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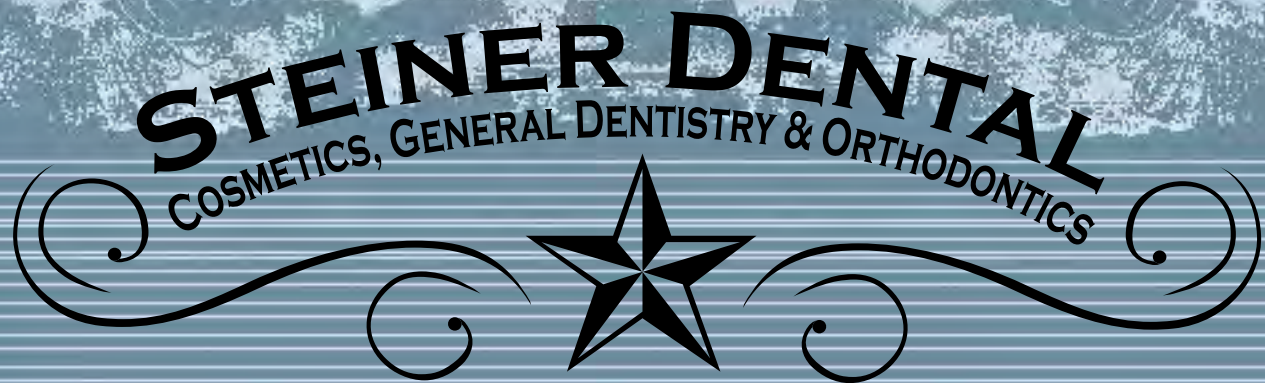
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The Association Office is no longer open on Saturdays. Please make a note of the "Regular" office hours that are now in effect.

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COVER PHOTO

Do you take great photos?

This month's cover photo was taken by Matt McIntyre of his daughter Audrey at the park having some fun on the swing. It reminds me of the lazy days of Summer! Many of Matt's photos have been published, both on the cover and inside the Ranch Record. Thanks Matt for sharing your talents.

Do you take great photos? Would you like to see your photo published? We are looking for great cover photos for upcoming issues of the Ranch Record.

Requirements for submission:

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

We'd love to have something that pertains to this time of the year in some way, such as a great Halloween photo, or Fall Festival photo. Our October, 2011 issue submittal deadline is September 8th and photos should be submitted electronically by the deadline date to Sharon Adams at sharon@steinerranchhoa.org.

By submitting your photo you agree to allow your photo to be published in future issues of the Ranch Record or other Steiner Ranch publications.

ADVERTISING INFO

Please support the advertisers that make The Ranch Record possible. If you are interested in advertising, please contact our sales office at 512-263-9181 or advertising@peelinc.com. The advertising deadline is the 8th of the month prior to the issue.

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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Saturday, September 24th from 8:00am – 12:00pm

Place the items you wish to sale in your driveway or garage before 8:00am. It's that easy! We will do the advertising for you!

This is a well attended event and the best time of the year to clear out your home of unwanted items.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! 2011 Steiner Ranch Social Events

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 and Facebook (Steiner Ranch Social Committee) for updates.



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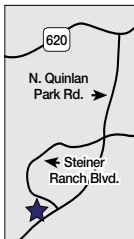
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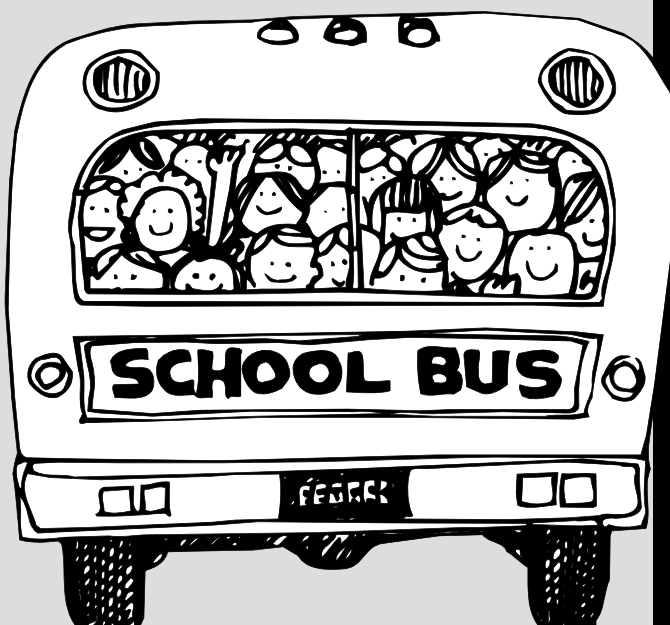
Back To School

School started 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
- Be prepared for delays
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Please give yourself extra time in the mornings and mid-afternoons and remember if you are traveling in a school zone to slow down.



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Husbands, boyfriends and children encourage the special Ladies in your lives and their friends to indulge in an evening of fun relaxation networking with women owned Steiner Ranch Business owners and you get an evening to yourself to bond with your kids, play video games, watch some football or whatever you want, plus we're working on a Guys Night as well coming soon.

Come to Ladies Night for a fun evening and 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 on the right path and have fun at the same time.

Cash bar will be available!

[LIKE] Ladies Night Steiner Ranch on Facebook

- Pink Poodle Grooming - (1) \$50.00 gift certificate, (2) Gift Basket of Pet Supplies - Full service all breed and cat grooming salon
- Stroller Strides - One Month's Membership to Stroller Strides - Mom and baby fitness program for women of all fitness levels
- Lemay Studio - Gift basket of high end Italian brand DAVINES hair products - Hair salon: women's cut, color, Brazilian blowout, style, makeup, Bridal hair and makeup
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- Little Red Dragon - Set of Texas ornaments - Leather goods, leather ornaments
- Mary Kay Cosmetics - Gift basket of Mary Kay products - makeup, skin care, color
- Stella and Dot Jewelry - A pair of Stella and Dot earrings - Boutique-style jewelry and accessories
- Steiner Ranch Teen Helpers - 4 Hand Painted Desert Plates - Baby sitting, dog sitting
- Blush Austin - A bracelet from the Design Collection - Women's fashion and accessories
- My Texas Smile - Laser Teeth whitening 45 minute session - Organic premier Laser Teeth whitening
- Lake Austin Spa Resort - 80 minute body treatment or massage - Massage, body treatments, facials, hair and nail salon
- Melody Rea Interiors - A fabulous Silk Flower arrangement - A full-service design firm specializing in custom decor and window treatments offering holiday and special event decorating.
- Pilates at Four Points - 2 Rock the Equipment Pilates workouts (bring up to 2 friends) - Classical Pilates Fitness Training, Mommy and Me Yoga

- Steiner Ranch Yoga - 6 pack of Yoga Classes - Yoga Classes, gentle beginner classes, regular hatha practice, restorative/gentle yoga, yoga 101
- Four Points Dermatology - A certificate for Botox treatments - Skin Care
- Steiner Ranch Primary Care - (1) Ladies Pampering Basket (2) Children's Healthcare Needs Basket - Primary care medical services, women's care medical services
- Four Points Family Chiropractic - One Hour massage, Cervical pillow, and new patient exam - Chiropractic, nutrition, massage therapy
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Ladies Night- (Continued from Page 8)

- Certified Bra Fitting
- Nanny's and Granny's - 1200 thread count sheets -Home, Hotel, Event childcare
- Jenny Harris Designs - Designer Necklace, earring set –beaded jewelry, other beaded items, flower magnets, tins, etc.
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Steiner Ranch resident Kylie Bryan attended the USARS Speed National Championships in July and came home with a Bronze medal for her 4-Girl Relay event. This annual week-long competition for inline and quad speed skating, was hosted in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and featured teams from across the United States. Skaters attending the competition ranged in age from Tiny Tot (5 and under) through Grand Esquire (60 and above).

Now 8 years old, Kylie joined the Texas Speed Club during the summer of 2010. Texas Speed Club is based at Playland Skate Center in Austin and coached by the legendary Sonny Felter. The Texas Speed Club competes at local and regional speed skating meets every Fall and Spring to prepare for the National competition in July.

Kylie raced a full schedule during the week-long competition, including three different distances in the individual events, and 2-Girl, 2-Mix, 4-Girl, and 4-Mix relay events. Kylie faced tough competition and a grueling week-long schedule of racing, and finally earned her bronze medal in the 4-Girl relay event, with teammates Eshita Sangani, Calllie Comer, and Emie Salome. Kylie said earning the medal together with her friends made the event even more special.

Texas Speed Club is a non-profit organization formed to promote the sport of quad and inline speed skating in Austin, Texas. For more information see texasspeedclub.com.

Top: Photo of Kylie skating

Bottom: Photo of the four girls with their medals, from left to right: Kylie Bryan, Eshita Sangani, Calllie Comer, Emie Salome



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Well once again, the Steiner Ranch Social Committee has partnered with Susan and Gene Arant, of Keller Williams Realty to help you get rid of your leftovers and get them to needy persons! The 3rd Semi-Annual "Post Garage Sale Drop-off" will be set-up with Gene's community service moving truck to receive and load up your donations immediately following the garage sale. Gene has partnered with a few great organizations again, that can then use these items and he will deliver directly to them. The organizations that are teaming with the Arant's this time around are:

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EASTSIDE COMMUNITY CONNECTION - Eastside Community Connection is a University of Texas student-run nonprofit that offers food pantry services and adult education programs to lower-income residents of East Austin. Students run the day-to-day operations and govern the organization alongside community members on our Board of Directors. Our service learning model develops the next generation of civic-minded leaders while addressing serious issues affecting the community, such as poverty, hunger and language barriers.

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September 5th – Alexandra Myers
September 12th – Taylor Mathis
September 14th – Jason Thomas
September 16th – Priya Thomas
September 29th – Josiah Thomas

Send your Birthday
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Happy Birthday!

Community Garage Sale- (Continued from Page 12)

A manned drop-off spot will be set up in the Town Square parking lot between the hours of 12:30 & 3:30. When you see The Gene Arant Moving van you know you are at the right place. We will have appropriate documents for you to fill out for a tax deductible receipt to be mailed, if wanted. Gene Arant can be reached directly @ 809-1999, if the schedule does not work and you need to make other arrangements. THANK YOU, STEINER RANCH!

P.S. We do ask that no broken and/or unusable items be dropped off, as well as no household products, i.e. paint, cleaners. Also, please bring items in bags and/or boxes to help with unloading and loading.

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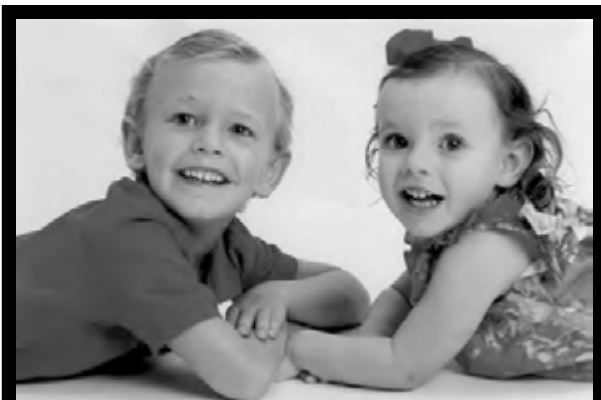


Lonestar Soccer Club's 99Gold B North won their championship bracket at the Albion Hurricanes Memorial Day Cup in Houston. 4 of the 10 players live in Steiner Ranch- Greta Shields, Sophie Swearengen, Samantha Skavdahl and Callie Burch! Congratulations!

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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.

SAVE THE DATE

BBQ and Texas Two-Step

Saturday, October 29

*You won't want to miss this one!
Details in October Ranch Record*

Book Club

The Book Club meets on the third Monday of every month at 1:30 PM at Cups and Cones. On September 19th, we will be discussing the classic, Jane Eyre, by Charlotte Bronte. Please contact Maureen Michel (mmichel17@att.net) or Beverly France (bevfrance@aol.com) if you have any questions. Our discussions are quite spirited and most interesting.

Bridge Club

The Ladies Daytime Party Bridge Group plays on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at members' homes. Those who are interested in playing or subbing, please contact Nancy Harger (n_harger@yahoo.com) or Ellen Kendrick (ellenken@sbcglobal.net) for details.

Mexican Train

Enjoy a lighthearted game of Mexican Train (Dominos) on the first Wednesday of every month at 1:00 PM. We play at the homes of our members and can usually only accommodate eight players. Experience isn't necessary; we'll teach you. If you would like to play

on Wednesday, September 7th, please RSVP to steinerranchyoungatheart@gmail.com and put Mexican Train in the subject line. You will be contacted with location information.

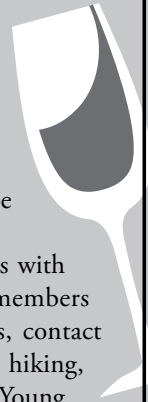
Walking Group

The Walking Group has been walking early on Tuesday and Thursday mornings this summer to avoid the heat. As the cooler weather arrives, walking activities will increase. If you would like to walk with the group, please email steinerranchyoungatheart@gmail.com with Walking in the subject line. You'll be contacted with details.

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 email steinerranchyoungatheart@gmail.com with the word Roster in the subject line.

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

If you have suggestions, questions or want more information, you can also contact Cheryl Burnaw at cherylburnaw@aol.com or Dottie Thoms at dottie.thoms@gmail.com or at 531-9360.



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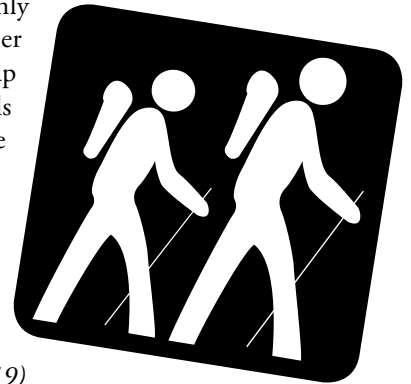


TRAILS UPDATE

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Ed Perrey and I am assuming the role of Trails Committee chair from Rich Keith. Rich has served the community well with his leadership for the past six years, and the neighborhood trails have benefited from his commitment and hard work.

I volunteered for this position to provide continued leadership to the Trails Committee and to assist in maintaining and improving the trails for the benefit of Steiner residents. As an avid mountain biker and trail runner, I have a sincere interest in sustainable trail design. I hope that my background will allow me to assist in improving the existing trails and to help design and build new ones. There are ample opportunities to make improvements to the trails to improve stability, safety and accessibility.

I also want to remind the community that only the HOA is authorized to create trails in Steiner Ranch. Unfortunately, rogue trails are popping up throughout the trail system. Unauthorized trails are not permitted. Creating a trail may seem like a simple task, but inappropriate trail construction has the potential to lead to increased soil erosion which affects the quality and safety of the trails. In addition, sediment resulting from this inappropriate trail construction has the potential



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to damage habitat and affect stream quality. There are many locations where erosion is currently a problem, and our resources are better spent repairing existing problems, rather than addressing new issues. The Trails Committee is always willing to receive input from individuals who would like to form new trails and assist in constructing or repairing existing trails.

If you would you like to provide input, or get involved, please come to the next Trails Committee meeting at 7:00 on September 8th at Bella Mar Community Center; all residents are welcome to attend. You can also join the Yahoo! Email group by sending an email to steiner_trails-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. This is an excellent way to stay apprised of what's going on or to provide input on our trail system.

I look forward to serving Steiner Ranch in this role. If you have any questions, comments or thoughts on improving existing trail system, please contact me at 699-6139 or by email at ed.perry@yahoo.com.

Thank you!
Ed Perrey

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POOL HOURS**



The pool hours for all of the swimming pools in Steiner Ranch will remain the same as our Summer Schedule until the water becomes cold enough to turn on the heater at the Bella Mar Lap pool.

BELLA MAR

Closed Monday until 2:00pm
Lap Pool: Tue-Sun 5:30am – 10:00pm

Master's Swim Program -
Wednesday & Friday 5:30am – 6:45am;
Sunday 6:30am – 7:45am

VHS Swimming Monday – Friday 7:15am – 9:15am

Austin Elite Swimming - Monday-Friday 4:30 - 6:30pm

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

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Closed Monday until 12:00pm
Tuesday – Sunday 8:00am – 10:00pm

Water Aerobics –
Monday & Wednesday
6:45pm – 7:30pm;
Tuesday & Thursday 9:15am – 10:00am

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For more information visit www.redgiantsmasters.org.

Our swim schedule is as follows:

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

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

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

States Masters swimming website, www.usms.org/reg and join our team Red Giants Masters swimming. You can print your card immediately and take a copy to the HOA office.

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

As this is a Year Round Program, it's a great way to meet new friends and be a part of a fun community of swimmers and neighbors!

YOGA

FREE DAY OF YOGA

Monday, September 5, 2011

Bella Mar Community Center

Come out for a free day of Yoga for kids and adults sponsored by Satyananda Yoga.

KIDSYOGA

Style: Bihar School of Yoga for All levels

10:00am – 10:45am

Bring a mat and water and wear comfortable, loose, stretchy clothing.

ADULTYOGA

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Beginner/Intermediate

11:00am – 12:00pm

Bring a mat and water, and wear comfortable, loose, stretchy clothing. More information can be found on the website at www.steinerranchhoa.org.

Watch the Vipers Win Cash for School Groups

KICKING



FOR CASH

I'm proud to sponsor the second annual "Kicking for Cash" at Vandegrift High School. Come cheer the Vipers at the September 9th home football game against Boerne. During halftime, Vandegrift students will kick field goals to win cash for various Viper student organizations. Be there to see who wins the cash and how long the winning kick has to be. For more information on this event, visit www.KickingForCash.com.

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Nearly 1 in 10 American consumers have been the victim of Identity theft. Closer to home, Texas ranked 4th highest in the nation for highest per capita rate of reported identity theft complaints according to a 2010 report by the Federal Trade Commission.

Attend our complimentary one day document shredding event! Shredding is a quick and convenient way to dispose of your information in a manner that provides added security against identity theft — and it's great for the environment. All shredded documents are recycled.

Iron Mountain, a leader in information management solutions, will be on-site with a mobile truck to offer secure shredding services to your household. In lieu of a fee for the service, monetary donations will be accepted for the Steiner Stars Swim Team.

WHAT TO SHRED

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Workshop Series

Now that school is back in session, take some time to educate yourself! 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!

SEPTEMBER 7TH - TREND PARTY

- Just like you update your wardrobe once in a while, this is a great time to update your makeup. At a Mary Kay® Trend party, you'll learn about the latest makeup looks, including shades and techniques. It's all new and now, so don't miss the fun of exploring the current trends with your friends!

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

SEPTEMBER 8TH - UT AUSTIN - OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE

- Gertrude Stein said: "You are always the same age inside." You can test that theory when you join the lifelong learning programs at UT Austin. Join members of the OLLI programs to learn about this outstanding opportunity.

At the Thompson Conference Center on the UT campus, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) offers non-credit, daytime, academically based seminars and lectures. Membership includes parking adjacent to the Center, and the opportunity to exchange ideas, thoughts, and lessons learned.

Program members interact with top faculty, independent scholars, professionals, and leaders in business, non-profits, and the public sector.

Memberships are available for the 2011 2012 program year, starting in the fall of 2011. Join other Steiner Ranch residents in this adventure of learning at UT Austin.

6:30pm TSCC • RSVP online at www.utolli.org or call the OLLI office at 512.471.3124.

SEPTEMBER 13TH - GUIDE TO SAVVY INVESTING

- Learn everything that the government does not want you to know about your money, including: How much they are taking in taxes and fees; How much they could potentially take in the future; How restricted you really are; What you can do now to protect yourself for life.

Learn how to avoid financial landmines that slap you with exorbitant federal taxes. Learn how your money can be safe from losses in the stock market while still enjoying all the gains. Learn how to keep Uncle Sam's hand out of your pocket. Learn how to protect your family, save for retirement, and turn on an income stream for life TAX-FREE. Knowledge is power. This seminar will reveal to you what one seasoned investor calls "the financial industry's No. 1 secret" (ASJ, 2010). Complimentary food drinks and literature provided.

6:00pm BMCC • RSVP: Alison Lee : ALee@JeffersonFranklin.com

SEPTEMBER 14TH - EDUCATION FUNDING

- We will explore your options to fund your children's education. It's not

difficult once you know the ropes. Learn about tax-advantaged programs that you and others can contribute to on an ongoing basis. Some programs are directed at education and some are for the benefit of the child and are not tied to education. Learn the advantages and disadvantages of each approach.

7:30pm BMCC • RSVP: Rich Keith at (512) 632-0162 or send email to RKeith@primerica.com.

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6:00pm BMCC • RSVP: Alison Lee: ALee@JeffersonFranklin.com

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To get you in the Holiday spirit, the Steiner Ranch Social Committee will be hosting its Annual Holiday Sales event on Saturday, November 12th from 10:00am - 2:00pm at the Towne Square Community Center. You can come and get all of your Holiday shopping done without ever leaving Steiner Ranch.

Want to be a Vendor? Do you make fabulous jewelry? Are you an artist? Do you have a home based business or service? Then become a vendor and show Steiner Ranch what you can offer. Three areas are dedicated for vendor space. Vendor spaces inside the Community Center are available at a fee of \$60.00 and spaces outside in the covered pavilion & uncovered veranda are \$40.00. (Heaters are provided). Spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration fees must be paid to reserve your space, and no refunds will be made after November 1st. Steiner Ranch reserves the right to deny any application based on content or similarities to/duplication of products or services. Residents must be in "good standing" with the Association.

Application forms are available online at www.steinerranchhoa.org under the "documents" section. If you have any question, contact Sharon Adams, Community Coordinator at sharon@steinerranchhoa.org.

American Red Cross Babysitter Training Course

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Classes for 2011

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- Recognize safety and hygiene issues
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Bring a sack lunch! Space is limited. Prior registration is required. The 2011 Program Registration form is available at www.steinerranchhoa.org.

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 growing 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:

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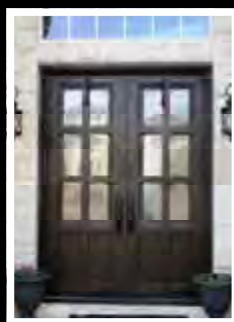
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Submitted by Carmen Tucker

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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 cs388@yahoo.com (Pack 205) for more information."



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Steiner Ranch Cycling

Steiner Ranch Cycling is a loosely organized group of cyclist, Mountain or Road, who enjoy rides between the lakes. We welcome cyclists of all abilities and not just those who live in Steiner Ranch. Most of our weekend rides start and finish in the Steiner Ranch area, allowing us to tackle some of the more challenging climbs in the hills of Austin. Our rides are typically "no drop" especially for new riders and average anywhere from 15 to 45 miles in distance. We organize our rides through email whenever someone feels like going for a ride they just send out an email: ex. "Saturday morning 8 am ride anyone?" or "Anyone up for a mountain bike ride after work, 7pm?". There are no costs or club fees, just your desire to have fun riding with your neighbors. Come Join Us! www.SteinerRanchCycling.com

Hot Boudin, Cold Couscous!

Love Steiner but miss the people of Louisiana, mon cher ? The culture, the food, and the football-watching traditions are just a few things that make us homesick. Rather than go all the way to Louisiana to get a taste of home, we would like to regularly get together with Louisiana natives living in Steiner or surrounding areas.

We'll throw the first party on Sunday, September 25th at 12:00pm for the Saints/Texans game. Go to www.meetup.com/Louisiana-Natives-in-Steiner for more details or contact me directly. We look forward to passing a good time with our new friends! Taylor Alexander (tayloralexander44@hotmail.com; 225-229-6041)

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.

Steiner Ranch ORTHODONTICS

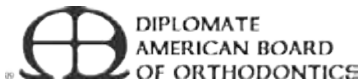


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 Happy Labor Day! Association Office Closed Trash Service runs regular service 10:00am – 12:00pm – Free Day of Yoga (BMCC)	6	7 1:00pm – YAH Mexican Train 7:00pm – 9:00pm – Trend Party (TSCC)	8 6:30pm – 8:30pm – UT Austin-Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (TSCC)	9	10
 11 Patriot Day Grandparents' Day	12 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	13 9:30am – Social Committee Meeting (Cups & Cones) 6:00pm – 8:00pm – Guide to Savvy Investing (BMCC)	14 YAH Bridge Club 7:30pm – Education Funding (BMCC)	15	16	17 8:00am – VHS Black vs Silver Meet (BM Pool/Pav) 7:00pm – 11:00pm – Ladies Night Out – Premier Event for Everyday Needs (BMCC)
18	19 1:30pm – YAH Book Club meeting (Cups & Cones) 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	20 6:00pm – 8:00pm – Retire Tax Free on Your Terms (BMCC)	21 LISD Early Release Day	22	23 First Day of Autumn 7:00pm – 9:00pm – Ladies Night (TSCC)	24 8:00am – 12:00pm – Fall Neighborhood Garage Sale
 25	26 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	27 3:30pm – SRMA Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm – Wellness Workshop (TSCC)	28 YAH Bridge Club	29 Rosh Hashanah 6:00pm – SRROA Board of Directors Meeting (TSCC)	30 6:00pm - Scrap-a-Thon (TSCC)	



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						1 All Day – Scrap-A-Thon (TSCC)
2 Till 4:00pm – Scrap-A-Thon (TSCC)	3 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	4 6:30pm – Facility Committee Meeting (TSCC) 6:30pm – 8:30pm – Culinary from France (BMCC)	5	6 1:00pm – YAH Mexican Train 7:00pm – New Owner Orientation (TSCC)	7 7:00pm – 9:00pm – Pajama Party (TSCC)	8
9 	10 LISD School Holiday 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	11 9:30am – Social Committee Meeting (Cups & Cones)	12	13 YAH Bridge Club	14	15
16 8:00am – 5:00pm – Pumpkin Patch (JS Park)	17 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	18 1:30pm – YAH Book Club (Cups & Cones) 7:00pm – 9:00pm – Get a Flawless Face (TSCC)	19	20	21	22 9:00am – 5:00pm – American Red Cross Babysitting Class (TSCC)
23 	24 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	25 3:30pm – SRMA Board of Directors Meeting	26	27 YAH Bridge Club 6:00pm – SRROA Board of Directors Meeting (TSCC)	28	29 7:00pm – YAH BBQ and Texas Two-Step
30	31 5:00pm – 7:00pm – Children's Halloween Event (JS Park) 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)					

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So you've decided to do some improvements or make changes to the outside of your home.....what do you do now?

1. Complete the Architectural Modification form (owner only)
2. Include any addendum forms such as for a pool or greenbelt
3. Include a scaled drawing showing plan and elevation views of the proposed improvements, modifications or alterations. Submittals must include samples depicting the proposed materials and colors to be used.
4. A lot survey (which the owner receives at closing) indicating the location of proposed improvements, and any applicable easements, setbacks, and elevation differences on lot.
5. Deposit check in the amount of \$500

All of these forms can be found on-line at www.steinerranchhoa.org, under the "Document" section of the website.

Note* Generally, application packets received by Friday, will be reviewed the following Wednesday, however some reviews can take up to 30 days.

Please fill free to contact the Associations Community Standards Coordinator, Mackal "Mack" Gill if you have any questions at 266-7553 or mack@steinerranchhoa.org.

Planning a Pool Party?

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

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The biggest, of course, begins with prevention. Having your pet microchipped, wearing a collar with correct and updated identification devices, and having recent photographs of your pet can be a big help.

Be sure to telephone your vet, animal control, and if possible the microchip company to report your pet lost. Provide an accurate, detailed description and notify each agency if there are any current medical conditions your pet experiences.

After notifying important telephone contacts, it is now time to rely on technological assistance. Go online and not only send an email to all of your neighbors, but find as many local community sites as possible to create a lost pet announcement. The Association provides a "lost/found pet" link on its website that you can utilize. This will be reported to the Association, who will send out a "Lost/Found Pet Alert". Provide a description ensuring the pet's name, breed, gender, color and date/time/place last seen are mentioned. Be sure to upload a recent photograph and provide two means of contact information. This way, if you are away from your computer or telephone, you or a family member can still be reached.

Next, create similar lost pet flyers and drop off at the Association Office. These need to be no larger than 5 X 7 and will be placed at all 22 of the Community's mailbox kiosks by a Staff member. You can also hand deliver flyers to your neighbors in the direction your pet most likely headed and many of the local businesses. Finally, be sure to check your pet's living quarters. While it may sound strange, often pets will surprise their owners and appear on their doorstep or crawl back under the holes in fences; especially if it is close to the pet's bedtime or mealtime.

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From the Association Office

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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 off-site 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.

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The Swim team will hold an inter-squad meet on September 17th at the Bella Mar Lap Pool with their first meet against Leander High School will be at the Block House Pool in Leander on September 24th. Look for information on their biggest Fundraiser of the year, the "I AM TOUGH, Swim-a-Thon" from where each swimmer will swim 10,000 yards in 100-yard increments, with sponsors donating a flat fee or a rate-per-lap donation. It's a grueling event for the kids and anyone can come out, cheer them on and donate to the cause.



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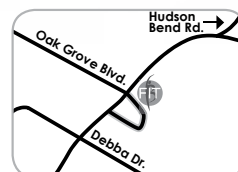
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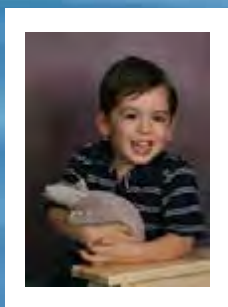
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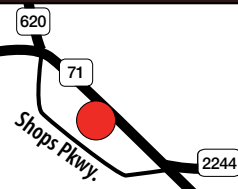
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District 17 staff is continuing to systematically check all wastewater fittings and manholes to ensure every possible source of odor is addressed. The compost facility has been completely shut down. All existing equipment is being rechecked and adjusted 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.

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Residential customers will be required to adhere to this schedule through September 30, but also 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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By- Concentra Urgent Care

Although most toddlers in the United States have received all recommended vaccines, many adults and adolescents have not. These missed vaccinations increase their risk for infection, hospitalization, death, and disease spread, and they contribute to the estimated \$10 billion that is spent annually on vaccine preventable diseases in the United States.

Evidence shows that currently approved vaccines are safe and effective. However, coverage rates for persons of all ages vary nationwide. Reasons cited include lack of health insurance, unfamiliarity with vaccine recommendations, limited access at physicians' offices, or the perceived cost of vaccines.

What you need to know is that obtaining recommended vaccines in a timely manner can prevent disease. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends the following immunization schedule for generally healthy adults and adolescents:

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Meningococcal:

RECOMMENDED SCHEDULE *

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One dose, age 11-12 or 13-18 if not previously immunized

Tetanus-Diphtheria/Tetanus: One dose, age 11-12, then booster

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Human Papilloma Virus: (Females only) Three doses, age 11-26

Measles - Mumps - Rubella: If born after 1956, one or two doses if never immunized up to age 65

Pneumococcal: One dose, at or after age 65

Varicella (chicken pox): Two doses if no prior infection or immunization received

Zoster (shingles): One dose, at or after age 60

* Specific recommendations for individuals may vary depending on age, prior immunization history and the presence of other existing conditions; please see the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Web site at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/default.htm>.

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INGREDIENTS:

- 5 large Portobello mushrooms, wiped clean
- olive oil
- balsamic vinegar
- 1 mango, cut into chunks
- 1 avocado, cut into chunks
- 1/2 small red onion, finely minced
- 10 cherry tomatoes, chopped
- 10 blackberries, cut in half
- juice of 1 lime
- salt and pepper

DIRECTIONS:

Wipe down the mushrooms to remove any dirt. On a baking tray, drizzle mushrooms with olive oil and balsamic vinegar, then season with salt and pepper. Heat the grill to med-high and grill the mushrooms for 8 - 10 minutes per each side.

In a large bowl, combine mango, avocado, red onion, tomatoes and blackberries. Add the lime juice, salt and pepper to taste, mixing well. To plate - start with the Portobello Mushroom as the base, top with the salsa then drizzle with balsamic vinegar and serve!



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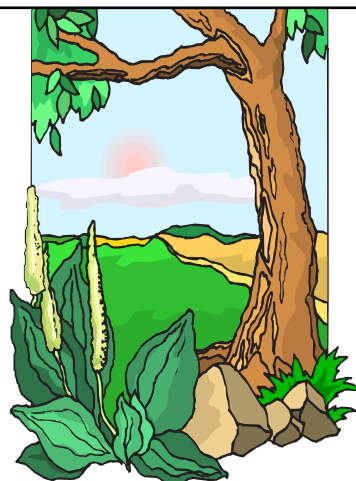
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SUPER SAVERTIP #1 - REDUCE BIG-TICKET ITEMS

Since the majority of us spend the most on housing (26% of income) and transportation (14%), it makes sense to focus on trimming these areas first. Many super savers buy more modest homes than they can actually afford. For example, if you buy a \$200,000 house rather than a \$300,000, you'll save \$6,444 a year (not counting property taxes and insurance). While downsizing to a smaller home saves you the most over time, selling these days may be tough. For a simpler way to save, focus on your next biggest expense: your car. Driving it after the loan is paid off can save you about \$1,670 a year (based on skipping new-car payment and typical ownership costs for a five-year-old car). Could your household get by with one car? Even better.

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SUPER SAVERTIP #4 - SET MANAGEABLE GOALS.

Don't overwhelm yourself with a list of 10 things to accomplish all at once. Set your priorities. For example, start building up an emergency fund by putting \$50 a month into savings. Or pay more than the minimum on your lowest balance credit card. Or, start contributing monthly to an Individual Retirement Account.

SUPER SAVERTIP #5 - MAKE SAVING AUTOMATIC

All the smart spending in the world won't help unless you invest your savings. Most super savers know this, so they let computers do the work and automate their savings. For example, set 5% of your paycheck to go automatically into a retirement plan. You can get started saving in an Individual Retirement Account for as little as \$50 a month.

SUPER SAVERTIP #6 - TAKE ON EXTRA WORK – AND STASH THE CASH

You've set your savings goals, trimmed your expenses and are still coming up short. What's a wannabe super saver to do? Take matters into your own hands and get aggressive about reaching your goals. Is there a way to turn your talents and interests into part-time cash? Consider tutoring, childcare or taking on a part-time job.

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Tree Roots, a Wine Glass, and a Dinner Plate

This is the second in a series of guest articles.

In construction, as in life, if you don't lay a solid foundation, everything else is more likely to be a problem. It's no different for trees, whose roots form the basis for their health and structural soundness. But what control do we have over tree roots that we can't even see because they grow so deep into the earth? A lot. Because, generally, they don't.

Much of the mistreatment of trees occurs because people don't realize where the roots are located (or they do and think it doesn't matter). Generally, most of a tree's roots grow within the top foot or so of soil and take a horizontal path that extends well outside the tree's canopy edge (the drip line). Obstructions, elevation changes, and other factors can influence this growth pattern, but knowing the natural character of root growth helps us make better decisions about what we do around trees.

Structurally, a mature tree is a wonder of engineering. Its roots and stem (trunk) must

support a canopy whose network of branching and foliage sways with the breezes and confronts even more wind force during storms. No wonder people think that roots must grow deep. Rather, as James Urban explains in *Up By Roots: Healthy Soils and Trees in the Built Environment*, a tree is a vertical cantilever that "resists overturning by relying on the anchoring of the horizontal roots."

Where the trunk flares at the base, it packs on extra wood to form a "bracket" that resists the stresses of weight and force. It then divides into buttress roots to distribute that loading force. The area that flares and transitions into buttress roots is called the root crown or root collar. This part of the tree is extremely important to structural stability.

Once underground, these roots taper quickly and transition to other types of roots that perform anchoring, storage, and absorbing functions. The absorbing roots hang

out where there's adequate air and moisture; that's usually within the top twelve inches of soil. They are responsible for absorbing water and essential elements that the tree needs.

Picture a wine glass on a dinner plate. This classic model represents root growth of a tree allowed to grow in an open space. The glass's bowl is the tree canopy, its base the root crown, and the dinner plate the root system. Keep it in mind, because the root crown and root system will come up over and over again as we explore other issues that impact proper tree care.

So does a great root system just happen? Nope. But before we look at how to encourage one from the start, in the next article, we'll get better acquainted with the root crown. Then planting issues will make more sense.

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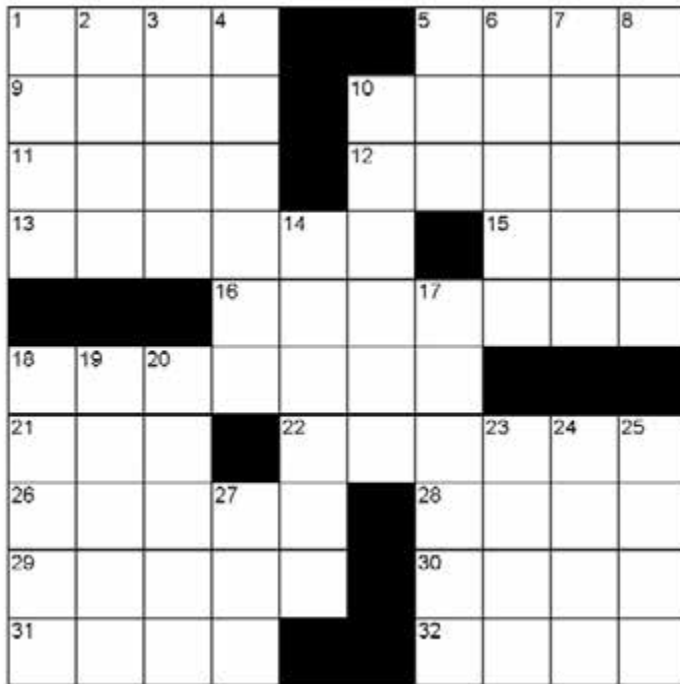
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Well, imagine you're a car. After a long night of sleeping, your fuel tank is empty. Breakfast is the fuel that gets you going so you can hit the road.

What Should You Eat?

Any breakfast is better than no breakfast, but try not to have doughnuts or pastries all the time. They're high in calories, sugar, and fat. They also don't contain the nutrients a kid really needs. And if you have a doughnut for breakfast, you won't feel full for long.

Just like with other meals, try to eat a variety of foods, including:

- grains (breads and cereals)
- protein (meats, beans, and nuts)
- fruits and vegetables
- milk, cheese, and yogurt

Here are some breakfast ideas. First, the traditional ones:

- eggs
- French toast, waffles, or pancakes (try wheat or whole-grain varieties)
- cold cereal and milk
- hot cereal, such as oatmeal or cream of wheat (try some dried fruit or nuts on top)
- whole-grain toast, bagel, or English

- muffin with cheese
- yogurt with fruit or nuts
- fruit smoothie, such as a strawberry smoothie

And now some weird (but yummy) ones:

- banana dog (peanut butter, a banana, and raisins in a long whole-grain bun)
- breakfast taco (shredded cheese on a tortilla, folded in half and microwaved; top with salsa)
- country cottage cheese (apple butter mixed with cottage cheese)
- fruit and cream cheese sandwich (use strawberries or other fresh fruit)
- sandwich - grilled cheese, peanut butter and jelly, or another favorite
- leftovers (they're not just for dinner anymore!)

Skipping Breakfast

Some kids skip breakfast because they sleep too late or because they think it's a way to stay thin. But skipping breakfast doesn't help people maintain a healthy weight. In fact, someone who skips breakfast tends to eat more calories throughout the day.

If you find yourself skipping breakfast because you're too rushed, try these

quick breakfasts. They're easy to grab on the way out the door or can be prepared the night before:

- single servings of whole-grain, low-sugar cereal
- yogurt
- fresh fruit
- whole-grain muffin
- trail mix of nuts, dried fruits, pretzels, crackers, and dry cereal

Need More Convincing?

Just in case you need more evidence that eating breakfast is the way to go, kids who don't eat breakfast are less able to learn at school, get less iron (an important nutrient) in their diets, and are more likely to have a higher body mass index (BMI), which is a sign they may be overweight.

On the other hand, kids who eat breakfast do better in school, are more likely to participate in physical activities, and tend to eat healthier overall. So tomorrow morning, don't run out the door on an empty stomach. Fuel up with a healthy breakfast!

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