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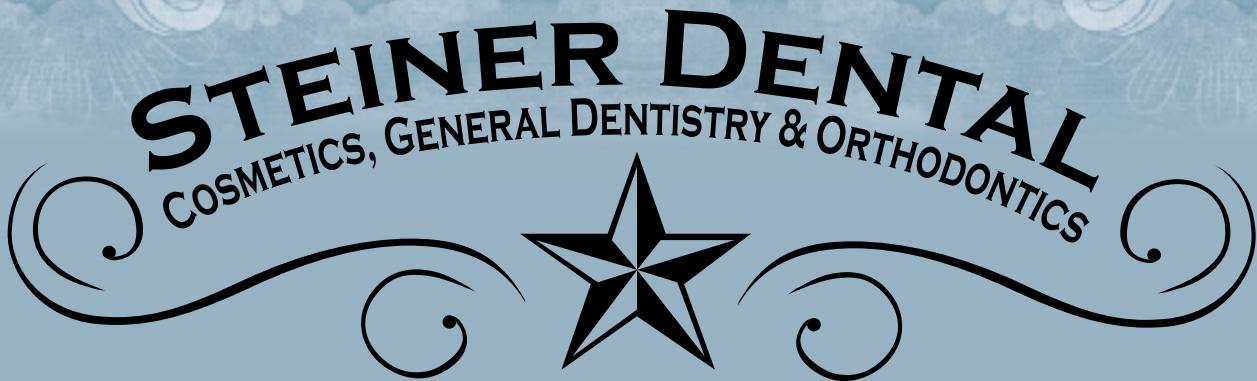
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Requirements for submission:

- Must have been taken in Steiner Ranch
- Be of High Resolution (240 dpi or higher)
- Prefer "portrait" orientation

We'd love to have something that pertains to this time of the year in some way, such as a great Winter photo. Our March 2012 issue submittal deadline is February 7th and photos should be submitted electronically by the deadline date to Sharon Adams at sharon@steinerranchhoa.org.

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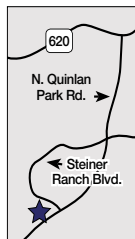
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WHERE: Start/Finish- Towne Square Community Center

WHAT: Kids K (>1 mile), 5K race (3.2 miles), & Health Fair
(all kids k participants receive medals)

7th Annual Run the Ranch 5k, Kids K & Health Fair

Join your friends and neighbors for a fun-filled family event. Steiner Ranch's 7th Annual Run the Ranch 5k, Kids k, & Health Fair is almost here.

Come walk, jog, or run with us through the neighborhood and after you cross the finish line, don't run off! Plan on hanging around for music, food, health fair freebies, and fun bounce houses for the kids. Register at www.runth ranch.org.

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Welcome Newcomers!

Welcome new residents of Steiner Ranch! If you have recently purchased a home here, you will receive an invitation to the Newcomer Orientation held on Thursday, March 1st at 7:00pm in the Towne Square Community Center at 12550 Country Trails Lane. You will have the opportunity to become better acquainted with your new community, as well as with other new homeowners. A brief presentation will be given on the history of Steiner Ranch, the organization of the homeowners associations, the homeowner committees, the assessment rates community rules and regulations and future development plans for Steiner Ranch. Light refreshments will be served.

Not able to attend? The next Newcomer Orientation is scheduled for June 7, 2012.

Have you lived here a while and never attended an orientation? Do you want to know more about Steiner Ranch? We would love to have you come and join us.

Please RSVP to 266-7553 or to Donan Grant at donan@steinerranchhoa.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

2012 Steiner Ranch Social Events

(Dates are Tentative)

Feb 18 – Chili Cook-off

Mar 3 – Run the Ranch

Apr 7 – Easter Egg Hunt

Apr 14 – Spring Garage Sale

May 5 – Cinco De Mayo

July 4 – Parade

Aug 18 – Concert in the Park

Sept 22 – Garage Sale

Sept 29 - Ladies Night Out

October – Pumpkin Patch – Benefiting Dell Children's Hospital

Oct 31 – Halloween Event

Nov 3 – Camping on the Ranch

Nov 10 – 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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Vote for your favorite chili in the People's Choice Award competition and stay for our trophy presentations for this and the Judge's Choice. The competition and the chili will be lively.

Mark your calendars and book your babysitters – the date is February 18, 2012 from 6:30 to 10:00 pm at the Towne Square Community Center!

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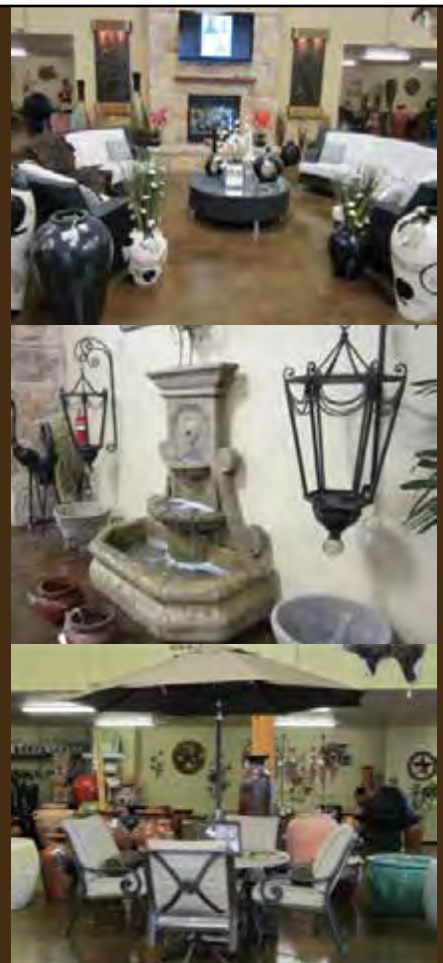
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WINE SOCIAL

Friday February 17th • 7:00 PM
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Come and see old friends and meet new ones at a casual evening of one of our members. Enjoy good food and interesting conversation with other Steiner Ranch residents. Everyone brings a bottle of wine or beverage of choice and an appetizer to share. Please RSVP to Dottie Thoms at 531-9360 or dottie.thoms@gmail.com.

BOOK CLUB

Monday February 20th

The Book Club meets on the third Monday of every month at 1:30 PM at Cups and Cones. In February we will be discussing *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter & Sweet* by Jamie Ford. Upcoming book selections are *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom on March 19th and *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson on April 16th. Please contact Maureen Michel (mmichel17@att.net) 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.

LADIES LUNCHING OUT

Once a month a group of the Young at Heart women meet for lunch at a local restaurant. On Tuesday, February 21st we will be having lunch at a local restaurant. If you would like to come, please contact Dottie Thoms at dottie.thoms@gmail.com or 531-9360 for more information.

LADIES GOLF

A Ladies Golf Group is being formed. If you are interested in getting more information or joining, please send an email to steinerranchyoungatheart@gmail.com and put Ladies Golf in the subject line.

MEXICAN TRAIN

Enjoy a lighthearted game of Mexican Train (Dominos) on the first Wednesday of every month at 1:00 PM. We play in the homes of our members and can usually only accommodate eight players. Experience isn't necessary; we'll teach you. Our next game will be on Wednesday, February 1st at the home of Dottie Thoms. Since there is limited space, please RSVP to dottie.thoms@gmail.com to be sure to be included.

TECHNOLOGY GROUP

Thursday, February 9th at 1:00 PM
Town Square Meeting Room
Note: Date & Location Changed
to accommodate larger groups

Topic: The Internet is an Exciting Source of Information
When you think of "media" you're probably thinking of print, as in newspapers and magazines, or of radio and television. But did you know there are RICHES to be found via the Internet? Whether you like to read, listen or watch, the Internet has a plethora of sources and you can enjoy them on anything ranging from an inexpensive little mp3 player to your Smartphone to eBook readers to your computer and, yes – even on your television! "Books on Tape" are now digital downloads. Tens of thousands of movies are only a click away from your TV or computer. Don't have a turntable for your favorite old LP's anymore? Are your most loved songs on a cassette tape you can no longer play? Find out how you can not only listen to the songs you own but can no longer play – but to the songs you remember but don't even own (and yes – legally).

Join us and learn how easy it is to let technology open up a world that perhaps you thought was lost forever.

The Technology Group is meeting monthly and is for men and women who want to update their knowledge and skills. The sessions are geared to beginner and intermediate skill levels although everyone interested in the subject is welcome. We are fortunate to have Steiner Ranch's resident Geek, Laurie Scott, teaching and answering questions. She plans to talk about an hour on the topic and then will answer questions for up to another hour. Take home materials will be provided. For more information, please contact Bev France at Bevfrance@aol.com or 266-2960. RSVPs are not required but would be appreciated for planning purposes.

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The Young at Heart website is being developed and should be operating soon. Current information about activities will be available on the website. Everyone on the Young at Heart email list will be notified when it is operational.

To make it easier 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.

Please contact Cheryl Burnaw at cherylburnaw@aol.com or Dottie Thoms at dottie.thoms@gmail.com or at 531-9360 if you have questions or want more information.



Saturday Morning Group Trail Run

Please join us for a fun but challenging group trail run each Saturday morning starting at 7:30 am. We meet at the trailhead located at Majestic Oaks Drive and Grimes Ranch Road. The usual run is about five miles with some people occasionally sticking around afterwards to tack-on a few additional miles. All abilities are welcome and those looking to learn the Steiner Ranch trail system are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions about the run please contact Steve at steve@capitalcityrunning.com or call 266-1000. We hope to see you this Saturday morning!

Steiner Birthdays

January 30th – Meagan Henry
February 1st – Westin Thomas – Happy 1st Birthday!
February 4th – Caitlin Henry
February 5th – Lily Gonzalez
February 8th – Henry Anderson
February 10th – Sydney Schaefer – Turning 10 on the 10th!
February 13th – Owen Edwards
February 21st – Jackson LeGrande
February 23rd – Christopher Bacungan
February 24th – Gage Garner
February 27th – Jack Garner

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FIREWISE CHAT #2

Ranch Record - February 2012

Thank you! We have gotten a good response from SR residents interested in serving on the Firewise Committee; however, we can still use your help, so please watch the marquis and/or contact me or the HOA and join us at our next meeting. For those new to the discussion, this article is the second in an ongoing series to educate, inform, and encourage participation in Firewise initiatives.

We live in an area called the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). This beautiful former ranchland that we call home is naturally prone to fires. If you walk the trails or look beyond your fence, you may have seen all the charred cedar stumps - evidence of previous fires that occurred prior to subdivision development. Some of the fires were likely set by the Steiner's to clear land for their ranching operation while others were natural fires started by lightning. Fire is a natural occurrence and can be beneficial to many native species. Any way you look at it, natural or manmade, we will have another fire - it is NOT a question of IF, but a question of WHEN.

NOW is the time to take steps to protect our homes so they will still be there after the next fire! The Firewise Committee will be working with all the interested parties to generate a plan (Community Wildfire Protection Plan - CWPP) to make the boundary and common areas safer and to set guidelines for homeowners. This process

will take some time to generate a CWPP and get it signed off and implemented, so what can you do TODAY?

The first step is to examine your Home Ignition Zone (HIZ). This is the area immediately surrounding your home and attached structures (fences, decks). Per Firewise guidelines, you can make the biggest impact on saving your home within the first 30 feet - your home and your yard. Did you drive down Medina River, Schleicher Trail, or Varner Court or see the pictures/videos taken after the fires and wonder why certain homes were lost? Were they just lucky? Firewise research indicates that we have more control over these outcomes than you might think.

A fire will consume a home if the proper combustion elements are present - FUEL, HEAT, OXYGEN. Obviously we cannot control the available OXYGEN or the HEAT from a fire in the preserve. That leaves us with looking at what FUEL is available. Most homes lost to wildland fires do NOT come in direct contact with flames from the wildland fire - they are ignited by firebrands (flying embers) that accumulate on the roof or surrounding areas which come into contact with an available FUEL. *Reducing the FUEL available in your Home Ignition Zone can save your home even if the fire is in the greenbelt directly behind you!*

Look at your home starting at the top and moving down the sides and outward

into your yard. Luckily, we are not allowed to have wood shake roofs in Steiner and all roofing material here is fire resistant shingle or tile. Make sure all roof vents and openings are screened so that flying embers cannot enter and ignite your attic. If you have a tile roof, make sure the gaps where the tile ends or meets another roof line has a bird block installed and that it is sealed for any gaps. Gutters are notorious dead leaf collection areas! Make sure they are kept clean or consider having them covered. Open eaves are not likely an issue in Steiner, but if you live in one of the original sections of the neighborhood, check to be sure eaves are covered/closed with Hardiboard or other non-combustible material. Going down the walls, check to make sure any siding is Hardiboard or similar material - wood siding is extremely flammable and vinyl can melt leaving the wood frame exposed. Windows should be double paned glass to prevent heat from shattering the glass and allowing embers to enter your home. Seal all exterior doors (including garage doors) so embers cannot enter through gaps or cracks.

Our next article will discuss attached structures and your yard. Remember, the more of these suggestions you implement, the more your home will be "hardened" against fires. For more information or to become involved with SR Firewise, please contact me at ncollmann@gmail.com.



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Vandalism in Steiner Ranch



During the LISD Holiday Break there was an extreme increase in vandalism. December 2011 and January 2012, vandals caused several thousand dollars of damage in the Steiner Ranch Community!!! The sheriff's office has been notified and has determined that the vandals are probably adolescent residents of Steiner Ranch. They are primarily vandalizing parks and playground equipment, throwing furniture in swimming pools and spraying lewd graffiti in low traffic and "out of sight" areas.

Please help us and the police protect the neighborhood! Make sure you know where your children are. Be aware of your surroundings as you are walking, running and driving through Steiner Ranch. If you see any suspicious activity or you have any information about the vandals, please contact the Travis County Sheriff's Department at 974-0845.

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Dakota has been very active in Modeling this year and she is currently working with three boutique agencies, she was the Cute Kid overall winner for November and just recently represented Texas in Child Model Magazine for an 8-page feature.

She is currently a Kindergarten student at Laura Bush Elementary.

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Around Steiner

LOST CAT



Name is Chloe. Last seen in our backyard 11/21 at 12am. Our backyard backs to the greenbelt in Las Brisas. Had on a pink safety collar with identification but would come off if caught on something. Please call if you've seen her. Debbie 801-520-3656 or 512-215-2126

BELLA MAR POOL CLOSURE

*February 24th –
March 5th*

If you've been to the Bella Mar lap pool this Winter, you may have noticed that the texture around the pool deck began to peel and is very unsightly. The HOA has contracted with SunDeck of Austin to repair the deck beginning February 24th. While this work is being performed and during the "curing" stage, the pool will be closed for ALL use and the pumps and heater will be turned off. The pool will re-open on Monday, March 5th at 2:00pm.



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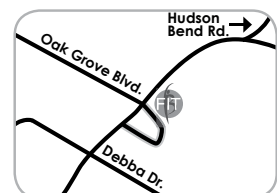
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For more information visit www.redgiantsmasters.org.

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

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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!

WINTER POOL HOURS



Now that the weather has turned cold and the pool heater at the Bella Mar Lap pool is on, it has become necessary to cover that pool. Due to the limited recourses of Association Staff, it is necessary to cover the pool when staff is not on site. Homeowners are NOT ALLOWED to uncover the pool at any time. The following hours will apply:

BELLA MAR (HEATED)

Splash Pool & Baby Pool Closed for season

Lap Pool:

Mon 2:00pm – 6:30pm
Tue-Fri 7:00am – 6:30pm
Sat & Sun 7:00am – 2:00pm

The following programs will be using the lap pool:

Master's Swim Program –
Wednesday & Friday 5:30am – 6:45am;
Sunday 6:30am – 7:45am
VHS Swimming
Monday & Wednesday 6:30am – 9:00am
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 7:10am – 9:15am
Lap lanes will be available to lap swimmers during these sessions.

TOWNE SQUARE (UNHEATED)

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

JOHN SIMPSON (UNHEATED)

Closed until renovations are complete

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Around Steiner

Workshop Series

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

FEBRUARY 21ST – WOMEN'S SOCIAL AND PAMPERING NIGHT -

Come meet new girlfriends! Enjoy a night of fellowship with your Steiner Ranch neighbors while zipping a glass of wine and receiving a complimentary beauty treatment.

7:00pm TSCC • Please RSVP 512-914-7711 Patty Rovano and Catherine Slezak

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6:00pm TSCC • Seats are limited, so call Four Points Family Chiropractic to reserve your seat @ 512-345-9355.

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

Summer Camps in Steiner

Yes, that's right – it's already time to start planning for the summer and we have some great camps scheduled; some we've had before and some great new ones! We are accepting registration now. Look for registration forms and current information on-line at www.steinerranchhoa.org. Here are of some of the summer camps we will be offering:

Dallas Cowboys Football Camp

Lonestar Soccer Camp

Brown's Gymnastics Camp

Tap-N-Toe Hip Hop Camp

Sportball Multi-sport Camp

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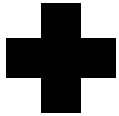
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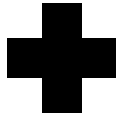
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Soccer Coaches Clinic

To enhance the development of soccer in the Steiner Ranch area, Lonestar soccer club will host a coaching clinic for new and seasoned U5 – U10 volunteer soccer coaches on Sunday, March 4th from 12:30 – 2:30pm at the Bella Mar Community Center and Fields. The free clinic will focus on practice sessions that all coaches can use to teach the players basic fundamentals of soccer such as:

- Passing and receiving
- Dribbling and turning
- Ball familiarity
- Shooting
- Heading
- 1v1 attacking and defending
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The clinic will be run by Maca Teale (USSF A License & USSF Youth License Coach) & Robert Lopez (NSCAA Coach).

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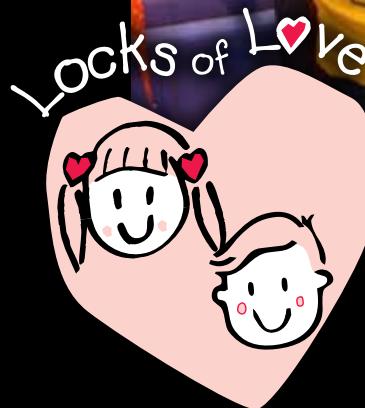
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1:00pm – YAH Mexican Train	2	3	4 7:30am – Group Trail Run
5	6 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	7 6:30pm – Facilities Committee Meeting (TSCC)	8 YAH Bridge Club	9 1:00pm – Technology Group (TSCC)	10	11 7:30am – Group Trail Run
 12	13 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	14	15 5:00pm – Deadline for Spring Field Lottery	16 Spring Field Lottery	17 7:00pm – YAH Wine Social	18 7:30am – Group Trail Run 6:30pm – Chili Cook-Off (TSCC)
19	20 1:30pm – YAH Book Club (Cups & Cones) 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	21 Young at Heart Ladies Luncheon Out 7:00pm – Women's Social & Pampering Night (TSCC)	22 YAH Bridge Club	23 6:00pm – SRROA Board of Directors Meeting (TSCC)	24	25 7:30am – Group Trail Run
 26	27 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	28 3:30pm – SRMA Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm – Ending Allergies Forever (TSCC)	29			



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 7:30am – Group Trail Run 8:00am – Run The Ranch 5K, Kids K and Health Fair (TSCC)
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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@gstcx.org or (512) 453-7391.. Discover Girl Scouts online at www.gstcx.org.



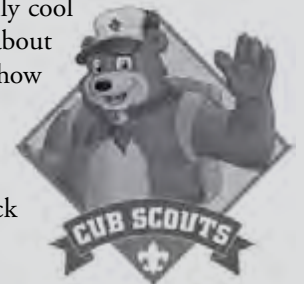
Pack 203 and Pack 205

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 csn388@yahoo.com (Pack 205) for more information."



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

GEAUX!

Love Steiner but miss Louisiana, mon cher? Rather than going all the way home when you miss the culture, the food, and the football-watching traditions, join fellow Steiner residents for monthly get-togethers!

For details on upcoming gatherings, please join our Yahoo group by going to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/steinerranchlouisiana/> and select "Join This Group" 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.*

COMMUNITY GROUPS

WAYS TO BECOME INVOLVED IN STEINER RANCH

Steiner Ranch Moms & Tots

This is a group for all of you moms looking to find friendship, fun, support & sanity close to home!

Steiner Moms & Tots Meetup Group offers kid-friendly and mom-focused events at different times and locations in and around Steiner Ranch. From playdates to potlucks, fundraisers and family outings to mom's night out--we offer a range of activities that allow you to meet your neighbors, make new friends and have some fun.

While a large portion of the events are focused on moms and children ages 5 and under, we offer events and opportunities for any interested moms to join and enjoy. If you are ready for a little fun with your fellow Steiner moms and kiddos, please join us! To do so, request membership and complete a profile on our Meetup.com website: www.meetup.com/Steiner-Moms-Meetup

Any questions? Contact Morgan Briscoe at morgan.briscoe@gmail.com or (512)551-8036.

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From the Association Office

New Court Reservation System for Steiner Ranch Tennis Players

We are excited to announce the introduction of a new court reservation system for Steiner Ranch tennis players. The existing website that tennis players used to reserve tennis courts at Bella Mar or Towne Square is no longer functioning, and has been replaced with a new site (www.srcourts.com) for making your court reservations.

What does this mean for you? In order to reserve a tennis court with the new reservation system, you must register with the HOA and receive a username and password, which will give you access to the reservation site. This is true for everyone, even if you were already registered and using the old system. So if you haven't done it already, please go to www.srcourts.com and click on the "Create an Account" button. Please allow 5 business days for user account creation. Additional registration info is provided on the home page.

Once you log in to the new reservation website, you may make your court reservations. There is a demonstration video to assist you. If you need have any questions about the site, send an email to the Steiner Ranch Tennis Association (srtennisboard@yahoogroups.com).

The SRTA would like to give a huge thanks to Tonya and Jim Frederic, who used their own personal resources and skills to create and maintain the court reservation system that we have all used here in Steiner Ranch for the last 10 years. It is amazing to think that Jim and Tonya programmed, set up, and managed a system that served hundreds of people and supported thousands of transactions relatively flawlessly. They have impressively performed a wonderful service for tennis players in Steiner Ranch for many years, and have been underappreciated for maintaining the site that always worked and that many of us just took for granted. We certainly hope that the new system works as well as the old, and ask that if you see Tonya or Jim around, buy them a beer or a glass of wine and say thanks.

We look forward to the smooth transition to the new system, and welcome your feedback as you start using it.
Steiner Ranch Tennis Association

Homeowners to be elected to SRMA Board of Directors

The Steiner Ranch Master Association (SRMA) will elect two homeowners to serve on the Board of Directors. The election will be held during the April annual meeting of the members and be elected by a vote of homeowners only. Directors serve a term of two years, and the Board meets once a month on the last Tuesday or Wednesday of the month in the afternoon for approximately two hours. Between meetings, there may be additional input necessary through telephone or email.

Board meetings help the association develop a concrete plan to meet community needs that involve:

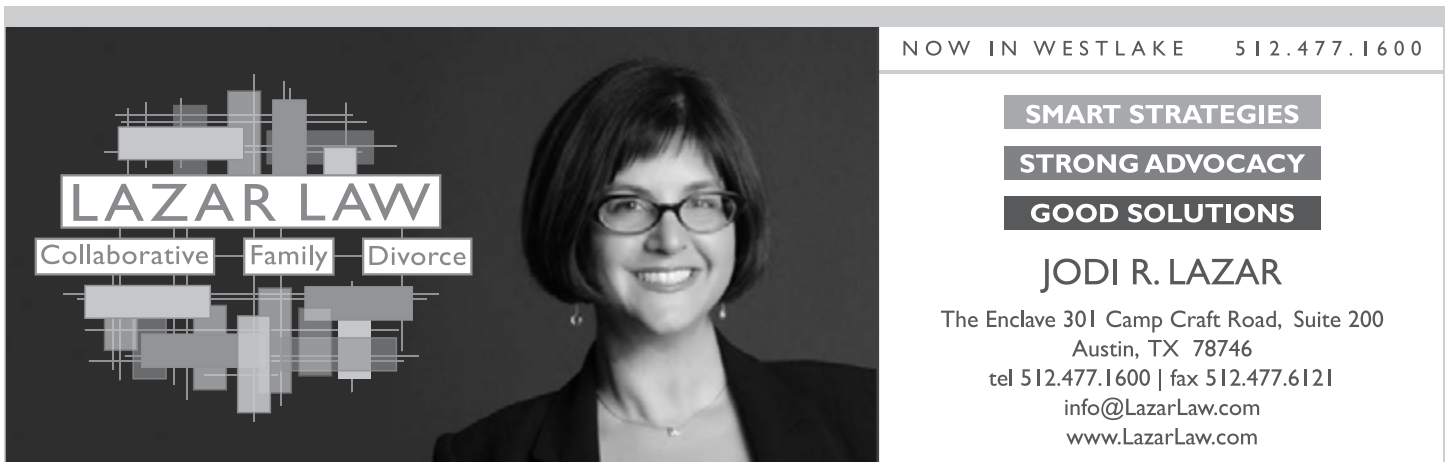
- Finances – budget, cash flow, and assessment collection
- Contracts – building maintenance, grounds management, reserve study, facilities usage
- Management – upkeep and repair of the property, staff supervision and services to homeowners
- Legal Responsibilities – rules, regulations, policy enforcement, meetings and elections

The Board gets the authority to perform these duties from association documents and State statutes. Directors, having control and responsibility for the property of others, are expected to act with scrupulous good faith and candor, and avoid even the perception of conflicts of interest, favoritism, and acting out of self-interest.

Those interested should submit their contact information with a brief bio, or questions, to Scott Selman, Executive Director at scott@steinerranchhoa.org.

Pruning Begins

During the months of January, February and March the landscape maintenance company, Landscape Resources, 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.



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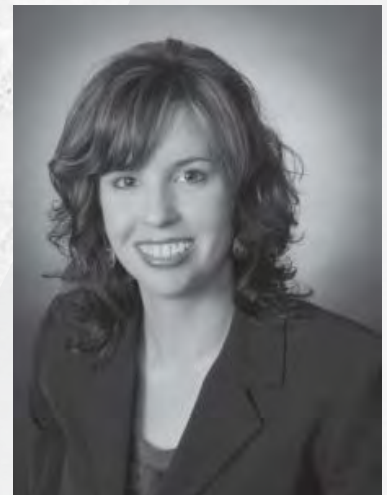
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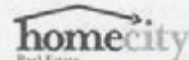
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From the Association Office

Bulletin Board Posting Policy

Due to the small sizes of the community bulletin boards and the large numbers of residents wanting to post notices, the Boards of Directors for Steiner Ranch have adopted the following restrictions for the bulletin board postings:

1. Bulletin boards are for resident postings only. Association notices have first priority.
2. Notices are posted every Friday and will remain on the board for two (2) weeks. Notices must be submitted by 5:00pm on Thursday.
3. Notices may not be larger than 5"x 7".
4. Association notices are exempt from time and space restrictions.
5. Notices must include either a Steiner Ranch subdivision name OR a Steiner Ranch telephone number.
6. Commercial (for-profit) postings by adults are not permitted. (These include, but are not limited to, offers for in-home childcare, nannies, cleaning service, scrapbooking service, piano lessons, pet care, etc.)
7. Commercial (for-profit) postings for youth (under 18 years) are permitted. Youth postings may be placed on the boards for no more than one (1) month per calendar year.
8. All postings are approved at the Association Staffs discretion.

Thank you for your cooperation with the posting restrictions. If you have any questions, please contact the Community Associations Office at (512) 266-7553.

Do you need a field for practice?

Are you planning on coaching a team in the Spring?

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- 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)
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 3. On Thursday, February 16th, you will be contacted 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:

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

TIMES:

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DAYS:

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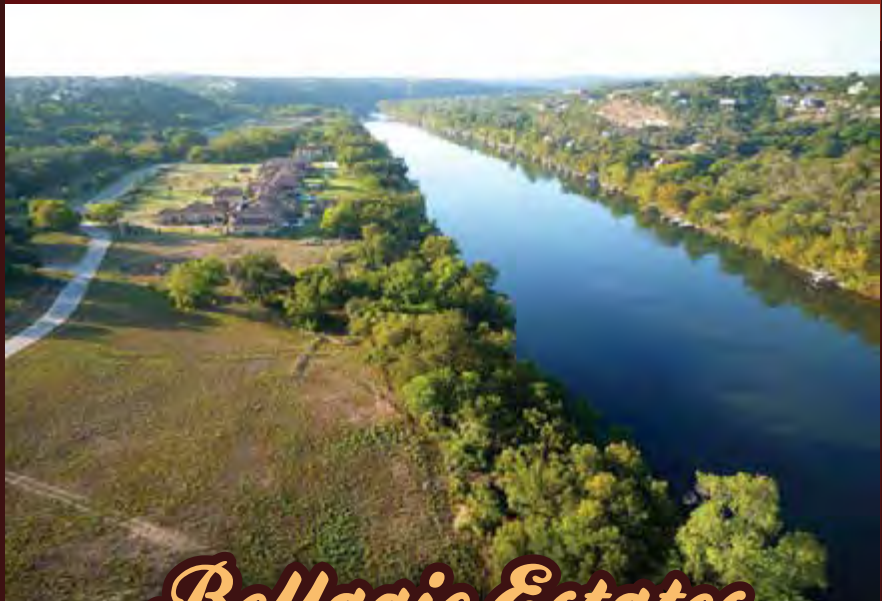
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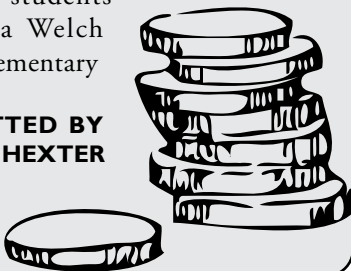
Laura Welch Bush Elementary School Coin War

When the devastating fires of Central Texas burned through Steiner Ranch, many Four Points residents thought of those who lost everything. The parents and students of Laura Welch Bush Elementary School worried about those who were affected, and they wanted to do something to help.

After considering various ways to raise money, the LWBE PTA opted to host a coin drive. The challenge: boys versus girls in a friendly penny war-of-the-sexes to see which gender could raise more. The proceeds from their coin drive will benefit the children who lost their homes in the devastating Steiner Ranch fire in September. Specifically, these funds will go toward rebuilding personal libraries.

While the boys proved to be a collective formidable opponent, the girls were the victors in the end. Together, the generous families of Laura Bush contributed \$888.50, which went toward the purchase of 104 Scholastic books. Furthermore, Scholastic Books has generously agreed to match the children's efforts: for every dollar raised a book will be donated to non-profit organization such as Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc., and Kids in Need Foundations. In other words, 888 additional books will be donated due to the philanthropic efforts of the star students of Laura Welch Bush Elementary School.

**SUBMITTED BY
CHRISS HEXTER**



Viper Band Member is First All-State at VHS

For the first time in the history of Vandegrift High School, a Viper Band member has achieved the distinction of reaching All-State with the TMEA (Texas Music Educators Association). Matt Szostak, who plays tuba and Sousaphone, advanced after the auditions in December 2011. Jeremy Spicer, VHS Band Director says, "This honor recognizes Matt as one of the top 21 tuba players in the entire state of Texas. This is the highest award a high school band student can receive. Great job Matt – we are very proud of you!"

All-State, as students call it, is the final step of a five-month journey that begins in September, when 55,000 students audition at regional tryouts; the 1,500 of them who descend on the River Walk for the four-day event represent the mere 2 percent "who survived," as TMEA folks like to say. At the convention, they audition once more, for chairs in the thirteen All-State ensembles, and then plunge into rehearsals for the weekend's final concerts.

Matt's mother Teresa Szostak said, "Making the All State Band has been a goal of Matthew's since he started high school. Through hard work and focus, outstanding direction and instruction from the Vandegrift HS band staff, and the support of his fellow band members, it's no surprise that he's made it a reality. We're very proud of him for this and all of his accomplishments."

The All-State audition process for high school winds and percussion students leads ultimately to qualification in one of seven All-State Bands that perform at the annual TMEA Clinic/Convention: ATSSB Jazz Ensemble, ATSSB Concert Band, ATSSB Symphonic Band, TMEA Jazz Ensemble, 4A Symphonic Band, 5A Concert Band, and 5A Symphonic Band. With this honored distinction, Matt will participate with other "All-State" musicians from across the state at the TMEA All-State Clinic and Convention to be held in San Antonio, February 8-11, 2012.

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The band is taking orders now through February 9, 2012. Mr. Gravely suggests that residents get their orders in early, before the LISD winter break. To order mulch with free home delivery, call your friendly neighborhood VHS band student or visit www.vhsband.com/mulch.

The VHS Band Booster Club is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization and helps support the band program by providing funds to offset expenses and keep student fees as low as possible. They also offer "effortless giving" through shopping at Amazon and Randall's, and by getting haircuts and ordering pizza locally. Visit www.vhsband.com/fundraising/effortless-giving for details.

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(front) Zach Bezella
(not pictured) Jake Schuller

Zach Bezella, Canyon Ridge 8th grader coordinated a Polar Bear Swim-a-thon at the JCAA in Austin, Texas on Sunday, January 8th. Zach recruited 15 friends to help raise money for MD Anderson Children's

Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. The money raised will help the "wish list" of the pediatric patients; to help reduce fear, anxiety and uncertainty as they undergo cancer treatment. Zach has been a swimmer since he was 6 years old. He swims for both Steiner Stars as well as Cedar Park Swim Team. Zach chose to raise money for MD Anderson as part of his mitzvah project for his upcoming Bar Mitzvah in March. "Sometimes I take for granted having my health and being able to do what I like to do. I'd like to use my ability to swim, to help kids that are sick from cancer, and are unable to do the things I can" says Zach Bezella.

The following 15 kids swam a total of 3,105 laps (44.1 miles) in 3 hours. They swam outside in 52 degrees which didn't seem to bother the kids at all. Zach Bezella, along with Zach Wolk also a CRMS Ridge 8th grader, and Cameron Katzman a CODA

swimmer swam 402 laps each. Jacob Stubbs a Cedar Park swimmer swam 350 laps. Jake Schueller an 8th grader at CRMS swam 250 and Kiani Bell also an 8th grader at CRMS swam 202 laps. Jonathon Broughton, Freshman at VHS swam 250 laps. Molly Stringer and Savannah Broughton, 7th graders at CRMS swam 150 laps each. Rachel Bezella, freshman at VHS swam 115 along with Rachel Tovar, 8th graders at CRMS. Austin Tovar, 8th grader at CRMS swam 100 laps, Kialyn Bel (4th grader) 1 and Robby Tovar (3rd grader) from LWB elementary each swam 30 laps. Noah Wolk, a 4th grader at SRE swam 156 laps. Fantastic job to all of the swimmers!

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WHEN: The Book Fair will be open February 27, from 5:00-7:00pm, February 28 – March 1, from 7:30am-3:30pm, and March 2, from 7:30am-1:30pm.

WHERE: River Ridge Elementary School is located at 12900 Tierra Grande Trail.

The Book Fair offers specially priced books and educational products, including children's classics, award-winning titles, new releases, interactive software, adult bestsellers, and other great reads from more than 50 publishers. Book Fair customers may help the school build classroom libraries and improve children's reading skills by purchasing books through the Classroom Wish List and One for Books programs.

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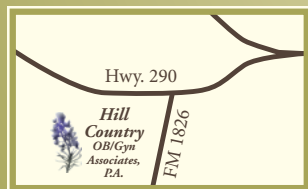
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Registration: Noon

Shotgun Start: 1pm

Dinner & Prizes:
5:30pm

Concert: 6:00pm

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Chocolate Mousse

Courtesy of Julia Child - from The French Chef Cookbook

I have a 1968 edition of The French Chef Cookbook which was based off Julia's PBS Cooking Show The French Chef. The book almost instinctively opened to page 24 and there was her recipe for Chocolate Mousse. It was easy, with very simple steps spelled out and the end results are fabulous – perfect for a Valentines Dessert.



INGREDIENTS:

- 1 C semi sweet chocolate, broken into bits
- 4 T strong coffee
- 4 egg yolks
- 3/4 C superfine sugar
- 1/4 C orange liqueur
- 1 1/2 sticks butter, unsalted
- 4 egg whites
- pinch of salt
- 2 T granulated sugar

DIRECTIONS:

Place chocolate and coffee in a small bowl and melt, slowly over a pan of hot water. Place egg yolks in a separate bowl and start beating with whip while gradually pouring in the sugar in a thin stream. Continue beating for 2 to 3 minutes until mixture is thick, pale and forms a slowly dissolving ribbon when lifted. Beat in the liqueur and set bowl on top of pan of almost simmering water. Beat at moderate speed for 4 to 5 minutes, or until foamy and warm when tested with your finger. Remove the bowl and beat for a few minutes to cool.

Stir the chocolate again and continue until perfectly smooth. Gradually beat in the butter then beat the chocolate and butter into the yolks and sugar.

In a large bowl beat the egg whites slowly until they begin to foam, then beat in the salt. Increase the speed gradually to fast until soft peaks form. Sprinkle on the sugar and continue to beat until stiff peaks are formed. Stir one fourth of the egg whites into the chocolate mixture to lighten it; scoop the rest of the egg whites on top and delicately fold them in.

Immediately turn the Mousse into individual cups. Cover and chill for several hours or overnight. You may garnish mousse with lightly whipped cream.

I recommend incorporating a bit at a time unless you have a heat resistant palette! 1 tablespoon is perfect for my family, but you can add more or less. Salt and pepper to taste and remove from pan and place into serving bowl.

Let cool to room temperature and serve with Blue Corn Tortilla chips or whatever you have on hand!

SUBMITTED BY STACEY RIDER



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STEINER RANCH RESALES SOLD STATISTICS

	2011	2010	2009
January	3	7	6
February	12	16	8
March	24	23	4
April	11	21	9
May	23	32	18
June	36	22	18
July	14	34	27
August	34	22	29
September	17	21	15
October	19	13	9
November	14	15	14
December	16	17	14
TOTAL	223	243	175
AVG\$	\$402K	\$404K	\$370K
ADOB	56	71	96
AVG \$/sqft	\$126	\$121	\$115

STEINER RANCH NEW SOLD STATISTICS

	2011	2010	2009
January	5	3	4
February	4	2	1
March	10	3	9
April	4	3	5
May	9	3	3
June	18	10	11
July	5	8	10
August	2	2	3
September	6	6	4
October	8	6	1
November	5	2	7
December	5	4	9
TOTAL	81	53	67
AVG\$	\$494K	\$488K	\$557K
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AVG \$/sqft	\$141	\$143	\$142

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