

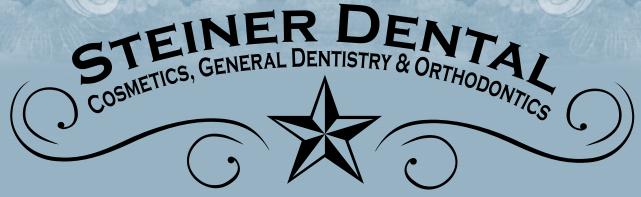
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The Association Office is no longer open on Saturdays. Please make a note of the "Regular" office hours that are now in effect.

Monday - Thursday 1:00pm - 5:00pm

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	MBB	Ozarks*	3 p.m.
12/17	MBB	Northwood	3 p.m.
12/20	WBB	Texas-Dallas*	1 p.m.
	MBB	Texas-Dallas*	3 p.m.
12/29	WBB	Wisconsin-Stout^	4 p.m.
12/30	WBB	Rust^	4 p.m.
12/31	MBB	Wisconsin-Stevens Point	11 a.m.

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WBB (W. Basketball)

- ! CTX Tip-Off Tournament
- * American Southwest Conference Opponent
- ^ CTX Christmas Classic

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ARTICLE INFO

The Ranch Record is mailed monthly to all Steiner Ranch residents. Residents, community groups, churches, etc. are welcome to submit information about their organizations in the newsletter. Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, recipes, special celebrations, and birthday announcements are also welcome.

To submit an article for consideration please email it to <u>steinerranch@peelinc.com</u>. The deadline is the 8th of the month prior to the issue.

COVER PHOTO

This month's cover photo was taken by Kim Self of her three kids Kaida, Jaron, and Jordan. "We are all so excited about the upcoming holidays that we decided to create a scene and pretend we were sitting by a warm fire on Christmas", said Kim. Parent, Jason and Kim painted the scene and the kids helped to decorate it. We love that Kim, Jason and their kids are helping get everyone in the Holiday Spirit!

Do you take great photos?

Would you like to see your photo published?
We are looking for great cover photos for upcoming
December 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, so be creative and give it a try. Our January 2013 issue submittal deadline is December 7th and photos should be submitted electronically by the deadline date to Sharon Adams at sharon@steinerranchhoa.org.

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

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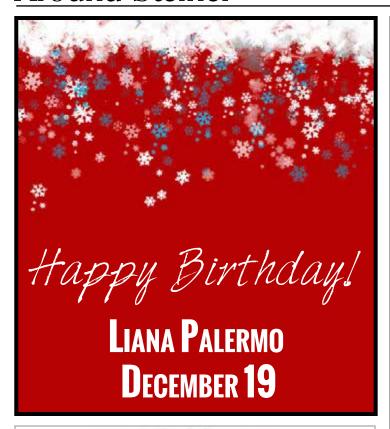
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FEB 16

Chili Cook-Off

MAR 2

Run The Ranch 5K and KidsK

MAR 30

Easter Egg Hunt

APR 5-7

Spring Scrap-a-Thon

APR 13

Spring Community Wide Garage Sale

MAY 4

Casino Night

JUL 4

Parade

JULY 20

Movies in the Park

AUG 3

Movies in the Park

AUG 17

Concert in the Park

AUG 24

Movies in the Park

SEPT 28

Fall Community Wide Garage Sale

OCT 20

Pumpkin Patch

OCT 27

Halloween Trunk or Treat

NOV 2

Camping on the Ranch

NOV 9

Holiday Sales Event & Santa Photos

All Events are tentative and subject to change or cancel, so please check monthly issues of the Ranch Record, the Steiner Ranch website at www.steinerranchhoa.org and Facebook (Steiner Ranch Social Committee) for updates.







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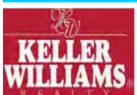




















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Trunk or Treat Spooks Steiner

The first ever Steiner Moms & Tots Kids Halloween Event and Trunk or Treat was held on Sunday, October 28th and was a spooktacular success!

Over 400 young children and their families attended the event and afternoon's activities.

These little pumpkins and pirates rode on a barrel train, bounced on bouncy houses and slid down slides. Kids petted furry friends at the children's petting zoo, had their face and hair painted, received twisted balloon creations, took pictures in the pumpkin patch, played games and enjoyed arts and crafts.

Children also enjoyed festive entertainment from Mr. Rudy and JD Stewart: Magician Extraordinaire.

Adults and children alike enjoyed food and drink provided by Uncle Billy's, Cups & Cones, Kona Ice and CupCaking Desire.

More than 300 children were able to take part in the Trunk or Treat component of the event, where over 35 area businesses, residents, and organizations decorated their tailgates and passed out goodies. There were some incredibly fun and creatively decorated trunks and this year's "Top Tailgate" prize winner was the Steiner Snake Guy.

A big thank you goes out to everyone participating in this year's Trunk or Treat, the Steiner Ranch Social Committee and HOA, and Steiner Ranch Moms & Tots.

Thank you also to our event sponsors who made all the activities possible! Sponsors include Millie and Mox, Hill Country Bible Church, Deer Creek Camp, School in the Hills, Steiner Ranch Orthodontics, Chase Bank, The Clubhouse Scene, Sportball, La Hacienda Professionals, Pigtails & Crewcuts, Lakeway Regional Medical Center, Brandy Finnessey of Re-Max, HEB and Plug and Play Bluebonnet School of Canyon Creek, Steiner Ranch Primary Care, Hill Country Pediatrics, The Donut Hole and Metro Moms.

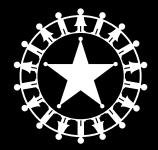






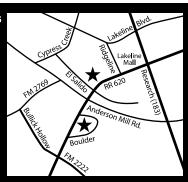


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STEINER SIP & SWAP

December 8th | 10am-1pm

Bella Mar Community Center

Ready for some new-to-you reading material? Join Steiner Moms & Tots for the first ever Steiner-wide book swap! Please bring your gently used hardback and paperback books, children's books and magazines (published in 2012 only) to the Steiner Sip & Swap. No textbooks, please.

Drop off locations prior to December 8th:

- Steiner Ranch HOA Office
- Cups & Cones

Grab a glass of hot chocolate, cider or cold beverage, and browse what others have brought in. You can take home as many items as you bring in, or provide a donation to BookSpring for any additional items you wish to purchase. Children and families are welcome.

Books remaining after the swap will be donated to area nonprofit organizations. Collection points for book drop offs will be listed in the next Ranch Record and on the HOA website. If you want additional information, wish to volunteer, or want to arrange a pick-up in October, please contact Morgan Briscoe: (512)413-6112 or morgan.briscoe@gmail.com





Holiday Decoration Rules

Halloween has passed and Thanksgiving is approaching quickly. Do you have jack-o-lanterns on your front step? Is there a plastic turkey in your yard? Are you thinking of hanging red-and-green lights on your house this year? As you plan your outside decor for the upcoming holidays, please observe the following Steiner Ranch rule regarding holiday decorations on the exterior of your property (this rule does not apply to the inside of your homes):

Holiday decorations (excluding Christmas) may be put out up to fourteen (14) days in advance of the holiday in question. Decoration must be removed no later than seven (7) days after the holiday. Christmas decorations may be put out beginning November 1st and must be removed by January 15th.

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Holiday House Decorating Contest

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> Best Themed Best Holiday Spirit Most Beautiful

Honorable Mention will be given to the street or sub-division with the most participation. Here's how it works:

FIRST – Nominate your home (or someone else's home) by emailing the physical address to Sharon Adams, Community

Coordinator at sharon@steinerranchhoa.org no later than Sunday, December 16th. Be sure to indicate which category you are nominating them for!

NEXT – Go to the website (www.steinerranchhoa.org) and download the list of participating homes. (Should be posted on Monday, December 17th)

FINALLY – Vote for YOUR favorite home between Dec 17th – December 24th from the list on the website (only one vote per household, per category) no later than Wednesday, December 24th

Winners will be announced on the website and Facebook Page!

Good Luck!!!





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Steiner Cares. Steiner Shares. Steiner Serves.

Steiner Serves is a group of Steiner area residents coming together to do one SMALL thing each month to benefit one featured charitable cause and make a BIG difference. Join us! Visit www.SteinerServes.org



January

Get ready to *DANCE* ... in a **FLASH MOB!**

We will host flash mobs throughout our community to raise awareness of the lives that can be saved with organ donation.

Steiner Serves Lead: Laura Howell

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"My dad is a living
example of the benefits of
organ donation."

Participate!

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February

Steiner Community

Wag and Walk

Saturday, Feb. 23



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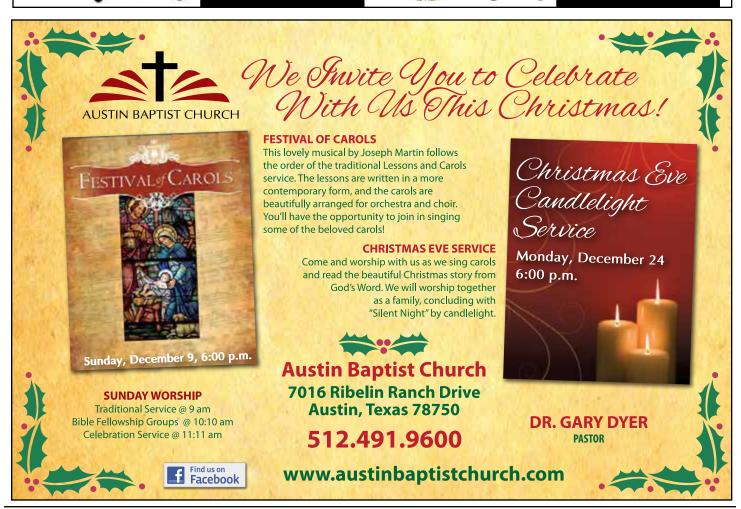
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Young at Heart Events

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Young at Heart is a group that plans various activities for Steiner Ranch residents in the 50+ age group to provide opportunities for people to meet others with similar interests. Since so many people travel or are away from home for extended periods of time, activities are planned to be enjoyed as frequently as members want. Whenever possible, these events take place in Steiner Ranch or close by. Those who are on the Young at Heart contact list receive emails announcing upcoming activities. If you would like to receive announcements and invitations from Young at Heart, just send your name, phone number and email address to steinerranchyoungatheart@gmail.com. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Dottie Thoms at dottie.thoms@gmail.com or at 512-531-9360.

Activities take place weekly, monthly or occasionally. Dates, times and places are included in the monthly emails.

Among the upcoming events and activities are:



Cruise the Caribbean with Ports of Call at Belize City (Belize), Roatan (Honduras) and Cozumel

> Royal Caribbean Mariner of the Sea February 10-17, 2013

BOOK CLUB

Lively discussions of a wide range of both fiction and non-fiction books

BRIDGE

Ladies Social (daytime) A less formal game of Bridge

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CONCERTS AND PLAYS

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HAPPY HOUR

Informal gatherings at nearby restaurants

LADIES LUNCHING OUT

Monthly luncheons at various local restaurants

LADIES GOLF

A loosely organized group of all levels of experience who play regularly

MEXICAN TRAIN

A casual game of Dominoes

ROMEO (RETIRED OLD MEN EATING OUT)

Men's lunch group

TECHNOLOGY GROUP

Computer classes deigned for both beginner and intermediate levels of experience

WALKING GROUPS

Enjoying walking together on the Steiner Ranch trails

WINE SOCIALS

Occasional get-togethers in members' homes. BYOB and an appetizer to share.

If you have an interest that isn't mentioned above, please bring it to us. New activities are frequently added.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ADDRESS NUMBERS

Even with Travis County having an enhanced 911 system in place, coupled with state of the art computer aided dispatch of emergency services, the importance of having a visible address number on your home can not be emphasized enough.

Consider this real-life scenario that plays out every day across America. A call is placed to 911 reporting that someone is in cardiac-arrest. Emergency services are dispatched to the address. They desperately search for an address number on homes along the street and stop several times at homes that have no visible number. Eventually emergency responders find the home where the call originated. Critical minutes are lost searching for the correct address. The patient expires before help arrives.

In an effort to serve you better, Lake Travis Fire Rescue is requesting that residents assist us by properly maintaining the address numbers on their homes. When called to a home for an emergency, time is always critical. That means finding that residence as quickly as possible. Residents should walk out to the street in front of their home and see if their house numbers can be easily seen. If they can be, then emergency services have a greater chance of possibly saving a life in a medical emergency, or your home in case of fire.

Here are some simple guidelines:

• Numbers should be a contrasting color to their background.

- Numbers should be large enough to be legible from the street.
- Numbers should be located where they can be easily read from the street.
- If the residence is more than 50 feet from the street, or cannot be seen from the street, a second set of numbers should also be displayed at the street on a mailbox, on a post, or end of the drive on a curb.
- Emergency responders may come from any direction. Be sure your address numbers are located in such a way that they may be easily seen, no matter which direction they are approaching.
- Address numbers should be visible at night. Reflective numbers or one of the new internally illuminated signs can be very helpful.
- Don't forget to trim back any landscaping that could interfere with the visibility of your address numbers from the street.

At Lake Travis Fire Rescue our main concern is your safety. You never know when you may be the next one to call 911 for an emergency. Be sure your house number is posted and visible from the road so you can be found as quickly as possible, as every minute counts

John R. Durham Assistant Fire Chief – Fire Prevention Division Travis County ESD No. 6 – Lake Travis Fire Rescue



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TOPTEN REASONS

TO HAVE A FUEL REDUCTION WORKDAY THIS WINTER

by Nathasha Collmann

- 10. Snakes & bugs are hibernating.
- 9. It's cooler than July.
- 8. Don't have to worry about Oak Wilt as much.
- 7. Endangered warblers are sipping margaritas in Mexico.
- 6. Friends and family are in town visiting. Put them to work, or enjoy a great escape!
 - 5. Neighbors are extra friendly and cooperative around the holidays.
 - 4. You need to burn off those holiday calories.
- 3. Local high school kids are available, bored, and need the volunteer hours.
 - 2. Temps are NOT in the triple digits.

And the number one reason to have a Fuel Reduction Workday ANYTIME is to reduce the amount of fuel available near structures. In the event of a wildfire, this could save your home!

It's important to remember that in most areas that are under the SRMA, we are NOT ALLOWED to disturb during the nesting season which starts March 1 (even if the greenbelt is NOT on the Preserve). So round up your neighbors and get started ASAP. We will help you with all the necessary paperwork, help contact volunteers, and coordinate the debris removal. Together we can protect our homes from wildfire!



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Travis County Balcones Canyonlands Hike at the Jollyville Unit

Saturday, December 1
Two Hike times: 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Join Travis County Staff for an interpretive hike at the BCP tract in Jollyville (near the intersection of Boulder Lane and 620). We will give specific directions to the hike a couple of days in advance the hike date. The hike is of moderate difficulty, so come with appropriate footwear (hiking boots suggested; no flip-flops), sunscreen/hat, and drinking water.

Since we have a large number of people interested in hikes, we have scheduled two hikes on the same day to accommodate a larger number of hikers, as seen above.

A limited number of spaces are available – therefore, hike participants must email william.burch@co.travis.tx.us to register for the hike.

Travis County Balcones Canyonlands Hike at Steiner Ranch Saturday, December 8 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Bella Mar Community Center

Join Travis County Staff for an interpretive hike at the BCP Tract at Steiner Ranch. We will meet in the parking lot of the Bella Mar Community Center. The hike is of moderate difficulty, so come with appropriate footwear (hiking boots suggested – no flip flops), sunscreen/hat, and drinking water.

A limited number of spaces are available – therefore, hike participants must email william.burch@co.travis.tx.us to register for the hike.

Travis County Balcones Canyonlands
Preserve Education Program
Saturday, December 8
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Bella Mar Community Center
Ages 5 to 8

Join Travis County Staff as we hold an educational program covering Endangered Species. This is a free program for Steiner Ranch Residents only. Children and their parents/guardians attend this program together.

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THERE IS NO BAD WEATHER, ONLY INAPPROPRIATE CLOTHES!

Please raise your hands if you have looked out your window and said it is too cold or windy outside to go for a walk, run, or bike ride. I'm sure all of you reading this article have, at one point or another, skipped your workout using that excuse.

Well here in Austin we have no excuses. Austin has some of the best outdoor weather in the country with over 300 sunny days per year. But if you need more reasoning... People in Scandinavia and most of Europe ride their bikes all year round. Holland, according to Bikes Belong, has 18 million bicycles and 16 million people and 26 percent of all trips in the Netherlands are taken on bikes and 50 percent of all trips in Central Amsterdam are by bike. According to the documentary Urbanized, 50 percent of all trips in Copenhagen are also made by bike and the stats for the rest of Europe are very similar. Now you have to admit that the weather in that part of the world is much colder and wetter than it is here in Austin. So why do these people have a different attitude towards weather than we do here? It may be encapsulated in this Old Norwegian saying: "There is no bad weather, only inappropriate clothes."

Here are some guidelines that may give you some direction as to what is appropriate clothing for cycling in the cold:

55 - 65 DEGREES

- Wear a base layer under your jersey or arm warmers.
- Wear short finger gloves

45 - 55 DEGREES

- Swap in a long sleeved base layer under your jersey
- Add leg warmers or knickers under cycling shorts
- Add a vest
- Swap in full finger gloves
- Add wind socks

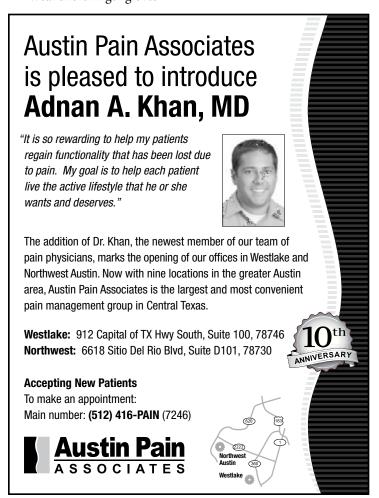
35 - 45 DEGREES

- Add shoe covers
- Add balaclava or hat and make sure your ear tips are covered
- Swap in full finger gloves that have wind breaker cover
- Swap in full sleeved cycling jacket

Most bike shops and REI will carry the above items. Many cycling enthusiast and racers will also use an ointment that you rub on your knees and legs under your clothing and it will keep you warm almost all day long. So, ask Santa for some winter clothing and get out there to enjoy some of the best winter weather in the world.

THE SOUL CYCLIST

The Soul Cyclist is every dad or mom that has gone on a bike ride with their son or daughter. It's the kids' riding their bikes on the way to school, it's the roadie, triathlete, mountain biker, bmx'er, bicycle commuter, cruiser, pedestrian, runner and exercise fanatic and the child in each one of us that remembers the joys of being outside on a bicycle.







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We will be offering a Sportball Camp to keep the kids busy and having fun! The camp will include a variety of sports and arts-and-crafts activities.

SPORTBALL HOLIDAY CAMP

December 26th – 28th
Location: Towne Square Community Center
9am to noon
\$38 per half-day session
Ages 3-8

Camp space is limited! To register, visit www.sportball.us.

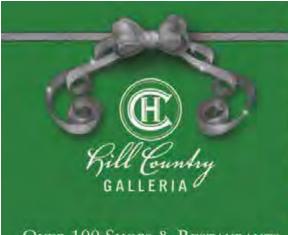
WINTER INTEXAS HOLIDAY CAMP

Kidventure's "Winter in Texas" Holiday Camp is back by popular demand! Three unique, individually-themed camp days will be offered at Towne Square Community Center during your child's Holiday break from school: \$75 for full day camps each.

The Big Chill: January 2nd Ages 5 - 12 Mt. Venture Snow Day: January 3rd Ages 5 - 12 Bounce, Blast & Boogie: January 4th Ages 5 - 12

Select individual days or choose them all! To register, visit kidventure.com.





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SADDLE UP AND RIDE!

DEC. 1, 2012 – Meet at Cups & Cones at 8:30am for a 40 - 55 mile bike ride. The rides are usually out around the lake, the dam loop, out to Crystal Falls Golf Course or the Avery Ranch Loop. This group is faster and while we try to keep the group together people will get dropped if they can't keep up.

DEC. 2, 2012 – Meet at Cups & Cones at 8:30am for the Tour de Steiner Ranch or some variation thereof. The ride will between 20 and 30 miles depending on which route we choose to ride. This is a NO DROP ride and all are welcomed.

DEC. 8, 2012 – Meet at Cups & Cones at 8:30am for a 40 - 55 mile bike ride. The rides are usually out around the lake, the dam loop, out to Crystal Falls Golf Course or the Avery Ranch Loop. This group is faster and while we try to keep the group together people will get dropped if they can't keep up.

DEC. 9, 2012 – Meet at Cups & Cones at 8:30am for the Tour de Steiner Ranch or some variation thereof. The ride will between 20 and 30 miles depending on which route we choose to ride. This is a NO DROP ride and all are welcomed.

DEC. 15, 2012 – Meet at Cups & Cones at 8:30am for a 40 - 55 mile bike ride. The rides are usually out around the lake, the dam loop, out to Crystal Falls Golf Course or the Avery Ranch Loop. This group is faster and while we try to keep the group together people will get dropped if they can't keep up.

DEC. 16, 2012 - Meet at Cups & Cones at 8:30am for the Tour de Steiner Ranch or some variation thereof. The ride will between 20 and 30 miles depending on which route we choose to ride. This is a NO DROP ride and all are welcomed.

DEC. 22, 2012 - Meet at Cups & Cones at 8:30am for a 40-55 mile bike ride. The rides are usually out around the lake, the dam loop, out to Crystal Falls Golf Course or the Avery Ranch Loop. This group is faster and while we try to keep the group together people will get dropped if they can't keep up.

DEC. 23, 2012 – Meet at Cups & Cones at 8:30am for the Tour de Steiner Ranch or some variation thereof. The ride will between 20 and 30 miles depending on which route we choose to ride. This is a NO DROP ride and all are welcomed.

DEC. 29, 2012 - Meet at Cups & Cones at 8:30am for a 40 – 55 mile bike ride. The rides are usually out around the lake, the dam loop, out to Crystal Falls Golf Course or the Avery Ranch Loop. This group is faster and while we try to keep the group together people will get dropped if they can't keep up.

DEC. 30, 2012 - Meet at Steiner Ranch Steakhouse at 8:00am for the monthly Jack & Adams bike ride. Ricky Perry has been known to show up for these rides. After the ride the Steakhouse sponsors a ½ price brunch for

riders. The ride is about 34 miles and there is a beginner, intermediate and advanced ride.

JAN 1, 2013 – Meet at Mellow Johnny's for the annual New Year's Day ride. There is a 30 and 60 mile ride and last year's ride was a blast. There is no cost to this ride and it will be fully supported and it is also a NO DROP ride but there is still a fast pace for those that want to hammer.

If you are interested in riding with the Steiner Ranch Cycling Club then come join us for a ride. You can also keep updated about our rides and other fun events at www.steinerranchcycling.com or to Facebook LIKE our page "Steiner Ranch Cycling". Steiner Ranch Cycling Club raised over \$11,000 for the LIVESTRONG Foundation and had 97 riders participating in the LIVESTRONG Challenge in October.

Steiner Ranch Cycling is excited to announce that another large monthly group ride will be added to our calendar beginning in the New Year. The ride will be hosted by Uncle Billy's & Mellow Johnny's and will be held on the first Sunday of every month. The ride will start from Uncle Billy's by the lake and will follow the same route used by the J&A/ Steakhouse ride. There will be ride leaders for beginner, intermediate and advanced groups. Uncle Billy will also be offering ½ priced all you can eat brunch for after the ride. Friends and family will be invited to join post ride festivities. We are very excited because it will add another large monthly ride to the Four Points Area.

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REGISTRATION IS OPEN

2013 WINTER/SPRING PROGRAMS

2013 Winter/Spring Programs in Steiner Ranch will begin in January! Registration has opened December 1st for Residents, so go online and look for all program information in the 2013 Program Guide at www.steinerranchhoa.org. Here is a summary at what you will find:

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Sportball

- Spanish
- Tap & Ballet Combo
- Music
- **Gymnastics**
- Touchdown Tots

Tennis

ELEMENTARY - TEEN PROGRAMS

Sportball

- Tennis
- Tab & Ballet combo
- Art

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- Flag Football
- Spring Break Camps

Registration information can be found on-line at www. steinerranchhoa.org or at the Community Association Office at 12550 Country Trails Lane.

If you have any questions, please call Sharon Adams, Community Coordinator at 512-266-7553 or sharon@steinerranchhoa.org.







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Dog Obedience Classes

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Class #1 - Sundays 1 - 2:30 pm | Class #2 - Sundays 3 - 4:30 pm December 2 - January 20 (NO CLASSES Dec. 23 & Dec. 30)

The basic obedience course is 6 weeks long. We meet weekly for one hour and fifteen minutes. You will need to commit about 30 minutes a day to training homework with your dog. During the course, you will learn the skills needed to most effectively and efficiently communicate in a language your dog understands. At the end of the course your dog will have accomplished:

- Learning to pay attention to you in a distractible environment
- Sit and down
- Sit stay and down stay at a distance of 30 feet for 1 minute
- Boundary stay at a distance of 30 feet for 2 minutes
- · Come when called
- Heeling with turns, sitting when stopping, and heeling past other dogs
- Enter and exit doors with permission
- Appropriate greetings of strangers and other dogs
- Increased dog and people socialization
- · Limit jumping, barking, mouthing, and digging

Additional discussions critical to responsible dog ownership include understanding how dogs learn, equipment education, how to be the leader of your pack, understanding your dog's needs, interpreting dog behavior and body language, how to safely greet new dogs, and keeping you and your dog safe around other dogs.

Dogs must be 5 ½ months old to attend. The curriculum is challenging and the dogs need to be mentally, emotionally, and socially developed enough to succeed.

Only 6 openings per class and filling quickly! Call now to reserve your dog's spot at (512) 653-7345! Course is \$250.





HOLIDAYWISHES2012

Each year, neglected and abused children in the Austin area must be removed from their homes by Child Protective Services caseworkers. Separations occur all year, but it is especially difficult during the holidays. Partnerships for Children is making a difference in the lives of these children and we invite you to join us by participating in our Holiday Wishes program.

With your help, how many children can we impact this year?

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American Red Cross Babysitter Training Course

9:00am – 4:00pm | \$50 per person Towne Square Community Center, 12550 Country Trails Lane This is a very popular class, so sign up early.

Dec. 8th

If you're 11 to 15 years old, you can get the knowledge, skills and confidence to care for infants and school-age children. Combining video, a participant's handbook, activities, hands on skills training and discussion for a complete learning experience, this course shows you how to:

- Respond to emergencies and illnesses with first aid, rescue breathing and other appropriate care
- Make decisions under pressure
- Communicate with parents to learn household rules
- Recognize safety and hygiene issues
- Manage young children
- Feed, diaper and care for infants

Bring a sack lunch! Space is limited. Prior registration is required and the 2011 Program Registration form is available at www. steinerranchhoa.org.

Drop & Shop GYMNASTICS FUN DAY

Need some extra time to run errands before the holidays? Drop off your child at Towne Square Community Center for a fun day of gymnastics. We will have all of the apparatus and several coaches to work with various skill levels. Bring a snack and water bottle. Reserve your spot online at www.brownsgymaustin.com.

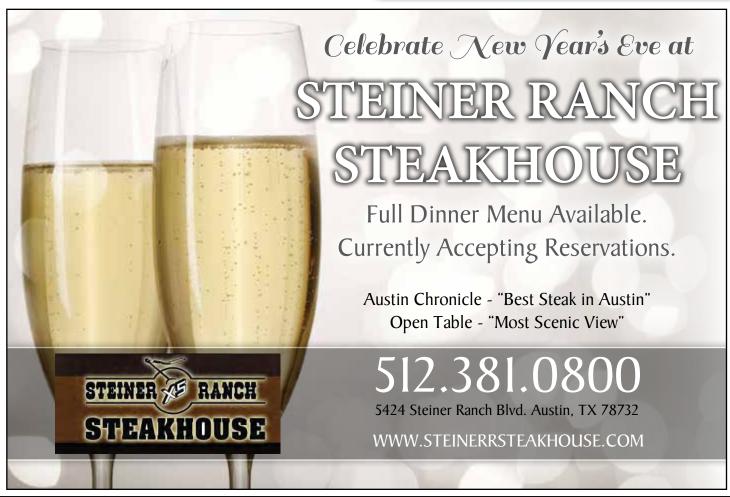
\$38 for the first child and \$30 for each additional sibling.

Ages 4 & up. Space is limited.

DATES:

Saturday, December 15th 10:00am - 1:00pm Saturday, December 22nd 10:00am - 1:00pm





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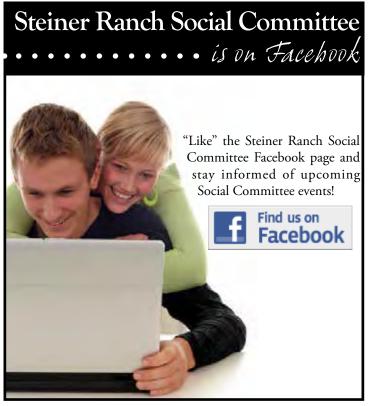


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Pool & Swimming News

Year Round Swimming Program for Adults

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

Our swim schedule is as follows:

Wed - Fri 5:30 a.m. - 6:45 a.m. | Sun 6:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. \$40 per month for Residents | Come on and give it a try! It's easy to sign up | You must be 18 yrs. and older.

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. 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

BELLA MAR

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

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

Sunday 6:30am - 7:45am

VHS Swimming Monday – Friday 7:15am – 9:30am; Tuesday & Thursday 6:30 am - 8:30 am

Holiday Schedule: Dec. 24 - Jan. 1 -- No practice Jan. 2, 3 & 4 Practice from 8:30 am - 10:30 am

Austin Elite Swimming Monday – Friday 4:30 – 6:30pm A maximum of two lap lanes will be available to lap swimmers during these sessions.

TOWNE SQUARE

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

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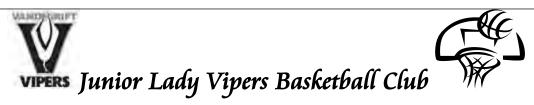
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*A Junior Lady Viper Basketball T-Shirt

*Recognition at half time of varsity games

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*Special treats at home district games

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Parent/Guardian Signature:	
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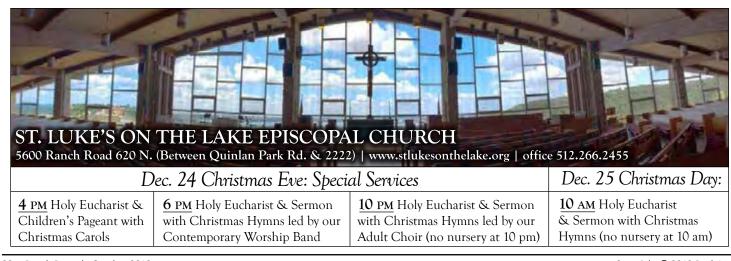


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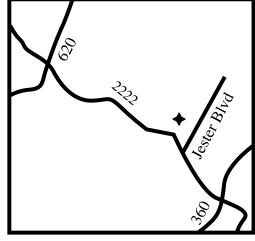


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Happy Holidays

FROM THE ASSOCIATION STAFF

The HOA would like to thank those who joined and those who have been serving many years on our Facilities, Social, Architectural, Finance and Golf Club Committees, as well as our Board of Directors for volunteering many, many hours of their time. These are the homeowners who dedicate their time to make the tough decisions and who make Steiner Ranch an enjoyable place to live and raise a family.

We also want to recognize and thank those many subcommittees, such as Trails, Fields, Pool, Tennis, & Swim Team. Also a special thanks to the Moms & Tots Group who ran the July 4th Parade and the Halloween Trunk or Treat and did an amazing job on both! All of these committees work behind the scenes to help, with little recognition, but contribute in BIG ways!

Finally, we would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of you who have made a concerted effort to comply with the Steiner Ranch deed restrictions and rules, and who pay assessments in a timely manner. Your consideration and punctuality is greatly appreciated! Please make a note that our office will be closed and/or have reduced hours on the following days:

- **December 14th:** Open 8am 12pm (Closed the reminder of the day for staff office party)
- December 24th & 25th: Closed all day
- January 1st: Closed all day

During the month of December, we will be operating on reduced staffing, so please keep this mind when submitting for architectural review, facility reservation request, etc.

Have a wonderful holiday season!



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STEINER RANCH FIREWORKS POLICY

FIREWORKS / FIRECRACKERS PROHIBITED

The Steiner Ranch Master Association (SRMA) and the Steiner Ranch Residential Owners Association (SRROA) have heard from an increasing number of homeowners concerning fireworks and firecrackers in Steiner Ranch.

All homeowners are reminded that Section 2.14 of the Steiner Ranch Master Association Development Area Declaration and Section 3.13 of the Steiner Ranch Residential Owners Association Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions (CC&R's) titled Hazardous Activities SPECIFICALLY forbid fireworks within Steiner Ranch, unless prior written board approval has been granted for professional pyrotechnic shows meeting all mandated safety requirements.

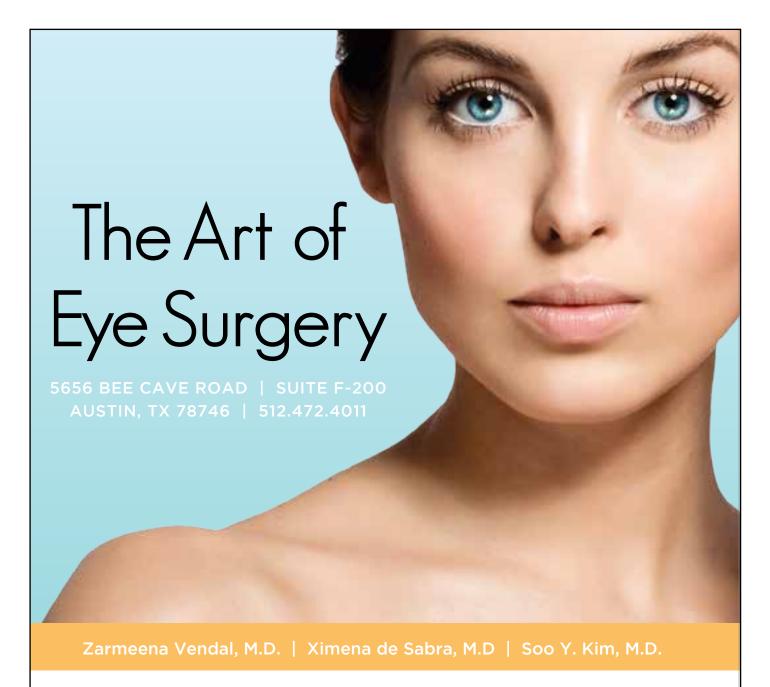
There are a number of reasons for this prohibition.

- The usage of increasingly powerful fireworks places homes at serious risk of fire.
- The topography and green space of Steiner Ranch is conducive to major fires.
- Federal rules regarding management of the BCCP (which borders Steiner Ranch) impose significant restrictions on activities that may affect the wildlife therein. Serious penalties for their violation can be imposed by federal officials.
- Homeowners are entitled to the peaceable enjoyment of their property. Fireworks and firecrackers are and will remain prohibited in Steiner Ranch for the reasons above. Your Board has authorized a warning for the first violation and a \$250 fine for the second violation of Section 2.14 and/or Section 3.13. Violations, once finalized after appeal, are permanent; repeat violations are subject to a \$500 fine. Professional patrols are in place to assist with the implementation of this policy.

Your Board reminds all homeowners that each of us has the ability and the responsibility to enforce the CC&Rs of Steiner Ranch whenever we feel that a violation is occurring. In the matter of fireworks and firecrackers, please contact the Association Office, at (512) 266-7553 as soon as possible during or immediately following an occurrence. Physical and/or photographic evidence is very helpful in substantiating a violation.

Should you have any questions or comments on this policy, please contact the Compliance Coordinator at the Association Office at (512) 266-7553.













From the Association Office

Association Assessment Payments Due

Semi-annual assessments for Jan. – July 2013 are due on Jan. 1, 2013. Statements were mailed to each homeowner at the mailing address on file in mid-June. If you do not receive a statement, please contact the Community Associations Office at 512-266-7553. You are not exempt from paying assessments or late fees even if you do not receive a statement. Payments received after Jan. 31, 2013 for any reason are subject to an initial \$25.00 late fee per association and a \$25.00 late fee for each additional month that the assessment remains unpaid. Please note that the assessment must be received by Jan. 31st, not simply postmarked by Jan. 31st. Your escrow account does not pay your assessments.

Online Assessment payments can be made at www.steinerranchhoa. org, by clicking on the "Online Assessment Payments" link. You can also sign up to receive your statements online. You can still mail in your payments at the address listed on your statement, or bring them to the Association office at 12550 Country Trails Lane to avoid an On-line fee.

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- Bulletin boards are for resident postings only. Association notices have first priority.
- Notices are posted every Friday and will remain on the board for two (2) weeks. Notices must be submitted by 5:00pm on Thursday.
- Notices may not be larger than 5"x 7".
- Association notices are exempt from time and space restrictions.
- Notices must include either a Steiner Ranch subdivision name OR a Steiner Ranch telephone number.
- 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.)
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All postings are approved at the Association Staffs discretion.

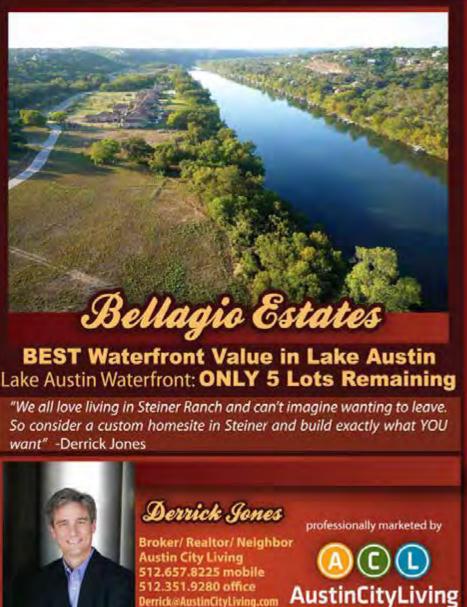
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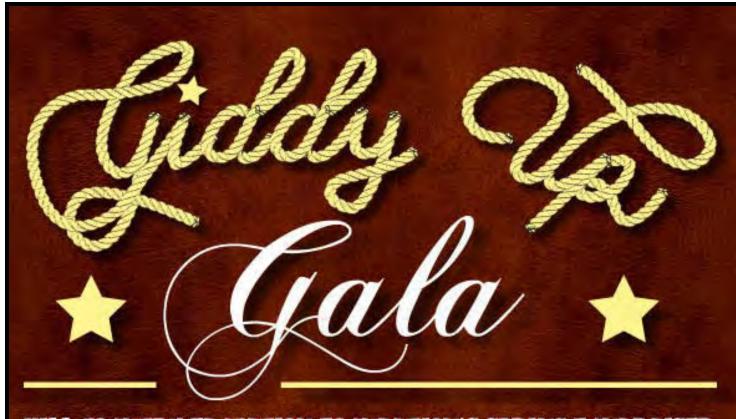
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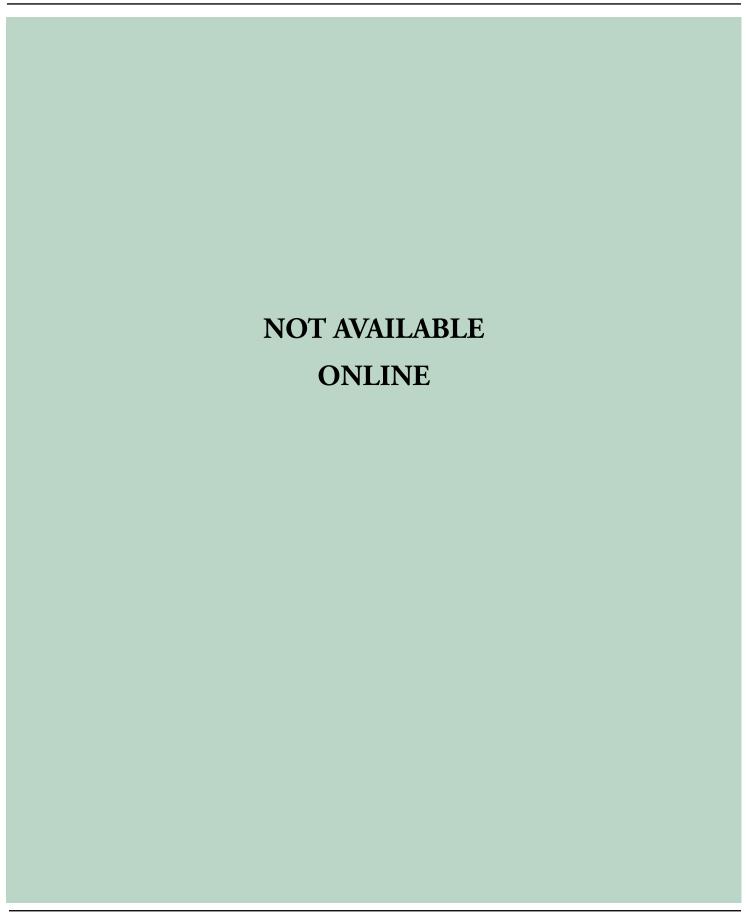
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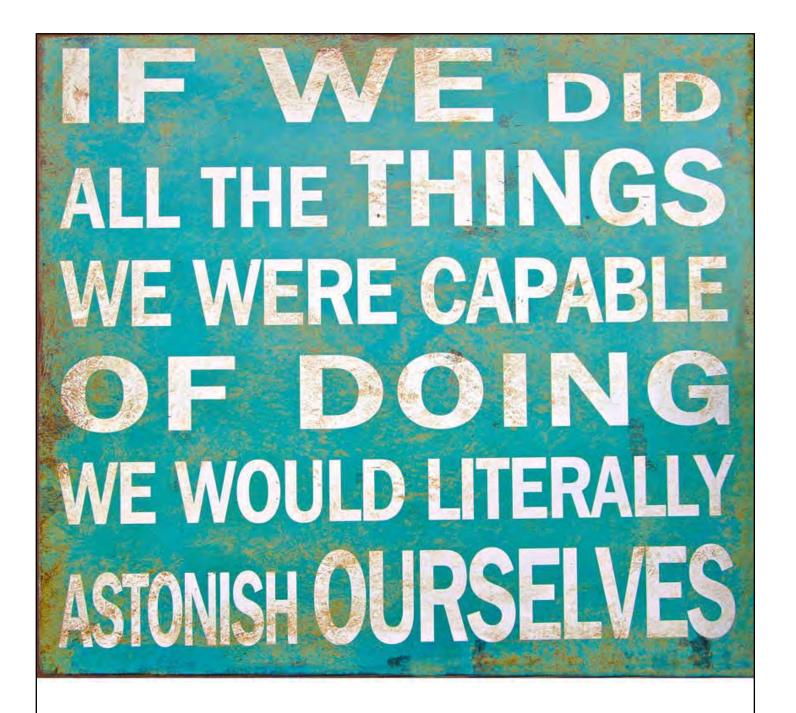
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- 1/4 t salt
- Powdered Sugar to roll in

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Cream butter with 1/2 C powdered sugar and vanilla in a large bowl. Stir in flour, nuts and salt until the dough holds together. With clean hands, roll dough into 1 inch balls and place about 1 inch apart on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 10 - 12 minutes or until set but not brown. Remove from cookie sheet, cool slightly, then roll the warm cookies in powdered sugar. This makes about 40 cookies.

Whether you call them Mexican Wedding Cookies or Russian Tea Cakes, these treasures will melt in your mouth! Always on our Christmas Cookie making list, there are so many variations of the recipe. What I am sharing with you today is the best of my best - tweaked here and there - but with amazing results.



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News You Can Use



By Sugandha Jain | Master Registered Texas Trainer and Director of Accreditation at a local preschool -

WHAT ARE ALPHA GIRLS?

The term comes from a 2006 book of the same name by Dr. Dan Kindlon, a child psychologist at Harvard University. Dr. Kindlon interviewed nearly 1,000 girls, in 6th through 12th grades, before writing the book. In it, he describes Alpha Girls on the cusp of incredible achievement.

Statistics released by the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), from studies conducted by the U.S. Department of Education, seem to bear this out in terms of academics. Girls consistently outperform boys in reading and writing: the 2004 NAEP reading scale results show that girls' outscore boys by five points at age nine, 10 points at age 13, and 13 points by age 17. Young women also head to college in larger numbers: they currently encompass 58% of students enrolled in two- and four-year colleges.

"Young women are achieving more than young men," says Dr. Linn Goldberg, a professor of medicine at Oregon Health and Science University. Dr. Goldberg has conducted extensive studies on drug and alcohol use among adolescents. He says girls simply aren't falling prey to the same pitfalls as boys. "They are less likely to be deviant and be engaged in many harmful behaviors, such as substance use and abuse," he says. "[Or] be involved in altercations, be arrested, among other maladaptive actions."

What's more, says Dr. Kindlon, is that girls aren't just succeeding, they're doing so in a psychologically healthy manner.

"Today, we have a generation of girls who have more psychological skills to play both the feminine roles and the roles that men played in the past," says Dr. Kindlon. "They are poised to do great things."

HOW CAN PARENTS RESPOND?

Parents of Alpha Girls likely are proud when their daughters exhibit high achieving traits; some may think their girls aren't prone to any particular problems. Either way, it's important for parents to convey the message that girls don't have to be "perfect" to be successful and happy in life.

Teaching girls media literacy—how to evaluate the information they receive through television, magazines and other media—is one way to help them combat potentially harmful messages. Several organizations offer parents tools to do this, including the Center for Media Literacy (www.medialit.org) and Commercial Alert (www.commercialalert.com).

Parents also have to be vigilant about being models of appropriate body image. This means mothers, in particular, have to mean what they say when they talk with their daughters about their bodies. A mother shouldn't in one breath tell her daughter she is perfect and beautiful, then in the next make disparaging comments about her own body, says Ms. Martin.

Most important: parents should focus on their daughter's well being as well as her achievements—and consistently convey the message that there are myriad ways to be successful in life.

"Help your daughter develop her potential," says Dr. Diane Halpern, a psychology professor at Claremont McKenna College in California and the author of Sex Differences in Cognitive Abilities. "The only way parents can do that is to make sure that their daughters have a wide range of opportunities and know what their choices are."

WINTER AVERAGING BEGAN NOVEMBER 12

WCID 17 began the winter averaging cycle that determines wastewater charges for customers for the following service year. This year's winter averaging cycle began November 12, 2012 and ends February 14, 2013. WCID 17 calculates wastewater costs based on the average amount of water used during three winter billing cycles. These three billing periods occur between mid-November and mid-February when less outside water is being used making it a good measure of the water volume sent to the wastewater system. Minimizing and conserving your water usage during these months could result in a lower wastewater charge every month next year! This water evaluation will affect your bill beginning October, 1, 2013.

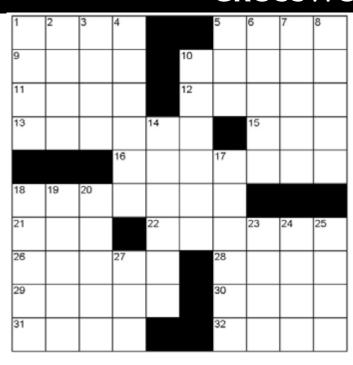
Some ways to save water in the winter and help lower your wastewater average are:

- Turn off your irrigation system for the fall and winter months;
- Fix all leaky faucets and toilets;
- Take shorter showers, shallower baths:
- Run your dishwasher and washing machine only with a full load;
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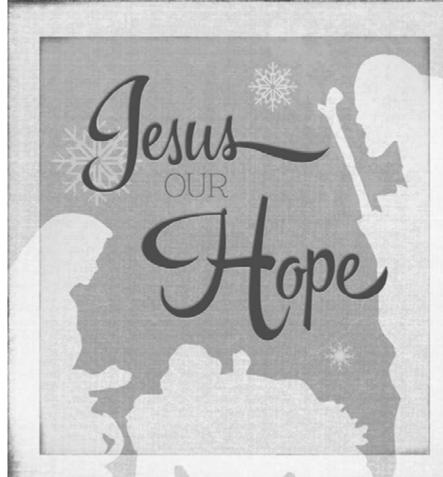
SPEEDING IN STEINER

PLEASE SLOW DOWN!

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

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

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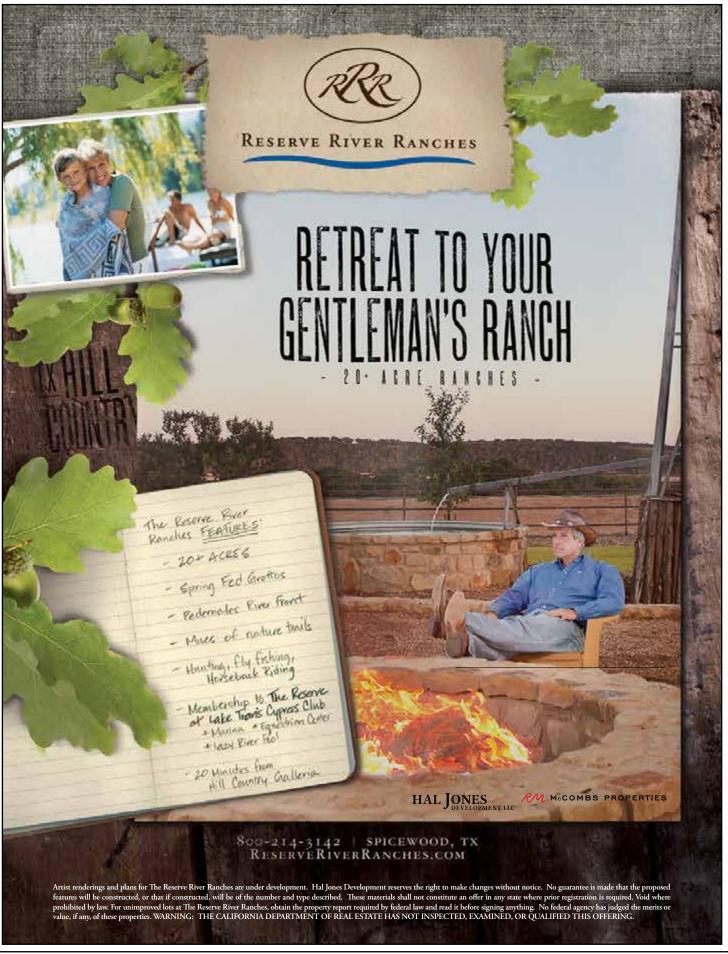
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You lean over to whisper something to your friend and you can tell by the look on your friend's face that something is up. Could it be your breath? Maybe you shouldn't have put extra onions on your hamburger at lunch. What's a kid with smelly breath to do?

The good news is that bad breath happens to everyone once in a while. Let's find out how to detect it, prevent it, and even treat it.

What's That Smell?

Bad breath is the common name for the medical condition known as halitosis (say: hal-uh-toe-sis). Many different things can cause halitosis — from not brushing your teeth to certain medical conditions.

Sometimes, a person's bad breath can blow you away — and he or she may not realize there's a problem. There are tactful (nice) ways of letting someone know about bad breath. You could offer mints or sugarless gum without having to say anything.

If you need to tell a friend he or she has bad breath, you could say that you understand foods can cause bad breath because you've had it before yourself. By letting someone know that bad breath isn't something unusual, you'll make the person feel more comfortable and less embarrassed about accepting your piece of chewing gum.

If you suspect your own breath is foul, ask someone who will give you an honest answer without making fun of you. (Just don't ask your brother or sister — they just might tell you your breath stinks even when it doesn't!) Although everyone gets bad breath sometimes, if you have bad breath a lot, you may need to visit your dentist or doctor.

What Causes Bad Breath?

Here are three common causes of bad breath:

- foods and drinks, such as garlic, onions, cheese, orange juice, and soda
- poor dental hygiene (say: hi-jeen), meaning you don't brush and floss as you should
- smoking and other tobacco use

Poor oral hygiene leads to bad breath because when you

leave food particles in your mouth, these pieces of food can rot and start to smell. The food particles may begin to collect bacteria, which can be smelly, too. Plus, by not brushing your teeth regularly, plaque (a sticky, colorless film) builds up on your teeth. Plaque is a great place for bacteria to live and yet another reason why breath can turn foul.

Preventing Smelly Breath

So what's a kid to do? Don't smoke or use tobacco products, of course. And take care of your mouth by brushing your teeth at least twice a day and flossing once a day. Brush your tongue, too, because bacteria can grow there. Flossing once a day helps get rid of particles wedged between your teeth. Also, visit your dentist twice a year for regular checkups and cleanings.

Not only will you get a thorough cleaning, the dentist will look around your mouth for any potential problems, including those that can affect breath. For example, gum disease, also known as periodontal (say: per-ee-uh-don-tul) disease, can cause bad breath and damage your teeth.

If you're concerned about bad breath, tell your doctor or dentist. But don't be surprised if he or she leans in and take a big whiff! Smell is one way doctors and dentists can help figure out what's causing the problem. The way a person's breath smells can be a clue to what's wrong. For instance, if someone has uncontrolled diabetes, his or her breath might smell like acetone (the same stuff that's in nail polish remover).

If you have bad breath all the time and the reason can't be determined by your dentist, he or she may refer you to a doctor to make sure there is no other medical condition that could be causing it. Sometimes sinus problems, and rarely liver or kidney problems, can cause bad breath.

Usually, there's a less complicated reason for a kid's bad breath — like what you had for lunch. So keep up with your brushing and flossing and you should be breathing easy — and odor free!

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