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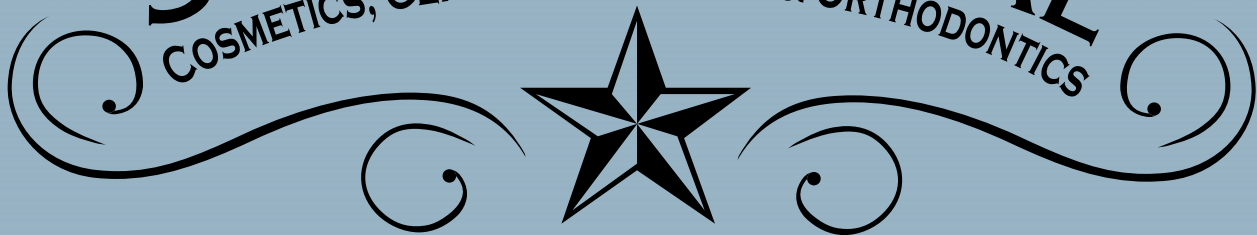
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Do you take great photos? Would you like to see your photo published? We are looking for great cover photos for upcoming April issue of the Ranch Record.

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 graduation photo (first senior class at VHS!!!) or a Mother's Day outing. Our May 2012 issue submittal deadline is April 7th and photos should be submitted electronically by the deadline date to Sharon Adams at sharon@steinerranchhoa.org.

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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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On Saturday, March 3rd, the seventh annual *Run the Ranch* drew more than 520 runners, walkers, and little ones riding in jog strollers. Setting a record for this event, community members and onlookers joined participants for the *Run the Ranch* 5K, Kids K and Health Fair at the Towne Square Community Center in Steiner Ranch. As the title sponsor, Hill Country Bible Church provided friendly, helpful volunteers, as usual. Gene Arant Real Estate provided the race bags and Kids K medals, while Austin Asset Management provided the race numbers and pace car. In addition, Randalls, Randolph Brooks Credit Union, 620 Chiropractic and Wellness center, Wild Basic Fitness, and Y.E.S (Yoga Education in Schools) were all gold level sponsors for the event. Red level sponsors were QualTech Automotive, Capital City Running and the blue level sponsors were Steiner's own Stroller Strides as well as Austin Foot and Ankle.

While the cool temperatures at the starting line had racers huddling together, the bright sun and the encouraging smiles along the route kept racers motivated. After working up an appetite, runners crossed the finish line to enjoy delicious breakfast tacos from Rudy's and coffee from our neighborhood favorite Cups 'n Cones. In typical Austin fashion, participants, families, and onlookers were entertained by live music and train rides for the children while waiting for the last few runners and awards. In addition, the annual Health Fair provided those in attendance with information and fun freebies from a variety of healthcare and fitness professionals.

Mark your calendars for March 2, 2013. You won't want to miss the eighth annual *Run the Ranch*.

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MALE

1. Sean O'Neil (six-time winner)
2. Stuart Will
3. Dennis Moynihan
4. Jim Moore
5. Stephen MacLaren

FEMALE

1. Jennifer Fisher
2. Sydney Prucha
3. Hollie Kenney
4. Catherine Bunch
5. Jordan Mathis

Age Group winners:

MALE

- | | |
|-------|------------------|
| 1-10 | Nico Canosa |
| 11-19 | Stephen MacLaren |
| 20-29 | Tim Sage |
| 30-34 | John Cook |
| 35-39 | Matthew Sanders |
| 40-44 | Jim Moore |
| 45-49 | John Stetson |
| 50+ | Manuel MacIas |

FEMALE

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|-----------------|
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Young at Heart EVENTS

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Young at Heart is an informal group of Steiner Ranch residents that plans various activities for those in the 50+ age group to provide opportunities for them meet others with common interests. We have parties, informal wine socials, impromptu get-togethers and one Special Event each year. From these social occasions, friendships have developed and other groups have formed.

BOOK CLUB

Monday, April 16th

The Book Club meets on the third Monday of every month at 1:30. In April we'll be discussing *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson. We will also be selecting books for the coming months. Please contact Maureen Michel (mmichel17@att.net) for the meeting location. 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.

DINNER GROUPS

Dinner groups are being formed. If you want to participate, please send your information to Karen Steans at kjsteans@gmail.com with Dinner Groups in the subject line.

GARDEN CLUB

Led by Master Gardener, Deb McLarty, this group welcomes all gardeners, both men and women. For more information and details about upcoming events, please send an email to steinerranchyoungatheart@gmail.com with Garden Club in the subject line.

LADIES LUNCHING OUT

Once a month a group of the Young at Heart women meet for lunch at a local restaurant. On Tuesday, April 17th 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

Are you a lady golfer looking for a group to play with or are you interested in learning how to play golf? If you are interested in getting more information or joining, please send an email to Lois

Banning at loisbanning@gmail.com and let her know if you are interested in learning golf or just need some ladies to play with.

MEXICAN TRAIN

Wednesday, April 4th

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, April 4th at a location to be determined. Since there is limited space, please RSVP to dottie.thoms@gmail.com to be sure to be included.

ROMEO (RETIRED OLD MEN EATING OUT)

If you would like more information about this group including date, time and place of their April lunch, please send an email to Rick Steans at rasteans@gmail.com.

TECHNOLOGY GROUP

Thursday, April 12th at 1:00 PM

Town Square Meeting Room

Note: Date & Location Changed to accommodate larger groups

COMPUTING 101

The "Computing 101" session will cover the basics of how a computer works and describe the different parts of a computer and how they work together. The difference between memory and hard drive storage, and exactly what the processor does will be discussed. And last, but not least, Laurie Scott will talk about ways to back up your data correctly and securely. Laurie always presents her information in an interesting and enthusiastic way. This session promises to be a very valuable learning experience. Join us and learn how easy it is to let technology open up a world that you may have thought was lost forever.

The Technology Group meets 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

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Young at Heart Events- (Continued from Page 10)

information, please contact Beverly France at Bevfrance@aol.com or 266-2960. RSVPs are not required but would be appreciated for planning purposes.

WALKING GROUP

If you prefer to walk with a friend or as part of a group, please contact Isabel Cutillas by sending an email to steinerranchyoungatheart@gmail.com with Walking in the subject line. Let her know your preferences so that she can match you up with others having similar interests.

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.

More events and activities are being planned. If you have an interest that isn't mentioned above, please contact either Cheryl Burnaw or Dottie Thoms. And 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.

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Participants should start lining up along the sidewalk next to their dedicated age group at 9:55am. Please wait for the Fire Truck or Air Horn to sound their horn for the big start. To ensure all children leave with eggs, we ask each child to limit their eggs to ONE DOZEN. Please keep this in mind when your child is on the HUNT. All children will be divided by age group and there will be two "special eggs" in each age group for a special prize.

Age Groups:

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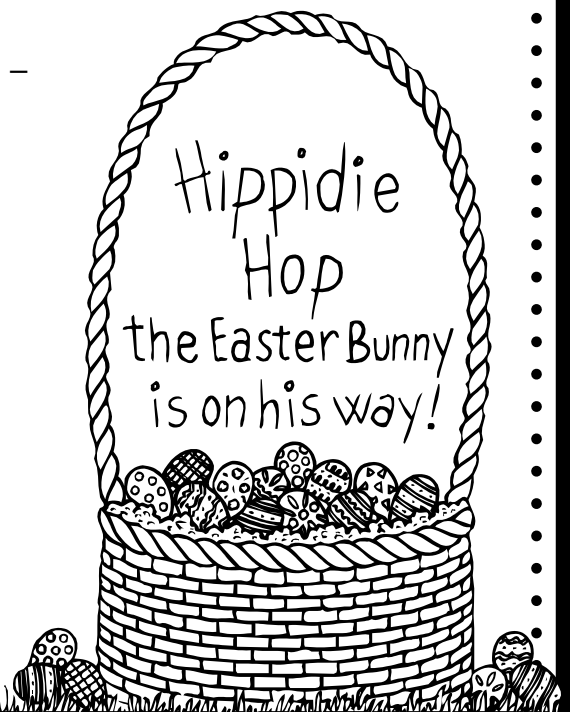
3-4 Yr Olds – In the area to the left of the
Volleyball Court

5-6 Yr Olds – In the area to the right of the
Volleyball Court

7-10 Yr Olds – In the Playground

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April 7th – Sutter Wise

April 14th - Xander Palermo



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(Dates are Tentative)

Apr 7 – Easter Egg Hunt 9:30am JS

Apr 28 – Spring Garage Sale 8:00am

Notice Date Change!

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

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Please help!

WE NEED Egg Wranglers – With over 9000 eggs to hide, we need your help the morning of the event! Please come to the John Simpson Park on Saturday, April 7th by 8:00am. Coffee will be provided for all the early morning helpers! This is a great way for the older kids to be involved and earn community service points too!

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Around Steiner

STEINER RANCH RESIDENTS ENJOYED FUN, CHILI AND BEER AT THE

Steiner Ranch Social Committee Chili Cook-Off

Steiner Ranch residents enjoyed excellent beer, delicious chili, and great music at the annual Chili Cook-Off, Saturday, February 18, at the Towne Square Community Center.

Residents enjoyed a huge variety of chili with everything from chicken, venison meat, traditional beef, burn the roof of your mouth hot and ethnic varieties. Every chili was delicious and unique. Steiner Ranch has proven to be full of talented cooks!

This year's winners are:

Champion – Shirley Erp

2nd Place Sara Ferniza

3rd Place (Tie) – Matt Welch & Gene Huft

People's Choice – Paul Yendle.

*Congratulations to this year's
Chili cook-off winners.*

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Sponsorship for this event was provided by Elicia Gower of Coldwell Banker and Deric Spindler of T. Laney Spindler Construction, which help provide the awesome LIVE entertainment by Chris Austin Martinez!

Please take the time to look up more information about our sponsors who do so much to support our community and events.

As always, we owe a big thank you to the Steiner Ranch Social Committee Volunteers, Jannine Farnum, Chili Cook-off Chair and our resident volunteers.

If you have not yet participated in one of our community events, watch the Ranch Record for event information and join us! These events are great fun, and a great opportunity to meet new friends and neighbors, and be a part of your community!



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April 13 - 27, 2012

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Once again, Steiner Ranch will hold a clothing drive to benefit the non-profit organization

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WHERE TO DONATE:

Your donations can be dropped off during normal business hours April 13 - 27th at

- Steiner Ranch Community Association office
- 4 Sons' Quality Cleaners at 4300 N. Quinlan Park
- Cups & Cones
- Please ensure that your donations for Dress for Success have been dry-cleaned and any repairs have been made prior to drop-off.

4 Sons' Quality Cleaners is offering a special price for cleaning services of \$2 per suit or item received for donation at their Quinlan Park location. If you require assistance or pick up, please contact us and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

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Steiner Ranch SROP/Beef Team Cycling Group Participating in Tour de Cure

Now in its eleventh year, the American Diabetes Association Tour de Cure has been a fundraising cycling ride from San Antonio to Austin, Texas. For the first time, in 2012, the event's fundraising efforts will be focused on twenty-six (26) Central Texas counties, and the ride will start and end in Austin at the Travis County Expo Center on May 5, 2012.

The new one-day, family-focused event, sponsored by lead sponsors Austin Energy and Seton Healthcare Family, will feature various cycling routes for all skill levels (from 15 to 100 miles in length). No matter which distance riders choose, they will be fully supported with route marshals, SAG vehicles, mechanical support, and rest stops stocked with hydration and a variety of snacks. At the finish, there will be an Austin-style celebratory theme at the Travis County Expo Center with cheering volunteers, live music, great food and much more.

The Steiner Ranch community has their own "SROP/BEEF TEAM" participating in the Tour de Cure, organized by Steiner Ranch Old Pros and the Texas Beef Council. Steiner Ranch resident, Dante Fichera, is the team captain and encourages fellow Steiner Ranch residents to sign up and join the "SROP/Beef Team". The first 40 riders on the team will receive a free jersey. Also, the Texas Beef Council will contribute \$25 towards the minimum \$200 fundraising requirement. A few other perks will include an orientation BBQ on March 28th at the Texas Beef Council offices, post race massage at the Team tent, and weekly prizes for our group training rides held before the May 5th event.

To sign up for the event and the "SROP/Beef Team", please go to <http://main.diabetes.org/goto/srop>. If you have any questions about the event or the team, please contact Dante Fichera at (512) 914-3773 or dantefichera@gmail.com or Shannon Keever at (512) 330-4105 or shannonb08@yahoo.com.

Ongoing updates are also available on Twitter at @DiabetesAustin or on the event's Facebook page: "Austin Central Texas Tour de Cure."

"Though we have made substantial progress in combating diabetes, the number of Americans burdened by this disease continues to grow at a rapid pace," says Jane Koble, Executive Director of the association's Central Texas chapter. "Approximately 8.3 percent of Americans have diabetes. In Central Texas, we're looking at 10% of our population. It's an urgent health issue that touches Texans at a much higher percentage than the general population of the United States, and the number of adult Texans with diabetes is expected to quadruple over the next three decades if the current trend continues."

Diabetes can have a devastating impact on the health and well-being of those it affects. People with diabetes are more likely to suffer from complications such as heart attacks, strokes, high blood pressure, or kidney failure.

Type 1 diabetes inhibits the body's ability to produce insulin and can be managed with insulin injections, diet, and exercise.

Type 2 diabetes accounts for 90 percent of diabetes cases in the U.S. and for those with this type, either their body does not produce enough insulin or the cells ignore the insulin. Individuals can reduce their risk of developing Type 2 by adopting a healthy diet, exercising regularly, and consulting a medical professional about their individual needs and risk factors. The increase in Type 2 diabetes among the Nation's children is linked to the rise of childhood obesity.

Traditionally, Tour de Cure has been the Central Texas chapter's largest annual fundraiser. The planning committee for the 2012 Austin Central Texas Tour de Cure hopes to attract 550 riders to the inauguralevent, who will each raise a minimum of \$200 to help prevent, treat, and manage the disease.

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FIREWISE CHAT #4

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Firewise is a nationally recognized program to help neighbors work together to become a safer community. Anyone interested in becoming more involved is invited to the Firewise committee meetings. Meetings will be the 3rd Thursday of each month at Bella Mar Community Center at 7:00pm (April 19 and May 17). Look for links to Firewise information coming soon to the new HOA website.

BECOMING FIREWISE WITH YOUR LANDSCAPING

by Maggie Tate

Residents in Steiner Ranch maintain some of the finest yards in Austin, providing the neighborhood with beautiful landscapes to showcase the unique flavor of our tight-knit community. However, maintaining a Firewise yard requires more than beauty. It involves close attention to important aspects from the types of flowers to plant to which mulch to use to the placement of our colorful flower beds.

Some of the Firewise landscaping techniques may alter how our lawns look, but taken one step at a time, small choices can make our landscapes safer. If you are in the process of designing or redesigning your landscape, rather than planting shrubs that hug the outer walls of the house, begin plantings about 3 feet away from the structure of the home. Instead of placing wood mulch right up to the foundation, form about a three-foot path of gravel, crushed granite or bare dirt between the outer walls of the home and the first plantings. Consider landscaping the home with multiple "island" garden beds with firebreaks such as limestone edging around the bed. The beds should contain plants that have Firewise characteristics and a low flammability rating. In designing a Firewise landscape, non-flammable areas such as gravel, paths or a healthy lawn should separate groups of plants or garden beds.

Most of the residents in Steiner Ranch have established landscapes, so our focus of becoming Firewise will deal primarily with

maintaining our existing yards. This is no small matter! Maintaining your landscape is as important as choosing the plants to place in it.

- Trim trees to six to 10 feet from the ground.
- Remove leaf litter and dead plant debris. Dispose of properly in the trash.
- Keep the yard watered and mowed.

Mulch is an important part of Firewise landscaping. Not only does it inhibit weed growth, but it retains moisture and keeps the soil temperature lower. Consider using large chunks of wood or bark as mulch rather than shredded bark or mulched yard debris. The large wood chunks may maintain moisture for a longer period of time and ignite more slowly. In Firewise landscapes, pine straw mulch is not recommended, because it dries out quickly and is highly flammable. All mulch needs to be kept 3 feet away from the house.

When you do have an opportunity to plant trees or shrubs, use the Firewise plant characteristics to help with your selection. The majority of plants in the 30-foot survivable area of a landscape should have one or more of the following characteristics:

- high moisture content
- broad, thick leaves
- low chemical or resin content
- open and loose branching patterns
- deciduous
- a low retention of dead material.

What may come to mind after reading these characteristics is cactus in a gravel bed, but there are plenty of wonderful plants that can make a beautiful garden that is also Firewise. The following plants currently have a low flammability rating, but keep in mind that studies are in progress that may change this information. Much work is needed to determine the plants that are Firewise and also drought resistant.

- Cacti - yucca, agave, ocotillo, and prickly pear, just to name a few
- Turk's Cap (*Malvaviscus drummondii*)

- Red Barbery (*Berberis haematocarpa*)
- Flame Acanthus (*Anisacanthus insignis/ puberulus*)
- American Beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*).
Many wildflowers are also appropriate in the firewise landscape.
- Indian Paintbrush (*Castilleja indivisa*)
- Claspng Coneflower (*Dracopis amplexicaulis*)
- Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea angustifolia*)
- Mexican Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias curassavica*)
- Gulf Coast Penstemon (*Penstemon tenuis*).

Unfortunately, ornamental grasses (in the families Poaceae or Gramineae), vines, rosemary, wax myrtle, dwarf yaupon and plants that retain dead leaves for more than 2 months in the year are extremely flammable and should not be used next to a home. Extreme caution should be taken if they are used anywhere in the landscape by placing them in strategic locations that will not put the home at risk. For example, I know rosemary is effectively a roman candle, but I like to have rosemary in my garden to use in cooking. In my landscape it grows right by the street and next to the driveway, away from the house.

By making the necessary changes to our beautiful yards, Steiner Ranch neighbors can continue to take pride in our neighborhood and become Firewise in the process.

Maggie Tate is a Master Gardener with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Travis County and can be reached at tate.maggie@gmail.com. For more information on this and other horticulture and gardening topics, please see our website, <http://travis.tx.tamu.edu/>, or contact our gardening hotline at 854-9600.

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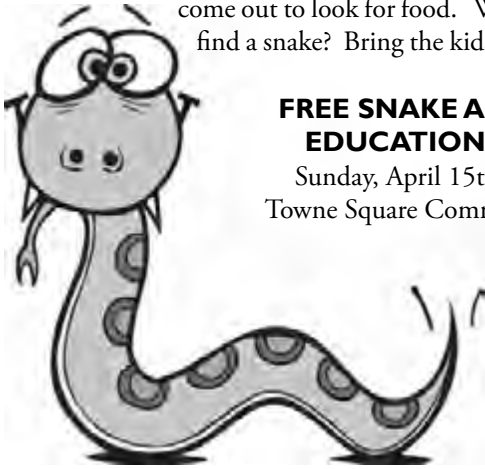
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Paul is a family man who has been married to Sherry for forty years and they have six beautiful grandchildren.

Around Steiner

It's Snake Season

In the spring time, snakes are hungry after a winter of being mostly dormant and will go wherever food is most easily found. Also, spring is breeding season, so males are actively seeking out females. Once summer comes around, snake activity during the daytime drops off because of the heat. Snakes generally find a cool spot to hide during the day. These cooler areas can be any number of places, such as under concrete slabs, in wood piles, or even in buildings. In the evenings they become active as they come out to look for food. What do you do if you find a snake? Bring the kids and come find out!!!



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Steiner Ranch Preserve Guided Hike

Come join Travis County Staff for an interpretive hike in the Steiner Ranch Preserve, part of the larger Balcones Canyonlands Preserve (BCP) on Saturday, April 14 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. This will be family-friendly hike, following the J-Canyon trail up to a viewing pond. We'll help you learn about flora and fauna of the area and the two endangered species which nest in the preserve, the Golden-Cheeked Warbler and the Black-Capped Vireo. Though secretive, since Golden-cheeked Warblers live in the area along this trail from March - August, we'll listen for their breeding songs and hopefully we may even see them.

The hike will begin at the Bella Mar Community Center in Steiner Ranch. The hike will be limited to 15 people. Please e-mail William Burch at william.burch@co.travis.tx.us to make a reservation.

Looking for Volunteers - At the BCP, we are always looking for volunteers to assist us. Volunteers can participate in a number of projects including animal and plant surveys, invasive plant management, area clean-up, patrol, and educational programming. For more information on becoming a BCP volunteer, visit our volunteer website at http://www.co.travis.tx.us/tnr/bccp/bcp_volunteer.asp, or contact William Burch, Volunteer/Outreach Coordinator at william.burch@co.travis.tx.us or 512-619-2190 x 3.

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Trails Update – April 2012

I apologize for the absence of a trails update the last couple of months. While several items of interest have been in the works, there wasn't much to report . . . until now.

DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH ON THE TRAILS. I continue to receive emails from residents who complain that they, or their leashed dogs, have been attacked by other pets while they have been using the trails. Please, if you walk with your dog on the trail, keep them on a leash for the benefit of all. I am personally less likely to use the trails if I have to worry about encountering aggressive dogs who are a danger to me, my kids or my dogs. I would imagine there are others who feel the same. The leash rule is a requirement to use the trails.

TRAIL CLOSURES. Some of you may already be aware of the new apartment construction that is taking place between the Steiner Steak House and the Monterone Apartments along Steiner Ranch Boulevard. This construction has effectively shut down Buckaroo Trail north of Monterone and Lake View Trail from the intersection with Buckaroo to the Monterone Apartments. Please stay away from this construction. I've been in contact with the HOA and the developers for this project in hopes of working with them to keep these two trails in existence. I will keep you posted of future updates.

NEW TRAIL MAP. One of the most exciting developments is the existence of a new trail map! This has been in the works for a few months. We received a draft version in early January and, with the assistance of Bryan Bunch, have finalized the map for distribution. The new map has been updated with all of the existing trails. The most significant and requested improvement is the addition of distance references on the map. The trails committee discussed various ways of presenting the distance information, and ultimately decided that the most efficient way to convey the information was to simply annotate distances between obvious points. Similar to a highway map (remember those!!) the map shows distances between red dots placed at trail heads and major intersections. This approach keeps the map to a single, one-sided 11 X 17 sheet. The new map is now available at the HOA's offices. If in the course of using the map you find any issues, please don't hesitate to email me.

TRAIL REROUTE. Another accomplishment is the re-route of the Westridge Canyon trail at the intersection with the Majestic Oaks trail. This work was accomplished by Haden Janak, a member of Boy Scout Troop 146, to complete requirements to obtain the rank of Eagle Scout. This short portion of the trail was an eroded fall-line trail, and was very susceptible to continued erosion due to the grade,

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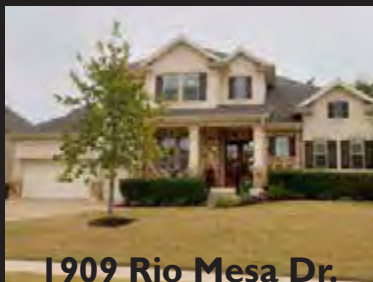
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Let's Celebrate Cinco de Mayo

Every few years, Cinco de Mayo lands on a Saturday night and we get a chance to celebrate with a Social Committee event! What is Cinco de Mayo?

Cinco de Mayo is a Mexican festival, which celebrates a great achievement in the history of Mexico and "Cinco de Mayo" means May 5. A Mexican army of about four thousand defeated a large French army on May 5, 1862. The French emperor Napoleon III had not lost a battle in over fifty years so the Mexican defeat of the French was seen as a major victory. As a result of this battle, the US armed forces were able to build up their forces, building up their strategic power, and end the civil war. This is why Cinco de Mayo is celebrated in the United States as well as in Mexico.

We will be celebrating with a Taco Bar from Los Pinos and MARGARITAS, as well as lively DJ Music and the traditional and colorful red, green and white of the Mexican flag to set the tone of the celebration.

Saturday, May 5, 2012

7:00pm – 11:00pm

Towne Square Community Center

Residents that are 21 years old and older, and their invited guest can attend.

\$20 per person includes food and Margaritas.

Registration is online at www.steinerranchhoa.org.

Tails Update- (Continued from Page 23)

lack of vegetation and heavy use. Haden led his troop in creating switchbacks which reduce the average grade of the trail leading to a lower potential for erosion and allowing for easier passage. Thanks, Haden!!

As always, if you would you like to provide input or get involved, please come to the next Trails Committee meeting. All residents are welcome to attend. The time, date and location will be posted on the community website, www.steinerranchhoa.org. You can also join the Yahoo! Email group by sending an email to steiner_trails-subscribe@yahoo.com. This is an excellent way to stay apprised of what's going on or to provide input on our trail system.

If you have any questions, comments or thoughts on improving existing trail system, please contact me at 699-6139 or by email at Ed.Perrey@yahoo.com.

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Around Steiner

WATER AEROBICS

If you want to get into an exercise program, but cannot get motivated, or the pavement plays havoc on your knees, legs or hips, or you just don't want to exercise in the workout room by yourself, try WATER AEROBICS. Water aerobic classes will again be offered this Spring/Summer @ Towne Square Pool in Steiner Ranch. Classes will start the beginning of May.

THE SCHEDULE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

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Tues/Thurs @ 9:00 am

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

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Easter Sunday, April 8 – 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:30am



SUMMER LEAGUE SWIMMING TO BEGIN IN MAY

Summer league swimming is just around the corner, and the Stars are gearing up for another great season in the Northwest Swim Circuit. The Stars Blue team is pleased to announce new Head Coach Jon Scott. He will join returning Stars Red Head Coach Kay Gerken to lead approximately 500 Steiner Ranch resident swimmers in competition this summer.

PARENT ORIENTATION

New swim families are strongly encouraged to attend a parent orientation meeting on Sunday, April 22nd to review team guidelines, volunteer requirements and other important information at Towne Square Community Center. Red Team Parent meeting will go from 6pm to 7pm, and Blue Team Parent Meeting will go from 7pm to 8pm that evening.

SEASON KICKOFF PARTY!

On Friday, May 4th, we will host a Season Kickoff Party at Towne Square Fields from 5pm to 8pm. All parents and swimmers are encouraged to attend and get to know your teammates and coaches before practices start the next week. For the most up to date information on events, practices and meets, please visit our website at: www.steinerstars.org.

SWIMTEAM PRACTICETIMES AT BELLA MAR

Stars Red

- May 7th through May 30th - Monday and Wednesday from 3:30pm to 7:30pm
- June 5th through July 6th - Tuesday through Friday from 7:30am to 12:30pm

Stars Blue

- May 8th through May 31st - Tuesdays and Thursday from 3:30pm to 7:30pm
- June 4th through July 5th - Monday through Thursday from 1:30pm to 6:30pm

STARS HOME MEETS AT BELLA MAR

- Saturday, June 9th - Stars Blue vs. Pflugerville Piranhas
- Thursday, June 21st - Stars Blue vs. Stars Red (The Annual Star Wars Meet!)
- Saturday, June 23rd - Red Team vs. Rattan Creek Hurricanes
- Saturday, June 30th - Red Team vs. Balcones Country Club Sharks
- Saturday, July 7th - Blue Team Hosts Season End Divisional Meet

See you at the pool. Go Stars!

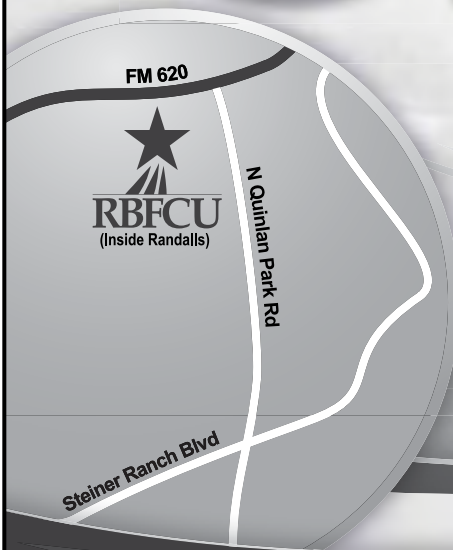


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April 22, 2012

Where: John Simpson Park and Community
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3506 John Simpson Trail Austin, Texas 78732

Time : 12:00pm - 3:00pm (walk starts at 1:00pm)

First annual charity walk for Minis and Friends, a 501(c)(3) miniature equine guided interactions (EGI) therapy organization serving the special needs community of the greater Austin Area.

Miniature Horses, family walk, a pet costume parade, silent auction, resource fair, food vendors
Come meet our adorable little horses and march a mighty mini 2k mile in Steiner Ranch.

Register at: <http://tinyurl.com/MightyMiniMarch>

About The Event

This is a 2K (1.2 miles) community walk with the Mighty Minis of "Minis and Friends", Family and Pets Charity Walk. We encourage and welcome those families within the special needs community to join us! Please come out to support us and our herd of miniature therapy horses for our 1st Annual Community "Mighty Mini March" in beautiful scenic hill country of Steiner Ranch. Sign Up Early for better prices! This is a charity walk and silent auction benefiting Minis and Friends, a 501c3 miniature equine guided interactions (EGI) therapy programs organization serving the special needs community of the greater Austin metro area.

2K Walk - Adult (13 yrs to adult) \$20.00

2K Walk - Youth (5-12 yrs) \$15.00

Pet Costume Parade - \$FREE\$

More Information:

www.MinisAndFriends.org/mightyminimarch

Questions or comments - Please contact Melinda Pyle @ 512-413-1516 or email at
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	3 6:30pm – Facilities Committee Meeting (TSCC)	4 1:00pm – YAH Mexican Train	5	6 LISD School Holiday Association Office Closed	7 10:00am – Easter Egg Hunt (JS Park)
8 	9 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	10 9:30am – Social Committee Meeting (Cups & Cones)	11 YAH – Ladies Bridge Club	12 1:00pm – YAH Technology Group (TSCC)	13	14 9:00am – 4:00pm – Babysitting Class (TSCC)
Yard Waste Pick up Week - See article on page 46						
15 2:00pm - Snake & Reptile Seminar (TSCC)	16 1:30pm – YAH Book Club 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	17 6:30pm – SRROA Annual Meeting (TSCC)	18	19 7:00pm – Firewise Committee Meeting (BMCC)	20 Scrap-a-Thon (TSCC)	21 Scrap-a-Thon (TSCC)
22  Scrap-a-Thon (TSCC) 12:00pm – 3:00pm – Mighty Mini Charity Event (JS & WR) 6:00pm – Red Team Parent Meeting 7:00pm – Blue Team Parent Meeting	23 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	24 6:30pm – SRMA Annual Meeting (TSCC)	25 YAH – Ladies Bridge Club 3:30pm – SRMA Board of Directors Meeting	26 6:00pm – SRROA Board of Directors Meeting (TSCC) 7:00pm – The Art of Feng Shui (BMCC)	27 Steiner Stars Red & Blue Team Kick-Off Party (TS Fields)	28 8:00am – 12:00pm – Spring Neighborhood Garage Sale
Yard Waste Pick up Week - See article on page 46						
29	30 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)					



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30pm – Facilities Committee Meeting (TSCC)	2	3	4 5:00pm – Steiner Stars Red/Blue Swim Team Kick-off (TS Fields)	5 :00pm – Cinco De Mayo Party (TSCC)
6 	7 :30pm – 7:30pm - After School Swim Team Practice Begins (BM Lap Pool) 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	8 9:30am – Social Committee Meeting (Cups & Cones)	9 1:00pm – YAH Mexican Train	10 1:00pm – YAH Technology Group (TSCC)	11	12 9:00am – 4:00pm – Babysitting Class (TSCC)
13	14 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	15 :00pm – Women's Social & Pampering Night (BMCC)	16	17	18	19 8:00am – 5:00pm - Neighborhood Sports World Cup Soccer Tournament (BM/TS Fields)
20 	21 1:30pm – YAH Book Club 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	22	23	24 6:30pm – How to protest your Property Tax Appraisal (TSCC)	25	26
27	28 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	29	30 3:30pm – SRMA Board of Directors Meeting	31 6:00pm – SRROA Board of Directors Meeting (TSCC)		



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Around Steiner



Steiner Scrapers Scrap-A-Thon

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

WHEN: Friday, April 20th at 6:30pm to
Sunday, April 22nd at 4:30pm

COST: \$75 for the entire weekend!

WHERE: Towne Square Community Center

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?:

- No distraction from kids, spouse, or home
- One six foot long table of your very own for scrappin' (leave it set up the entire weekend)
- Meals & snacks
- Fabulous gifts
- Meet old & new friends
- A Creative Memories Consultant with inventory for sale & supplies

Hurry! Space is limited to the first 25 reservations! First Come, First Served! Registration is available on-line at www.steinerranchhoa.org

Summer Camps in Steiner

Registration for Summer Camps is now in full swing! 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
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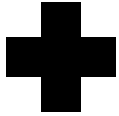
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American Red Cross Babysitter Training Course

9:00am – 4:00pm

\$50 per person

This is a very popular class, so sign up
early for any of the dates below!



Classes for 2012

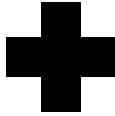
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May 12th

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Dec. 8th



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STEINER RESIDENT SELECTED AS A CANDIDATE FOR

Woman of the Year in The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Annual Fundraiser



As members of our community, we are always looking for ways to make a difference. One of our own, Robin Haley, is trying to make that difference.

Robin has been selected as a candidate for Woman of the Year in The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's (LLS) annual fundraiser. She and her family reside in Steiner Ranch and from February 22, 2012 to May 4, 2012, she and her team will be raising funds for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through the Man & Woman of the Year Campaign.

The title is insignificant. It is about raising money for important research that LLS is funding, which has led to groundbreaking treatments -- such as chemotherapy, radiation and stem cell transplantation -- that are vital to treating blood cancers and many other forms of cancer. So many of us have been touched by cancer in some way. We cannot just sit by and do nothing.

Hailey Martinez and Andrew Escobedo, the Girl and Boy of the Year, have yet to fulfill their life's work and dreams. Hailey was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia and had chemotherapy treatments for 28 months. She is a bright and fun 9-year-old in the 4th grade at Pflugerville Elementary in Pflugerville, Texas and is in remission! Andrew is a joyful 4-year-old and was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia on November 17, 2010. After undergoing treatment he is currently in the maintenance phase of his treatment. These brave young children want to tell their stories and encourage others to fight and overcome cancer.

These are two wonderful, vibrant children, and it is in their names that Robin and her team are reaching out to you for support. For them, and for the many others like them, your contributions will make a life-changing difference. These two children are beautiful, strong, and determined. They are truly inspirational.

How can you help? By going on line and donating under Robin's name in the Man and Woman of the Year campaign. Your donations will count as votes toward the competition. We already know we live in an incredible community, but wouldn't it be great to show Austin just how much Steiner Ranch and the Four Points community give back?

Never lose hope. Never give up. Never quit.
Please donate at <http://sctx.mwoyaustin.llevent.org/RobinH>

*Top: Robin Haley pictured with 4 year old, Andrew Escobedo nominated Boy of the Year
Left: Hailey Martinez, Girl of the Year
Right: Hailey Martinez and Andrew Escobedo, the Girl and Boy of the Year*



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Around Steiner

Workshop Series

Steiner Ranch offers Free adult workshops to residents through local vendors. 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.

APRIL 12 – YOUNG AT HEART TECHNOLOGY GROUP, PRESENTS COMPUTING 101

Technology Group - The "Computing 101" session will cover the basics of how a computer works and describe the different parts of a computer and how they work together. The difference between memory and hard drive storage, and exactly what the processor does will be discussed. And last, but not least, Laurie Scott will talk about ways to back up your data correctly and securely. Laurie always presents her information in an interesting and enthusiastic way. This session promises to be a very valuable learning experience.

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

The Technology Group meets 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 Beverly France at Bevfrance@aol.com or 266-2960. RSVPs are not required but would be appreciated for planning purposes

1:00pm TSSC

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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.



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Contact Kay Kirby at ktkirby@austin.rr.com (Pack 203) or Tina Millard at csm388@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/steinerlouisiana/> 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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E-mail your pictures to steinerranch@peelinc.com by the 8th of the month.



HE IS RISEN *Celebrate Easter*

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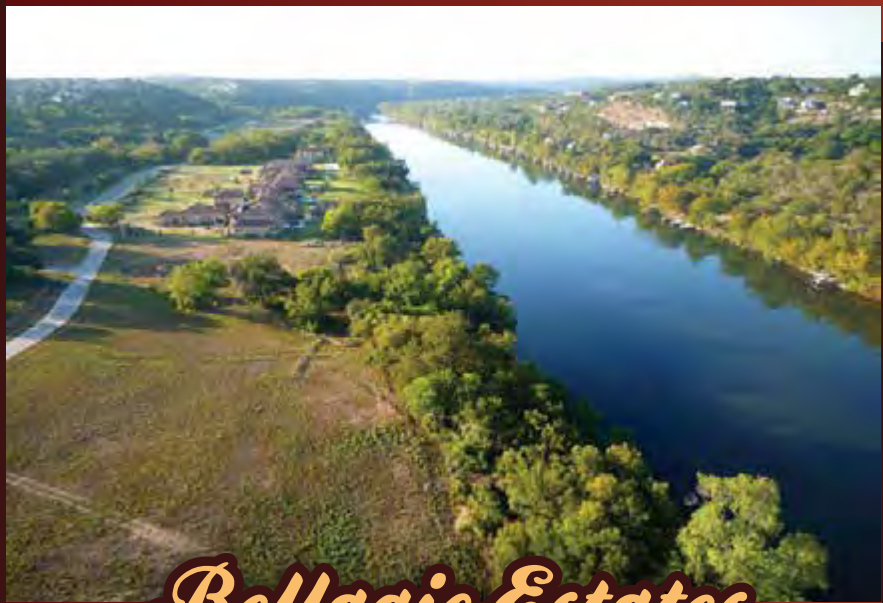
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Overnight Street Parking

In an effort to improve the overall appearance of our community, the management office will occasionally send out reminder notices to the neighborhood. We understand that there may be new homeowners, new people leasing homes, or even sometimes there are community members that forget the importance of the community standards.

This letter is a reminder to everyone in the neighborhood to please adhere to the parking rules established in Steiner Ranch.

Steiner Ranch Rules & Regulations #6 Parking: No automobile or other vehicle, except as described in Rule #5, may be parked overnight on any roadway within the Property.

(Rule #5 specifically addresses the parking of Recreational Vehicles)

We appreciate each and every resident's compliance with this rule as we all work together to maintain our wonderful Steiner Ranch community.

Spring Yard Waste Pick up

Texas Disposal Systems will provide Steiner Ranch residents with two (2) seasonal curbside collection pick-ups (bags and/or bundles). These seasonal pick-ups are scheduled to begin the week of April 9, 2012 and end on the evening of April 13, 2012 (Monday thru Friday) AND the week of April 23, 2012 and end on the evening of April 27, 2012 (Monday thru Friday).

Each resident is allowed to place a maximum of twenty (20) leaf bags or brush bundles each week at their curbside on their designated trash pick-up day by 7am. Each bag or bundle shall be placed by the resident at the public curbside for collection. The total weight of the leaf bag and its contents or bundle shall not exceed 30 pounds.



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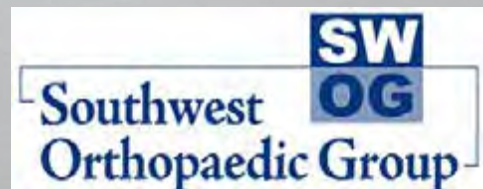
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Master Association Will Elect Two Homeowners to Serve on the Board

This is the first time homeowners will be elected to serve on the Board. As the neighborhood gets closer to completion, the board will transition to a complete homeowner board, and the neighborhood needs volunteers to lead the community. These first two homeowners elected to the board are essential to a seamless transition.

The election will be held during the April 24th annual meeting of the members and homeowners will be elected by a vote of homeowners only. Although the developer will maintain control over the other four places on the board, they will not be permitted to vote in the election. Homeowners should have received their meeting announcements that went out in March and candidates will be listed on the website, so please step forward and contact the Association offices if you are interested. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please remember to vote via the absentee ballot that will be included in the announcement or grant your vote to another homeowner that will be attending using the proxy.

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

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

Responsible Pet Owners

Please be a responsible pet owner by doing your part to keep Steiner Ranch a pleasant, clean, and safe neighborhood for all.

1. Scoop the Poop – Pet stations are located all through out Steiner Ranch common areas.
2. Latch the leash – not only is it safer for your dog, but others around you (and it's a law in Travis County)
3. No excessive barking – be courteous of your neighbors and keep your barking dog quiet.
4. Report Violations – go to our website at www.steinerranchhoa.org and click on the link "Report a Problem" if you know someone violating the rules.

Come Serve on the SRROA Board of Directors

The Steiner Ranch Residential Owners Associations (SRROA) is currently seeking nominations for two (2) open seats on the Board of Directors. Nominees must live in one of the SRROA neighborhoods (The Valley at Eastridge, The Summit at Eastridge, Mesa North, Chaparral, Rocky Ridge, Hancock Hill, and Plateau). The term length is two (2) years. Elections will be held at the SRROA Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 6:30pm.

The SRROA is a resident-controlled homeowners association. Board members represent all members of the SRROA and are responsible for governance of the SRROA. Time commitment is variable. Board meetings are held one evening per month at the Towne Square Community Center. Regular attendance is expected. In addition, Board members may occasionally be called upon during the workweek to provide opinions and feedback via telephone or email to the Executive Director. Board members serve as liaisons to Steiner Ranch Committees (Social, Facilities, etc.) and should plan on attending the committee's monthly meeting.

If you are interested in serving on the SRROA Board of Directors, please email your name, address, telephone number, and a brief autobiography to Scott Selman, Steiner Ranch Community Executive Director at scott@steinerranchhoa.org.

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From the Association Office

Coyotes in Steiner Ranch

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Spring is the time when the Association receives many reports about Coyote sightings near greenbelt areas.

Coyotes can live just about anywhere, and as humans expand their living areas and coyotes expand their range as well, contact is inevitable. Most of the time, coyotes go out of their way to avoid humans, but they are discovering that the urban environment provides a variety of sources of food. Resourceful and adaptable as coyotes are, they will take advantage of this when they can.

One of the keys to the coyote's success is its diet. A true scavenger, the coyote will eat just about anything. Identified as a killer of sheep, poultry and deer, the coyote will also eat snakes and foxes, doughnuts and sandwiches, rodents and rabbits, fruits and vegetables, birds, frogs, grass and grasshoppers, pet cats and cat food, pet dogs and dog food, carrion and just plain garbage.

WHAT CAN RESIDENTS DO TO HELP THE SITUATION

1. Do not feed coyotes or other wildlife!
2. Eliminate sources of water.
3. Bird feeders should be positioned so that coyotes can't get the feed. Coyotes are attracted by bread, table scraps, and even seed. They may also be attracted by birds and rodents that come to the feeders. They are also attracted to deer feed.
4. Do not discard edible garbage where coyotes can get to it.
5. Secure garbage containers and eliminate garbage odors.
6. Feed pets indoors whenever possible. Pick up any leftovers if feeding outdoors. Store pet food where it is inaccessible to wildlife.
7. Trim and clean, near ground level, any shrubbery that provides hiding cover for coyotes or prey.

8. As in all cases, small children should never be left unattended.
9. Don't allow pets to run free. Keep them safely confined and provide secure nighttime housing for them. Walk your dog on a leash and accompany your pet outside, especially at night.
10. Discourage coyotes from frequenting your area. If you start seeing coyotes around your home or property, chase them away by shouting, making loud noises or throwing rocks.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I SEE A COYOTE?

To report coyote sightings, call 3-1-1 (choose option 2). You will be asked to describe in detail the nature of your complaint, time, location, etc. The city's Animal Control Program will gather data related to coyotes and provide that information to Texas Wildlife Services for response/follow-up once the agreement between that agency and Travis County is in place.

Call 9-1-1 to report a coyote attack on a human (to date there have been no reports in Travis County of coyotes attacking humans)

For more information, call 3-1-1 and ask for Animal Services or visit one of the following websites:

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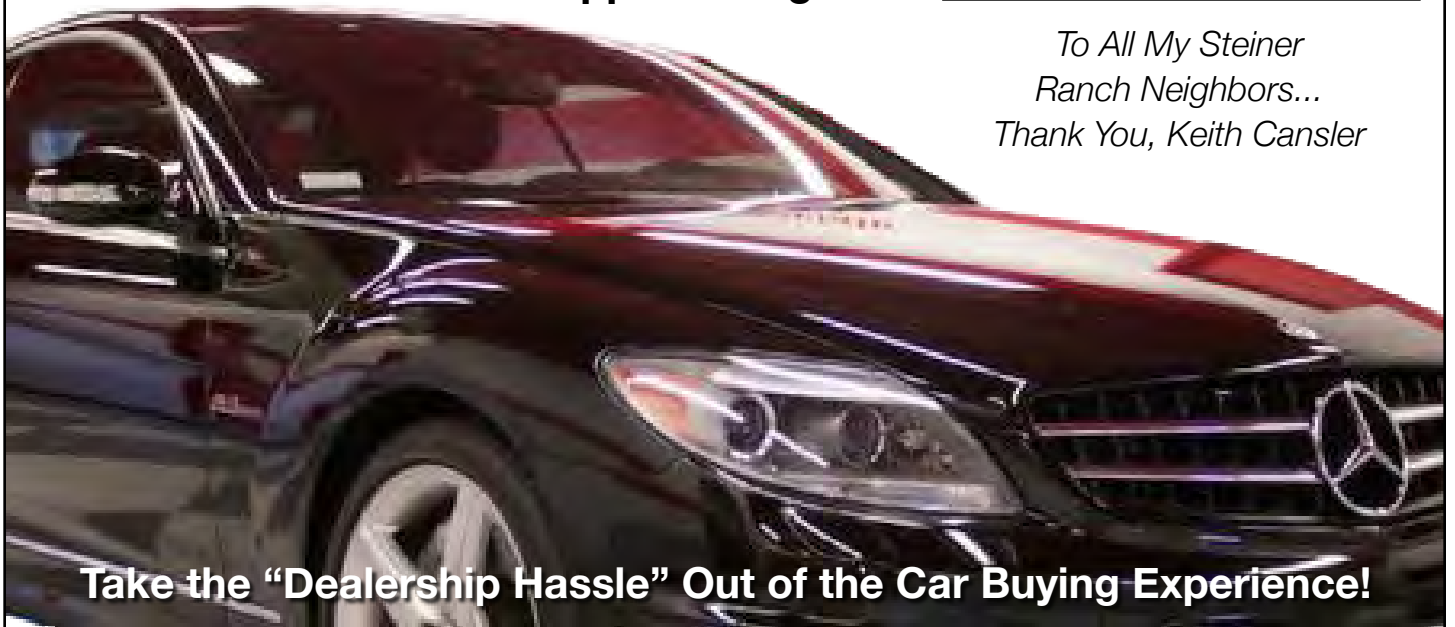
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Meetings are on Tuesday mornings from 8:00am to 9:30am at Hill Country Pasta House. Visitors are welcome! If you are interested please contact Elicia Gower at eliciarudberg@gmail.com for more information or visit www.BNIAustin.com.

FOUR POINTS BNI

Meetings are on Wednesday at lunch from 11:30am to 1:00pm at the River Place Country Club. Visitors are welcome! If you are interested please contact Kelly Troy at kelly@troysingroup.com or visit www.BNIAustin.com.

FOUR POINTS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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<i>4/6 - Fri.</i>	<i>Sul Ross State (DH)</i>	<i>5 p.m.</i>
<i>4/7 - Sat.</i>	<i>Sul Ross State (DH)</i>	<i>12 p.m.</i>
<i>4/20 - Fri.</i>	<i>Schreiner (DH)</i>	<i>5 p.m.</i>
<i>4/20 - Fri.</i>	<i>Texas Lutheran</i>	<i>7 p.m.</i>
<i>4/21 - Sat.</i>	<i>Texas Lutheran (DH)</i>	<i>1 p.m.</i>
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- 1 T fresh cracked pepper
- salt to taste

DIRECTIONS:

In a small bowl combine butter and herbs/spices, mixing well. Set aside. Remove outside corn husks to reveal pale green and tender husks. Gently peel them away from the cob and remove all the silk. With a spoon, spread a thin layer of the butter mixture over the corn and gently bring the husks back into place. They will stick to the butter, but I like to use a husk to tie a knot at the top of each ear of corn. Grill over medium heat on your grill for about 20 minutes or until tender. To serve, have your guest peel the husks back and use them as a handle!

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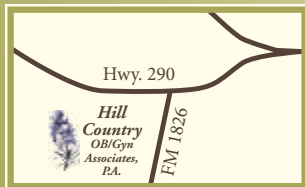
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Complaints to the FTC: Identity Theft Tops the List



The Federal Trade Commission received more than a million consumer complaints last year, and identity theft topped the list for the 11th year in a row. The FTC reported more than 250,000 complaints about identity theft in 2010, representing 19% of the total complaints received. Identity theft scams are becoming more prevalent online. About 45% of consumers reporting fraud said the transaction was initiated by email and 11% claimed it was through a website. Here are four tips to help you protect against identity theft:

Check your accounts regularly. Kiplinger's suggests spending a few minutes online every day looking at your bank and credit card accounts. Make sure you can recognize every transaction. By making this a habit, you can detect suspicious activity before it's too late.

Watch your phone! If your phone gets lost or is stolen, someone could have access to more than just your email. According to AdaptiveMobile, security attacks on smart phones were at an all-time high in 2010. Keeping your phone locked is a start, but it won't prevent tech-savvy thieves from breaking in. Make sure you log out of any bank apps or sites where your financial information is stored as soon as you're finished. Many smart phones also offer remote wipe-out services that will automatically erase any information on your phone if you claim it as lost or stolen.

Don't be fooled by an email. Many scams start with an email. You're probably aware of scams that claim to award money or transfer wealth from a foreign country, but identity thieves are getting smarter. It's becoming more and more common to get an email from a legitimate company asking you to log in to their website. Clicking the link takes you to a malicious copycat site that can steal your login credentials. If you ever doubt an email, call the company or open a new browser and go directly to the website.

Be smart on social networks. Be careful about what you post on social networking websites because this is one of the main sources of information for many identity thieves. If your name, phone number, address and date of birth can all be found on Facebook, you're giving identity thieves a head start! Check your privacy settings on any website to ensure your personal information isn't open to the public. For financial peace of mind, work with your financial coach to make sure your family is taken care of. Source: Primerica, Kiplinger, CNNMoney.com, Yahoo Finance.

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Our children will learn their own life lessons. But, that should not stop us from modeling survival skills to our children that have helped us handle the struggles of life. We can nurture resilient children by talking to them about our core values through sharing photographs, conversations and dining table games. Our children will learn from us, both consciously and sub-consciously, the skills that can help them weather the physical and mental storms of life. The time spent in reflecting on what really matters to us and communicating the same to our children can make our bonds with our children richer and more meaningful.

My parents actively reinforced the value of gratitude in me. Being mindful and expressing thankfulness for every experience has attracted many positive forces in my life. Gratitude is the legacy that

my parents have left for me. Legacy is a priceless gift that we can pass down to the generations that come after us. Legacy unites us with our ancestors, children and grand-children. Legacy is thinking about what qualities our ancestors have blessed us with, that we will continually strive to transmit in our kin.

It is important to ask ourselves some questions. Which qualities do we value: Humor and Power of laughter; Faith and Spirituality; Forgiveness; Pride; Compassion or something else? Do our children know of our values? What effort am I making in leaving a physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually strong legacy for my children? What difference can I make in the lives of my children in April 2012 through daily affirmations and encouragement?

We leave a legacy when we make a positive impact on our children's souls. This legacy is pure, powerful and long-lasting. Just like wood becomes stronger and harder when immersed in water, our legacy can preserve the resilience of our children.

Sugandha Jain is a Master Registered Texas Trainer. She is the Director of Accreditation at a local preschool.

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Colin's Hope Upcoming Events Calendar

- April - May:** Water Safety Walk - Packet Stuffing Distribution
- April 18:** Colin's Hope Classic Golf Tournament at Flintrock Falls
- June 14:** World's Largest Swim Lesson at Schlitterbahn
- June 16:** Colin's Hope Got2Swim the Pure Austin Quarry

Fit and Fun:

Health Tips for You and Your Children

Getting fit and staying fit can be a fun process. That's true for individuals, and it's especially true for families.

Fitness is an important topic, especially when your daily routine involves a lot of sitting, whether at work, at school, or at home in front of a computer or TV screen.

The habits that we learn as children are often the habits we carry into adulthood. As parents, we can help our children build healthy habits and find new, fun ways to motivate ourselves and our children to get active.

Below are some ideas for getting off the couch and having some fun while getting fit:

- Take an active vacation: It's tempting every day to think of your vacation as a time to sit and relax. But isn't that what your body does everyday? Instead, you can plan a trip that includes hiking, biking, skiing, and other activities that the whole family can do together.
- Visit a local park: It doesn't have to take a whole day, but you could spend a few hours playing at a park. Take a ball (football or soccer), a Frisbee, or a hacky sack, and play. You can invite some friends to join you, too. And remember: It's not just about the kids moving around – it's your time, too!
- Hold a block party: Call your neighbors, and block off the closest cul-de-sac for a get together that includes fun and active games. From freeze tag and relay races to hide-and-seek and kickball, there are hundreds of activities to choose from that are fun for everyone.
- Go for a hike: Find a local area where you and your family can go and hike for a few miles. Spend time outdoors, and enjoy what nature has to offer while you all get fit!

For more ideas about fun activities, visit the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance's Web site at: www.aahperd.com.

The Goal: Be instrumental in encouraging children to develop the good habit of moving through space, nurturing their physical power, and getting fit.

For more information about healthy activities, contact your health care provider or your Concentra health specialist. For more information on the importance of fitness for children, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Web site at: <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/physicalactivity/>

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Plant of the Month



A plant that has bloomed pretty much throughout the winter is the Purple Trailing Lantana. Obviously, the bloom is purple; however, there is also a white variety. The purple seems to be a tad bit hardier. This low growing, trailing groundcover does best when given plenty of room to spread and even drape over low walls. The blooms occur on the ends of the stems, so a good pruning a couple of times a year keeps the plant “in check” and colorful. In the heat of the summer, blooming slows dramatically. A few days of warm weather (in winter) and the blooms appear again. The plant is pretty winter hardy and mostly evergreen. Very drought tolerant!

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Newsletter Article Submissions

Interested in submitting an article? You can do so by emailing steinerranch@peelinc.com or by going to <http://www.peelinc.com/articleSubmit.php>. All news must be received by the 8th of the month prior to the issue. So if you are involved with a school group, scouts, sports etc – please submit your articles for The Ranch Record. Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, special celebrations and military service are also welcome.

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AUSTIN NEWCOMERS CLUB APRIL LUNCHEON

What's Happening At The Zach?

Founded in 1933 as Austin Civic Theater, ZACH has been a major player in the Austin Theatre and Theatre Education life of this region for almost 80 years. Our speakers this month are Joy Selak, the Board President at ZACH, and Nat Miller, ZACH's Education Director. They will be telling us about the work they do in theatre education and theatre for youth at ZACH as well as working with arts education in the Austin school system. They will also share with us the progress on their new state of the art Topfer Theatre under construction on the expanding campus.

Joy has served on ZACH's board for 8 years. Nat recently joined the organization from the Paramount, where he was education director. Nat is also a former high school teacher and received his MFA in Theatre Education from the University of Texas.

WHEN AND WHERE: Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at Green Pastures Restaurant, 811 West Live Oak Street, pre-payment \$20.00. Reservations are required.

TIME: 11:30 a.m. socializing, Luncheon begins at noon.

FOR LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS:

Email: LuncheonDirector@AustinNewcomers.com

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LAKEWAY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Community Open House

Please join us on April 1st, between 1:00 PM—4:00 PM, while LRMC hosts a community open house to give the Lake Travis community a chance to come on out and get a tour of the new hospital before it opens on April 16th. LRMC staff will be sharing information on the services offered and answering any questions you may have. We'll have activities setup for children ranging from face painting to getting an up close look at one of Travis County Star Flight's helicopters.

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