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Requirements for submission:

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

We'd love to have something that pertains to this time of the year in some way, such as a back-to-school photo, soccer photos, or a fun Labor Day outing. Our September, 2011 issue submittal deadline is August 8th and photos should be submitted electronically by the deadline date to Sharon Adams at sharon@steinerranchhoa.org.

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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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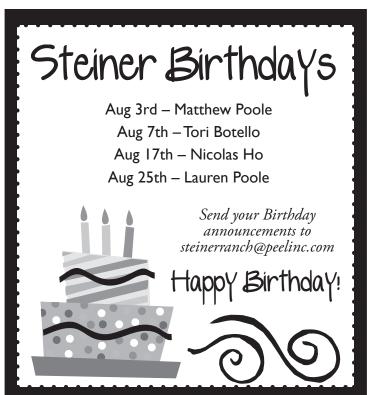
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October 16 – Pumpkin Patch – Benefiting Dell Children's Hospital

Oct 29 - Haunted Trail

Oct 31 – Halloween Event

Nov 5 – Camping on the Ranch

Nov 12 - Holiday Sales Event and Santa Pictures

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INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE CELEBRATION

With the ban on firework shows this year, the Annual 4th of July Parade had a record number of attendees, with kids riding their decorated bikes, trikes and wagons. 26-Music provided Michael Holderer, Director of Vocal Studies to start off the parade with the National Anthem which was amazing and enjoyed by all. The Lake Travis Fire & Rescue came with their fire engine and let the kids get a chance to see a ladder truck up close. The Social Committee provided flags, the wet slide and bouncy house and the DJ, which helped keep everyone in the patriotic spirit.

Cups & Cones provided popsicles and ice cream for all to help keep cool. Thanks to Jennifer Mitchell for once again leading the Parade and continuing to chair this community event year after year. Great job Jennifer! But next year, she'll be ready to pass on the reins to someone new. If you are interested in leading the parade next year, contact Sharon Adams, Community Coordinator at sharon@steinerranchhoa.org or 512-266-7553.

The Social Committee welcomes new members and ideas and will be planning the 2011 Calendar at the September 13th Social Committee meeting. Anyone interested in giving back to the Community through volunteering is welcome to attend. Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 9:30am.

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E-mail your pictures to steinerranch@peelinc.com by the 8th of the month.



Young at Heart EVENTS

Join other Steiner Ranch residents who are in the 50+ age group at various activities that provide opportunities to meet others with common interests. We have parties, informal wine socials, and impromptu get-togethers. From these social occasions, friendships have developed and other groups have formed.

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.

MARKYOUR CALENDARS

Meet the Author

Steve Gerber, Steiner Ranch Resident Tuesday, August 9th 7:00 PM

Location to be announced

The Book Club will be discussing Steve Gerber's recently-published book, Violated. There will be a discussion of the book as well as a conversation with the author. A limited number of books are available for purchase (\$5.00 each). Non-members are welcome. Please contact Maureen Michel (mmichel17@ att.net) or Bev France (bevfrance@aol.com) for more information, location and to purchase a book.

Wine Social

Friday, August 19th 7:00 to 10:00 PM Location to be announced

Bring a bottle of wine or your beverage of choice and an appetizer to share.

A casual social evening to visit with old friends and meet new ones in the home of one of our members. For information and location, please contact Dottie Thoms (dottie.thoms@gmail.com or 531-9360).

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Around Steiner



STEINER RANCH 4TH ANNUAL Concert in the Park

Saturday, August 20th at the Towne Square Community Park 6pm – 10pm

- Live Music from the popular 80's cover band Red Alert!
- Vandegrift High School Band
- Legacies Dance Team
- Vandegrift High School Cheerleaders

The merchants, organizations and business owners of Steiner Ranch are pleased to announce the fourth annual Steiner Ranch Concert in the Park Summer 2011 event in celebration of the families and community friends which make Steiner Ranch an excellent neighborhood to live and work.

Residents are invited to spend an afternoon with the entire family and enjoy fun and games, concessions, local business exhibits, and get their groove on with the sounds of live local music we've come to expect from living in Austin, the Live Music Capital of the World!

Vendors will be on hand giving away items, selling food and showing their appreciation to the Steiner Ranch residents for their continued support. Be prepared to cool off from the heat with the Gene Arant Reality team's giant hillside water slide.

Let's make this "Back to School Event" the best one yet!

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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Ladies Lunching Out

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Location to be announced

Just for the ladies! We'll enjoy getting to know each other better while dining at a very nice local restaurant. For details and to RSVP, please contact Dottie Thoms (dottie.thoms@gmail.com or 531-9360).

The Ladies Daytime Party Bridge Group is welcoming new members; anyone who is interested in joining should contact Nancy Harger (n_harger@yahoo.com) or Ellen Kendrick (ellenken@sbcglobal.net) for details.

The **Book Club** meets on the third Monday of every month at 1:30 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 Maureen Michel (mmichel17@att.net) or Beverly France (bevfrance@aol.com) to find out which book we'll be discussing and to confirm the location. Our discussions are quite spirited and most interesting!

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. Everyone on the email list will be sent information about upcoming events, locations, etc.



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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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So come to Ladies Night for a fun evening, where you can find solutions to your babysitting needs or maybe your cosmetic needs or whatever is on your mind. I bet you will find someone who can help solve your troubles or at least lead you in the right path and have fun at the same time.

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TIGHTLY STRUNG

Pictures in back row: Ilse Connell, Tiffany Esquivel, Jeanine Bischoping, Julie Leavell, Jessica Buchanan, Amy Reyes, Julie Stephens,



Kickin' Aces

Scarlet Hebert, Susan Pyle (Captain), and Amy McHugh. Front row: Penni Hafer, Danna Fletcher and Muriel Tin Not pictured: Dana Williams and Christy Cramer

KICKIN' ACES

Pictured in the back row: Pam Perez, Naomi Harmon, Donna Torgerson, Colleen Schoonmaker, Mary Dobblelaere, Gaynell Meyerholtz, Melanie Ludick (Captain), Peg Nocera, Jen Martin (Co-Captain)

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Steiner Stars Swim Team Update

The Stars swim teams are wrapping up very successful seasons. The Stars Blue team won their Division against the Cedar Park Typhoons, Block House Creek Tidal Waves and the Hurricanes! Congratulations Blue Team! The Stars Red team, currently celebrating its tenth anniversary, just missed winning their Division by a heartbreaking 18 points against Anderson Mill and Round Rock.

The 2nd Annual Red vs. Blue swim meet was held on June 30th, pitting the two sister teams against each other at Bella Mar swim complex. More than 450 Steiner resident swimmers ages 5 to 17 swam in this friendly, yet competitive event. A "Stars Wars" theme has been adopted for this matchup, and a costume contest was held for all the participants. The winners were: Caroline Melby, Madeline McCall and Collin Kennedy.

Wrapping up the season was the Invitational meet for swimmers who have met time thresholds set by the Northwest Swim Circuit. Some of the area's fastest swimmers competed at the UT Swim Complex on Sunday, July 17th. Red and Blue teams took over 100 swimmers between the two teams to compete at this event.

For those interested in one of the Stars competitive swim teams, please check our website (www.steinerstars.org) in the February 2012 timeframe for more information.

Shooting Stars, the developmental swim program in the Stars stable, began July 19th and runs through mid-August at John Simpson pool. This program is currently full, but look for enrollment again next Spring on our website: www.steinerstars.org.











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SUMMER POOL HOURS

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.

Lifeline Aquatics Swim Lessons 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 Beginning August 16th - 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 offered @ Towne Square Pool. Classes will begin in May. The schedule will be as follows:

Mon/Wed @ 6:45 pm Tues/Thurs @ 9:00 am 8 classes/month @ \$45 4 classes/month @ \$25

Classes are 50 minutes long & will incorporate a full body workout in the water. Classes are lead by a certified water aerobics instructor.

Some of the benefits of water aerobics fitness program are:

*strengthen & improve muscle tone

*enhances muscular flexibility

*increases range of motion

*improves posture & physical appearance

*relieves tension & stress

*increases energy levels & stamina

*burns up calories

*strengthens the cardio-respiratory system (heart, muscles, & brain)

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

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





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Year Round Swimming Program For Adults

Come join the Masters Swim Program! The workouts are adjusted for everyone from beginners all the way to advanced -- no swim experience needed!! No intimidation allowed!! If you can swim one length of the pool, then you are ready to join in on the fun. Currently, we have "newbies" who haven't ever participated in organized adult swim classes, new and experienced triathletes who want to improve the swim part of their triathlons, and experienced master's swimmers looking to enjoy an organized swim workout. Regardless of your skill level, you will find a lane with swimmers who match your ability and enthusiasm.

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!

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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Steiner Ranch Fall Program For Adults & Children

Registration for the Fall 2011 Program season began July 1st and will continue until classes are full.

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 growning list of Programs. The Fall Program Guide and registration information can be downloaded from our website at www.steinerranchhoa.org. Classes being offered this Fall are:

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Sportball

Tap/Ballet/Hip Hop

Gymnastics

Karate

Tennis

Art

Soccer

Flag Football

Abacus Brain Study

Music

Soccer/Flag Football Culinary Cooking Classes

TEEN/ADULT PROGRAMS

Yoga for Seniors

Karate

Tennis

Master's Swimming

Zumba

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Culinary Cooking Classes

For questions or to obtain more information, please contact Sharon Adams at 512-266-7553 or sharon@steinerranchhoa.org.



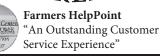
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Swim Lessons Offered in Steiner Ranch

BEGINNERS:

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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 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!

Steiner Scrapers Scrap-A-Thon

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

WHEN: Friday, September 30th at 6:30pm to Sunday, October 2nd at 4:30pm

COST: \$75 for the entire weekend! **WHERE:** Towne Square Community Center

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?:

- No distraction from kids, spouse, or home
- One six foot long table of your very own for scrappin' (leave it set up the entire weekend)
- Meals & snacks
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First Come, First Served! Registration is available on-line at www.steinerranchhoa.org







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SUMMER WRITING WORKSHOPS

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP - \$75

Session 3 – Registration deadline July 26 Middle school group: August 9, 5:00pm – 7:00pm High school group: August 10; 5:00pm – 7:00pm

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.

WRITING FOR THE SATS - \$75

Registration deadline August 5

High School Age: August 11, 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.

More information and registration can be found at www. steinerranchhoa.org

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Workshop Series

Summer is almost over, so now is a good time to attend a few workshops before the "Back to School" hustle begins. As always, we are 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!

AUGUST 5TH - BACK TO SCHOOL MOM AND DAUGHTER MAKEOVERS - There's nothing quite like the connection between a mother and daughter. You laugh together, grow together, lean on each other and hold a special place in each other's hearts. Wouldn't it be fun to get pampered together? Get ready for school with an affordable style! This no-hassle, feel-good party will definitely be a time to remember. So let's make some memories today!

7:00pm TSCC • RSVP to your Steiner beauty experts, Catherine Slezak 512-553-6212 or Patty Rovano 512-914-7711

AUGUST 16TH -BIO-IDENTICAL HORMONE REPLACEMENT SEMINAR - "The Myths, Risks, and the Truth" - Come for a free seminar by Steiner Ranch resident, Screven Edgerton MD of Premier Health and Wellness to hear about a safe and natural form of Hormone Replacement. Find out how to improve your health as your body ages.

7:00pm TSCC • RSVP to info@premierhw.com

AUGUST 24TH – 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 and get tips from beauty experts and hair professionals. Get a lifted and more firmer look! Come find out how you can look 10 years younger! 7:00pm TSCC • RSVP to your Steiner beauty experts, Catherine Slezak 512-553-6212 or Patty Rovano 512-914-7711

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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.

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 and Pack 205

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

Do you know what Cub Scouts and Scouting is all about? Pack 203 at LWBE and Pack 205 at RRE do 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 Kay Kirby at ktkirby@ austin.rr.com (Pack 203) or Tina Millard at csm388@yahoo.com (Pack 205) for more information."

Toastmasters International -

Ready to take your public speaking and leadership skills to the next level in a fun and friendly environment? Get up 'n Go Toastmasters can help you achieve your goals! We meet Monday's from 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM at the Waterloo Ice House located at the corner of 2222 and 360. Guests are always welcome. For more information, visit www.atxtoastmasters.org or contact Rob Carruthers at 512-422-1688.

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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	7	Kidventure Camp Academic Explorers Hip Hop Camp 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	Kidventure Camp Academic Explorers Hip Hop Camp Creative Writing 9:30 am – Social Committee Meeting (Cups & Cones)	Kidventure Camp Academic Explorers Hip Hop Camp Creative Writing	Kidventure Camp Academic Explorers Hip Hop Camp Writing for the SATs	I 2 Kidventure Camp Academic Explorers Hip Hop Camp	13
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SEPTEMBER 2011

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						Needs (BMCC)
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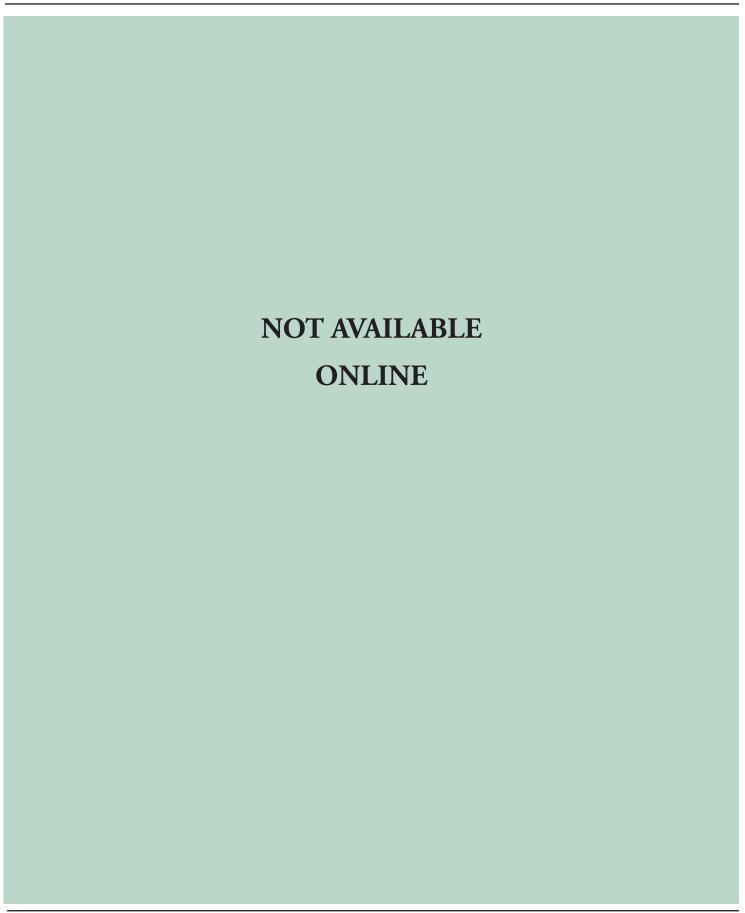
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From the Association Office

BOATS AND WATERCRAFT PARKING

Where can I park them?

As summer winds down, 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.



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 guests. 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.

Notice of Pruning:

The landscape maintenance company, Landscape Resources, as part of their normal landscape maintenance will be pruning and/ or removing any vegetation which is obstructing the view of street marker signs, traffic control signs or impeding areas of pedestrian travel.



YOUTH SOCCER & BASEBALL

Sportball will hold their 7th annual Fall Soccer and Baseball lessons in Steiner Ranch. Enroll online at Sportball.us or call 608-2634 for more information.

These sports classes will give kids a chance to learn valuable sports skills without the pressure of little league. At soccer, kids will receive a jersey and practice with their team each Saturday, but will not have an official game schedule. Classes focus on skills, drills, and scrimmages. All classes are taught by certified coaches.

Soccer	Baseball	8-Sport Class		
Saturdays	Mondays	Mon/Thurs		
Age 2-3	4PM, Age 5-6	Age 16mo-2's		
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DO YOU NEED A FIELD FOR PRACTICE?

Are you planning on coaching a team in the Fall?

NEED A PLACE TO PRACTICE?

Then mark your calendar for the 2011 Fall Field Lottery to be held on Tuesday, August 16th.

Register your team*** by sending an email to sharon@ steinerranchhoa.org. Registration must be in by 5:00pm on Monday, August 15th with the following information:

- a. Name
- b. Coach name (if different)
- c. Address
- d. Phone number
- e. Organization (CC United, Town & Country, etc.)
- f. Sport (soccer, baseball, etc.)
- g. Age group
- h. 1st, 2nd & 3rd choice of field, day & time. (See below)
- 2. If you are coaching more than one team, please list each team separately.
- 3. On Tuesday, August 16th, I will contact you by email with assigned field.

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

FIELDS:

Towne Square
Bella Mar Baseball Side
Bella Mar Tennis Court Side
Westridge Fields (off of Flat Top Ranch Road)
Steiner Ranch Elementary
River Ridge Elementary

TIMES:

Hourly beginning at 4:00pm until Sunset

DAYS:

Monday – Friday only

Saturday - Game Days

No field assignments on Sunday to leave open for Resident recreational use.

For more information, please contact Sharon Adams at 512-266-7553 or sharon@steinerranchhoa.org.



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From the Association Office

SPEEDING

Please Slow Down!

Speeding has become a MAJOR problem in our community. Whether on the public roads or behind the gates in the private neighborhoods, speeding violations are on the increase. Also on the increase is the number of accidents on the roads.

Speeding can result in accidents, injuries and far worse. The Association receives many complaints on a regular basis. The solution is simple – PLEASE SLOW DOWN. Everyone at one time or another is guilty but the solution is simple. Think about your neighbors, think about the kids and think about safety and PLEASE SLOW DOWN.

Please help us keep Steiner Ranch beautiful and SAFE by not speeding!

Tenant/Occupant Registration Requirement

Do you lease your home?

There are over 3,400 occupied homes in Steiner Ranch, but not all are occupied by the actual homeowners. Some homeowners, for various reasons, rent or lease their home to tenants/ occupants, and that is when challenges arise for the Community Associations Office staff. There are certain notification requirements placed upon the Association by the governing documents of Steiner Ranch. These notifications include but are not limited to:

- Semi-annual assessment statements
- Annual meeting notifications
- Deed restriction violation notices
- General correspondence

Not having a homeowner's absentee or offsite address for the notifications mentioned above can, unfortunately, cause fines or other fees to be charged to a homeowner's account for failure to pay assessments on time or for failure to correct violations on the property within a specified timeframe. When tenants/occupants are registered at the Community Associations Office, the Association has the homeowner's absentee address on file and is able to send all the required notifications directly to the homeowner.

Having tenants/occupants registered also helps to protect the homeowner and his/her Steiner Ranch property. If the Association discovers that a tenant/occupant is not properly maintaining the landscaping or has caused some other violation on the property, a notice is sent to the homeowner informing them of the violation and a copy of the notice is sent to the tenant/occupant. Quickly correcting violations helps to ensure individual property values are maintained at their highest level,

as well as the entire community.

Due to the challenges that arise as a result of rented and leased homes, the Association REQUIRES registration of all tenants/occupants in Steiner Ranch. In order for a tenant/occupant to receive access to the Steiner Ranch facilities, the homeowners must register the tenants/occupants via the Tenant/Occupant Registration Form and complete the Facilities Use Agreement. Once these forms are on file in the Community Associations Office, the Association will issue a "Facility Tag" to the tenants/occupants so they may enjoy all the facilities Steiner Ranch has to offer. Without the Facility Tag, tenants/occupants will not be able to enter any of the locked facilities, which includes the pools, tennis courts and the Lake Club.

Please be aware that Tenant/Occupant Registration forms must be completed by the homeowner and the responsible tenant/occupant. Forms signed by a property manager or other non-homeowner will not be accepted unless a power of attorney form is also submitted naming the managing agent or other non-homeowner as authorized to sign legal documents on behalf of the homeowner.

The Tenant/Occupant Registration form is available at the Community Associations Office and online at www.steinerranchhoa.org. There is a \$50.00 tenant/occupant registration fee that must be submitted with the completed Tenant/Occupant Registration form in order for the Association staff to process the registration.

If you have any questions regarding the requirement to register tenants/occupants, please contact the Community Associations Office at 512-266-7553.





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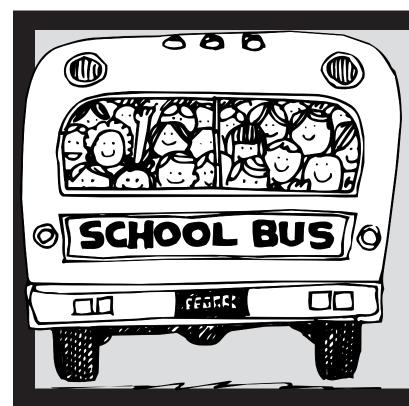
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Back To School

School starts August 22nd, so now is the time for drivers to pay closer attention to the school zones in Steiner Ranch. We want to remind you that the speed limit in a school zone is 20mph and traffic fines double!

Other changes to be aware of include;

- Children behaving unpredictably
- School Bus Stops
- Crossing Guards please obey the guards! Remember, they are there for the safety of you and your children
- New areas of traffic congestion
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Hill Country Education Foundation

The Hill Country Education Foundation raised over \$32,000 at its' inaugural fundraising event, the Giddy Up Gala. These funds will go towards funding teacher grants and programs to enhance the education of students in the Four Points communities. The event was held at the UT Golf Club and had 260 guests attend the dinner, silent/ live auction and engaging demonstrations by Vandegrift's robotics club and River Place Elementary's outdoor learning environment, the Titan Garden. The evening also included memorable presentations by Dr. Bret Champion, LISD superintendent, Drew Sanders, athletic director at Vandegrift High School, Jan Masterson, science chair at Four Points Middle School and Kai Lamb, president of the foundation.



Board members of the Hill Country Education Foundation with their "Tree of Knowledge" which allowed supporters to purchase items requested from area schools. (left to right, Kai Lamb, Michelle Lamb, Christine Bailie, Michelle Beck and Brian Pitman, not pictured Pete Dwyer)



VHS robotics club interactive demonstration

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Vandegrift High School Viper Canyon Ridge Middle School **Marching Band**

March-a-thon Returns Sat., August 6th



The VHS Marching Band will once again march 5 miles through the streets of Steiner Ranch on Saturday Aug. 6th, beginning at 8:30 AM. The route will start at John Simpson Park and continue through the community. For a \$100 donation, the band will play a personal concert for you. In addition, you or your children can guest conduct the band alongside drum majors Kristen Abbarno, Caitlin Hall, Emily Schmitt, and Kelly Schriner.

Concert reservations and contributions to the March-a-thon can be made at www.vhsband.com.

Come on out during the March-A-Thon and help support the VHS Marching Band!



August Happenings

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

Monday, August 8, From 9-11 am and 1-4 pm and from 5-7 pm

EAGLE CAMP

Wednesday, August 10: Registration begins at 8:30 am, followed by camp from 9 – 12:00 pm

Fun Orientation Camp for in-coming sixth grade students and students who are new to CRMS. Information Session for PARENTS begins at 9 am. Come buy your Spirit Wear and join the PTA,

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Wednesday, August 17th

6th Grade Open House – 6:30-8:00 p Incoming 6th graders and their parents may meet their teachers and tour the school.

Ice Cream Social sponsored by Bartlett Real Estate Group begins at 8:00pm. All 6th, 7th and 8th grade students and their families are welcome to enjoy ice cream with all the trimmings

Get Your Spirit Wear, Join the PTA, and Visit the SuperEagle Raffle Table for a chance to win many great prizes including a flat screen TV.

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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Monday, August 22

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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 Kelly Troy at kelly@troyinsgroup.com or visit www.BNIAustin.com.

FOUR POINTS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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

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YOUR LOCAL CITY

Steiner Ranch has a new business networking group. Your Local City is a positive, membership based, business networking organization with 17 groups meeting all over the Austin area. The Steiner Ranch group meets every Friday at 8:00 am at Lakeside Pizza

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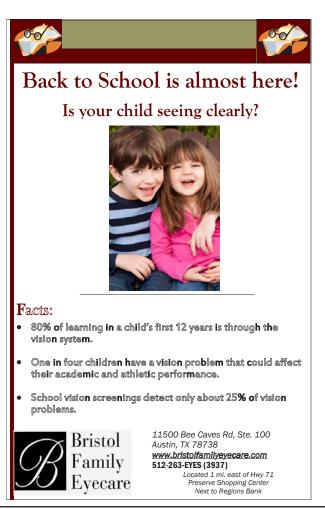
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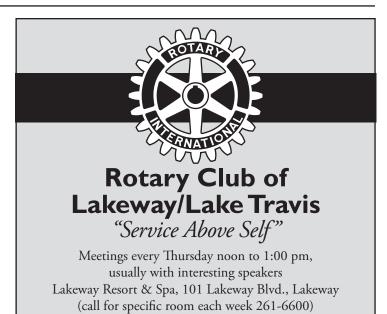
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News You Can Use

Notes from WCID 17

Thank you to all Steiner Ranch residents for your conscientious efforts to conserve water!! Your conservation measures DO make a difference, and you are doing your part to ensure that everyone will have enough of this precious resource for years to come.

District 17 staff is continuing to systematically check all wastewater fittings and manholes to ensure every possible source of odor is addressed. The compost facility has been completely shut down. All existing equipment is being rechecked and adjusted if necessary. New odor control chemicals are being added to the system on Quinlan Park Road, and tank covers are being designed for all open basins at the treatment plant.

Classified Ads

Personal classifieds (one time sell items, such as a used bike...) run at no charge to Steiner Ranch residents, limit 30 words, please e-mail steinerranch@peelinc.com.

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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.

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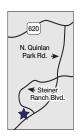
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The Congress Avenue Bridge in downtown Austin is the spring and summer home to some 750,000 bats with up to 1.5 million bats at the peak of the bat-watching season. It's the largest urban bat colony in North America.

Each evening around sunset the Congress Avenue bats emerge like a black cloud from the crevices of the bridge. They even show up on weather radars. Covering the countryside in search of food, it is estimated that the bats consume up to 30,000 pounds of insects.

Giving birth in June or July, the bats and pups hang around until October when they head back south.

Although the Congress Avenue bats are in residence as early as March, the best bat views are in August and early September when the young pups join their mothers in the nightly flights. It can take as long as 45 minutes for all the bats to exit the bridge. Flights normally occur around 8 to 8:30 pm but could be earlier or later. Best bet, call the Bat Hotline at 416-5700 ext. 3636 to get updates on the bats and approximate times when they are expected to emerge.





Join Austin's Good Cookies on Saturday, September 10 at The Hill Country Galleria for a family-friendly event to raise funds and awareness for Cookies for Kids' Cancer, a nonprofit dedicated to funding pediatric cancer research. We'll have lots of activities, music acts and of course, plenty of cookies! September is Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month: Come on out, have some fun, and show your support!

More Information at www.austinsgoodcookies.com

Time: 10am-3pm

Location: Hill Country Galleria Amphitheatre

Lineup:

10:45am—Music by Joe McDermott

11:45am—Synergy Dance Studio Performance 12:30pm—Music by Staci Gray

1:15pm—Dance Studio Performance

Activities:

Bounce houses Gymboree on the Go Cookie Decorating Face Painting by Kiwi the Clown Beary Stuffables (35% of proceeds goes to Cookies

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Homemade Basil Pesto

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To heat pine food sides seaso

We have lots of basil and after picking a full bag, I knew today was going to be homemade Basil Pesto day!

It is simple and so good! If you don't have enough basil for 2 cups, add some spinach and continue the recipe.

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 C fresh basil leaves, packed
- 1/2 C Parmesan
- 1/3 C Pine Nuts, toasted
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- salt and pepper
- 1 quick squeeze of fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 C olive oil

DIRECTIONS:

Toast your pine nuts in a small pan over medium heat. Using a food processor, combine basil, Parmesan, pine nuts and garlic. Slowly add the olive oil while the food processor is running. You may have to scrape the sides a bit. Add the quick squeeze of lemon juice, and season with salt and pepper. Pulse a few more times in the food processor and serve or store in a glass jar in the refrigerator.

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Lake Travis Community Library Launches Commemorative Brick Drive



The Lake Travis Community Library has announced a new fundraising effort in which commemorative bricks can be purchased by residents and businesses to honor whoever they like to help fund a new library building.

"The new facility will have two pathways in which bricks purchased by donors will be placed," said Ginger Gober, fundraising co-chair. "The Library Pathway will consist of bricks honoring individuals, organizations or businesses, while the Veterans Pathway will honor those who served in the military. Five percent of the Veterans brick donations will also be donated to the nonprofit organization Luke's Wings."

The Pathway of Friends engraved bricks come in three sizes and each brick will be engraved with two to four lines commemorating whatever the donor chooses. Donations will be based on the size of the brick and are priced at \$125, \$250 and \$500 each. (Continued on Page 49)



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"This is a unique opportunity for anyone and everyone to have their name, or that of someone they know and love, forever immortalized in the Lake Travis Community Library," said Library Director Morgan McMillian. "The Pathway of Friends is a fundraising initiative to sell specially engraved paving bricks which will adorn the walkways of the new library."

Whether you choose to honor the person who first introduced you to the joys of reading, promote your business, or show your patriotism, a brick donation will impact the Invest in Lifelong Learning Capital Campaign and become a permanent part of the Lake Travis Community Library.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to permanently recognize someone important to you and help contribute to our new library building," said Gober.

For more information on the brick program, please contact the library or Ginger Gober at (512) 266-9567 and ginger@alangober. com.

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THREE STEPS FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG KIDS Keep germs out of the pool:

- Take your kids on bathroom breaks or check diapers often. Waiting to hear "I have to go" may mean that it's too late.
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Pruning Guidelines for Prevention of Oak Wilt in Texas

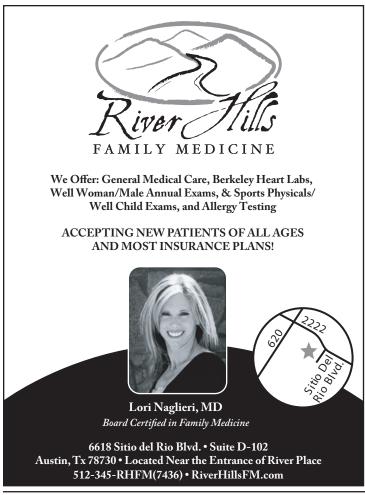
Oak wilt, caused by the fungus Ceratocystis fagacearum, is the most destructive disease affecting live oaks and red oaks in Central Texas. Most of the tree mortality results from treeto-tree spread of the pathogen through interconnected or grafted root systems, once an oak wilt center becomes established. 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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- 17. United States
- 18 Bottle n ed
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- 2. Cow's chow
- 23 Year (a br.)
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- 34 Decorative needle case

DOWN

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- 1. Incline
- 2. Change
- 3. Small particle
- 4. Compass point
- 5. Night bird
- 6. Body snatcher
- 7. Cultivate
- 8. Volcano
- 10. Change into bone
- 16. Musical productions
- 18. Canadian prov.
- 19. Palladium (abbr.)
- 20. Many
- 21. Perfect
- 22. Captain (abbr.)
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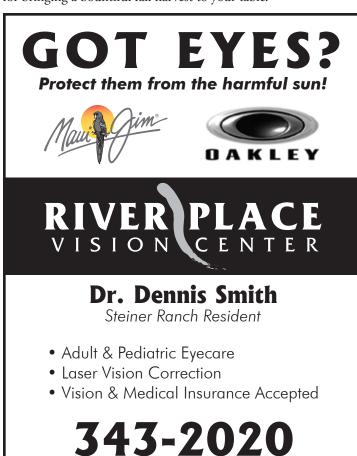
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Every creature needs to rest. Giraffes, little babies, elephants, dogs, cats, kids, koala bears, grandparents, moms, dads, and hippos in the jungle — they all sleep! Just like eating, sleep is necessary for survival.

Sleep gives your body a rest and allows it to prepare for the next day. It's like giving your body a mini-vacation. Sleep also gives your brain a chance to sort things out. Scientists aren't exactly sure what kinds of organizing your brain does while you sleep, but they think that sleep might be the time when the brain sorts and stores information, replaces chemicals, and solves problems.

The amount of sleep a person needs depends a lot on his or her age. Babies sleep a lot — about 14 to 15 hours a day! But many older people only need about 7 or 8 hours of sleep each night. Most kids between the ages of 5 and 12 years old are somewhere in between, needing 10 to 11 hours of sleep. Some kids might need more and some need less. It depends on the kid.

Skipping 1 night's sleep makes a person cranky and clumsy. After missing 2 nights of sleep, a person will have problems thinking and doing things; his or her brain and body can't do their normal tasks nearly as well. After 5 nights without sleep, a person will hallucinate (this means seeing things that aren't actually there). Eventually, it becomes impossible for the brain to give its directions to the rest of the body without sleep — the brain needs to spend time in bed and catch its ZZZs!

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