from water. Water could be found along the prairie near the Balcones Escarpment – a line of hills, well furnished with springs and creeks, which bow out in to Central Texas. Also, it was convenient to go from town to town,

so that drovers could re-provision. Austin, as was true of the rest of the towns along the route, was glad of the cattlemen's business.

At Austin, there were two main fords which drovers used to cross the Colorado River: one at the mouth of Shoal Creek and one near Montopolis. The Shoal Creek ford (now under Lady Bird Lake) was said to be part of an ancient Indian trail which had been in use long before Europeans came to Central Texas. After making the crossing, the herds would trail up the valley of Shoal Creek (roughly the route of Lamar Blvd. today) to where it opened out onto a prairie at about where 38th St. is today. Then it would head up to Round Rock, Georgetown and points north.

The cattle were left to roam free and largely untended during the Civil War, when herds of Texas longhorn cattle flourished and expanded. At the end of the war, the price of cattle in Texas was low, due to a saturated cattle market and generally bad economic conditions in Texas. But much higher prices could be had at the railhead in Abilene, Kansas, to feed a growing demand for beef in the North. Entrepreneurial cattlemen, many of them ex-Confederate soldiers, were not slow to respond. Cattlemen are said to have

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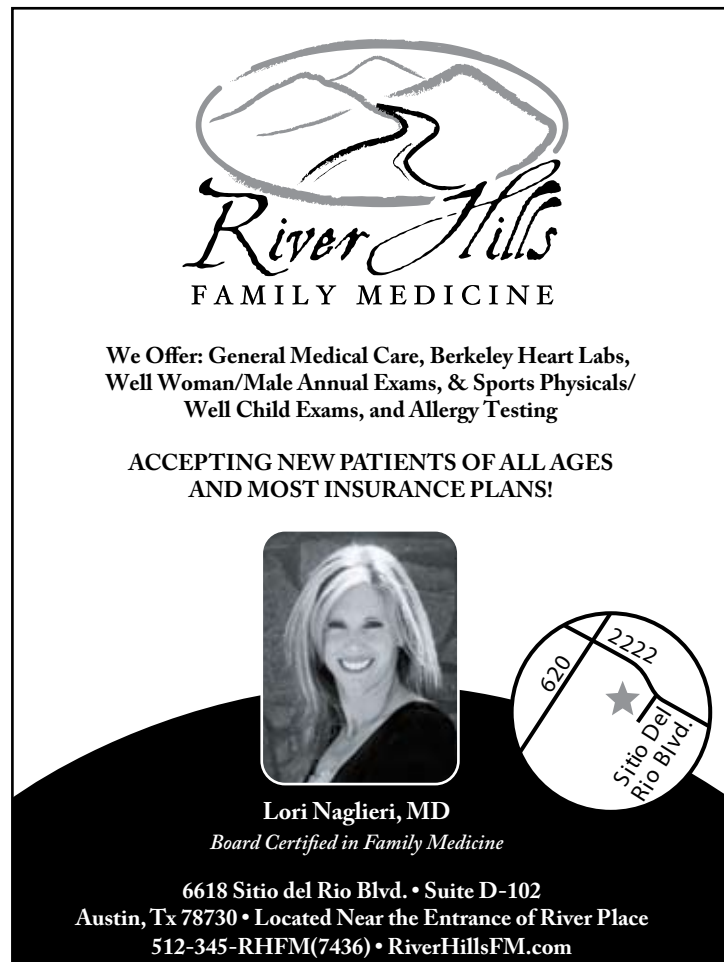
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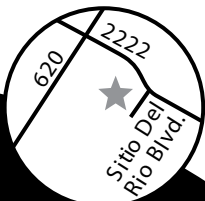
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**Steiner Ranch History Corner-**  
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bought cattle in Texas at \$12 per head and resold them in Kansas for \$30 per head – and sometimes more. While several Texas paths led to the Red River north, the biggest trail ran by Austin and was blazed by cattleman and Indian trader Jesse Chisholm shortly after the Civil War. Untold thousands, probably millions of cattle passed by Austin, grazing as they went at about 1 mile per hour, all the way to Kansas. That's something to recall when you're stuck in traffic on IH-35. Source: Austin Overview by Curran Douglass; Texas State Historical Association. For more information contact Rich Keith richkeithprimerica@austin.rr.com (512) 632-0162.

**SUBMITTED BY: RICH KEITH**

**Trails Update-** (Continued from Page 15)

- T-posts: these dangerous posts are scheduled to be removed; until then please be careful.
- Scouts: we are always looking for appropriate projects that Scouts can do. What is your idea?
- Encroachment: using the greenbelts or the trails for your own use (playscape, tree house, grass clippings, junk pile) is not allowed, nor is cutting trees in the greenbelt. Doing so will incur substantial fines and re-vegetation expenses.

Despite these challenges, we are fortunate to enjoy a great private trail system. It takes all of us to protect it, so do your part. Ask bikers and hikers if they live in Steiner Ranch. 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 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). 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. Thank you all for the great experience in leading the trails committee these last 6 years. See you on the trails!

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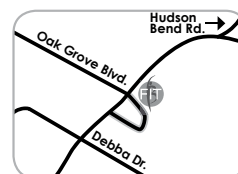
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Second row next to coach Notis is Reese Watson.

The team is from the Austin Tennis Academy.

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mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat	sun
					1	2
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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## Steiner Stars Summer 2011!

The Steiner Stars swim teams have been swimming strong! Practices for the Red and Blue team will continue in the evenings until July 7th and in the mornings until July 15th until they finish up their season at the UT Swim Center on July 17th.

So far both teams have been very successful in the pool! Check out the results page on the Stars website at [www.steinerstars.com](http://www.steinerstars.com).

The Shooting Stars are gearing up to get into the pool for their season on July 19th at the John Simpson pool in the mornings on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays until August 11th, when they finish off with an inter-squad meet to test their new swimming skills! This program is designed for swimmers ages 5 to 10 and focuses on the development of competitive swimming skills. Coaches focus on the development of proper technique in freestyle and backstroke moving to breaststroke and butterfly when individual swimmers are ready for that challenge level. At the end of the 4-week session, swimmers will be able to measure their improvement at an inter-squad swim meet. Registration for the Shooting Stars is closed.

If you'd like to know more about the Stars, visit the website: [www.steinerstars.org](http://www.steinerstars.org).

Thank you Steiner Ranch for your support and participation in Stars programs! GOOOOOOO Stars!



# Around Steiner

## SUMMER POOL HOURS



*Summer Pool hours have begun and extended hours are in effect!  
The following hours 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  
Until July 7th - 7:30am – 12:30pm and  
2:30pm – 6:30pm  
July 12th – 15th 7:30am – 12:30pm  
(See full scheduled on page 22)

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

Lifeline Aquatics Swim Lessons  
Beginning July 18th -  
Mon-Thur 8:30am – 10:15am

### 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

### JOHN SIMPSON

Closes Mondays at 2:00pm  
Tuesday – Sunday 7:00am – 10:00pm

The Following program will be using the  
John Simpson pool:  
Lifeline Aquatics Swim Lessons  
Through July 14th Mon-Thur 8:30am –  
10:15am

Shooting Stars Swim Program  
July 19 – August 11  
Tue – Wed  
7:30am – 12:30pm

## Water Aerobics

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  
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- \*enhances muscular flexibility
- \*increases range of motion
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## 2011 Stars Pool Usage - Community

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	8-May	9-May	10-May	11-May	12-May	13-May	14-May
AM							
PM		Bella Mar: 3:30-7:30 PM					
2	15-May	16-May	17-May	18-May	19-May	20-May	21-May
AM							
PM		Bella Mar: 3:30-7:30 PM					
3	22-May	23-May	24-May	25-May	26-May	27-May	28-May
AM							
PM		Bella Mar: 3:30-7:30 PM					
4	29-May	30-May	31-May	1-Jun	2-Jun	3-Jun	4-Jun
AM		MEMORIAL					Home Meet
PM		DAY	Bella Mar: 3:30-7:30 PM				Bella Mar
5	5-Jun	6-Jun	7-Jun	8-Jun	9-Jun	10-Jun	11-Jun
AM							Home Meet
PM		Bella Mar: 7:30am-12:30pm					Bella Mar
6	12-Jun	13-Jun	14-Jun	15-Jun	16-Jun	17-Jun	18-Jun
AM							
PM		Bella Mar: 7:30am-12:30pm					
7	19-Jun	20-Jun	21-Jun	22-Jun	23-Jun	24-Jun	25-Jun
AM							Home Meet
PM		Bella Mar: 7:30am-12:30pm					Bella Mar
8	26-Jun	27-Jun	28-Jun	29-Jun	30-Jun	1-Jul	2-Jul
AM							
PM		Bella Mar: 2:30-6:30pm					
9	3-Jul	4-Jul	5-Jul	6-Jul	7-Jul	8-Jul	9-Jul
AM		JULY					
PM		4th	Bella Mar: 7:30am-12:30pm				
10	10-Jul	11-Jul	12-Jul	13-Jul	14-Jul	15-Jul	16-Jul
AM		Party/BMCC					
PM		4-8 PM	Bella Mar: 7:30am-12:30pm				
11	17-Jul	18-Jul	19-Jul	20-Jul	21-Jul	22-Jul	23-Jul
AM							
PM			John Simpson: 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM				
12	24-Jul	25-Jul	26-Jul	27-Jul	28-Jul	29-Jul	30-Jul
AM							
PM			John Simpson: 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM				
13	31-Jul	1-Aug	2-Aug	3-Aug	4-Aug	5-Aug	6-Aug
AM							
PM			John Simpson: 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM				

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 practice  
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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For more information visit [www.redgiantsmasters.org](http://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](http://www.usms.org/reg) and join our team Red Giants Masters swimming. You can print your card immediately and take a copy to the HOA office.

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!

## Pool Procedures BATHROOM BREAK!

Every summer the Steiner Ranch Community Pools have to shut down on several occasions due to "accidents". These types of problems will cause a pool to shut down for many hours, sometimes all day, so the pool can be treated and given time for the water to "turn over".

Parents, please help keep the pools clean by taking your children on frequent bathroom breaks. The lifeguards will have the kids get out of the pool during Adult Swim to give kids this opportunity. Children who wear swim diapers should be checked often and if necessary, should be changed in the bathroom and not at poolside.

Please remember that children who are not already potty-trained are not allowed in the Bella Mar Lap Pool.



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# Around Steiner

## Steiner Ranch Fall Program For Adults & Children

Registration for the Fall 2011 Program season begins for  
Residents Only July 1st – July 14th  
Open Registration begins July 15th

The Steiner Ranch Fall Program for 2011 will begin in late August/early September. Most of the programs were offered last spring, but we also have a few new ones that have been added to the ever growing list of Programs. The Fall Program Guide and registration information can be downloaded from our website at [www.steinerranchhoa.org](http://www.steinerranchhoa.org). Classes being offered this Fall are:

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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## Swim Lessons Offered in Steiner Ranch

### BEGINNERS:

Instructors teach basic water safety fundamentals and stroke techniques to children ages 3 to 6. The emphasis of the class is to increase students' level of comfort while in and around the water to create a safe, fun experience for all. No previous swimming experience is required. Safety and fun go hand in hand with these new learners!

### INTERMEDIATE:

Instructors work with swimmers who have previous swimming experience to further develop, improve upon, and refine their strokes. Designed to allow students to become 100% comfortable and safe around the water!

### ADVANCED:

Instructors teach advanced stroke techniques, turns and starts, and lap swimming strategies, with a focus on preparing swimmers for swim team and other competitive aquatic events. Students will also learn to utilize aquatics equipment to improve their strokes on their own, and become better swimmers all around! Each session is 2 weeks (8 classes) long for a cost of \$75.00.

For information and registration go to [www.steinerranchhoa.org](http://www.steinerranchhoa.org) and click on the "Activities" link.

NOTE\*\* If you wish to hire someone to teach a private lesson (other than the vendor provided by the HOA), the instructor must provide the HOA with General Liability coverage prior to any lessons being conducted. Question? Call Sharon Adams at 266-7553.

## 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!*



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3 6:00pm – Chess Club (BMCC)	4 Kidventure Camp 9:00am 4th of July Parade (JS Park) Association Office Closed	5 Kidventure Camp Abrakadoodle Camp 6:30pm – Facility Committee Meeting (TSCC)	6 Kidventure Camp Abrakadoodle Camp	7 Kidventure Camp Abrakadoodle Camp Last day of Evening Swim Team Practice	8 Kidventure Camp Abrakadoodle Camp 7:00pm – Mineral Makeover Mingle (TSCC)	9
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Middle school group: July 12, 4:00pm – 6:00pm

High school group: July 13, 4:00pm – 6:00pm

#### SESSION 3 – REGISTRATION DEADLINE JULY 26

Middle school group: August 9, 5:00pm – 7:00pm

High school group: August 10, 5:00pm – 7:00pm

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or July 13th 6:00pm – 8:00pm

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#### REGISTRATION DEADLINE AUGUST 5

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

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## Workshop Series

Summer time is here, so we will only offer a few select workshops for Steiner Ranch residents this month. As always, 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](mailto:sharon@steinerranchhoa.org) or 512-266-7553. All Workshops are offered to Steiner Ranch Residents for Free!

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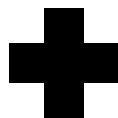
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## American Red Cross Babysitter Training Course

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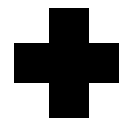
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## COMMUNITY GROUPS

### 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.

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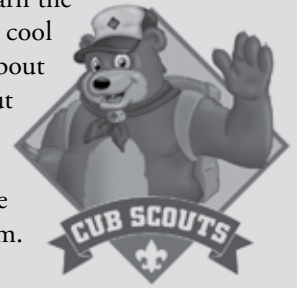
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*Grades 1st-5th*

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



#### Steiner TechNet Wants You!

*Submitted by David Dyke*

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

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

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

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### Steiner Ranch Community Groups & Organizations

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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.
2. The topography and green space of Steiner Ranch is conducive to major fires.
3. 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.



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# From the Association Office

## 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](http://www.steinerranchhoa.org) through the "Report a Problem" link. Please include a description of the violation and the address where the violation has occurred.

## KEEP STEINER RANCH BEAUTIFUL!

### *Things You Should Know*

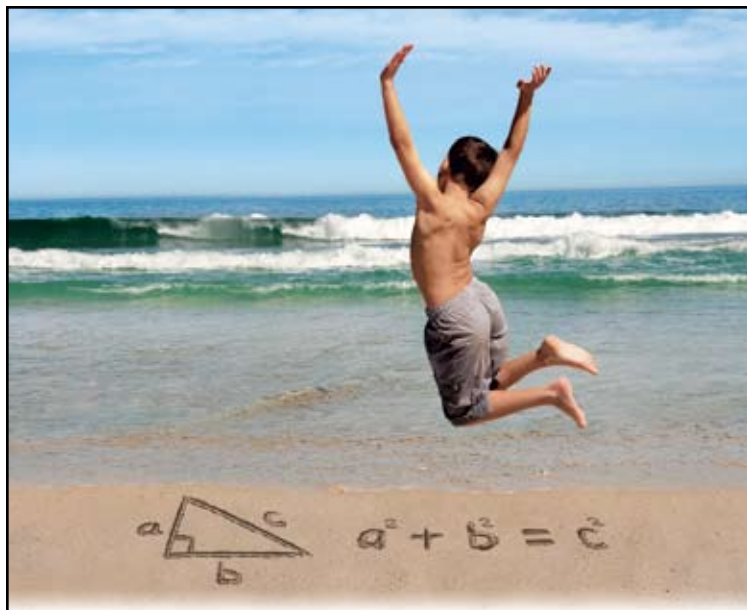
Thank you to all Steiner Ranch residents who have been careful to store your trash containers in enclosed spaces, maintain your yards, and park your vehicles in your garages and driveways at night! Your efforts are greatly appreciated by your neighbors, visitors, and the staff in the Community Associations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

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### 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](mailto:eliciarudberg@gmail.com) for more information or visit [www.BNIAustin.com](http://www.BNIAustin.com).

### FOUR POINTS BNI

Meetings are on Wednesday at lunch from 11:30am to 1:00pm at the River Place Country Club. Visitors are welcome! If you are interested please contact Amy Oehler at [amy.oehler@unitedlendingusa.com](mailto:amy.oehler@unitedlendingusa.com) or visit [www.BNIAustin.com](http://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](http://www.fourpointschamber.com) or call (512) 551-0390. Membership inquiries may also be sent directly to [membership@FourPointsChamber.com](mailto:membership@FourPointsChamber.com).

### A BUSINESS REFERRAL GROUP MADE FUN!

Networking Northwest Austin is expanding its member base of businesses in our area. NWNWA members build close business and personal relationships. We believe in business by referrals and having a limited member base (not duplicating professions), so you will not see your competitors here. We have a caring, positive, involved group of people who not only wish to build their business, but also want to build the strength of our networking group. NWNWA is updating its meeting times. Call Rich Keith, President, for information. [RKeith@primerica.com](mailto: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

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**Six Business Networking Groups**  
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## Four Points Chamber of Commerce

Four Points Chamber of Commerce hosts Erin Hickok representing Go Local Austin, a grassroots marketing company representing the value of local business to the community. Hickok will talk about the impact of the local brand on sales and business traffic including:

- carbon reduction value
- local community economic value
- building business loyalty

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!

- Thursday, July 21, 2011
- Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1p.m.
- At River Place Country Club, 4207 River Place Boulevard.

You can find all the details and register on the Four Points Chamber of Commerce Web site [www.fourpointschamber.com](http://www.fourpointschamber.com). While you are at 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. On Thursday, July 28th join us at Sobani located at 1700 North FM 620 Suite 110 in Lakeway, where we'll be celebrating our monthly Happy Hour.



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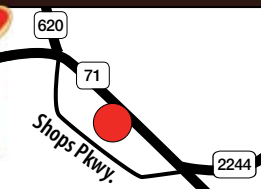
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### *Retirement Savings Tips for New Grads*

Your college days are history, and you just landed your first real job. Congratulations! Now, listen up. You have a golden opportunity to start your financial life on the right foot -- and it doesn't involve buying lottery tickets. The secret to becoming rich is really quite simple: Spend less than you earn, save the difference, and let the magic of compounding do the rest.

Albert Einstein called compound growth the eighth wonder of the world. To illustrate, imagine that you invest \$2,000 a year for 20 years and it earns an average of 8% per year. Over 20 years, you would have invested \$40,000, but due to the magic of compounding, your pot of money would actually be worth close to \$100,000. Just imagine how much more you could accumulate by investing a larger amount over a longer period of time.

Before you start wondering where you can find a savings account that pays 8% -- you can't. But you can invest your money in the stock market, which over the long term has returned an average of nearly 10% a year. With decades to go before you'll need the money for retirement, you can afford to ride the ups and downs of the stock market. And if the market falls, don't panic. It just means stocks are on sale and you can scoop up more shares at lower prices, which

will pay off big when the market rebounds and each of those shares is worth considerably more.

**Save at Work.** If you're lucky, you'll have the chance to save for your future through a payroll-deduction plan at work. All the tax-deferred retirement savings plans are essentially the same: You contribute money directly from your paycheck to an employer-provided retirement account and the money escapes state and federal taxes, meaning there's more money in your account to benefit from the magic of compounding. Say you're in the 25% tax bracket and you contribute \$1,000 to a retirement plan. Your balance grows by \$1,000, but your take-home paycheck is reduced by just \$750 because if you didn't contribute to the account, you would have paid \$250 in taxes on that \$1,000.

Increasingly, employers are automatically enrolling new employees in their retirement plans. You can opt out, but don't. With the money coming directly out of your paycheck, chances are you'll never miss it.

If you don't have access to a retirement savings plan at work, don't think you're off the hook. You can set up an IRA on your own or with the help of a financial professional. You can contribute up to

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\$5,000 to an IRA in 2011, and you can arrange for a direct transfer from your bank account to an IRA every time you get paid. At your young age, you may want to consider establishing a Roth IRA. Although there's no upfront tax break as there is with a traditional IRA, the money can be withdrawn tax-free in retirement and you can withdraw your contributions (but not earnings) tax-free and penalty-free at any time.

Help from the Boss. There's a good chance that if you have a 401(k) plan at work, your company will kick in some money to your account. Typically, employers will make matching contributions up to a certain percentage of your pay. For example, if you earn \$50,000 per year and your employer contributes 50 cents for every dollar you contribute up to 6% of pay, you would have to contribute \$3,000 to capture your employer's \$1,500 match. Fail to contribute at least \$3,000 -- that's only \$250 per month -- and you're walking away from free money. And once the year is over, your opportunity to capture that year's match is gone forever.

But don't stop there. Ultimately you should aim to save 15% of your gross income -- including any employer match -- to amass enough savings for a comfortable retirement decades from now. And by contributing 6% of pay and capturing your employer's 3% match in the above example, you're more than halfway there.

Roll It Over. While this may be your first real job, it almost certainly won't be your last. And as you hop around among different employers, make sure you don't let your hard-earned savings seep through the cracks. Because retirement savings are portable, you can take them with you when you leave a job, roll them over to an IRA or cash them out. (Or, if you have a balance of at least \$5,000, you can leave the money in your former employer's plan). Caution: Cashing out your 401(k) -- even for well-intentioned purposes, such as paying off a big credit card bill -- is both shortsighted and costly, due to taxes and IRS penalties.

The bottom line: The sooner you start saving, the more financially secure you will be. Years from now when you look back on your younger self, wouldn't you rather say: "I'm glad I saved" rather than "I wish I had"? Procrastination is very expensive. Source: Adapted from Kiplinger.com.

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### INGREDIENTS:

6 - 7 carrots, peeled and sliced on the diagonal  
1 T olive oil  
salt and pepper

### DIRECTIONS:

Peel and diagonally slice the carrots. Blanche in boiling salted water for 4 minutes and drain well. In a sauté pan over high heat, quickly cook the carrots and season with salt and pepper. Perfect side dish for many meals!

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# Lake Travis Community Library Now Offers Downloadable Audiobooks and eBooks



*Cheryl Poenisch uses the new OverDrive service to download a free eBook at Lake Travis Community Library. The library will hold an introductory session to the new service on Tuesday, July 19th at 7 p.m.*

Lake Travis Community Library has expanded its services with audiobooks, eBooks, music, and video, available to download from the library's website. Library card holders can check out and download digital

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"I've been looking forward to using OverDrive with my Nook and I have found it to be an extraordinarily easy system to use," said library patron Jane Yorke. "The selection is amazing."

Users may browse the library's website, check out with a valid library card, and download to PC, Mac, and many mobile devices. Users will need to install free software. For audiobooks, music and video, install OverDrive Media Console. To read eBooks, users will need Adobe Digital Editions. Titles can be enjoyed immediately or transferred to a variety of devices, including the iPod, Nook, Sony Reader, and many others. Some audio titles can also be burned to CD to listen to on-the-go. Titles will automatically expire at the end of the lending period. There are no late fees!

"We are very excited to offer OverDrive and, so far, library patrons have been very enthusiastic about this service," said Lake Travis Community Library Director Morgan McMillian. "The interface is user friendly and intuitive. All you need is your library card number, password (which is your phone number), and an internet connection."

The library will present an introductory session to OverDrive on Tuesday, July 19th at 7 p.m. The public is also welcome to schedule an appointment for free computer help on Thursday mornings. Library staff and volunteers can help you apply for a job, open an email account, search the Internet, or download eBooks and audiobooks with OverDrive.


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**Even** numbered addresses will water **Thursdays and Sundays.**

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**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.

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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 tree-to-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 February 1 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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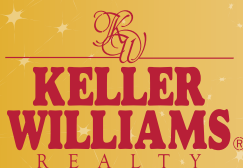


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